



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 and welcoming Jewish family

Celebrate
Hanukkah
with
Bat Yam Temple of the Islands

Menorah Lighting Ceremony
Thursday, December 10, at 5:30pm
Broadcast from the large Menorah outside
EmOceans in The Seahorse Shopping Center,
362 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel

Hanukkah Shabbat Worship Service
Friday, December 11, at 7:30pm
Broadcast from UCC Fellowship Hall

Zoom links for both events to follow

DECEMBER 2020, JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021 WORSHIP

Beginning in December, *Shabbat* worship services will be livestreamed via Zoom from SCUCC Fellowship Hall, led by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs with singing by Cantor Murray Simon and piano accompaniment by Abbey Allison. Services begin at 7:30pm on the following Fridays:

December 4, 11, 18, 25

January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

The Zoom link for services will be sent to members via email. Anyone interested in joining can receive the Zoom link by writing to us at batyamsanibel@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Adult Education

*Because of the pandemic we are making a few changes to our Adult Education classes. For the time being, these classes will continue to take place on Zoom on **Wednesdays from 11am to noon** (unless otherwise noted below). A few “Virtual Coffees with the Rabbi” will be interspersed at that time so we can chat and enjoy each other’s company.*

DECEMBER 2020 SCHEDULE

December 2: “Editing the Liturgy: The Case of Obadiah” ~ Led by Lew Schneider

December 9: “Irving, George, Richard – and More!” ~ Led by Sally Sacks and Allan Sacks

Saturday, December 12, at noon: “My Discovery of the Lemba Tribe and Their Jewish Roots” ~ Led by Professor Tudor Parfitt [pre-registration required]

December 16: “What Am I Missing? Questions about Being Human” ~ Rabbi Joseph Edelheit discusses his latest book with long-time friend Rabbi Fuchs. Rabbi Edelheit was Emeritus Professor of Religious and Jewish Studies in Chicago and Minneapolis. He lives in Rio de Janeiro.

December 23 and 30: Winter Break.

JANUARY 2021 SCHEDULE

January 6: “The Economics of Climate Change and Its Importance to Judaism” ~ Led by Lenny Hochschild

January 13: “The Breiters of Krakow” ~ Led by Don Breiter

January 20: Inauguration Day, kept open for people wanting to view on television.

January 27: Virtual Coffee with the Rabbi

FEBRUARY 2021 SCHEDULE

February 3: “The Cohns of Prussia: From the Tailor Shop to the Plaza Hotel” ~ Led by Don Breiter & Debbie Gurman

February 10: An Exclusive Recording of Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s 2008 Talk at the Sanibel BIG ARTS Forum, followed by a moderated discussion

February 17: Virtual Coffee with the Rabbi

February 24: “The 1979’s when Litigation Changed Everything for Women” ~ Led by Jane Picker



announces a special fundraising event
for current members of

Bat Yam Temple of the Islands

- * 10% of all purchases by Bat Yam members* between now and 12/31/20 will be donated (exclusive of sales tax) to Bat Yam in January!
- * This offer will be extended upon request to family members of current Bat Yam congregants.
- * Use this code at time of purchase: **CONGRESSBATYAM**
- * Offer includes in-store purchases at 2075 Periwinkle Way (in the Periwinkle Place shops) or you can shop online at:

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* Individual purchases will remain confidential.

RABBI FUCHS REFLECTS

When I was a child and things troubled me, I found great comfort in the 1954 Eddie Fisher top ten hit song, *“Count Your Blessings.”* “When I’m worried and I can’t sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep, and I fall asleep, counting my blessings.” How frequently that haunting refrain has played in my mind over the past seven months! The novelty, if ever there was one, of the pandemic has worn off. The “camping trip alone and isolated in the woods” mentality that some of us could adopt during the early weeks of lockdown has long since given way to the harsh realities of isolation, economic hardship, suffering and death, which are the enduring “worries” of the time in which we are now living.



Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

And yet ... if there is a single factor that has sustained the Jewish people through the many dark nights that history has forced us to live through, it is our ability to savor and count our blessings. The resilient re-emergence of Bat Yam Temple of the Islands is a wonderful example of counting our blessings in the midst of “worry.” Instead of allowing the events that afflicted the congregation last winter to sink us, our leadership team, headed by Michael Hochschild and Janice Block Chaddock, exhorted us not to dwell on recrimination and anger, but to pool our individual skills and dedicate them to furthering the congregation’s sacred task of providing a warm, welcoming center of meaningful Jewish worship, study, community and social justice initiatives. Among the blessings we have discovered on our journey is the miracle of our extended reach. Passover was a prime example. Our Seder included participants not only from Sanibel but also from as far away as Hawaii and Europe and many places in between.

Likewise, our High Holy Day worship was a miracle. This year many congregations spent big money on costly show business technology and professional experts to pre-record dazzling extravaganzas to enhance their Holy Day offerings. But Bat Yam Temple of the Islands quickly and prudently decided to maintain the boundary between soulful worship and show business. Relying on the considerable knowledge and skill thankfully possessed by our wonderful Tech Team, our Holy Days were not only spiritually fulfilling, they reached far beyond the walls of our sanctuary to homes of congregants and others from around the country and other parts of the world. Our educational and social justice programs, which traditionally had been on hiatus between May and November, stimulated hearts and minds not just in this country, but in Australia, Germany, Israel, and South Africa as well.

Vickie and I had looked forward for years to sharing the joy of our first grandchild’s Bar Mitzvah in November. The pandemic, though, forced us to forego the hugs and togetherness that would have brought our far-flung family together in great joy. We do not minimize how much our experience was diminished. But at the same time, we savor our ability to view and share the joy of Zachary’s achievement through the miracle of modern technology.

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Through many difficult periods of history our people have made do as best we could and continued to find blessings in difficult circumstances. From slavery in Egypt to the Inquisition in Spain to the Shoah in Germany and many times in between, we have endured. And while it threatens to continue to plague us, the COVID-19 pandemic will not defeat us either. *Lam-rot ha-Kol* (in spite of everything) as we say in Hebrew, we Jews have survived and thrived because of our ability – even in the darkest of hours – to count our blessings and trust that the future will be better. This time of COVID-19 will be no different. Despite the difficulties of these days, our blessings are many, and our future will be bright.

~ Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

Hanukkah During COVID

This year, HANUKKAH coincides with the secular calendar from the evening of December 10, 2020, through sundown of December 18, 2020. So, is *Hanukkah* early or late this year? Well, it's right on time because it always comes on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of *Kislev* on the lunar calendar.

I am pleased that *Hanukkah* will not be “competing” with Christmas this year as it will have concluded an entire week before the much celebrated Christian holiday. *Hanukkah* will have a chance to “stand alone” as our Jewish celebration of religious freedom. How can it be celebrated while we are still in a “lockdown” world? Well, the good news is that *Hanukkah* has always been a holiday primarily celebrated in the home.



Cantor Murray Simon

The lighting of the *hanukkiah* (nine branched menorah), the singing of special Hanukkah songs, the playing of the *dreidel* and the eating of the delicious *latkes* and *sufganiot* can and should be done in the confines of your home. Therefore, the CDC would agree that Hanukkah is a COVID-19 friendly holiday that you can celebrate without being in large social gatherings. Also, the current use of ZOOM provides us with an opportunity to connect with our children and grandchildren for candle-lighting wherever they may be in the world! Lucky for us that ZOOMing is surely a boon during these “lockdown” times that didn't exist previously.

Speaking of COVID, the World Health Organization announced on February 11, 2020 that the official name for this virus is “CO” for “corona”, “VI” for virus, and “D” for “disease.” This acronym sometimes reminds me of the Hebrew word, KAVOD – meaning “honor” or “glory.” The use of KAVOD in our liturgy refers to the “imminence or closeness of God.” May the celebration of Hanukkah during the COVID pandemic this year bring us closer to each other AND closer (KAVOD) to God.

Hag Hanukkah Sameyach

~ Cantor Murray E. Simon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I cannot believe that it is time already for our Fall *Bat Yam Matters*. This is the last one for 2020, which many will describe as a “terrible” year, never to be forgotten. In many respects this is true and as of writing this, we do not even know the results of the national election and what that will be bringing us over the next four years.

But for me this is not necessarily so! For me personally the tribulations of March have slid into the back of my memory and I have been experiencing what it must really feel like to sail in the sea of tranquility. It is normal I have lost irreplaceable old friends in the ensuing months, but at the same time, through my position at Bat Yam, I have made many more. At the time I took on the position of President of Bat Yam, I of course knew many of you by sight or by name, but having reached this stage of 2020, I feel so honored that I now consider so many of you to be my friends. To those of you whom I still do not know well, I am hoping that our status will change soon.



Michael Hochschild

As temples go, we are small in the context of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), our parent body. I realized this last weekend when I, together with our president-elect Janice Block Chaddock, attended the annual Scheidt Seminar put on by the URJ. They honored Bat Yam by inviting the two of us, which is well out of their normal practice of inviting only one participant per temple. The majority were in the several hundreds of families and a few with three zeros after their membership numerals. Presidents of those larger synagogues can never hope to know their congregations individually as well as I do and that makes me very lucky indeed!

At this stage of this report, I want our congregation to know about and appreciate Rudi and Honey Scheidt, both of whom passed away in April of this year. Their home was in Memphis, Tennessee, where they served as leaders of Temple Israel and were pillars of philanthropy in that city and to Reform Judaism. Since its founding, and thanks to this couple, more than 1,700 congregational leaders have participated in the seminars which bear their name. I feel sure after my own experience that those leaders, who by the way include our own Alan Lessack, have invariably become more impactful leaders and agents for change.

I segued from the topic of ‘friendship’ to the subject of the Scheidt Seminar because this support and respect were the backbone of what we learned, starting the night of Thursday, October 15 and going through (with breaks for meals, sleeping and Shabbat services) until the late afternoon of the following Sunday, October 18.

Over the months since accepting my position as President, I have tried my best to get to know everyone and moving along, I want to do an even better job of this. As I have often said, my door is open to everyone in Bat Yam and if there is anything you would like to

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discuss about our temple or have ideas to propose, I am all ears. And if there are any of you who feel I have been deficient in this, please call or send me a mail and, above all, forgive me!

The decision to attend this somewhat taxing seminar resulted from the fact that I, at least, had very little experience of leading a religious congregation -- very different from companies and sports teams! I am firmly within the category of leaders whose previous participation in Judaic detail was minor and that I definitely needed to at least begin to learn more if I (and our temple leadership) was to be effective in my new role in our synagogue.

You will have heard much more about Scheidt and its teachings from Janice and me, but the two most important to me were that first, all of us who are leaders -- all the way from committees to Trustees -- need to have a "Sacred Partner." In all aspects of leadership, we should remember *Tovim ha-sha-na-yim min ha-ehad* ("two are better than one"). And the other is that all of us that support the Temple are G-d's Partners. In his closing statement of the Scheidt Seminar, Rabbi Rick Jacobs pointed out that the winds of change are propelling us to a place where significantly old humour involving 'condolences' for people accepting leadership roles in Temples is shifting instead to 'congratulations,' and that in the future all of us would look back on our roles with great pride. Thanks to you, congregants and friends, I feel like that already!

In reviewing these past three months since the last issue of *Bat Yam Matters*, there have been many achievements and much progress. But I think you will all agree with me that the outstanding happening of the quarter was provided by our *Rebbitzin*, Vickie Fuchs. And to his credit, the opportunity to publicize her offering was recognized initially by her husband, our wonderful Rabbi. Vickie was sorely troubled and wounded by the events which transpired at our synagogue early this year. So much so, that when the Days of Awe were upon us, she needed to do more than offer prayers and seek forgiveness privately, but wrote these all down, for herself. Of course, she showed her writings to Rabbi Fuchs who saw her essay for what it was. It was such an eloquent presentation of what hurt and forgiveness was about that he immediately asked her to present her writings as the centerpiece sermon for the entire High Holy Day services. Vickie's sermon has been published throughout the Sanibel press and is available to us all, in full in this issue of *Bat Yam Matters*. Believe you me, this message is a meaningful, heartfelt work that can be read over and over and will go down in the history of Bat Yam.

Another highlight for me personally was being able to co-author with Janice Block Chadock a sort of 'state of the temple' report on the progress of our Temple through September. Of course, I am not going to repeat all that here, but in that context I want to tell you all that at Scheidt, I realized that while yes, we have and always will have a lot to do, that Bat Yam Temple of the Islands takes second place to nobody in all the aspects of our make-up. And this is due to all of you, my friends.

Best wishes to all ... please stay safe!

~ *Michael Hochschild, President*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

During the 2020-21 season, Bat Yam Temple of the Islands Board of Trustees meetings are held monthly, on the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 1:00 p.m., as listed below.

Until further notice, these meetings will be held virtually, via Zoom. These Board meetings will be open to Bat Yam members, and interested members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like to attend one of these meetings, please email batyamsanibel@gmail.com, and we will send you the Zoom link.

December 10
January 7
February 11

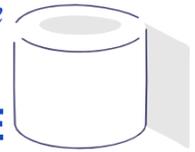
March 11
April 8
May 6



An announcement from the Social Action Committee

Please support the

MONTHLY FOOD & PAPER DRIVE



Volunteers from Bat Yam and the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ (SCUCC) will be collecting drive-through food and paper goods donations at the SCUCC parking area, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, **the first Thursday of each month, between 11:00am and 1pm.** Volunteers collecting donations will be wearing masks and gloves. We will be splitting the food & paper donations between F.I.S.H. and Gladiolus Food Pantry. Please put the food or paper goods in the trunk of your vehicle, drive up under the church portico, stay in your car and pop your trunk. Volunteers will unload your donations, close the trunk, and then wave thanks for your generosity. If you want to volunteer, please contact Annette Pacyga at Annette.Pacyga@gmail.com.



Need Help? Bat Yam Techies to the Rescue!

We're all finding new ways to stay in touch these days, and among the most effective are virtual gatherings. While the process is simple, you still have to know what to click and when. If you email Michael Samet (michaelsamet@gmail.com), Garry Weiss (gsw211@gmail.com), or Ron Chaddock (rchaddoc@gmail.com) of our Technology Committee, they will walk you through the few steps that will enable you to stay involved with Bat Yam events, services, programs ... and people!

AND ... we invite you to enjoy browsing the new www.batyam.org homepage on your iPad or Galaxy tablet (the previous homepage was accessible only when using desktop computers).

TURNING TOWARD THE MORNING

By Sally Sacks

My mind has been preoccupied lately with thoughts of the winter solstice, the Tekufat Tevet, which occurs this year on December 21. Perhaps it's because this, the day with the longest stretch of darkness, seems to emphasize to me the dark and terrible events of 2020: the divisive, damaging political unrest within our country; the forest fires, floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters, and the emergence of the COVID-19 virus with its devastating toll on the world population.

I like to believe that with the approach of the winter solstice we have journeyed through the worst and deepest of the horror; that the lengthening days may portend a possible diminution of the ugly, offensive rhetoric; of the hateful oppression of minorities; of the contamination of our fragile planet and the wasting of our natural resources; and of the catastrophic numbers of deaths caused by the pandemic.

In ancient days, people lit great bonfires at the time of the winter solstice and implored the sunlight to return once more. We do not need to do this. Now that we have come through the darkest period, we know that the gloom will give way to light. Each week we find ourselves lighting the Shabbat candles just a bit later. We need to move forward into these sun-filled, lengthening days.

Some years ago, the Canadian musician, Gordon Bok, wrote a song for a friend who was going through some particularly difficult times. "When you're thinking of the seasons and the sad things that you've seen," he wrote, remember that "the world is always turning toward the morning."

May each new day's dawning bring the promise of civility, sanity and peace.



A POEM

By Dr. Donald Bachman

Dr. Donald Bachman was asked to read a prayer at a gathering. After considering various choices he decided to write one of his own, which he wanted to be meaningful. Don says, "Prayers make us feel better but unless they lead to others receiving it, they are not fulfilling their potential." He asks readers to particularly pay attention to the last line. He addresses his prayer to the caregivers.

Sovereign Creator, the source of our strength, comfort and moral impulses:

In this time of pandemic, illness and political uncertainty, we pray you will grant support and fortitude to those who put themselves at risk for our sakes.

To those who care for our sick and frail – doctors, nurses, aides and especially those who do menial but essential tasks.

To the police, fire and rescue teams who protect us.

To those who provide our food and render services that allow us to stay sheltered.

Give wisdom to the leaders who must make difficult and stressful choices and to those who labor to find better treatment or a cure.

Give us the resolve to move beyond mindful prayer to direct expressions of support and gratitude to those bearing these burdens for our benefit.

AMEN



**DECEMBER PERSONALITIES OF THE MONTH:
JOSIE & LEW SCHNEIDER**

By Sally Sacks



Sanibel Lighthouse by Josephine Schneider

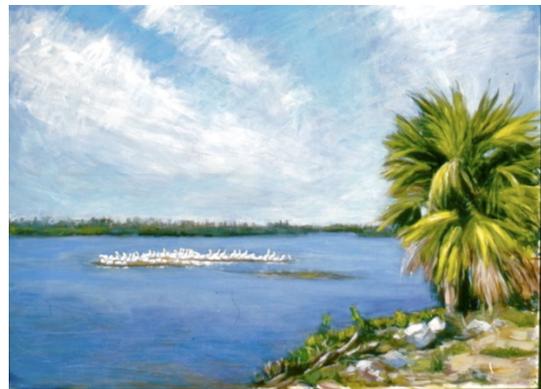
Josie and Lew Schneider, a multi-talented Boston couple, have been spending winters in Sanibel for 35 years. They were married right after Josie graduated from college and have three married daughters and seven grandchildren, the latter aged 11 to 25. The two eldest, proclaims their grandfather, are now gainfully employed.

Josie, a native of Boston, majored in philosophy at Wellesley College. However, she truly wanted to be an artist. Accordingly, after graduation from Wellesley she enrolled at the

Massachusetts College of Art, from which she received a professional degree in painting. Working in oils, acrylic and pastel, she considers her style to be "painterly realism" -- that is, she paints from reality but also takes into consideration formal values such as composition, color and mood.

Once she and Lew became Sanibel snowbirds, Josie found her true interest. "I like the color, sense of spaciousness, and the abundant natural beauty of the island." She often paints in the Ding Darling Sanctuary and is especially fond of the white pelicans that reside there. A new interest -- bird-watching -- developed from the need for her nature paintings to be accurate. On the island, Josie usually does small plein air sketches in acrylic, which she then uses as references for large oil paintings that she does in her home studio. Some of these sketches are on display in the gallery at the Sanibel Art and Frame Shop. She has also had an exhibit in the Ding Darling Art Gallery.

Back north, Josie has been involved with several community service projects, including Creative Judaica -- an arts curriculum for religious schools designed by a group at her JCC; The New American Program, helping to facilitate programs for Russian Jewish immigrant community especially teenagers and their parents; and Project Keshet Bicultural Women's Seder, a group of American Jewish and Russian-born Jewish women who designed their own program, wrote their own haggadah and managed their own annual seder, which eventually attracted 150 women from many different Jewish backgrounds.



Morning Cloud by Josephine Schneider

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December Personalities of the Month ... continued

When she takes a break from painting and these other activities, Josie enjoys tennis and gardening.

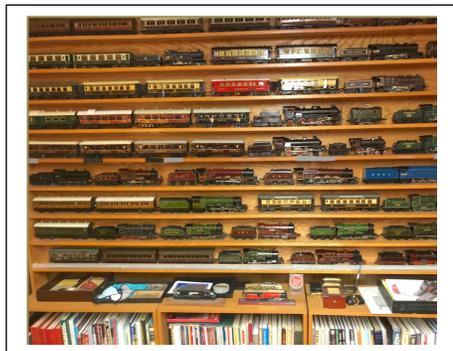
Lew is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, where he lived until he entered Harvard College in 1952. He received his AB, MBA and DBA degrees from Harvard and has remained in Boston ever since, except for two years in the Army. He taught corporate planning, transportation, logistics and marketing at Harvard Business School from 1960 until 1972, after which he joined Temple Barker and Stone as a management consultant. There he headed the transportation and logistics practice, eventually becoming Senior Vice President. He retired in 1990.



Lew's hobbies are indeed diverse: toy train collecting, bel canto opera and Judaica. He has more than 180 locomotives from the USA, Germany and Great Britain and is an expert on British Hornby trains. He has shelves filled with trains and has created an extensive operating layout. If you also are a model train enthusiast, you will enjoy checking out his website at www.myworldoftrains.shutterfly.com.

Lew's bel canto enthusiasm is represented by a collection of more than 400 opera CDs and DVDs, most of which are by bel canto composers such as Rossini, Bellini and Donizetti. He has given many presentations to the New England Opera Club and also a couple at the Sanibel Library, which some of you may have attended. One of his favorite presentations was Biblical Bel Canto, which featured Rossini's Moses in Egypt, Donizetti's *Il Deluvio Universale*, Mehul's Joseph, Halevy's *La Juive*, Rossini's *Ciro in Babilonia* and Verdi's *Nabucco*.

Lew has an extensive book collection on world history, railroads and Jewish history. He is a very strong supporter of Israel and points out that his grandfather was an early Zionist and his great-aunt attended the 1913 World Zionist Conference in Vienna. Lew likes to feel that he is carrying on their work.



From Lewis Schneider Model Trains Collection

STRIPPING AWAY PRETENSE

By Victoria Fuchs

Editor's note: Victoria Fuchs, wife of Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, shared the following words during a sermon she delivered on Kol Nidre on September 28, 2020.



Vickie Fuchs

Being married to a rabbi for these 46+ years has made me ponder things I might never have otherwise thought about. For example, as a child, I never heard of *Tisha B'Av*, although I had certainly heard of the sadnesses it commemorates. I never knew that *that* was the date we should begin to prepare, to prepare for our sacred High Holidays.

This year, I did begin to prepare to prepare right after *Tisha B'Av*. I am doing all the normal things like planning menus and getting the house ready to sparkle for the new year. As always, I give my husband a wide berth because I know he has so much on his mind. How he manages to prepare five inspiring sermons is beyond me. Yet this year, I had to get some of my *own* thoughts written out, before services began. My heart is heavy this year. This year I really had to prepare to prepare.

I had to prepare because if I am truly to have peace in my heart, I must be able to forgive those whom I feel have wronged me, who have wronged people I love, who have wronged our country, our world, and who are still doing so. Theoretically I would forgive those who ask forgiveness. *That* forgiveness is not a difficult task. But what about those who do not ask? Shall I let my anger burn in my heart because I doubt they will ever ask?

Let's start with global warming. For years and years, we have been warned that it was getting worse. Thirty years ago, one of Steve's confirmation classes in Nashville wrote about the destruction of the rainforests in Brazil, and how it would impact us. That was the first I had thought about it. They had researched the topic, long before Google. We *and* the world were warned. Now the fires in my home state of California and all across the west are destroying millions of acres of forests, tens of thousands of homes, and scores of lives. I read about a young boy who, when his house was on fire, didn't know where to run to escape the flames. So, he ran to the family car. He died in that car with his dog on his lap. My heart is crying. Whom should I forgive when corporations continue to perpetuate the causes of global warming? They have not asked me to forgive them. They will not. Is there room in my heart to forgive them?

As an idealistic San Francisco teenager of the 1960s, I naively thought that racism was only in the South and that we were working so hard to end it that it would cease to exist soon. Fifty years later, the phrase "systemic racism" has entered my vocabulary. It makes me cringe. My heart cries when my brain revisits the knee on the neck, and when I realize that it was only one of many examples, and that we only learned recently that it exists in such great proportion against people of color because of cell phone

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cameras. My heart cries when I see bombings in synagogues and anti-Jewish writing on Synagogue walls and gravestones, and videos of people, even children, marching with hateful posters saying "Kill the Jews." My parents fled Nazi Germany because of such people. My relatives were murdered by Nazis, by people who hate Jews simply because they are different. Should I forgive *these* people, when I *despise* what they do?

While I am so very grateful that, so far, my immediate family and close friends have not contracted COVID-19, my heart again cries for the *more* than 200,000 American people, and thousands more worldwide who have died because of this pandemic. My heart cries for the hundreds of thousands who have lost grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, dear friends, and children. Each one of those thousands who died was a *human being*, taken too soon. My heart is *angry* at those who refuse to wear masks, who throw parties, who go to such parties because they want "liberty" and say this is a free country, and then they cause others to become ill and die. Must I find a way to forgive them?

Our federal government sent agents to stop protesters in Oregon and Washington DC, and they only made it worse. But the federal government has not sent firefighters, or the army or money to help fight the fires in California, Oregon, or other western states. Is that because they voted blue in the last election?

On 9/11 this year, I mourned with our country the destruction of the twin towers in New York, the 2,977 people who died, and the more that 6,000 injured on that day. Like everyone else, I know exactly where I was and what I was doing when I first heard. The students in my 3rd grade class were in line, waiting to use the restroom, a few at a time. The principal came and told me something about New York City. But I could not comprehend. When parents started picking up their children early, the remaining children all looked out the window, and commented that it was not snowing and asked me why parents were coming to pick up their children so very early.

But I also remember how our country came together and helped each other. I read each week in the *New York Times*, the biographies of those amazing people whose lives were cut short. I cried, but felt I had to read about them. They had to be remembered. How does one forgive the perpetrators or the country that spawned them?

I clearly remember how we pulled together as a country. How every morning thereafter, my class and I sang either "God Bless America," or "The Star Spangled Banner" before we started our lessons. I remember the photos of the first responders who risked their lives over and over to save people. It was not "just their job" they were doing, it was their moral responsibility. And they were *proud* to carry out their moral responsibilities. They were *moral*, they were *ethical*, and they were *very, very brave*.

Today our *moral leaders* on the front lines are in *hospitals* and *ambulances*. *Again* trying to save lives, *again* risking their own. How do *they* forgive those who refuse to wear life-saving masks? How do *they* walk into danger day after day and wear masks, face shields, and gloves, for 10 to 12 hours on end to save the life of a stranger, or to hold the hand of a dying patient because the patient is all alone, frightened, and needs someone to look into their eyes and give them comfort.

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How do I forgive those who cavalierly *ignore* the recommendations to wear masks, and to avoid large gatherings, but then expect *other* people to risk *their* own lives to save *them* if *they* contract the disease?

And, how do I forgive people who have wronged me personally, or who have wronged someone I love, and do not ask for forgiveness? How do I help my heart heal from all this? I used to print out sayings that I thought were meaningful and tape them to my wall. One that I love is the story you have heard Steve tell, of the Cherokee grandfather who told his grandson that there is a battle between two wolves inside us all. One wolf is evil, anger, jealousy, greed, lies. The other wolf is joy, love, humility, kindness, empathy, and truth. The child of course asks which one wins, and the grandfather answers, "*The one you feed.*" Another one of my favorite sayings is credited to Buddha, which says: "*Holding on to anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.*" The third and last one I'll quote is advice from Don Miguel Ruiz, who said that "*Nothing others do is because of you, but that what others say and do is a reflection of their own reality, of their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.*"

This high holiday season, as I work to look at *my* past year, evaluate my own actions and reflect on what I need to do to make myself a better person, I will also try to *let go of the anger within* so that it does not poison me. I will work to be more kind, humble, loving, and joyful. I will look at those who have wronged me with pity, and realize that their unkind behavior is indeed a reflection of their own reality, not *mine*. I must continue to work to help our country, to help get out the vote, to help those who need help, while maintaining *their* dignity and self-respect.

Steve has often said that we Jews are prisoners of hope. And I am definitely that. I hope and pray that this Jewish New Year will be a year in which the people who are able will take steps to decrease global warming, will once again behave morally and ethically, will work to end racism and all ethnic hatred, and will find a cure for COVID-19. And I hope and pray that I personally will find ways to work harder to help the world heal, and will be able to help my heart to heal from its sadnesses.

May we all find ways to help our hearts, and each other's hearts, heal from our sadnesses, may we ALL find *many joys* in this coming New Year, and on this *Yom Kippur*, may we all be sealed in the Book of Life.

L'Shanah Tovah!



Rabbi Stephen and Vickie Fuchs

BAT YAM LEADERS ATTEND THE URJ SCHEIDT SEMINAR

By Tanya Hochschild



**URJ Scheidt Sign
Provided to Invitees**

The 22nd Annual Scheidt Seminar convened online for congregational presidents, co-presidents and presidents-elect from October 15 through 18, 2020. President Michael Hochschild and 1st Vice President Janice Block Chaddock of Bat Yam Temple of the Islands joined their peers from across North America via Zoom to learn from 27 top-notch Reform movement scholars and professionals. Bat Yam Temple of the Islands was honored to have received two invitations. In past years the Scheidt staff had not invited more than one individual from any temple belonging to the URJ. Bat Yam Temple of the Islands has only had one previous president, Alan Lessack, attend the Scheidt Seminar. The attendees networked over four days, sharing ideas and taking every opportunity to benefit from the knowledge the seminar provided of how to move their congregations into the future and fulfill their mission and vision.

A total of 138 current and upcoming Presidents registered to attend this year's seminar. The seminar has its origins in the philanthropy of Rudy and Honey Scheidt of Memphis, Tennessee, where they served as leaders of Temple Israel as well as the larger Reform movement. They created the URJ Scheidt Seminar in 1998. Since that year, the Seminar has engaged over 1,700 congregational presidents, to learn, stay current on significant developments, network, build relationships and enhance leadership skills.

A report back from Michael and Janice included the following enthusiastic takeaways:

- ★ The winds of change are fueling and propelling us to the point where the old humor does not apply. The joke was that when a new temple president tells a friend of his position he is offered “condolences” instead of “congratulations.” We learned that we can look back on our leadership roles with great pride and a sense of contributing to something deeply meaningful and lasting. “Condolences” are not accepted anymore.
- ★ The Seminar is designed to bring out the best in ourselves. We resolved on day one to learn as much as possible and to continue learning from the leadership and team-building tool kits we were given.
- ★ We learned how to become more impactful leaders and agents for change and were gifted the idea we are God's partners, and *Tovim ha-sha-na-yim min ha-ehad* (two are better than one.)

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URJ Scheidt Seminar ... continued

- ★ We came to understand that instead of viewing our work as endless temple chores, we are forming sacred partnerships with each other in the fulfillment of God's work.
- ★ We saw how all of us who support the temple -- from clergy, committee chairs, volunteers, officers and trustees, to congregants -- are all God's partners. We are engaged in a sacred commitment.
- ★ We have developed partnerships within our temple which have resulted in smarter, wiser, more empathetic leadership, and we are resolved to continue this. It is vital for us to work as a team and to have each other's backs.
- ★ We were given insight into what to do when there is a challenging problem. "Declare a fast" until it is resolved.
- ★ We were told deep change always meets resistance -- but no one is alone -- we have a movement and are on our journeys together. Do not underestimate how much comfort synagogues are able to provide.
- ★ The Rabbis who led different discussion groups all spoke of the need for effective communication, especially the importance of active listening. Leadership should listen with compassion and realism, and then make tough decisions.
- ★ There was much discussion as to whether partisan politics belonged on the pulpit. One answer was that there is a need to talk about the most urgent and moral questions acknowledging differences but to do this honestly and with respect.
- ★ We learned the role of president involves navigating new realities. An example of this was technology competence. Our congregation has embraced innovative tech platforms and practices, and has been strengthened as these communication tools becomes our *modus operandi* and a means of extending our geographical reach.
- ★ We came away assured that good governance, organizational change, empathy and caring have put us on the right path to our future, and most importantly, that no one person can do it alone.



It is all about the team!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Gil Peters

After six years of splitting their time between the Massachusetts coast and Sanibel, Gil Peters and his wife, Margie, moved permanently to Sanibel two years ago. As a licensed mental health counselor and addictions specialist, Gil had a private practice near Boston for 8-1/2 years, continuing to see a few clients for several years even after his retirement. In Sanibel, he keeps active physically through exercise and emotionally and spiritually by writing and attending support meetings. "Joining the Bat Yam family," he says, "is a natural progression in my spiritual journey." Gil has drawn on his earlier career as a sportswriter and graciously written the following article for us.



Gil Peters

JEWISH RUGBY PLAYER STUART KROHN TALKS ABOUT INNER CITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

By Gil Peters

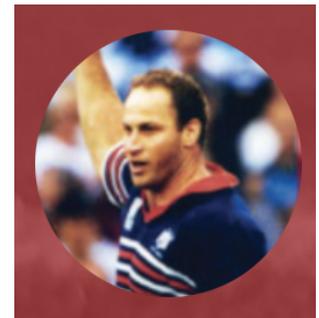
Former professional rugby player and coach Stuart Krohn spoke passionately on Zoom about how his sport has helped inner city kids gain opportunities to further their development and obtain scholarships to some of the nation's best colleges.

Bat Yam's Adult Education Committee hosted the event, which was attended by members of the Sanibel and Captiva islands and the broader southwest Florida community, including Lee County School Board member Gwynetta Gittens and Avis Brodess, now of Sarasota, whose women's rugby team Krohn coached in the 1990s.

Synagogue President Michael Hochschild, a longtime friend who recruited Krohn to play on the 1997 Maccabi USA rugby team that won the Maccabiah Games title in Israel that year, invited him to share his story.

Krohn, 58, the first Jewish All-America rugby player while at University of California Santa Barbara in the 1980s and a decorated professional for 13 years who played around the world, is the guiding force behind the Los Angeles-based Inner City Educational Foundation (ICEF) Student Leadership Academy.

He explained that when he returned to the U.S. in 1999 after eight championship seasons in Hong Kong, he developed the ICEF concept in Santa Monica, Calif. as a way to spread the concepts of teamwork and academics in South Central Los Angeles. Over the past two decades he has taken his teams to 15 countries to play rugby and interact with different cultures.

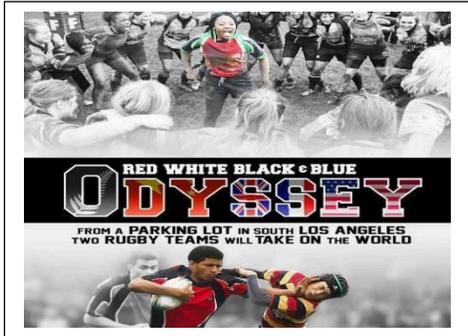


Stuart Krohn

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In an earlier interview Krohn noted that the student trips, chronicled in the documentary, *Red, White, Black and Blue Odyssey*, drives home the message of Black Lives Matter in a way that no words or presentations can do. He added that many of his student-athletes' lives have been changed forever, noting that dozens have gone on to Ivy League Schools, as well as UCLA, Arizona State, MIT, Duke, and other major colleges and universities.



One of his former players has been playing professionally overseas and now is in tryouts for the United States Women's 7s team that will compete in the Olympics next summer. He added that four of his students currently teach and coach with him at View Park School in LA, where he has been for 22 years. Krohn currently is director of rugby and sailing at View Park.

He said that much of his program's success comes from the mentoring model he learned from one of his former coaches. He utilizes his older rugby players' to teach and coach the game to younger players. "That's the key," he said. "Get the kids to mentor each other; they learn much better that way than through anything I would tell them."

Even during the pandemic, he maintains regular contact with his players and coaches online. "They do their own workouts and then we get together on Zoom afterwards," Krohn said. He also conducts college counseling groups and other classes over the Internet, featuring "special guests"—former students who have gone on to college and are playing rugby there.



Stuart Krohn with some of his student athletes

Krohn said he himself was introduced to the game by fellow students four decades ago when he was a 17-year-old freshman at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He had no exposure to the game as a child growing up.

He was born in Durham, N.C., but his family moved around because of his father's work as a factory supervisor. They relocated

to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, home of the annual Little League World Series. It was there that Krohn developed a love of baseball. After the family moved once more to Buffalo, New York, his parents enrolled him in Blair Academy, a New Jersey boarding school, where he played varsity football and basketball.

It was at Colorado that he met fellow freshman Mark Schmidt, who had been a high school rugby player in Chicago. From his first practice, Krohn said, he fell in love with the strange sport that had been devised at the Rugby School in Warwickshire, England in 1823. His eyes sparkle when he talks about rugby, a game that combines aspects of other sports that he finds most enjoyable. "If you like to run and tackle, if you like contact, it's so much fun," he said. "It takes endurance and working as a team. I love all those elements, and you have to be really focused."

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Jewish Rugby Player ... continued

Krohn says that he also was selected for the Colorado football team in the spring of his freshman year but adds that he was not as successful academically—he did not get all of his schoolwork assignments done on time. A professor spoke to him about the issue, suggesting he take a year off and “grow up more.” She was right,” he said. He left Boulder and took a construction job in Santa Barbara, Calif., joining a rugby club there. It was during that next year that he first confronted the responsibility of paying rent and having enough money to buy food and other basic needs. Being around older rugby players also helped him, he said.

The following autumn, he enrolled in University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) where he starred on the rugby team. A year later he went to France to continue his studies and play his favorite sport. He ultimately signed a contract with Kronenbourg RFC in 1984, becoming the first U.S. professional rugby player. The next year he again left his studies and played for Stade Toulousain, which won the French National Rugby Championship in 1985.

In 1986, he returned to UCSB and served as player coach of the college rugby team. He gained All-America honors that year and earned his bachelor’s degree in 1987. For the next 11 years he played in New Zealand, South Africa and Hong Kong, where he was a member of eight consecutive championship teams.

Krohn returned to the U.S. in the early ‘90s and, in 1993, organized and directed ICEF. As noted he has taken his teams all over the world, not just to play rugby but to provide a rich cultural experience for his players.

Krohn also has been committed to honoring his own heritage through rugby. In 1993, he was part of the silver medal winning U.S. entry in the Maccabiah Games in Israel and a member of the gold medal winning U.S. team at the 1997 games. Additionally, he coached the American squad to a silver medal in the 2005 Maccabiahs.

He also was a member of the Santa Monica Men’s Rugby Club that won national championships in 1992 and 1993. In 1998, he managed to make time to earn a master’s degree in creative writing from Dartmouth College as well as coach the university’s rugby team.

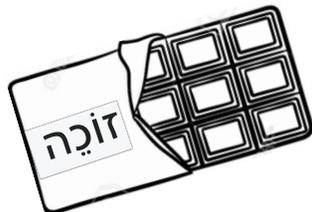
His accolades are many, including induction into the Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, the Maccabi USA Rugby Hall of Fame, and the Hong Kong Union’s Hall of Fame. He was enshrined in the Santa Monica (Calif.) Rugby Club Hall of Fame in 2011.

Krohn has been married 17 years to his wife, Kazuki, who also is a teacher. They have a daughter, Sakura, 12, whom he calls “the light of our lives.” But, clearly, his love of rugby and desire to make the world a better place through spreading the game, also lights up his life.

He said that he manages to keep his program going year after year “on a shoestring budget.” He cites donations from former teammates across the globe and benefactors involved in the Maccabiah Games as well as from other individual supporters and from a variety of grants that he applies for. He added that anyone interested in donating to ICEF can go online to www.icefps.org and follow the prompts.



RABBI STEPHEN FUCHS' WEEKLY VIRTUAL CANDY BAR QUIZ Question, Answers and Winners



Editors' note: Rabbi Fuchs has begun a new tradition during the COVID-19 pandemic when all of our services have been held virtually. For the prize of a "virtual candy bar," he poses to us each week a question related to the Torah portion for the coming Shabbat. Congregants answer these questions by sending an email with the subject line "Quiz" to rabbistephenfuchs@gmail.com. Starting with the Parashat Bereshit Torah portion during the week of October 12, 2020, here are Rabbi's questions, the answers, and the winners. Every effort has been made to ensure that the list of winners is correct. If you feel your name has been omitted in error, please let us know!

Parashat Bereshit (Genesis 1:1 - 6:8)

Question: Name the three children of Adam and Eve?

Answer: Cain, Abel and Seth

October 16 Shabbat Winners: Ron Chaddock, Janice Chaddock, Susan Shuman, Sheila Sklar, Lew Schneider, Lynne Schaffer, Tanya Hochschild, Michael Hochschild, June Rosner, Annette Pacyga, Ed Greenberg, Nancy Greenberg

Parashat Noah (Genesis 6:9 - 11:32)

Question: Noah had 3 sons -- through which of them do Jews trace our lineage?

Answer: Shem

October 23 Shabbat Winners: Ron Chaddock, Janice Chaddock, Susan Shuman, Sheila Sklar, Lew Schneider, Lynne Schaffer, Tanya Hochschild, Michael Hochschild, June Rosner, Annette Pacyga, Ed Greenberg, Nancy Greenberg

Parashat Lech Lecha (Genesis 12:1 - 17:27)

Question: What is the name of Abraham's father?

Answer: Terah

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Rabbi Fuchs' Virtual Candy Bar Quiz ... continued

October 30 Shabbat Winners: Michael Hochschild, Ron Chaddock, Paula Raboy, Lynne Schaffer, Lew Schneider, Janice Chaddock, Marge Peppercorn, Don Bachman, Sheila Sklar, Caren Schoen, David Jacob, Leo Fuchs, Tanya Hochschild, Sandy Teger, Ed Greenberg, Nancy Greenberg, Annette Pacyga

Parashat Vayera (Genesis 18:1 - 22:24)

Question: How old is Sarah when Isaac is born?

Answer: 90

November 6 Shabbat Winners: Vickie Fuchs, Sheila Sklar, Elissa Karasin-Samet, Sandy Teger, Lew Schneider, Janice Chaddock, Judith Adler, Ron Chaddock, Lynne Schaffer, June Rosner, Ed Greenberg, Donald Bachman, Michael Hochschild, Susan Shuman, Margie Peppercorn, Mark Peppercorn, Tanya Hochschild, Caren Schoen, Alan Lessack, Edina Lessack, Bob Schoen

Parashat Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23 - 25:18)

Question: Who owned the land Abraham bought as a burial site for Sarah?

Answer: Ephron the Hitite

November 13 Shabbat Winners: Sheila Sklar, Lewis Schneider, Lynne Schaffer, Ron Chaddock, Tanya Hochschild, Susan Shuman, Don Bachman, Janice Block Chaddock, Alan Lessack, Edina Lessack, Nancy Greenberg, Ed Greenberg, Bob Schoen, Caren Schoen, Michael Hochschild, Annette Pacyga, Sandy Teger, Paula Raboy, June Rosner

Parashat Toldot (Genesis 25:19 - 28:9)

Question: How long after she married Isaac did Rebecca give birth to Jacob and Esau?

Answer: 20 years

November 20 Shabbat Winners: Lynne Schaffer, Francesca Block, Ron Chaddock, Peter Saltz, Lewis Schneider, Judith Adler, Janice Block Chaddock, Sheila Sklar, Sandy Teger, Annette Pacyga, Ed Greenberg, Nancy Greenberg, Michael Raab, Edina Lessack, Alan Lessack, Michael Hochschild, Garry Weiss, Tanya Hochschild, Beth Weiss, Kate Uslan, Ethan Uslan, Ben Uslan, Henry Uslan

Parashat Vayetzei (Genesis 28:10 - 32:3)

Question: What was the name of the first born son of Jacob and Leah?

Answer: Reuben

November 27 Shabbat Winners: Vickie Fuchs, Judith Adler, Nancy Greenberg, Ed Greenberg, Sheila Sklar, Annette Pacyga, Janice Block Chaddock, Ron Chaddock, Peter Saltz, Jocelyn Saltz, Tanya Hochschild, Mel Bleiberg, Michael Hochschild, Lynne Schaffer, Lew Schneider, Sandy Teger, Mike Samet, Mike Raab, Edina Lessack, Alan Lessack, Caren Schoen, Bob Schoen, Helane Smith

From the Green Team

ELECTRONICS PICK-UP

The Green Team will be sponsoring a pickup of electronics behind the church building on **Saturday, January 30, from noon to 1:30pm**. Cars will drive through the parking lot to the back of the building where electronics in cardboard boxes will be taken from their trunks. All the helpers will be wearing masks and we ask the drivers to do the same.



We appreciate you bringing your electronics in small cardboard boxes and separating things that work from things that don't, and marking them as such. Mike Peterson of *Computer Medics of Southwest Florida* gives the computers that work to *Komputers for Kids*. He destroys all personal and business data on hard drives and storage devices before disposing of them.

We will give working cell phones to the police to pass on to victims of domestic violence to use to call 911, but you should strip all your personal data from phones.

The only electronics that will NOT be accepted are glass-screen CRT televisions and monitors, LED and LCD televisions, printers and copiers. Working printers and copiers and flat screen TVs can be given to Goodwill; for pickup call 239 652-1600.

For more information email jeanchandler2@gmail.com.

The Green Team is an official committee of Sanibel Congregational UCC dedicated to helping the congregation keep the church covenant, which says in part, "We will serve and support each other and do all we can to protect as well the birds, animals and plants on this fragile barrier island." Bat Yam members work on Green Team programs, and all are welcome to engage in educational and advocacy efforts.

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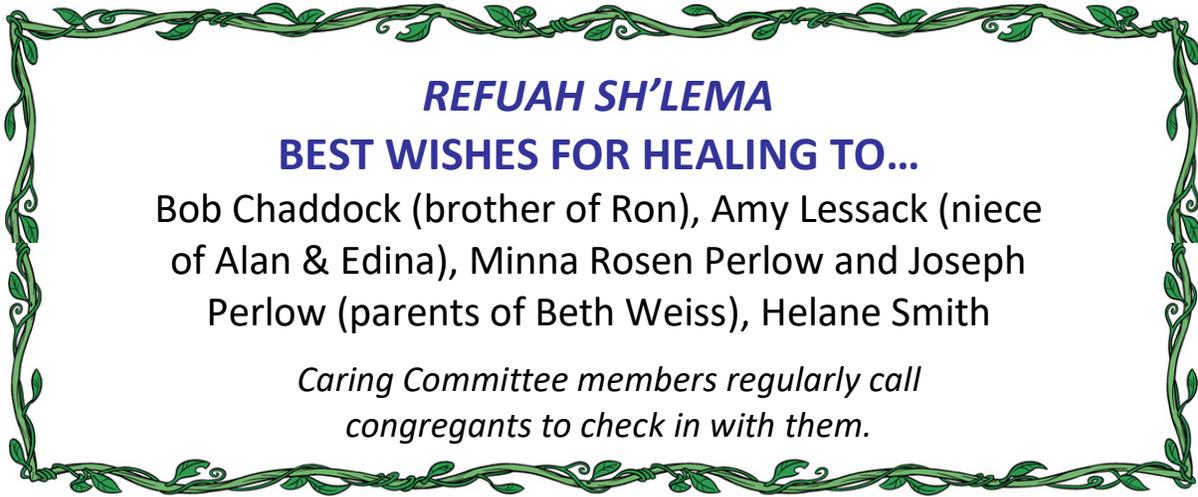
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Caring Committee members regularly call congregants to check in with them.

DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

If you would like to have a loved one's Yahrzeit commemorated in future issues of Bat Yam Matters, please send details to Sandy Teger at sandrateger@gmail.com.

DECEMBER

- December 1 – Seymour Lubetkin, brother of Bernard Lubetkin
- December 3 – Stanley Jacob, father of David Jacob
- December 4 – Evelyn Levine, mother of Joyce Jacobs
- December 6 – Henny Karasin, mother of Elissa Karasin Samet
- December 7 – Max Amdur, father of Judith Adler and grandfather of Janice Block Chaddock
- December 8 – Isadore Levine, father of Joyce Jacobs
- December 11 – Jerome Hoffman, husband of Maida Hoffman
- December 11 – Murray Edinburg, father of Joel Edinburg
- December 15 – Joe Wasserman, father of Nessa Adelson
- December 16 – Zelda Edinburg, mother of Joel Edinburg
- December 16 – Isabelle Levy, mother of Morton Levy
- December 18 – Joe Buckstein, father of Esther Pokedoff
- December 20 – Marvin Joel Salus, brother of Edina Lessack
- December 20 – Jack Lotstein, father of James Lotstein
- December 23 – Joseph Kolton, grandfather of Toby Simon
- December 26 – Louis Marlin, father of Riv Swartz

JANUARY

- January 2 – Alice Novitsky, mother of Sue Pick
- January 7 – Janet Printz Kaplan, mother of Josephine Schneider
- January 10 – Leo Michaels, father of Myra Michaels Fisher

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Yahrzeits ... continued

January 14 – Joan Bauer, sister of Nancy Morrison
January 15 – William Smith, father of Alan Smith
January 18 – George Samet, father of Michael Samet
January 26 – Sidney Abraham Hecht, father of Helane Smith
January 26 – Byron Novitsky, father of Sue Pick
January 27 – Byrde Marlin, mother of Riv Swartz
January 29 – Fannie Edelstein, aunt of Maida Hoffman
January 29 – Al Hoffman, brother-in-law of Maida Hoffman
January 30 – Bella Buckstein, mother of Esther Pokedoff
January 30 – Leo Fuchs, father of Rabbi Stephen Fuchs

FEBRUARY

February 1 – Sidney Edelstein, brother of Maida Hoffman
February 3 – Ethel Berke, mother of Stuart Berke
February 9 – Leona Bergstein, mother of Linda Edinburg
February 10 – Ruth Golden, mother of Beverly Lubetkin
February 13 – Edward L. Strem, father of Robyn Cook
February 14 – Dale Chaddock, father of Ron Chaddock
February 15 – Rosalie Goldstein-Smith, mother of Alan Smith
February 15 – Rebecca Bleiberg, mother of Mel Bleiberg
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February 19 – Anne Weiss, mother of Garry Weiss
February 25 – Israel Fisher, father of Alan Fisher
February 25 – Philip Edelstein, brother of Maida Hoffman
February 26 – Frieda Leaf, mother of Evelyn Clark
February 26 – Belo Weiss, father of Garry Weiss

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