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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

APRIL 2019 BAT YAM WORSHIP

The **April 5 Shabbat** service will be held in the sanctuary of Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ; the **April 12 and 26** services will be in Fellowship Hall of the church.

Services begin at 7:30 p.m. They will be led by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, with prayers chanted by Cantor Murray Simon (except for April 26, when Ben Yokel will chant the service) accompanied by pianist Abigail Allison.

There will be no Shabbat services on Friday, April 19, the date of the Passover Seder at the Sanibel Community House. See the item below.

OUR THANKS TO THE MARCH ONGAI* SHABBAT HOSTS...

March 1 – Shirley and Byron Frank, Roberta and Michael Jacobson

March 8 – Marcia and Rabbi James Rudin, Peggy and Frank Siegel,
Mary Kay and Parvis Sadhegi

March 15 – Beverly and Bernard Lubetkin, Enid and Marty Packard,
Stephen and Vickie Fuchs

March 22 – Evelyn and Herbert Clark, Gay Adelstein and Mickey Nathanson

March 29 – Ellen and Michael Feingold, Paula Raboy

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

RESERVATION DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR BAT YAM APRIL 19 PASSOVER SEDER

April 5 is the deadline for reservations for the *Bat Yam* Passover Seder. The Seder will be on Friday, April 19, at 6 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House. The cost per person is \$50 for members and their immediate families and \$65 for non-members. Children 14 years old and under are \$25; children under 5 are free. If you wish, bring a Seder plate, Elijah's cup, or *matzoh* cover for your table. Wine will be served, but feel free to bring your own.

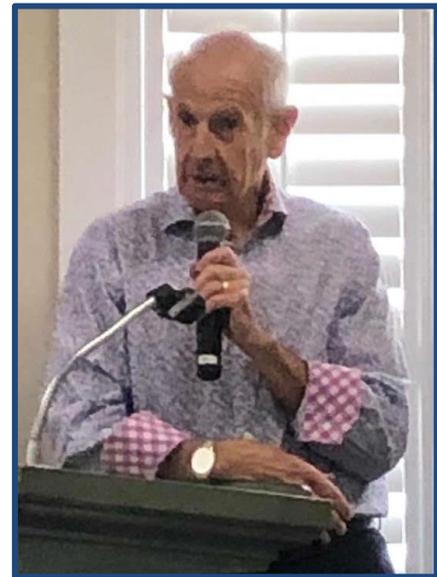
Volunteers are needed to make baked goods and *charoset*. Contact Annette Pacyga at 941-740-1650 or Annette.Pacyga@gmail.com to tell her what you will bring and to make reservations. There is limited space. Mail your checks, which will ensure your reservations, to Annette at 3722 Coquina Drive, Sanibel. If you wish to plan your own table gathering, please send the list to her.

NEW *BAT YAM* OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES ELECTED AT MARCH 28 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At the annual *Bat Yam* membership meeting on Thursday, March 28, treasurer Barry Epstein presented a financial report, followed by Len Minsky's update on the status and future plans of the newly established *Bat Yam* endowment program. Outgoing president Alan Lessack then addressed the membership, thanking them for their support and assistance during his three-year tenure.

After the election of the new and continuing officers and trustees, new president Barry Fulmer and Cheryl Fulmer presented a gift to Alan as an expression of appreciation from the congregation.

The slate of officers elected is below. One star after the name indicates that the individual is being renewed for a two-year term; two stars indicate that the individual will be new to that position. The dates following the names indicate the year of expiration of the term.



Outgoing President Alan Lessack delivers his farewell remarks at the annual meeting.

OFFICERS

President	Barry Fulmer**	2021
First Vice President	Michael Hochschild**	2021
Second Vice President	Cheryl Fulmer**	2021
Treasurer	Barry Epstein	2020
Corresponding Secretary	Irene Skolnick*	2021
Recording Secretary	Lois Lorsch**	2021
Immediate Past President	Alan Lessack**	2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Annette Pacyga**	2021
Tanya Hochschild**	2021
Janice Block Chaddock**	2021
Barry Roth*	2021
Garry Weiss*	2021
Esta Berger	2020
Shirley Frank	2020
Norma Kohn	2020

* Renewed for two-year term

** New to position



Rabbi Fuchs installs the new officers and trustees.



New President Barry Fulmer and 2nd Vice-President Cheryl Fulmer at the annual meeting

Annual Meeting Thanks

Our thanks to Nominating Committee Chair Howard Lorsch and to the other committee members: David Berger, Annette Pacyga, Marcia Rudin, and Bob Schoen.

Special thanks also to Esta Berger for organizing the potluck dinner and to all those who contributed food and helped with the setup and cleanup.

COME TO A BAR MITZVAH APRIL 13

The entire *Bat Yam* Community is encouraged to worship at 10:30 a.m. on *Shabbat* morning, April 13, as Benjamin Uslan comes to the *Torah* as a *Bar Mitzvah*. Ben is the son of *Bat Yam* members Kate and Ethan Uslan, who live in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the grandson of Donald Breiter and Deborah Gurman.

When the Uslands worshipped last spring at *Bat Yam*, they enjoyed the experience so much that they inquired about the possibility of celebrating Ben's *Bar Mitzvah* here. For the past six months, Ben and Rabbi Fuchs have studied together weekly, and Ben looks forward to sharing the fruits of his learning with our *Bat Yam* Community on April 13. Please join them!



OUR THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL MARCH 22 PURIM STORY PRESENTATION CAST...

Abbey Allison as Persian *Purim* Pianist; Pastor John H. Danner as King Ahasueras; Rabbi Stephen Fuchs as Hatach; Norma Kohn as Royal Violinist; Edina Lessack as Esther; Esther Pokedoff as Royal Violinist; Ying Przybyszewski as Vashti; Barry Roth as Vashti's attendant; Sally and Alan Sacks as Bigthan and Teresch; Cantor Murray Simon as Haman; and Benjamin Yokel as Mordecai.

Rabbi Fuchs welcomed many SCUCC congregants who came to learn about *Purim* and to witness Pastor Danner's excellent acting and singing talents on display as King Ahasueras. Everyone agreed the evening was not only fun, but very educational.



Purim celebration participants: (top) Rabbi Fuchs as Hatach the story teller; cast (l-r) Abbey Allison, Ben Yokel, Ying Przybyszewski, Barry Roth, Rev. John Danner, Sally Sacks, Alan Sacks, and Norma Kohn and Esther Pokedoff behind them; (bottom row, l-r) Edina Lessack as Esther, Cantor Murray Simon as Haman, and in the audience, Vickie Fuchs as Haman's wife.

APRIL SHABBAT MORNING CLASSES

April 6

9:00-9:30 a.m.– Hebrew – Rabbi Fuchs

9:30-10:30 a.m. – Bible Conversations with Rabbi Fuchs

10:45 a.m. – *Siyyum* (party celebrating the end of the season and planning session for next season's classes), followed by Jewish Current Events led by Len Minsky

There will be no classes April 13 because of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Benjamin Uslan that morning and no classes on April 20 and April 27 due to the Passover holiday.

There are no *Shabbat* morning classes from May through the end of October.

Vickie Fuchs thanks everyone who presented a class this season, and we thank Vickie for organizing these sessions. Please contact her at vfuchs@gmail.com or 860-305-4876 if you want to share ideas for next season's classes or present a future session.

WELCOME TO 2018-2019 NEW BAT YAM MEMBERS

Janice Block Chaddock and Ron Chaddock

Robert & Darlene Duvin

Alan Fisher

Judy Greenberger

Mandy and Steve Greenstein

Sara and Alan Levine

Ann and Alan Levinsohn

Nancy and Billy Morrisson

Joan and Richard Newmark

Kate and Ethan Uslan

Judy Wald

Ben Yokel

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPARE YARMULKES...



please bring them to Bat Yam to distribute to those attendees who wish to wear one during services. Because of the increased attendance this season, some of those given out were not returned, and we are a bit short. Thank you.



JEWISH FEDERATION HOSTS HISTORICAL PROGRAM

Alan Isaacs and Debbie Sanford of The Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties are hosting a program sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Southwest Florida at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. The program, "The Timeline of Southwest Florida Jewish History," will take place in the Community Room of the Federation building, 9701 Commerce Center Court in Ft. Myers.

The format will include a discussion of the timeline beginning in the 1840's through the present, touching on all those individuals and circumstances that have allowed Judaism to develop and thrive in Southwest Florida. It will include a short video with highlights from interviews recently recorded with Richard Plager, Sanibel's former Chief of Police, who is over 90 years old and presently lives on Marco Island. Mr. Plager will be at the presentation.

There is no charge. To attend, please call the Jewish Historical Society of Southwest Florida at 833-JHS-SWFL (833-547-7935).

BON VOYAGE!!

Rabbi Fuchs and Pastor Danner of SCUCC will lead "Growing and Learning Together," an exciting trip to Israel from April 29 through May 10. The trip will feature visits to numerous historical sites, as well as an examination of Israel's place in the modern world. The cost of the trip is \$3,070 plus airfare. The trip is sold out; however, a waiting list has been created. In the event of any cancellations, and if you wish to join the waiting list, please send your name, phone number, and email address with a \$250 per person check (made out to Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ and marked "Israel Trip") to Ms. Sandy Simmons, SCUCC, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

If you have any questions regarding the Israel trip, please contact Barry Roth at baryalanrothatlaw@gmail.com or via telephone at 239-313-9591 or Alan Lessack at allesack@sbcglobal.net or via telephone at 773-251-8862.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SET UP SHABBAT SERVICES

Please contact Cheryl Fulmer at 732-780-2016 or Fulmer.Cheryl@gmail.com if you wish to take a turn setting up Friday night *Shabbat* services. The housekeeping tasks include turning on and off the lights; preparing the wine, *kiddush* cup, and *Shabbat* candles; and carrying the *Torahs* into the church sanctuary when services are held there. A brief period of cleanup after services concludes the duties.

RABBI FUCHS REFLECTS

More Jews will celebrate Passover, beginning on April 19 this year, than any other religious occasion during the year. Yet far too many do not understand the reasoning behind the rituals. To understand the Passover narrative in Exodus, we must view it as a war – a boxing match if you will – between gods. In one corner, we have the Egyptian god, Pharaoh. One worships Pharaoh, like any pagan god, by glorifying him with monuments, pyramids, sphinxes, and garrison cities. If slaves are needed to build these structures, so be it. If it is necessary to beat those slaves in order to keep them working or even kill some occasionally to send a message, that is fine, too. And if overpopulation becomes an issue (see the First Chapter of Exodus), simply throw their baby boys into the Nile.



Rabbi Dr. Stephen L. Fuchs

In the other corner, though, we have the one true God of the Hebrew Bible. God's highest goal is that we create a just, caring, and compassionate society. God wants us to treat one another with respect and dignity and not to steal, cheat, or lie. God has particular concern for the powerless in society: the widow, the orphan, the outsider, the abused, and the impoverished. The contrasting systems represented by Pharaoh and God cannot coexist peacefully.

Imagine the scene from many a Western movie in which the sheriff says to the bad guy, "This town ain't big enough for both of us," and a showdown ensues. Well, Exodus is a showdown between God and Pharaoh. Because it is our story, our God wins by redeeming us from slavery and bringing us to Mount Sinai, where God renews and expands with an entire people the sacred covenant God once made with just Abraham and his family.

In slavery our lives were hopeless. We lived in drudgery and oppression. Life had neither meaning nor purpose. Suddenly, God delivered us. Because of that, we freely choose how we will earn a living, how we will spend our leisure, and how or if we will worship. In short, we owe God a debt we can never repay.

Yet, we try. We try by performing acts of kindness, caring and compassion. Passover is not just about our past. It is also about the future we wish to shape, a future marked by justice and righteousness for all humanity.

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twitter: @rabbifuchs6

I invite you to follow my blog at www.findingourselvesinbiblicalnarratives.com.
(Please note: my website (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.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is an honor to have been chosen to be your next president. In a way, like *Simchat Torah*, we are at the end of one cycle and the beginning of another. The past years under Alan Lessack's leadership have seen renewed vitality, an increase in membership, and greater involvement between our temple and our friends in the SCUCC. For me, personally, Alan has been an inspiring mentor and teacher, and above all, a good friend. He will be a hard act to follow, but I look forward to the challenge.



President Barry Fulmer

It's hard to believe, but twenty-eight years ago, while vacationing on Sanibel with our young son, Cheryl and I saw an ad in the local paper mentioning the start of a Jewish congregation on the island. We were here for only a few days and could not become involved then. Many years later, in 2011, when nearing retirement and having more time to spend on Sanibel, we decided to attend services at *Bat Yam* and were immediately welcomed by congregants. Wonderfully, this has marked our experience here ever since. I look forward to the continuation of the warm and welcoming atmosphere at *Bat Yam* that has helped the temple be such an inviting place, attracting new friends and visitors.

There are so many other qualities of *Bat Yam* that make it very special. We have members from a great variety of professional, business, and academic backgrounds and from diverse parts of the country and the world. I've always been impressed that our community respects the views and ideas of each and every one of its members even when there are differences among us. We value civility in our discourse. I welcome your ideas, involvement and support.

I want to thank Rabbi Fuchs for his inspiring leadership, outreach to the larger community, both on Sanibel and elsewhere in Southwest Florida, his active support for those who are less fortunate than so many of us, and the caring he has shown to those who have been ill and in need of comfort. Appreciation goes to Cantor Simon for his joyful chanting of prayers and songs on *Shabbat*, holidays, and other events. Last year, he presented a special program on famous cantors of the twentieth century. This year he brought together a wonderful musical extravaganza of amazing cantors and other musical performers. It can truly be said that the audience filled the sanctuary up to the rafters to enjoy the recent concert.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank the generosity of June Rosner and the Leo Rosner Foundation for coming to our assistance by helping to fund various programs, including that for Shared Scholar, the recent cantors and a pastor concert, and security expenditures.

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As I write this, our annual Passover Seder at the Community House organized by Annette Pacyga and Lois Lorsch is approaching. It will be a meaningful experience. The Israel trip led by Rabbi Fuchs and Pastor Danner will leave at the end of this month. We all wish those from our congregation and members of SCUCC a safe, educational, and inspiring journey. I know we look forward to hearing stories about their experiences after they return.

Your board and officers, along with dedicated volunteers and the financial backing of many congregants, have kept our temple, the Daughter of the Sea, chartered on a course over steady seas. *Hazak, hazak, v'nithazek*. Together may we be strong and strengthen each other in the years to come.

L'Shalom, Barry Fulmer

RABBI FUCHS AND PASTOR DANNER TO EXPLORE ISRAEL'S HISTORY

Wednesdays, April 10 & 17 at 10:00 a.m. (no evening classes) in Fellowship Hall

In the two-part course, "The History of Modern Israel," Rabbi Dr. Stephen L. Fuchs and the Rev. Dr. John H. Danner will explore the history of modern Israel. They'll offer an overview of the events of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries; the religious scene in Israel; and the basics of Israeli government. While the classes will provide an orientation for those traveling on the Bat Yam/SCUCC trip to Israel, it is open to all who would like to learn more about Israel and its history.

JOIN THE BAT YAM GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

In response to needs expressed by members of the congregation, *Bat Yam* has started a Grief Support Group. It meets the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the SCUCC library. It is a lay group, so all group matters are determined by consensus. The group's dual goals are healing and companionship. Rabbi Fuchs is the facilitator. Please mark your calendars for April 3; dates thereafter TBD. Everyone is welcome. Please encourage those you feel could benefit to attend. For questions, contact Ellen Feingold, 302- 345-7187 or by email at ellenfeingold@gmail.com.

SAVE THESE DATES

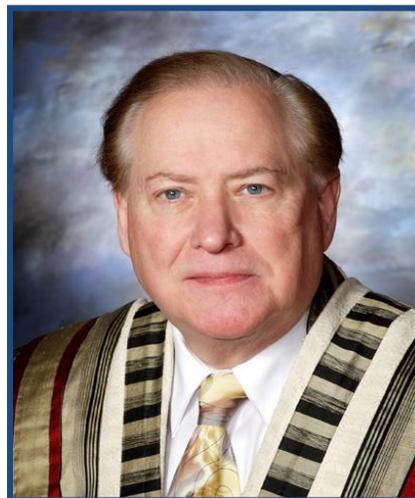
The next Shared Scholar lecture will be on Sunday, January 26, 2020, with the Shared Scholar Seminar to follow on Monday January 27. The 2020 Shared Scholar will be Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker. Watch for more details in future issues of *Bat Yam Matters*.

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

FROM OUR CANTOR

Passover recalls firm memories lasting the length of time. We remember and celebrate Passover through special songs and the time-worn melodies that we associate with this spring festival of freedom. The *Haggadah* is replete with many lively traditional songs that jog our collective “memory banks” as we remember past *Seders*.

These wonderful songs bring a special spirit and joy to the celebration of Passover – I dare say more than any other Jewish observance. Studies have shown that Passover is the most widely observed of all of the Jewish celebrations in the entire Jewish liturgical calendar – even more so than the High Holy Days!



Cantor Murray Simon

We look forward to our *Bat Yam* congregational *Seder* on **Friday, April 19**, performing all the rites and singing all the songs that make this such a wonderful holiday celebration for 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 songs and symbols?

Most important, the Passover *Seder* affords us an opportunity to be together as families – an intergenerational experience that seems to be a rare commodity these days in our fast-paced and far-flung lives. As we approach the Passover season of 5779, may our wonderful singing *Seder* create new memories for ourselves and our families. *Chagsameyach!*

Cantor Murray Simon

SUBMIT ANY ITEMS YOU WANT PUT INTO THE MAY-AUGUST *BAT YAM* MATTERS...

to *Bat Yam* Matters editor Marcia Rudin before April 15 (marciarudin@aol.com).

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 on the membership list. To make changes, contact Brandon Minsky at Brandon@bitservicesfl.com.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE RIDES TO AND FROM SHABBAT SERVICES?

I am trying to organize transportation from Ft. Myers to SCUCC for *Bat Yam Shabbat* Friday evening services beginning from *Rosh Hashanah* of 2019. We need to gather information in order to explore our options. This service may or may not be underwritten by *Bat Yam*, but without your input, nothing can happen. We're examining the possibility of transporting people from Shell Point, Cypress Cove, Lexington, Heritage Pointe, and anywhere else a congregant needs to be picked up. Please respond to the following questions:

1. I am interested and need to be picked up at...

2. I enjoy going to services...

Every week

Once or twice a month

In the season

Year round

If there are other questions I have omitted, please let me know. Please contact me with questions and responses at Lingosmart@gmail.com, or 917-270-4905

Thank you,
Myra Klahr

APRIL SCUCC GREEN TEAM ACTIVITIES

SCUCC Green Team Chair Jean Chandler thanks all *Bat Yam* members who attended and contributed food items to the successful March 14 joint SCUCC-*Bat Yam* Pot Luck Dinner. She invites you to attend the following Green Team activities in April:

- Wednesday, April 3, 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall – “Tapped,” a film about bottled water
- Saturday, April 13, 5 p.m., The Cove at Shell Point – plant-based potluck dinner
- Monday, April 22 (Earth Day), 4 p.m. - certification of SCUCC Green Team garden by the National Wildlife Federation
- Tuesday, April 23, 5 p.m., Crystal Dining Room at Shell Point – first of monthly plant-based meals
- Sunday, April 28, following SCUCC's 11 a.m. worship service - intergenerational party to try out new weaving loom to make mats for homeless or hurricane shelters out of plastic bags

For questions and more details about these events, contact Ms. Chandler at jeanchandler@verizon.net .

INTERESTED IN A *BAT YAM* CANASTA GROUP?

We are organizing a canasta group. Since there are many versions of canasta, it's best to say from the beginning that we would bring a set of rules for everyone, and if they're acceptable or mostly acceptable, we'd play with that set of easily followed rules, which of course we could modify according to group consensus. We would play in volunteer members' homes. We would like to get a sense of who may be interested in playing. Please reply to ellenfeingold@gmail.com answering the following:

1. Who is/are interested in playing (please supply your email address)?
2. Do you want to play once every week or once every two weeks?
3. Which evening (7:00-9:30) of the week suits you best and which second best?

Ellen and Michael Feingold
302-345-7187
Ellenfeingold@gmail.com

APRIL YAHRZEITS

April 2 – Reva Kasdan, mother of Bonnie Kasdan
April 7 – Lillian Schwadron, mother of Sandra Berke
April 11 – Tillie Wallitzer, grandmother of Elissa Karasin Samet
April 19 - Joseph Raboy, husband of Paula Raboy
April 22 – Esther Agtas, aunt of Marty Pokedoff
April 23 – Lillian Levine Hecht, mother of Helane Smith
April 29 – Meyer Weisman, father of Cheryl Fulmer

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS RABBI SOIFER?

February ended with a week that was jam-packed with seminars and teacher trainings. I also finally connected with the English professor at my nearby university extension and helped there with some translation classes. I have a week-long English Conversation class with first-year University students coming up.

All that work was followed by a visit from two friends from Germany. With them I was able to do some touristy traveling, including transiting the Panama Canal and hanging out on the Caribbean beaches of Bocas del Toro in the far west end of the country. And now it's "back to school" as a new semester begins. Can't wait to see my cute kids!

Rabbi Myra Soifer

[You can follow Rabbi Soifer's Peace Corps activities in Panama on her blog, which can be reached by going to WhereintheWorldisMyra.wordpress.com.]

SAVE THESE DATES

- Wednesday, April 3, 7 p.m. – Grief Group Session
- Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. – Part I: “History of Modern Israel” class co-taught by Rabbi Fuchs and Pastor Danner
- Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. – *Bar Mitzvah* of Benjamin Uslan
- Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m. – Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties program on SW Florida Jewish history
- Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 a.m. – Part II: “History of Modern Israel” class co-taught by Rabbi Fuchs and Pastor Danner
- Friday, April 19, 6 p.m. – *Bat Yam* Passover Seder
- April 29 to May 10 – Joint *Bat Yam* and SCUCC trip to Israel
- Sunday, January 26, 2020 – Shared Scholar lecture
- Monday, January 27, 2020 – Shared Scholar seminar

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

Adele Anish, Russ Bilgore, Ron Golden, Jeanette Keyser, Edina Lessack,
Lois Lorsch, June Patinkin, Martin Pokedoff, Alan Saltz (son of Jocelyn and Peter Saltz),
Carol Scheiber, William Schlackman, Orlene Shimberg, Frank Siegel,
Arlyn Stein, Irwin Stein, and Joel Sugar

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAT YAM

General

Joann Dempler (guest)

Joan and Richard Newmark

Barbara Patigalia (guest– as thank you for the services she attended)

Cantor Simon's Sanibel Celebration: Three Cantors and a Pastor

Susan and Howard Aldred

Julie and Rick Chernok (guests)

Hilary and Gayle Druker (guests)

Edward Goldfarb

Sydell Green (guest)

Sheila and Hy Kempler

Lynne Levitt (guest)

Betty and Howard Rom (guest)

Linda and Jay Scott (guest)

Tzedakah Fund

Judy Greenberger

Caren and Robert Schoen

Peggy and Frank Siegel

Bat Yam Seder

Linda and Jay Scott (guest)

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Social Action Fund
Ellen and Craig Mandel

In Memory of Roselyn Kraus
Rochelle and Lewis Masters (guests)

For the Speedy Recovery of Joel Sugar
Bluma and Don Herman

For the Speedy Recovery of Edina Lessack
Bluma and Don Herman

Yahrzeits

Evelyn and Herb Clark for the *Yahrzeits* of Herb's father Benjamin Clark
and Evelyn's mother Frieda Leaf

Marcia and Rabbi James Rudin for the *Yahrzeits* of James' brother
Dr. Berton M. Rudin and father Dr. Philip G. Rudin

MISCELLANEOUS

The Bat Yam membership committee needs volunteers to help staff the welcome table at the door during the season. If you are able to help, contact Cheryl Fulmer a 732-780-2016 or Fulmer.Cheryl@gmail.com.

Email Cheryl Fulmer at 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 or 239-472-2217 for changes to your Yahrzeit 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 Renee Sugar at rsugar05@gmail.com.

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