

# BAT YAM

News and Views

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**Commentary:** by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

## KEEPING KOSHER

**D**ietary laws loom large in traditional Jewish life. What we put into our mouths and how we do it has been important to Jews for thousands of years. The body of Jewish law which deals with what foods we eat and cannot eat and how these foods are prepared is called *kashrut*. The word *kashrut* comes from the Hebrew root which means “fit, proper, or correct.” We derive the word “kosher” from this same root; kosher foods are those which, according to Jewish law, are fit and proper for us to eat. In English the word kosher has entered our common vocabulary, meaning something that is proper, legitimate, genuine, fair or acceptable.

You may be asking yourself, where do the laws of *kashrut* come from, and why would Jews observe them? Many of the basic laws of *kashrut* derive from the Torah, and are elaborated in the Talmud and other treatises. The Torah does not explicitly state the reason for *kashrut* laws, and there has been much speculation as to the reason for these laws. Many modern Jews think that the laws of *kashrut* are simply primitive health regulations that have become obsolete with modern methods of food preparation.



However, although eating kosher can be healthy, these laws most probably originally had nothing to do with health. Others believe that the laws of *kashrut* were developed to separate the Israelites from surrounding cultures. After all, one way of keeping a daughter from marrying outside of the group was to make it impossible for her to eat together with young men from other cultures.

Perhaps the most compelling reason for the laws of *kashrut* is that they are connected with holiness. In his book *To Be a Jew*, Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin suggests that dietary laws are designed as a call to holiness. The ability to distinguish right from wrong, good and evil, the sacred and the profane, is very important in Judaism. Imposing rules on what you can and cannot eat, Rabbi Donin suggests, ingrains a kind of self-

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### Upcoming Events

- Thursday, April 8: New member cocktail party. (See Page 4)
- Sunday, April 11: Children’s book author to address Religious School teachers, parents. (See Page 8)
- Friday, April 23, 8 pm: New Member Shabbat (See Page 4)
- Sunday, April 25, 1 pm: Rabbi Sternberger memorial. (See Page 11)

# President's rePort

## MeMbers Wanted!

**L**ooking for very young, young, middle age, old, young minded, old minded or any minded Jewish person to enjoy being part of an outstanding Jewish community on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Enjoy being a part of Friday Night Services, being a part in Bar Mitvahs, *taking part in Circumcisions* .....witnessing circumcisions, among other life cycles. Inquire with existing members of Temple Bat Yam, as they are our best source of referrals.

I wonder why I feel like there is a job search going on? Oh! That's right, Temple Bat Yam's annual meeting is on Sunday, June 13. During the meeting, elections are held for available board positions. This year the following officers are up for election – President, Congregational Vice President, Executive Secretary and three Trustee positions. (See story on Page 3.) Before I conclude this report, I want to thank Barry Gusst of the safety committee, who provided the Temple with a professional, quality First Aid Kit. In addition, another member of the safety committee, VP George Rosenstock is looking into obtaining a defibrillator from a foundation that donates to Jewish organizations and Synagogues. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mitvah Day, please contact Lee Klepper and offer your help.

—Lawrence Michnick

## Service Chants & Melodies

**C**antorial Soloist Phyllis Alpern is teaching a class on the chants and melodies used during the Friday night service. If you are interested, please email her at [p.alpern@verizon.net](mailto:p.alpern@verizon.net). The classes are being held on **Tuesday afternoons from 3 pm-4 pm** at her home in The Parke, Ocean Pines.

## Shabbat Worship Services

Services begin at 8 pm every Friday. Services will be accompanied by organ music. Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 am. Early services are held once a month and begin at 7 pm.

## Board Briefs

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7 at 4:30 pm. The next General Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14 at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

—Support our fundraising efforts—

## Officers

<b>Larry Michnick</b>	President
<b>Stu Eisenman</b>	Exec. VP
<b>George Rosenstock</b>	Cong. VP
<b>Debbie Resnick</b>	Treasurer
<b>Ivy Hecker</b>	Exec. Sec'y
<b>Jeannette Abrams</b>	Cong. Sec'y
<b>Jeff Thaler</b>	Past President

## Trustees

**Larry Caplan, Sidney Eagle, Hal Glick, Joyce Klein, Larry Pack, Jay Taustin, Sandie Wodlinger.**

## Board Members

**Rabbi Susan Warshaw**, Religious Education Director  
**Becky Brunet**, Religious Education Chair  
**Rina Thaler**, Youth Director  
**Candy Gusst**, Sisterhood President  
**Larry Hecker**, Men's Club President

## Newsletter Staff:

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**Contributors** - Rina Thaler, Candy Gusst, Joyce Klein, Grayce Cohen, Sandie Wodlinger, Becky Brunet

## Purim Celebration Makes Shabbat Fun



Sisterhood President Candy Gusst (standing right) clowns around at the pot luck dinner before Purim services. Getting ready to enjoy the home cooked food are (from left) Stefanie Miller, Joel Pautz, and Barry Gusst. Listening in the background are Sy Longberg and "Chef" Bette Bohlmann.

—Photos by Marv Novick



Purim Shabbat service begins as Veronica Kahn lights the Shabbat candles. That's Cantor Phyllis Alpern (black cat) and Rabbi Susan Warshaw (Daisy Duck) looking on. It was a fun service.



Telling the story of how Queen Esther saved the Jewish people from Haman (boo) are (from left) Marion Klein, Cassidy DeGennaro, Stephanie Cohen, Marsha Rosenstock, Bette Bohlmann, Stefanie Miller and Candy Gusst. Prizes were given for the best costumes and everyone enjoyed eating *hamantashen* at the Oneg that followed.

## Nominating Committee to Pick Slate for 2010 Elections

It's election time again and the nominating committee will put a slate together to fill the offices that will become vacant in June.

Executive Board positions are:

- President, Lawrence Michnick.
- Congregational Vice President, George Rosenstock.
- Executive Secretary, Ivy Hecker.

Trustee positions are:

- Hal Glick.
- Larry Pack
- Joyce Klein

If you would like to run for any of these positions, please contact a member of the nominating committee, who will advise you how to apply. The members of the committee are: Jerry Selig, Hilda Plisko, Barry Gusst, Phyllis Alpern and Joyce Klein.

## Mitzvah Day Needs Volunteers

The Mitzvah Day committee, chaired by Lee Klepper, is moving right along and will be ready to do good deeds on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 9 am. Lee is looking for volunteers to head up and/or work on some of the following "mitzvahs:"

- Car wash and gift basket to benefit Diakonia
- Teddy bears for Coastal Hospice patients.
- Letters to service personnel.
- Clean up at Salisbury Zoo
- Baking dog biscuits for animal shelters. (Youngsters are welcome).

Contact Lee at 410-208-3454 or [l.klepper@mchsi.com](mailto:l.klepper@mchsi.com).

## Sisterhood Happenings

**M**ark April 8 on your calendar for our first Temple Bat Yam Cocktail Party being hosted by the membership committee and the Embers. The evening will be to spread good community within our membership and hopefully have some potential members join us. If you see people that look unfamiliar to you, give them a warm greeting. More information will follow via email and phone calls.

On Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 pm, the Sisterhood will be viewing Golda's Balcony. "So remarkable a woman was Israeli prime minister, Golda Meir, that Valerie Harper found in portraying Meir a challenge to her resources that would take her to new creative heights. Harper becomes Meir..." The evening is free to Sisterhood members and costs only \$5 for non-members. Coffee and desserts will be served.

On May 16, from 10 am until 2 pm we will be having the Antique Appraisal Show right here at TBY!! The Sisterhood and Men's Club welcome all members and guests to bring their treasures to get a verbal appraisal. One item is \$7.50, two items are \$15 and three items is \$20 (a bargain!). There will be a bake sale and we would be happy to have cakes donated. Please let me know if you would be kind enough to donate a cake, There will be chairs set up gallery style if you would like to see what others bring in to get appraised. Be well.

Candy

### Visit Our Judaica Shop

**H**ave you visited our Judaica Shop lately? It has beautiful gifts for all occasions. And, proprietor Bette Bohlmann will fill any special orders from many available catalogues. The shop also carries bar and bat mitzvah cards, Yahrzeit candles and many other utilitarian items.

The shop is open one-half hour before Friday night services and stays open during the Oneg afterward.

### Sisterhood Cares

**I**f you know of someone in the congregation or a relative of a congregant who is sick or has passed away, please contact Marion Klein at 410-213-7309 or [koko97@comcast.net](mailto:koko97@comcast.net). She will see that the Rabbi and Sisterhood President are notified so that they can take the appropriate action.

### Holocaust Survivor Cookbook Seeks Stories

**A**uthor Joanne Caras, who addressed our congregation a few years ago, is writing a sequel to her Holocaust Survivor Cookbook.

Dolores Pack has volunteered to spearhead this project. If you are a Holocaust survivor or a relative of one and would like to tell Caras your story and submit a family recipe, please contact Dolores [dolores@dolorespack.com](mailto:dolores@dolorespack.com), and she will pass your information on to the author.

### Sisterhood Scholarship Renamed for Toni Jaffee

**I**t's time for the Sisterhood Scholarship. This year and for the next four years, the name of the scholarship will honor our friend, Toni Jaffee, who passed away last year.

If you have a child or grandchild who would like to apply for the scholarship, please look on the table in the Temple lobby for the guidelines and a registration form.

This year the deadline to apply is Friday, May 14, 2010.

### New Member Shabbat

**A**ll new members are invited to attend Temple Bat Yam's New Member Shabbat of Friday, April 23 at 8 pm.

A special Oneg will be served afterward. It will be a good time to greet newcomers.

## So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

**BEAUTIFUL BABY NAMED**—On Sunday, March 7, family and congregants gathered to welcome Benjamin Woods, the newborn son of Bill and Michy, into Judaism. Rabbi Susan performed a lovely service that included the baby's big brother Jonathan. Benjamin was born on March 10, 2010. A delightful lunch was served and everyone had a chance to see the baby up close. (So cute.)

**BUDDING POLITICIAN?**—Last month, Brandon Thaler, a senior at Worcester Prep, had a chance to serve as president of the Worcester County Commissioners. He took part in a program that allows high school students to sit in for the commissioners for a day. Brandon's picture and the story appeared in the *Salisbury Daily Times*. Are Rina, Jeff and twin Chelsea proud? You bet.

**WRITING ANOTHER BOOK**—Phyllis and Allen Brodsky, both prolific authors, report that they have received a contract from McFarland publishers to proceed with their new book, *Living with Insomnia*. They have developed a questionnaire and a release form to distribute to people with sleep disorders who would like to participate. If you would like to be a part of their study, please contact the Brodsky's at [phylbrodsky@msn.com](mailto:phylbrodsky@msn.com).

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**—Barbara Southwell sends this message to the congregation: "As most of you know, my mother, Elizabeth Hershman, passed away on February 10, 2010. I would like to thank the members of Temple Bat Yam for their expression of concern and sympathy. Your caring thoughts were a comfort to my family."

## Women of the Wall

Last month—at the Sisterhood meeting—Rabbi Susan Warshaw showed a film that was both shocking and enlightening. *The Women of the Wall* depicts the struggle that devout Israeli women have to pray at the Western Wall, carry their Torah and wear tallit. These women were assailed by Orthodox men and women and forced to go to court to be allowed to pray without prejudice. After more than two decades, their case has not yet been resolved. If you would like to see this film, please contact Rabbi Susan.

## Men's Club Report

**B**uy your Food Lion groceries from TBY and help both of us. TBY's Men's Club is selling Food Lion gift cards (\$25 minimum) as a fundraiser for TBY. Just write your check *payable to TBY* for any amount (in \$25 increments) and the Temple will use it to purchase Food Lion Gift cards. You get the face value of the card for use when you purchase at any Food Lion and the Temple gets 5% back for its treasury. For more information or to purchase, contact George Rosenstock, project chairman, at 410-289-4500.

**Bring your valuable (antique/collectible) items** for appraisal to the Sisterhood - Men's Club Appraisal Fair on **Sunday May 16** at TBY from 10 am to 2 pm. Refreshments will be available. The Men's Club and Sisterhood will be co-sponsoring this fundraiser with two appraisal experts—Charlene Upham and Steven Blumener—who will offer to verbally appraise any item brought in (up to three). The super-discounted fee is \$7.50 for one item and \$20 for three items. This event is open to members and GUESTS, so pass the word on to anyone you know who may be interested. To be successful, *we must get attendees from the community* -- well beyond TBY members. Your assistance in promoting the event will be appreciated. Contact Candy Gusst, Sisterhood President, at 410-641-5888 or Larry Hecker at 302-524-1150 for more information.

The **TBY Men's Club Spring membership meeting** will take place on Sunday, May 16 at 9 am, just before the Appraisal Fair.

**Thanks for your 2010 dues.** If you have not already sent them, please send a check for \$25.00 payable to and mailed to: Men's Club of TBY, PO Box 3238, Ocean City, MD 21843

For information about the Men's Club, send an e-mail to [maplarry@yahoo.com](mailto:maplarry@yahoo.com). Thanks again for your continued support.

—Larry Hecker, President

## Protests Get Results

**A**merican Jews bombarded Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office protesting the Knesset's consideration of making Orthodox conversion the only form of recognition in Israel. Rabbi Warshaw reports that as a result, the Knesset will reconsider the legislation.

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- 01 **Norman Abrams**  
brother-in-law of Jeannette Abrams
- 02 **Lee Shilan**  
mother of Marion Klein
- 03 **Bernard Burkom**  
husband of Sylvia Burkom
- Charles Gottheim**  
father of Elaine Rabinowitz
- 04 **Fannie Greenfield**  
mother of Jeannette Abrams
- 06 **Donald Brodsky**  
father of Pamela Berger
- Myron Kahn**  
brother of Stan Kahn
- Jack Levinson**  
father of Marvin Levinson
- 08 **Frances Cohen**  
mother of Victor Cohen
- Margaret Crosten**  
mother of Elaine Freedman
- Martin Firestone**  
father of Phyllis Alpern
- Benjamin Novick**  
father of Marvin Novick
- 10 **Ethel H. Goodman**  
mother of William Goodman
- Yetta Levinson**  
mother of Marvin Levinson
- 11 **Nettie Lampel**  
mother of Joyce Klein
- Samuel Taustin**  
uncle of Jay Taustin
- 12 **Ruth Pollinger**  
sister of Helen Hammerman
- Julius Poms**  
brother of Gerty Apple
- 13 **Gertrude D. Brodsky**  
mother of Allen Brodsky
- 17 **Sam Resnick**  
father of Raymond Resnick
- 18 **Camille Meyers**  
mother of Gary Meyers
- 19 **Jeanette Gladden**  
aunt of Marsha Sandler
- 19 **Mollie Nuchowitz**  
grandmother-in-law of Gloria Stein Furman

- 19 **Mike Sarig**  
friend of Jeannette Abrams  
friend of Arleen Pace
- 20 **Jesse Caden**  
husband of Sharon Lewis Caden
- Nathan Kaufman**  
father-in-law of Dot Kaufman
- 21 **William Miller**  
husband of Gladys Miller
- Theodore Heit**  
grandfather of Rebecca Brunet
- 23 **Louis Sachs**  
father of Arthur Sachs
- 25 **Evelyn Block**  
sister-in-law of Sylvia Burkom
- 26 **Mollie Katz**  
mother of Norman Katz
- 27 **Robert Caplan**  
father of Hermione Caplan
- Herman Jacobs**  
father of Debbie Resnick
- Max Katz**  
father of Susan Benke
- Max Klein**  
father-in-law of Marion Klein
- Edward Spieler**  
father of Alfred Spieler
- 28 **Allan Marcus**  
father of Yale Marcus
- 30 **Bessie Poms**  
mother of Gerty Apple

## Memorial Plaques

The Temple has a beautiful Memorial area for plaques honoring loved ones. Call the Temple office for more information. It's another Mitzvah.



## March 2010 cONTrIBUTIONS

### ARTS & FURNISHINGS FUND

From Jeannette Abrams:

~to Chelsea and Brandon Thaler, happy birthday. Have a fun day.

~to Barry Gusst, happy birthday

~to Tom and Barbara Southwell, happy anniversary

~to Helene Caplan, happy birthday.

~to Allen and Phyllis Brodsky, happy anniversary.

### GENERAL FUND

From Jeannette Abrams:

~to Barry Gusst, Thank you for shoveling a path in my driveway. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. You're a good soul.

From Barry and Candy Gusst:

~to Barbara Southwell with sincere condolences on the loss of your mother

From Stu and Pam Smolins:

~to Barbara Southwell with deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother

From Arie and Caryn Klapholz and David and Rita Landis:

~to Barbara Southwell, our condolences on the loss of your mother

From Sidney and Carole Eagle:

~to Barbara Southwell in memory of your mother, Elizabeth Hershman

~to the religious school in honor of George and Marsha Rosenstock

From Sylvia Burkom:

~to Barbara Southwell in memory of your mother

~to Harold Rabonowitz wishing for your speedy recovery

From Rudy and Becky Kaplan:

~toward the building fund to Mrs. B. J. Cohen to honor the memory of Sonny Cohen

From Allen and Phyllis Brodsky:

~in honor of Jeannette Abrams for her infinite generosity and service to all in TBV

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

From Hal and Chris Glick:

~in memory of Barbara Southwells's mother, Elizabeth Hershman

From Harold and Elaine Rabinowitz:

~in memory of Jerry Wells

From Carol Schachter:

~in honor of Olivia Eagle's Bat Mitzvah

~in honor of Barbara Southwell's mother

From Larry and Helene Caplan:

~to Barbara Southwell in memory of Liz Hershman. May you, Barbara, be blessed for the wonderful care you gave your mom.

From Stan, Veronica and Paul Kahn:

~to Aaron and Grayce Cohen, Mazel Tov on your great grandson, Maxwell Cohen Koransky

From William and Michy Woods:

~in honor of Rabbi Warshaw for our baby naming

From Debbie Resnick and Sandie Wodlinger

~to Carol Schachter, condolences on the loss of your lifelong friend, Marlene Stimer.

### YAHARZEIT

From Betty Bohlmann:

~in loving memory of my father, Benjamin Westervelt

~in loving memory of my mother, Dorothy Westervelt

From Sy Longberg:

~in loving memory of Helen Stefanadis

From Lewis Goldstein:

~in loving memory of my parents Morton and Peggy Goldstein

From Carol Schachter:

~in loving memory of my mother-in-law, Sarah Schachter Solomon

~in loving memory of my father-in-law, Jacob Schachter

From Jeannette Abrams:

~in loving memory of my father-in-law, Harry M. Abrams

From Marilyn Furman:

~in loving memory of my grandson, Malachi Alexander Nestor

From Harry and Elaine Freedman:

~in memory of Elaine's mother, Catherine Crosten

From Stan and Phyllis Franklin:

~in loving memory of Stan's mother, Dorothy

From Dr. Alfred and Janice Spieler

~in loving memory of Alfred's mother, Sophie Spieler Feldman

From Norman Katz:

~in loving memory of my father-in-law, Theodore Schneider

From Hal and Chris Glick:

~in loving memory of Hal's brother, Michael Glick

From Barbara Southwell:

~in loving memory of my father, Harry Hershman

From Howard and Helen Hammerman:

~in loving memory of Howard's mother, Gertrude Hammerman

From Jeri Lipov:

~in loving memory of my grandmother, Anna Stein

From Phyllis Brodsky:

~in memory of my beloved father, Sam

From Dot kaufman:

~in loving memory of one of the founding members of Bat Yam, Jerry Kaufman

### RABBI STERNBERGER MEMORIAL FUND

From Jerry and Patti selig

From Hal and Chris Glick

From Louis and Carolyn Friedner

From Karen Albright

From Bud and Doris Mitnick

From Stu Eisenman:

~to Barbara Bernstein, once again thanks for going above and beyond!

## Up Close and Personal

Abby Samantha Friedman attends Stephan Decatur Middle School. She's an eighth grade student whose favorite subject is math. Abby recently hosted a school dance as the president of the student association. Being president is certainly commendable, but that's not the complete picture of our Abby.

She takes her favorite sport very seriously. She has played lacrosse continually since the first grade. She enjoys the competition and has made many friends participating in her sport. Her goal for the future is to become a professional lacrosse player. Jan Adams is her favorite celebrity. And, as you can guess, Jan Adams is a professional lacrosse player.

Besides spending time practicing and playing lacrosse, Abby likes to be with her friends, especially when they laugh together.

She has two sisters. Abby proudly told us that the three girls get along very nicely. She likes to go to the beach with her family. She's ready to get out the sun screen. After the winter we've had, beach weather can't be too far away.

Abby's Bat Mitzvah is April 17. Temple Bat Yam joins her family in sharing the special pride when Abby is called to the Torah on that day. Mazel Tov to Abby and all the Friedmans.

*This feature was conceived and written by Sandie Wodlinger.*



## Religious School Report

March brought the joyous celebration of Purim to religious school. Rabbi Warshaw presented a megillah reading in the sanctuary where students, parents and teachers shined as performers. The teachers and parents also did a wonderful job of organizing the Purim carnival that included games, face painting, baking Hamantaschen and of course having the annual Hamantaschen eating contest. Throughout the rest of March the teachers and students began focusing on preparations for Passover.

The B'nai Mitzvah celebrations continue as Jake Eisenman shared his accomplishments with proud parents Stu and Susanna, sister Bonnie, and friends and family at his Bar Mitzvah last month. We also invite the TBY congregation to the Friday evening Shabbat service on April 16 as Abby Friedman begins her Bat Mitzvah celebration.

### Upcoming Religious School April Events include:

- Religious School: April 11, 18, 25
- Mid-Week Hebrew B'nai Mitzvah students: April 8, 15, 22, 29
- Mid-Week Hebrew Grade 6: April 15
- Early Shabbat Service: April 9 at 7 pm.

We encourage all TBY members to join us for the early Shabbat services to see our B'nai Mitzvah and Religious School students share what they have been learning as they participate in these services.

Becky Brunet  
Religious Education Chairperson

Barbara and Joe Bernstein pour chocolate nuggets in a bowl during the Purim celebration. Around the table watching are Harry Heller, Joey Bernstein, and Jeremy Eskridge. Matthew Heller looks on.

### Author to Hold Workshop

Author Tobey Greenberg will be conducting a workshop for TBY teachers on Sunday, April 11. Her book, *Morah, Morah, Teach Me Torah*, will be used to teach the Temple's youngest students. Both Greenberg and co-author Nachama Retting, are long-time early childhood educators.

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control that helps us learn to control even our most basic, primal instincts. Rabbi Donin also points out that when we observe the rules of *kashrut*, every bite of food we put into our mouths reminds us that we are Jews.

Although the details of keeping kosher are extensive, the laws all derive from a few straightforward rules: certain animals may not be eaten at all; the animals that may be eaten (mammals that both chew their cud and have cloven hooves are kosher—hence not pig because pigs do not chew their cud) are to be killed in accordance with Jewish law. Fruits and vegetables are kosher. Meat and dairy cannot be eaten together (this law derives from a passage in the Torah which tells us not to “boil a kid in its mother’s milk”). Fish (which must have fins and scales to be kosher—hence no shellfish), eggs, fruits, vegetables and grains can be eaten with either meat or dairy.

The Temple Bat Yam board has recently voted to institute a kosher policy at events within the Temple. At Temple Bat Yam our congregants come from different backgrounds and levels of observance. It is my belief that this is what makes us a strong and vibrant community. We come together as Jews to pray, to learn and, of course, to eat. Historically, *kashrut* was one way that Jews from many cultures connected to each other. In fact the word “companionship” comes from the Latin “com,” with, and “panis,” bread. Literally our companions, our community, are those with whom we share food.

When we eat together, when we share bread together as Jews, it is important that we do so in a Jewish manner. Just as we say the *motzi* together, and bless the wine, so should we, while we are at the Temple, eat food that can be shared by all Jews and that reminds us that we are all Jews. Therefore at Temple functions we will not mix meat and dairy together. Functions will be “advertised” as either milk or meat (and remember that according to laws of *kashrut* fish can be eaten with either dairy or meat—so for example if we have a dairy meal you can still bring tuna fish or salmon). There will also be no pig or shellfish products at Temple functions. However, the board decided that at Havdalahs, the hosts would decide whether to mix meat and dairy dishes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns about this new Temple Bat Yam policy. Keeping or not keeping kosher can be a divisive question among Jews. But when we have policy for all Jews at our Temple, we open up the possibility of growing as a community, of celebrating and struggling together.

**Levy Library Report****W**

e have some exciting news to share with you, our most favorite readers and book lovers. We've scheduled another Bagels & Books morning, for Sunday, June 27. So, mark your calendars and save that date. You'll be glad that you did.

So, you ask, what are we reading? The book is entitled *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. If not already here and waiting for you in the Levy Library, copies of the book will arrive imminently. Copies may also be available in the Worcester County Library System, as well as through Amazon and local book-sellers.

We'd like to share a few comments that followed the publication of *The Book Thief*:

"It's a book to pick up for people who love to read." *The Florida Times-Union*; "This fabulous novel is rich, complicated and wise enough to satisfy a reader of any age." *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; "Intricate and extraordinary." *Newsday*; "Absorbing and searing." *The Washington Post*.

Winner of innumerable awards, including the National Jewish Book Award, we urge you to read this book and prepare for a lively and meaningful discussion. Grayce Cohen will facilitate this review.

Speaking of Bagels & Books, one of the most read of the works featured in this series of events, was *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana DeRosnay, beautifully reviewed by Leslie Segall. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and a number of folks who had read the book, enjoyed it, and planned to be there for the event, were unable to attend. Add to the local house-bound, the number of our readers who were "snow-birding" in February. We are planning a "make-up" event to assuage the loss. Watch for more information on this informal "book-chat," which we hope to bring to you on an afternoon in May. How about a brown-bag lunch, we'll supply the coffee, cool drink, and cookies? Watch your e-mail and other media for more on this subject. Bette Bohlmann, our industrious Judaica Shop proprietor, is going to lead this re-do. By the by, even if you attended the February event, you are welcome to come back and add all the thoughts you had following "Sarah I".

Our Levy Library has received several boxes of books, left to us as a gift from our much mourned founding rabbi, Richard Sternberger. The Library Crew will be busy, during the early summer, processing these precious volumes, and preparing an appropriate display as a Memorial to Rabbi "Dick". We'll keep you apprised of our progress, and hope that you'll be a part of all of the Memorial activities at the Temple.

Keep Reading

The Library Crew:

Carol Schachter, Sandy Wodlinger, Janice Spieler,

### Patrons, Benefactors Help Temple

As the new fiscal year begins for Temple Bat Yam, there is hope that more members will opt to become Patrons and Benefactors. All it takes is an extra \$250 added to your membership dues to become a Patron, and an extra \$500 to join the ranks of Benefactor.

We look forward to placing your name in one of the boxes below for this fiscal year. Thank you.

#### Patrons 2009-2010

Aaron & Grayce Cohen  
Howard & Helen Hammerman  
Larry & Ivy Hecker  
Larry & Deanne Michnick  
Harold & Elaine Rabinowitz

#### Benefactors 2009-2010

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Philip & Jo Anne Glazer  
Lee & Jennifer Klepper  
Bruce & Cynthia Leiner  
Bert & Gloria Nestler  
Jack & Michelle Schachter  
Melvin & Janis Schwartz  
Jay & Cheryl Taustin  
Jeff & Rina Thaler  
Peter & Rebecca Zweigbaum

### House Committee Report

If you are interested in helping to cut the lawn, please contact me at 410-629-1103.

Please, someone, step up and take over as House chairman. I'll help but will not be chairman after June 1, 2010.

I am happy to report that the fence has been repaired and we are looking into topping and re-stripping the parking lot.

Hopefully, the re-modeling of the kitchen will be done soon. Plans include: new cabinets and counter tops, new warming oven and new oven. Thanks to Bert and Gloria Nestler, who very generously donated funds to redo the kitchen.

—George Rosenstock

### Help Pay Off Temple's Mortgage

Since the two-year drive to pay off the mortgage did not fully accomplish our goal, we still need to increase our efforts to pay off our mortgage.

The good news is that you helped pay down the mortgage to where it is under \$150,000. The bad news is that we still have to pay it off. Please consider making a sizeable pledge or remember Temple Bat Yam in your will. There are many easy ways to contribute. Please contact Treasurer **Debbie Resnick** for further information.

### Attention Committee Chairs

Want your activity to get in the papers? Please submit a photo and a brief summary of what your "news" event was about, and I will send it to the local newspapers for publication. Although the papers are more likely to publish a story with a photo, please email me the specifics of your committee's event (even without a picture) and I will develop a news release for publication. Thanks.

—Dolores Pack, Publicity



#### TREE OF LIFE

Celebrate the good things in your life. Purchase a leaf for \$325 or a stone for \$1,025.

Please pick up the Tree of Life Request Form on the table in the Temple lobby.

## New, Huggable Teddy Bears Wanted

Temple Bat Yam continues its annual Teddy bear drive for Coastal Hospice. From the beginning of January through the first week of April members may donate NEW, huggable size Teddy bears for hospice. Cash is also gladly accepted toward the purchase of new Teddy bears. If you elect to donate cash to the Teddy bear program, please make checks payable to Temple Bat Yam and write Hospice on the memo line. The Teddy bears must be brand new and of a huggable size. No Beanie Babies please. The Teddy bears can be dropped off at the table in the hallway of the Temple.

—Nanette & John Willmuth, Co-Chairs

## Support Deers Head Hospital

Deer's Head Hospital Center is a state run facility in Salisbury that provides complex medical care, rehabilitation, long-term care, dialysis and other services. To help improve the quality of life for its patients, Temple Bat Yam, with Deer's Head Hospital Center guidance, is continuing its donation program tailored to meet their needs. Listed below are items that patients of Deer's Head Hospital Center currently need. Drop donations off in or alongside the boxes placed in the Temple hall. If you have a donation question, please contact Marv Novick by phone (410-912-0155) or email [marvin.novick@gmail.com](mailto:marvin.novick@gmail.com).

### Clean Clothing for Men and Women:

The minimum size for the following is large; slacks; coats; button down or zipper sweaters; blouses; shirts; pants; sweatpants; sweatshirts; jogging suits; and bathrobes. Any size for the following is acceptable: baseball hats; shoes (flats only); sneakers; and slippers.

**Reading material:** Novels, timeless magazines regardless of issue date such as: National Geographic; Good Housekeeping; Popular Science, puzzles.

**News Magazines** less than one month old such as: Newsweek; Sports Illustrated; People. **Miscellaneous:** VCR and DVD movies; personal care items; eyeglasses; free calendars that you receive in the mail; birthday, blank and other cards; canes; walkers; and wheelchairs.

## 1...2...3 Lottery Game Pays Off Only If You Play

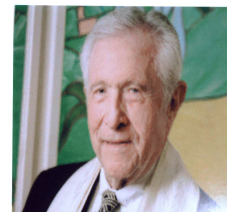
The 1...2...3 raffle is in full swing for another year. Office Assistant Jamie Linebaugh is handling the numbers and will announce the winners. The cost is \$50 per number. Remember, each Wednesday night, the last two digits of the Pick 3 Maryland Lottery number results in a winning number for 1...2...3 Lottery players (or the Temple, if on one purchased the winning number.) Recent winners are **Phyllis Alpern**, who won two weeks in a row. **Jay Taustin, Bud & Doris Mitnick, Marv & Myra Novick, George & Marsha Rosenstock, Bert & Gloria Nestler, Jay Taustin, Russell Selig, Carol Selig.** Congratulations.

There are plenty of numbers available, contact Jamie and purchase **your lucky** number for this year. Remember: **win once and play the lottery at no further cost for the rest of the year.**

## Sternberger Memorial Planned

A memorial service is being planned for our beloved founder and rabbi emeritus, Rabbi Richard Sternberger, who passed away January 11.

This special service will be held at Temple Bat Yam on April 25, 2010, at 1 pm. The planning committee is asking those of you who knew Rabbi Sternberger to submit your fondest memories of him to Sharon Lewis



Caden — [matzalewis@verizon.net](mailto:matzalewis@verizon.net), Veronica Kahn— [veronica.kahn@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.kahn@gmail.com), or Grayce Cohen— [graycearon@msn.com](mailto:graycearon@msn.com). We plan to put them in a booklet to be kept at the Temple for all to enjoy.

## 2010 Adult Education

Rabbi Susan Warshaw will be conducting the following classes:

- *Introduction to Judaism.* Free for members, non-members: \$50. (8 week course) Wednesday evenings, 7 pm-8:30 pm
- *Kabbalah Study:* Two Saturday mornings a month, following services at 9:30 am. Kabbalah at 10 am. For more information and to register, email Rabbi Warshaw: [rabbiwarshaw@templebatyam-oc.org](mailto:rabbiwarshaw@templebatyam-oc.org).

## Contribution Form

Please designate one: **Arts & Furnishings Fund, Yahrzeit, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Religious School Fund, Prayer Book Fund or General Fund.** Minimum contribution: \$5, Chai: \$18, Double Chai: \$36. *Send information & checks payable to Temple Bat Yam and Mail to: TEMPLE BAT YAM 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD 21811*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fund \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Message: (Sympathy, In Memory of, In honor of, etc.)

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From: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Temple? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

If you need to reach our president, **Larry Michnick**, you can call him at 410-352-9923 or email at [michnick@atlanticdental.com](mailto:michnick@atlanticdental.com).

To reach Rabbi **Susan Warshaw**, [rabbiiwarshaw@templebatyam-oc.org](mailto:rabbiiwarshaw@templebatyam-oc.org). For additional information, call the Temple office at 410-641-4311. The Temple's **FAX number: 720-920-3657**.

To reach the newsletter editor **Jeannette Abrams**, call 410-641-6587 or email [jga1933@aol.com](mailto:jga1933@aol.com)

**Temple E-mail Address**  
**[templebatyam97@aol.com](mailto:templebatyam97@aol.com)**

**Temple office hours are 9:30 am to 1:30 pm—Monday through Friday.**

**The website address is:**  
**[www.templebatyam-oc.org](http://www.templebatyam-oc.org)**

### Join a Committee, Support Temple Activities

**T**emple Bat Yam has many important activities that benefit the congregation as well as the community. Please join one of these committees and help make our programs the best ever. Contact these chairpersons to sign up.  
**Membership/ Social** — Helen Hammerman, [helenh33@comcast.net](mailto:helenh33@comcast.net) or Ivy Hecker, [ivyhecker@earthlink.net](mailto:ivyhecker@earthlink.net), Delores Pack, [pack@cdsystems.com](mailto:pack@cdsystems.com).

**Finance** — Jay Taustin, [jaytaustin@embers.com](mailto:jaytaustin@embers.com)

**Religious Education** — Becky Brunet, [brunets4@msn.com](mailto:brunets4@msn.com)

**Ritual** — Marsha Rosenstock, [supezip@yahoo.com](mailto:supezip@yahoo.com)

**Arts & Furnishings** — Jeri Lipov, [jerilipov@mchsi.com](mailto:jerilipov@mchsi.com) or Sandie Wodlinger, [sandie@netscape.net](mailto:sandie@netscape.net).

**Publicity** — Dolores Pack [pack@cdsystems.com](mailto:pack@cdsystems.com) .

**Library** — Grayce Cohen, [graycearon@msn.com](mailto:graycearon@msn.com).

**House** — George Rosenstock, [supezip@yahoo.com](mailto:supezip@yahoo.com).

**Adult Jewish Growth** — Howard Hammerman, [howardh0336@comcast.com](mailto:howardh0336@comcast.com)

**Social Outreach**—Needs a chairperson. Oversees Mitzvah Day, connects with community charities and churches.

**Mitzvah Day** — Lee Klepper, [l.klepper@mchsi.com](mailto:l.klepper@mchsi.com).

**Fundraising**—Needs a chairperson. Oversees and coordinates fundraising events.

**Sunshine**—Linda Manion—[manionoc@aol.com](mailto:manionoc@aol.com). Sends out “get well” cards.

### Temple Bat Yam

P.O. Box 3238  
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410-641-4311

### Use Temple Website Calendar for Latest Events

**T**emple Bat Yam's website has a calendar that shows all Temple activities in one convenient format. The calendar is printable too. You may access the calendar page directly at <http://templebatyam-oc.org/calendar.html> or visit TBY's website at [templebatyam-oc.org](http://templebatyam-oc.org)

The events are each color coded for easy recognition. Also, be sure to check the calendar for Religious School dates and Friday and Saturday Services.