

# 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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## *NOVEMBER SHABBAT WORSHIP*

All Shabbat services, in Fellowship Hall of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ will be led by Rabbi Myra Soifer, with music by Cantorial Soloist Douglas Renfroe accompanied by pianist Abigail Allison. Services during November through April begin at 7:30 p.m.

November 4, 7:30 p.m. – Rabbi Myra Soifer, Douglas Renfroe (*Simchat Shabbat* – November birthdays and anniversaries celebrated and half-birthdays and half-anniversaries that occur in off-season months celebrated)

November 11, 7:30 p.m. – Rabbi Myra Soifer, Douglas Renfroe

November 18, 7:30 p.m. – Rabbi Myra Soifer, Douglas Renfroe

November 25, 7:30 p.m. – Rabbi Myra Soifer, Douglas Renfroe

My deepest thanks to all who offered sympathy regarding the recent death of my mother, Charlotte. Whether by email or phone call or cards or donations, please know that your condolences have truly been a comfort. With both the weariness of grief and the press of the High Holidays upon me, there was no realistic way I could thank each of you individually. But do know that every single one of you, in your kindness, has greatly mattered. Thank you. *Rabbi Myra Soifer*

### CONDOLENCES TO....

*Bat Yam* members Patty and Stanley Levine on the tragic loss on October 5<sup>th</sup> of their son David Robert and their daughter-in-law Tetania.

### MANY THANKS TO....

Rabbi Soifer, Douglas Renfroe, Abigail Allison, and 'cellist Susannah Kelly for very special and wonderful High Holiday Services. And thanks to those who organized, set up, and cleaned up the delicious Break the Fast – Edina Lessack, Alan Lessack, Kathy Zoss, Miriam Bailey, Cheryl Fulmer, Barry Fulmer, and Stan Zell.

## NOVEMBER SATURDAY CLASSES

All classes are In Fellowship Hall, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

Rabbi Soifer's 2016-2017 presentations focus on the theme "It's a Mitzvah." The classes will study different ethical or ritual *Mitzvot* each week. *Bat Yam* members present the second session of discussion. In November and December, the theme for those sessions will be "Jews in the Diaspora."

### November 5

- . 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.: Hebrew reading from the linear *Chumash/Devorim* – Rabbi Soifer
- . 9:30 – 10:30 a.m: Introduction: It's a *Mitzvah*. What is *Mitzvah*? - Rabbi Soifer
- . 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m: Seafaring and Jews in Biblical Times – Barry Fulmer

### November 12

- . 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.: Hebrew reading from the linear *Chumash/Devorim* – Rabbi Soifer
- . 9:30 – 10:30 a.m: *Talmud Torah: Study and Learning* – Rabbi Soifer
- . 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m: Jews of Persia - Parvis Sadighi

### November 19

- . 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.: Hebrew reading from the linear *Chumash/Devorim* – Rabbi Soifer
- . 9:30 – 10:30 a.m: *Bal Taschit: Thou Shalt Not Destroy/Waste* – Rabbi Soifer
- . 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m: The Lemba Tribe of South Africa and Zimbabwe – Alan Lessack

**November 26:** no classes (Thanksgiving)

If you wish to organize and lead a Yiddish class, to be included in the Saturday morning class schedule, please contact Esther Pokedoff at [estherpy@embarqmail.com](mailto:estherpy@embarqmail.com) or 239-395-2544; if you are willing to lead Jewish current events sessions on Saturday mornings, please contact Alan Lessack at [allesack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allesack@sbcglobal.net) or 773-251-8862.

In addition to contributions for general *Bat Yam* operations, congregants can now donate to three special funds, The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, The Music Fund, and The President's Discretionary Fund.

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

During High Holiday Services I tried to focus on my interactions with family, friends and even strangers during the past year.

That search kept on expanding as I considered all of the human tragedies occurring around the world caused by wars, famine, storms, earthquakes and more. I touched on this issue briefly while making some remarks during the *Rosh Hashanah* service when I mentioned that over sixty million people are at risk. When you consider the disasters in Syria, Haiti, Africa and the millions who are fleeing to European countries trying to save their families, the numbers are overwhelming.

Contrast that with those living on our paradise islands and nearby communities. We do not want for food, shelter, health facilities and security. Yet, we are aware that close by there are people who live on the edge of poverty, including many who are subject to human trafficking and/or are homeless.

All of these concerns made me ask myself, "What or how could our congregation do something in a substantive way to reach out and provide assistance to people in need?" After all, the Reform movement pioneered a program in social justice. Then I read an article (10/17/16), by Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, entitled "We Need to be Reminded of Life on the Edge". Jacobs uses the imagery of the Holiday of *Sukkoth*, when we are commanded to leave our homes and reside in flimsy huts made of modest materials to remind us of humbler times when we wandered in the desert as poor refugees. He explains that we enjoy sitting in a temporary space because we know that we have the safety of returning to our homes to sleep and shower.

Rabbi Jacobs cites a piece written by Moses Maimonides in the 12th Century addressing the same subject. Maimonides taught, "Anyone who sits comfortably with his family within his own walls and does not share with the poor is performing a *mitzvah* not for joy but for the stomach."

I believe we must spend time examining this issue and, if agreed, what kind of program we can undertake as a congregation that focuses on assisting those less fortunate. I welcome your comments, constructive suggestions and your willingness to participate.

If You Believe in it- It Will Happen and Become a Reality.

*Alan Lessack*

President, Bat Yam

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## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI



### Quite a Character

Throughout this ghastly political season, one topic that has received much attention is the matter of character . . . a matter that is deeply Jewish.

No doubt we are all familiar with the concept of *Tikkun Olam* – repairing the world. But there's another Jewish *tikkun*. *Tikkun Middot* is the concept of correcting our character. Jewish tradition demands repair within and without. Our work to rectify the world's ills cannot be separated from our work to develop our own moral fiber. Just as we strive for justice and equity, we must also strive to better ourselves. And, of course, Judaism offers all kinds of wisdom to guide us in doing so.

I've spoken often about the concept of the *Yetzer* – that “life drive” within every one of us. That drive can incline us either for good or for evil. The *Yetzer Tov* – the good inclination – is

constantly challenged by the *Yetzer HaRah*, its evil twin. We've just completed that season of our Jewish year when that struggle stands in high relief. But the choice between good and evil is one we make daily. What is our character? Who will we be?

Then there's the concept of *Derech Eretz*. *Derech Eretz* literally means “the way of the land.” But that literal translation has come to be understood more broadly as basic consideration for others – plain old common decency. It's a code of proper behavior which at base sees every one of us as created in the divine image and due, therefore, the deep respect that such sacred creation demands.

Which brings us to the concept undergirding all Jewish notions of character. *Kiddush HaShem* is the sanctification of God's name, and *Chilul HaShem* is its opposite, the profaning of God's name. The awesome bottom line is that who we are, and what we do, reflects upon the Most High whom we claim to follow. Call it “God” or “the best we can be,” our behavior is the surest proof of Who/what we claim to believe.

Needless to say, there is much more teaching – specifics developed over the millennia of our faith – to the Jewish notion of character. Many of those specifics will be detailed in my Saturday morning class, *It's a Mitzvah*. (Yes, that's a shameless plug. Hope to see you in class!) In the meantime, may this new year just begun be one in which we climb ever higher up the

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ladder of our personal character-building – a profoundly serious matter, long before and long after its election year promotion.

God bless us, our country, and all the world and all its inhabitants.

Your Rabbi, *Myra Soifer*  
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## *IMPORTANT SPECIAL PROGRAM PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 20TH*

Temple Judea, *Bat Yam*, and the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties are jointly sponsoring a special program, “Left vs. Right: The Battle for Israel’s Soul.” It will take place on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. at Temple Judea, 14486 A & W Bulb Road in Ft. Myers.

The presenters, debating critical issues concerning the state of Israel, will be Jonathan S. Tobin (on the right), senior online editor and chief political blogger of *Commentary Magazine*, and J.J. Goldberg (on the left), editor-at-large of the *Forward* newspaper and former U.S. Bureau Chief of the Israeli news magazine, *The Jerusalem Report*. Important questions to be discussed include, “Is Israel locked in a tragic dispute between two peoples claiming the same land – or a global conflict between Western democracy and Islamist terrorism? Is partition into two states the only way to ensure Israel’s survival – or is it the surest path to ever-increasing bloodshed and possibly even endangering Israel’s survival?”

If you are interested in carpooling to Temple Judea to attend this important program, please contact either Marty Pokedoff at [limartyp@embarqmail.com](mailto:limartyp@embarqmail.com) or Shirley Frank at [sfrank1523@gmail.com](mailto:sfrank1523@gmail.com).

## *RABBI SOIFER’S THURSDAY CLASSES BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 10*

In Rabbi Soifer’s 12:30 p.m. Thursday classes, she will focus on the “off-season” *Torah* portions. All are welcome. Sessions will be held in Heron Hall of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. Her schedule for the first month of classes is as follows:

November 10 - **Introduction: *Torah*, Study, and the Weekly Portion**  
November 17 - ***Bereisheet: Gen. 1.1-2.3***  
November 26: no classes (Thanksgiving)  
December 1 - ***Noach: Gen. 6.9-8.14***

## *FOOD DRIVE*

During the month of November, *Bat Yam* will sponsor a food drive to support the Jewish Federation Food Pantry. This pantry serves seniors, families, the homeless, and anyone living in Lee and Charlotte counties in need. Over one hundred bags of food are given out each month.

Food staples particularly needed include peanut butter and jelly, rice and beans, cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, canned vegetables and fruits, and canned meats. Toiletries for adults and children; gift cards to places like Publix, Walmart, Target, etc; and cash donations are also appreciated. Support this *Mitzvah* by bringing your donations to *Shabbat* worship on Friday night or to Adult Education classes on Saturday or Thursday.

## *SCHMOOZE WITH THE RABBI*

The first Rabbi Schmooze of the season will be on Friday, November 11th at the Sanibel Deli and Coffee Factory, 2330 Palm Ridge Rd., at 10:30 a.m. If no one has shown up 11:00 a.m., Rabbi Soifer will head out for the rest of her day. If you want to chat with her but are running late that morning, call her on her cell, 775-721-5508 (and feel free to call for an appointment at any other time, Wednesday through Saturday). Due to Thanksgiving, this will be the only Rabbi Schmooze for the month of November.

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

June Patinkin, David Crown, William Schlackman, Hartley Kleinberg, Barbara Schwartz, Orlene Shimberg, Joy Bowe, Helane Smith, Paula Raboy, Marvin Berke, Jeanette Keyser, Judy Goldbenberg, Roselyn Kraus, Marilyn and Moe Michel, Mike Raab, Michael Derechin, Howard Pachman, Marty Packard, Michael Hochschild, Douglas Renfroe, Mel Bleiberg, Carol Scheiber, Rosamond (Rivvie) Swartz

### *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HOST ONEG SHABBATS*

Kathy Zoss requests that you sign up with her to head or assist in planning specific *Oneg Shabbats* throughout the 2016-2017 season. She needs volunteers for the following Friday nights. The number of volunteers needed is in parentheses: March 3 (2); March 10 (1); March 17 (2); March 31 (2), April 14 (2) [Passover] Please contact Kathy at 239-362-0539 (home), 239-900-4576 (cell), or 828-369-3018. Or contact her via email at [skzoss21943@gmail.com](mailto:skzoss21943@gmail.com).

**REV. HEIDI  
NEUMARK TO BE  
2017 SHARED  
SCHOLAR**

The Reverend Heidi Neumark, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan, will be the 2017 Shared Scholar. She will present her program at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> in the sanctuary of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ [*Please note: in the past the Shared Scholar programs have taken place on Sunday afternoons.*] The lecture will be followed by a reception with Pastor Neumark. She will also conduct an additional workshop the following day.

Pastor Neumark's presentation will expand upon the story of her discovery of her Jewish ancestry, which she detailed in her book *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secret, Memory and Faith*. In the book she traces this search and the death of her grandfather in the *Terezin* concentration camp. Her journey into her unimagined past has had life-changing repercussions for her future. In her book Reverend Neumark combines personal narrative, social history, theology and Biblical reflection, interweaving them into a story that challenges the author's identity, her vocation and her theology.

Reverend Neumark has served as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan since 2003. Prior to that she served at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church in the South Bronx. She completed her undergraduate studies at Brown University and received her Masters in Divinity from

the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She spent a year at an ecumenical seminary in Argentina where she also worked with *Servicio Paz y Justicia*, a human rights organization. She is a founding member of South Bronx Churches, an ecumenical community organizing group. She lectures throughout the country and is an Adjunct Professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York City in the field of Ministry Formation. Pastor Neumark also serves as the executive director of a shelter for homeless LGBTQ youth. She holds an honorary doctorate of divinity from Muhlenberg College. She is married, has two adult children, and lives in New York City.

In preparation for the Shared Scholar Lecture, the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, Senior Pastor of the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, will offer a two-session course examining the background of Pastor Neumark's book *Hidden Inheritance*. The course will be on Wednesdays November 30th and December 7th. It will feature guest speaker Steen Metz, a Holocaust survivor interned at Thieresenstadt. The course will be offered twice each Wednesday with identical sessions at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The course and the Shared Scholar Lecture are both open to the public.

The Shared Scholar program is co-sponsored annually by *Bat Yam*, the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, First Church of Christ Scientist, and Captiva Chapel by the Sea. *Bat Yam's* sponsorship is provided by the Leo Rosner Foundation in honor of June Rosner.

## *UPDATE ON DOUGLAS RENFROE'S ACTIVITIES...*

Cantorial Soloist Douglas Renfroe's summer was very busy, with Canadian concerts in Montreal, Richmond, Quebec City and Ottawa. He presented a total of seven concerts over the three months he and Dorothy were in Canada. In August, he conducted the Quebec Symphony members in a concert featuring over one hundred singers from Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Toronto and Quebec. The year 2017 marks the 150th Anniversary of Canada, and Renfroe will be presenting a concert in Ottawa and will be part of the historic celebration. His connection with the US Consulate in Quebec City continued as well, with his singing once again for the US Consul during their July 4 celebration (held on June 23 to keep away from Canada Day and Jean Baptiste Day in Quebec). The Renfroes are already looking forward to their return next May, after they return from a concert tour of Italy.

His upcoming appearances include:

. November 3: Pride and Patriotism, Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Center in Ft. Myers at 7 p.m.

. November 11: Veterans' Day Celebration, Cypress Cove in Ft. Myers at 1 p.m.

. November 20: Voices of Naples - The Messiah, Naples United Church of Christ at 3 p.m.

. December 6: Voices of Naples – Home for the Holidays, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Naples at 7 p.m.

. December 8: Voices of Naples - Home for the Holidays, Chapel By the Sea in Ft. Myers Beach at 7 p.m.

. January 22, 2017: Doug & Friends, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ at 3 p.m.

. January 29: Voices of Naples in Concert, First Presbyterian Church, Naples, 4 p.m.

*Bat Yam* will once again participate in the Sanibel Captiva Heart Walk on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the American Heart Association. The 3.1 mile walk begins at 2 p.m. after festivities and a brief program at 1 p.m. Watch for further information in the December *Bat Yam* bulletin.

To update your address, telephone numbers, or e-mail address in the *Bat Yam* membership roster, contact Brandon Minsky at [Brandon@bitservicesfl.com](mailto:Brandon@bitservicesfl.com). Contact Irene Skolnick at [irkul42@gmail.com](mailto:irkul42@gmail.com) or 239-472-2217 with additions or corrections you have to the *Yahrtzeit* list. Email articles for the December *Bat Yam* bulletin to Marcia Rudin at [marciarudin@aol.com](mailto:marciarudin@aol.com) by November 15<sup>th</sup>.



## *BAT YAM MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY*

. **Rabbi Jim Rudin**, a retired Chaplain in the US Air Force, will be the keynote speaker at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Sanibel City Hall on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

. **Edina Lessack** will sing in the program of the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Church. The program will feature a tapestry of America's unique musical heritage and a selection of choral patriotic favorites in a tribute to our country and its Veterans. The Symphonic Chorale is the Resident Chorus of the SWFL Symphony Orchestra. Admission is free but a free will offering will be collected and audience members are asked to bring a non-perishable single-serve food item or hotel-size toiletries to donate to help support veterans in our community.

. **Norma Kohn, Esther Pokedoff,** and **Kathy Zoss** will perform in the fall concert of Florida Southwest Symphony Orchestra on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at The Barbara Mann Performing Arts Hall. Tickets are free, and will be available at the two preceding *Bat Yam* Shabbat services. Norma plays first violin with the orchestra, Esther plays second violin, and Kathy is a violist.

## *DO YOU WISH TO TAKE A CPR CLASS?*

*Bat Yam* member Stan Barton will offer a CPR class in the 2016-17

season to members if there is enough interest. Barton has been teaching First Aid CPR for over thirty years. He has conducted this Emergency Response Program in churches and schools and to police and firefighters. His program would also include the proper usage of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), which is on the wall in our *Bat Yam* storage room. There is no charge for Barton's presentation. Please contact Stan at [stashabar@aol.com](mailto:stashabar@aol.com) or at 239-466-8801 if you are interested.

## *BAT YAM SUMMER SERVICES*

Those *Bat Yam* members who attended services from May through October discovered that dining and then worshipping together make for Friday evenings that are uplifting, as well as quite enjoyable. While Rabbi Soifer was away, the following congregants were kind enough to lead *Shabbat* Services that were warm inviting and heartfelt: Miriam Bailey, Evelyn and Herb Clark, Cheryl and Barry Fulmer, Marcia and Joe Goldberg, Tanya and Mike Hochschild, Bonnie Kasdan, Becky Kon, Edina and Alan Lessack, Barry Litofsky, Esther and Marty Pokedoff, Dorothy and Doug Renfro, Marcia and Rabbi Jim Rudin, Sheila and Herb Sklar, Jay and Barry Solomon, Beth and Gary Weiss, Stan Zell, and Kathy Zoss (with Greg Watson).

All have the genuine appreciation of the *Bat Yam* Board and the entire *Bat Yam* family.

With warm thanks, *Stan Zell*

## *SAVE THESE DATES...*

- . Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m., Left vs. Right – Jonathan Tobin and J.J. Goldberg at Temple Judea, Ft. Myers [see article p. 5]
  
- . Wednesdays November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m., repeated at 7:30 p.m., Rev. John Danner class examining the background of 2017 Shared Scholar Pastor Heidi Neumark's book *Hidden Inheritance* with guest speaker Steen Metz, at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ [see article p. 7]
  
- . Wednesdays January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10 a.m. and repeated at 7:30 p.m., joint Rabbi Soifer, Reverend John Danner, and Imam Abdul 'Haq Muhammed classes
  
- . Sunday, January 22, 2017 - Doug & Friends : Concert by Douglas Renfroe - Sanctuary, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ – 3 p.m. [see article p. 8]
  
- . Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m. – Shared Scholar Reverend Heidi Neumark presentation [see article p. 7]
  
- . Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. 1 p.m. – Sanibel Captiva Heart Walk [see box p. 8]
  
- . Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pulpit exchange: Reverend John Danner speaks at *Bat Yam Shabbat* services
  
- . Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Pulpit exchange: Rabbi Myra Soifer speaks at Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
  
- . Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 a.m. - Reverend Danner and Rabbi Soifer will present a different perspective on Bible texts often cited as anti-LGBT

## *MISCELLANEOUS...*

- . E-mail Cheryl Fulmer at [Fulmer.Cheryl@gmail.com](mailto:Fulmer.Cheryl@gmail.com) with any *Bat Yam* news you wish to have published in *L'Chayim*, the Federation newsletter, and/or local Sanibel newspapers. The *L'Chayim* deadline for any month's issue is midweek of the first week of the previous month. *The Island Reporter* deadline is the beginning of the week before the desired issue.
- . The *Bat Yam* Mahjong group welcomes new members. Contact Linda Edinburg at [wedodit@comcast.net](mailto:wedodit@comcast.net) or Shirley Frank at [sfrank1523@gmail.com](mailto:sfrank1523@gmail.com). The games are played on Fridays from 1 pm to 4 pm, alternating at group members' homes.

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***NOVEMBER JAHRZEITS***

November 15 - Howard Salus, brother of Edina Lessack

November 16 – Jennie Karasin, grandmother of Elissa Karasin Samet

November 23 – Susan Lubetkin, daughter of Bernard Lubetkin

November 23 – Joseph Kanner, father of Beverly Lubetkin

November 25 – Morris Goldberg, father of Joseph Goldberg

November 30 – Morris Karasin, grandfather of Elissa Karasin Samet

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