

Bet Am Shalom Synagogue Shabbat of Learning

Thank you from the Co-Chairs



We want to thank everyone involved in the first ever Bet Am Shalom Shabbat of Learning.

As with so many wonderful events at Bet Am Shalom, our community, that amazing amalgamation of all us “others”, made it work. The theme for this Shabbat of Learning was The Other/Acher and our goal was to develop a program that had components that would attract Bet Am Shalom members from a range of interests and perspectives. The four co-chairs invested ourselves in thinking deeply about what “The Other” means to us and the various groups who are connected to Bet Am Shalom and a program that would have something for everyone. In reality, it was the enthusiastic participation of our fellow congregants, our rabbi and our cantor, all as learners and teachers both, that created the stimulating conversation about “otherness” that we hope will go on.

Extra special thanks go to the rabbi’s clergy colleagues and close friends for sharing their stories with us, Cynthia Ehrenkrantz for sharing her recipes and her story along with Joe Kochen and Bettina Weil Oks for their stories, to Elliot Rosen, Ann Schaffer and Roz Schulman for their engaging and inspiring sessions, Cantor Marcey Wagner for enthusiastically embracing the idea and creating a children’s program to go along with adults’ program, Joan Rosen for getting the word out so well, Shirat Ha’am for filling the room Saturday night with your glorious sound, Roberto Lombert , Ruth Balarezo and Waldy Ortega Brito for caring about doing everything right for us and working hard to make it so, and to the whole Bet Am staff who support us and get the word out, collect the registrations and help behind the scenes to make it all appear effortless.

We are a group of “others” who are both deeply connected and uniquely individual. We, the planning team thank all of you for your efforts to make this successful.

Yasher Koach to all!

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