Congregation Beth Sholom 2020 Highlights

- **Membership**
  - Welcomed 6 new and 1 returning members this year

- **Tzedakah**
  - Supported the Leesburg Food Bank with $938 in cash donations, 243 pounds of food (thru March), and lots of clothing and small home appliances.

- **Religious Services, Observances, and Festivities** – all via Zoom since July
  - High Holiday Services, including Slichot, and Tashlich, via Zoom
  - Two Shabbat services most months including special services for Purim, Shavuot, Tu B’Shevat, new members, board recognition, and patriotic holidays
  - Bat Mitzvot of Sydney Cullen and Lexi Scholl
  - Special Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Rabbi Allen and Zoriy Zinger – via Zoom as well

- **Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors** – chaired by Anita Sherman
  - Gloria Blankenship in honor of the yahrzeit of her father, Joseph Selsky
  - Roz Weinrich in celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Cullen
  - Henrietta Lubin in memory of her mother
  - John & Rosalie Scholl in celebration of Lexi Scholl’s Bat Mitzvah
    - As of Friday March 13th, we cancelled all future services in the Synagogue due to the pandemic

- **Sisterhood** was established early in 2019 by Dee Marcus.
  - Currently 35 members
  - Sisterhood provided the refreshments for last year’s annual meeting
  - Organized the Tu B’Shevat Seder with Marsha Stemerman as leader
  - Spot Light Charity Event was held last January to benefit the Leesburg Humane Society
  - Ongoing Charitable Activities during COVID 19
    - Sisterhood Cookbook – chaired by Dorothy Strauss
    - Knitty Gritty Crafters – Beverly Meyers is the organizer of this group that is making hats for cancer patients
    - St. Jude’s Children’s Ranch – collecting cards
    - Contact of Members as a Check in – Edith Freiwirth is the chair

- **Men’s Club** was begun in late 2019 by Ben Solotoroff and they have 15 members
  - Goal – Strengthen & growth of members in the Synagogue, Community and Jewish Life
  - At the Jan 2020 Meeting officers were elected (Ben Solotoroff -President, David Litwack – Vice President, Bob Marcus – Treasurer and Arthur Lubin Corresponding Secretary)

- **Building and Grounds** – Regular Annual Maintenance

- **Annual congregational meeting and monthly board meetings** – Held by Zoom since April
• Education
  o Rabbi’s Roundtable – now being held virtually via Zoom
  o Adult Hebrew Class taught by Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes – cancelled after March 13th
  o 4 week ‘Exploring Judaism’ class taught by Marsha Stemerman – cancelled after March 13th

• Fundraising
  o ‘Honey from the Heart’ Rosh Hashanah Greetings Program chaired by Diane Weinbaum
  o Mah Jongg Cards chaired by Andrea and Burt Kraft
  o Book of Remembrance
  o Yahrzeit plaques
  o Shofar Ads
  o Donations – cards in honor or memory, Book Fund, General Fund
  o Springtime Appeal

• Community
  Leesburg Food Bank – we continue to support the Food Bank financially. Some of our members volunteer weekly (Board member Barry Wright and his wife Cookie as well as member Francine Rizzotto)

• Publicity
  o Daily Sun ads run from Mid-January through Mid-March
  o Press releases for most services, Rabbi’s Roundtable, submitted to Orlando Sentinel, Daily Sun, Daily Commercial, and Jewish Heritage
  o Stories in the Orlando Sentinel, Daily Sun, and Daily Commercial about various holiday observances and activities
  o The Shofar newsletter
  o Talk of the Villages website