

BAT YAM

News and Views

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Commentary: by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

REFORM AND CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Several congregants have recently asked me about Reform and Conservative Judaism. They have wanted to know about the difference between these two movements, and to learn if there is still a social and ideological gap between them. In recent years it has seemed that the differences between Reform and Conservative Judaism may be shrinking, and so my congregants' curiosity encouraged me to further explore this question.

Rabbi Micah Streiffer writes that historically there have been at least three (and probably more) distinctions:



- **The ethnic:** Reform Judaism was founded by German Jews, who were largely assimilated and were looking for a more assimilated Judaism. The earliest Conservative Jews were immigrants from Eastern Europe who were interested in more traditional Judaism in an American context.
- **The ritual:** Reform Jews rejected traditional practices—such as keeping

kosher and wearing *kippot* (yarmulkes)—that were aesthetically or ideologically out of sync with modernity, while Conservative Jews maintained them (possibly because it gave them a sense of Jewish authenticity or a connection to the Orthodox Judaism they had known in Eastern Europe)

- **The ideological:** Conservative Judaism remains *halachic*. In other words it continues to embrace the binding nature of Jewish law (within the scope of modernity) while Reform Judaism affirms that *halacha* is non-binding or optional.

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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, June 13, 9:30 am—TBY's Annual Meeting. (See Page 2)
- Thursday, June 24—Lavender Fields Trip (See Page 4)
- Saturday, June 26, 5 pm—Havdalah. (See Page 11)
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President's rePort

Two years have gone by very quickly. As I reflect on the past two years, I see that progress has been made. Are we there? Are we done? No...but we, as a Jewish Community, are moving in the correct direction.

Following the last general meeting, a board member sent an email stating, "a job well done". The truth is ... she was wrong. I did not do a good job over the past two years... *we* did a good job.

Two years ago I spoke to the congregation and said we are going to fail... unless I have your help and support. The congregation responded, and we have had success. Our mortgage has been significantly reduced, we have made our bills, and we have a brilliant, dedicated, talented Rabbi for the next three years. Our religious school program has seen new heights. Sisterhood has put together many exciting programs, as well as putting together, many outstanding fundraisers that directly helped the Temple's bottom line. We have seen the birth of the Men's Club, Mitzvah Day success, outstanding Jewish holiday functions and services. I need to stop here, for if I continue the newsletter will go on for too many pages. But all know how much has been accomplished, by you.... the members of Temple Bat Yam. Temple Bat Yam will fail in the years ahead, unless the members once again support the new Presidents.

Thank you for your help.

—Lawrence Michnick

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, 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

Annual Meeting Notice

The board approved the budget for 2011. Please attend the Annual Meeting on June 13 to register your vote.

Come for breakfast at 9:30 am and stay for reports of the Temple's progress, accomplishments and goals for the future.

Officers

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Many Participate in Antiques Appraisals Event

More than 50 people came to Temple Bat Yam to get their items appraised at the Sisterhood and the Men's Club's Antiques Appraisal event on May 16. A cake sale was also successful as was the sale of snacks. But the highlight of the day was when each participant got to sit down with Appraiser Charlene Upham. Some were surprised to find their "treasures" were not worth as much as they thought, but a few came away happy at the unknown value. In all, it was a fun event.



A large group of Temple members and people from the community wait to get their heirlooms appraised. Some 50 people helped make the Antiques Appraisal event a huge success.



ABOVE: Phyllis Alpern (left) smiles at the appraisal given by professional appraiser, Charlene Upham (opposite) while Hilda Plisko looks on. BELOW: Marsha Rosenstock and Susanna Eisenman preside over the goodies on sale. Many homemade cakes, cupcakes and snacks were sold to bring a little more profit to the Sisterhood and the Men's Club's joint event.



Mitzvah Day at the Salisbury Zoo, where TBY members cleaned the grounds and planted flowers. Shown (from left) Marsha and George Rosenstock, Marv and Myra Novick and Ivy and Larry Hecker. Other activities included a car wash project by the Youth Group, which benefited Diakonia, the baking of dog biscuits for the Humane Society's shelters and the writing of letters to servicemen and women. Chairman Lee Klepper reports that 187 teddy bears were delivered to Coastal Hospice for terminally ill patients, food was sent to the food bank and toiletries delivered to Shore Up. Mitzvah Day is an annual



Sisterhood Happenings

So, to continue our conversation from last month. You remember, I asked to be reminded to tell you about the plans for the kitchen renovation. Well, here goes.

The group that is working on the kitchen is small and consists of Marsha and George Rosenstock, Jeannette Abrams (although she said the only time she goes into the kitchen is to get to the ladies room), Jay Taustin, Jerry Selig and me. I'm not going into all the phone calls etc. etc. that went into the planning, just some of the results. We have a specific budget to work within and I think we did a wonderful job with it.

The cabinets are white (and should be very easy to keep clean) with round silver pulls. The top cabinets will go up to the ceiling. Two of the corner cabinets have lazy Susans in them. Many of the bottom cabinets have pull-out drawers to make the contents more accessible. There will be a cabinet to store the trash cans in. There will be two pantries and a closet to store brooms, mops, etc. Counter tops will be laminated in a beautiful gray that looks like granite. The edges will be beveled, giving it a nice finish. The sink will be turned around to face the working area. The center of the room will have sort of a football shaped island with a 10 inch overhang on the side opposite the sink. The overhang will accommodate stools in the future and may be a good place for a small meeting while sipping coffee. Lovely!

Some of the lights in the ceiling will have to be turned to accommodate the cabinets. We have a five burner electric cook top stove on order. That is the only appliance we are purchasing at this time...I think.

There really is so much more I can tell you but once again space is a factor. But I do want to tell you that demolition will probably be started in June and as soon as the cabinets come in and the space is ready we will begin the renovation. The total renovation time should be two to three weeks.

Next month I'll give you another update. Be well and hope to see you soon,
Candy

Visit Our Judaica Shop

Have 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

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.

Lavender Fields Trip

On June 24, the Sisterhood will be sponsoring a wonderful day at Lavender Fields. There are only two places in the United States that have ideal conditions to grow lavender and the lavender farm is one of them. Come hear about the history of the farm and area, about the properties of lavender and how to grow and harvest the sturdy plant. After the lecture we will lunch in the lovely restored, air conditioned barn on the farm. The menu will consist of trays of sandwiches of turkey, chicken walnut grape salad, tuna and egg salad. There will be a fruit salad, lavender cookies and fruited iced tea. After lunch we have the fortune of being able to walk around the beautiful gardens, walk the labyrinth and visit the cottage store.

This wonderful trip, including lunch, is \$16. The trip is open to guests but space is limited. If you care to join us please send a check made out to Sisterhood of Temple Bat Yam to the Temple. Contact Bette Bohlmann for more information.

Judaica Shop Rosh Hashanah Honey Fundraiser

Are you looking for a new way to wish a friend or relative a Happy and Sweet New Year? The Temple Bat Yam Judaica Shop will be taking orders for Katelyn's kosher honey which will be sent directly to your requested recipient in time for Rosh Hashanah. An 8 ounce jar is only \$9, including shipping. Please see the flyer inserted in this newsletter.

So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

COLLEGE GRAD—Proud parents Jim & Becky Brunet announce that Nathan has graduated from Rutgers University in New Jersey with a degree in Journalism and a minor in Sociology and Music. Nathan spent his senior year interning at New Jersey Network News, a public television station in Trenton, NJ and is pursuing a career in broadcast journalism. "Way to go, Nathan – we love you!" they said.

MASTERS DEGREE—Doris & Bud Mitnick proudly announce that granddaughter Amy Benjamin just received a Masters Degree in speech pathology from Loyola University in Baltimore. Mazel Tov.

HIGH SCHOOL GRAD—Linda & Chris Manion are proud to announce that their son Grant graduated from Stephan Decatur High School on June 2. Congrats. Also, congrats to Bonnie Eisenman on her graduation from Stephan Decatur High. Parents Stu & Susanna have reason to be proud.

MORE HIGH SCHOOL GRADS— Graduating from Worcester Prep are Rina & Jeff Thaler's twins, Brandon & Chelsea. Brandon, who won awards for his writing skills, was recently featured in the *Salisbury Daily Times*.

SWIM & GYM CHAMPS—Gloria & Bert Nestler proudly announce that their granddaughters, Sarah & Rachel Nester each won a bronze medal in a recent swimming competition. In gymnastic competition, granddaughter Hannah Nestler was the individual winner in the Gasparilla Classic. They live in Florida. Congrats to the Nestlers.

WELCOME BACK—Rabbi Reena Spicehandler has agreed to fill in for Rabbi Susan Warshaw during the month of July. Rabbi Reena served us as Intirim Rabbi for one year until we selected Rabbi Susan as our permanent rabbi. Rabbi Susan will be studying in Israel for a month as part of a prestigious three-year fellowship with the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Men's Club Report

The Men's Club of TBY had its spring meeting on May 16 and claimed success for both the Food Lion Scrip program chaired by George Rosenstock and for the Men's Club Shabbat held last month with the commitment to do it again in 2011.

With Scrip sales entering its fourth round, the Club is considering expanding the program. TBY MEMBERS: Please let me know what stores/companies (non-grocery) you would like us to pursue for scrip. Let Larry Hecker know your suggestions at maplarry@yahoo.com (or 302-524 1150).

The Antique Appraisal Event was extremely well received by members and the community. The Men's Club appreciates co-sponsoring with the Sisterhood and especially the hard work of its President -- Candy Gusst.

Our Men's Club is considering participating with other Men's Clubs in the region. Future activities that have been approved include: (1) Parking lot clean up and asphalt patch, (2) Manpower to paint the New Kitchen, (3) Distribution of the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle in coordination with other Men's Clubs in North America next spring, (4) Trip to Wallops Island, (5) and group participation in a Freeman Center event. Other programs are in the research and planning stages and will be announced as they become available. Don Klein invited all to see "Dear Hortense", a play he is directing, at the Carousel that runs June 18 – and June 23-27.

—Larry Hecker, Men's Club President

The Men's Club Shabbat on April 23 was both meaningful and fun. Here (from left) Victor Cohen and Men's Club President Larry Hecker help Rabbi Susan Warshaw with the Torah portion. Many members participated in the service, which concluded with a funny Abbott & Costello routine by Don Klein and Charlie Sorrentino. Also, Allen Brodsky sang Adon Olam

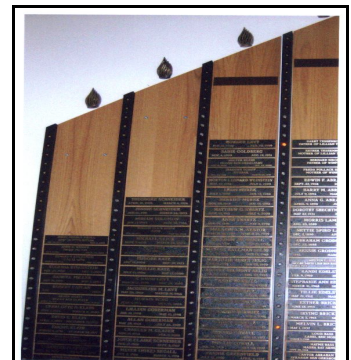


June 2010 YAHRZEITS

- 02 **Faye Guerrieri**
mother of Marilyn Levinson
- 04 **Stella Lipov**
mother of Richard Lipov
- Irene Nudelman**
sister of Doris Mitnick
- 05 **Adele Moss**
aunt of Phyllis Alpern
- 06 **Rudolph Poms**
father of Gerty Apple
- 08 **Sam Sperling**
father of Gloria Nester
- 09 **Lee Sakata**
father of Michy Woods
- 10 **Jenny Apple**
mother-in-law of Gerty Apple
- Kenneth Fox**
father of Rina Thaler
- Isaac Hecker**
father of Larry Hecker
- Samuel Kaplan**
father of Jo Anne Glazer
- 12 **Nathan Brodsky**
father of Allen Brodsky
- Mollie Dornfeld**
mother of Naomi Platt
- Sam Nestler**
father of Bert Nestler
- 15 **Anna G. Abrams**
mother-in-law of Jeannette Abrams
- Allen Dickson**
cousin of Victor Cohen
- Rose Getson**
mother of Florence Kasden
- Vivian Goldberg**
sister of Muriel Seigel
- 16 **Lee Woods**
father of William Woods
- 17 **Shirley Lewis**
mother of Sharon Lewis Caden
- Carl Pace**
father of Donald Pace
- David Paul Sandy**
son of Jerome & Patricia Sandy
- Benjamin Strauss**
father of Robert Strauss
- 18 **Anne Berger**

- mother of Leonard Berger
- mother of Richard Berger
- Doris Hildreth**
friend of Jeannette Abrams
- 19 **Mel Stein**
former husband of Gloria Furman
- 20 **Phyllis Deitz**
sister of Irwin Pack
- 21 **Ida Caplan**
mother of Marcia Hirsch
- Samuel Davis**
grandfather of Carole Eagle
- Sidney Davis**
father of Carole Eagle
- Harry Kaufman**
father of Jack Kaufman
- Sheldon Seigel**
husband of Muriel Seigel
- 23 **Louis Dornfeld**
father of Naomi Platt
- Jacob Goldfine**
father of Sandy Sribnick
- 24 **Maurice Glazer**
brother-in-law of Jo Anne Glazer
- Diane Caplan Guttman**
mother of Lawrence Caplan
- 25 **Robert Starr**
brother of Sylvia Burkom
- 26 **Morris Cohen**
father of Victor Cohen
- Jerome Franklin**
father of Stanford Franklin
- Rose Gottheim**
mother of Elaine Rabinowitz
- Harry Segal**
father of David Segal

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.



may 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS

ARTS & FURNISHINGS FUND

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~to Jeff and Rina Thaler, happy anniversary.
- ~to Larry and Dolores Pack, happy anniversary.
- ~to George and Marsha Rosenstock, happy anniversary.
- ~to Veronica Kahn, happy birthday.
- ~to Pam Smolins, you're in my prayers.
- ~to Pam Smolins, my prayers and thoughts are with you.

GENERAL FUND

From Frank and Patricia Obrimski:

- ~in honor of Philip Glazer, a great friend to us

From Rabbi Susan Warshaw:

- ~in honor of B'nai Mitzvat of Cassidy DeGennaro, Matt Klepper and Emily Scheiber

From Sylvia Burkom:

- ~to Mindy Laufer wishing a speedy recovery

From Ben and Gabe Dunn:

- ~to Rabbi Warshaw, Michelle Schachter, Jodi Sabo and Amy Eskridge in honor of our very thoughtful and caring religious school teachers

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~to Steve and Carol Rosen, thanks for being there when I needed a friend. You're wonderful.
- ~to Barbara Southwell, thanks for helping me out when I was indospoused, you're wonderful too.

YAHARZEITS

From Judith Galuardi:

- ~in loving memory of her father, Morton Cohen

From David and Mady Segal:

- ~in loving memory of Mady's father, Morris J. Wechsler

From Arthur and Marsha Sandler:

- ~in loving memory of Arthur's father, Leon Sandler

From Leonard and Joyce Bowers:

- ~in loving memory of Joyce's father, Hillman Poland

From Sandie Wodlinger:

- ~in loving memory of my husband, Bart Wodlinger

From Lewis Goldstein:

- ~in loving memory of my grandfather, Maurice Goldstein.

From Yale Marcus:

- ~in loving memory of my mother, Gertrude Marcus

From Deborah Lewis-Idema:

- ~in loving memory of my mother, Rose Greenwald Lewis

From Harry Freedman:

- ~in loving memory of my father, Lewis Freedman

From Donald and Janice Hamburg:

- ~in loving memory of Janice's mother, Clara Schaerf

From Barry Gusst:

- ~in loving memory of my father, Lou Gusst

- ~in loving memory of my brother, Marshal Gusst

From Gladys L. Miller:

- ~in memory of my beloved husband, William (Bus) Miller "although you are beyond reach of my hand you are always within reach of my heart".

From Bert and Gloria Nestler:

- ~in loving memory of Bert's mother, Rose

From Sylvia Burkom:

- ~in loving memory of my father, Benjamin Starr and mother-in-law, Bertha Burkom

From Phyllis Brodsky:

- ~in memory of my loving mother, Sally Levin

From Doris Mitnick:

- ~in loving memory of my mother, Rose Kleiman

RICHARD STERNBERGER MEMORIAL FUND

From Gloria Furman

From Rabbi Susan Warshaw

From Jerry and Patti Selig

MEMORIAL GARDEN

From Fred Blumenthal

From Gloria Furman

From John and Nanette Willmuth

Ritual Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Ritual Committee on Friday, June 11 at 10 am. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. We will address issues relevant to Jewish ritual as it pertains to our services and Temple customs.

—Marsha Rosenstock, Chair

Up Close and Personal

Both of the late May mitzvahs had opportunities to lead the congregation in Friday night Shabbat prayers in the weeks preceding the big day. The Temple family is so very proud of how smoothly Hebrew was read, and how comfortable the youngsters appeared. We are happy to feature Matt and Emily in this month's Newsletter.

Matt Klepper, May 22

Matt attends Worcester Prep. He enjoys playing soccer and lacrosse. When he is not participating, he's watching the sports. He also likes to watch football games. Somehow Matt found the time to earn a black belt in Tai Kwon Do. Matt's future goals include becoming a professional athlete. If that doesn't make him rich, he plans to find another way to earn the big bucks.

He has traveled to America's neighbors, Canada and Mexico. The biggest smile came when he told me of trips to Germany and China. He may live at the Eastern Shore, but he's already seen the other side of the world. Still, when I asked Matt about his favorite activity, he was quick to say dinner at home with his parents. His food tastes run high with prime rib at the top of his list and mushrooms at the bottom.

Matt has several pets, Two dogs and a lizard are closest to his heart. Perhaps his devotion to pets influenced his choice of a Bar Mitzvah project. He has been collecting money, food and supplies for the Worcester County Humane Society. He enjoys serving the community as well as our four legged friends. This is an on-going project, and he welcomes continued support.

When I asked Matt who is favorite celebrity was the answer was Adam Sandler. All of his replies were pretty serious up to this point. Adam Sandler added a whole other dimension to his persona. He is a young man of many facets.

He got serious again when I asked about his Torah portion. Through studying his portion he learned one of the most important lessons. "A blessing is a gift from God," Matt said. We are all blessed to know our Matt will become a part of young Jewish adults. The future looks brighter when we remember our blessings. The Temple Bat Yam family wishes Matt and his *mishpukah* mazel tov and a lifetime of blessings.

Emily Scheiber, May 29

Emily attends Stephen Decatur Middle School. She is very interested in language arts but only tolerates math. She really doesn't have a favorite competitive sport, but her eyes lit up when she talked about dance. She enjoys going on vacation with her family to listed Aruba, Florida, and Virginia Beach. That meant loving fun in the sun and water. Then she added New York, expanding her tastes to include the excitement of

Religious School Report

B'nai Mitzvah celebrations continued throughout May with mazel tov wishes to Cassidy DeGenaro, Matt Klepper, Emily Scheiber and their families. The students' hard work shined as they all did an outstanding job! We again thank Rabbi Warshaw for her support, encouragement and valuable teachings to all the B'nai Mitzvah students and families as they have been preparing for this meaningful life cycle event.

In May, the Religious School Teachers and the Religious Education Committee met collaboratively to plan for the 2010-11 school year. Many exciting events will be incorporated into the Chai Curriculum and we are looking forward to a great year!

A reminder to our religious school families: Our next Early Shabbat Service will be held June 11 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see everyone there!

Look for the next Religious School Update in the August TBY Newsletter. We wish everyone a wonderful summer vacation!

Becky Brunet, Religious Education Chairperson

the big city.

When Emily is home, there are two dogs and two guinea pigs vying for her attention. She mentioned there are times when her younger brother does not get the same attention from her. With Emily there is always time for chocolate. On the other hand, cabbage, not so much. Emily has her head on straight. Her favorite celebrity is Anne Hathaway, a nice girl without bling and spikes.

Her Bat Mitzvah project was quite an effort. Emily designed and made note cards, which she packaged to sell. The drawings feature animals and the proceeds from this endeavor will be donated to the Worcester County Humane Society. A supply remains available for purchase in our gift shop.

Her Torah portions deeply touched Emily and will be meaningful for all. It concerns bringing happiness into our own lives and into the lives of others. Emily's future plans include college and becoming a social worker. I am certain she will work to bring happiness to the people who need her skills.

She's already bringing happiness to her parents. We join her parents in their pride as Emily was called to the Torah. We wish the whole family a hearty mazel tov and lots of *nochas*.

Commentary: by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

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There is no question that German-dominated Reform Judaism was quick to discard ritual that many Eastern European Jews found necessary and meaningful. However, today Reform Jews are moving to the right, taking on more traditional (Conservative) observances such as wearing *kippot*, and using the *mikvah* (ritual bath), especially for life-cycle events (such as before marriage and for conversion). It is not unusual to find Reform Jews keeping the laws of *kashrut* (keeping *kosher*).

While the Conservative movement continues to observe traditional *halacha*, Reform Jews talk about personal autonomy and choice in observing the law. The Conservative movement has always maintained that Judaism is rooted in divine revelation and simultaneously shaped by historical evolution. Reform Judaism similarly embraces the idea that Judaism is based both on external divine (however you define it) commands—the ethical *mitzvot*—and on historically evolving culture and folkways—the ritual *mitzvot*. The 1999 Pittsburgh Principles of Reform Judaism reads:

We are committed to the ongoing study of the whole range of *mitzvot* and to the fulfillment of those that address us as individuals and as a community. Some of these *mitzvot*, sacred obligations, have long been observed by Reform Jews; others, both ancient and modern, demand renewed attention as the result of the unique context of our times.

For Reform Jews *halacha*—Jewish law—is non-binding. Reform Jews talk about making choices about ritual practice based on study and understanding of the meaning of those traditions. Conservative Jews also make choices about *halacha*; Conservative rabbis often talk about teaching their congregants, with the assumption that the more knowledge their congregants have, the more they will choose to fulfill the *mitzvot*.

Yes, there are differences between these two movements in Judaism. However, I believe it is possible to think of a continuum of liberal Judaism that includes both the Conservative and Reform movements. There is much that both movements have in common, and the places where we connect are much more significant than the places where we diverge. As the differences between Reform and Conservative Judaism shrink, it seems to me that

Levy Library Report

As soon as you get done reading this wonderful, news-packed newsletter, we have an assignment for all of our favorite readers. Get busy reading, because here comes another Bagels & Books events.

On Sunday, June 27, 2010—we are going to review and discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.

We have several copies of the book in our own library, it's available in the Worcester County Library System, and Amazon has used and new copies.

This session of Bagels & Books will be facilitated by Grayce Cohen, and she urges all of us to "experience" this author, We'll consider not only his story telling, but also his way of telling the story. Don't let the opening pages discourage you. The fact of the matter is that once you finish the book, you'd do well to return to the beginning and re-read those pages.

The Library Crew wants to thank everyone who has been kind enough to donate reading material to us. Some of you are known to us, and others are making gifts anonymously. In every case, we thank you most sincerely.

Enough from us—go read *The Book Thief*. We'll see you at Bagels and Books, on June 27. By the way, while you're near your calendar, mark Sunday, August 15 for another Bagels & Books. When the decision is made, we'll divulge the title.

—Grayce Cohen, Carol Schachter, Janice Spieler, Hilda Plisko, Sandie Wodlinger



Cassidy DeGennaro (center), surrounded by family and friends, blesses the wine at the conclusion of the Friday night portion of her Bat Mitzvah, which was held on Saturday, May 8. Everyone agrees that she did splendidly on

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

- Jonathan & Terry Bell
- Christopher & Judith Galuardi
- 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

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 Everyone!

We wish to thank everyone who donated money or brought in Teddy bears for Coastal Hospice. We received a grand total of 187 Teddy bears and other assorted critters. We know that the patients in Hospice care will appreciate them. So a heartfelt thanks to all of you who participated in the Teddy bear drive by bringing them in or donating money for their purchase. Sincerely, Nanette & John

Farewell to Founding Rabbi Richard S. Sternberger



(From left) Kyler Taustin join his mother, Cantor Cheryl and Cantor Phyllis Alpern to pay tribute to Rabbi Richard S. Sternberger at his memorial on April 25. Many of Dick's friends gave testimonials to the joy of knowing him, citing his assets as well as his faults. Included were Grayce Cohen, Cindy Leiner, Sharon Caden, George Rosenstock, Paul Kahn, Rina Thaler and Jerry Selig. The Temple was packed and the many friends attending were delighted to see the video show developed by Patti Selig. Veronica Kahn, Grayce Cohen and Sharon Caden also put together a Memorial Book with notes from friends and pictures of Dick's close involvement with many members of the congregation.



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.

A Taste of Judaism

For Your Unaffiliated Friends and Family

Ever wondered how you could invite your friends and family to experience a “Taste of Judaism” at our Temple without undue pressure? Now there’s an answer! A *Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?* will be held in our congregation on three Wednesday evenings—**June 9, 16, 23. From 7 pm to 8:30 pm.**

The class is being taught by Rabbi Susan Warshaw and is sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism. This FREE, three-session **Outreach** program is open to the unaffiliated only – Jews or non-Jews – all are welcome (unfortunately, temple members are not eligible to enroll). Please take advantage of this opportunity to reach out to your extended family members, future in-laws, neighbors and friends and offer them a “Taste” of what makes Judaism so special right here in our own community. If you have anyone that you think may benefit from *Taste* please have them contact Rabbi Warshaw at 410-641-4311 or

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.

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.

JUNE HAVDALAH

The Havdalah for this month will be held at the Novick's on Saturday, June 26 at 5 pm. Please contact Myra (by phone, 410-912-0155 or email at myran@comcast.net) to tell her what dish you intend to bring. If you like, bring any old 78 or 33 records with music you would like to share. For directions, you can use those below or if you prefer to have a map in addition to this, email Marv at marvin.novick@gmail.com and he will send you a reply with this combination as an attachment.

Directions to Novicks

Take Rt. 50 west. After going under Rt. 13 bypass you will pass three traffic lights, Tilghman, Phillip Morris, and Beaglin. At the next traffic light, Civic Ave., turn left. Go to end, turn right onto Glen Ave. and then quick left onto Memorial Plaza. You will pass the Salisbury Zoo on the right. Stay to the right as you merge onto S. Park Dr. Pass Churchill Ave., Beaver Dam Dr., and Sheffield Ave. The third house after Sheffield is #602. There is a 602 on the white mailbox post located at the second entrance to the semi-circular driveway. The lawn is red gravel (no grass) and the house is a brick ranch that has a deck topped with white railing.

Cancer Patients Need Rides for Treatment

This request was made to Rabbi Warshaw from Darlene Onley of Worcester County G.O.L.D. Please consider volunteering for this Mitzvah.

Everyday cancer patients in communities here on the Shore need transportation to hospitals or doctors' offices for treatment. You can help save a life by volunteering as a driver for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program.

If you have even a few hours per month to share and are a safe driver with a reliable car, please contact your local American Cancer Society office at 410-749-1624 for more information on how you can help.

2010 Adult Education

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: rabbivarshaw@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.)

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.

To reach Rabbi **Susan Warshaw**, 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

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www.templebatyam-oc.org

Join a Committee, Support Temple Activities

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.

Finance — Jay Taustin, jaytaustin@embers.com

Religious Education — Becky Brunet, brunets4@msn.com

Ritual — Marsha Rosenstock, supezip@yahoo.com

Arts & Furnishings — Jeri Lipov, jerilipov@mchsi.com or Sandie Wodlinger, sandie@netscape.net.

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Library — Grayce Cohen, grayceaaroon@msn.com.

House — George Rosenstock, supezip@yahoo.com.

Adult Jewish Growth — Howard Hammerman, 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.

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

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.