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The following are two beautiful articles written by Adrienne Selbst and provide a bittersweet review of our past Year.

Recap of 2006-2007


This has been a most joyous year for Temple Beth Ami! Why? The reason is that Rabbi Arthur Abrams and Cantor Pat Bruner have given a “new life,” along with new and old members, to making our temple so outstanding. Rabbi Art is so positive, so warm, and so informative that services have become truly meaningful and significant. Every one seems so pleased that Rabbi Art is our spiritual leader, and his wife Claire adds to the enjoyment of having him as our rabbi. Cantor Pat brings her devotion to helping us all learn more about our prayers, as well as surprising us with beautiful chants and new melodies during services; her husband Bob delighted us all with his violin playing of Kol Nidre. We feel blessed to have Rabbi Arthur and Claire Abrams and Cantor Pat and Bob Bruner as part of our temple family.

At this time Cantor Pat, we would like to give you this gift of our appreciation for your wonderful contributions to Temple Beth Ami. You have become an integral part of our lives, and we appreciate all that you do for us. Thanks so much for the commitment and energy that you have shown to our temple, and we wish you the very best with your surgery.

Kol Nidre was very special this year because of the beautiful violin solo performed by Bob Bruner. Bob, this gift is a small measure of our appreciation for your contribution.

It is not easy to be an administrator in any field, but Bobbie Lazarus has shown that she has the aplomb and dignity to “get the job done.” Bobbie, we admire how you are able to juggle so many jobs and do them all so well. You are fun and great as our administrator; we appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to our temple. Many thanks for giving your “all” and performing an outstanding job. This gift is just a small measure of our appreciation for your noteworthy contributions to our temple.

Where would be without Brian Woloshin? I don't want to even think about that as your contributions are



invaluable. We know that you are in Flagstaff this evening at a graduation, but your gift is on the way. Thanks Brian for everything—you are a special guy.

Even though we are a small temple, the number of volunteers is large, as our members know the true meaning of Tzedakah. No contribution is too great or too small; we thank everyone for helping and your efforts make our temple vibrant and alive.

The following is a list of volunteers and their contributions: The Steering Committee-Don Alpert, Morrie Chernis, Arlene Freedberg, Steve Hertzfeld, Sara House, Jack Israel, Bobbie Lazarus, Doris Mannis, Arnie Schwartz, Adrienne and Mel Selbst, and Brian Woloshin; Toby Geller, our Yahrzeit Coordinator; Doris Mannis, our kitchen maven and Oneg Chairman; Susan and Bernie Pollack, our High Holiday Committee; SallieTerman, our Sunshine Chair; Judy and Jim Wilson, our Greeter Committee Chairs; Arlene Freedberg, Marilyn Israel, Beverly Miller, and Molly Spector, our Callers; Don Alpert, Bob Bruner, Earl Geller, Steve Hertzfeld, Mel Selbst, Arnie Schwartz, the Witten Family, and Brian Woloshin, our Holiday Ushers; Linda and Jerry Mittleman, our Israel Film Festival Coordinators; Arlene Freedberg, our Torah Study Coordinator; Morrie Chernis, Jack Israel, Sara House, Mort Miller, and Brian Woloshin, our Membership Committee; Steve Hertzfeld, our Alyiot Chair; Arlene Freedberg, Dinah Schwarz, and Adrienne Selbst, Contributors to the Newsletter; Dinah Schwarz, Movie Chair and Events Coordinator; Brian Woloshin, Web-Site Coordinator---fantastic site; Frani Wolfe, for creatively changing the pot-luck arrangements; The Witten Family for helping Brian; and Blossom Osofsky, our Recording Secretary. Special thanks are in order to Goldie Cohen, Elyssa Schneider, and Molly Spector for their outstanding help at services. Kudos to our special members for officiating at services when the Rabbi was not with us; these special people are Cantor Pat Bruner, Ruth Cohen--your brisket was “the best;” Goldie Cohen, Steve Hertzfeld, Jerry Mittleman, and Brian Woloshin. The Torah Study acknowledges Lila Markowitz, a learned and knowledgeable woman, who has served as our leader for many of the Torah Sessions. **Wow! What a group!** Thanks so much to all of you –you are terrific and Beth Ami needs and applauds all of you for your many accomplishments.

Kudos to Vickie and Steve Hoffman for the delicious break-fast following Yom Kippur: in addition, Vickie and Steve have most generously donated a wonderful gift to the temple to keep the break-fast going for a few more years. Many thanks to the two of you for your generosity; it is well appreciated. Thanks to Bunnie and Bob Leiserowitz for their most generous gift to the Ruth Schwartz Fund; Beth Ami appreciates your generosity.

Remembering Ruth Grosse

Ruth Grosse was a very special lady: she loved life, she loved people, and she loved her family and friends. Ruth was a joy to be around and her 97 years on earth were filled with happiness and special memories. Rabbi Fred Gross, her son, said at her funeral that his mother’s philosophy was that one would be dead a long time so the time to live and enjoy life was right now. Ruth lived in the moment and made the most of her time on earth; she will be missed. Our prayers and love are with Pat, her husband of 75 years.

Summer is almost here. Until we meet again in August, may each of you enjoy good health, terrific times with family and friends, and safe and fun travels.

Adrienne



Committees

At our Town meeting on May 11, the following committee heads are now in effect:

Telephone committee - Marilyn Israel, Molly Spector, Renee Brazy, Arlene Freedberg
Oneg Chairperson- Doris Mannies Associate Chairperson- Elyssa Schneider
Jewish Film Festival-Jerry Mittelman
Aliyots-Steve Hertzfeld
Membership-Jack Israel
Torah Study Group-Arlene Freedberg
Greeting Committee-Judy and Jim Wilson

Although our committees have heads we need your participation and assistance. Remember this a volunteer job so one person should not shoulder the entire burden, so please call to offer your expertise.

Prayer Books

Our long delayed prayer books should be here in August. Congregants can still reserve bookplates in memory of or in honor of a special person. Cost for one plate is \$36.00 or a special deal of four plates for \$100.00. Checks can be made out to Temple and mailed to the office.

Torah Study Group

The last Torah Study group was held in May at Sallie Terman's house. Eleven people attended and a good time was had by all according to Arlene. The next and last meeting of the season will be on June 24 at Arlene's house from 3 to 5PM. The book of Exodus will be discussed.

Bits and Pieces

Good news!

Wedding bells rang for the following: Molly Spector's grandson Sallie Terman's grandson
 Blossom Osofsky's son Doris Mannies' son

New members: Welcome to our newest members Elliott and Nancy Steigel

Speedy recovery to: Pat Bruner Sara House Jackie Rich
 Nancy Alpert Arlene Freedberg

Kudos to Sallie Terman : See attached article from Scottsdale Republic

It's a small world!

Former member Robin Katz, who with husband Marty and family moved to central Florida, was in town on business this last week. She was in the Coffee Plantation waiting for friends and struck-up a conversation with the gentleman next to her. She mentioned she was a former member of Beth Ami Temple...the gentleman

was none other than Beth Ami Temple his cell phone for Robin to say hello, let us know they are all doing well and to pass on her regards to all her old Beth Ami friends."

Beth Ami Temple mourns the loss of one of our founding members, Ruth Grosse, who passed away in April.

The congregation gratefully acknowledges donations made by the following:

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| Karen Murdock | in memory of Sophia Kruglick, mother of Karen
in honor of Karen's aliyah |
| Arlene and Marv Freedberg | in memory of Nancy Bentley, mother of Arlene
in memory of Ruth Grosse
in memory of Bertha Rosenthal |
| Blossom Osofsky | in memory of Stan Osofsky, husband of Blossom
in memory of May Osofsky, mother-in-law of Blossom
in memory of Ruth Grosse |
| Sara and Julian House | in memory of Phyliss House, mother of Julian |
| Cera Gordon | in memory of Bessie Skadron, mother of Cera
in memory of Morris Freedman, husband of Cera |
| Linda and Jerry Mittelman | in memory of Robert Mittelman, brother of Jerry
in memory of Ruth Grosse |
| Jan and Steve Hertzfeld | in memory of Laura Bernstein, grandmother of Jan |
| Vickie and Steve Hoffman | in memory of Ruth Grosse, for break-fasts in honor of Ruth |
| Goldie Cohen | in memory of Albert Cohen, father of Goldie
in memory of Seymour Cohen, brother of Goldie |
| Adrienne and Mel Selbst | in memory of Ruth Grosse
speedy recovery to Sara House
speedy recovery to Arlene Freedberg |
| | in memory of Anne Selbst, mother of Mel
speedy recovery to Nancy Alpert |

in memory of Morrie Selbst, father of Mel

Arnold Schwartz	in memory of Ruth Grosse
Linda and Harry Resnick	in memory of Ruth Grosse
Ruth and Jack Pole	in memory of Ruth Grosse
Suzanne and Don Miller	in memory of Ruth Grosse
Marilyn and Jack Israel	speedy recovery to Arlene Freedberg in memory of Ruth Grosse speedy recovery to Sara House
Molly Spector	in honor of grandson's marriage in memory of E. Kinney Goldman, father of Molly
Susan and Bernie Pollack	in memory of Ruth Greene
Beverly and Mort Miller	in memory of Frieda Rocamora, mother of Tobe Geller
Donna Horwitz	in memory of Clara Cohen, mother of Donna
Renee and Si Brazy	in honor of daughter Betsy making the Dean's list in Law school
Sallie Terman	in memory of Ruth Grosse speedy recovery of Sara House speedy recovery of Arlene Freedberg
Bobbi and Sandy Lazarus	in memory of Celia Lazarus, mother of Sandy in memory of Lollie Luks, mother of Bobbi

