



January / February 2022

Tevet / Shevat / Adar 5782

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Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 16th, at 11 am. The link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to our members in good standing (people who have made a dues payment for 5782) a few days before the meeting takes place. The updated membership list will be sent with the invite.

The meeting is important because it keeps you informed of the accomplishments and future of Congregation Beth Sholom.

It's as easy as can be this year, you don't have to leave your home! Just sit in front of your computer, smart phone, or tablet and participate as we review our accomplishments of 2021 and plan for 2022.

This is **your** synagogue - know what is happening – attend the Annual Meeting!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT:	Andrea Kraft 352-513-3517	VICE PRESIDENT:	Linda Kost 352-315-0309
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January 2022 Tevet / Shevat 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Board Meeting 4 pm	5	6	7  5:26	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Shabbat Service 7 pm  5:32	15
16 Annual Meeting 11 am page 9	17	18	19	20 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm Page 3	21  5:38	22
23	24	25	26	27	28  5:43	29 Shabbat Service 10 am
30	31					

If you are a member in good standing (you have made a dues payment this year) and would like to participate in the board meetings, contact President Andrea Kraft or Vice President Linda Kost and they will send you the Zoom invite.



Celebrate Shabbat and Tu B'Shevat
on Friday Jan 14th
Tu B'Shevat is the New Year of the Trees.
Rabbi Allen will include readings
and commentary about the holiday at our Shabbat service.

February 2022 Shevat / Adar 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board Meeting 4 pm	2	3	4  5:49	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Shabbat Service 7 pm  5:55	12
13	14	15	16	17 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm See below  6:00	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25  6:04	26 Shabbat Service 10 am
27	28					

Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursdays January 20 and February 17 at 1pm

New Year—New Format for the roundtable.

The main focus of the roundtable is to provide a unique opportunity to talk with Rabbi Allen as she leads an informal and interactive discussion focusing on various subjects throughout the session.

In addition to topics brought forward by the attendees, Rabbi Allen may explore the current arc of Torah portions along with Jewish spiritual traditions and how they affect our personal experiences and aspirations.

Rabbi's Message

A New Year for Our Hearts

And I will give to you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you – Ezekiel 36:26

Lately, our world seems to be subject to a second pandemic – locally, nationally and globally – of negative thoughts, focusing on what we don't have, what we can't do and how we're sick and tired of it all! This widespread trend, fortunately, is one against which we can immunize ourselves, easily and effectively.

As members of *k'lal Yisrael*, the inclusive community of the people of Israel, we have a special way of thinking, given to us by G-d through the Torah and our thousands of years of teaching and tradition in how to live by its principles.

Through these gifts, we have learned that gratitude to the G-d who gave us life can and should form the basis always for all of our actions, and that these actions will shape our thoughts over time. It is a simple concept, one which suffuses not only our daily lives but our spiritual life as well, including our prayers: "Thank you, G-d" is the most basic, far-reaching and important prayer we can express, even before the hoped-for blessing has even manifested.

Thank you, G-d, for the gift of life; for the gift of healing; for the gift of our abilities, for our loved ones, our material comfort. In a time when home is our haven, thank you for the priceless gift of a home in which we are happy to be. We needn't literally count our blessings, because even a single one merits our endless gratitude.

As proud as we may be quite justly of our own accomplishments, all we have and all we have done has been given to us not by our own efforts alone, nor by other people, but truly by G-d. If we think seriously about the life we are living – with all its beauty, challenges and lessons – it is as close to heaven on earth, designed perfectly for our unique and personal use, as we could have dreamed.

Congregation Beth Sholom needs your participation, in person when possible or online, so that our spiritual family will be able to continue to give loving support to all our members and friends throughout the year and beyond. Your much appreciated support and involvement make possible everything we do together.

Thank you for everything you have done, said and shared that has made our lives richer and better during this challenging year. You make the difference!

I wish for all of you, for your families and your loved ones, a fulfilling, healthy and safe 2022, filled with the satisfaction of learning, of sharing, of caring and of much for which to be grateful – with love and blessings – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773

The President's Message

I can't believe that we're about to welcome the New Year! It's safe to say that most people will be thrilled to see an end to 2021. Although we have resumed in person services, life isn't completely back to "normal". We continue to navigate the situation with the best interests of our congregational family in mind. Our services will continue to be hybrid to accommodate our members (and guests) who aren't able to join us in person but still want to worship with us.

At our December 10th service we officially recognized our new members who've joined us during the past 2 years. Although they weren't all able to be with us in the synagogue we welcomed them to the family. We look forward to seeing everyone soon, hopefully at our Friday January 14th service. Our Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Sunday January 16th for all members in good standing. Please make sure to attend to hear about the plans for 2022 and what we've worked on the past year.

On February 11th we will be recognizing our Board of Directors for all the work they do on behalf of the Congregation. I certainly hope that members will join us to show appreciation for their efforts.

Plans are under way to resume our traditional 2nd night Passover Seder (Saturday April 16th) which we haven't been able to have during the past 2 years due to COVID. I'm looking forward to seeing members and guests join us to celebrate the holiday. Thank you to our Secretary Fred Jacobs for arranging our location, the Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages. Our Treasurer Dave Englander has introduced us to our new caterer who will be preparing our Traditional dinner. Our former caterer Deanna has retired and moved to Texas, so we certainly will miss her and her wonderful cooking. Once again, my husband Burt Kraft is chairing the Seder, I think this might be our most successful event to date. As soon as all the details are finalized, we will communicate that information to everyone. As always, guests are welcome!

We will continue to monitor COVID. Our priority is the health and safety of our members and guests.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Shalom,

Andrea

Andrea Kraft, President, 352-513-3517

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Leesburg Food Bank

Written by Director Barry Wright

I am writing this update at the end of December after Chanukah to give you a time frame. Donations over the last two years were phenomenal during the pandemic. The community really came out to help. Francine Rizzotto and myself from Beth Sholom are some of the volunteers at the Food Bank. Please remember that everyone at the food bank are volunteers. NO ONE IS PAID. Everything that is picked up from the Food Bank is FREE.

Since the synagogue is now open for services twice a month please remember to bring your donations every time you come. They will be taken to the Food Bank that is 2 blocks away. This summer the donations slowed down but nothing like what we had in years past. The snowbirds are back and the flow of donations have picked up again dramatically. Very impressive.

Based on the difference in donations over the last almost 2 years and the pandemic we have had to reorganize the food bank. We still do not let in the clients to the food bank for obvious safety issues for the volunteers at the food bank. Because of the changes we still do not have a clothing room. Hopefully one day in the near future that will happen. At this point, we are taking donations of various things other than food. If you have any large items to donate please call 352-326-5463. Someone with a truck will pick it up. If you have clothes or smaller items to donate please bring them to the south side of the building. They will be gone through and if found ok will be placed in the trailer outside that entrance.

Please remember that the food bank is only open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 12 for donations.

Current needs:

Food: pork and beans, canned fruit, jelly, side dishes, dry pasta, ketchup, mustard, boost, ensure, dog and cat food.

Personal items: Bar soap, tooth paste, tooth brush, deodorant, shampoo, baby diapers, sanitary napkins for young ladies.

New and slightly used clothing, new socks, shoes, boots and sneakers for kids.

Money or gift cards to local grocery stores are also welcome.

There is a special program at the Food Bank for the public school kids in Leesburg. The Food Bank actually packs and delivers food to the schools on Wednesdays for 334 children from the 7 Leesburg public schools. The school repacks the items and distributes them to the students on Friday for Saturday and Sunday. If you wish to donate to this program make your check payable to Leesburg Food Bank and write on the check something like "schools" or "backpack program" on the memo line.

Alternatively, you can write a check to Congregation Beth Sholom and put 'Food Bank' on the memo.

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CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

As directed by the By-Laws, our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 11 AM. It will be held virtually, using Zoom technology. You can view and hear the meeting on a computer, phone, or tablet, or can listen to the meeting using any phone.

We request that all members who have made a dues payment for this fiscal year (Sept—August) attend the meeting.

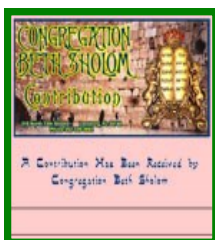
Annual Meetings are important. The purpose is to keep you informed of the accomplishments and future of Congregation Beth Sholom. It is also when you elect officers and directors for their term of office. At this year's meeting we will be electing the Vice President, Treasurer, and 2 directors.

Vice President Linda Kost, Treasurer Dave Englander, and Directors Barry Wright and Ben Solotoroff have announced that they will run for re-election.

There are no paper ballots this year. The Board of Directors voted to allow 'election by acclamation'. This means that, because there is only a single candidate running for election to a specific Officer or Board Director position, there is no need for a "secret ballot."

Please be sure to make a dues payment prior to December 31, 2021. This will keep you as a member in good standing and included in the membership directory. A new updated membership directory will be distributed with the Zoom invitation to the annual meeting.

This is **your** synagogue—know what is happening – attend the Annual Meeting!



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.



CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

January

1/1 Anita Sherman
 1/1 David Chasin
 1/1 Marcia Cohen-Robins
 1/7 Judy Marshall
 1/9 Maureen Barrett
 1/10 Helen Jacobs
 1/10 Michael Saks
 1/10 Matthew Cullen
 1/11 Joseph Dowsey
 1/11 Ariella Dowsey
 1/12 Hailey Dowsey
 1/12 Joni Treibitz
 1/17 Michael Drexler
 1/23 Sandra Fox
 1/24 Susan Glaser
 1/28 Gary Harris
 1/28 Nathan Mularsky
 1/30 Burt Kraft

February

2/3 Ronald Robins
 2/9 Barbara Rupert
 2/12 Dan Hirschfeld
 2/14 John Scholl
 2/27 Marion Beckman

Anniversaries

January

1/24 Judy Albin and Clint Wallbank

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to all who have been affected by the Covid-19 crisis and to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:

Bill Hillman, Joanne Jacobson, Judy Mayer, Michael Drexler, Helene Bachmann, Helen Jacobs, Marjorie Heyman, Barbara Rupert, Lt. Col. Herb Siegel

Mi Shebeirach



Our Secretary, Fred Jacobs, maintains a list of our members and their close friends who are in need of healing. The list is presented at services.

To add new names, please send them to Fred at secretary.bethsholom-at-gmail.com. (replace -at- with @) Please remember to let him know when our prayers are no longer needed.

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Thank You

To all our members who ordered Mah Jongg cards for themselves and their friends. There is still time to order for your group—deadline is January 25. See page 12.

To Dan Hirschfeld for replacing the bulbs in our large Chanukiyah

To Dan & Eileen Hirschfeld and Dave & Ellen Englander for lighting our Shabbat Candles

To Dr. Marnel LaRoe Hayes for bringing, setting up, and lighting her beautiful fabric Chanukiyah

To Anita Sherman:

For organizing the Candle Lighting for our Friday night service

For buying and preparing the challah and pouring the wine for the Kiddush after each service

To Francine Rizzotto and Burt Kraft for stepping in for Anita

To Sandra Byrne – for sending out all the emails to the Congregation

To Linda Kost – for hosting our Zoom portion of our hybrid services

To Marsha Stemerman – for her inspirational readings

To Lt. Col. Herb Siegel for creating the inspirational Veterans Day program on the history of our military service anthems.

To David Litwack for reading the Veterans Day program

Zoom service Dec 25th:

To Michael Saks for chanting the Torah blessings and the congregational responses

To Associate Gabbai Dr. Marnel LaRoe Hayes for calling the congregation to the Torah

To Burt and Andrea Kraft, Linda Kost, and Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for readings

Donations

Karen Salvat in honor of the yahrzeit of her mother Jeanette Wagner

Helene Bachmann in honor of the yahrzeit of her father Harry Gripon

Food Bank Donations: Deb Forman & Bob Tevelson

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Dr. Ken Stark, Lt. Col Herb Siegel, Michael Fruchter, Judy Mayer and Michael Drexler

Additional Renewal Donations: Barry & Cookie Wright

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 intofogs-at-gmail.com (replace –at– with @) or 352-315-0309

Exploring Judaism—Adult Education Class



Mon. March 7, 14, 21, and 28 4:00-5:00 pm on Zoom

We will be discussing the seven questions asked in Heaven
(based on the book by the same name).

What will happen in the next life? Who knows?

However asking yourself these questions now can help you focus on this life
and how to make it more meaningful and purposeful,

Come join us as we develop ways to live life using our Jewish spirituality as our guide.
You can attend all classes or individual ones as each session is a stand alone class.

This is a virtual class held on Zoom.

Please sign up as class outlines and information will be emailed to participants.

Let us study together to enrich our lives.

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

Do you play Mah Jongg?



Please ask your friends to order their cards through us.

[You can download the form here.](#)

The Synagogue receives a donation based on the number of cards we order.
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Order your 2022 Mah Jongg Cards

Part of the proceeds benefit the Leesburg Food Bank.

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Have you received cards thru the mail from the Mah Jongg League in the past: YES NO

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IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED


The congregation expresses condolences to Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes on the passing of her cousin Tobey LaRoe on October 23rd. May her memory be for a blessing.

The following names will be read on January 14

Gussie Rothbard	Mother	of	Marty Rothbard	13	Shevat	15-Jan
Evelyn Zalmanovich	Member	of	The Congregation	15	Shevat	17-Jan
Morris Zalmanovich	Member	of	The Congregation	17	Shevat	19-Jan
Lenore Kingsberg	Mother	of	Myra Efron			17-Jan
Paula Debra Weinbaum	Sister	of	Diane Weinbaum			17-Jan
Ruth Kraft	Mother	of	Burt Kraft			18-Jan
Sheila Saks	Wife	of	Michael Saks	17	Shevat	19-Jan
Joseph Selsky	Father	of	Gloria Blankenship			19-Jan
Max Tall	Uncle	of	Herb Siegel			19-Jan
Annette Glickson	Grandmother	of	David Chasin			19-Jan
Freddie Mularsky	Father	of	Nathan Mularsky			19-Jan
and	son	of	founding rabbi of the congregation			
Jeremy Abram Haimes	Son	of	Marshall Haimes			22-Jan
Jake Jurisz	Member	of	The Congregation	22	Shevat	24-Jan
Philip Gelles	Grandfather	of	Diane Weinbaum			26-Jan
Harry Gripon	Father	of	Helene Bachmann			27-Jan
Max Block	Grandfather	of	Marsha Sterman	26	Shevat	28-Jan

The following names will be read on January 29

Claire Mohel	Mother	of	Barry Wright	28	Shevat	30-Jan
Harry Bokow	Friend	of	Gloria Blankenship	30	Shevat	1-Feb
Rose Marcus Milkman	Mother	of	Robert Milkman	1	Adar 1	2-Feb
Morton Hillman	Step Father	of	Bill Hillman	3	Adar 1	4-Feb
Herbert Carl King	Father	of	Robert King			4-Feb
Irving Rothbard	Father	of	Marty Rothbard	4	Adar 1	5-Feb
Sidney Koren	Father	of	Michael Koren			7-Feb
Betty Siegel	Wife	of	Herb Siegel and			8-Feb
	Mother	of	Sandra Byrne			
Dr. Saul Muffs	Father	of	Judy Hartstein	7	Adar 1	8-Feb
Max Kessler	Founder	of	The Congregation	9	Adar 1	10-Feb
Nathan Goldberg	Father	of	Ira Goldberg	10	Adar 1	11-Feb

The following names will be read on February 11

Stanley Gelles	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum			11-Feb
Marilyn Gelles	Aunt	of	Diane Weinbaum			11-Feb
Alice B. Wallbank	Mother	of	Clint Wallbank			11-Feb
Marc Stern	Husband	of	Phyllis Stern			11-Feb
Simon Cohen	Grandfather	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	11	Adar 1	12-Feb
Etta Pomeranz	Mother	of	Irving Pomeranz	11	Adar 1	12-Feb
Sarah Meyers	Mother	of	Martin Meyers	11	Adar 1	12-Feb
Benjamin Sloves	Father	of	Phyllis Lax	16	Adar 1	17-Feb
Fanny Levine	Aunt	of	Helen Jacobs	17	Adar 1	18-Feb
Serita Resnik	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	18	Adar 1	19-Feb
Al Shanky	Past Pres	of	The Congregation	19	Adar 1	20-Feb
Stanley Lax	Husband	of	Phyllis Lax	20	Adar 1	21-Feb
Janet Altstein	Cousin	of	Helene Bachmann			22-Feb
Howard Wiener	Member	of	The Congregation	24	Adar 1	25-Feb

The following names will be read on February 26

Cherry Parker	Sister	of	Dan Hirschfeld	25	Adar 1	26-Feb
Reva Chasin	Mother	of	David Chasin			26-Feb
Peni Berger	Wife	of	Stephen Berger			1-Mar
Kurt Brauner	Father	of	Lene' Zalla			2-Mar
Percy Fellner	Father	of	Phyllis Berger (on wall)	1	Adar 2	4-Mar
Paula Finkelstein	Aunt	of	Ellen Englander	1	Adar 2	4-Mar
Sophie Siegel	Mother	of	Herb Siegel			9-Mar
Jack Finkelstein	Father	of	Phyllis Simon			9-Mar
Syd Slater	Sister	of	Bette Croll	7	Adar 2	10-Mar

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