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Celebrate Purim and Passover with Congregation Beth Sholom



On Friday evening, March 10th we will combine our Shabbat Service with a **Purim Celebration**. The evening begins at 5:30 with a dairy pot luck meal. (no meat or shellfish).



The Shabbat-Purim Service will begin at 7:00. We will sing Purim songs throughout the service and will read the Megillah towards the end of the service.

Come in costume or wear a hat! Our Oneg Shabbat following the service is sponsored by Diane Weinbaum in celebration of Israel and will include the traditional hamentashen.



Our 2nd night **Passover Seder**, led by Rabbi Allen, will be held on Tuesday, April 11th. Deanna's Catering is providing a **Kosher** Seder meal. This very special event always brings our congregation family together in song and celebration. Make your reservation now! (see p. 7)

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Thursdays March 16 at 2:30 pm and April 20 at 1:00 pm 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.

This location (near Pinellas Plaza and Brownwood) is convenient to Leesburg and the Villages.

Look for the large building with the gold dome.

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We Planted Trees in Israel in Celebration of Tu B'Shevat

Our member Herb Siegel had the wonderful idea to plant trees in Israel in observance of Tu B'Shevat, the new year of the trees.

An email was sent to our members, with <u>this link</u> to the Jewish National Foundation, where trees can be ordered.

The following 11 families donated 30 trees:

Herb Siegel, Linda Kost, Andrea and Burt Kraft, Kathy Gipe, Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Judy Mayer, Ken Stark, Marjorie Heyman, Priscilla Reisinger, Diane Weinbaum, Michael and Sheila Saks.

It's not too late! If you order a tree, please email Linda at president-at-bethsholomflorida.org (replace —at— with @) and she will add it to our total count.

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Rabbi's Message

Passover was always my favorite holiday as a child. It may have been because of the wonderful songs we sang and the fresh new clothes, many of which my mother made, that we wore at the *seder*, or the special foods we ate only during that time. It was highlighted by the excitement of 23 family members gathered around my grandmother's enormous basement table, reading from and explaining the *Haggadah*, in a banquet paradise that included a second kitchen and the 9-foot grand piano in whose bench I discovered the books that opened the magical world of music to me.

Perhaps my most indelible *Pesach* memory is the privilege of chanting what my Yiddish-speaking family called the *fier kashes*, the Four Questions, when I, though the eldest rather than the youngest cousin, was the first to learn them. It was a moment of reckoning, a rite of passage, one of my earliest experiences of standing before loved ones to share what I had learned. I remember being nervous, but proud of contributing in a meaningful way to a very significant family event.

That feeling of the anticipation and satisfaction of service has endured, and still guides me every time I stand before you.

Because Congregation Beth Sholom is our spiritual family, sharing the Passover *seder* together is just as important as it was for us to be with our families as children.

We wanted to let the children of our religious school know how essential they are to our enjoyment of the holiday. In this spirit, I have let the families of the religious school know that all of our students will be sponsored by us, at our Congregation Beth Sholom family *seder*, and will be honored with the recitation of the Four Questions.

Please plan to have *your* family with us, too, to create together the unforgettable holiday memories that will remain with them and with us throughout what will, G-d willing, be a long, healthy and happy lifetime -- with love and blessings for a *ziessen Pesach*, a sweet Passover –

Rabbi Karen Allen 386-676-5157

The President's Message

Wow, my head is spinning! We have so much happening at this time of year, it's wonderful. At the same time as I am writing this, I am preparing for this week's two events: The special roundtable on Thursday, February 23rd, when members of The Interfaith Council of Lake County will be our guests at the synagogue; and our Saturday morning service on February 25th when our member, Stephen Berger, will unveil a memorial plaque for his wife, Peni Susan Berger.

Our calendar is full of activity!

We will learn: Our adult education is starting on February 27, when our *Gabbai*, Marsha Stemerman, will be teaching a 4 week class titled '*Exploring Judaism*'. Following that class, Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes will resume Hebrew classes on March 27. More information is on page 8.

We will be entertained: Sunday, March 5th is the wonderful concert, when Rabbi Allen and violinist Zoriy Zinger will enchant us with a new musical production entitled '*An International Songbook*'. As the name suggests, they will entertain us with a variety of popular music from classical pieces to familiar international songs that have become standards. You are sure to leave humming some of your all-time favorite melodies. (see page 6).

We will celebrate Holidays: Purim on Friday, March 10, with a pot luck dinner, and the reading of the Megillah during our Shabbat service; Passover on the second night, led by Rabbi Allen, with a wonderful Kosher meal catered by Deanna's Catering.

Our spiritual life at Congregation Beth Sholom is about doing so many things together.

I hope to see you at these events!

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President-at-BethSholomFlorida.org (replace -at- with @) 352-315-0309

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members

These members have joined since the last edition of The Shofar: Ernie Muller, Fred and Margaret Kaplan

Meet New Member Burt Baker



Originally from Boston Burt moved to Leesburg in 2013. He is retired from Kraft Foods.

His daughter Bonnie lives in Sanford, FL with her husband Steve. Their son, Brandon, just moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Burt's son, Michael lives with his wife Paula in Riverview, FL, near Tampa. Their daughter, Caitlin lives in Santa

Barbara, California. Their

daughter Ashley is a senior at UF, and plans to go to medical school.

Burt enjoys volunteering at Leesburg Regional Medical Center, and is an avid photographer who loves taking photos of nature and also enjoys creating portraits.





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An International Song



Featuring Rabbi Karen Allen. Keyboard and Vocals And Zoriy Zinger, Violin



Pennbrooke Fairways 501 State Road 44 Leesburg, FL 34748

Sunday March 5, 2017 2:30 pm

Proceeds benefit: Congregation Beth Sholom and The Leesburg Food Bank Tickets are \$18 For tickets contact: Cookie Wright 352-324-1139

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Led by Rabbi Allen

Catered by: Deanna's Catering **Second Night Passover Seder** Tuesday, April 11th 2017 Seder begins at 5:30 At Pennbrooke Fairways 501 State Road 44, Leesburg Guests Welcome



	Kosher Seder Dinner						
Appetizers:	Gefilte Fish Chopped Liver	Beverages:	Iced Tea Hot Tea				
Soup:	Matzo Ball Soup	1	Coffee				
Entrée: Oven Roasted Beef Brisket Baked Salmon Half Chicken Vegan Selection Chicken Fingers (children 6-12)		Sides:	Carrot Tzimmes Oven Roasted Potatoes				
Seder Plate:	, , ,						
Cost: Vegan, Half Chicken, Brisket or Salmon \$36 Grilled Chicken Fingers \$15 (children 6—12 only)							

Enter your reservation info here:	Entrée choice—circle one	Amount Due		
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GRAND TOTAL DUE:				
Number of children 5 and under: (chicken fingersno charge)				

USE BACK TO LIST ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

List last names of people you want to be seated with:				
Your Name:	Phone:			
Make check payable to Congregation Beth Sholom				
Mail form and check Congregation Beth Sholom, 315 North 13th St, Leesburg, FL 34748 For more information call Burt at 732-510-8401 or email bek13047@aol.com				
DEADLINE is Apri				

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Exploring Judaism—Adult Education Class

Mondays with Marsha Mon. Feb 27th- March 20th 4:00-5:00 PM

This four week course will explore how we Jews came to observe various rituals. Symbols such as the mezuzah, customs associated with death and dying, and practices such as how we pray will be explained.

If you have ever wondered about the traditions behind different observances relating to Jewish Life sign up for this four week workshop.

Each class is a separate topic so you can attend any one or all classes.

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

Learn to Read Hebrew with Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes



Hebrew class resumes on Mondays at 4:00 PM at the synagogue starting March 27. No classes April 10 or 17 because of Passover. The first two weeks will be used to get new students started, while providing a review for returning students.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience.

To register call Marnell at 352-602-4797

Members free—non- members \$5 per class



RESERVE YOUR DATE NOW!

SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT OR KIDDUSH

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

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, March 10—Diane Weinbaum in celebration of Israel

Saturday, March 25—Hank and Judy Hartstein in celebration of their 40th anniversary

Friday, April 14—available (during Passover)

Saturday, April 22—available

Friday, May 12—available

Saturday, May 27—available

Friday, June 9—available

Saturday, June 24—available

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





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Leesburg Food Bank

Board Director Barry Wright volunteers at the Leesburg Food Bank. He delivers the donations of food, clothing, and household items that we collect at services. He wrote this article about the inner workings of the Food Bank.

Today is Thursday, on my way to the Leesburg Food Bank I stop off at Beth Sholom and pick up whatever items are there for the Leesburg Food Bank. Usually clothes and non-perishable food. At 8:30AM I arrive at the Food Bank. The Food Bank is two blocks from the shul. I unload the items and take them in to the Food Bank. The food is weighed and the weight is put on a receipt for Beth Sholom and that information is recorded by date in a book of donations. Then usually within a few minutes the Leesburg Food Bank refrigerator truck arrives and unloads the pick ups from that morning from Publix's(4 of them) and Winn Dixie also sometimes Aldi's and Save A Lot. All this has to be weighed and logged based on where it came from. This is a requirement of Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida that oversees all of the Food Banks. The food is separated into meat, groceries, deli and baked goods. This is all logged based on where it game from. This process is only a few months old. This started when the food bank got a grant from Publix plus their matching funds so they were able to get the refrigerated truck. This is the only way the food stores will give the food out to make sure it does not go bad.

An important note, no one at the food bank gets paid from the President to the daily volunteers. The key people are very conscientious and hard working people. Most of them work at least 4 days a week. As an example, the person who does the pick up of the food from the food stores gets up at 3:30AM every day to do this pick up and has done this for years.

Then the real work begins. All the food has to be separated into boxes based on beef, pork, chicken, lamb, hams and beef patties. They are boxed and dated with todays date. They are then put into this huge freezer by date. By doing this the Food Bank saves the money they would spend to purchase these items. All the freezer food is checked and the bar code crossed out so it does not end up back in the store. If any of the food is found to be bad it goes to the pig farmer.

While this is going on, donations arrive at the door and they are taken, weighed and a receipt is provided when requested. All the donations coming in at the door are put aside and when time is available they are taken and dated. That means that the date is good, otherwise that goes to the pig farm. Depending on the item the date may have expired. In a lot of cases those items are still good based on a reference book that is available. Brenda, my boss, is in charge of the food warehouse area and she has the book memorized so it is easier to ask her. It is amazing how long some things are good for.

After the items are dated, they are then put in their place. The warehouse is always in a state of flux, because when they end up with a big delivery of food, which can be from a food store or Second Harvest, a place has to be found to store it. While this is all going on, in the front of the Food Bank they are handling the people that come in for food, clothes, furniture and anything else that may be available. Remember they take almost any donation and they provide all this to the people they serve totally FREE of charge.

The Leesburg Food Bank is located 2 blocks north of the synagogue at 503 N 13th Street. The Food Bank is non-denominational. They serve the community from 10AM to 12PM Monday through Thursday. You may drop off food, clothing, furniture, books, etc. from 8:30AM till 12PM Monday through Thursday. If it is too big to bring yourself please contact them at 352-326-5463 and they will pick it up. Pick up is Monday thru Saturday. If you have small items you may also drop them off at Beth Sholom and they will be taken to the Food Bank.

The Food Bank does not charge any fees for the items they provide to their clients. They handle 35 - 40 families a day. They also work with seniors and the homeless.

Take advantage of the BOGO specials at Publix when you go and pick up the extra one for the food bank.

Please provide reasonable size food items, because they have no way to break them down.

Thank you so much for all of the donations.

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Birthdays

March

Anniversaries

3/1 Nancy Morris 3/4 Mark Simon 3/4 Beverly Meyers 3/6 Hannah Campbell 3/8 Alexis Scholl 3/8 Marsha Grabois 3/9 Nina Stark

3/14 Judy Mayer 3/19 Pamela Singer Milkman 3/20 Alan Shen 3/25 Jo Anne Burka 3/29 Diane Weinbaum 3/4 Dr. Barrett and Jo Anne Burka
3/5 Ceb and Gloria Blankenship
3/20 Hank and Judy Hartstein
3/21 Michael and Diane Levine
3/22 Susan and George Brogan

April

4/6 Samuel Rice4/8 Michael Levine4/8 Robyn Dowsey4/8 Ron Faulk4/9 Anna Shen4/10 David Litwack

4/10 Hank Hartstein 4/12 Dana Morris 4/17 Lene Zalla 4/24 Bette Croll 4/27 Sonia Baerga Treibitz 4/30 Fred Jacobs

4/6 Michael and Sheila Saks4/19 Mark and Phyllis Simon

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery: Liz Shen, Edith Freiwirth, Bette Croll, Mike Davidoff

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 Andrea Kraft for the Annual Meeting refreshments, in celebration of Burt's birthday

To everyone who helped set up the Tu B'Shevat Seder

Oneg/Kiddush sponsors:

Friday, Jan. 13, Helene Bachmann in honor of the yahrzeit of her father, Harry Gripon Saturday, Jan. 28, David and Yvette Litwack in celebration of their anniversary Friday, Feb. 10, Andrea Kraft in in recognition for the continuity of our Board of Directors Saturday, Feb. 25, Stephen Berger, in honor of the yahrzeit of his wife, Peni Susan



SEND A CARD AND SUPPORT THE SYNAGOGUE

There are lots of reasons to send cards:

birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, congratulations.

Your donations can benefit the synagogue and let someone know you care!

Mail your donation to the synagogue and contact Dave Englander at 352-504-4402.

He will send the card on your behalf, and your good wishes will appear in the Shofar.

Donations

Elly & Marty Rothbard donation for newspaper ads to be placed in the Daily Sun Karen Salvat in observance of the Yahrzeit for Jack Wagner.

Dave & Ellen Englander get well wishes to Marty Rothbard from his recent surgery.

Maya Mednikov in memory of her husband, Adolf.

Additional Dues Donations: Matthew Cullen, Keith & Mayra Berger

General Donations: Lowell Cramer, Elizabeth Morrison, Ron Faulk, Barry & Cookie Wright

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Order your nametag today!

Tags are just \$15 each.

Mail check to the synagogue, with a note indicating the name you want on your nametag.

Contact Dave Englander at 352-504-4402 for more information.



Nathan and his staff did a wonderful job painting our interior recently.

Thanks, Nathan, for beautifying our building at a great price!

ADD YOUR LOVED ONE TO THE MEMORIAL BOARD

Memorializing a loved one with a permanent plaque in the sanctuary is a wonderful opportunity to honor their memory. The cost of a plaque is \$300, 2 or more are \$275 each

Contact Fred Jacobs for more information.

FredJacobs40-at-gmail.com (replace -at- with @) or 352-633-0500

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



Norma Parker

Mother

of

Ronnie Boekema

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lyar

12-May

IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



	The following na	mes wi	Il be read from the Bimah on	March 1	0	
Rose Muller	Wife	of	Ernie Muller			11-Mar
Benjamin Sloves	Father	of	Phyllis Lax	16	Adar 1	14-Mar
Fanny Levine	Aunt	of	Helen Jacobs	17	Adar 1	15-Mar
Serita Resnik	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	18	Adar 1	16-Mar
Jacob Osansky	Father	of	Arnold Osansky	18	Adar 1	16-Mar
Melvin Mularsky	Brother	of	Freddie Mularsky			17-Mar
Al Shanky	Past President	of	Congregation	19	Adar 1	17-Mar
Stanley Lax	Husband	of	Phyllis Lax	20	Adar 1	18-Mar
Morris Treibitz	Father	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			21-Mar
Robert Morris	Father	of	Danny Morris			23-Mar
Betty Mularsky	Mother	of	Freddie Mularsky			24-Mar
	The following na	mes wi	II be read from the Bimah on	March 2	5	
Gary Englander	Son	of	David and Ellen Englander	1	Nisan	28-Mar
Rhoda Treibitz	Sister	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			28-Mar
Solomon Siegel	Grandfather	of	Herb Siegel			1-Apr
Seymour Beckman	Husband	of	Marion Beckman			3-Apr
Maurice M. Berger M.D.	Husband	of	Phylis Berger	9	Nisan	5-Apr
Coleman Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			7-Apr
David Bayard	Grand Nephew	of	Harry Barnard	13	Nisan	9-Apr
April Jacobs	Daughter	of	Fred and Helen Jacobs	13	Nisan	9-Apr
Kathleen Rosenzweig	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	13	Nisan	9-Apr
Solomon Weiner	Grandfather	of	Phylis Berger	14	Nisan	10-Apr
Sylvia Bokow	Friend	of	Gloria Blankenship	14	Nisan	10-Apr
Anna Baker	Mother	of	Burton Baker			10-Apr
Nettie Altshul	Mother-in-law	of	Stephen Berger			11-Apr
Kimmarie Osansky-Cornelli	Daughter	of	Arnold Osansky	18	Nisan	14-Apr
	The following na	ames w	rill be read from the Bimah on	April 14	ļ	
Nathan Subit	Father	of	Bette Croll	19	Nisan	15-Apr
Dolly Norman	Mother	of	Darlene Marcus			16-Apr
Adela Ide Weinstein	Mother	of	Yvette Litwack	22	Nisan	18-Apr
David Isaacs	Father	of	Judy Snader			19-Apr
Helen Weinberger	Mother	of	Judy Marshall	24	Nisan	20-Apr
Annie Reece	Mother-in-law	of	Lillian Reece	26	Nisan	22-Apr
Ruth Marx	Mother	of	Ellen Englander	26	Nisan	22-Apr
	The following na	ames w	rill be read from the Bimah on	April 22	2	
Abraham Weinbaum	Grandfather	of	Diane Weinbaum			23-Apr
Eugene Weinbaum	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum			25-Apr
Harry Jacobs	Father	of	Fred Jacobs	30	Nisan	26-Apr
Michele Hartstein	Brother	of	Hank Hartstein	2	lyar	28-Apr
Max Fellner	Grandfather	of	Phylis Berger	3	lyar	29-Apr
Herman Warshaw	Step Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	5	lyar	1-May
Justin Simon	Father	of	Mark Simon			1-May
Steven Cohan	Son	of	Phyllis Stern			1-May
Mordecai Malc	Father	of	Helen Jacobs	7	lyar	3-May
John Reisinger	Husband	of	Priscilla Reisinger			5-May
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