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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

BAT YAM 2019 HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

High Holiday events will take place in Fellowship Hall at SCUCC, unless otherwise specified. They will be led by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs.

Cantor Murray Simon will chant the prayers, accompanied by pianist Abigail Allison.

Rosh HaShanah

- **Sunday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.** – *Erev Rosh HaShanah* service
- **Monday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.** – *Rosh HaShanah* service
- **Monday, September 30, 1:00 p.m.** – *Tashlich* service – hosted by Elissa Karasin-Samet and Michael Samet in the party room of their condo at 1605 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel

Shabbat Shuva service

- **Friday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.**
Sermon: Finding Ourselves in Hosea's Immortal Message for this *Shabbat*

Yom Kippur

- **Tuesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.** – *Kol Nidre* service
Sermon: I want to Start All Over (The Awesome Power of This Day of Days)
- **Wednesday, October 9**
 - **10:00 a.m.** – *Yom Kippur* morning service (Sermon: A Fragile but Vital Connection Between Israel and Liberal Jews), immediately followed by Congregant's Hour: Three congregants – Alan Lessack, Nancy Morrison, and June Rosner – will each speak for approximately ten minutes about their journeys to Judaism, what *Yom Kippur* means to them, and the important influences in their lives.
 - **3:00 p.m.** – Service of Music and Meditation featuring cellist Susannah Kelly and pianist Abigail Allison
 - **4:00 p.m.** – *Yom Kippur* afternoon service – Discussion of the Book of Jonah, the *Yom Kippur* afternoon *Haftarah*, immediately followed by *Yizkor*/memorial service (Sermon: Feeling the Presence of Those We Have Lost) and *Ne'ilah*/closing service, immediately followed by Break-the-Fast in Heron Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Reservations for the Break-the-Fast are required; see next page.

Erev Sukkot

- **Sunday, October 13, 6:00 p.m.** – in *Sukkah*

Simchat Torah service

- **Monday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.**

BREAK-THE-FAST DETAILS

Bailey's will once again cater the *Yom Kippur* Break-the-Fast, but desserts and veggie salads are needed. The cost per person is \$21 for members and \$25 for non-members. If members bring family or friends, please pay for them in advance. The deadline for reservations is Friday, October 4. Send checks to Esta Berger at PO Box 1610, Sanibel FL 33957; your check is your reservation. You can contact her at erb1882@aol.com or 239-395-1882.

Our New Prayer Books

Bat Yam has acquired new High Holiday prayer books to replace the Gates of Repentance *Siddurim* published more than forty years ago. The new books, entitled *Mishkan HaNefesh*, are a two-volume set, one book for use on *Rosh HaShanah* and the other for *Kol Nidre* and *Yom Kippur*. The new books feature fully transliterated liturgy, expanded options for *Torah* readings, study texts that provide background and context, contemporary poetry, alternative readings, and rich commentary drawing from Jewish tradition and essays by the leading Reform Movement thinkers. They are also more gender inclusive and LGBTQ friendly.

Bat Yam members and friends of the congregation may purchase honor and/or memorial bookplates to be permanently placed in the new prayer books. The cost is \$36 (two times *Chai*) per book. All proceeds will benefit *Bat Yam*. Contact Cheryl Fulmer (732-780-2016) with any questions regarding the purchasing procedure or to obtain an order form. All donations to *Bat Yam* in memory of Lois Lorsch will go towards the purchase of bookplates in her honor.

Our thanks to the late Lois Lorsch for bringing about the use of these new High Holiday prayer books and to The Rosner Foundation (in honor of June Rosner) for funding their purchase.

OCTOBER 2019 BAT YAM SHABBAT EVE WORSHIP

All October *Shabbat* services will take place in Fellowship Hall at SCUCC. They will be led by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

October 4 (*Shabbat Shuva*), October 11, October 18, October 25

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP RESUMES MEETING IN NOVEMBER

The *Bat Yam* Grief Support Group will resume meeting on the first Wednesday of each month beginning on November 6. Sessions are in the library at SCUCC from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Fuchs facilitates the discussions, and everyone is welcome. Please encourage those you feel could benefit to attend. If you have any questions, contact Ellen Feingold at 302- 345-7187 or ellenfeingold@gmail.com.



IN MEMORIAM...LOIS LORSCH

Lois Lorsch lost her long and courageous battle with cancer on September 3 at the age of fifty-seven. A very active member of *Bat Yam*, she served as Chair of the rabbinical search committee that brought Rabbi Stephen Fuchs to our congregation. More recently, she was a dedicated board member and recording secretary.

Lois was a mother, wife, and caretaker first – her greatest passion was her family – but she was a successful professional, as well. In 1990, Lois founded Spencer Lorsch Associates, Inc., an executive search firm. She was the president and along with her husband, Howard, who joined her in 2013 as a principal in the company, she recruited top human resources talent for a broad range of corporate clients. Hailing from Bellmore, New York, she and Howard raised their two children, Zachary and Emily, in Oceanside, Long Island, until they moved to Sanibel full-time a few years ago.

In June, Lois had the joy of becoming an *Oma* for the first time with the arrival of her grandson, Charlie Simon Lorsch. In addition to her beloved husband Howard and children Zachary and Emily, Lois leaves her parents Etta and Murray Feigenbaum, brother Steven Feigenbaum, daughter-in-law Annie, sisters-in-law Lori Feigenbaum and Susan Lorsch and her husband Steven Brock, nieces Erica and Melissa, nephews Jeremy and Benjamin, and her grand-dog Oso.



RABBI FUCHS TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT NOVEMBER 17 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE IN NAPLES

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier Country invites the community to attend the 81st anniversary of Kristallnacht Commemorative Service on Sunday, November 17, at 2:30 p.m. Rabbi Stephen Fuchs will be the guest speaker at the event, which will take place in the Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Ballroom, located at 625 111th Avenue North in Naples.

The program is sponsored by The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County, Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, Diocese of Venice in Florida, GenShoah of SWFL Holocaust Museum, and Janet G. and Harvey D. Cohen Education Center. Admission is free. Please RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net.

SHABBAT MORNING CLASSES

There are no *Shabbat* morning classes in October. Classes will begin in November.

Shabbat morning classes, held in Fellowship Hall at SCUCC, begin with Hebrew reading instruction taught by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. (except for November 1, when Rabbi Fuchs will be away). They continue with Bible Conversations with Rabbi Fuchs from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by sessions presented by congregants from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and Jewish Current Events at 11:30 a.m., led by Len Minsky.

The November and December sessions to be led by congregants from 10:30 to 11:15 are:

November 2

Showing of *Footnote*, a 2011 Israeli film written and directed by Joseph Cedar about a father and son who are rival professors of Talmudic Studies at Hebrew University and the sometimes intense personal conflicts that inhabit the Israeli academic community; Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film of the Year and winner of best screenplay award at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival and nine prizes at the 2011 Ophir Awards (Israel Academy of Film and Television) - introduced by Barry Fulmer (Rabbi Fuchs will be away, so the film will be shown from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.)

November 9

Origins of the Muslim Religion – Parvis Sadighi

November 16

Two Old Cases and One New Case of Infertility – Ellen Feingold

November 23

Emma Lazarus - Barry Fulmer

November 30

No classes – Thanksgiving Break

December 7

What DNA Tells Us About Ancient Migrations and Interactions – Kay Sadighi

December 14

Russian Perspectives on Russia-U.S. relations – Sid Picker

December 21 and December 28

No classes – Winter Break

Thanks to Vickie Fuchs for organizing these classes. Contact her at vfuchs@gmail.com or 860-305-4876 if you want to share ideas for classes or present a future session.

Elijah's Role on Yom Kippur

Most Jews associate Elijah and the messianic hope he represents with Passover. Some are aware that we sing for him at *Havdalah* at the end of *Shabbat*. And some know that traditionally a chair is set aside for Elijah at the *Brit Milah* ceremony for a baby boy. But Elijah also plays a role on our holiest day of the year: *Yom Kippur*.

It is for good reason that Jews close *Yom Kippur* — just before the blowing of the *shofar* with the triumphant cry from the wonderful passage (First Kings, Chapter 19) in which Elijah vanquishes the prophets of Ba'al on Mt. Carmel: “*Adonai Hoo Ha Elohim!* The Eternal One (alone) is God!” We chant it seven times before we hear the *shofar* (the ONLY time all day we hear the *shofar* on *Yom Kippur*) to signify the end of the most solemn holy day in our calendar.

Sadly, most Jews have no idea of this connection, but it is crucial! King Ahab and (even more so) Queen Jezebel (a name known as a synonym for wickedness even for people who never read the Bible) had corrupted Israelite worship by setting up Ba'al and its prophets as their favored cultic practice. They vowed to kill Elijah, who was the champion of the one true God.

So Elijah challenges the prophets of Ba'al on Mt Carmel. He says we will each prepare our offering, and the god who consumes the offering without a fire being kindled is the real deity. The prophets of Ba'al go first, and though they cry out and gash themselves, nothing happens. Then Elijah pours water all over his offering, so much water that it fills the trench around the makeshift altar erected for the showdown. Then Elijah cries, “Answer me O Eternal One, Answer me”, and POOF! The offering, the altar beneath it, and even the trench filled with water go up in smoke.

Who is God? Elijah essentially asks? Is it your idol that you worship by gashing yourselves and with other abominations that make a mockery of human dignity? Is it Ba'al ,who you hope will greedily eat your offering? Or is it the one true God who wants us to create a world of justice, kindness, caring, and compassion? And then in most dramatic fashion, God vanquishes Ba'al on Mt. Carmel, and everyone must acknowledge God's sovereignty. It is a replay in miniature of the ten plagues and the Exodus from Egypt where God defeats Pharaoh, the pagan god in human form.

So what should Jews take away when the liturgy hints at this amazing scene at what is arguably the holiest moment of the year? What should we all learn from this passage that can help us to live better lives?

Even though many in power debase the ideals and values that the Almighty wants us to uphold — and even though God does not assert the reality of the Divine presence as dramatically to us as we see on Mt. Carmel (or in the parting of the sea) — it is our job to hold fast to God's desires for us. True worship is not found in mouthing empty words, but in making our faith the driving force in our lives. We glorify God and demonstrate our faith when we use our talents — whatever they may be — to help repair this broken world.



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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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the end of summer comes the beginning of the Jewish New Year, a time of meditation and introspection about how we have lived over the past year, but also how we hope to improve our lives in the coming year. Ritually, we are entering a new era here at *Bat Yam Temple of the Islands* with use of the *Mishkan HaNefesh*, composed of two volumes, one for *Rosh HaShanah* and one for *Yom Kippur*, recently published by the Reform Movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR).



President Barry Fulmer

But in order to make room for the new volumes acquired at the behest of our late congregant, Lois Lorsch, in the limited space we utilize at the SCUCC, we had to decide what to do with the older prayer books the congregation used for many years, *The Gates of Repentance*, published in 1978.

Not such an easy task. After all, Temple *Bat Yam* doesn't have a *Genizah* (meaning "reserved" or "hidden" in Hebrew, traditionally a place where Jews stored sacred documents when they fell out of use), let alone the space for one. The most famous *Genizah* was in a room attached to the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo, containing over 200,000 documents and ritual objects from as far back as the tenth century, including commentaries and letters written by Maimonides and Judah Halevi, and was a central theme in Dara Horn's recent spellbinding novel, *A Guide for the Perplexed*. Most of the Cairo *Genizah's* contents were saved, ultimately transported to Cambridge University and the Jewish Theological Seminary for care and research. But those revered institutions were clearly not realistic repositories for our old prayer books.

Several synagogues were contacted but did not want them. It seems many congregations were also trying to dispose of their older High Holy Day prayer books but without success. The Jewish Federation tried to be helpful, but had no suggestions that provided a realistic solution. The only realistic option left was burial of the old prayer books. Traditionally, old or worn sacred objects may be disposed of by burying them as a sign of reverence and respect. Fortunately, our close relationship with SCUCC resulted in approval being given to bury our books near the church's Memorial Garden, but



David and Esta Berger, Alan Lessack, and Ying Przybyszewski watch as Rabbi Stephen Fuchs begins the burial ritual.

permission was still needed from the city of Sanibel to ensure that environmental considerations did not prohibit the burial. To bury sacred objects on Sanibel is not such a straightforward process, but after going through several layers of bureaucracy, the city approved our request and we were allowed to proceed.

On September 19, Rabbi Fuchs officiated at the interment ceremony, attended by several congregants. In one sense, it represented remembering and accepting the passing of time and the humble letting go of what the congregation cherished during previous New Year services. At the same

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time, with the acquisition of the new *Mishkan Hanefesh* prayer books, it reminded us of the never-ending renewal of life and hope in the coming year.

Some of the biggest changes in the new volumes, according to the CCAR, “stem from the understanding that the contemporary Jewish experience is both a communal and a deeply personal spiritual journey. *Mishkan HaNefesh* aims to speak to and engage these dual desires. Traditional prayers are interwoven with contemporary literature and art: Walt Whitman, Leah Goldberg, Langston Hughes, Grace Paley, and Pablo Neruda sit next to the ancient prayers, engaging communities beyond the rote call-and-response of traditional worship – linking what is experienced in worship with experiences outside of the synagogue.”

It is our hope that congregants and visitors to Temple *Bat Yam* for the High Holy Days will take the time to leaf through the new prayer books, finding new meaning, inspiration, and solace to help lighten our lives and sustain us as we go forward.

Cheryl and I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

L'Shana Tovah, טובה לשנה

Barry Fulmer

President, *Bat Yam*

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- Judith and Howard Mayer and Cheryl and Barry Fulmer for providing the *Oneg Shabbat* after *Shabbat* services on July 26;
- Rabbi Fuchs and Cantor Murray Simon for conducting memorial and *Shabbat* services in honor of Lois Lorsch on September 6;
- Elissa and Michael Samet for providing the luncheon following the memorial service for Lois Lorsch on September 6;
- Caren and Bob Schoen for providing the *Oneg Shabbat* after *Shabbat* services on September 6;
- Again, to Susan Spohr for organizing the *Rosh HaShanah* Honey Jar Project and to all *Bat Yam* members who participated in it;
- And again, to all congregants who led *Shabbat* services from May to September 20.

RABBI FUCHS AND VICKIE TO CELEBRATE FIFTY YEARS OF TEMPLE ISAIAH IN COLUMBIA, MARYLAND

Rabbi Fuchs will be the first speaker at Temple Isaiah in Columbia, Maryland, on Friday, November 1, at its celebration of fifty years as a congregation. Rabbi Fuchs was Temple Isaiah's first full-time rabbi. During his thirteen-year tenure there, the membership grew from fifty-eight families to nearly four hundred families.

UPDATE ON SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Social Action Committee has worked together with FISH and SCUCC to sponsor a Paper Drive throughout the season. Food Pantries often receive food and cash donations, but rarely get donations of paper goods such as paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, tissues, diapers, feminine products, etc.

Please bring paper product donations to remaining High Holy Day services. There will be clearly marked FISH bins by each set of stairs, as well as upstairs, for you to deposit your donations.

The Social Action Committee is continuing to network with other immigrant rights activists in South Florida. We are working with a local pastor and Lee County Legal Aid to schedule an immigrant Know Your Rights session at a local Church. Our Committee has helped organize and will attend the Southwest Florida Immigration Summit in Fort Myers on November 18.

If you are a Florida registered voter....a group, Ban Assault Weapons NOW, affiliated with the Parkland students in association with Americans For Gun Safety Now, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Florida American Academy of Pediatrics, Florida PTA, Florida Veterans For Common Sense, League of Women Voters, March For Our Lives, and Newtown Action Alliance is gathering signatures for a proposed Florida Constitutional Amendment for the November 2020 ballot to ban assault weapons in Florida. This is how Florida got medical marijuana and the vote for former felons. They have so far gathered 100,000 out of approximately 767,000 Florida registered voter signatures needed. Please print the petition from <https://bawnfl.org/amendment.html> and mail it in. Match your signature to your driver's license/voter registration. Please share with other voters registered in Florida.

Garry Weiss,
Chair, Social Action Committee

DONATIONS TO *BAT YAM*

If you have an IRA and are 70 1/2 years or older and have not already taken your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2019, please consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly to Temple *Bat Yam* before the year ends. A QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, whereas income tax must be paid on the amount of any Required Minimum Distribution paid directly to you.

If you would like to take advantage of a QCD; i.e., making a charitable contribution and saving on your income taxes, we suggest you talk to your broker first. A QCD for *Bat Yam* should be directed to *Bat Yam* Temple of the Islands, PO Box 84, Sanibel FL 33957.

Questions may be directed to Barry Epstein, *Bat Yam* Treasurer, at 216-509-2245 or Barry1@eppco.net.

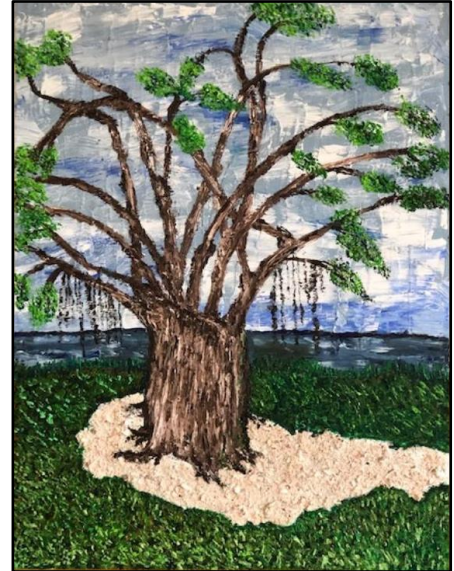
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Adele Anish, Russ Bilgore, Don Herman, Jeanette Keyser, Dan Pacyga, June Patinkin, Martin Pokedoff, Alan Saltz (son of Jocelyn and Peter Saltz), Carol Scheiber, Frank Siegel, Arlyn Stein, Irwin Stein, and Joel Sugar

BAT YAM MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY

Twelve of **Ellen Feingold's** paintings from 2019 will be on view during the month of November in Fellowship Hall at SCUCC as part of an exhibit by the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, of which she is a member. Although Ellen has been painting with oils and pastels for many years, this exhibition will be her first. She says, "My nine oils, two pastels, and one acrylic underline my passion for sand, sea, sky, and Sanibel."

Pictured at right is "Banyan Tree at Shell Point," one of Ellen's paintings that will be exhibited in November.



Marcia Rudin's ten-minute play *The Pool* will be produced in the North Park Playwright Festival in San Diego, California, on October 25, 26, and 27.

On November 5, she will discuss her novel *Flower Toward the Sun* at the book club of Temple *Shalom* in Port Charlotte.

JANUARY SHARED SCHOLAR ANNOUNCED

The Shared Scholar Lecture by Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker will take place on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.; the Shared Scholar Seminar will be on Monday, January 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Look for details in an upcoming issue.

Dr. Tucker is Senior Lecturer and Research Scholar at Yale University, where she has appointments in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, as well as in the Divinity School and the Department of Religious Studies. Watch for more details in future issues of *Bat Yam Matters*.

The Shared Scholar events are sponsored by *Bat Yam* Temple of the Islands, Captiva Chapel by the Sea; First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sanibel-Captiva; 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?

As I write this, I am recently back from a vacation week visit to the province of Chiriqui, where I helped another volunteer friend with a high school leadership camp. It was a great success, and I followed it up with two nights at a nearby beach resort.

Much to my amazement, there are just another six months of my Panama Peace Corps service remaining. (Maybe even more amazing, I'm still here!) That realization was made stronger by the recent Site Evaluation visit of my program manager. This visit was to review my service here and start the wheels in motion for the next volunteer. I must say, my El Cristo folks were very complimentary of my service. (Whew!) I also had a chance to reflect on the impression these two years have made on me, realizing that it has been far more powerful than I might have thought.

The Site Visit was also an opportunity to think ahead to these last months. Readers Theater is next week; my team of sixth graders will be competing with a version of "The Little Train that Could." I just learned that my school is doing a United Nations Day in a few weeks; I'm thinking I may try to do something to represent Israel. I'll be joining another volunteer this week for a series of sessions of something called LDGE - Leadership Development for a Global Education - with local high school students. So I continue to keep busy, even as my time here winds down.

And my local Padres de Familia (think PTA) is planning a discotheque night at the end of the month. Where are my beads and dancing shoes?!?

Finally, I put together a "mishmash" service and dinner for *Rosh HaShana* at my house for five people, three of them Jewish. Surely another first for my little town named after that Jewish guy who made it big in another religion. For the remainder of the High Holidays, I will live-stream services from Central Synagogue in New York City.

Shanah Tovah to all my SW Florida friends! May 5780 be a year of blessings and happiness for us all.

Rabbi Myra Soifer

You can follow Rabbi Soifer's Peace Corps activities in Panama on her blog:
[WhereintheWorldisMyra.wordpress.com.](http://WhereintheWorldisMyra.wordpress.com)



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.

***ONGAI** *SHABBAT* HOSTS NEEDED**

Please consider hosting in the upcoming season.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

Co-hosts for October 4 and October 11

Two hosts for November 8, November 22, and November 29

Contact Myra Klahr at lingosmart@gmail.com to let her know your preferred dates.

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

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

I am trying to organize transportation from Fort Myers to SCUCC for *Bat Yam Shabbat* Friday evening services beginning with *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:

1. I am interested and need to be picked up at _____.
2. I enjoy going to services:

<input type="checkbox"/> Every week	<input type="checkbox"/> In the season
<input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice a month	<input type="checkbox"/> Year round

If I have omitted any questions, please let me know. You can contact me with questions or responses at Lingosmart@gmail.com or 917-270-4905.

Thank you, *Myra Klahr*

SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF *BAT YAM* MATTERS . . .

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

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH

Please check that your contact information on the *Bat Yam* membership list is up to date, including your mailing address if you have moved. 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.

OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

- October 6 – Janice Lee Arnoff, sister of Susan Spohr
October 8 - Hazel Hochschild, mother of Michael Hochschild
October 10 – Maurice Schwadron, father of Sandra Berke
October 12 – Mildred Fulmer, mother of Barry Fulmer
October 28 - Hank Edinburg, brother of Joel Edinburg

SAVE THESE DATES

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- Wednesday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – *Yom Kippur* services
- Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. – Break-the-Fast
- Sunday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. – *Erev Sukkot*
- Monday, October 21, 7:30 p.m. – *Simchat Torah* service
- Sunday, November 17, 2:30 p.m. – Rabbi Fuchs speaks at Kristallnacht Commemorative Service in Naples
- Wednesdays, January 8, January 15, and January 22, 10:00 a.m. & repeated at 7:00 p.m. – Joint classes taught by Rabbi Fuchs and Pastor Danner
- Sunday, January 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – Shared Scholar Lecture
- Monday, January 27, 2020, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Shared Scholar Seminar
- Friday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. – Pulpit Exchange with SCUCC
- Sunday, February 2, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Pulpit Exchange with SCUCC

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Please note: Any contributions recently made that are not listed here will be listed in the next issue of Bat Yam Matters.

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In Memory of Lois Lorsch

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In Memory of Miriam Bailey

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In Honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Marcia and Rabbi James Rudin

Louis Finkelstein (non-member)
Beth and Garry Weiss

In Memory of Barbara Kaplan, Stepmother of Marcia Rudin

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In Hopes of Speedy Recovery to Patty Levine

Bluma and Don Herman

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Music Fund

Kathy Zoss for the *Yahrzeits* of her parents Samuel Zoss and Anna Hoffman
and her grandparents Syd Ruth Zoss and Bogdana Zoss

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Brenda and Arnold Zaltas (in memory of Ron Golden)

Yahrzeits

Evelyn and Herbert Clark for *Yahrzeit* of Herbert's brother Leonard Clark
Esta and David Berger for *Yahrzeits* of David's parents Jack Berger and Tillie Berger
Kathy Zoss for *Yahrzeits* of her grandfather Zalman Zoss and
father-in-law Emeterio Escandon

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 at 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.
- If you wish to purchase *Tzedakah* cards (\$45 for five) that can be sent to family and friends for many occasions, contact Sally Sacks at asacks118@gmail.com. Donations from purchasing the cards contribute to *Bat Yam's Tzedakah* funds.

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