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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

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

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue
of Collier County
invites the community

81st Anniversary of Kristallnacht Commemorative Service

Kristallnacht is recognized by most historians as
"The Night the Holocaust Began."

Sunday, November 17 - 2:30 p.m.

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Ballroom
625 111th Ave., North Naples

Guest speaker: Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

All are invited. Free admission.

RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net.

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PLEASE NOTE ALSO that Cantor Simon will participate on Thursday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. in The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee Kristallnacht Commemorative Service at the Larry Greenspon Family Campus for Jewish Life, 580 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota (see Cantor Simon's column).

NOVEMBER 2019 BAT YAM SHABBAT EVE WORSHIP

All November *Shabbat* services will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at SCUCC. Most will be led by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, with Cantor Murray Simon chanting the prayers, accompanied by pianist Abigail Allison. However, the *Shabbat* service on November 1 will be led by Cantor Simon, as Rabbi Fuchs will be away.

November 1, 8 (Kristallnacht commemoration), 15, 22, and 29

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHANUKAH CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Watch for additional information in the next issue of *Bat Yam Matters*.

RABBI FUCHS TO TEACH THREE CLASSES ON GENESIS IN NOVEMBER

On Thursdays, November 14 and 21 and December 5, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., Rabbi Fuchs will offer a three-session seminar in Fellowship Hall. The series is free and open to the public. Participants may attend any or all of the classes. Rabbi Fuchs suggests you bring to the class whatever Bible translation you have. Topics are as follows:

- **November 14: The Magnificent Story of Creation**
- **November 21: Eden, a Nice Place to Visit, but Would You Want to Live There?**
- **December 5: Cain and Abel: "The Symbol Story of the Human Soul"**



In Memoriam ~ Donald Herman

Longtime congregant Donald Herman lost his battle with cancer at his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 11 at the age of ninety-one. Born in Brooklyn, he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1964, specializing in Latin American politics. He taught political science at Grand Valley State University and founded the Latin American Studies Center at Michigan State University, where he was an adjunct professor from 1980 to 1995. He authored five books and numerous articles on Latin American politics.

The son of vaudevillians, Don loved the theatre and was a founding member of Jewish Theater Grand Rapids in 1994. He also enjoyed playing jazz piano.

He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly sixty years, Bluma, and daughter Debbie, sons Randy and his wife Nicole and Jeff and his wife Julie, and five grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to Bluma Herman at 3102 Manhattan Lane SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Memorial donations may be made to Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids and Spectrum Health Hospice of Grand Rapids, as well as to *Bat Yam*.



SHABBAT MORNING CLASSES

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 2, 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 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

“Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor...” and So Much More: Emma Lazarus – Poet, Intellectual, and the Conscience of Her People – 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.

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.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO...

- Rabbi Fuchs and Cantor Simon for wonderful High Holiday services
- Esta Berger for organizing the Break-the-Fast following *Yom Kippur* services and to those who contributed salads and desserts
- Suzanne Kelley and Abigail Allison for their beautiful cello and piano musical interlude on *Yom Kippur* afternoon
- All congregants who participated in the High Holiday services
- Vickie and Rabbi Fuchs for hosting the *Selichot* gathering on September 21
- Elissa Karasin Samet and Michael Samet for hosting the luncheon following the *Tashlich* ceremony in the party room of their condominium, and thanks to those who contributed food and helped set up and clean up the room
- Those congregants who helped decorate the *Sukkah* – Esta Berger, Don Breiter, Barry Fulmer, Cheryl Fulmer, Debbie Gurman, Michael Hochschild, Tanya Hochschild, Alan Lessack, and Edina Lessack
- Don Breiter, Debbie Gurman, Tanya Hochschild and Edina Lessack for performing in Rabbi Fuchs' *Sukkot* play, "Girl Talk – Two Girls in the Sukkah"
- Myra Klahr for providing refreshments after the *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* celebrations

And Thanks to Oneg Shabbat Hosts...

- Nancy and Billy Morrison – September 20
- Marcia and James Rudin and Cheryl and Barry Fulmer – September 27
- Vickie and Rabbi Stephen Fuchs and Janice Block Chaddock and Ron Chaddock – October 4
- Nessa Adelson and Michael Derechin – October 11
- Edina and Alan Lessack and Annette Pacyga – October 18
- Tanya and Michael Hochschild and Caren and Robert Schoen – October 25

Special Thanks Also to...

Bat Yam First Vice-President Michael Hochschild for serving as the liaison to the Sanibel Police Department to schedule the security officers who oversee all *Bat Yam* functions; and to Howard Lorsch for being the liaison if Michael is not available when needed.

Returning to Maryland – and Genesis

Vickie and I are so excited to return to Temple Isaiah, the congregation I served for thirteen years in Columbia, Maryland. In many ways Temple Isaiah is like my first love. It was my first pulpit, and I was the first full-time rabbi of the congregation. The congregation is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary with a yearlong series of events, and we have wonderful memories of the time we spent there. Our visit on November 1 will inaugurate the celebration.



Rabbi Dr. Stephen Lewis Fuchs

The trip reminds me that many years ago the Columbia Public Library asked a number of individuals to write essays for public display about their favorite book of all time. I chose the Book of Genesis from the Hebrew Bible, and if I were asked that same question today, more than forty years and many hundreds of books later, my answer would still be the same.

Genesis is the foundation of all of Jewish thought. It provided me the basis of my doctoral dissertation at Vanderbilt Divinity School, which, many years later, I turned into a popular book, my first, *What's in It for Me? Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives*, available at <http://tinyurl.com/jdd4cvn>.

Genesis also was the basis of the course I taught for five years as a faculty member of the Hamilton College Elderhostel program and of the semester-opening lecture I delivered at the Abraham Geiger College in Berlin in 2014. To celebrate our trip to Maryland and to celebrate our return at this time of the year to the beginning of *Torah*, I am excited to offer a three-session seminar, open to the community, entitled **Genesis' Earliest Stories**. The classes will unfold this way:

1. The Magnificent Story of Creation
2. Eden, A Nice Place to Visit, but Would You Want to Live There?
3. Cain and Abel: "The Symbol Story of the Human Soul"

The seminar will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Thursdays, November 14 and 21 and December 5.

I will ask participants to bring whatever Bible translation they have at hand. It will be fun to sometimes compare different translations of the same Hebrew word because any translation involves some degree of interpretation. While attending all of the classes is optimal, people are invited to participate as their schedules allow.

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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

As I write this in late October, congregants are returning in increasing numbers to Sanibel, Captiva and Ft. Myers from summer homes and travels. Almost eighty congregants and visitors attended *Kol Nidre*, with a slightly smaller attendance on *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur* morning services. Dr. David Berger did a great *mitzvah* in again blowing the *shofar*. Alan Lessack and Nancy Morrison spoke about how their lives inspired their Jewish identity during the *Yom Kippur* service, while the rabbi read the late Lois Lorsch's moving address from two years ago describing, in part, her struggle with cancer. Tanya Hochschild, chair of our ritual committee, ensured that Honors parts in the services were filled, and Esta Berger again organized our annual Break-the-Fast after *Yom Kippur* services concluded.



President Barry Fulmer

A hardy crew met a few days before *Sukkot* to put up our *sukkah* in the arbor area of SCUCC. And on *Erev Sukkot*, more than twenty people came to see and hear Rabbi Fuchs explain in detail what the *etrog* and three plants that are waved represent. The rabbi debuted a brief *Sukkot* play he wrote, with Edina Lessack, Debbie Gurman and Don Breiter reading parts and Tanya Hochschild narrating.

With November fast approaching, the synagogue will resume its congregation-led Saturday morning classes, starting with the showing, due to the rabbi's absence, of the Israeli film, *Footnote*. It is about the rivalry of a father and son for the Israel Prize, Israel's highest cultural honor, and the contentious debates that occasionally occur within an academic community.

November also marks the eighty-first anniversary of *Kristallnacht* on November 9-10, 1938. But the cantor's report elsewhere in this issue of *Bat Yam Matters* about the latest attack on a synagogue in Germany is especially important to us because it highlights the fact that the local police had refused the congregation's request to guard the synagogue, as they claimed there was no immediate threat. Fortunately, the attack failed. But we at Temple *Bat Yam* cannot rely on such luck in the future, even if the threat of an attack is statistically unlikely. And so, sadly, after the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue attack, our synagogue had to request a security fee assessment in order to maintain a police presence at all of our services and events. It is a sorry, but necessary, reality of life in the world today.

Unfortunately, American history is also replete with incidents when insanity overtook what had been a stable and seemingly safe society. In October, several Temple *Bat Yam* congregants attended a showing of *The Crucible*, Jewish-American playwright Arthur Miller's quasi-fictional portrayal of the Salem witch trials of 1692-93. There truly were "witches" loose in the land then, but not those who were persecuted, prosecuted, and tortured, nor the twenty individuals, mostly women, executed for alleged witchcraft by the governing authorities of the Massachusetts Bay Colony at the time. Hysteria, ignorance, irrational fear, revenge, and the prejudices of those in power and some of the populace were the real "witches." It was not until 1957 that the last of those convicted and/or executed

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were finally given a general exoneration – but not all by name – by the State of Massachusetts.

In 1992, Arthur Miller and Elie Wiesel spoke in Salem at a ceremony in memory of the accused and executed. Only in October 2001 did the Massachusetts governor sign a resolution finally proclaiming that all who were not named in the 1957 exoneration were explicitly innocent.

Truth finally prevailed, but what a price society pays when it loses its moral compass. And so we continue to stand up to those who misrepresent the truth and hope for the day when the words “never again” will be not just a mere slogan, but a reality.

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

FIRST BAT YAM GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SESSION OF THE SEASON NOVEMBER 6

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.

FEDERATION BREAKFAST AT HERITAGE PALMS DECEMBER 8

The Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties invites you to attend its annual Community Breakfast on Sunday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Heritage Palms Golf and Country Club, 10420 Washingtonia Palm Way, Ft. Myers 33966.

(Please note the change of location from past Federation breakfasts.)

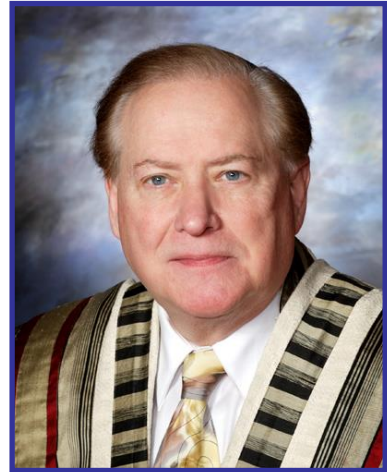
The theme of the event is Space Florida. The guest speaker will be Tony Gannon, Vice-President of Research and Innovation for Space Florida (projects including The Florida-Israel Innovation Partnership).

The price is \$25 per person. For further information and to register, contact Debbie Sanford at 239-481-4449, ext. 4, or debbiesanford@jfedlcc.org.

FROM THE CANTOR

Dear Friends,

I write this article for the November issue of *Bat Yam Matters* two days after *Yom Kippur* and three days before the biblical festival of *Sukkot*. Our liturgical calendar “squeezes” five major Jewish celebrations into twenty-two days in the Hebrew month of *Tishri*. In this short span of time we observe *Rosh HaShanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*. Then – NOTHING for two months until *Chanukah*! As a matter of fact, the Hebrew month of *Heshvan*, which coincides pretty much with November, is the only Jewish month containing NO religious holidays. That is why it is also sometimes called “*MAR-Heshvan*”, meaning “bitter” *Heshvan*.



Cantor Murray Simon

However, there is one significant commemoration in the month of November that is not a liturgical or a religious holiday, but is very important nonetheless. It is the observance of *Kristallnacht* or the **Night of Broken Glass**, also called the **November Pogrom(s)**. It was a pogrom against Jews carried out by SA paramilitary forces and civilians throughout Nazi Germany on November 9-10, 1938. The German authorities looked on without intervening. The name *Kristallnacht* ("Crystal Night") comes from the shards of broken glass that littered the streets after the windows of Jewish-owned stores, buildings, and synagogues were smashed.

Just last week as of this writing on October 9, 2019, a synagogue in Halle, Germany, was attacked on *Yom Kippur* by a neo-Nazi individual. Here are some details about the synagogue attack, which were taken from a variety of German and English newspaper articles: The attacker was more than amply armed to have killed all fifty to seventy people in the synagogue. This number included congregants and about twenty Americans who were attending services. He was aided by the fact that the local police had refused the congregation's request to guard the synagogue. The police claimed that “there was no immediate threat.” The attack failed mostly because the weapons, which were largely homemade, jammed and the synagogue's wooden door managed to hold up despite being shot at.

Dear friends, we must never forget the incident of *Kristallnacht* eighty-one years ago, and we must constantly be vigilant about our safety today. We will be commemorating *Kristallnacht* at *Bat Yam* at our Friday Evening *Shabbat* services on **November 8 at 7:30 p.m.** I look forward to seeing you there. And I will participate on Thursday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. in The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee commemoration at The Larry Greenspon Family Campus for Jewish Life, 580 McIntosh Rd, Sarasota.

B'shalom,
Cantor Murray E. Simon



OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

***TOP PHOTO: Bat Yam's Sukkah decorators
(from left): Alan Lessack, Edina Lessack,
Barry Fulmer, Esta Berger, Don Breiter,
Debbie Gurman, Tanya Hochschild,
Michael Hochschild, and Cheryl Fulmer***

***AT RIGHT: Rabbi Fuchs displays the unrolled
Torah to Bat Yam congregants and guests
from SCUCC and Saint Michael and All
Angels Church at the Simchat Torah
celebration on October 21.***



SHARED SCHOLAR EVENTS JANUARY 26 AND 27



2020 Shared Scholar
Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker

The Shared Scholar lecture 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. Both are at SCUCC. The Shared Scholar will be Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker.

Dr. Tucker is a senior lecturer and research scholar at Yale University, where she has appointments in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, as well as the Divinity School and the Department of Religious Studies. She teaches in the joint MA program in religion and ecology and directs the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale with her husband, John Grim. Her special area of study is Asian religions. She received her Ph.D. in Japanese Confucianism from Columbia University. Since 1997, she has been a research associate at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard.

The Shared Scholar events, which are open to the public, 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.

DONATIONS TO *BAT YAM*

Useful Information about Charitable Contributions

If you have an IRA and are 70 1/2 years of age 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 sent 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.

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

Russ Bilgore, Mel Bleiberg, Jeanette Keyser, Howard Mayer, Dan Pacyga, June Patinkin, Martin Pokedoff, June Rosner, Alan Saltz (son of Jocelyn and Peter Saltz), Carol Scheiber, Frank Siegel, Arlyn Stein, Irwin Stein, and Joel Sugar

BAT YAM MAHJONG GROUP



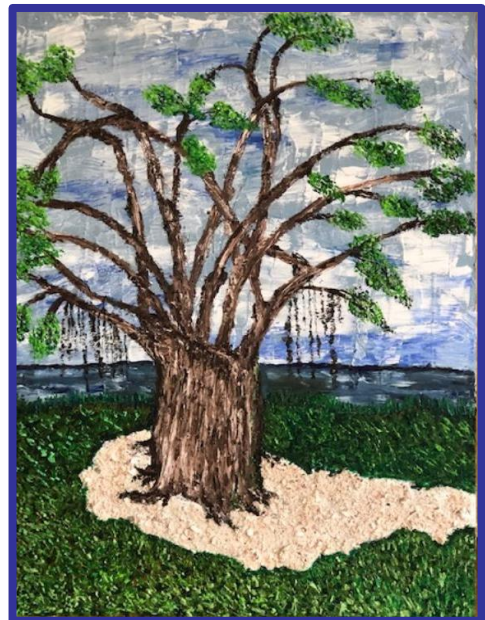
The Bat Yam Mahjong group plays on Mondays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., hosted at members' homes. If you wish to join this friendly game, contact Linda Edinburg at WEDODIT@comcast.net or 239-395-9426.

BAT YAM MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY

Marcia Rudin will discuss her novel *Flower Toward the Sun* at the book club of Temple Shalom in Port Charlotte on November 5.

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

Most of her work is large, some painted on wood panels and many incorporating natural elements like botanical materials, shells and sand. Dr. Feingold and her husband, Michael, now live on Sanibel full-time, coming from Wilmington, Delaware. They have four children and fourteen grandchildren.



The photo above is "Banyan Tree at Shell Point", one of Ellen Feingold's painting to be exhibited in November in SCUCC's Fellowship Hall.

SUBMIT ANY ITEMS YOU WANT INCLUDED IN THE DECEMBER-JANUARY BAT YAM MATTERS...

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

(Due to a trip Marcia has planned, the December and January issues of the newsletter will be combined.)

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS RABBI SOIFER?

My High Holidays began very sweetly with three other Peace Corps volunteers (only one Jewish; the other two interested friends) gathered in my little place for a "modified" worship service and, then, dinner. The rest of *Rosh HaShanah*, and all of *Yom Kippur*, I worshiped at my online synagogue in NYC. It's been an interesting period of introspection, as I imagine next year's High Holidays, when I'll be back at home among a real community of Jews . . .

October marks the beginning of Panama's massive season of national and regional holidays. On October 19, nearby Aguadulce celebrates its founding with the usual parade and associated hoopla. My school, its band, and the teachers will be marching in the big parade, and it seems that I will be among them. (Probably miserably hot and wondering what I'm doing there. Oh well...) On the 22nd, our school is having a United Nations Day; I intend to represent Israel and teach my school kids some Hebrew and an Israeli folk dance. At the end of the month, we have a regional Peace Corps meeting in a lovely nearby mountain town. October is also the month when the winter season winds down. Our torrential rains do seem to be diminishing. And the power and water outages are less frequent . . . *Baruch HaShem!* (Or, *Gracias a Dios*, as we say in these parts.)

School continues apace. In an effort to help my students with English pronunciation, we've been doing tongue twisters (*trabalengues* in Spanish, in case you're wondering). What a hoot! I continue to help other volunteers with workshops in their schools, assist with a high school leadership class, and help out a Panamanian English teacher at a nearby university.

Chatimah Tovah. May we all be sealed for a blessed year. I suspect that mine -- half here in Panama, finishing service, and half back in the States, resettling back in -- will be an interesting one, to say the least!

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:

November 22 – two hosts

November 29 – one host

December 6 – one host

December 20 – one host

December 27 – two hosts

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?

Myra Klahr is attempting to organize transportation from Fort Myers to SCUCC for *Bat Yam Shabbat* Friday evening services. She needs to gather information in order to explore options. This service may or may not be underwritten by *Bat Yam*, but without your input, nothing can happen. She is 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Every week	<input type="checkbox"/> In the season
<input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice a month	<input type="checkbox"/> Year round
3. I am willing to pay the following amount for this service: _____

Contact Myra Klahr with questions and responses at Lingosmart@gmail.com or 917-270-4905.

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.

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

Dr. E. Leonard Arnoff, father of Susan Spohr

November 12 – 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 24 – Lore Lorsch, mother of Howard Lorsch

November 30 – Morris Karasin, grandfather of Elissa Karasin Samet

SAVE THESE DATES

- **Friday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. – *Kristallnacht* remembrance *Shabbat* service**
- **Thursdays November 14 and 21 and December 5, 10:30 -11:45 a.m. – Rabbi Fuchs’ seminars “Genesis’ Earliest Stories”**
- **Sunday, November 17, 2:30 p.m. – Rabbi Fuchs speaks at *Kristallnacht* Commemorative Service in Naples**
- **Sunday, December 8, 10 a.m.-noon – Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties Community Breakfast**
- **Sunday, December 22, time tbd – *Chanukah* celebration**
- **Wednesdays, January 8, 15, and 22, 10:00 a.m. and repeated at 7:00 p.m. Joint classes taught by Rabbi Fuchs and Pastor Danner**
- **Sunday, January 26, 3:00 p.m. – Shared Scholar Lecture**
- **Monday, January 27, 9:00 a.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 Donald Herman

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In Memory of Lois Lorsch

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Cheryl and Barry Fulmer

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Darlene and Bob Duvin

Yahrzeits

Tanya and Michael Hochschild for *Yahrzeit* of Michael's mother Hazel

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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