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Iyar / Sivan / Tammuz 5778

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**Rabbi Karen Allen**  
**386-676-5157**

# Celebrate Rabbi Allen's 10th Anniversary



Rabbi Allen became our spiritual leader  
in July 2008.

We will honor her at our service on  
Saturday morning, June 23rd, as she  
completes her 10th year as our Rabbi.

The Kiddush is sponsored by  
The Board of Directors in her honor.

Please join us as we celebrate this  
important occasion.



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May 2018

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4  7:45	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting 4:00pm	9	10	11 Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00pm  7:49	12
13	14	15	16	17 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00pm See next pg  7:53	18	19
20 Social Sunday 2:00 pm See Page 13	21	22	23	24	25  7:57	26 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00am
27	28	29	30	31		



We will observe Memorial Day at our Shabbat service on Saturday, May 26th at 10:00 AM.

On Memorial Day we remember the members of the armed forces who died while serving our country.

The Kiddush following the service is sponsored by LTC Herbert Siegel (retired) in commemoration of Memorial Day.



Let everyone know who you are! Tags are just \$15 each. Mail your 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.

June 2018

Sivan / Tammuz 5778

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1  8:01	2
3	4	5 Board Meeting 4:00pm	6	7	8 Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00pm  8:04	9
10	11	12	13	14 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00pm	15  8:07	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  8:08	23 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00am
24	25	26	27	28	29  8:09	30

## Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursdays May 17 and June 14 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.

# Rabbi's Message

Ten years — the end of our first decade together!

In truth, it feels subjectively more like 10 months. But then I reflect on all the wonderful things our congregation has done in these years, and I realize that each moment has been time well spent together.

We are still a “*heimish*,” welcoming congregation whose leaders are devoted to making Congregation Beth Sholom a meaningful spiritual home for all people.

But our little *shul* has become so much more, to me and hopefully to you. It is the place where, as I have often recalled the words of one of our congregants, spoken at a *Kiddush* luncheon years ago, “I come to be with my friends.”

In blending my experience as an attorney and a musician, I knew that the work and study I would be doing as your rabbi and cantor would be immensely gratifying. But I never anticipated the more personal meaning of the beautiful relationships I would find and build here.

Congregation Beth Sholom has long been known as “the synagogue that feels like family.” You have proven this motto true for me, as you truly are my spiritual family. What a joy it has been, and is, to be your rabbi!

With love and blessings that the next ten years, and those beyond, will bring you and your loved ones good health, fulfillment and every happiness – Rabbi Karen Allen 386-676-5157

# The President's Message

What an exciting time this is for our shul.

Attendance at our services is higher than it's been in a very long time. We have many active members who come to services whenever they can. We also have guests, some who have moved recently, and some who have been in the area for a while but have heard about us recently. I hope many of them will become members.

Whether you come to services or not, whether you are members or not, we want you to know that you are an important part of our spiritual family.

We have two exciting events that I hope you will attend.

On our Saturday morning service on June 23<sup>rd</sup> we will celebrate Rabbi Allen's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with our congregation. The board members are sponsoring the Kiddush lunch in honor of Rabbi Allen. We are so happy that Rabbi Allen found us 10 years ago. Her warm and caring attitude makes her a perfect fit for our warm and caring congregation.

On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 until 4:00 pm, we will host another Social Sunday. This is an opportunity to simply get together and socialize. We will nosh, we will chat, and we will have a wonderful time. Please call Dee Marcus at 352-750-8086 and let her know you are coming.

What an exciting time this is for me.

The closing on our new home takes place on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will spend 2 weeks putting the finishing touches on the house. And then, on May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will move from Leesburg to Ocala. Although it will be a bit of a commute, Congregation Beth Sholom is my spiritual home and you are my spiritual family. The longer drive will be well worth it.

*Shalom,*

*Linda*

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

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Any questions, please call Diane Weinbaum (352) 636-4911.

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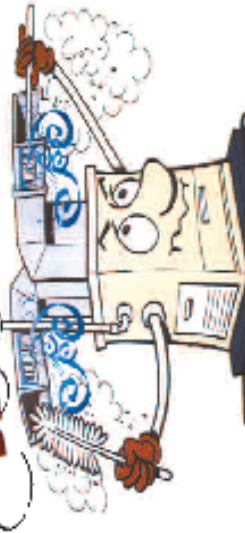
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## Birthdays

5/2 Mayra Berger  
 5/3 Ronny Goeler  
 5/7 Rosalie Scholl  
 5/7 Kenneth Stark  
 5/7 Nathan Axel  
 5/9 Susan Brogan

# CELEBRATIONS

## May

5/9 Miriam Henoch  
 5/27 Arlene Gross  
 5/27 Henrietta Lubin  
 5/30 Jay Maisler  
 5/31 Jill Bulmash



## Anniversaries

5/9 Ronny and Nettie Goeler  
 5/13 Linda Friedman and Jill Bulmash  
 5/25 Nathan and Judi Axel

## June

6/6 Stephen Berger  
 6/9 Eileen Hirschfeld  
 6/12 Marlena Scholl  
 6/15 Ernie Muller

6/18 Risa Lax  
 6/23 Yvette Litwack  
 6/27 Freda Feibel

6/14 Barry and Cookie Wright  
 6/18 David and Ellen Englander  
 6/21 Robert Treibitz and Sonia Baerga  
 6/30 Bob and Dee Marcus

## *R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)*

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:

Ellen Englander

## *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 Phylis Berger at 352-728-1364 [pber111-at-yahoo.com](mailto:pber111-at-yahoo.com) during May and Elly Rothbard at 352-753-9065 [ellybard-at-comcast.net](mailto:ellybard-at-comcast.net) during June (replace –at– with @).

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

Please remember to let them know when our prayers are no longer needed.

## 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

## Exploring Judaism Class Recap

There were 25 people signed up for the 4 week session of Exploring Judaism, with an average of 17 attendees per class. The topics were Purim, The Talmud, Jewish Humor and Pirkei Avot.

As it says in Pirke Avot, “Do not presume Torah will come to you, you must go to Her”.

I would like to thank those who came to enrich their understanding of Judaism.

Marsha Stemerman, Instructor

# Thank You

To Burt and Andrea Kraft for chairing the concert. They made the arrangements with Pennbrooke, brought the refreshments, set up the room, and cleaned up. Thanks also to Barry and Cookie Wright who helped at the event.

To Burt and Andrea Kraft for everything they did to make our Psssover Seder wonderful. They handled the reservations, roasted shankbones, roasted the eggs, made the charoset, bought the matzah, wine, and gefilte fish, set up, cleaned up, and took care of anything that came up during the event. Kudos for a job well done.

To treasurer Dave Englander who was bombarded with our checks for the concert and Passover. That's a lot of bookkeeping!

To Marsha Stemerman for the many interesting topics she covered in the Exploring Judaism class.

To Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for continuing to teach the Hebrew class for the past three years. The first class was on April 27, 2015!

To Barry Wright for helping us choose and obtain an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors:

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

Friday, April 13, Yvette and David Litwack in celebration of David's birthday

## Welcome New Members

Arlene Gross and Malcolm Clark

# Donations

Dale Epstein in celebration of Purim.

Elly & Marty Rothbard in honor of their friend Elaine Garson's birthday.

Elly & Marty Rothbard in honor of Fred Jacobs's birthday.

Dorothy Strauss in appreciation for Marsha's Adult Education Class, Exploring Judaism.

Dorothy Strauss in appreciation of Burt & Andrea Kraft for their dedicated work on the Seder.

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The complete list of responses to the Annual Appeal will be published in the next edition.

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# Social Sunday

Nosh and Chat

May 20th 2:00 pm At the synagogue

We'll snack, we'll chat, we'll get to know each other better.

Call Dee Marcus at 352-750-8086 to sign up



## 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.

Please bring something for the food bank each time you come to the synagogue. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

## Katie Campbell's Bat Mitzvah Project A Huge Success



For her bat mitzvah project, Katie raised \$957 (\$227 of which was donations from the synagogue) to help new mothers on Medicaid or new moms under the age of 18 who delivered their first baby at Leesburg Regional Medical Center. In an effort to help this population, and with many additional donations of service (such as our Hebrew school teacher Kelly Ann, who assisted in embroidering the bags) Katie raised enough money to stuff each canvas tote with 5 onesies, 3 bibs, 144 diapers, 3 packages of baby wipes, 4 pacifiers, 2 pacifier clips, one soft blanket, one digital thermometer and 2 washcloths. A total of 12 bags ended up being donated earlier this month, and as of the last call, all bags have now been given out to those in need!



***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, May 11—Fred & Helen Jacobs in celebration of their 40th anniversary

Saturday, May 26—Herb Siegel in honor of Memorial Day

Friday June 8—Helene Bachmann in honor of the yahrzeit of her mother, Pauline Gripon

Saturday, June 23—The Board of Directors in honor of Rabbi Allen's 10th anniversary

Dates available in July and August

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



**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, along with your message.  
 For more information contact Dave Englander at 352-504-4402.

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

***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.

**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](mailto:president-at-bethsholomflorida.org) (replace -at- with @) or 352-315-0309


**IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED**

**The following names will be read from the Bimah on May 11**

Rebecca Weiner	Grandmother	of	Phylis Berger	26	Iyar	11-May
Barbara Parker	Sister	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	Iyar	13-May
Ruth Hirschfeld	Mother	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Sivan	18-May
Rabbi Avram Hartstein	Father	of	Hank Hartstein	4	Sivan	18-May
Solomon Cramer	Father	of	Pam Singer and Lowell Cramer	8	Sivan	22-May
Sara Weinbaum	Grandmother	of	Diane Weinbaum			23-May
Josephine Rossi	Mother	of	Joan Treibitz			25-May

**The following names will be read from the Bimah on May 26**

Pauline Gripon	Mother	of	Helene Bachmann			28-May
Carol Rau	Mother	of	Robyn Dowsey			29-May
James King	Brother	of	Robert King			29-May
Rebecca Siegel	Grandmother	of	Herb Siegel			6-Jun
Hilda Steinberg	Mother	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg			6-Jun

**The following names will be read from the Bimah on June 8**

Adolph Schwartz	Father	of	Selma Haimes			9-Jun
Abraham Stemerman	Grandfather	of	Marsha Stemerman	27	Sivan	10-Jun
Milton Parker	Father	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	1	Tammuz	14-Jun
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	1	Tammuz	14-Jun
Charles Snader	Father	of	Marty Snader			14-Jun
Rhoda Rothbard Virich	Sister	of	Marty Rothbard	2	Tammuz	15-Jun
Miriam Berkowitz	Mother	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	2	Tammuz	15-Jun
Rose Litwack	Mother	of	David Litwack	5	Tammuz	18-Jun
Leon Stemerman	Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	7	Tammuz	20-Jun
Saul Siegel	Father	of	Herb Siegel			20-Jun
Al Schenerman	Father	of	David Schenerman (on wall)	8	Tammuz	21-Jun
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	8	Tammuz	21-Jun

**The following names will be read from the Bimah on June 23**

Henry Englander	Father	of	David Englander	11	Tammuz	24-Jun
Rebecca Fiegura	Grandmother	of	Yvette Litwack	21	Tammuz	4-Jul
Winnie Goldberg	Mother	of	Ira Goldberg	24	Tammuz	7-Jul
Hermia Isaacs	Mother	of	Judy Snader			7-Jul
Mitchell Lutsky	Brother	of	Linda Kost	26	Tammuz	9-Jul
Gertrude Axel	Mother	of	Nathan Axel			10-Jul
Jacquiline Kassie	Mother	of	Robyn Kassie			10-Jul
Dorothy Berger Stern	Mother	of	Stephen Berger			12-Jul
Alfred Janosi	Father	of	Cookie Wright	29	Tammuz	12-Jul
Ruth Molina	Mother	of	Annette Maisler	1	Av	13-Jul

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