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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Adult education 4:00pm	6 Board Meeting 4:00pm	7	8	9 Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00pm  6:13	10
11	12 Adult education 4:00pm	13	14	15 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00pm	16  6:17	17
18	19 Adult education 4:00pm	20	21	22	23  6:21	24 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00am
25	26 Adult education 4:00pm	27	28	29	30  6:24	31 Passover Seder 5:30pm



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Mon. March 5th—March 26th 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

April 2018 / Nisan—Iyar 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Board Meeting 4pm	4	5	6  6:28	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00pm  6:32	14
15	16	17	18	19 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00pm	20  6:38	21
22	23	24	25	26	27  6:40	28 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00am
29	30					



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Rabbi's Message

Everything G-d does is for the best – Rabbi Akiba

A people that never loses hope cannot be defeated. The Jewish people kept hope alive. Hope kept the Jewish people alive. – Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain

Recent tragic events in Parkland have brought home to us in Florida the epidemic of violence that has pervaded our country and much of the world. This time, however, is different. Students and others there have risen quickly to take a place of leadership, committed to making an enduring change in our national perspective.

It is a typically Jewish response to hold two contrary things in our hands at the same time: outrage and dismay on the one hand, and uplift and exultation on the other. We can have both simultaneously. Being horrified by current events, and caring deeply about the feelings of others, does not mean that we need to lose our underlying sense of wholeness and delight in the gift of life.

Like so many things, optimism is an acquired skill, of which Rabbi Akiba was the preeminent model. Too many of us allow ourselves to become consumed by the grief and disappointment that are a natural reaction to inexplicable and horrific behavior. Jewish spiritual teaching emphasizes that our expression of joy, even if it appears unreasonable, is a demonstration of our gratitude for the gifts, including the gift of life itself, that we receive daily.

Saying "thank you" regularly for these gifts is an antidote to the loop of thinking persistently about the negatives that are everywhere around us.

It may feel as though we are collectively losing the edge of serenity and strength, and our national spirit may seem to be sagging perceptibly. But we ourselves represent the solution to all of this. We join with other members of our congregation, with charitable Jewish organizations worldwide, and other worthy causes. We give our time and our resources to the things we want to see prevail.

Our work stands up to the pervasive loss of excellence and pride we seek to end. By surrounding ourselves with people of like character and integrity, we can make the difference that we long to see in ourselves, in our community, and ultimately in the world.

As we celebrate Passover, the season of freedom and deliverance of the Jewish people, we remember that, even in the darkest time, there is always good reason to expect a miracle!

With love and blessings for a *ziessen Pesach*, a sweet and healthy Passover to you and your loved ones, with a refreshed and renewed optimism—Rabbi Karen Allen 386-676-5157

The President's Message

Friends and Family have always been very important to me. Spending time with them always leaves me wishing we had more chances to be together.

This year January and February were filled with lots of opportunities to spend time with those I love. I am always willing to go out of my way in order to be with them.

One of my first cousins lives with her husband in Ft. Pierce during the winter. This year her brother and sister in law were visiting her in January. My husband John has a sister who lives in Stuart. We drove to Stuart and spent time with John's sister, and then the next day we visited my cousins in Ft. Pierce. It was wonderful to visit both our families in the same trip.

Three days later, we had dinner with my best friend Pat and her husband Joe who stopped in The Villages on their way from New Jersey to Marco Island where they live during February and March. I'm always thrilled to be able to see them, even if it's only for an evening.

Next was my grandson's 12th birthday party . John and I were glad for the chance to spend time with my step-daughter and her husband. JD has three sets of grandparents – his mother's mother and her husband, his father's mother and her husband, and, although I am a step-grandma, I am so grateful that they always include John and me in all their family celebrations.

My sister Patti visits me every year during January or February. Each year, when she visits me, we get together with our cousins. First we have dinner with our Ft. Pierce cousin and her husband. Then the next day the three of us cousins drove to West Palm where we met up with another cousin who winters in Pompano but lives in Maine. We all enjoy the chance to see each other and catch up on the previous year.

The day after the West Palm lunch, my sister and I drove to Orlando to visit with another first cousin. We had a lovely day. We began with lunch at TooJays, and then walked through the Lego display at Leu Gardens, a beautiful botanical garden in Orlando.

The joy of spending time with family and friends is one of the reasons I am going to commute to Congregation Beth Sholom after I move to Ocala. After all, the members of Congregation Beth Sholom are my spiritual family as well as my friends.

I hope to share some time with you soon.

Shalom,

Linda

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Second Night Passover Seder
Saturday, March 31, 2018
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		Coffee
Entrée:	Oven Roasted Beef Brisket Baked Salmon Half Chicken Vegan Selection Chicken Fingers (children 6-12)	Sides:	Carrot Tzimmes Grilled Vegetables Oven Roasted Potatoes
Seder Plate:	Matzo, Wine, Grape Juice, and Seder plate on table	Dessert	Variety of Passover Cakes and Cookies Sugar Free Macaroons
Cost: Vegan, Half Chicken, Brisket, or Salmon \$40 Grilled Chicken Fingers \$15 (children 6—12 only)			

Enter your reservation info here:	Entrée choice—circle one	Amount Due
Name:	Half Chicken Brisket Salmon Vegan Chicken Fingers	
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	GRAND TOTAL DUE:	
Number of children 5 and under: (chicken fingers—no charge)		

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List last names of people you want to be seated with:

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

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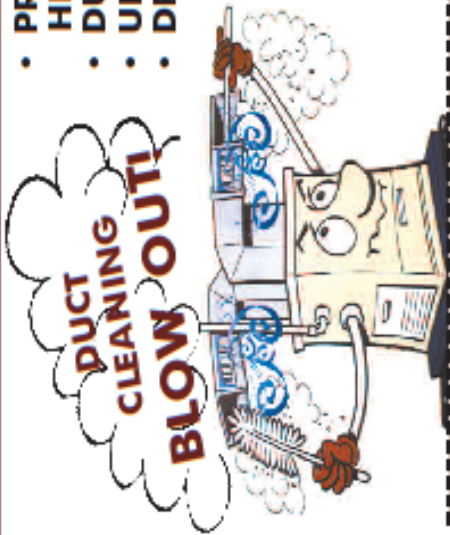
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Birthdays

3/1 Nancy Morris
 3/2 Rick Feiertag
 3/4 Mark Simon
 3/4 Beverly Meyers
 3/6 Hannah Campbell
 3/8 Alexis Scholl
 3/8 Marsha Grabois

CELEBRATIONS

March

3/9 Nina Stark
 3/14 Judy Mayer
 3/19 Pamela Singer Milkman
 3/25 Judi Axel
 3/29 Diane Weinbaum

April

4/2 Annette Maisler
 4/2 Arlene Richman
 4/8 Michael Levine
 4/8 Robyn Dowsey
 4/10 David Litwack
 4/10 Hank Hartstein
 4/12 Dana Morris
 4/14 Linda Rovetto
 4/17 Lene Zalla
 4/24 Bette Croll
 4/27 Sonia Baerga Treibitz
 4/30 Fred Jacobs



Anniversaries

3/5 Ceb and Gloria Blankenship
 3/20 Hank and Judy Hartstein
 3/21 Michael and Diane Levine
 3/22 Susan and George Brogan
 3/27 Ben and Marion Solotoroff

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

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:
 Ellen Englander, Freddie Mularsky

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 @)

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.

Annual Meeting Results

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual meeting.

We had a quorum and re-elected Vice President Burt Kraft, Treasurer Dave Englander, Director Fred Jacobs, and Director Barry Wright.

Thank You

To Irv Pomeranz, Fred Jacobs, Barry Wright, and Dave Englander for cleaning the carpet in the sanctuary.

To Burt and Andrea for managing the Mah Jongg card orders.

Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors:

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

Saturday, January 27, Helene Bachmann in honor of the yahrtzeit of her father, Henry Gripon

Friday, February 9, Gloria Blankenship in honor of the yahrtzeit of her father, Joseph Selsky

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

Welcome New Members

Rick & Bobbi Feiertag

Donations

Get well wishes to Ellen Englander:

Marty & Elly Rothbard, Marsha Stemerman & Ernie Muller.

Burt & Andrea Kraft for their generous donation toward general capital assets/ improvements.

Helene Bachmann in memory of the Yahrzeit for her cousin Janet Alstein.

Additional Dues Donations: Ronnie-Jane Boekema, Robert King

General Donations: Lowell Cramer, Elizabeth Morrison, Robyn Dowsey



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birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, congratulations.

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Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursdays March 15 and April 19 at 1:00 pm in the main 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.



Leesburg Food Bank

Thank you to all of our members and guests who bring donations for the Leesburg Food Bank when you come to the synagogue.

They accept non perishable food, clothing, and small household items.

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Katie Campbell's Bat Mitzvah Project

Help Katie Help New Mothers and Their Newborn Babies

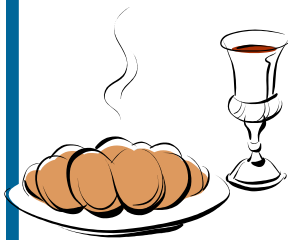
Katie is creating packages for new mothers at Leesburg Regional Hospital who are on Medicaid or under 18 years of age. Each care package will include Onesies, Bibs, Pacifier, Wash Cloths, Diapers, Baby Wipes, and a Thermometer. You can donate to this project via credit card [on Katie's Gofundme page](#) or by check, made out to Colleen Campbell and mailed to [10342 Barrington Court, Leesburg, FL. 34788](#), If you have questions, call Colleen at [352-234-4460](#)



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Upcoming Dates:

Friday, March 9—Beverly and Marty Meyers in celebration of Beverly's birthday

Saturday, March 24—available

Friday April 13—Yvett and David Litwack in celebration of David's birthday

Saturday April 28—available

Dates available in July and August

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

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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


IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED


The congregation expresses condolences to Ernie Muller on the loss of his granddaughter, Cindy Hawkins. May her memory be for a blessing.

The following names will be read from the Bimah on March 9						
Sophie Siegel	Mother	of	Herb Siegel			9-Mar
Jack Finkelstein	Father	of	Phyllis Simon			9-Mar
Martha Hudes	Mother	of	Linda Rovetto			10-Mar
Howard Wiener	Member	of	Congregation	24	Adar 1	11-Mar
Rose Muller	Wife	of	Ernie Muller			11-Mar
Gary Englander	Son	of	David and Ellen Englander	1	Nisan	17-Mar
Melvin Mularsky	Brother	of	Freddie Mularsky			17-Mar
Morris Treibitz	Father	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			21-Mar
Robert Morris	Father	of	Danny Morris			23-Mar
The following names will be read from the Bimah on March 24						
Betty Mularsky	Mother	of	Freddie Mularsky			24-Mar
Maurice M. Berger M.D.	Husband	of	Phyllis Berger	9	Nisan	25-Mar
Rhoda Treibitz	Sister	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			28-Mar
David Bayard	Grand Nephew	of	Harry Barnard	13	Nisan	29-Mar
April Jacobs	Daughter	of	Fred and Helen Jacobs	13	Nisan	29-Mar
Kathleen Rosenzweig	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	13	Nisan	29-Mar
Solomon Weiner	Grandfather	of	Phyllis Berger	14	Nisan	30-Mar
Sylvia Bokow	Friend	of	Gloria Blankenship	14	Nisan	30-Mar
Solomon Siegel	Grandfather	of	Herb Siegel			1-Apr
Seymour Beckman	Husband	of	Marion Beckman			3-Apr
Kimmarie Osansky-Cornelli	Daughter	of	Arnold Osansky	18	Nisan	3-Apr
Nathan Subit	Father	of	Bette Croll	19	Nisan	4-Apr
Adela Ide Weinstein	Mother	of	Yvette Litwack	22	Nisan	7-Apr
Coleman Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			7-Apr
Helen Weinberger	Mother	of	Judy Marshall	24	Nisan	9-Apr
Anna Baker	Mother	of	Burton Baker			10-Apr
Nettie Altshul	Mother-in-law	of	Stephen Berger			11-Apr
Ruth Marx	Mother	of	Ellen Englander	26	Nisan	11-Apr
Irma Maisler	Mother	of	Jay Maisler	27	Nisan	12-Apr
The following names will be read from the Bimah on April 13						
Sofia Maisler	Wife	of	Jay Maisler	29	Nisan	14-Apr
Harry Jacobs	Father	of	Fred Jacobs	30	Nisan	15-Apr
Dolly Norman	Mother	of	Darlene Marcus			16-Apr
Sanford Russell	Husband	of	Joan Russell			16-Apr
Michele Hartstein	Brother	of	Hank Hartstein	2	Iyar	17-Apr
Max Fellner	Grandfather	of	Phyllis Berger	3	Iyar	18-Apr
David Isaacs	Father	of	Judy Snader			19-Apr
Hy Brickman	Father	of	Judi Axel			19-Apr
Herman Warshaw	Step Father	of	Marsha Sterman	5	Iyar	20-Apr
Mordecai Malc	Father	of	Helen Jacobs	7	Iyar	22-Apr
Abraham Weinbaum	Grandfather	of	Diane Weinbaum			23-Apr
Eugene Weinbaum	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum			25-Apr
The following names will be read from the Bimah on April 28						
Norma Parker	Mother	of	Ronnie Boekema	16	Iyar	1-May
Justin Simon	Father	of	Mark Simon			1-May
Steven Cohan	Son	of	Phyllis Stern			1-May
Rita Barnard	Wife	of	Harry Barnard	19	Iyar	4-May
John Reisinger	Husband	of	Priscilla Reisinger			5-May
Rebecca Sterman	Grandmother	of	Marsha Sterman	21	Iyar	6-May
Ann Dubinsky Michaels	Mother	of	Elly Rothbard	23	Iyar	8-May
Joseph Wiener	Father	of	Howard Wiener	23	Iyar	8-May
Rebecca Weiner	Grandmother	of	Phyllis Berger	26	Iyar	11-May

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