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Bet Havarim Notes

Bet Havarim's Summer Outing

On Sunday afternoon, June 22nd, members of Bet Havarim gathered at the home of Delia & Sandy Temes for a summer cookout. "We were delighted to be able to welcome so many of our members for a wonderful summer's afternoon of swimming, good food and conversation," said Delia Temes, "we hope to be able to make this an annual event for Bet Havarim.

Shabbat Service Planned

Cantorial Soloist Hanita Margulies Blair will conduct Bet Havarim's next Shabbat Worship Service on Friday evening, August 22nd, beginning at 7:30 PM. Services are conducted in the social hall of St. David's Episcopal Church in Dewitt. Members of Bet Havarim's Shabbat Committee will assist Blair as she leads the service. Assisting at the July Shabbat service were Bet Havarim members Frann Albert, Zarita Hack, Helen Marcum and Marty Morganstein. An Oneg Shabbat reception follows the service and the public is cordially invited to attend all Bet Havarim Services.

Cantorial Soloist Celebrates Anniversary

Hanita Margulies Blair, Bet Havarim's Cantorial Soloist, will celebrate her 4th anniversary of association with Bet Havarim in September. "It is most appropriate that we thank Hanita Blair for her extraordinary service to Bet Havarim," said Marty Morganstein, a Bet Havarim leader, "her magnificent voice, Judaic knowledge, and wonderful sense of humor all are reflected in our Shabbat Services and we thank Hanita for not only leading the services but for helping us to learn more about our faith as she begins her 5th year of association with Bet Havarim."

End of Life Issues

At a meeting conducted on May 5th to discuss certain "End of Life" issues including availability of clergy and/or others who would be able to conduct burial and memorial services for members and their families as well as arrangements for a "Bet Havarim Section"

in one of Central New York's cemeteries. Marty Morganstein & Mel Shindler, Co-Chairs of the committee to investigate available options presented information with regard to the Jewish Cemeteries as well as one of the "non-sectarian" cemeteries.

As a result of further information-gathering a recommendation was made to Bet Havarim's membership that Oakwood Cemetery would be the site of a "Bet Havarim Section."

"We further recommended that we extend our recommendation to interested members of Central New York's unaffiliated Jewish population to join us in the purchase of burial spaces at Oakwood Cemetery," said Morganstein, adding, "there is no membership obligation in Bet Havarim for anyone who wishes to join in purchasing spaces at Oakwood Cemetery." It was further noted in their recommendation that options for non-Jewish spouses would be available for anyone purchasing burial spaces. For details and information contact Marty Morganstein at 637-5390, email: kmm@twcny.rr.com or Mel Shindler at 478-6856, email: mels912@gmail.com.

Waxman to Conduct High Holy Day Services

Bet Havarim's High Holy Day's committee recently announced that Rabbi Deborah Waxman will return to conduct Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. "We are absolutely thrilled to be able to welcome Rabbi Waxman back for the 6th anniversary of her relationship with Bet Havarim," said Committee Chair, Toni Meltzer.

Services Information

Bet Havarim's Shabbat Worship Services are conducted on the 3rd Friday evening of every month in the social hall of St. David's Church on Jamar Drive in Dewitt. Off-street parking is available and the church is handicapped accessible. For information visit Bet Havarim's website at www.bethavarimsyr.org or email to: info@bethavarimsyr.org. Phone inquiries may be made to Marty Morganstein at 647-5390 or Mel Shindler at 478-6856

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