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A Picture Perfect Occasion

Nearly 175 attendees joined in a wonderful retirement party for Rabbi Warshaw on the afternoon of June 3rd at the Embers Restaurant in Ocean City. Even a dreary, rainy start to the day did not diminish a truly festive and celebratory event.

Highlighting the honors accorded to Rabbi Susan were presentations made by Berlin Mayor William “Gee” Williams III, Ocean City Mayor Richard “Rick” Meehan, and Maryland State Senator James (Jim) N. Mathias, Jr. Each of these elected officials has been a consistent supporter and friend of Temple Bat Yam.

Mayor Gee Williams presented a resolution on behalf of himself and the Council of Berlin, Maryland, which read: “On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the town of Berlin we wish to acknowledge your invaluable leadership and service to the community as Rabbi of Temple Bat Yam for the past 10 years. We are particularly grateful for

the opportunities you have provided for myself and other Berlin citizens to share our town’s 150-year history and longstanding special relations with so many

followers of the Jewish faith that continues to thrive as we embrace the 21st Century. We wish you all the best during your retirement and proudly extend to you, for all time, honorary citizenship in the town of Berlin.”



Rabbi Susan with her husband Richard Warshaw

Mayor Rick Meehan of Ocean City presented Rabbi Warshaw with a “Key to the City” from the Mayor and Council “In Appreciation of your 10 Years of Service to the Community.” The plaque includes the signatures of the Mayor and all of the Council members.



MD State Senator Mathias, OC Mayor Meehan, Rabbi Warshaw, Cantorial Soloists Phyllis Alpern and Cheryl Taustin, and President Paul Schwab.

Senator Mathias presented an Official Citation from the Maryland General Assembly which states: “Be it hereby known to all that sincerest congratulations are offered to Rabbi Susan Warshaw in recognition of your Retirement and 10 years of dedicated service as Rabbi at



Father Matthew representing CURE

Temple Bat Yam in Berlin & Ocean City, Maryland.”

Father Matthew D'Amario, Rector, St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church, represented the CURE Coalition (Clergy United for Reconciliation and Equality) and praised Rabbi Warshaw's active

participation in the group. He also recognized other Church leaders present at the gathering. Father Matthew continues to be a regular attendee at our Friday Shabbat Services.

Following these remarks, a number of individual presentations were given in the program. These included gifts given to Rabbi Susan by the TBY Religious School teachers, Terri Goldman, Marsha Rosenstock, Jodi Sabo, and Michelle Schachter. Temple members Lauri Heller, Grayce Cohen and Veronica Kahn, and Sisterhood President Anita Winkler also presented gifts. Our Cantorial Soloists Cheryl Taustin and Phyllis Alpern provided a tearful tribute and thanks to Rabbi Warshaw with best retirement wishes to her and to her husband Richard. They also provided a large photo collage of Rabbi Warshaw.

Program moderator President Paul Schwab concluded the presentations with a certificate to Rabbi Susan from the TBY Board of Directors on behalf of the Congregation bestowing Rabbi Emeritus status to Rabbi Warshaw. The certificate reads as follows: "The Congregation of Temple Bat Yam of Berlin, MD, in recognition of exemplary leadership of this congregation for the past ten years, hereby bestows upon Rabbi Susan

Warshaw the honor of being known to us and to others as Rabbi Emeritus Susan Warshaw of Temple Bat Yam. In conferring this honor, we will remember your warmth, compassion, friendship, and many accomplishments. The Temple Bat Yam Board of Directors (on behalf of the TBY Congregation).”



Rabbi Susan and her husband Richard with MD Senator Mathias, 38th District

Rabbi Warshaw provided closing remarks. She thanked all for a remarkable and memorable ten years experience at Temple Bat Yam and promised that she will not only keep TBY in mind but will also be a visitor back to the Temple. It was noted that she and our incoming Rabbi Mills have agreed to organize a spring 2019 TBY trip to Spain and its Jewish history.



OC Mayor Rick Meehan

Special thanks for the occasion go to Board Member Rachel White and members of our TBY Reception Committee. Appreciation and thanks are extended to the generous hosts of the Taustin and Gerschenfeld families for the food and beverages provided for the reception at the Embers Restaurant. Special thanks go to Bonnie Kirschbaum for the celebratory "Shalom – We'll Miss You" cake provided at the reception.



Berlin Mayor Gee Williams



Above left: Veronica Kahn & Grayce Cohen presenting Book of Memories. Above right: Cantor Soloists Phyllis Alpern and Cheryl Taustin. Below: Reception Committee Chair Rachel with husband Billy.



Above left: Anita Winkler, Sisterhood President, presented gift on behalf of Sisterhood. Above right: Laurie Heller presented book of photographs.

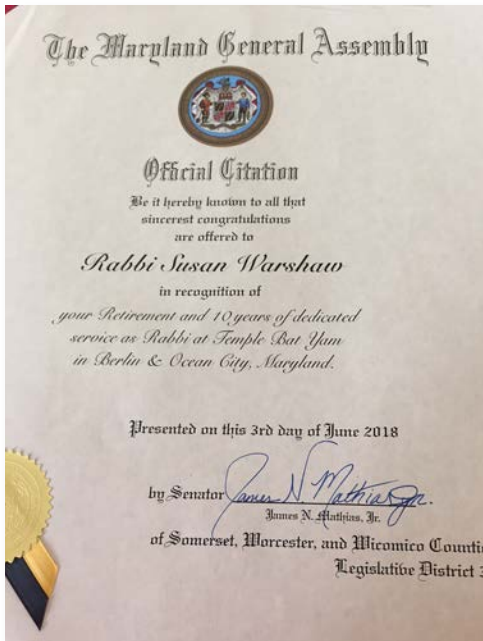


Above left: TBY Religious School Teachers Jodi Sabo, Terri Goldman, Marsha Rosenstock, Michelle Schachter.

Above right: President Paul Schwab presented on behalf of the Board of Directors Certificate bestowing Emeritus Status to Rabbi Warshaw.



Left: Reception Hosts at Embers Jay and Cole Taustin and Mike Gershenfeld.



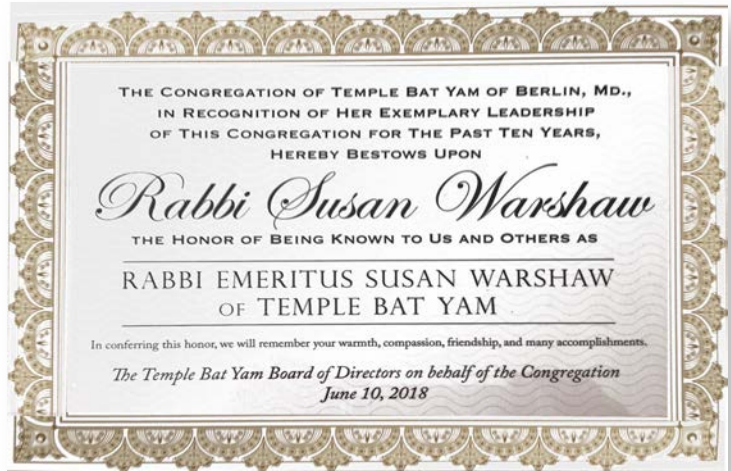
Official Citation from the Maryland General Assembly



Rabbi Warshaw provides her many thanks to all and concluding comments.



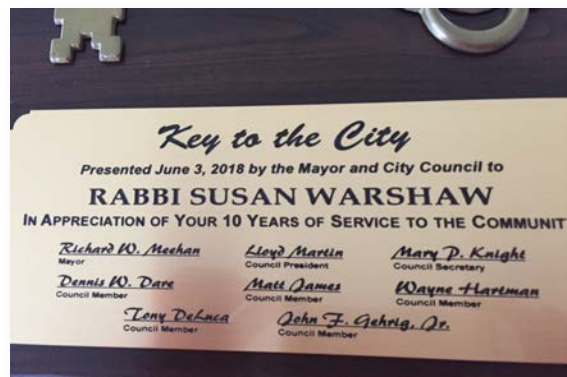
Mayor and Council of Berlin Resolution



TBY Certificate bestowing Rabbi Emeritus status on Rabbi Warshaw



Cake Prepared by Bonnie Kirschbaum



Ocean City "Key to the City" plaque

To view or purchase prints of the retirement party taken by professional photographer Ted Page, go to his website at the following address: <http://tedpagephotos.com/>