



BAT YAM

News and Views

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Commentary: by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

Essay Points Out Importance of Jewish Ethics

Our congregant Bonnie Eisenman wrote this essay for the 19th Annual Kaplan Essay Contest. Bonnie was one of the finalists in the competition. The essay is so special that I would like to share it with you this month.

—Rabbi Warshaw

Our jeans were splattered with mud; we had bramble scratches running up our arms. My arms and legs ached from guiding the horse along the overgrown trail. Now, the trail ride over, the two other volunteers and I were sitting on the porch, catching our breath before the second shift of students.

The three of us were volunteering at the 4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program, a horse-based therapy program for mentally and physically disabled students. We accompanied our riders in the ring and on the trails, keeping a general eye out for trouble while leading the horses. I'd stumbled into 4STEPS when I was searching for a Bat Mitzvah service project. Though I'd long since fulfilled both that and my school's service-learning requirement, I was still there.

Michael and Larry—our riders—were still grinning



from their jaunt through the woods as the program's director walked them through the cool-down exercises in the ring. From the distance, you couldn't tell that the two boys were autistic. They were simply laughing, grinning boys, perfectly at ease atop their gentle beasts.

Laura, Gina, and I were dirty, tired, caked with dust and the smell of horses. But we reveled in the feeling of gritty exhaustion. We were all there of our free will, and this was why we came: to see those smiles, to hear those laughs. There is something deeply spiritual about helping others, and it didn't matter that the three of us came from different religions. Whether or not the others termed it as such, we all felt the everyday holiness of our service.

Judaism places a great stress on what our school system likes to call "community service." Helping others is

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Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, August 11**, 5 pm—Men's Club dinner meeting. (See Page 5)
- **Sunday, August 15**, 10 am—Bagels & Books (See Page 9)
- **Thursday, August 26**, 7 pm. An Evening of Laughter (See Page 4)
- **Sunday, August 29**, 12 pm-4 pm. Annual Picnic (See Page 3)

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President's rePort

Rabbi Eric Yoffie recently announced his planned retirement from URJ. In his open letter to URJ members he said, "Leadership is an act of renewal and re-creation, and at a certain point, it is best to encourage others to try their hand at these tasks." What a great concise and apt description of one aspect of congregational leadership!

Each new board of directors brings to Temple Bat Yam a new opportunity. By using the skills and creativity unique to each board one hopes to build on the accomplishments of its previous members.

With that in mind I'd like to bring you up to speed on a few projects that members of your new board and congregation are working on. If you read Warren Rosenfeld's recent email you already know about The First Annual Hal Glick Distinguished Service Award Gala, scheduled for October 30, 2010. The concept for this event was introduced to us by Warren and is based on similar events that he has run in the past. After several meetings to determine the exact form this event should take I am happy to announce that this committee is now moving forward and at the time of this writing the gala committee has already secured almost \$13,000 in initial sponsorships providing seed money independent of TBY resources.

The First Annual Hal Glick Distinguished Service Award Gala, has the potential to do two things for TBY: First it provides TBY with a new and exciting fundraiser that can occur on an annual basis and solve some of our revenue woes. This will go a long way to solving our operating deficits that occur in years we do not have either the Springfest beer truck or the Sunfest car raffle.

Secondly this event, which will annually recognize an individual's community service contribution, enhances positive visibility for our synagogue. Personally I cannot think of a better first year recipient than Hal. How great that he has agreed to be our inaugural honoree.

If you'd like to help either by becoming a sponsor or purchasing tickets to the event please contact Warren at 240-447-1451 or visit templebatyam-oc.org/gala.html to download a pre-invitation ticket and sponsor sheet.

Warren's committee is just one group working hard at TBY. Larry Pack is working on organizing a series of tennis tournaments as fundraising venues and Larry Michnick tells me he's on schedule and close to confirming a date for our annual golf tournament that will be held in November. The Rabbi, cantorial staff and the ritual committee continue to innovate and are working to enhance our Shabbat services and of course are hard at work on the High Holy Day preparations. *Bagels & Books* continues to meet bi-monthly and Leslie Segall recently agreed to update descriptions of upcoming selections on TBY's website. The kitchen committee has overseen the construction of our beautiful new kitchen, generously funded by the Nestler's donation. Many hours of work went into the planning, demolition and construction. The committee even managed to sell our old stove top and oven. Once completed the kitchen will be a warm and welcoming focal point for TBY gatherings.

As we start our new fiscal and Jewish calendar years, members—some new and some who have been members for many years—are working to creatively manage the many tasks at hand. I'd like to conclude by collectively thanking those individuals for their support and efforts. You truly are TBY's greatest assets.

Board Briefs

The General Board approved a proposal from the Ritual Committee and the rabbi to hold 5:30 pm services in October, January and April. Exact dates and details will follow.

Officers

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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.

Annual Family & Friends Picnic

Sunday, August 29, 12 noon to 4 pm

Lots of home cooked food, games, fun for all.



If you had a great time last year, plan to attend this event. Bring your family and potential new members.

To get an accurate count, please let the Temple office know how many will be in your party.

Help Us Pay for Postage

The Temple is asking for donations to help pay for the postage and envelopes we send to the families of fallen soldiers. This project, chaired by Sy Longberg and Marion Klein, is self sustaining and needs your help to keep it viable. Send your check (of any amount) to the Temple office and note "postage" on it to earmark it for this project.

Arts & Furnishings Report

Arts and furnishing has responded to Grayce Cohen's request and transformed Rabbi Sternberger's arc in the library to a place to keep some of the treasures he left TBYY. We are currently making selections among his books, photos and memories. Stay tuned for the showing.

Also, at the Rabbi's request, a new step has been installed behind her lectern on the bimah. Safety was the prime concern. It folds out of the way when it is not needed. It's lighter and lower than the original, at her direction. We continue to add art work to our building's halls and rooms. Give a look!

—Sandie Wodlinger & Jeri Lipov, Chairs

Spectacular Gala Dinner to Honor Hal Glick

Please join Worcester County and Coastal Delaware in honoring the many years of distinguished community service of Hal Glick as he is presented with the First Annual *HAL GLICK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD*

Saturday, October 30, 2010, 7 pm
The Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel Christal Ballroom
10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, MD

All net proceeds will benefit several of Hal's favorite charities, including Atlantic General Hospital, the Worcester County Humane Society and Temple Bat Yam

AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR THIS EVENT

All sponsorships include a table of 10 and special mention in event materials

DIAMOND:	\$10,000
PLATINUM:	\$5,000
GOLD:	\$2,500
FRIENDS OF HAL:	\$1,500

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$95

Please make checks payable to "Glick Award"

Attention: Committee Chairs

Please remember to forward to me a brief overview of the event you have put on or plan to put on. Send pictures if you have them, so I can issue a press release to the local papers.

—Dolores Pack, PR Chair

Sisterhood Happenings

It seems the Dog Days of Summer have reached us early this summer, but things at Temple Bat Yam are really cool. The kitchen is getting nearer to completion. As of this writing, we have the cabinets and counters installed, the plumbing completed and most of the electrical work completed. What's left? Well, thanks to Bert and Gloria Nestler we will be able to install a new floor, two warming bins, a backsplash and get a few bar stools. The Men's Club has volunteered to paint the walls.

Previously, we thought the Kitchen re-dedication/spaghetti dinner would be in August. Just to ensure that the kitchen will be fully completed we are moving the date to September. If you would like to be part of the Kitchen Shower (which will be part of the re-dedication) a list to sign up for an item will be available in the Gift Shop. If you would prefer call Marsha Rosenstock and she can help you select an item. Your enthusiasm on this project has been just wonderful.

One more item: Last year we had the largest number of Sisterhood members on record—54 women! We had more women involved in events than ever before. We used the ideas, help and yes, sweat of our members. We donated over \$4,000 directly and much more indirectly. The success of the year 2009 to 2010 was **your** success. You volunteered and supported us. Our big thanks goes to our Sisters.

Your membership does more than add your dues to the balance sheet. With you and your help and ideas Temple Bat Yam has social and religious enrichment. Please, if you haven't yet sent in your membership dues (\$36) take a few minutes and send them to Carol Rosen.

Be well, stay cool,

—Candy Gusst, President

Judaica Shop

We are carrying many gifts and household items. I will also be filling any special orders. So if there is something you especially want, come in and browse our many catalogues. The shop will be open one-half hour before Friday night services every week.

—Bette Bohlmann, Proprietor

Sisterhood Cares

If 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. She will see that the Rabbi and Sisterhood President are notified so that they can take the appropriate action.

An Evening of Laughter

Sometimes the hustle and bustle of everyday life can cause us to feel pressure that we would really rather live without. Come join us Thursday, August 26 at 7 pm at TBV for a fun-filled Evening of Laughter.

The presenter is Carol Moore, MS, RNC who has worked in a variety of health care settings during her 30+ years of nursing experience, she has been a military nurse, worked in public health, in physician offices and in several hospitals. Currently she is an Education Specialist at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD.

Carol has presented numerous workshops locally and nationally on various educational topics, but her favorite programs to present are on humor, laughter and learning to cope successfully with the many stressors in our lives.

All are welcomed! Join us for a free and *freeing* evening. Please RSVP to carolrosen7@msn.com.

A BIG Thank You

Bert and Gloria Nestler are extremely grateful to the committee who helped turn an “ugly duckling” kitchen into a beautiful “princess.”

They wish to thank everyone involved with this project:

Marsha Rosenstock

Candy Gusst

Jay Taustin

Jerry Selig

Jeannette Abrams

The Nestlers donated \$25,000 plus to make the kitchen a fun and cozy place to gather.

So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

IT'S AWEDDING— Mazel Tov to Steve and Carol Rosen of the wedding or their beautiful daughter Marissa to Michael Knutsen. Baby Levi was “the best man.” What a lovely family. The Knutsens will have a baby naming this month when the kids come to visit mom and dad.

SIZZLING SUMMER—Many of us had visitors last month. My daughters Marla Watts and Barbara Hunkeler along with granddaughter Lauren Hunkeler came for a long weekend. It rained on Saturday, but they enjoyed sunny weather at the Yacht Club and beach the following day. It hasn't rained since. Doris & Bud Mitnick entertained her sister in July and Debbie & Ray Resnick also had company. I'm sure many of you had a full house. Please let me know who came and what you all did!

THANKS—The congregation wishes to thank Rabbi Reena Spicehandler for filling in for Rabbi Susan Warshaw while she was in Israel.

WOMEN OF THE WALL

Rabbi Susan Susan posted on her blog July 12, that the Women of the Wall were again suppressed while attempting to pray at the Western Wall. They were forced to wear their talit as scarves around their necks and when they tried to carry their Torah to the wall, the police arrested her friend Anat Hoffman. “It was a terrible thing to see Arnat, with the Torah, being driven by the police from this place which is supposed to be the most holy place in Judaism,” the rabbi noted. Arnat has been banned from praying at the wall for 30 days.

Service Chants & Melodies

Cantorial 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. The classes are being held on Tuesday afternoons from 3 pm-4 pm at her home in The Parke,

Men's Club Report

Men's Club Membership Meeting Features Interesting Speaker

As the TBY Men's Club begins its second year of helping the community and the Temple, we encourage all TBY men to join us.

Our next quarterly membership meeting will take place on August 11 with a presentation from E. Tylor Claggett PhD, CFA, the Director of Financial Planning and Associate Professor of Finance from Salisbury University. This will be an educational, informative presentation – NOT a sales pitch. Be ready with your investment and financial planning questions. Plenty of time will be allotted for Q&A. It will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at the Woodlands, 1135 Ocean Parkway, in Ocean Pines. Price is \$49 per couple or \$25 per individual for a three course meal including salad, dessert and beverage. For information, please contact Men's Club President, Larry Hecker at 302-524-1150.

The TBY driveway major cracks will soon be a thing of the past, thanks to the Men's Club members who worked to clean and seal them. We thank Marv Novick (project chair), Barry Gusst, Norm Katz and Larry Hecker for their untiring labor during the hot July days.

We need your help when shopping at Food Lion. First, get your Food Lion Gift Card from George Rosenstock, Chairperson. Pay the face value in a check to the Temple Men's Club and George will give you a gift card. The Temple gets 5% of the face value and YOU get the CONVENIENCE of shopping with ONE CARD and not having to write checks or use your VISA/MC and paying exorbitant interest rates. Contact George at supezip@yahoo.com.



Become a member of this great Temple group. Just send an e-mail to Larry Hecker, interim President, at maplarry@yahoo.com and he'll sign you up. OR call him with questions: 302-524-1150.

august 2010 YaHRZEITS

- 01 **Rae R. Goldstein**
grandmother of Lewis Goldstein
- 02 **Maurice Wodlinger**
father-in-law of Sandie Wodlinger
- 03 **Lillian Glick**
mother of Helene Caplan
- Petra Gordon**
sister of Debbie Resnick
- Theodore Plisko**
husband of Hilda Plisko
- Jack Poms**
brother of Gerty Apple
- Hilda Wermuth-Islovitz**
mother of Helen Hammerman
- 04 **Louis Getson**
father of Florence Kasden
- Lillian Jean Stein Davis**
mother of Jeri Lipov
- Irving Venit**
father of Mark Venit
- 06 **Shirley Poms**
sister-in-law of Gerty Apple
- 07 **Alfred Edelstein**
former brother-in-law of Gloria Stein-Furman
- Lena Kroll**
friend of Arleen Pace
- Judy Lankford**
mother of Michelle Schachter
- 08 **Melvin Brickner**
brother of Gloria Stein-Furman
- Thomas Hammerman**
father of Howard Hammerman
- 11 **Esther Brickner**
mother of Gloria Stein-Furman
- 12 **Marc Poms**
nephew of Gerty Apple
- 14 **Richard Greenstein**
brother of Jeri Loewenstern
- Charles Leiner**
father of Richard Leiner
- Ruth Rabinowitz**
sister of Harold Rabinowitz
- 15 **Sylvia Sachs**
mother of Arthur Sachs
- 17 **Sheila Sachs-Cohen**
sister of Arthur Sachs
- 18 **Joseph Steinberg**

- father of Ivy Hecker
- 19 **Lillian Fromme**
mother of Myra Novick
- 20 **Stella Resnick**
mother of Raymond Resnick
- 21 **George Blickstein**
grandfather of Cynthia Leiner
- 25 **Henrietta Mitnick**
mother of Herbert (Bud) Mitnick
- Arlan Schachter**
husband of Carol L. Schachter
father of Jack Schachter
- 26 **Benjamin Feinbloom**
grandfather of Carole Eagle
- 29 **Jack Kerman**
father of Janice Spieler
- Robert Selig**

Just Say “YES” to *Aliyahs*

The High Holy Days Preparation Committee is now busily organizing and planning the events and activities which are a part of the Holiday Season, here at Bat Yam. (See Rabbi's Holiday Announcements)

Committee members are: Barbara Southwell, Carol Rosen, Carol Schachter, Steve Rosen, and Grayce Cohen. They are asking every TBY member to join the ranks of holiday participants. Chores and Honors include: readings as a portion of a Service, Torah Blessings, Ushering, book handling, set-ups, to mention just a few.

If you see one of us approaching, prepare to say "YES". Better still: how about reaching one of us and offering yourself and your efforts? Wouldn't that be a great "mitzvah"? Call us, we're in the Directory!!!

—Grayce Cohen

KABBALAH STUDY

Rabbi Susan Warshaw will be conducting the following classes:

- *Kabbalah Study*: Every Saturday morning at 9:30 am. Bagels before short service and Kabbalah study at 10 am. Everyone is invited.

For more information and to register, email Rabbi Warshaw:

rabiwarshaw@templebatyam-oc.org.

july 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS

ARTS & FURNISHINGS FUND

From Jeannette Abrams

- ~to Veronica and Stan Kahn, Happy Anniversary
- ~to Pamela & Stuart Smolins, Happy Anniversary
- ~to Carol & Steve Rosen Mazel Tov on the birth of your first grandchild, Levi

GENERAL FUND

From Sidney and Carole Eagle:

- ~to Lana Helfner, Happy Birthday
- ~to Stephanie Cohen, Happy Birthday

From Tom and Barbara Southwell:

- ~to Steve and Carol Rosen, congratulations on the birth of your grandson

From Richard and Rabbi Susan Warshaw:

- ~to Jack and Michelle Schachter in honor of Samantha making the Principle's List and Alex's Bridging Ceremony

From Larry and Dolores Pack:

- ~in honor of Brandon Thaler, Chelsea Thaler and Bonnie Eisenman's graduations

From Rina and Jeff Thaler:

- ~in honor of Cheryl Taustin's Bat Mitzvah

From Harold & Elaine Rabinowitz

- ~in honor of Cheryl Taustin's beautiful Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you for the music.

From Janice Raffel

- ~in appreciation of a lovely service

From Women of Temple Bat Yam

From Rabbi Susan Warshaw

- ~in honor of Cheryl Taustin's Bat Mitzvah.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

From Stan, Veronica and Paul Kahn:

- ~to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Albright in memory of Millie Albright

- ~to Jeannette Abrams, keep well

From Hilda Plisko:

- ~to Mrs N. Marcus in memory of your son, Buddy Bannen

- ~to Mr & Mrs Marc Caden in memory of Sharon Caden

- ~to Cheryl Taustin, congratulations on your Bat Mitzvah

From Jeannette Abrams

- ~to Nanette Willmuth, my prayers are always with you

- ~to Gerty Apple, thinking of you and wishing you well

From Phyllis and Allen Brodsky

- ~in honor of Chery Taustin on her Bat Mitzvah and her beautiful service.

From Jeffrey Yarchin

Yahrzeits

From Deborah Resnick:

- ~in loving memory of Fred Gordon

From Harold and Elaine Rabinowitz:

- ~in memory of my mother Anna Rabinowitz

- ~in memory of Sharon Caden, she walked in beauty

From Miriam Green

- ~in memory of my father Jerry Glickman

From Rabbi Susan Warshaw

- ~for Dad, Jack Green

From Sylvia Kassalow

- ~in memory of my mother, Frances Kassalow

- ~in memory of my beloved nephew, Dr. Stephen L. Schechter

From Melvin and Jacqueline Friedman

- ~in memory of Sharon Caden

From Jeri Lipov

- ~in memory of my uncle, Mervin Stein

- ~in memory of my father Marshal Dale Davis

From Edward Wirkman

- ~in memory of Michele Wirkman

From Helene Caplan

- ~in loving memory of my mother Sarah Caplan

From Veronica Kahn

- ~in memory of my brother Philip Wolf

RABBI STERNBERGER MEMORIAL FUND

From Jay and Cheryl Taustin

From Phyllis and Allen Brodsky

- ~in loving memory of Sharon Caden—a great lady and friend.

**TEMPLE BAT YAM
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE
2010-2011**

SUNDAYS: 9.45 am - 12 noon

September 26
October 3, 10, 24
November 7, 14, 21
December 5, 12, 19
January 9, 23
February 6,13
March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 10, 17
May 1

MID-WEEK-HEBREW: 5.15 pm - 6 pm

September 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 11, 18
December 2, 9, 16
January-May dates TBD

**URJ Thanks Reform Jews in
July Letter to Supporters**

Your concern, your passion, and your action led directly to the success achieved today in stopping a Knesset vote on the [conversion bill](#).

No issue in recent memory has so mobilized Reform Jews and, indeed, Jews from all streams and all parts of Israel and the Diaspora as has [the bill proposed by MK David Rotem to vest authority for conversions in the hands of the Chief Rabbinate](#). The overwhelming opposition this bill engendered, as evidenced by the tens of thousands of emails and faxes against the bill received by the Prime Minister's office, is rooted in the conviction that the faith and practices of the overwhelming majority of the world's Jews must not be delegitimized.

The Knesset has now adjourned until October. While your efforts have helped prevent a vote on the bill this week, there is more to be done. Over the next few months, we will continue to work with

Celebrations



Cantor Cheryl Taustin reads from the Torah as Phyllis Alpern (left) and Rabbi Susan Warshaw help her celebrate her Bat Mizvah last month. Husband Jay and sons Cole and Kyler were on hand for this joyous occasion.



Rabbi Susan Warshaw blesses Stephanie Miller during her recent conversion to Judaism. She completed all her courses and shined on this special occasion. Stephanie and Joel Pautz will be married at the Temple on August 15.

Prime Minister Netanyahu, Jewish Agency Chairman Sharansky, and MK Rotem to craft a bill that addresses the problems that currently characterize the conversion process in Israel and that respects all streams of world Jewry. We will keep you informed throughout and hope that we can continue in the future to count on your voice to speak on behalf of our Movement.

With best wishes for a restful and joyful summer,

Rabbi Eric Yoffie
President

Commentary: by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

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part of *gemilut chasadim*, one of the three pillars of the world—the other two being Torah and avodah (service). Often translated as “acts of loving-kindness,” the term’s meaning is much broader than that simple phrase. “Gemilut” signifies reciprocal acts; “chesed” (the singular of chasadim) combines steadfast love and pure giving. Combined, the term connotes a covenant between people—it is a social responsibility. Our responsibility to aid each other supports our community; this is why gemilut chasadim is considered a pillar of the world. It carries far more weight than *tzedakah*, or charity. Unlike *tzedakah*, gemilut chasadim can be given to the rich or the poor, the dead or the living; it can take the form of a monetary donation, or be given as personal assistance (Sukkot 49b). There is no prescribed minimum or maximum. Conceptually, it is also unique because its rewards are found in this world, not the next.

Those rewards are often small or subtle, but they are real: goodwill, a sense of joy, new connections between former strangers. Earlier, I invoked 4STEPS because there I experienced firsthand the transformation of an obligatory service project to a true example of gemilut chasadim. I befriended my fellow volunteers, the riders, and the horses; I relished the physical exertion and rejoiced as the students made slow but steady progress. The grin of a wheelchair-bound student first experiencing the swift freedom of horseback riding, the looks of awe as a “rain-dance” exercise actually prompted a sunshower—these, to me, were proof of goodness in the world, and they were reward enough. Years after I first started, I have seen how the parents of those autistic boys have thrown themselves into community service of all kinds; they are present at many functions and fundraisers. “Pay it forward” might be a slogan, but it’s true: gemilut chasadim serves the world, even (and perhaps especially) if we approach it one person at a time. Recipients of chesed are more able to pass on chesed in return, and thus loving-kindness gives birth unto itself.

When I saw the prompt for this essay—what facet of Judaism is most important for me to pass down to my children—gemilut chasadim immediately sprang to mind. Belief in God gives me an anchor, and I find solace in prayer; the tradition-steeped rituals and vibrant culture of the Jewish people give me pride. But for me, it is the *goodness* of Judaism that resonates most broadly. Time and again, we are called upon to welcome strangers, to help the needy, to love our neighbors as ourselves. The

Levy Library Report

So, have you read *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*? Isn't it one of the most delightful pieces of fiction that you've devoured recently? See, we knew that you'd love this "beach book," that's why we added it to Bagels & Books. Don't forget, we're going to munch on bagels and discuss "Guernsey" on Sunday, August 15. See you at Temple at 10 am, when Jeannette Abrams will facilitate what promises to be a fun morning.

Our task, sifting through the books left to Temple Bat Yam, by our late Founding Rabbi, Richard Sternberger, is moving forward, slowly. Needless to say, summer time with the onslaught of visitors, hot and humid days, does not foster great expenditures of energy and effort. We will get all of this done, but presently, we hesitate to predict when. We'll keep you informed!

While we're chatting, let us remind you of another Bagels & Books date: October 17. Leslie Segall will lead us through an exciting review of *Skeletons At The Feast*, by Chris Bohjalian. Before you forget, go write this on your calendar.

Happy reading - Grayce, for the Library Crew

consistent call to righteousness is much of what makes me proud of my faith. And what better concept to pass on to the next generation than loving-kindness, which is meant to be practiced throughout one's life?

And so I wish this to be my children's inheritance. While I plan to raise my future children in the Jewish faith, they will ultimately grow into independent adults. Perhaps they will embrace Judaism as I have. Perhaps not. Either way, I hope that gemilut chasadim will be a pillar for them, just as it is a pillar of the world. It is possible to live without specific rituals or traditions, but recognizing our social responsibility to others is a crucial element to living a *good* life. Yes, I wish good health and success for my future children, just as I wish Judaism for them. But most of all, I hope that they will grow into happy adults with fulfilling lives, and the only way to be truly happy is to know that you have also brought happiness to others, and that your life is a good one.

Gemilut chasadim: loving-kindness; the social contract; community service. English does not have the precise words necessary to explain the concept in its entirety, but the sentiment remains. To my children, though they are yet unborn: may your lives be filled with acts of loving-kindness, and may you bring goodness with you into the world. Of all our species' abilities, loving-kindness is our most powerful—more important than our material accom-

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 Gold Patron and an extra \$500 to join the ranks of Diamond Benefactor. An extra \$1,000 will make you a Platinum Benefactor.

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

Gold Patrons 2010-2011

Stu & Susanna Eisenman
Howard & Helen
Hammerman

Diamond Benefactors 2010-2011

Jonathan & Terry Bell
Bert & Gloria Nestler
Harold & Elaine Rabinowitz
Warren & Dana Rosenfeld

Platinum Benefactors 2010-2011

Christopher & Judith
Galuardi

Change of Addresses

Please add the following to your Membership Directory.

Welcome New Members

Alan & Jackie Wilder
3511 Gardenview Road
Baltimore, MD 21208

Mitchell Scott
10627 Pointe Lookout Road
Ocean City, MD 21842

New Address

Bill & Sue Walman
159 Revolution Circle
Christiansburg, VA 24073

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.

Help For Those Who Shop For The Temple

A Reimbursement Form has been designed to help expedite payment and ensure accuracy when you turn in receipts for reimbursement of purchases you have made for the Temple. We will be asking everyone to take the time to fill out the forms. You can pick up the forms at the Temple Office to take with you when you go shopping or place an order for goods or you can fill them out when you turn in your receipts. It will only take you a minute to fill the form out and attach your receipts. Thanks for your cooperation.

—Debbie Resnick, Treasurer



TREE OF LIFE

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TEMPLE BAT YAM HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES 2010/5771

SELICHOT: A Night of Reflection and Prayer

Selichot worship is designed to awaken us to the significance of the High Holy days. A quiet, meaningful, reflective service.

Saturday, September 11, 2010

Dessert at 7:15 pm, Service at 8 pm

ROSH HASHANAH: Ushers in the New Year

Observed on the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei Rosh Hashanah (literally “Head of the Year”) is the celebration of the Jewish new year and marks the beginning of the *Yamim Noraim*—a ten-day period of prayer, self-examination and repentance, which culminates with the fast day of Yom Kippur. Despite elements of joy and celebration, Rosh Hashanah is a deeply religious occasion. The customs and symbols of Rosh Hashanah reflect the holiday’s dual emphasis: happiness and humility.

Special customs observed on Rosh Hashanah include the sounding of the shofar, using round challah, and eating apples dipped in honey for a sweet new year.

Rosh Hashanah Eve: Wednesday, September 8, 8 pm.

Rosh Hashanah Day: Thursday, September 9

Morning Services 10 am

Tashlich and Havdalah and pot luck dinner, 6 pm

at Paul & Lana Helfner’s, 36 Alton Point, Ocean Pines.
Please RSVP to 410-641-5832.

SHABBAT SHUVAH: The Shabbat “Between” Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Tradition teaches that to return only requires that we take ONE step in the other direction. Turn, turn back and move forward. This is a Shabbat of return and renewal.

Friday, September 10, 7 pm (Family Service)

YOM KIPPUR: Our Day of Repentance and Prayer

Yom Kippur (Literally “Day of Atonement”) is observed ten days after Rosh Hashanah with fasting, prayer, repentance: the sacred act of *tshuvah*. Yom Kippur is the holiest of all Jewish Festivals and holidays. Yom Kippur enables us to put aside our physical desires and to concentrate on our spiritual needs through quiet reflection, self-evaluation, community and prayer. It is customary in the days before Yom Kippur to seek out friends and family whom we have wronged and personally ask for their forgiveness. Each year we ask to be inscribed in “The Book of Life.”

Kol Nidre Friday, September 17, 8 pm

Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 18

Morning service, 10 am

Family Service, 2 pm

Afternoon Service, 3 pm

Yizkor, 4 pm

Neilah, 5 pm

Break the Fast, 6:30 pm (place TBA)

SUKKOT: Our Celebration of Nature and Abundance

Sukkot, a Hebrew word meaning “booths” or “huts” is celebrated five days after Yom Kippur on the 15th of Tishrei and is marked by several distinct traditions as we give thanks for both the fall harvest and commemorates the forth years if Israelite wandering in the desert after Sinai.

Sukkot Friday, September 24, 8 pm—also Sisterhood Shabbat

SIMCHAT TORAH: Sing, Dance and Celebrate the Gift of Torah

Simchat Torah (literally “rejoicing in the Law”) is a joyous festival. Celebrate the completion of our annual Torah reading cycle and reaffirm our belief that Torah is a tree of life. Torah scrolls are removed and carried through the sanctuary in celebration.

The concluding portion of Deuteronomy is read immediately followed by the opening portion of Genesis. Simchat Torah is a wonderful celebration for the entire family.

Simchat Torah Friday, October 1, 8 pm

ATTENTION: NOTE CHANGES

The Rosh Hashanah Family Service will be held on Friday, September 19 at 7 pm (normal Early Service time and week). There will be NO Rosh Hashanah Family Service on Rosh Hashanah afternoon. There WILL be a Family Yom Kippur Service at 12 noon on September 18.

Babysitting will be available for Rosh Hashanah morning (9:30 am - 12:30 pm) and Yom Kippur morning (9:30 am - 12:30 pm).

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*

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Temple 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 or Ivy Hecker, ivyhecker@earthlink.net, Delores Pack, pack@cdsystems.com.

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Sunshine—Linda Manion—manionoc@aol.com. Sends out “get well” cards.

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Use Temple Website Calendar for Latest Events

Temple 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

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.