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KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday August 9th at 7:00 pm

This uplifting service of music and song, led by our Rabbi and Cantor, Karen Allen, features World-Class Violinist Zoriy Zinger.

You won't want to miss this wonderful celebration of the Jewish spirit.



When Rabbi Allen plays her keyboard along with Mr. Zinger on his violin, our congregation is transported to a bygone era as we add our voices to chant the prayers accompanied by the wonderful music. This experience creates an atmosphere in which everyone listening becomes aware of the emotional and spiritual origins of the music.

You will leave humming or singing tunes that you learned as a child, along with versions of prayers that you may have heard for the first time.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this uniquely spiritual form of the Friday night service.

Hava Nashirah, come let us sing together!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	8:09	6
7 Sisterhood Meeting 2:00 pm	8	9 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	10	11	Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00 pm 8:08	13
14	15	16	17	18 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00 pm	19 8:06	20
21	22	23	24	25	8:02	27 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00 am
28 Ice Cream Social 2:00 pm	29	30	31			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Cookie Wright resigned from the presidency at the board meeting on May 7. Andrea Kraft, then Vice President, assumed the Presidency.

She appointed Linda Kost as Vice President and Barry Wright as Director.

The other board members are: Treasurer David Englander, Secretary Diane Weinbaum, Director Fred Jacobs, and Director Bob Marcus.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Sisterhood Meeting 2:00 pm	5	6	7	8	Kabbalat Service & Oneg 7:00 pm	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	14	15 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00 pm	7:46	17
18	19	20	21	22	7:39	24 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00 am
25	26	27	28	29	7:31	31



Thursdays July 18th and August 15th at 1:00 pm at the 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.

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Rabbi's Message

"Comfort, O comfort My people, Says your G-d Indeed, the people is but grass: grass withers, flowers fade, but the word of our G-d stands forever!" -- Isaiah 40:1,6–8

This has been a time of such contrasting experience for our beloved Congregation Beth Sholom. Many of our members and loved ones have gone through illness, loss and the need to face difficult challenges. And many have stepped forward into service, into giving, and into moving outside their comfort zones to become leaders of our community.

We have welcomed a new President, dedicated a new Ark, Bima vestments and other beautiful contributions, and inaugurated a new Sisterhood. We have mourned together and celebrated together.

These balmy months of summer are a time in Jewish life for similar extremes of emotional and spiritual sensibility. With the half-day fast of the 17th of Tammuz on Sunday, July 21st, we enter into the period of the Three Weeks that culminates on August 11th in the full-day fast of Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av.

So much collective suffering of the Jewish people is commemorated during this time, painful history concentrated intentionally into this short period, so that we can leave room for sharing joy at other times. And that festivity begins Friday, August 16th on Tu B'Av, the 15th of Av, a traditional celebration of atonement and forgiveness which has often represented the turnaround of bad times into good ones for the Jewish people.

That blossoming of joy is reinforced by a period of comfort. Shabbat Nachamu, this year on August 17th, is named for the comfort G-d holds out to console us for our losses and our suffering, preparing us for the month of Elul whose beginning this year coincides with the start of September [more detail to come about that important season – watch this space!].

On that Shabbat, the first of seven special Sabbaths of comfort, we study one of the most poignant stories in Jewish scripture: Moses' anguish over being refused entry into the Promised Land. As Moses pleads for G-d's grace, G-d reminds him that grace does not depend on physically reaching the Land, but that the gift of abundance may appear in unexpected ways. G-d makes Moses aware that he can see the Land, and more, from where he already is.

During this season of comfort, may each of us receive the gift of knowing that what we need is already ours, and that G-d's goodness is reaching us wherever we are — With love and blessings — Rabbi Karen Allen - 386-676-5157

Message from the President

As I sit down to write my first President's Letter, so many thoughts are going through my mind. As many of you may realize, I hadn't planned on becoming President. It was a series of circumstances that led me to this position. Unfortunately Cookie Wright resigned from the position of President as well as the Board of Directors. Burt & I have been members of the congregation since 2013 and for most of that time Burt has been on the Board. So, I guess it was time for a switch. I know that he will continue to assist where needed.

We found the synagogue when we lived in The Villages and were immediately struck by the warmth of the members and the Rabbi. Rabbi Karen Allen has a magnificent voice and a caring style that lets everyone know they are important to her. Her "come when you can and leave when you need to" approach makes everyone a bit more comfortable. In addition I welcome her common sense as far as doing what is best for the individual (sitting if you can't stand or not fasting if you shouldn't) It truly made us feel like we'd found our spiritual home. We actually donated a High Holiday Torah Cover before we technically became members.

About 4 years ago we moved to Hernando (Citrus County) which is an hour from the temple, but have continued to be active members at Congregation Beth Sholom. Sure, there are times we look at each other and ask if we're crazy (ok, we do that about a lot things) but like some of the other places we go that are a long drive – we realize when we get there, it was well worth the time spent getting to our destination.

I am excited that we will be having a purely social afternoon on Sunday July 28th. I hope you will join us for an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Bob & Dee Marcus will be donating the ice cream and fixings for this event. There will be Door Prizes and a 50/50 fundraiser.

One of my favorite services is coming up on Friday August 9th. The Kabbalat Shabbat service is a wonderful, warm, joyous and festive Shabbat Service. Rabbi Allen on keyboards is joined by Zoriy Zinger on violin to transform our Friday night service into a celebration of the Jewish Spirit, creating an atmosphere filled with the emotional and spiritual sounds of our beautiful prayers.

I urge you to experience this wonderful service. It's a perfect opportunity for you to invite your friends and neighbors to worship with the congregation for this uniquely spiritual Friday night enhanced with musical instruments and song.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our High Holiday Services. Due to security and planning purposes, we will be issuing tickets for services this year. As a result, we are requesting that members pay their dues on a timely basis so that we can either mail out the tickets (if time permits) or distribute them at services. We will be handing out guest tickets at High Holiday Services for those individuals who have made their donation in advance. For any last minute reservations we will also distribute tickets at the door prior to services as long as the guest has called in to let us know they would like to attend services. We would appreciate your cooperation with this change. Thanks in advance. Please contact me with any questions.

While I never expected to be in this position, I am looking forward to helping Congregation Beth Sholom continue to be *The Synagogue that Feels Like Family*.

Shalom *Andrea* Andrea Kraft, President, 352-513-3517 Page 6 THE SHOFAR







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.





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Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes lovingly created new covers for the lectern and the reader's table. The beautiful blue material was the perfect choice. It blends so well with the blue chair covers and the blue carpet. The gold Magen David and fringe add an elegance that really enhances our sanctuary.

THANK YOU SO MUCH MARNELL!

A wonderful article about our new ark, lovingly built by our member Martin Sandler, was published in the Leesburg Daily Commercial. Click here to read it.

Or type this into your browser: www.dailycommercial.com/news/20190613/craftsman-builds-new-ark-for-leesburg-synagogue

Leesburg Food Bank

Donations are critical during the summer because snow birds are up north so fewer people are donating, and children are not being fed in schools.

The Food Bank accepts everything, including clothing, furniture, appliances, and large and small household items. If it is too big to bring to the shul call the food bank at 352-326-5463 and they will pick it up.

The Food Bank is open from 8:30 to 12 noon Monday through Thursday and pick ups are Monday through Saturday. They are located at 503 N. 13th Street, a few blocks from the synagogue.

Everything you donate is given to the needy free of charge. Please bring something for the Food Bank each time you come to the synagogue. The one food item that is not needed is green beans. Publix gives the food bank cases of them. One thing that they are generally short of is cans of fruit.

Thank you so much for supporting this important organization.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, July 28th at 2 pm at the synagogue



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Come enjoy an ice cream sundae and a cookie or two. Door prizes and 50/50 drawing.

Cost \$1.00 donation to Sisterhood Please call Dee Marcus to RSVP 352-750-8086



NEXT BELK CHARITY SALE WILL BE AUGUST 24TH

Watch your e-mails for updates on this Sisterhood fundraiser!

SISTERHOOD NEWS



The members of Sisterhood want to say a special Thank You to Henrietta Lubin, Anita Sherman, Marion Solotoroff, and Dee Marcus for providing the refreshments for our May and June meetings.

At June's meeting Beverly Ann Meyers presented a wonderful and entertaining program which included the reading of her short story "A scent of Jasmine". Thank you, Beverly for your presentation it was enjoyed by all.

Sisterhood is looking forward to July 7th when Herb Siegel will be offering a program on the Introduction to Jewish Genealogy. The program will start right after the business meeting. If you ever wondered how to trace you family tree you will not want to miss this exciting program.

The August program will be presented by Marsha Stemerman which is sure to be very informative as well as entertaining.

We are growing, come grow with us. Please support Sisterhood by becoming a member. You can send your \$10.00 check made out to Congregation Beth Sholom Sisterhood to: Marion Solotoroff at 3532 Obrien Place The Villages, Fl. 32163

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Birthdays

8/22 Marty Rothbard

July

Anniversa	aries

7/2 7/4 7/4 7/8 7/8 7/11 7/12 7/15	Diane Levine Bob Marcus Malcom Clark Dee Marcus Marlene Steinberg Ben Solotoroff Helene Steinberg Edith Freiwirth	7/17 Curt Mo 7/23 Burton 7/24 Marnell 7/25 Harry B 7/26 Diveda 7/27 Linda K 7/28 Roz We 7/30 George	Baker 7/3 L. Hayes 7/2 earnard 7/3 Spector Cost enrich	,
			August	

8/31 Danny Morris

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery: Hannah Weingard, Betty King, 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.







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.

Thank You

To Martin Sandler for our beautiful new Ark

To Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for the beautiful new Bimah covers.

To Diane Weinbaum for chairing the Honey from the Heart Fundraiser

To Hank and Judy Hartstein for volunteering to take care of our press releases.

To Anita Sherman for helping everyone with the Onegs and Kiddushes.

Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors:

Friday, May 10—Helene Bachmann in memory of her mother, Pauline Gripon Saturday, May 25—LTC Herb Siegel in honor of Memorial Day Friday, June 14—Dave and Ellen Englander in celebration of their anniversary Saturday—June 29—LTC Herb Siegel in honor of July 4th.

Donations

Elly & Marty Rothbard in honor of Dave & Ellen Englander's anniversary.

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Helene Bachmann, Dave & Ellen Englander, Lene Zalla, Marshall & Selma Haimes, Fern Singer, Kathy Gipe, Helene & Marlene Steinberg, Irv Pomeranz, Robyn Dowsey, David & Yvette Litwack, Gloria Blankenship, Marsha Stemerman, Ernie Muller, Bob & Dee Marcus, Priscilla Reisinger, Judy Albin & Clint Wallbank, Robyn Kassie, Dorothy Strauss, Ronny & Nettie Goeler, Dr. Michael Levine, Hank & Judy Hartstein, Michael & Sheila Saks, Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Linda Kost

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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, July 12: Enid Schibuk in celebration of her 60 year friendship with Helene Bachmann Saturday, July 27:

Diane Weinbaum in celebration of the birth of her Grand Niece, Stevie Leann Friday, August 9: Henrietta Lubin in memory of her father, William L. Kleinfeldt Saturday, August 24: Marion and Ben Solotoroff in memory of their daughter, Alissa Ignatz

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

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Did you know that the books on the book shelf next to the gift shop are there for you to borrow? They are all connected to Judaism or Jewish themes in some way. Feel free to bring them home to read. All we ask is that you return them after you read them.

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 intofrogs —at—gmail.com (replace —at— with @) or 352-315-0309



IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



•			be read from the Bimah	on Ju	ly 12	
Dorothy Berger Stern	Mother	of	Stephen Berger			12-Jul
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	8	Tammuz	11-Jul
Henry Englander	Father	of	-	David Englander 11		14-Jul
Lionel Kraft	Father	of	Burt Kraft			15-Jul
Murray Edell	Father	of	Susan Brogan			18-Jul
Sidney Storch	Father	of	Alice Schweitzer	16	Tammuz	19-Jul
Sam Goldensohn	Husband	of	Hennie Goldensohn			24-Jul
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Rebecca Fiegura	Grandmother	of	Yvette Litwack	21	Tammuz	24-Jul
Winnie Goldberg	Mother	of	Ira Goldberg	24	Tammuz	27-Jul
Mitchell Lutsky	Brother	of	Linda Kost	26	Tammuz	29-Jul
Mildred Finkelstein	Mother	of	Phyllis Simon			2-Aug
Alfred Janosi	Father	of	Cookie Wright	29	Tammuz	1-Aug
Ruth Molina	Mother	of	Annette Maisler	1	Av	2-Aug
Harry Schloss	Father	of	Andrea Kraft			5-Aug
Helen Rowe	Mother	of	Marjorie R. Heyman	3	Av	4-Aug
Jochvet Sidorski	Mother	of	Helen Jacobs	5	Av	6-Aug
William L. Kleinfeldt	Father	of	Henrietta Lubin	6	Av	7-Aug
Hermione Storch	Mother	of	Alice Schweitzer	6	Av	7-Aug
Lillian Schwartz	Mother	of	Selma Haimes			7-Aug
Diana Frank	Mother	of	Judy Albin			8-Aug
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Henry Hirschfeld	Father	of	Dan Hirschfeld	8	Av	9-Aug
Charles Kassie	Father	of	Robyn Kassie			13-Aug
Celia Zalla	Mother-in-law	of	Lene Zalla			14-Aug
David Marcus	Son	of	Robert and Darlene Marc	us		15-Aug
Debbie Hirschfeld	Daughter	of	Dan and Eileen Hirschfel	14	Av	15-Aug
Jeffrey Simon	Son	of	Mark and Phyllis Simon			16-Aug
Irving Steinberg	Father	of	Helene and Marlene Steir	nberg		18-Aug
Mark Parker	Brother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	18	Av	19-Aug
Lonnie Kramer	Brother	of	Marsha Grabois			20-Aug
Julie Nemer	Friend	of	Dr. Marnell L. Hayes	19	Av	20-Aug
Gunter Marx	Father	of	Ellen Englander	20	Av	21-Aug
Frieda Sloves	Mother	of	Phyllis Lax	21	Av	22-Aug
Mitchel Rothbard	Uncle	of	Marty Rothbard	21	Av	22-Aug
Grace Daniels	Member	of	The Congregation	22	Av	23-Aug
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Dorothy Epstein	Mother	of	Dale Epstein and Arlene	Richm		26-Aug
Sy Newman	Uncle	of	Keith Berger	27	Av	28-Aug
Samuel Berkowitz	Father	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	1	Elul	1-Sep
Thomas Feiertag	Brother	of	Rick Feiertag			1-Sep
Laura Goeler	Mother	of	Ronny Goeler	2	Elul	2-Sep
Dora Fellner	Great Grandmother	of	Keith Berger	5	Elul	5-Sep
Nore Brauner	Mother	of	Lene Zalla			5-Sep
Ann Feiertag	Mother	of	Rick Feiertag			7-Sep
Selma Tall	Aunt	of	Herb Siegel			8-Sep
Hyman Scholl	Father	of	John Scholl			12-Sep

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