

## **TEMPLE BAT YAM WELCOMES NEW RABBI**

### **Rabbi Estelle Gottman Mills will become the Rabbi of Temple Bat Yam beginning July 1, 2018**

The Temple's Board of Directors is both "pleased and honored" to make this announcement, which followed a national search conducted by a twelve-member Search Committee, Board approval of the Committee's recommendation, and a unanimous ratification of Rabbi Mills' selection at a Special Congregational Meeting on April 26. "We are delighted that Rabbi Mills will be joining us and are very excited," said TBY President Paul Schwab.

Rabbi Mills received her honorary doctorate for twenty-five years of service as a rabbi in 2017. Most of those years were spent serving as the rabbi of Congregation Kol Chadash in the Cleveland suburb of Solon, and as the rabbi of Congregation Kol Am in the St. Louis suburb of Ballwin. She has most recently served as the interim rabbi of Temple Beth Am in Parsippany, New Jersey.

TBY's new rabbi has been recognized for her innovative and cutting edge programming. She was the recipient of the prestigious Legacy Heritage Innovator Grant and the Union for Reform Judaism has recognized her creative and innovative programming by awarding her an Incubator Grant for her Family Education Program: "Exciting Destinations, Jewish Explorations" and a Belin Award for her Membership Program: "No Regrets Membership."

Rabbi Mills will be relocating to Delmarva from New Jersey. "I am thrilled to be Temple Bat Yam's incoming Rabbi and am very much looking forward to the exciting possibilities the future holds," she said learning of the congregation's final ratification of her selection. As part of the search process, Rabbi Mills visited TBY February 23-25 and had an opportunity to meet in person with TBY's search committee members, its clergy, and a number of its congregants.

Our current Rabbi Susan Warshaw will be retiring at the end of this June. As Schwab said, "Rabbi Warshaw has been an outstanding leader for TBY these past 10 years. She is well loved and we wish her and her husband Richard all the best in their upcoming retirement."

Temple Bat Yam is an inclusive Reform Jewish Congregation that serves Delmarva and is an affiliate member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ). Founded in 1989, the Temple moved into its current building in 1997 and is located minutes away from Ocean City beaches. Information about the many services and programs of TBY can be found on its web site at [templebatyam-oc.org](http://templebatyam-oc.org) or by contacting TBY at 410-641-4311.