

**Commentary:** by Rabbi Susan Warshaw

## What Do You Have to Give?

A colleague, Rabbi Dan Moskovitz, recently shared with me this remarkable story. Kevin Salwen, a writer and entrepreneur in Atlanta, was driving his 14-year-old daughter, Hannah, back from a sleep-over in 2006. While waiting at a traffic light, they saw a black Mercedes coupe on one side of the car and a homeless man begging for food on the other.

“Dad, if that man had a less nice car, that man there could have a meal.” Hannah protested. The light changed and they drove on but Hannah was too young to be reasonable. She pestered her parents about inequality, insisting that she wanted to do something. “What do you want to do,” her mom responded, “sell our house?” Warning: never suggest a grand gesture to an idealistic teenager! Hannah seized upon the idea of selling the luxurious family home and donating half of the proceeds to charity, while using the other half to buy a more modest replacement home (Nicholas D. Kristof, *New York Times*, January 23, 2009).

Eventually that is what the family did. The project-- crazy and inspiring as it is-- is chronicled in a book by father and daughter called The Power of Half. The book

asks each of us the question: what could you live without, what do you have to give?

The Salwens were affluent parents who were trying to raise grounded and responsible children. Like many families, they worried about the lessons they were teaching their children as they worked hard to make their lives better and more financially comfortable. Most parents try to give their children the best opportunities possible. But sometimes parents get on a treadmill of providing more and more; sometimes it is difficult to know how much a family truly needs and what is, essentially, frosting on the cake—lovely, sweet, but not nourishing or sustaining.

Many of us spend time and money accumulating stuff. We worry about buying our children the latest, coolest clothes, or a car so that they can drive themselves safely

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### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, May 2: Mitzvah Day. (See Page 3)
- Sunday, May 16, 9 am: Men’s Club meeting.
- Sunday, May 16, 10 am: Antiques Appraisal. (See Pages 4 & 5)
- Thursday, May 20, 7 pm: Sisterhood showing *Golda’s Balcony*. (See Page 4)
- Wednesday, May 19, 12 noon: Discussion of *Sarah’s Key*. (See Page 9)

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## President's rePort

**T**he old adage, “April showers bring May flowers,” does not hold true for Temple Bat Yam. It’s more like, “January, February blizzards bring Bar Mitzvahs.” Okay...maybe a little bit of a stretch, but I’m President with two months left, I should get a little leeway.

By the time this newsletter is read, the nominating committee will have made its selection for next year. It is amazing how many members care about our small Jewish community on the Eastern Shore. Upcoming officers are already working towards next year, and I’m sure that all members will give their help and support to make their term a success.

Now it’s time to share some news—no not just some news, but some great news. However, I’m sure everyone knows it by now. There are no secrets at Temple Bat Yam. Anyway, Rabbi Warshaw will continue as our rabbi for the next three years. Hopefully in three years, we will be able to say that again. For that to occur, it will take the time and energy of all members of Temple Bat Yam. We must—as a community grow. More members are a necessity and the only way we can succeed. I know that with the current members of Temple Bat Yam and future officers we will succeed. Thank you,

—Lawrence Michnick

### Service Chants & Melodies

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

## Board Briefs

**T**he next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5 at 4:30 pm. The next General Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12 at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

### Officers

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

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

### Board Members

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**Candy Gusst**, Sisterhood President  
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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.

## *New Member Cocktail Party a Smashing Success*

Some 40 people—including 12 newcomers—attended Temple Bat Yam's new member cocktail party at the Embers Restaurant on April 8. Thanks to host Jay Taustin, the cocktail buffet was plentiful and delicious and the drinks flowed. This event was planned by Membership Chair Ivy Hecker, who was very pleased with the outcome of the first-time effort. "People relaxed and got to know each other in an informal setting. Everyone had a good time," she noted.



George and Marsha Rosenstock (l) and Myra Novick (r) welcome potential new members James and Sharona Ezaoui, from Ocean Pines. They decided to get to know the members of TBY better after enjoying services with their beautiful daughter and grandchildren who were visiting from Israel last month.



Two new visitors—Linda and Mark Cathew (center)—are flanked by Patti and Jerry Selig (left) and host Jay Taustin at the membership cocktail party. Residents of Long Island, NY, the Cathew's are checking out a place to retire and dropped by to meet the members of Temple Bat Yam. Membership Chair Ivy Hecker quickly took their names and address for further contact.

### **Nominating Committee Picks Slate for 2010 Officers**

The nominating committee has put together the following slate:

- President: Stu Eisenman
- Executive Vice President: Larry Pack (one year, to complete Stu's term).
- Congregational Vice President: Warren Rosenfeld.
- Executive Secretary: Stephanie Cohen.
- Trustees: Ivy Hecker, Michelle Schachter, Paul Kahn.

The elections will be held at the annual meeting on Sunday, June 13 at 10 am.

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

### **Mitzvah Day**

**Sunday, May 2, 2010, 9 am (breakfast)**  
**Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, guest speaker**

**Projects include:**

- **Toiletries for Shore Up**
- **Rabbi Richard Sternberger Memorial Garden**
- **Car wash and gift basket to benefit Diakonia**
- **Letters to service personnel**
- **Salisbury Zoo clean-up**
- **Teddy bears for Coastal Hospice**
- **baking dog biscuits for animal shelters.**

## Sisterhood Happenings

Were you able to attend the Temple Seder at the Embers? Those who were there, I'm sure, will agree it was just wonderful! We had so much fun, so much friendship and so much food. Some even said it was the best Seder yet!

I need to tell you about a few things coming up. First, the New Members Shabbat has been postponed until the fall.

Next, on May 16, we will have the Antique Appraisal Show and we need your help in two ways. We need you to spread the word at your club meetings, at your Mah Jongg game, at your bridge game, post the flyers in stores at community buildings and so forth. We have an opportunity to make some real money for the Temple at this event so please do your part and advertise for us. There are flyers at the Temple for you to distribute. Feel free to make copies if you need them. Also, we will be having a bake sale at the show to raise additional funds. Please let me know if you will be kind enough to donate a cake.

Just a few days later on May 20, we will be showing the film *Golda's Balcony* starring Valerie Harper. Members of the Sisterhood are free and guests will be charged \$5 for the evening. A bargain because we will be serving coffee and cake to enjoy while viewing the movie.

Okay, I just ran out of space. Remind me to tell you about the kitchen next month.

Be well, 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](mailto:koko97@comcast.net). She will see that the Rabbi and Sisterhood President are notified so that they can take the appropriate action.

### Rabbi Warshaw Chosen for Prestigious Rabbinic Study in Israel

Rabbi Susan Warshaw has been chosen to participate in a prestigious three-year fellowship with the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel. Hartman's Rabbinic Leadership Initiative is an intensive three-year program that trains an elite cadre of North American rabbis to serve as religious and educational leaders in their communities.

"What drew me to the program was a passionate love for Israel, love of Torah study and the opportunity to study with the leading Jewish minds of our day," said Rabbi Warshaw.

Participants are male and female pulpit rabbis from Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations. This continuing education program for rabbis includes on-site study in Israel and online distance learning. "I am so pleased that the congregants of Temple Bat Yam are showing their support for me as I study in Israel twice a year, and online once a week for three hours," added Warshaw.

—Veronica Kahn

### Toni Jaffee Scholarship

It's time for students to apply for the Toni Jaffee Scholarship. In the past, Sisterhood has given each worthy student a \$1,000 award for college, conservatory or technical school.

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

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

## So Nu — What's New?

by Jeannette Abrams

**EVERYONE'S INVITED**—The family of Cassidy DeGennaro invites the entire Bat Yam congregation to attend and celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8 at 10 am. This young lady deserves a big audience.

**ATHLETIC, SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT**—Dolores & Larry Pack proudly announce that their son, James has a few things of which to be proud. A senior at Stephan Decatur High School, James "plays first singles tennis, is personally undefeated for 3 years now and he is Captain of the tennis team. In addition, James placed first in the state, in the Economics Challenge, as a part of Mr. Marx's, team which has never been done before! We are also so proud that he received a perfect score on the National Financial Capability Challenge issued by the US Treasury Department." Congratulations to the Packs.

**WELCOME HOME**—You know it's getting toward summer, when Grayce & Aaron Cohen come flying back to Ocean City. They made their arrival at the end of April and are already involved with a plethora of activities. Among those, of course, is the Levy Library. Soon our other Snow Birds will be coming back to make our lives here so much better.

**NEWS FROM NEVADA**—Thank goodness for Facebook. It gives me an opportunity to keep in touch with friends living far away. A recent message from Carolyn Friedner noted that Lou, a victim of Alzheimer's, has been living in Sunset nursing home for some 2 months. Since he's a little over a mile away, Carolyn gets to see him ev-

### 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.

If you know someone who could use assistance with transportation to cancer treatment, please refer them to the phone number above.

## Men's Club Report

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

**Bring your valuable (antique/collectible) items** for appraisal to the Sisterhood - Men's Club Appraisal Fair on **Sunday May 16** at TBY from 10 am to 2 pm. Refreshments will be available. The Men's Club and Sisterhood will be co-sponsoring this fundraiser with two appraisal experts—Charlene Upham and Steven Blumenauer—who will offer to verbally appraise any item brought in (up to three). The super-discounted fee is \$7.50 for one item, \$15 for two and \$20 for three items. This event is open to members and GUESTS, so pass the word on to anyone you know who may be interested. Contact Candy Gusst, Sisterhood President, at 410-641-5888 or Larry Hecker at 302-524-1150 for more information.

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

**Congratulations to the Men's Club.** We recently received our **501(c)3 tax exemption** from the IRS. So, any payment made to the TBY Men's Club is officially deductible from your Federal taxes if you itemize. This is retroactive to our beginning.

The **Membership Reception for prospective members**, held on Thursday, April 8, at the Embers was a great success. The event, co-sponsored by the TBY Membership Committee, Men's Club and Sisterhood offered the opportunity to meet and greet prospective members. We sincerely thank Jay Taustin and the Embers' staff for their contribution and effort on the Temple's behalf.

**Men's Club held its first Shabbat** on April 23. With the assistance of the rabbi, Cantor Phyllis Alpern and the new TBY choir, Men's Club members conducted parts of the service for the congregation. The skit performed by Don Klein and Charlie Sorrentino as well as the Adon Olam March sung by Allen Brodskty, were memorable segments. We hope you enjoyed it.

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

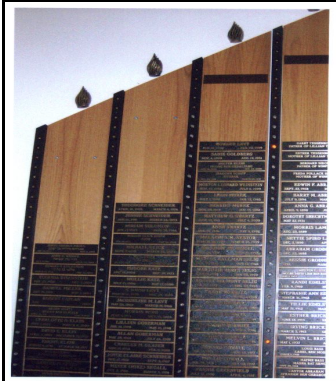
—Larry Hecker, President

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- 01 **Estelle Caden**  
sister-in-law of Sharon Lewis Caden
- Lou Gusst**  
father of Barry Gusst
- Marshall Gusst**  
brother of Barry Gusst
- Ruth Rasinsky**  
mother of Donna Seigel
- Leon Sandler**  
father of Arthur Sandler
- 04 **Sarah Cohen**  
grandmother of Stuart Smolins
- 07 **Jack C. Schneider**  
former father-in-law of Leslie Segall
- 08 **Albert Cohen**  
father of Ronald Cohen
- Morton Cohen**  
father Judith Galuardi
- S. Sidney Silver**  
father of Dot Kaufman
- Morris J. Wechsler**  
father of Mady Segal
- John Wyatt**  
brother-in-law of Donald Pace
- 09 **Ethel Schneider**  
mother of Arlene Schneider
- 11 **Max Moreno**  
brother of Rolfe Gudelsky
- 12 **Sylvia Bartz**  
mother of Marsha Rosenstock
- Julian Rosenstock**  
father of George Rosenstock
- 13 **Frances Roth**  
mother of Carol Rosen
- Abraham Samuel Sind**  
grandfather of Karen Abrams
- 14 **Jesse S. Goodman**  
father of William Goodman
- Benjamin Starr**  
father of Sylvia Burkom
- 15 **Anna Lutzky-Davis**  
grandmother of Carole Eagle
- Hillman Poland**  
father of Joyce Bowers
- Martin Shilan**  
brother of Marion Klein
- 16 **Lewis Freedman**

- father of Harry Freedman
- 19 **Sally Levin**  
mother of Phyllis Brodsky
- 20 **Morris Cohen**  
father-in-law of Sharon Lewis Caden
- 20 **Gertrude Rosenstock**  
grandmother of George Rosenstock
- 21 **Maurice Goldstein**  
grandfather of Lewis Goldstein
- Clara Schaerf**  
mother of Janice Hamburg
- 22 **Alvin Benjamin**  
father of Andrew Benjamin
- Rose Nestler**  
mother of Bert Nestler
- 23 **Harry Rosenberg**  
father of Marsha Howarth
- Harold Smolins**  
brother of Stuart Smolins
- 25 **Rose Kleiman**  
mother of Doris Mitnick
- Rose Sind**  
grandmother of Karen Abrams
- 27 **Bertha Burkom**  
mother-in-law of Sylvia Burkom
- Gertrude Ida Marcus**  
mother of Yale Marcus
- Jan Pace**  
friend of Donald Pace
- Barton Wodlinger**  
husband of Sandra Wodlinger
- 28 **Michael Goodman Benjamin**  
brother of Andrew Benjamin
- Bruce Kassalow**  
son of Sylvia Kassalow

**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.



## april 2010 CONTRiBUTiONS

### ARTS & FURNISHINGS FUND

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~to Carole Eagle, happy birthday.
- ~to Cole Taustin, happy birthday
- ~to Marissa Rosen, happy birthday.

### GENERAL FUND

From John and Nanette Willmuth:

- ~to Al and Janice Spieler, keeping you in our thoughts and prayers with best wishes for a speedy recovery

From Barry and Candy Gusst:

- ~to Jake Eisenman in honor of your Bar Mitzvah

From Bud and Doris Mitnick:

- ~to Joyce Klein, wishing you a full and speedy recovery from your surgery

From Hilda Plisko:

- ~to Barbara Southwell in memory of your mother

From Rabbi Susan Warshaw:

- ~to Abby Friedman in honor of your Bat Mitzvah
- ~to Jake Eisenman in honor of your Bar Mitzvah

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~to Jo Anne Glazer, condolences on the loss of your beloved Philip.

From Ed Wirkman and Leslie Segall:

- ~to Jo Anne Glazer and family in loving memory of Philip Glazer

From Don and Joyce Klein:

- ~to Jo Anne Glazer, our deepest sympathy, fondly.

From Marcia Hirsch:

- ~to JoAnne Glazer, Dear JoAnne "my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your beloved husband, Philip"

From Donald and Arleen Pace:

- ~to Jo Anne Glazer, condolences on your loss.

From Alan and Lois Elkin:

- ~to Sy Longberg, thanks for what you and your group do for soldiers and other military personnel

From Ann Hancock:

- ~to Jo Anne Glazer in memory of Philip Glazer

From Elliot and Susan Dackman:

- ~to Jo Ann Glazer in memory of Philip Glazer

From Paul Jr. and Marion Kuczo:

- ~to TBY, thanks for including my husband in your prayers. he is now much better and we appreciate your caring.

From Thomas and Irene Pfeffer:

- ~to Jo Anne Glazer in memory of Philip Glazer

From Stuart and Adrienne Joffe:

- ~to Jo Anne Glazer in memory of Philip Glazer

From Rabbi Susan Warshaw:

- ~to Arella Berger in honor of your Bat Mitzvah

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~to Carol Rosen, happy birthday.

~to Hal and Chris Glick, happy anniversary

~to Stan Kahn, happy birthday.

From Melvin and Bette Ann Felber:

- ~to Rabbi Warshaw, thanks for the wonderful services.

From Aaron and Grayce Cohen:

- ~to Richard and Rabbi Warshaw in honor of your grandson, Eli

### YAHREZEITS

From Victor and Stephanie Cohen:

- ~in loving memory of Victor's mother, Frances Cohen

From Barry and Candy Gusst:

- ~in loving memory of Barry's mother, Ella Gusst

From Harry and Elaine Freedman:

- ~in loving memory of Elaine's sister, Margaret Crosten

From Sylvia Burkom:

- ~in loving memory of my sister-in-law, Evelyn Block

- ~in loving memory of my husband, Bernard (Buddy) Burkom

From Marvin Levinson:

- ~in loving memory of my father, Jack Levinson

- ~in loving memory of my mother, Yetta Levinson

From Yale Marcus:

- ~in loving memory of my father, Allen Marcus

From Elaine Rabinowitz:

- ~in loving memory of my father, Charles Gottheim

From Jeannette Abrams:

- ~in memory of my dear mother, Fannie Greenfield

- ~in memory of my dear brother-in-law, Norman Abrams

From Norman Katz:

- ~in loving memory of my mother, Mollie Katz

From Allen Brodsky:

- ~she was a wonderful mother, Gertrude Brodsky

From Arthur Sachs:

- ~in loving memory of my father

From Gertrude Apple:

- ~in loving memory of my brother, Julius Poms

- ~in loving memory of my mother, Bessie Poms

From Bert and Gloria Nestler:

- ~in loving memory of Barbara Southwell's mother, Elizabeth

- ~in loving memory of Jo Ann Glazer's husband, Philip

From Howard and Helen Hammerman:

- ~in loving memory of Helen's sister, Ruth Pollinger

From Raymond and Debbie Resnick:

- ~in loving memory of Debbie's father, Herman Jacobs

- ~in loving memory of Raymond's father, Sam Resnick

From Bonita Robinson:

- ~in loving memory of my father, Bernard Burkom

From Aaron and Grayce Cohen:

- ~in loving memory of Grayce's mother and father, Morris and Rose Cohn

- ~in loving memory of Aaron's mother and father, Selig and Celia Cohen

- ~in loving memory of Aaron's brother, Dr. Benjamin Cohen

From Fred Blumenthal and Hermione Caplan

## Up Close and Personal

Temple Bat Yam has a record four Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in the month of May. This issue of our newsletter will feature the first two. At this time, Arella Berger's date is yet to be announced, and Cassidy DeGennero's date is May 8. The mitzvahs occurring later in May will be featured in the June issue. So, look for Matt Klepper and Emily Scheiber's profiles next month.

Arella Linn Berger attends Worcester Prep and is in the seventh grade. She really likes science class, but English, not so much. Basketball is high on her list of favorite sports. Here's hoping she cheers for her college team when they reach the Final Four in March Madness.

Sushi and filet mignon easily whets Arella's appetite. However, there's always room for a sweet dessert!

She tells us that her Bat Mitzvah project has been collecting money for the Worcester County Humane Society during the past 18 months. However, she is currently helping to fund the Ritchie County Humane Society of West Virginia. The building was destroyed by fire in January and they lost many animals as well as the food and supplies. Arella's efforts will aid in replenishing and rebuilding.

The Torah portion she prepared reminded Arella of the significance of the High Holy days. Also, she understands that importance of living a Jewish life all year, not just on holidays.

Temple Bat Yam wishes Arella and her family a Mazel Tov on her special honor of being called to the Torah.

Cassidy DiGennero attends Indian River High School in Dagsboro, Delaware. Regardless of the distance, she has managed to come to Temple and fulfill the requirements to become a Bat Mitzvah. She attends Shabbat Services regularly and joins in synagogue activities. Cass has made friends of all ages at TBY.

In high school her favorite subject is animal science. She used this interest and education to judge animals at the Delaware State Fair. She participates in drama club, kick boxing, and the Blue and Gold service organization. That group is dedicated to helping children with disabilities.

Cassidy has travelled north to Boston and south to Tampa, as well as taken cruises to Jamaica and Canada.

## Religious School Report

The final day of religious school was held on Mitzvah Day, May 2. The teachers and students were involved in various projects including Michelle Schachter's traditional Mitzvah Day production of helping the children make dog biscuits which were donated to the Humane Society.

As the religious school year has come to a close, the B'nai Mitzvah celebrations continue as Abby Friedman shined with proud parents Sandy and Steve, sisters Mattie and Halle, grandparents, family and friends at her Bat Mitzvah last month. Three students will become B'nai Mitzvah this month. We invite the TBY congregation to attend Shabbat services for Cassidy DeGennaro on Friday, May 7 & Saturday, May 8, for Matt Klepper on Friday, May 21 and Emily Scheiber on Friday, May 28. We 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.

—Becky Brunet, Religious Education Chairperson



Jake Eisenman (above left) conducts services during his Bat Mitzvah with Cantor Phyllis Alpern and Rabbi Susan Warshaw. Above, right: Jake prepares to share the bread after the Kiddish. With him are his parents Stu and Susanna, grandmother Dorothy, sister Bonnie and cousins who came to celebrate this meaningful event.

She loves ice-cream and avoids spicy foods. Soccer and karate are fun for Cassidy in her spare time.

Future plans are to graduate college and become an occupational therapist. Cassidy's ultimate goal is to help handicapped people become independent.

We join her family in sharing their pride as she is called to the Torah to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov.

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

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back and forth to school, or we take fancy vacations. The recent recession may have given us a reality check, as our treadmill of acquisition has of necessity been slowed or even, in some cases, paused. I know of many families in our community who have had to downsize to make ends meet; but what about giving up some of what we have so that others can have something more?

This is what the Salvens did; they redefined who they were through what they gave rather than through what they possessed. And they discovered, by moving from a big house to a smaller home, that they had less space and stuff to isolate them from each other. They traded “stuff” for togetherness and interconnection—giving the half left over to those who needed that half—just to make a whole of something. Like so many things, the process of giving away, of choosing the charity and cause, had its own priceless reward. The family discussed not what they wanted but what they could give. In Jewish tradition we are taught that happiness comes, not from what we own, but from what we give.

As Hannah and her dad explain in their book—not everyone can sell their house and give half to charity, but “everyone has too much of something, time, talent, treasure.” Rabbi Moskovitz reminds us that we each have our own ‘half’—the half we need and the half others need more than us. Give it away and you may get more than you ever

**Walk, Rock to End Hunger**

Stephanie Cohen attended a recent meeting concerning the CROP Hunger Walk. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. The date is Sunday, May 23 from 2 pm to 4 pm, with registration at 1 pm. The registration and walk will begin at St. Paul's by-the-Sea (3rd and Baltimore Sts.), then walkers continue to the end of the Boardwalk (28th St.) and return to St. Paul's by-the-Sea. It is a three mile walk. Upon returning there will be an Ice Cream Social for all participants. There will also be a Rocker Group at the Lankford Hotel for those unable to walk, so they can still do their part. “I will be placing information on the table in the foyer of the Temple. We really need to have as many walkers and rockers to represent Temple Bat Yam in this worthwhile ecumenical endeavor. Please call me for more information. This will be a great opportunity to help our local communities as well as the world wide organization,” Stephanie noted. You may contact her at 302-436-4874.

**Levy Library Report**

Circulation of our comprehensive collection has really increased. We continually update the available books through donations and an occasional purchase. Temple Bat Yam is proud of the library where we can find enjoyment, information, and quiet.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday, May 19, at 12 noon. Due to popular requests *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana DeRosnay will have a second review. Bette Bohlmann will facilitate the discussion for everyone who missed the first time and those who opt to be repeaters. Bring a bag lunch and we will provide a drink and cookies. Our library has four copies of the book. You will really like reading it and if the first review is any indication, you'll enjoy the dialogue. Remember 12 noon on Wednesday, May 19.

Sunday, June 27, 10 am. The date of our next official Bagels & Books event. Grayce Cohen will lead the review of *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. *The Washington Post* described it as "absorbing and searing." You should be ready for some of that in June, after you've read this extraordinary book. Copies of this book are available in the public library as well as the TBY library.

Mark your calendars for May and June.

The Library Crew:

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

John Tilghman, of Ocean City, cheerfully accepts a mock up of his check for \$11,738 from Publicity Chair Dolores Pack (l) and Treas-



surer Debbie Resnick. As the winner of TBY's annual raffle, he was invited to receive his check at the Temple's new member cocktail party last month.

### 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 Committee Chairs

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

—Dolores Pack, Publicity

~in loving memory of my dad, Robert Caplan

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### April 2010 Contributions

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From Gladys Miller:

~in memory of my beloved husband,  
William (Bus) Miller

From Al and Janice Spieler:

~in loving memory of Al's father, Edward Spieler

### RABBI STERNBERGER MEMORIAL FUND

~From Harold and Elaine Rabinowitz

### Change of Address

Please make the following changes in your membership directory.

#### Welcome New Member

(Friend of TBV)

**Irma Bader**

220 Corey Lane

Middletown, RI 02841

410-841-8911

[irma3034@aol.com](mailto:irma3034@aol.com)

#### New Email Address

**Emily Gill**

[egill8803@gmail.com](mailto:egill8803@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 table in the Temple lobby.

## Arts & Furnishings: Making Our Temple Beautiful

**W**e have been very fortunate to display many works of art in our social hall, lobby, and hallways. Recently we received an abundance of additional works. As we said in the beginning of the social hall decoration, the exhibit was to be revolving. It's time to take some of the artwork down and make space for the newly arrived treasures. If you would like us to return any of your possessions, please contact Sandie Wodlinger or Jeri Lipov.

We have had positive feedback from visitors as well as members. So, we will continue to make TBY a home for the history and beauty of all things Jewish.

## Support Deers Head Hospital

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

### Clean Clothing for Men and Women:

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

**Reading material:** Novels, timeless magazines regardless of issue date such as: National Geographic; Good Housekeeping; Popular Science, puzzles. **News Magazines** less than one month old such as: Newsweek; Sports Illustrated; People. **Miscellaneous:** VCR and DVD movies; personal care items; eyeglasses; free calendars that you receive in the mail; birthday, blank and other cards; canes; walkers; and wheelchairs.

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

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

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

## Good Citizen Awards

Marv and Myra Novick proudly show off their Governor's citations at the Deers' Head Volunteers annual recognition luncheon on January 19, 2010. Each citation states, "... in recognition of your outstanding volunteer service to the patients and staff of Deer's Head Hospital Center. The creativity you bring to the auxiliary board and your many fundraising efforts have done much to maintain the high quality of care offered at that facility. You are particularly to be commended for efforts to provide refreshments and good cheer for staff working during the holidays; and as the citizens of Maryland join with your many friends in offering our appreciation, we are pleased to confer upon you this Governor's Citation."



## 2010 Adult Education

**R**abbi Susan Warshaw will be conducting the following classes:

- *Introduction to Judaism.* Free for members, non-members: \$50. (8 week course) Wednesday evenings, 7 pm-8:30 pm

*Kabbalah Study:* 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: [rabbiwarshaw@templebatyam-oc.org](mailto:rabbiwarshaw@templebatyam-oc.org).

## Contribution Form

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

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Join a Committee, Support Temple Activities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Temple Bat Yam

P.O. Box 3238  
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.