



# BAT YAM MATTERS

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## **BAT YAM TEMPLE OF THE ISLANDS**

*A Jewish congregation serving residents and guests of Sanibel, Captiva, Fort Myers, and surrounding communities, providing a place of worship in the Reform tradition and creating an extended Jewish family*

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: BECAUSE OF CANCELLATION OF BAT YAM EVENTS DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS RESTRICTIONS, THE APRIL AND MAY-AUGUST ISSUES OF BAT YAM MATTERS ARE COMBINED.**

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL FREQUENTLY FOR INFORMATION, UPDATES AND MESSAGES FROM RABBI FUCHS AND OTHERS CONCERNING BAT YAM EVENTS AND PROCEDURES.**

### **BAT YAM APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES**

In April, during the COVID-19 crisis when we cannot gather in person together to celebrate *Shabbat*, at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, Rabbi Fuchs and Cantor Simon – if he is able to join Rabbi Fuchs on Sanibel – will share with congregants a shortened *Shabbat* eve service online employing Facebook Live. The services, approximately twenty minutes long, will feature *Shabbat* blessings, songs, and Rabbi Fuchs' commentary on the weekly *Torah* portion. You can view the service online live or anytime afterwards at your convenience.

Facebook Live is an online tool enabling the rabbi and cantor to communicate with congregants via our computers, tablets, or smartphones so we can all log on to the Internet. To participate in these group communications, you will need to have a Facebook account. Within that account you will need to “like” or “follow” a page titled “Bat Yam Temple of the Islands.” Before the services, you will receive a notice in your account that there will be a live broadcast soon.

If you do not already have a Facebook account and want to learn how to set one up, contact either Garry Weiss at [gsw211@gmail.com](mailto:gsw211@gmail.com) or 410-336-2612 or Ron Chaddock at [rchaddock@gmail.com](mailto:rchaddock@gmail.com) or 847-370-7439. They will also assist you with any problems you have during the live broadcasts.

Continue to watch for email notices from Rabbi Fuchs or others regarding the procedures for *Shabbat* eve services from May through August.

### **BAT YAM PASSOVER SEDER**

The *Bat Yam* Passover Seder, scheduled for April 8, has been cancelled due to health precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus. Please watch for information via email from Rabbi Fuchs or others regarding whether or not a Seder will be streamed live via Facebook according to the procedures described above.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT TASKS:**

- ♦ **A SCHEDULER** for Friday *Shabbat* Welcome Table greeters
- ♦ **A SCHEDULER** for Friday *Shabbat* services (religious items) set-up
- ♦ **A WRITER** for Jewish holiday articles/photos/advertising for local newspapers
- ♦ **SOMEONE TO REMIND** *Bat Yam* members of *Yahrzeit*;
- ♦ **SOMEONE TO ACKNOWLEDGE** donations and membership payments
- ♦ **A FACILITY COORDINATOR** to set up tables and chairs for events
- ♦ **A SCHEDULER** for *Ongai Shabbat* volunteers for Friday *Shabbat* evening services from September through April

Please contact a *Bat Yam* officer or board member (see the list on the last page of this *Bat Yam Matters*) if you wish to volunteer for one or more of these jobs. If there are no volunteers, these important services will not be performed.

## **KUDOS TO CANTOR SIMON FOR HIS WONDERFUL THREE CANTORS AND A PASTOR CONCERT**

On March 1, for the second consecutive year, *Bat Yam* presented Three Cantors and a Pastor, a hugely popular event. Although it is billed as a “free” concert, sponsorships and advertisers were solicited for what is the only major fundraiser conducted annually by *Bat Yam* (other than the payment of dues). As a fundraiser, this concert raised in excess of \$30,000 for the General Fund of *Bat Yam*. As a community-wide interdenominational gathering, the benefit to *Bat Yam* is beyond calculation.

There are many people to thank, but the eleven committee members made this event happen. The members of the committee were Janice Chaddock, Barry Epstein, Shirley Frank, Vickie Fuchs, Tanya Hochschild, Edina Lessack, Barry Alan Roth, Irene Skolnick, and Beth Weiss.

There are additional aspects of this event that bear noting. Principally, it should be recognized that non-members, friends and family, including SCUCC members and clergy, contributed a total of \$6,700! In addition, seventy-four members of *Bat Yam* sponsored this event.

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(left to right) Cantors Rachel Brook, Elizabeth Shammash, and Murray Simon and the Reverend Dr. John H. Danner sing together at the March 1 concert.

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The overwhelming support by our membership is significant. The local business community contributed \$9,800 in ads and donations.

It goes without saying, but can never be said enough, that the talent displayed at this concert was extraordinary. We are the weekly recipients of Cantor Simon's rare vocal talents, and he amplified those talents by arranging for Cantor Rachel Brook and Cantor Elizabeth Shammash to join him in song. Of course, our own Pastor John Danner is always a crowd-pleaser. Finally, our talented pianists, drummer and saxophonist, beginning with Abbey Allison, our weekly pianist, only reinforced the excellence of the musical talent. Toby Simon is an accomplished pianist/accompanist. Shawn Allison is an outstanding musician; and our young drummer, Stephen McMullan, was a delightful addition to the stage. They all melded and blended their talents to give the audience the absolute ultimate in musical entertainment.

Despite several very popular events occurring simultaneously with our concert, we still had 475 in attendance (425 in the sanctuary and 50 in Heron Hall for live streaming). It took many months of work to bring this concert to Sanibel. The reward for us was that everyone seemed as delighted as we were with the result.

*Judy Adler and Howard Lorsch*  
Co-Chairs



Pastor Danner and Cantors Shammash, Brook, and Simon



Cantors Shammash and Brook

## **JEWES AGAIN TRIUMPH OVER HAMAN IN ENTERTAINING *PURIM SPIEL* ON MARCH 9**

Many SCUCC members, as well as *Bat Yam* congregants, enjoyed the educational and highly entertaining evening on Monday, March 9, during which the *Purim* story was told.

Thank you to the wonderful hard-working cast, who wrote the lyrics to their own songs, as well as performed them. The cast included Pastor John Danner as King Ahasuerus, Vickie Fuchs as Queen Esther, Edina Lessack as Mordecai, Cantor Murray Simon as Haman, Ben Yokel as Bigthan, Alan Sacks as Teresh, Sally Sacks as Queen Vashti, and Rabbi Stephen Fuchs as Hatach the Storyteller. Thanks also to Tanya Hochschild for narrating the story and to *Bat Yam* accompanist Abbey Allison.



Rabbi Stephen Fuchs as Hatach the Storyteller relates the story of *Purim*

Half of the coins the audience members put into the groggers were donated to the Jewish National Fund; the other half were donated to *Bat Yam*. Our thanks to Norman Minsky for obtaining the tin *pushkes* from the JNF and for arranging for the donations.



Queen Esther, portrayed by Vickie Fuchs, tells Mordecai, played by Edina Lessack (on the far left in the photo), she doesn't want to risk her life by alerting the king to the plot against the Jews. Others in the photo are (left to right): Cantor Murray Simon, Ben Yokel, Alan Sacks, Pastor John Danner, Sally Sacks, Tanya Hochschild, and Rabbi Stephen Fuchs.

## RABBI FUCHS REFLECTS

COVID-19 has struck with devastating swiftness.

While it necessitated, to our sadness, the cessation of all in-person meetings, classes, services, and even our Passover Seder, the wonderful people at *Bat Yam Temple of the Islands* are making lemonade out of the bunch of lemons dumped on us.

Thanks to the efforts of Ron Chaddock and Garry Weiss, we have already livestreamed messages to the congregation and a wonderful “Welcome Shabbat” program via Facebook featuring our renowned Cantor Murray Simon and our accompanist, Abbey Allison, who joined me to broadcast from our home.



Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

Many hundreds of people have already tuned in to these offerings, and they remain available for viewing on the *Bat Yam Temple of the Islands* Facebook page and my personal site as well. All of you are cordially invited to “Friend” me to see them there. Well I know that Facebook is a two-edged sword that, like all communication abilities, can be used for good or for harm. Personally, I am a fan.

These are unprecedented times, and my season-ending *Bat Yam Matters* message to you has one central request: **STAY SAFE!** Many of us, including your rabbi, are in the highest risk category for infection by the virus. Avoid the things that risk exposure. At the same time, all of us want to live our lives and not as hermits.

Each of us as individuals must weigh the “risk/reward” ratio in any activities we contemplate. No one can make those decisions for us.

Personally, I choose to continue to play tennis when I can, because for me the benefits of being out in the sunshine and Florida heat and exercising vigorously outweigh my concern about exposure on the courts. I keep my distance from other people and no longer hand-shake after a match, as I have always done for the past sixty years.

On the other hand, with great sadness Vickie and I have cancelled our entire six-week schedule of teaching, speaking and preaching in Germany this year. This was a no-brainer, but it is still painful.

Although my “contractual season” at *Bat Yam* concludes April 30, please know that I am still available to you as your rabbi in the months between May and mid-September. My personal email is [stephenfuchs@gmail.com](mailto:stephenfuchs@gmail.com), and my cellphone number is 860-614-4481. Please feel free to contact me at any time for any reason.

With warm best wishes to all of you for a joyous – even under the circumstances – Passover and a wonderful summer.

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I invite you to follow my blog at [www.findingourselvesinbiblicalnarratives.com](http://www.findingourselvesinbiblicalnarratives.com). (Please note: my website ([www.rabbifuchs.com](http://www.rabbifuchs.com)) has a *Bat Yam* tab that leads to a number of wonderful photos of some events that took place during the past season, including my summer activities in Germany.)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recently, a longtime congregant of *Bat Yam* Temple of the Islands gave me the minutes of the temple's first congregational meeting dated March 8, 1991, after a "short 'do-it-ourselves' prayer service." The purpose of the meeting was to "develop plans and to organize goals for the balance of 1991 and 1992." The meeting was led by the late Len Arnoff and Ann Arnoff (the second *Bat Yam* president).



President Barry Fulmer

The first item in the minutes that received the most votes (sixty-eight), stated:

We agree that above all we want to participate in a warm, friendly congregation where we can share good fellowship and responsiveness to each individual's needs. We want to know each other and to feel the closeness of extended family. We wish to avoid bureaucracies, cliques and infighting. We seek the unstructured structure that permits a spontaneous flow of good will and co-operation, leading toward a dependable, caring support system.

How wise our founders were.

In my last column, I quoted from the words of our late Rabbi Murray Saltzman on this tenth anniversary year of his death. In *A Shared Devotion to the Common Good*, published in the *Island Reporter* on February 24, 2000, he wrote:

Sometimes there are present, in the political arena, needless personal attacks that prompt excessive hostility. Debate is worthy to crystallize differences and to present with clarity, various opinions. But, we should remember, there is a commitment that overrides our differences. A shared purpose ought to inhibit personal attacks and excessively harsh criticism of diverse points of view.

We require the participation of all our people to volunteer their time, intelligence and energy. They ought not to be discouraged from this by the threat of exposure to personal attacks and excessive hostility. On all sides of the issues, we should guard against confrontational tactics.

Our temple season has drawn to a close except for online *Shabbat* Eve services, but not the way we had planned – gathering at Sanibel Congregational UCC for our inspiring *Shabbat* services, our community Passover *Seder*, enjoying stimulating Saturday morning classes, attending special lectures such as the one I had arranged with Ambassador Peter Galbraith for March 29, and informal social get-togethers with our *Bat Yam* colleagues in the church.

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But now we are facing larger problems than just those involving our congregation. Right now we face a pandemic that is life threatening and that could alter the world's social fabric. We are all facing uncertainty and fear, isolated in our homes and apartments due to the worldwide COVID-19 virus.

We lucky ones, such as Cheryl and I, have spouses or partners with whom to hunker down. Some of our congregants are alone and have no one with whom to share their isolation. This time must be especially difficult for many of you, and we reach out to you to offer digital and telephone companionship.

Throughout history, humankind has been subject to catastrophes such as plagues (how relevant, since we are approaching the Passover season!), floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, and fires, not to mention social injustice, political violence, and wars. Just because we live in the "modern" age with computers, smartphones, air conditioners, and mosquito control, we foolishly think our society is too advanced for such conditions to affect us personally. Unfortunately, we now see we are mistaken.

Humankind has turned to some kind of God for comfort since the beginning of time. While many today may not find solace in this way, we can turn to our Jewish tradition, which always offers hope in the face of adversity, no matter how difficult the time or situation. As the Biblical Book of Joshua, Chapter 1 verse 9 counsels: *Hazak V'Amatz: Be Strong and Of Good Courage.*

Cheryl and I send our best wishes to all for good health.

*L'Shalom,*  
*Barry Fulmer*  
President, *Bat Yam*

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## **REPORT FROM THE *BAT YAM TZEDAKAH* COMMITTEE**

The *Bat Yam Tzedakah* Committee has postponed its April meeting, during which it had planned to allocate funds to the eleven organizations that have submitted requests. The group will hold an online meeting if necessary so it can distribute the funds before summer.

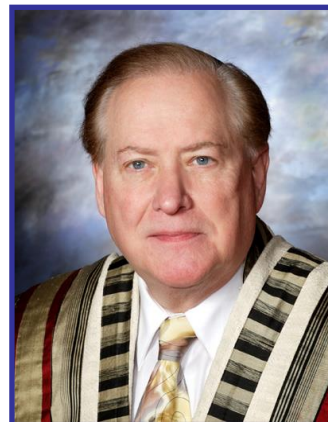
According to committee chairs Vickie Fuchs and Ellen Feingold, approximately \$8,000 has been collected from generous *Bat Yam* members to disburse both locally and in Israel. They wish to thank other members of the committee Gay Adelstein, Nancy Greenberg, Debbie Gurman, Shirley Frank, and Sally Sacks.

## CANTOR'S MESSAGE

### THE PASSOVER SEDER – LET'S COME TO "ORDER"

Ah, Passover and the *Seder* meal! When going to a restaurant, we "order" our meal, but at the *Seder*, we have a meal with "order." Of course, I am playing with the word "order," because that's what the Hebrew word "*Seder*" means.

At Passover, we look forward to being around our *Seder* tables, performing all the rites and singing all the songs that make this holiday such a wonderful Jewish experience for all of us. As you know, the telling of the story of Passover is the main educational objective of the *Seder*. What better way to accomplish this than with the interaction of the songs and symbols replete in the *Haggadah* – the "script" of the *Seder* meal for telling the story? That's what the Hebrew word, "*Haggadah*" means: the "telling."



Cantor Murray Simon

Most important, the Passover *Seder* affords us to be together as families – an intergenerational experience that seems to be becoming a rare commodity in our fast-paced and far-flung lives. All us have cherished memories as youngsters of being at our own family *Seder* and singing the songs that have been forever programmed into our Jewish "memory banks."

As we approach the Passover season of 5780, may our wonderful singing and telling *Seders* come alive once again as we create new memories for ourselves and our families.

*Chag sameyach,*

*Cantor Murray Simon*

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### THANKS TO ADELE ANISH AND SUE SPOHR...

For selling special golf balls and other golf-related items at the *Bat Yam* table at the SCUCC Almost Spring Bazaar on Saturday, March 29. Adele, who organized the project, reports they brought in a profit of \$80. She gave 10% to SCUCC and donated the remainder to the *Bat Yam Tzedakah* fund.

Adele suggests we repeat the project at next year's Almost Spring Bazaar and welcomes ideas for other items to sell in the future. Contact her at [adeleanish@gmail.com](mailto:adeleanish@gmail.com).



## **THANKS ALSO TO THE MARCH *ONGAI*\* SHABBAT HOSTS...**

March 6 – Shirley Boscov, Peggy and Frank Siegel, Irene and Leon Skolnik  
And thanks to all others who volunteered to host *Ongai Shabbat* throughout the past season.

*\*Editor's note: "Ongai Shabbat" is the proper way to say the plural of Oneg Shabbat.*

## **AND TO VICKIE FUCHS...**

For organizing the wonderful *Shabbat* morning classes this past season.  
If you have ideas for topics for next season or wish to volunteer to present  
a session next season, contact her at [vfuchs@gmail.com](mailto:vfuchs@gmail.com).

## **WHERE IN THE WORLD IS RABBI SOIFER?**

Sunday, March 15: Schools in Panama had all closed days before. Suddenly, with no chance to say good-bye to my sweet children, all Peace Corps volunteers were under orders to stand fast – we couldn't go anywhere outside our communities. My wonderful community guide had put together a small farewell dinner with her family.

8:00 p.m.: All Peace Corps volunteers (world wide!) got the email to evacuate. In two hours I had packed and was on a bus to Panama City. No time for good-byes to the people and place where my heart and soul dwelt for two years. My dear community counterparts were left to close up my little home and deal with all the stuff left behind.

I was fortunate to be in the second group to leave; I was on a plane and home by the 17th. It took three more days and charter planes to get the rest of our Panama cohort out. All in all, a wrenching departure. But I am safe, well, and comfortable in the guesthouse of Reno friends. The world to which I've returned seems near-apocalyptic.

My prayers and love are with all. Stay well and of good faith. We all surely need the latter ... and one another, even if at a safe distance.

Rabbi Myra Soifer

*Editor's Note: In the previous issue of Bat Yam Matters I had indicated that Rabbi's Soifer's column there would be her last, as she was planning to end her Peace Corps service and fly home to Reno, Nevada, on March 25. However, I wanted her to tell us in her own words her thoughts and, feelings as she was suddenly uprooted from her adventurous and meaningful attempt to improve the world. Our wishes go out to her for a new and rewarding next chapter in her life.*



## **REFUAH SH'LEMA, BEST WISHES FOR HEALING TO...**

Mel Bleiberg, Paulette Lotstein, Mickie Kaplan, Jeanette Keyser, Becky Kon, Howard Mayer, June Patinkin, Esther Pokedoff, June Rosner, Alan Saltz (son of Jocelyn and Peter Saltz), Carol Scheiber, Arlyn Stein, and Irwin Stein

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### **IS YOUR CONTACT INFO UP TO DATE?**

Please check that your contact information on the *Bat Yam* membership list, including your mailing address if you have moved, is up to date. To access the list, go to the *Bat Yam* website (<http://www.batyam.org>) and click onto the membership list. If you need to be reminded of the password for the website membership list, or to make changes, contact Brandon Minsky at [Brandon@bitservicesfl.com](mailto:Brandon@bitservicesfl.com).

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### **SCUCC PARISH NURSE LINDA CONVERTINE SHARES ADVICE FOR BOOSTING YOUR IMMUNITY DURING THE VIRUS OUTBREAK**

Our immune system is the main line of defense against illness. It only makes sense that we'd want to keep it in top shape, especially with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) sweeping our world.

First and foremost, to protect ourselves from contagion, we need to wash our hands thoroughly during our comings and goings. For hand washing, soap and water is the best. Hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not available. Secondly, we need to dedicate ourselves to social distancing. These practices have been proven to greatly reduce communication of disease.

There are some simple and easy ways to boost the immune system, which I'd like to share with you. Many of you are practicing them already so these tips will just be reminders.

- **HYDRATE:** Staying hydrated and drinking water play a huge role in boosting your immunity. Water oxygenates your blood, flushes toxins, and helps in the production of lymph, which circulates white blood cells that fight infection. Proper hydration helps ensure that your cells are working in top condition by having the fluids they need to do their job. Staying hydrated helps your immune system stay healthy by giving your whole body the platform it needs to fight off viruses and infection. Sip on warm drinks throughout the day, it's good for you and comforting as well. I drink hot water with lemon or just plain hot water in the afternoon to avoid caffeine.
- **EAT PLENTY OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES, NUTS AND SEEDS:** Loading up on these food items will provide the body with the nutrients your immune system needs. Boosting fruit and vegetable intake improves antibody response. Garlic is a broad-spectrum antimicrobial agent and an immune booster. It is heat resistant, so let it rest after chopping for 15 minutes before applying heat. This allows time for the two enzymes in raw garlic to combine to form the non-heat resistant antimicrobial enzyme. Mushrooms, such as shiitake and maitake, have been proven to boost immune function.

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- **GET ENOUGH SLEEP AND MANAGE STRESS:** Sleep deprivation and stress overload increase the hormone cortisol, prolonged elevation of which suppresses immune function and makes us more vulnerable to infection. Think of ways to reduce stress. Limit the amount of time you listen to the news; exercise, listen to music, and sing songs; read the Psalms (91 is a good one); organize your closet or drawers; read uplifting books; watch good movies (not “Contagion”) and comedies; face time with friends or make phone calls. I have looked up on YouTube things people are doing during their confinement. There are some really funny YouTube videos out there. I like the ones about animals. Laughing is good for you. It curbs the level of stress hormones in your body and boosts a type of white blood cell that fights infection. Meditation, prayer, and counting your blessings are great ways to reduce stress.
- **KEEP YOUR ALCOHOL INTAKE IN CHECK:** High alcohol intake has been shown to suppress immune function and increase vulnerability to lung infections. It is also dehydrating. If you don’t want to cut out alcohol completely, sip in moderation which means one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men.
- **AVOID SMOKING AND TOBACCO SMOKE:** It undermines basic immune defenses and raises the risk for bronchitis and pneumonia. Smoking immobilizes cilia, the hair-like structures in your airways that help sweep out bacteria. When the cilia are immobilized, germs have much easier access to your lungs.
- **CATCH SOME RAYS, OR BE SURE YOU ARE TAKING ENOUGH VITAMIN D:** Vitamin D plays an important role in supporting the immune system by helping your body produce antibodies, which can then fight illness. Sunlight triggers the skin’s production of Vitamin D. A 10-15-minute exposure (minus sunscreen) is enough. That daily walk outside in nature will boost your Vitamin D level as well as reduce your stress. Vitamin D-rich foods include fatty fish and seafood, mushrooms, eggs and fortified foods.
- **KEEP UP WITH A REGULAR EXERCISE ROUTINE:** Here's what happens when you head out for a 30-minute walk: Muscle movement and an increased heart rate prompt immune cells to come out of their holding spots (e.g. lungs, spleen, lymph nodes). Because of that walk, there are more immune cells — natural killer (NK) cells and macrophages, specifically — circulating, primed and ready to seek and destroy pathogens. This effect is short-lived, but it adds up over time to strengthen your body's defenses. Exercising 30 to 60 minutes a day is enough to trigger this immune response.
- **SUPPLEMENTS:** Be careful of the hype and be sure to check with your pharmacist or M.D. before adding supplements. I take a daily dose of elderberry syrup which helps to protect healthy cells from the viral spikes with which a virus attaches itself to the cell membrane to gain access (it tastes good, too). Vegetarians should be sure to take B12. D3 supplementation is important, as well, if you are deficient.
- **ADDITIONAL TIPS:** Gargling with warm salt water three times a day is a good way to protect yourself, as is using a saline spray for your nasal passages. Laugh often, do nice things for other people (though at a distance), encourage one another, be grateful, and enjoy every moment of every day. Together we are better.

## **APRIL – AUGUST YAHRZEITS**

April 2 – Reva Kasdan, mother of Bonnie Kasdan  
April 7 – Lillian Schwadron, mother of Sandra Berke  
April 8 – Joseph Raboy, husband of Paula Raboy  
April 11 – Esther Agtas, aunt of Esther Pokedoff  
April 12 – Lillian Levine Hecht, mother of Helane Smith  
April 20 – Anne Fisher, mother of Alan Lessack  
April 24 – Albert Fisher, Stepfather of Alan Lessack  
April 27 – Rose Miller, mother of Dorothy Zablotsky  
April 29 – Meyer Weisman, father of Cheryl Fulmer

May 4 – Helen Rebon, mother-in-law of Kathy Zoss  
May 7 – Hy Bergstein, uncle of Linda Edinburg  
May 13 – Clara Bergstein, aunt of Linda Edinburg  
May 13 – James Kasdan, father of Bonnie Kasdan  
May 18 – Alan Berke, father of Stuart Berke  
May 24 – Margaret Reese, aunt of Kathy Zoss  
May 29 – Tillie Berger, mother of David Berger

June 6 – Helen Kramer, wife of Ron Kramer  
June 8 – Oscar Hoffman, uncle of Kathy Zoss  
June 8 – William Wallitzer, uncle of Elissa Samet  
June 9 – Syd Ruth Zoss, mother of Kathy Zoss  
June 11 – Bogdana Zoss, grandmother of Kathy Zoss  
June 17 – Gerrit Vossen, friend of Kathy Zoss  
June 24 – Margaret Lloyd Davis, friend of Kathy Zoss  
June 27 – Frances Weisman, mother of Cheryl Fulmer

July 2 – Leo Pokedoff, father-in-law of Esther Pokedoff  
July 5 – Will Bergstein, father of Linda Edinburg  
July 11 – Paul Kline, uncle of Esther Pokedoff  
July 12 – Emma Heyman, grandmother of Jack Kohn  
July 12 – Samuel Zoss, father of Kathy Zoss  
July 12 – Joseph Sharf, father of Dorothy Zablotsky  
July 17 – Simon Hochschild, brother of Michael Hochschild  
July 31 – Beatrice Rudin, mother of Rabbi James Rudin

August 4 – Dr. Max Kaplan, father of Marcia Rudin  
August 10 – Anna Hoffman, grandmother of Kathy Zoss  
August 12 – Lewis Edinburg, brother of Joel Edinburg  
August 18 – Sara Kline, aunt of Esther Pokedoff  
August 24 – Solomon Wallitzer, grandfather of Elissa Karasin Samet  
August 27 – Lillian Kohn, mother of Jack Kohn  
August 28 – Dorothy Lubetkin, mother of Bernard Lubetkin

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAT YAM**

Please note: Any recent contributions not listed here will be in the next issue of *Bat Yam Matters*.

### **General**

Ellen and Craig Mandel (non-members) (in appreciation of being with the congregation during their Sanibel visit)

Rochelle and Lewis Masters (non-members)

Brenda and Arnold Zaltas (in appreciation of Shabbat honors)

### **Tzedakah Fund**

Anonymous

Adele and Stephen Anish (proceeds from the sale of golf balls at SCUCC's bazaar)

### **Cantor's Concert**

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Amanda and Steven Greenstein

Bluma Herman

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Edina and Alan Lessack

Patricia and Stanley Levine

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Enid and Marty Packard

Andrea and Jan Smith

Jay and Barry Solomon

Kathy Zoss (for Cantor's Music Fund)

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Enid and Marty Packard

### **In Memory of Don Herman**

Enid and Marty Packard

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Darlene and Robert Duvin

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Julie and Eric Skolnick (non-members)

### **Yahrzeits**

Edina and Alan Lessack for the Yahrzeit of Alan's brother Jordan Lessack

Kathy Zoss for the Yahrzeit of her grandfather Morris Hoffman

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