



# 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*

### STANDING IN SOLIDARITY, COMMEMORATING VICTIMS OF THE PITTSBURGH ATTACK

"The Torah commands **לَا תַעֲמֹד עַל דם רָעֵךְ**" You may not stand idly by while your neighbor bleeds. (Leviticus 19:16.) Thus begins a joint statement by our Rabbi Stephen Fuchs and President Alan Lessack. They wrote, "Bat Yam Temple of the Islands deplores the horrific act of violence that shredded the joy and peace that Shabbat should symbolize in Pittsburgh and around the world. The right to worship in freedom should never face jeopardy in the United States, but increasingly in recent years it has. We should be able to take for granted safe streets, safe schools and safe houses of worship, but increasingly in recent years we cannot."

"This latest act of wanton murder moves us to express our outrage in solidarity with the Jewish community of Lee County **at Temple Beth El, 16225 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, at 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 29.**

"We shall also commemorate those who lost their lives, the suffering of the wounded and the courage of the first responders during our worship **at Bat Yam Temple of the Islands, 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 2, 2050 Periwinkle Way.** We invite all to join us on these occasions."

There is a GoFundMe page should anyone like to contribute to this Victim's Fund and Temple physical repairs - <https://www.gofundme.com/tree-of-life-synagogue-shooting>.

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### NOVEMBER 2018 BAT YAM WORSHIP

Services will be held on Fridays, November 2, 9\*, 16, 23, and 30, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs will lead the services, with prayers chanted by Cantor Murray Simon, accompanied by pianist Abigail Allison.

All are welcome to attend.

### \*Commemoration of the 80th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*

We hope you'll join us for our worship service on November 9 at 7:30, when we will commemorate the 80th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, "the Night of Broken Glass." On that night, in an organized pogrom, Nazi soldiers smashed shop windows throughout Germany and arrested 30,000 Jewish men. Rabbi Fuchs' father, Leo Fuchs, was one of the 500 men arrested in his native city of Leipzig that fateful night.

Rabbi Fuchs notes, "Historians agree that the night of November 9, 1938, marked the end of pretense and the beginning of the Holocaust proper. After that night, no one could doubt what Hitler's intentions were regarding Europe's Jews."

**Thanks to Vickie Fuchs and Rabbi James Rudin for leading *Shabbat* services on October 12 and 19, while Rabbi Fuchs was in Israel.**

## **PLEASE NOTE...**

There will be bins outside SCUCC at the first *Shabbat* service of the month for donations for the joint *Bat Yam*-SCUCC Paper Goods Drive. Please donate toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, diapers, etc., to be delivered to F.I S.H. (Friends in Service Here).

On Sunday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m., Rabbi Fuchs will present the invocation at Sanibel's annual Veterans Day Commemoration at Sanibel City Hall. This year's event marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Rabbi Fuchs will also note that this year marks the 80th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*.

## **NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SHABBAT MORNING CLASSES**

The *Shabbat* morning classes, which begin in November, will be in Fellowship Hall at SCUCC. They start with Hebrew reading instruction taught by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and continue with Bible Conversations with Rabbi Fuchs from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The classes conclude with sessions presented by congregants from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. The November and December congregant presentations schedule is as follows:

### **November 3**

Overview of 2018-2019 season's classes, Different Ways People  
Survived the Holocaust – Vickie Fuchs

### **November 10**

Roots of Anti-Semitism – Alan Lessack

### **November 17**

Growing Up with Holocaust Survivor Parents – Cheryl Fulmer

### **November 24**

No classes – Thanksgiving Break

### **December 1**

Musical Gems Inspired by the Bible and What They Mean –  
Cantor Murray Simon and Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

### **December 8**

Jewish Poets and Poetry from Psalms to Songs – Tanya Hochschild

### **December 15**

Love in the Bible – Edina Lessack

### **December 22**

No classes – Winter Break

Please contact Vickie Fuchs at [vfuchs@gmail.com](mailto:vfuchs@gmail.com) if you'd like to present a session. Watch future issues of *Bat Yam Matters* for more information about this season's classes.

## RABBI FUCHS REFLECTS

# MY TRIP TO JERUSALEM OCTOBER 2018



How blessed I was to have gone on this trip. It was far from my first, but in several ways it was my most gratifying.

I did not go to the Dead Sea, Massada, Tsevat, Tel Aviv and all the other places the Rev. Dr. John Danner and I look forward to seeing with our group from *Bat Yam* Temple of the Islands and Sanibel Congregational UCC at the end of April and beginning of May. No, on this trip I remained exclusively in Jerusalem.

I had the joy of witnessing the *Bat Mitzvah* of Zahra Levy, a young girl I have known for four years now from the work Vickie and I have done in Germany, where she and her family live. Zahra's mother, Yancy Sol Velasquez Levy, translated my first book, *What's in It for Me? Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives*, into Spanish, and I am so grateful to her. When, over a year ago, Yancy invited me to come to Zahra's *Bat Mitzvah* ceremony at Robinson's Arch at the Western Wall, I knew I wanted to be there.

I had the joy of delivering *Divrei Torah* in Hebrew and English respectively at *Kehilat Har El*, Israel's oldest Reform congregation, and to first-year rabbinical and cantorial students at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

By far, though, the biggest pull that brought me to Israel at this time was the presence of our older son, Leo. At the age of forty-two, Leo decided to step away from his successful career as Principal of Learning Without Limits in Oakland, California.

LWL is the academic elementary school Leo and a group of others founded to give inner city kids a better shot at life. By all measures it has been a great success.

In his role as Principal, Leo stressed to his overwhelmingly Latino and Afro-American student body the importance of knowing their roots and on whose shoulders they stand.

Increasingly, in recent years, while encouraging his students to be in touch with their roots, he was feeling the pull of his own. So, "b'kitzur" ("in brief") as we say in Hebrew, that is why he decided to study to become a rabbi. The HUC program mandates that all first-year candidates to be rabbis and cantors spend their first year of study in Israel, and that is why Leo is there.

My great joy was sharing a small slice of his experience. We got to hang out together after classes, to stroll the streets of Jerusalem and just talk. How often does a father get to spend with an adult child the amount of quality one-on-one time we shared? I thank the Eternal One continually for these shared hours.

As objective as I can be, I was amazed at Leo's sensitivity, skill and poise in co-leading with an Israeli rabbinical student the first shared worship service between the American students in Leo's program and the Israeli rabbinical students.

I also got to see and observe many of his future colleagues. This purpose-driven

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group is well aware of the issues of assimilation and declining synagogue involvement that has rabbis, cantors, educators and lay volunteers wringing their hands with concern. I admit that the Jewish

leaders of my generation have not found effective solutions to these realities. But the qualities of intellect, spiritual depth and compassion I observed in the current crop of HUC students gives me real hope for the Jewish future.

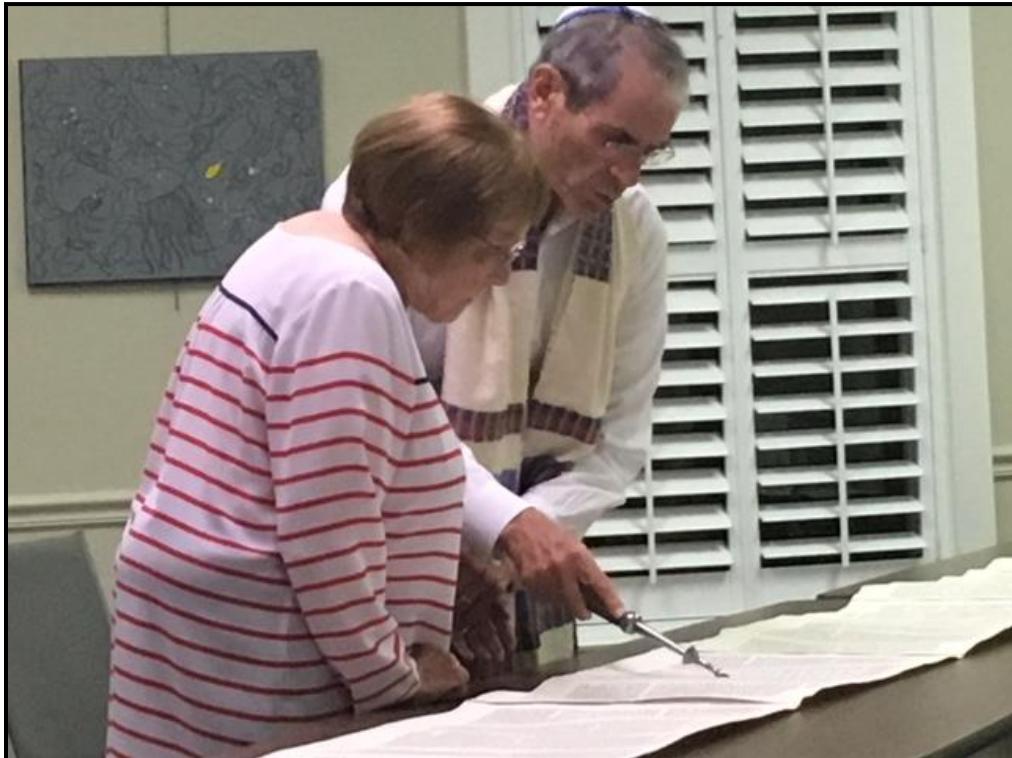
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Rabbi Fuchs shows Jeannette Keyser a passage in the *Torah* rolled out on tables in Fellowship Hall at the *Simchat Torah* celebration on October 1.

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### ***END OF LIFE AND JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS PROGRAM***

On Sunday, November 4, the Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties will sponsor a program on the topic “End of Life and Jewish Medical Ethics” from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room, located at 9701 Commerce Center Court in Fort Myers. Presenters will be Stephen Wilczynski, MD, FCCP, and Rabbi Dr. Michael J. Schorin, MAPC, BCC. Both speakers are co-chairs of the Gulf Coast Medical Center Ethics Committee.

The event is sponsored by The Lee County Rabbinic Council consisting of Rabbis Sol Agin, Stephen Fuchs, Nicole Luna, James Rudin, Marc Sack, and Michael J. Schorin.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September was a very busy month for *Bat Yam*. We ushered in the Jewish New Year 5779, culminating with a captivating *Simchat Torah* service as the *Torah* was opened end to end. Many congregants lined up to walk with the *Torah*, and Jeanette Keyser was overcome emotionally with that personal experience. October was a time to re-energize and prepare for November when our classes resume and Cantor Simon rejoins us.

I want to pay special thanks to Vickie Fuchs, who led Friday night services on October 12th and read *Torah* while the rabbi was in Israel. Special thanks also to Rabbi Jim Rudin who led services the following week.

Over the next few months, I want to use this column to talk about members who, in a very quiet but most effective manner, work to ensure that *Bat Yam* lives up to its reputation as a welcoming congregation. They also help in many ways behind the scenes; without their assistance we would not be able to function.

Many of you know June Rosner and the Rosner Foundation. This quiet but most engaging woman has funded our participation with the Annual Shared Scholar program. In addition, her financial support through the foundation has enabled *Bat Yam* to expand its educational programs. We are indebted to her for that support and her involvement from the very beginning of *Bat Yam* in 1991.

Cheryl and Barry Fulmer, who both serve on our board, ensure that Fellowship Hall is set up each week and do not leave until everything is put away. Their involvement does not end with this weekly task, and we welcome other volunteers who can assist. Cheryl is the Membership Chair — the most important committee to enhance the health and growth of the congregation. She also writes the articles that appear in the local press and Federation's *L'Chayim* bulletin. In addition to being the First Vice-President, Barry deals with many of the legal issues and works with Garry Weiss on the Social Action Committee.

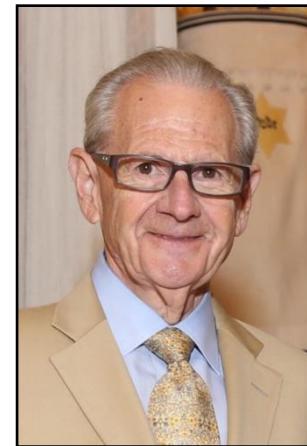
Esta and David Berger are another example of deep commitment and never turn down requests to assist. Esta, one of our board members, has worked on planning the *Yom Kippur* Break the Fast meal for many years. Both Esta and David focus on keeping the ark and religious articles we use in good condition. David is our "go to" person for making and fixing things. He built an enlarged tabletop to accommodate *Torah* reading, moldings inside the ark and, last year, a large *Hanukkah* for Hanukkah. At the top of the list is his magnificent blowing of the *Shofar*.

Susan Spohr, daughter of our late beloved Ann Arnoff, carried on the Honey Project started by her mother. Susan handled all aspects, which resulted in doubling our net income over the previous years.

These are truly examples of how one person makes a difference. [SEP]

*Shalom,*

*Alan Lessack*



## **LET'S GO TO ISRAEL TOGETHER!**

Join Rabbi Dr. Stephen Fuchs and Reverend Dr. John H. Danner  
for an uplifting interfaith experience in Israel! **RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW.**

**April 29-May 10, 2019**  
**Ten days, nine nights**

Dear Friends,

The Psalmist says, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity." And so it is, as we know so well as our two congregations share our lives together. As another step in that direction, we will be leading an interfaith journey to Israel this coming spring. We have planned an itinerary that includes sites and experiences of special importance to Jews and Christians. It is our hope that we will all learn from one another as we share this trip.

Israel, of course, is a place steeped in the past, and so we will visit key sites like David's Tomb, Masada, the Church of the Nativity, and the Garden of Gethsemane. We will take time to explore Israel's modern history, as well, including sites key to its founding as a nation. And a challenging and deeply moving part of the journey will be visiting *Yad Vashem*, the Israeli Holocaust Museum.

But Israel is about more than historic places and modern sites. It is also all about people. So our journey will include an opportunity to participate in both Christian and Jewish worship experiences, share a special *Shabbat* dinner with an Israeli family, and engage in dialogue with an Islamic leader working for peace and in conversations with Christians living in the Holy Land. Rabbi Fuchs' son Leo is currently studying in Israel as he prepares for ordination as a rabbi, and he will share his experiences with us over one of our meals. We hope you will be able to join us. Space is limited and filling quickly!

The Rev. Dr. John H. Danner  
Rabbi Dr. Stephen Fuchs

Visit the Bat Yam website (<http://www.batyam.org/>) to see a detailed Itinerary.

### **RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!**

The price of the trip to Israel is \$3,070 per person, based on double occupancy and a minimum of 25 participants. That price includes hotels, most meals, luxury coach travel, licensed Israeli tour guide, all entrance fees and programming costs, all transfers in Israel, all taxes and fees, and gratuities. It does not include airfare (see below).

Secure your place by sending a \$250 deposit per person NOW, payable to SCUCC and marked "ISRAEL," to Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel FL 33957, attn: Sandy Simmons. Your deposit is fully refundable until November 30.

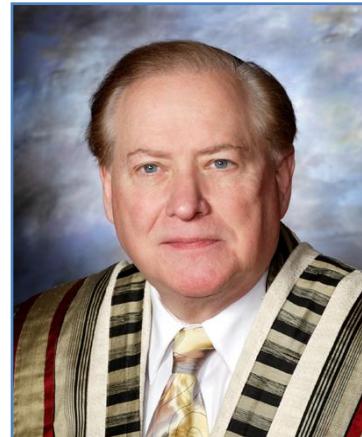
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**Group airfare (non-stop on El Al) is available for the April 29 flight from Miami to Tel Aviv and the return flight on May 10.** If you are interested, email Sandy Simmons at [sandy@sanibelucc.org](mailto:sandy@sanibelucc.org) by November 2, and send a \$200 deposit per person, payable to SCUCC, attn: Sandy Simmons, at the above address. Mark "ISRAEL FLIGHT" on the check.

## FROM OUR CANTOR

### CANTOR SIMON ANNOUNCES BAT YAM'S FUN(D)RAISING EVENT IN FEBRUARY

On February 24, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., we will be treated to a musical afternoon titled "Sanibel Celebration: Three Cantors and a Pastor." The singers will be the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner, pastor of SCUCC, *Bat Yam's* host church; Cantor Randy Herman of *Bet Torah* in Mt. Kisco, New York; Cantor Elizabeth Shammash of *Tiferet Bet Israel* in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania; and Cantor Murray Simon. Toby Simon will be the piano accompanist. **Don't Miss this Extraordinary Event!!**



In a future issue of *Bat Yam Matters*, Cantor Simon will share the bio of Randy Herman. For now, he would like to introduce you to his dear friend, Cantor Elizabeth Shammash.

The daughter of a mother with roots in Latvian Jewry and a Baghdad-born father of Babylonian Jewish tradition who emigrated to America in 1947, Cantor Shammash feels the proud inheritance of two rich Jewish lineages. She has served *Tiferet Bet Israel* since 2007 and enjoys sharing her passion and calling with congregants of all ages, in music of diverse genres, connecting them to our rich liturgical and cultural tradition.

Prior to entering Jewish Theological Seminary in 2004, in her career in opera and concerts she worked with companies including New York City Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Wolf Trap Opera, Palm Beach Opera, Sarasota Opera, Israel Vocal Arts Institute in Tel Aviv, and the Beijing

Music Festival. Her symphonic appearances included the Israel Philharmonic, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, Berlin Radio Symphony, Los Angeles Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, and Cleveland Orchestra. Last season's highlight was a Yiddish *Liederabend* at YIVO in New York City, and this season brings a Leonard Bernstein 100th birthday concert at Philadelphia's Kimmel Center, presented jointly by the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Lyric Fest, with Jamie Bernstein as narrator.



Cantor Elizabeth Shammash

Cantor Shammash has also recorded extensively for the Milken Archive of American Jewish Music. She holds degrees from Brown University, Manhattan School of Music, Boston University Opera Institute, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. She proudly makes Philadelphia her home with her husband, David, and rescue dog, Lenny (after Bernstein, of course).

## **OUR THANKS TO THE OCTOBER ONEG SHABBATH HOSTS**

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| October 5  | Esta and David Berger and Cheryl and Barry Fulmer     |
| October 12 | Annette Pacyga and Beth Weiss                         |
| October 19 | Caren and Bob Schoen and Tanya and Michael Hochschild |
| October 26 | Cheryl and Barry Fulmer and Myra Klahr                |

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ONEG HOSTING**

Co-hosts are needed for November 2. Please contact Myra Klahr at 917-270-4905 or [lingosmart@gmail.com](mailto:lingosmart@gmail.com) if you wish to volunteer for this date.

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## **RABBI FUCHS TO SPEAK IN JANUARY “JEWISH DAY OF LEARNING” PROGRAM**

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs will speak at the third annual “Jewish Community Day of Learning” on Sunday, January 20, 2019. The theme for this program sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples is “Building Hope.” Rabbi Fuchs’ topic will be “Prisoners of Hope.” The other speaker is David Prager, Southern Regional Director for the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The event will be at Temple Shalom at 4630 Pine Ridge Road in Naples. The schedule is as follows:

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| 9:15-9:45 a.m.        | Registration  |
| 9:45-10:00 a.m.       | Welcome and opening remarks   |
| 10:00-10:45 a.m.      | Rabbi Fuchs, “Prisoners of Hope”  |
| 10:45-11:00 a.m.      | Break   |
| 11:00-11:45 a.m.      | David Prager, “Hope Lives When People Remember”   |
| 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Lunch. Attendees may bring their own (no pork or shellfish) or purchase lunch for \$10 (vegetarian or turkey only; no special dietary needs can be accommodated). |
| 12:30-1:00 p.m.       | Discussion of James Gryme’s book <i>Violins of Hope</i> by Rene and Sam Giest and Linda and Alex Wertheim   |
| 1:00-1:45 p.m.        | Concert – “Voices of Hope - Music and Poetry of the Holocaust with violinist Rachel Cox, accompanied on piano by Mary Seal  |
| 1:45-2:00 p.m.        | Final remarks   |

The cost of the event is \$18. For reservations, call 239-263-4205 or contact Renee Bialek at [rbialek@jewishnaples.org](mailto:rbialek@jewishnaples.org) or [info@jewishnaples.org](mailto:info@jewishnaples.org).

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## **FEDERATION BREAKFAST DECEMBER 9**

The Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties will hold its 2018 Community Breakfast on Sunday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to noon at The Landings, 4571 South Landings Drive in Fort Myers. The program is “A Musical Journey – Live Music from Some of Your Favorite Jewish Artists.” The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations must be made by November 30. *Bat Yam* has reserved two tables. Contact Debbie Sanford at 239-481-4449 or [debbiesanford@ifedlccc.org](mailto:debbiesanford@ifedlccc.org) and ask to be seated at the *Bat Yam* tables.

## SHARED SCHOLAR CHOSEN FOR JANUARY



The Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell will present the Shared Scholar Lecture on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at SCUCC. His topic will be "Faiths Finding Faith in Each Other." A reception and book signing will follow. [*The Shared Scholar lecture is usually scheduled for Sunday afternoon, so please note the change of day and time for this event.*] Dr. Newell will also lead the Shared Scholar Seminar the following morning, Friday, January 25, at 10:00 a.m. His topic for the seminar will be "A Celtic Vision of the Sacred Earth." Lunch will follow.

The Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell is a poet, peacemaker, and scholar, internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic spirituality. In 2011, he received the Contemplative Voices Award from the Shalem Institute in Washington, D.C., in recognition of his commitment to spirituality and peacemaking. He divides his time between Edinburgh, which is his family's home, and his many speaking engagements throughout the English-speaking world.

Formerly Warden of Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland, he is now Companion Theologian for the American Spirituality Center of Casa del Sol at Ghost Ranch in the high desert of New Mexico. He is co-founder of Salva Terra: A Vision Towards Earth's Healing and is an ordained Church of Scotland minister. His Ph.D. is from the University of Edinburgh. He has authored more than fifteen books. For more information, visit [www.salvaterravision.org](http://www.salvaterravision.org).

The Shared Scholar Committee is co-sponsored by *Bat Yam*, Captiva Chapel by the Sea, The Christian Science Church of Sanibel, Saint Michael and All Angels, and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ. *Bat Yam*'s sponsorship is provided by the Leo Rosner Foundation in honor of June Rosner.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS RABBI SOIFER?

Rabbi Myra Soifer reports tremendous gratitude for live-streaming and her WiFi as she celebrated the High Holidays from her Peace Corps location in Panama "with" Central synagogue in New York City. The end of September gave her the opportunity to present at a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) conference in Panama City, which also meant an opportunity to enjoy *Shabbat* worship in the liberal synagogue there.



In mid-October, her team of students competed in a regional Readers Theater competition (the photo above is from that event). She continues to co-teach in her primary school, though school sessions can be erratic. She is also teaching — and especially enjoying! — an after-school High School English enrichment class twice a week. October ended with a Peace Corps regional meeting in a nearby lovely mountain town. In November, a month of many Panamanian Independence Day holidays bodes more class vacations than actual study hours.

You can follow Rabbi Soifer's Peace Corps adventures in Panama on her blog, which can be reached at [WhereintheWorldisMyra.wordpress.com](http://WhereintheWorldisMyra.wordpress.com).

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

Adele Anish, Howard Mayer, Renee Sugar, Joel Sugar, Stuart Berke, William Schlackman, Orlene Shimberg, Roselyn Kraus, Carol Scheiber, Martin Pokedoff, Frank Siegel, Arlyn Stein, Irwin Stein, Miriam Bailey, Russ Bilgore, and Sue Spohr

## **NOVEMBER YAHRTZEITS**

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| November 4  | Lore Lorsch, mother of Howard Lorsch                |
| November 13 | Francine Litofsky, wife of Barry Litofsky           |
| 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 28 | Joseph Buckstein, father of Esther Pokedoff         |
| November 30 | Morris Karasin, grandfather of Elissa Karasin Samet |

## **SAVE THESE DATES**

Thursday, January 24 (7:00 p.m.) – Shared Scholar Lecture

Friday, January 25 (10:00 a.m.) – Shared Scholar Luncheon-seminar

Sunday, February 24 (4:00 p.m.) – A Sanibel Celebration: Three Cantors and a Pastor

April 29 to May 10 - Joint Bat Yam-SCUCC trip to Israel

Please check to see if your contact information on the *Bat Yam* membership list is up to date. You can access the list at [www.batyam.org](http://www.batyam.org) and click on the membership list.

## **MISCELLANEOUS...**

The *Bat Yam* membership committee needs volunteers to help staff the welcome table at the door next season. If you are able to help, contact Cheryl Fulmer at 732-780-2016 or [Fulmer.Cheryl@gmail.com](mailto:Fulmer.Cheryl@gmail.com).

To make changes in your contact information on the *Bat Yam* membership roster, contact Brandon Minsky at [Brandon@bitservicesfl.com](mailto:Brandon@bitservicesfl.com).

Email 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.

Contact Irene Skolnick at [irkul42@gmail.com](mailto:irkul42@gmail.com) or 239-472-2217 for changes to your *Yahrtzeit* list or if you have donated to *Bat Yam* but have not received an acknowledgement.

*Tzedakah* cards that can be used for many occasions may be purchased for \$45 for five cards. Your donations contribute to *Bat Yam's Tzedakah* funds. Contact Rene Sugar at [rsugar05@gmail.com](mailto:rsugar05@gmail.com).

Have you noticed a change in the layout of this issue of *Bat Yam Matters*? This is due to the efforts of Barbara Freeman, best known to *Bat Yam* members as the mother of our wonderful musical accompanist, Abigail Allison. Barbara has joined with *Bat Yam Matters* editor Marcia Rudin to produce our newsletter. Welcome, Barbara.

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### **YAHRTZEITS**

Evelyn and Herbert Clark for the *Yahrtzeit* of his brother Leonard Clark

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