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January 2018 Tevet–Shevat 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	3	4	5  5:25	6
7 Annual Meeting 10:00 am	8	9	10	11	12 Board Member Recognition Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00 pm  5:31	13
14	15	16	17	18 Rabbi's Roundtable in Villages 1:00 pm	19  5:36	20
21	22	23	24	25	26  5:42	27 Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00 am
28	29	30	31			



Annual Meeting Sunday January 7 at 10:00 AM

All members are asked to attend our annual meeting.

This is your chance to be involved!

Take part in the election.

Visit with your fellow members while enjoying refreshments.

Hear about our accomplishments of the past year.

Help us plan for the coming year.

If you need an absentee ballot,
call Diane Weinbaum (352-636-4911) or Linda Kost (352-315-0309)

February 2018 Shevat—Adar 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  5:48	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	7	8	9 Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00pm  5:53	10
11	12	13	14	15 Rabbi's Roundtable In Villages 11:00 am	16  5:59	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  6:04	24 Shabbat Service & Purim 10:00 am
25	26	27	28			



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Rabbi's Message

*For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, for days of auld lang syne –*
Ancient Scottish, recorded by Robert Burns

As we enter the new year of 2018 with that by now familiar mix of anticipation and trepidation, we can do well to pause our usual round of activity to recall what we have learned from those who have gone before us.

Hopefully, in the tradition of Jewish teaching, we remember and speak of the good they have done, and attempt to carry forward their legacy by incorporating those admirable qualities into our own lives.

The traditional Scottish song of friendship, *Auld Lang Syne*, quoted above, is ultimately about the reunion with dear friends rather than the parting. We recall the good times with good people, and look forward to seeing them again, the living in this world and the departed in the next.

The dance that accompanies this sentimental song in Scotland involves crossing arms to hold hands and rush into the middle of the circle, then turn around and hold hands once again, this time facing outward.

In Congregation Beth Sholom, we have been blessed with wonderful members who have touched our lives deeply with their friendship and their service to both our congregation and the larger community.

In the spirit of *auld lang syne*, and the Jewish tradition of *tikkun olam*, we embrace the inner circle of our friendships, and hope that we will be able in the coming year to turn our attention outward as well, to make a difference for good in the world.

With love and blessings for a happy, healthy and meaningful 2018 –

Rabbi Karen Allen. 386-676-5157

The President's Message

What a wonderful time this is to belong to Congregation Beth Sholom!

At our last Friday night service, we recognized the 18 people who have joined or returned to our synagogue during the past year. It is so exciting to know that so many people are finding our congregation to be the warm and welcoming spiritual home that they are looking for.

We have a lot to offer our members. The next few months are full of activities.

Plan with us:

We ask that all our members attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 7th. We will start at 10:00 and will enjoy refreshments in the social hall as people arrive and cast their ballots. We will begin the meeting approximately 10:30 after the ballots are counted. This is your chance to make suggestions, as we review the past year and make plans for the coming year.

Enjoy a musical afternoon with us:

Be sure to mark your calendar for the wonderful concert described on the cover. On Sunday, February 25th, Rabbi Allen and Zoriy Zinger will be entertaining us once again. Their concerts are a real treat. I was just at a dinner last night when one of my neighbors asked when their next concert will be. This is not unusual. Most people can't wait to hear them again! Tickets will be available in January. Please tell all your friends and neighbors – they will be entertained!

Celebrate Shabbat and the holidays with us:

We will celebrate Shabbat at our evening services on January 12th and February 9th.

We will celebrate Tu B'Shevat at the Shabbat morning service on January 27th.

We will celebrate Purim at the Shabbat morning service on February 24th.

We will celebrate Passover together at our second night Seder on Saturday, March 31st. Deanna's Catering will be providing our Kosher meal. More information will be available soon.

Learn with us:

Our *Gabbai*, Marsha Sterman, will be teaching a 4 week class titled '*Exploring Judaism*' beginning on Monday, March 6th at 4:00. See page 12 for details.

Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes teaches our Hebrew classes on Wednesdays at 4:00. See page 13 for details.

Rabbi Allen leads a Torah Study Roundtable discussion group one Thursday each month. See page 13 for details.

Hope to see you at one of our events or services soon!

Shalom,

Linda

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Birthdays

1/1 Anita Sherman
 1/7 Judy Marshall
 1/10 Helen Jacobs
 1/10 Michael Saks
 1/10 Matthew Cullen
 1/11 Joseph Dowsey
 1/11 Ariella Dowsey
 1/12 Hailey Dowsey

CELEBRATIONS

January

1/12 Joni Treibitz
 1/16 Dale Epstein
 1/17 Michael Drexler
 1/28 Gary Harris
 1/28 Nathan Mularsky
 1/30 Burt Kraft



Anniversaries

February

2/4 Fred Mularsky
 2/12 Dan Hirschfeld
 2/14 John Scholl
 2/24 Phylis Berger
 2.27 Marion Beckman
 2/28 Margaret Kaplan

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:
 Hank Hartstein, Burt Kraft, Ellen Englander

Mazel Tov

To Marsha Sterman on the birth of her granddaughter,
 Alina Eve Nahom on December 1. Marsha's daughter Rebecca and her husband Jeff are
 thrilled to now have a family of 2 girls and 2 boys!

We need serving items for the kitchen. Please look through your kitchen to find serving plates, bowls, silverware, etc. that you are willing to donate. For more information call Anita Sherman at 352-787-9681.

Mi Shebeirach

If you know of anyone (members, family, or close friends) who is dealing with a wellness issue, who would appreciate prayers or benefit from contact with the synagogue,
 please contact Elly Rothbard at 352-753-9065 or
 email her at ellybard-at-comcast.net (replace -at- with @)

She will notify Rabbi Allen, and if desired
 will add them to the *Mi Shebeirach* list which is read at services.

Thank You

To Barry Wright, Fred Jacobs, Ronny Goeler, for putting up the Sukkah

To Edith Freiwirth and Diane Weinbaum for chairing the Sukkot Pot Luck

To Barry Wright and Fred Jacobs, for taking down the Sukkah

To Irv Pomeranz for installing the new exit signs

To Barry Wright for obtaining the commercial fire extinguishers

To Fred Jacobs for creating and donating the Mi Shebeirach labels for our prayer books

To everyone who brought food for the Chanukah party: Herb Siegel, Sandra Byrne, Phylis Berger, Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Dan and Eileen Hirshfeld, Judi and Nathan Axel, Diane Weinbaum

Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors:

Friday, 10/13—Kathy Gipe in gratitude to Rabbi Allen

Saturday, 10/28—Sandra Byrne celebrating the birthday of her father, Herb Seigel, and the accomplishments of her daughters Vanessa and Emily

Friday, 11/10—Herb Siegel in observance of Veteran's Day

Saturday, 11/25—Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes and Priscilla Reisinger

Friday, 12/8—Priscilla Reisinger and Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes in recognition of our new members

Saturday, 12/25—Irv Pomeranz and Phylis Berger celebrating Irv's birthday

Welcome New Members

**Dale Epstein, Arlene Richman,
Arthur & Henrietta Lubin, Jay & Annette Maisler**

Donations

Donation of Mi Shebeirach prayer labels for our prayer books from Fred and Helen Jacobs

Get well wished to Burt Kraft from his recent surgery: Dave & Ellen Englander

Condolences to the Shen family: Elly & Marty Rothbard, Dave & Ellen Englander, Dorothy Strauss, Marsha Sterman, Dr Michael & Diane Levine

In commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jack Wagner from Karen and Luis Salvat

Additional Dues Donations: Robyn Dowsey, Ronnie-Jane Boekema

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birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, congratulations.

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There are many reasons to be a sponsor:
 birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, remembering a
 loved one, or just celebrating Shabbat.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, January 12—Anita Sherman in celebration of her birthday

Saturday, January 27, Helene Bachmann in honor of her father's yahrtzeit

Friday, February 9, Gloria Blankenship in memory of her father, Joseph Selsky

Saturday, February 24, Jay and Annette Maisler in memory of their son, Stephen Goldstein

Available dates: Friday, March 9, Saturday, March 24, Friday April 13, Saturday April 28,
 + dates available the rest of the year

To reserve your date, call Anita Sherman at 352-787-9681



Exploring Judaism—Adult Education Class

Mondays in March with Marsha

Mon. March 6th—March 27th 4:00-5:00 PM

This four week course will explore various aspects of Judaism.
 Each class is a separate topic so you can attend any one or all classes.

Some of the topics will include *Who knew that about Purim?*,
What actually is the Talmud?, and *Insights into Jewish Humor*.

Members free—non- members \$5 per class

Sign up sheet in synagogue or contact Marsha Stemerman
 marshasz2002-at-yahoo.com (replace -at- with @) or 352-630-9259

EXPLANATION OF DATES ON YAHRZEIT LIST

We give our members the option to observe yahrzeit on the secular date (the actual date of passing) or the Hebrew date. If there is no Hebrew date next to a name, it is because their family prefers to observe yahrzeit on the secular calendar date.

To add a loved one to the yahrzeit list, contact Linda Kost and provide the names and relationship of the congregant and relative, and the actual date of passing including the year. Please indicate whether you wish to observe yahrzeit on the secular or Jewish date.

Contact Linda at president-at-bethsholomflorida.org (replace -at- with @) or 352-315-0309

Learn to Read Hebrew with Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes



Hebrew class takes place on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM at the synagogue, Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. To register call Marnell at 352-602-4797 Members free—non- members \$5 per class

Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursday Jan. 18 at 1:00 pm in the main conference room and Thursday, Feb 15 at 11:00 am in the library conference room Sumter County Administration and Library Building 7375 Powell Rd., Wildwood

The Rabbi's Roundtable series explores the current arc of Torah portions along with Jewish spiritual traditions and how they affect our personal experiences and aspirations.

The roundtable provides a unique opportunity to talk with Rabbi Allen as she leads an informal and interactive discussion focusing on topics of contemporary Jewish interest.



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IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Liz Shen on October 7 and Lillian Reece on December 5. Liz and her family have been active and supportive members of our congregation for many years. She loved to celebrate Purim, often chaired our celebrations, and started the tradition of each member of the congregation reading a line from the Megillah. Her family donated the speakers and sound system in our sanctuary. Lillian was an active member of our congregation for a long time. She was a wonderful, caring, sweet, creative woman who enjoyed writing stories and poems which were often used in our services.

May their memory be for a blessing.

The following names will be read from the Bimah on January 12

Natalie Lutsky	Mother	of	Linda Kost	27	Tevet	14-Jan
Theresa Rothbard	Aunt	of	Marty Rothbard	29	Tevet	16-Jan
Paula Debra Weinbaum	Sister	of	Diane Weinbaum			17-Jan
Ruth Kraft	Mother	of	Burt Kraft			18-Jan
Florence Subit	Mother	of	Bette Croll	3	Shevat	19-Jan
Curt Freudenthal	Father	of	Nancy Morris			19-Jan
Joseph Selsky	Father	of	Gloria Blankenship			19-Jan
Max Tall	Uncle	of	Herb Siegel			19-Jan
Scott Ferber	Son	of	Robyn Kassie			20-Jan
Herbert Weinstein	Father	of	Yvette Litwack	5	Shevat	21-Jan
Jeremy Abram Haimes	Son	of	Marshall Haimes			22-Jan
Irwin Sherman	Husband	of	Anita Sherman	7	Shevat	23-Jan
Philip Gelles	Grandfather	of	Diane Weinbaum			26-Jan

The following names will be read from the Bimah on January 27

Eve Graham	Mother	of	Eileen Hirschfeld	11	Shevat	27-Jan
Harry Gripon	Father	of	Helene Bachmann			27-Jan
Esther Osansky	Mother	of	Arnold Osansky	12	Shevat	28-Jan
Gussie Rothbard	Mother	of	Marty Rothbard	13	Shevat	29-Jan
Evelyn Zalmanovich	Member	of	Congregation	15	Shevat	31-Jan
Sidney Kaplan	Father	of	Fred Kaplan	16	Shevat	1-Feb
Anna Charifson	Mother	of	Lillian Reece	17	Shevat	2-Feb
Morris Zalmanovich	Member	of	Congregation	17	Shevat	2-Feb
Herbert Carl King	Father	of	Robert King			4-Feb
Jake Jurisz	Member	of	Congregation	22	Shevat	7-Feb
Sidney Koren	Father	of	Michael Koren			7-Feb
Betty Siegel	Wife	of	Herb Siegel and			8-Feb
Cecilio Miller	Mother	of	Sandra Byrne			
	Father	of	Patricia Stark	23	Shevat	8-Feb

The following names will be read from the Bimah on February 9

Max Block	Grandfather	of	Marsha Stemerman	26	Shevat	10-Feb
Marilyn Gelles	Aunt	of	Diane Weinbaum			11-Feb
Stanley Gelles	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum			11-Feb
Claire Mohel	Mother	of	Barry Wright	28	Shevat	12-Feb
Harry Bokow	Friend	of	Gloria Blankenship	30	Shevat	14-Feb
Steven Goldstein	Son	of	Annette Maisler	30	Shevat	14-Feb
Percy Fellner	Father	of	Phyllis Berger	1	Adar 2	16-Feb
Hyman Steinberg	Father-in-law	of	Harry Barnard	2	Adar 1	17-Feb
Frances Davidoff	Wife	of	Michael Davidoff	3	Adar 2	18-Feb
Irving Rothbard	Father	of	Marty Rothbard	4	Adar 1	19-Feb
Ida Yanofsky	Mother	of	Harry Barnard	6	Adar 1	21-Feb
Dr. Saul Muffs	Father	of	Judy Hartstein	7	Adar 1	22-Feb
Syd Slater	Sister	of	Bette Croll	7	Adar 2	22-Feb
Janet Altstein	Cousin	of	Helene Bachmann			22-Feb

The following names will be read from the Bimah on February 24

Max Kessler	Founder	of	Congregation	9	Adar 1	24-Feb
Nathan Goldberg	Father	of	Ira Goldberg	10	Adar 1	25-Feb
Simon Cohen	Grandfather	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	11	Adar 1	26-Feb
Cindi Marynell	Friend	of	Phyllis Berger	11	Adar 1	26-Feb
Etta Pomeranz	Mother	of	Irving Pomeranz	11	Adar 1	26-Feb
Sarah Meyers	Mother	of	Martin Meyers	11	Adar 1	26-Feb
Israel Barnard	Father	of	Harry Barnard	12	Adar 2	27-Feb
Peni Berger	Wife	of	Stephen Berger			1-Mar
Kurt Brauner	Father	of	Lene' Zalla			2-Mar
Benjamin Sloves	Father	of	Phyllis Lax	16	Adar 1	3-Mar
Fanny Levine	Aunt	of	Helen Jacobs	17	Adar 1	4-Mar
Serita Resnik	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	18	Adar 1	5-Mar
Jacob Osansky	Father	of	Arnold Osansky	18	Adar 1	5-Mar
Al Shanky	Past Pres	of	Congregation	19	Adar 1	6-Mar
Stanley Lax	Husband	of	Phyllis Lax	20	Adar 1	7-Mar
Ruth Stangle	Mother	of	Toby Weber			8-Mar
Sophie Siegel	Mother	of	Herb Siegel			9-Mar
Jack Finkelstein	Father	of	Phyllis Simon			9-Mar

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