

# BAT YAM

News and Views

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**Commentary:** by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

## Questions About Prayer and Services

Recently I had a congregant in my office who said he comes to services, but doesn't always know what he should be doing; he also asked me about the purpose of Jewish prayer. And then I happened to read an article by my teacher and colleague Rabbi Paul Kipnes who answered these very questions! So I include his wonderful answers here.

### Ten Things To Do During Services

1. Say or chant the prayers.
2. Let the music carry you away.
3. Read through the English translations of the prayers.
4. Close your eyes and just listen.
5. Flip through the siddur (prayer book) and soak up the wisdom.
6. Meditate upon a single word or two.
7. Sing loudly or sing softly.
8. Give thanks to God for all the good things in your life or in the world.
9. Take a break from the busy-ness of life to recognize the greater power within.
10. Make up and say a personal prayer in your own words.



### Ten Purposes of Jewish Prayer

1. To put you in conversation with God using age-old, time tested language and sentiment to connect.
2. To reinforce important Jewish values like Shalom/peace, Shema/Oneness and unity, L'dor v'dor/connections between generations, Hoda'ah/thankfulness.
3. To build community (the Twentieth century German Jewish philosopher Martin Buber said that God can be found in the experience of individuals giving themselves over to each other).
4. To build community (the Twentieth century philosopher Mordechai Kaplan said that reciting communally defined words of prayer reinforce the sacred community).
5. To open us up to the vessels of God's will (the medieval teacher Sefas Emet, Rabbi Yehuda Aryeh of Ger, taught

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### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, February 6, 12 noon. Mitzvah Day planning meeting. (See Page 3)
- Wednesday, February 9, 8:30 am. General Board meeting.
- Thursday, February 10, 12 noon. Lunch & Lecture. (See Page 4)
- Sunday, February 27, 10 am. Bagels & Books (See Page 9)

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## President's rePort

**Re**cently while attending services I was struck by how our congregation has begun to embrace the spirit of Dvar Torah. Under the guidance of Rabbi Warshaw our B'nai Mitzvah students, (both young and not so young), have not only accomplished proficiency in reading Torah but also in conveying how the passage resonates with them on a spiritual level. The next time you attend a service, whether it's a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or a service being led by our growing lay leadership, listen to your fellow congregant's commentary on this week's parashah. I think you'll be impressed.

In *Where Good Ideas Come From*, Author Stephen Johnson, talks about great conceptual advances and how to foster creativity. The book draws relationships between the technology of the times, (Johnson calls this adjacent technology), and how that technology influences innovation. How ironic that as these members of our congregation compose their Dvar Torah they do so by examining thousands of years of Jewish history. So on one hand we have creativity based on adjacent technology and on the other we have creativity inspired by a five thousand-plus year history.

Examining the week's Torah passage is not the only place that TBY members are applying creativity. Many thanks to our membership marketing sub-committee. This group, which really just formed ad-hoc to examine our marketing initiatives, has recently been reexamining how TBY reaches out to potential members after an initial contact. Work continues on scheduling more inter-congregational events like Joe Glazier's *the Beate's Minyan* that drew over 110 participants from as far away as Chestertown, MD and our efforts to make attending Shabbat services a little easier and more social continue to gain momentum. Our Pizza Shabbat Family Service recently drew about 45 congregants. By the time you read this we will have held our January Early Shabbat service and congregational Shabbat dinner to which, at the time of this writing, over 55 members have already RSVP'd.

In *Where Good Ideas Come From*, Johnson goes on to say that occasionally someone comes along with a concept that leaps ahead of the surrounding technology. Witness Charles Babbage's analytical reasoning machine built in 1837; essentially a modern day computer built with Industrial Revolution technology. His concepts were so solid that many of them were *rediscovered* almost 100 years later when vacuum tube technology was invented.

Is there a Charles Babbage among our congregation? I wouldn't be surprised. But regardless, our membership continues to innovate and by doing so enhances our entire congregation's experience.

—Stu Eisenman

## Board Briefs

The ritual Committee recommended that no one can go on the Bema if they are not properly attired. This means no jeans, low-cut tops and dresses or short hemlines. They also ask anyone making a Torah blessing to wear a tallit.

### Officers

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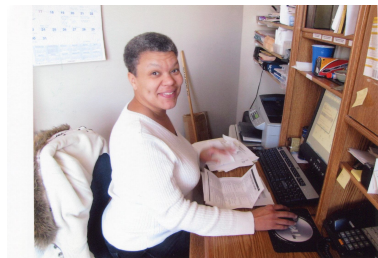
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### Shabbat Worship Services

**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.**

## She Keeps Our TBY Office Running

We are fortunate to have Jamie Lynn Linebaugh as our TBY administrative assistant. She helps keep the wheels turning with a smile and efficiency.



Jamie was born in York, PA and brought up in Pennsylvania Dutch country where she participated in the Brethren Church. After high school, Jamie cleaned houses with a

friend. Then, she worked in the Hanover Shoe Factory for 15 years doing customer service.

Wanting to move on, she enrolled in Delaware Tech and moved to Selbyville. She responded to a TBY ad on Craig's list and joined our family.

What in her background prepared Jamie to juggle the needs and personalities of some 120 members? Well, she has 10 brothers and sisters, all with families of their own. She is close to all 40 people in her immediate family. She says she really likes "spending time with as many people as possible."

She has traveled from Manhattan to Hollywood and hopes to visit lands beyond the USA borders.

Jamie's primary responsibility at TBY is bookkeeping. However, we all know she wears many hats in the office, from getting the data to Jeannette for our Newsletter, to

answering angry/ confused phone callers, to mailing Yahrzeit letters and to clearing varmints from our building. The list goes on and on.

Jamie has learned much here, and has come to the conclusion that, except for observing certain rituals, Judaism is not so different from the religion of her grandparents.

Jamie says she has found consideration and kindness among our members and is happy to be a part of our caring community.

—Sandie Wodlinger

## Mitzvah Day Planning Committee

Lee Klepper, chair of our annual Mitzvah Day committee, has selected Sunday, February 6 at 12 noon for their first planning committee meeting. He is asking anyone who wants to work with him on this important panel to come share their ideas. He is also inviting those who don't want to work on the committee, but who have good ideas to attend the meeting as well.

"We have about three months to plan, and they go by pretty quickly, so it's time to get rolling," Lee noted. In past years, the Mitzvah Committee has helped clean up the Salisbury Zoo, baked dog biscuits for the Humane Society's animal and wrote cheering letters to our troops overseas, to name a few.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

For those of you who don't know me, I am Dana Rosenfeld. I am a current member of Temple Bat Yam.

I am interested in writing a book based on personal stories of Jewish people who have had an experience where they felt a divine force guiding them or intervening on their behalf or if they actually felt God guiding them or God at work in their life. If you have had such an experience, I would love to hear your story that it may be included in my book. If you are interested in sharing with me, please contact me at [lsrosenfeld@aol.com](mailto:lsrosenfeld@aol.com).

## Ushers Needed For Friday Services

One of the wonderful new trends at Temple Bat Yam is the number of visitors attending Friday night services for the first time. To make sure they feel comfortable and welcome, we want to have two ushers each week to greet our guests. All it takes is a smile and a warm "hello." Show them where to hang coats, where the restrooms are and offer to introduce them to someone in the sanctuary. Those 20 minutes or so before services can make a big difference in someone's first impression and whether or not they return to our congregation.

Please contact Ivy Hecker at 302-436-7287 and volunteer.

# Sisterhood Happenings

**Sh**alom Sisters,

It is time to think about putting together a nominating committee for officers of the Sisterhood Board of Directors. According to the Sisterhood By-Laws, "The Committee on Nominations shall be constituted four months in advance of the election. (That would put us in February.) At that monthly Board meeting the President shall appoint a Chairwoman and the Board members shall elect one member from the Board and two members from the general membership." If any Sisterhood member in good standing (has paid her dues) would like to serve on the Nominating Committee please call me. It is a good way to serve Sisterhood on a short-term committee. In addition, if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please, contact me. We need a few good women.

There are a few things I'd like to remind you about:

- On to the next reminder: Mark your calendar for our Passover dinner on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Embers. Keep looking for more information as it becomes available.
- This year the Judaica shop will again have Passover candies. Last year the Chocolate Raspberry candies and Almond Bark were amazingly good. We are looking into carrying another two offerings. Information on cost will be coming shortly and orders will need to be placed through the Judaica shop by stopping in or contacting Bette Bohlmann.

Lastly, the Sisterhood and Men's Club are looking into bringing a CPR class into TBY. More often than not we help a family member or friend. If you were certified in the past you probably need to re-certify because the skills needed have changed recently.

That's all for now.

Be well, Candy

## 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 Longberg 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.

## Lunch & Lecture

**D**o you ever wonder what it would be like to be in the Worcester County jail? Now you can find out, without actually being booked.

The Sisterhood invites all Temple Bat Yam members to hear Rita Lawson, Assistant Warden at the Worcester County Jail, speak at our "Lunch and Lecture" program on Thursday, February 10. Lunch will be from noon until 12:45 pm, followed by our speaker at 1:00 pm.

**Whats for lunch?** Meatball subs, salad, soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. A vegetarian meal will be available upon request.

**Cost: \$5 per person**

**How do I make a reservation?** Your check is your reservation. Please mail your check in the amount of \$5 per person, payable to Sisterhood of TBY, to Ellen Krawczak, 4 Clipper Court, Ocean Pines, MD, 21811. Please indicate if you require a vegetarian meal. Your reservation must be received by February 5th.

**Questions:** Please e-mail Ellen Krawczak at [ekrawczak@mchsi.com](mailto:ekrawczak@mchsi.com) or call Bette Bohlmann at 410-251-6366.

We hope you join us for an interesting

## Judaica Shop

**W**e are now carrying a variety of new items. I will also be filling any special orders. Please stop in and browse and look through our many catalogues. The shop is open on Friday nights one-half hour before services. Jamie will open the shop and make sales during regular office hours if you need to purchase anything. For special orders, contact proprietor Bette Bohlmann at 410-251-6366, [gabywj@verizon.net](mailto:gabywj@verizon.net).

## So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

**NEW GRANDSON**—Congratulations to Helen & Howard Hammerman on the birth of their new grandson, Zachary Elijah Feffer. He was the firstborn to Helen's son Joe and his wife Sarah in California. May you all enjoy mazel from this beautiful little baby.

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAY—

Happy birthday wishes go to Aaron Cohen, who celebrated his 90th last month. Here, Aaron is caught at his party surrounded by his children grandchildren and wife Grayce, as well as loving friends. Mazel Tov. May you have a healthy and happy year, Aaron.



**DOING A MITZVAH**—Florence Kasden and Doris Mitnick recently took a carload of warm clothing to Pocomoke for charity. Each year, Florence collects gently used coats, sweaters, hats and gloves to keep the homeless and less fortunate warm in winter. Many Temple members contributed to their warm clothing to the drive.

**DIAPERS IN DECEMBER DRIVE**—Temple Bat Yam participated in the Judy Center's drive to collect diapers for the needy. Some 7,000 diapers were distributed to teen moms, single moms, families in need at the Diakonia Homeless Shelter in West Ocean City, the Samaritan Homeless Shelter in Pocomoke City, the Shirley Grace Center in Berlin, the Charles & Martha Fulton Senior Center in Snow Hill and the Gull Creek Senior Center in Berlin. Becky Brunet spearheaded the drive for our Temple. According to the Center's director Mary Jo Price, they will "continue to collect diapers and distribute them throughout the county." She added, "Thank you so much for you generous donations."

**PENGUIN OR POLAR BEAR?**—No matter what you call it, swimming in the ocean in January is a brave but whacky thing to do. However, Jake Eisenman took the plunge for charity. I'm sure Atlantic General Hospital was glad to receive the funds raised by you and of hundreds of others participating in the frigid annual fund raising event. By the way, Jake has been serving as "Computer Maven" for many Temple Bat Yam members. Thanks Jake for being out "go to" guy.

## Men's Club Report

The January meeting of the TBY Men's club was a speaker-less planning session. As a result, TBY will see much additional activity this spring. Highlights are listed below. Please note that ALL Temple and Sisterhood members are welcome to attend and participate in any of the activities. Watch the Temple newsletter and email messages for dates.

The member meeting on Sunday, March 27 (date to be determined) will feature the topic of administering CPR and First Aid. The Men's Club member meeting that follows will have a presentation by an Economics professor who will discuss China's new economy and its impact on us.

FOOD LION Cards are the major ongoing Fund Raiser of the Men's Club. The first \$500 raised as a result of this effort was donated to the Temple this past December. With only a handful of TBY members participating, we need to share the benefits of the Card among non-participants who already shop at the store. Please send your ideas with ways to expand this vital program to [maplarry@yahoo.com](mailto:maplarry@yahoo.com) Thanks.

Painting maintenance and outdoor fix ups are once again on the Men's Club agenda. Please volunteer to help out.

The Men's Club renewed its commitment to the TBY Youth by offering to fund a portion of the Youth group's activities in 2011 and to help fund the scholarship program to send TBY youth to summer camp. The level of participation will depend on the results of our fund-raising efforts.

Coming events:

- 1 Bus trip to the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia is planned for the spring.
- 2 Jewish Historical Site Tour of Philadelphia is being considered as a follow up.
- 3 Men's Club Shabbat will be held at a Friday night service.
- 4 Brunch in Ocean City, jointly with the Sisterhood, may be held.
- 5 plus more...

**Come join us.** Send an email: [maplarry@yahoo.com](mailto:maplarry@yahoo.com) for a registration form.

—Larry Hecker, President

## february 2011 yaHrZeITS

- 01 **Charles M. Glazer**  
son of JoAnne Glazer
- 03 **Mishu Venit**  
godson of Mark Venit
- 04 **Kurt Klein**  
former father-in-law of Marion Klein Longberg
- Benjamin Rosen**  
father of Leah Pack
- 05 **Morris Apple**  
father-in-law of Gerty Apple
- 06 **Samuel Pelmont**  
father of Hilda Plisko
- Ruth Steinberg**  
mother of Ivy Hecker
- 07 **Jake Shmukler**  
father of Rebecca Zweigbaum
- 08 **Toby Seigel**  
mother of Allen (Buddy) Seigel
- 09 **Ray Beiser**  
mother of Lorraine Brown
- Hans Rosenfeld**  
father of Warren Rosenfeld
- Flora Sandler**  
mother of Arthur Sandler
- 10 **David Forman**  
uncle of Jack Kaufman
- Elizabeth Hershman**  
mother of Barbara Southwell
- Rhea Rosen**  
mother of Steven Rosen
- 11 **Julian Loewenstern**  
husband of Jeri Loewenstern
- 12 **Bessie Grodnitzky**  
mother of Sylvia Schiff
- David Hammerman**  
son of Howard Hammerman
- Howard M. Harris**  
father of Fredrick Harris
- William Kleiman**  
father of Doris Mitnick
- Sara Wodlinger**  
mother-in-law of Sandie Wodlinger
- 13 **Nathan Chazan**  
father of Rebecca Brunet
- Arthur Greenfield**

- father of Jeannette Abrams
- 15 **Arnold Green**  
father of Ellen Krawczak
- Walter Levy**  
father of Ronald Levy
- Goldye Sandy**  
mother of Jerome Sandy
- 16 **Melvin J. Abrams**  
father of Sanford Abrams
- David Ribler**  
father of Pamela Marcus
- Eva Rosenberg**  
aunt of Elaine Kaufman
- 18 **Henry Silver**  
brother of Dot Kaufman
- Benjamin Westervelt**  
father of Bette Bohlman
- 19 **Jonathan Klein**  
son of Marion Klein Longberg  
brother of Ellen Meyers
- Harry Taustin**  
father of Jay Taustin
- Kathy Willmuth**  
daughter of Nanette & John Willmuth
- 20 **Gabriel Bush**  
father of Lewis Bush
- 21 **Benjamin Cohen**  
brother of Aaron Cohen
- 22 **Arthur Liebman**  
father of Amy Liebman
- 23 **Edwin Crosten**  
father of Elaine Freedman
- Esther Kater**  
aunt of Pamela Marcus
- 24 **Tillie Edelstein**  
former mother-in-law of Gloria Stein Furman
- Sophie Spieler Feldman**  
mother-in-law of Janice Spieler
- 25 **Pearl Brill**  
mother of Hilda Plisko
- Bessie Smolins**  
mother of Stuart Smolins
- 28 **Ella Warshaw**  
mother of Richard Warshaw
- Irving Warshaw**

# January 2010 COntRIBuTIOnS

## ARTS & FURNISHINGS FUND

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~to Florence Kasden, thank you for helping me during my illness. Also, your goodies are so delicious and I appreciate your feeding them to me so often. You're a good friend.
- ~to Barbara Southwell, thanks for being a good friend and for all the shopping you did for me when I couldn't do it myself.
- ~to Doris Mitnick, thanks for keeping in touch and for your friendship. It means so much to me.
- ~to Victor Cohen, happy birthday.
- ~to Stu Smolins, happy birthday—Emes.
- ~to Gloria Nestler, happy birthday.
- ~to Paul Kahn, happy birthday.

## GENERAL FUND

From Bette Bohlmann:

- ~to Cheryl Taustin Thank you for your gift of song.
- From Gloria Furman:
- ~to Cyndi Leiner with deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother
- From Jim, Becky and Nathan Brunet toward religious school:
- ~to Jerry Selig in memory of your father, Russell Selig
  - ~to Bette Bohlmann in honor of your Bat Mitzvah
- From Lynn Golden and Robert Blase:
- ~to Carol Selig and family in memory of Russell Selig
- From Andrew and Nancy Benjamin:
- ~to Carol Selig and family in loving memory of Russell Selig
  - ~to Cyndi Leiner and family in loving memory of Shirley Hankin
- From Marcia Hirsch towards ritual committee:
- ~to Sy and Marion Longberg Mazel Tov on your recent marriage
  - ~to Samantha Schachter and family, Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah
  - ~to Bette Bohlmann, Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah
- From James and Betsy Bergey:
- ~to Carol Selig in memory of Russell Selig
- From Arthur and Karen Hitch
- ~to Carol Selig in memory of Russell Selig
- From Edward and Joane Wolpin:
- ~to Bette Bohlmann, congratulations on your Bat Mitzvah it was fabulous.
- From Stu and Susanna Eisenman:
- ~to Carol Selig, so sorry to learn of Russell's passing. You, Jerry and Patti are in our thoughts.
  - ~to Mr. and Mrs. Longberg, Well hey there - best wishes.
  - ~to Jeannette Abrams, so nice to see you up and around again. you are a TBY treasure.
  - ~to Gloria Furman, many thanks for your help and support in the TBY office.
  - ~to Jamie Linebaugh, welcome back!
- From Jerry and Patti Selig:
- ~toward music in honor of Cheryl Taustin
  - ~to Cyndi Leiner in memory of Shirley Hankin
  - ~in memory of Sharon Caden
- From Joseph and Florence Cinderella:
- ~to Carol Selig in memory of Russell Selig
- From Dr. and Mrs. Richard Peoples:
- ~in memory of Russell Selig
- From Barbara Miller and Family:
- ~to Carol Selig in memory of our beloved friend, Russ Selig
- From Stu and Pam Smolins:

~to Cynthia Leiner and Family our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother

- ~to Jerry Selig and Family our deepest sympathy on the loss of your father
  - ~to Bette Bohlmann, congratulations on your wonderful Bat Mitzvah, Mazel Tov.
- From Jean Garber:
- ~to Carol Selig in memory of Russell Selig
- From Jeannette Abrams:
- ~to Jake Eisenman, thank you so much for installing my new scanner and being my computer maven. Also, my sincerest gratitude to you for shoveling me out during the recent blizzard. You and your dad make a great team.
  - ~to Stu Eisenman, thank you for shoveling me out during the recent snow storm. You and Jake make a great team.
  - ~to Susanna Eisenman, thank you for driving Jake to his "appointed rounds" and for being so supportive.
  - ~to Joyce Klein, thanks for doing such a good job proofreading the newsletter each month. You have an eagle eye and a keen wit.
- From Steve and Carol Rosen:
- ~to Buddy and Donna Seigel with sincere sympathy on your loss
- From Bud and Doris Mitnick:
- ~to Buddy and Donna Seigel, our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your son.
  - From Leslie Segall and Ed Wirkman, our deepest sympathies on the tragic loss of your son, Michael, our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
- From Marvin and Myra Novick;
- ~to Grayce Cohen in honor of the library
- From Hilda Weinstock and family:
- ~to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Seigel and family in memory of Michael Seigel
- From Howard and Helen Hammerman:
- ~to Cyndi Leiner and family in memory of Cyndi's mother
  - ~to Jerry Selig and family in memory of Murray Weiss
  - ~to Jerry Selig and family in memory of Russ Selig
- From Bruce and Cyndi Leiner:
- ~to Jerry Selig in memory of Russell Selig
  - ~to Carolyn Friedner in memory of Lou Friedner
  - ~to TBY Sisterhood in appreciation for your help in the luncheon following my mother's memorial service
  - ~to Cheryl Taustin for your love and support and beautiful music during my mom's memorial service
- From Dorothy Eisenman:
- ~to Stu Eisenman in honor of your 50th birthday with love and best wishes for good health and happiness
- From Rabbi Susan Warshaw
- ~to Aaron Cohen in honor of your 90th birthday
  - ~to Jeannette Abrams thank you for the beautiful monthly TBY newsletter
- From Jeannette Abrams:
- ~to Jerry Selig, my sincere condolences on the loss of your step-father, Murray Weiss
- From Don and Joyce Klein:
- ~to Buddy and Donna Seigel with sympathy on the loss of your son, Michael
- From The Yarchin family:
- ~to Sy and Marion Longberg, Mazel Tov

2011 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS: 9.45 am - 12 noon

February 6,13  
March 6, 13, 20, 27  
April 10, 17  
May 1

MID-WEEK-HEBREW: 5.15 pm - 6 pm

February 10, 17, 24  
March-May dates TBD

EARLY SHABBAT SERVICE: 7 pm

February 11, 2011  
March 11, 2011  
April 8, 2011 — This service starts at 6:15 pm  
May 13, 2011

Youth Group Report

The TBY and Beth Israel Youth Groups joined forces on January 9th when they bowled together at Cherokee Lanes in Salisbury, Maryland. Attending from Bat Yam was Emily Schreiber, Sammi Schachter, Zackary Eskridge, and Olivia Eagle. The two groups intend to get together



more frequently so we can build a spirit amongst Jewish Youth in the Delmarva Area. Also, the Bat Yam Youth Group will be running services on February 11th. Rabbi Susan Warshaw, has asked that each member do one line of the Torah portion for the evening. Please come out and join the group as they look to stay involved at Bat Yam.

—Amy Eskridge & Harlan Eagle, coordinators

Attention Committee Chairs

Please let Publicity Chair Dolores Pack know what events you have planned so she can place a notice in the local newspapers. Email her at [dolores@dolorespack.com](mailto:dolores@dolorespack.com) or call her at 302-537-6969.

Religious School Report

What a great turnout of students to begin the 2011 Religious School year as we returned from the long winter break! Teachers began discussions and activities to prepare the students for our Tu B'Shvat celebration on January 23. We are also beginning to plan our Purim Party with the Youth Group which will be held March 13. Any Religious School parents and other congregants who are interested in helping out with our Purim celebration should call me at 410-208-9296.

Our three current Bar and Bat Mitzvah students will complete their studies this spring and after that, the next Religious School B'nai Mitzvah will not be celebrated until 2013! The rabbi and I met with the students and parents in the Bet class (grades 3-5) to discuss B'nai Mitzvah requirements and help to prepare them for their upcoming years of study.

We would like to invite the entire congregation to attend the Early Shabbat Service on February 11 at 7 p.m. The Youth Group will be conducting the service under the guidance of Rabbi Warshaw and we invite the congregants of TBY to share this spiritual experience with the children.

Parents, please note: The schedule for upcoming dates of Religious School, mid-week Hebrew, and Early Shabbat services are included in this newsletter.

—Becky Brunet, Religious School Chair

Religious School Plans  
Bus Trip to New York City

Attention all TBY members! The Religious School is planning a trip to New York City on Sunday, March 20! The charter bus seats 55 people. In addition to Religious School families, we would like to invite Temple members to join us. The cost per person will be approximately \$32 (including children) which will cover the cost of the charter bus. Bagels will be provided on the bus. We will leave Temple at 6:45 am and ride directly into Manhattan. We have reservations at the Jewish Museum to see a show about Houdini from 11:30 am to 1 pm, which is included in the bus fare. The Central Park Zoo is another option. The cost there is \$12.80 for adults and \$9.60 for children. The cost of lunch and dinner are not included. We will be stopping at Harold's Jewish Deli for dinner. Please contact Jamie NO LATER than Feb. 7 to reserve your place on the bus. For further information, contact Laurie Heller at [queensgirl01@comcast.net](mailto:queensgirl01@comcast.net) or Gail Scheiber at [gail117@comcast.com](mailto:gail117@comcast.com)

## Commentary: by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

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that prayer can teach us to let go of our own ego needs and thereby allow us to be filled with God's divine purpose).

6. To help us slow down and turn inward, thereby focusing on that which is truly important.

7. To address the national and communal needs of the Jewish people by reciting bakashot, prayers requesting special needs.

8. To recognize how thankful you are for the blessings in your life.

9. To practice the rituals that connect us to our past and to the present.

10. To address the personal needs of the individual Jew by means of the silent prayer.

I found these to be insightful answers, and I hope you do too. Please know that my door is always open to talk and to help you as we all struggle to find answers about prayer and services.

## Mixing Meat & Dairy: A No No

Every so often questions come up about Temple Bat Yam's policy related to food and we wanted to print it in the newsletter as a reminder. This policy was instituted by the Temple Bat Yam Board in the spring of 2010. Bat Yam events at which food is served should be designated as either a dairy or meat event—milk products and meat products should not be mixed at the same event. Meat does not have to be "kosher." In addition, foods served should not include non-kosher products such as shellfish or pork, and meat products should not contain any cheese or other dairy items. Food served during Passover should not contain any chametz. These guidelines apply to events held within the TBY building.

**Novicks Win Prestigious Delmvara Jefferson Award; Appear on Televi-**

We know Marv and Myra Novick are outstanding people, who give generously of their time and energy to Temple Bat Yam and the community. Their efforts were recently recognized by the Delmarva Community, which granted them the prestigious Jefferson Award. They were surprised at a meeting of the Deer's Head Board on which they serve. The presentation appeared on television throughout the week of January 24. Congratulations Marv and Myra. You deserve it.



## Levy Library Report

With so many new and interesting books available, it is time for the library committee to update our collection in both the children's selections and the adult fiction books.

Why not honor your child or grandchild for a birthday, graduation, or bar/bat mitzvah by making a donation to the Library Fund. The library committee will then purchase an appropriate book to add to our collection. We will inscribe the new book with the name of the child, your name and the occasion being celebrated. This is a wonderful way to give recognition to the child, encourage use of the library, and add to our collection without duplicating what we already own. Of course we will let you know what book was purchased as soon as it is processed and placed on the shelf.

This does not have to be limited to children. If you prefer to honor or memorialize an adult's birthday, anniversary, or any event in their lives, we will follow the same procedure as described above. Just send the information you'd like inscribed on the book plate along with your check. When you participate in this effort please make your donations payable to TBY Library Fund. The committee will do the rest and then notify you and the honoree.

Please come visit our library and find the book you donated as well as others you will want to read.

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Don't forget our Bagels & Books event on Sunday, February 27 at 10 am. Rabbi Susan Warshaw will be the facilitator for our discussion of *Rashi's Daughter*. Copies are available in the TBY library as well as the public library. Come share your thoughts or just eat a bagel and listen.

—Janice Speiler for the Library Crew

### 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.

#### Diamond Benefactors

Jonathan & Terry Bell  
Lee & Jennifer Klepper  
Bert & Gloria Nestler  
Harold & Elaine Rabinowitz  
Warren & Dana Rosenfeld  
Susan Sitkoff  
Jo Anne Glazer

#### Platinum Benefactors

Christopher & Judith Galuardi  
Bruce & Cynthia Leiner  
Jeff & Rina Thaler  
Peter & Rebecca Zweigbaum

#### Gold Patrons

Aaron & Grayce Cohen  
Stu & Susanna Eisenman  
Howard & Helen Hammerman

### 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

### Change of Addresses

Please add the following to your Membership Directory.

#### NEW ADDRESS

Belle Klepper  
1135 Ocean Parkway #212  
Ocean Pines, MD 21811  
410-208-3438

#### NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Phyllis Wann  
[memawann.phyllis@gmail.com](mailto:memawann.phyllis@gmail.com)



### 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

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## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

From Aaron and Grayce Cohen:

- ~to Joyce Klein, come back little Sheba
- ~to Jeannette Abrams, here's to no more back pain
- ~to Rabbi Warshaw, a place in our hearts
- ~to Stan and Veronica Kahn, just because
- ~to Carol Selig in memory of Russell Selig
- ~to Janice Spieler in memory of Al Spieler

From Marcia Hirsch:

- ~to Jerry Selig and family, deepest sympathies on the loss of your father, Russell Selig
- ~to Cyndi Leiner and family, deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother, Shirley Ann Hankin

From Ray and Debbie Resnick:

- ~to Bette Bohlmann, congratulations on your Bat Mitzvah

From Jerry and Patti Selig

- ~in honor of Rabbi Susan Warshaw

From Susan Sedgewick:

- ~in honor of Richard and Rabbi Susan Warshaw

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~to Jerry Selig, my deepest condolences on the loss of your dear father, Russell.
- ~to Carol Selig, my sincerest condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, Russell.

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~to Rabbi Susan Warshaw in honor of all that you and Cheryl have done for my family

From Allen and Phyllis Brodsky:

- ~to Marv Novick and Victor Cohen, belated kudos for your fantastic performances of Netanyahu and Larry King, respectively, at the Brodsky Havdalah

From Stan, Veronica and Paul Kahn:

- ~to the Leiner family in memory of Cyndi's mother, Shirley Ann Hankin
- ~to Carol Selig in memory of your husband, Russell Selig
- ~to the Selig family in memory of Jerry's father, Russell Selig and step-father, Murray Weiss
- ~to Mimi Weiss in memory of your husband, Murray Weiss
- ~to Aaron Cohen in honor of your 90th birthday

## YAHARZEITS

From Aaron and Grayce Cohen:

- ~in memory of our loved ones, Selig and Calia Cohen, Morris M. and Rose Cohn and Dr. Benjamin Cohen

From Jim, Becky and Nathan Brunet:

- ~in loving memory of Becky's grandmother, Ida Heit

From Bud and Doris Mitnick:

- ~in loving memory of Jacob Mitnick

From Joyce Bowers:

- ~in loving memory of my mother, Ida Poland

From Marvin and Marilyn Levinson:

- ~in loving memory of Marilyn's father, Michael Gueirrerri

From Stuart and Pamela Smolins:

- ~in memory of Pam's beloved father, Augie Fiore
- ~in memory of Stu's beloved brother, Donald Smolins
- ~in memory of Stu's beloved mother, Bessie Smolins
- ~in memory of Stu's beloved father, Larry Smolins

From Bert and Gloria Nestler:

- ~in loving memory of Bert's sister, Faye Nestler Rubin
- ~in memory of our beloved son, Bruce

From Janice Spieler:

- ~in memory of my beloved "nanny" Anna Tannenbaum, my grandmother

From Bette Bohlmann:

- ~in loving memory of my mother, Dorothy C. Westervelt
  - ~in loving memory of my father, Benjamin F. Westervelt
- From Jeff and Rina Thaler:

Temple Bat Yam of Ocean City, MD presents  
a cash prize & your chance to win \$50,000

## 50/50 Cash Raffle\*

\*Cash Prize Capped at \$50,000  
based on ticket sales, less expenses

**1 Chance for \$25**

**10 Chances for \$200**

**Drawing, March 20, 2011**

*at the Home & Garden Show,  
Ocean City Convention Center*

**Buy early and you may  
win two free tickets!**

You increase your chances of winning by buying your tickets before January. In January and February a lucky winner will be drawn from the sold ticket stubs.

Contact the Temple office, 410-641-4311 for tickets and more information.

## ADULT EDUCATION

**Hebrew 1**

**Wednesday at noon-1:30 pm. (bring a bag lunch)**

**Dates: February 9, 26, 23, March 2, 9**

**Contact Rabbi Susan Warshaw for details.**

## Contribution Form

Please designate one: **Arts & Furnishings Fund, Yahrzeit, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Religious School Fund, Prayer Book Fund, Library 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, **Stu Eisenman**, you can call him at 410-208-0946 or email at [sre8212@gmail.com](mailto:sre8212@gmail.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, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Wednesday hours are from 9 am-5 pm.** 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, [graycearoon@msn.com](mailto:graycearoon@msn.com).

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

**Adult Jewish Growth** — Rina Thaler, [rfox386@aol.com](mailto:rfox386@aol.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**— Warren Rosenfeld— [wrosenfeld@kmtlaw.com](mailto:wrosenfeld@kmtlaw.com). Oversees, coordinates fundraising events.

**Sunshine**—Linda Manion, [manionoc@aol.com](mailto:manionoc@aol.com). Sends out "get well" cards. Contact her with names, if you have them.

**Historian/Archivist**—Veronica Kahn, 443-664-2129, [veronica.kahn@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.kahn@gmail.com)

### Temple Bat Yam

P.O. Box 3238  
 Ocean City, MD 21843-3238  
 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.