

July / August 2022

Sivan / Tammuz / Av 5782

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# KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday August 12th at 7:00 pm

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#### **July 2022** Sivan / Tammuz 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	6	7	8:09  8 Shabbat Service  Oneg 7:00 pm  8:08	9
10	11	12	13	14 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00 pm	8:06	16
17	18	19	20	21	8:04	23 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00 am
24	25	26	27	28	29 8:00	30
31 Social Club Genealogy Presentation 1:00 pm See Page 10						

Looking for the High Holiday Schedule?

Rosh Hashana is September 25—7.

Yom Kippur is October 4—5.

The detailed schedule will be in the next issue of The Shofar.

#### **August 2022 Av / Elul 5782**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	3	4	7:55	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Kabbalat Service & Oneg 7:00 pm	13
14	15	6	17	18 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00 pm	7:42	20
21	22	23	24	25	7:35	27 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00 am
28	29	30	31			



#### Virtually on Zoom, Thursdays July 14 and August 18 at 1pm

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.

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## Rabbi's Message

Our beloved Congregation Beth Sholom is currently marking some important observances over an extended period of time. For example, in the coming month, we will observe Independence "week," our July celebration of national independence which begins on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and will culminate at our Friday evening service on July 8<sup>th</sup>, with patriotic readings, music and festivity.

Recently, we began a similar time-extended phenomenon, this time in celebration of love and marriage, beginning with the charming participation of newlywed member Ira Goldberg and his wife Cheryl Greenwald in our Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> service, bringing romance and humor to their readings, and continuing with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of members (Treasurer) David and Ellen Englander, who in addition to sharing meaningful readings and warm personal stories from their lives together, during the service on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, reinstated our very much welcome tradition of the Oneg Shabbat following the service.

Now, we are soon to enter the summer season of communal Jewish sadness over some tragic historical events. The half-day fast of 17 Tammuz is observed on July 17, 2022, marking the beginning of the "three weeks" of mourning which end with a full-day fast on Tisha B'Av, observed this year from the end of Shabbat, August 6<sup>th</sup> through sunset on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Many calamitous events befell the Jewish people on these dates throughout history, including the Divine decree that the generation who left slavery in Egypt would die before inheriting the Promised Land; the breach of the walls of Jerusalem; the banning and murder of Jews from Spain; the destruction of both Temples; and the beginning of World War I, a time of widespread uprooting and chaos for Jewish communities.

But, as always throughout Jewish history, darkness precedes the dawn! Tu B'Av, the 15<sup>th</sup> of Av, (this year observed on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, coinciding delightfully with the return in person of our Kabbalat Shabbat service) is a day as lightened with joy as the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av is weighted with sadness. Tu B'Av is often called the "Jewish Valentine's Day," as young women and men would go out dancing into the fields dressed in white, with the hope to find their "bashert," Divinely ordained, husbands and wives.

Our spiritual tradition teaches that marriage is an opportunity for two bodies to share a single soul. The recent participation in our services of happy newlyweds and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrants, and the discussion of love and marriage that followed during our monthly Roundtable discussion, have underscored the importance of finding the right husband or wife with whom to share our soul. This is the "secret" ingredient of lasting happiness we wish for every bride and groom, from the newly wed to the longest married, as we also wish to those observing the half day fast of 17 Tammuz (July 17<sup>th</sup>) and the full-day fast of 9 Av (August 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>) an easy fast, with love and blessings to all – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773.

# Message from the President

As the summer season begins, many of our members have been traveling to visit friends or family or just resuming their postponed vacation plans. Burt and I were able to cruise right after Passover to relax a bit. Of course, my favorite part was not having to cook for 3 weeks!

I'm sorry that I missed the service on May 13th when newlyweds Ira Goldberg and Cheryl Greenwald entertained the congregation with their interpretation of the readings.

As has been our custom, our member Retired LTC Herb Siegel provided readings for the Memorial Day program. He was joined by Retired LTC David Litwack and his wife Yvette as presenters. I know that it was well received by those in attendance (in the shul and virtually).

At our June 10<sup>th</sup> service, Dave & Ellen Englander sponsored our Oneg to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. This was our first kiddush that was more than our basic of wine and challah. Due to Covid we have scaled back our social time and snacks. For anyone who would like to sponsor a future Oneg or Kiddush, please let me know. We need someone to volunteer to Chair a committee to help coordinate these events.

I'm happy to report that we will be having the Kabbalat Shabbat Service featuring our Rabbi/Cantor Karen Allen and Violin Virtuoso Zoriy Zinger in a musical service on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to bring friends and family for a very special evening to experience an inspiring service with the "Congregation that feels like family".

The Board of Directors continue to make plans for our first in person High Holiday observance in 3 years. For those who cannot attend in person we will also have our virtual option. We will continue to finalize the specifics to make the services as meaningful as possible while observing Covid protocols that are appropriate. As always, we need to make sure that your health and safety continue to be our priority.

Shalom
Andrea
Andrea Kraft, President, 352-513-3517

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There are lots of reasons to send cards:

birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, congratulations.

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Any questions, please call Diane Weinbaum (352) 636-4911.						
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	July		August		July		
7/8	Marlene Steinberg	8/3	Andrea Kraft	7/1	Robert and Betty King		
7/11	Ben Solotoroff	8/8	Bill Hillman	7/21	Terrence and Eileen Levin		
7/12	Helene Steinberg	8/10	David Englander	7/30	Fred and Helen Jacobs		
7/15	Edith Freiwirth	8/12	Rebecca Scholl				
7/24	Marnell LaRoe Hayes	8/18	Marty Snader		August		
7/27	Linda Kost	8/22	Robert King	8/4	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld		
7/28	Roz Wenrich	8/22	Marty Rothbard	8/12	Judy Mayer and Michael Drexler		
7/28	Bob Milkman	8/22	Marty Meyers	8/23	Allen and Janice Klein		
7/30	George Brogan	8/29	Allen Klein	8/27	Bill and Lori Hillman		

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

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:
Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Bette Croll, Ben Solotoroff,
Joanne Jacobson, Judy Meyer

#### 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@gmail.com.

Please remember to let him know when our prayers are no longer needed. The list is getting long, and we hope that our prayers have been answered and some of the people on our list have recovered.



#### Social Club: Jewish Genealogy Presented by LTC Herbert Siegel (Ret)

Overview of developing a profile and family tree Jewish Cemeteries: history, symbols, customs, and famous people Snacks will be provided

Open to members of the congregation RSVP to Susan Glaser susanglaser23@yahoo.com 732-713-0211 For more information contact Ben Solotoroff Bensolo711@gmail.com 352-775-8740



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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



Thank you to Edith Freiwirth for donating the beautiful Shalom Artwork that she brought from Israel. It is displayed in our sanctuary.

To Diane Weinbaum for chairing the Honey from the Heart Fundraiser.

Francine Rizzotto for helping with the Onegs and Kiddushes.

To Dave Englander, Ben Solotoroff, and Marsha Stemerman for covering Andrea's duties at the services while she was away.

To newlyweds Ira Goldberg and Cheryl Greenwald for being the readers on Friday, May 13th.

Dave and Ellen Englander for being the readers and sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, June 10th, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

LTC Herb Siegel for preparing the readings for Memorial Day on Saturday, May 28th. LTC Herb Siegel, LTC David Litwack, and Yvette Litwack for their meaningful presentation of the Memorial Day readings.

### Donations

Michael Fruchter in memory of his son Ari.

Marsha Stemerman in honor of Dave & Ellen Englander's 50th Anniversary.

Robyn Dowsey in honor of Dave & Ellen Englander's 50th Anniversary.

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz,, Robert Treibitz & Sonia Baerga, Dale Epstein

Responses to the Annual Appeal:

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## 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.

Our members Barry Wright and Francine Rizzotto support the Food Bamk by volunteering their time.

Thank you so much for supporting this important organization.

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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 at Secretary.BethSholom@gmail.com 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@gmail.com or 352-315-0309



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



The congregation expresses condolences to Phyllis Moses on the passing of her husband, Albert Moses, on June 1st.

	The f	ollow	ing names will be read on July 8			
Henry Englander	Father	of	David Englander	11	Tammuz	10-Jul
Dorothy Berger Stern	Mother	of	Stephen Berger			12-Jul
Lionel Kraft	Father	of	Burt Kraft			15-Jul
Isador Ochs	Father	of	Arline Cooke			15-Jul
Sidney Storch	Father	of	Alice Schweitzer	16	Tammuz	15-Jul
Murray Edell	Father	of	Susan Brogan			18-Jul
Rebecca Fiegura	Grandmother	of	Yvette Litwack	21	Tammuz	20-Jul
	The fo	ollowi	ng names will be read on July 23			'
Winnie Goldberg	Mother	of	Ira Goldberg	24	Tammuz	23-Jul
Harry Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	24	Tammuz	23-Jul
Mitchell Lutsky	Brother	of	Linda Kost	26	Tammuz	25-Jul
Mary Margaret Robinson	Mother	of	Frank Cyzick			26-Jul
Jacqueline Piepenbrink	Mother	of	Karen Cyzick			27-Jul
Alfred Janosi	Father	of	Cookie Wright	29	Tammuz	28-Jul
Monte Strauss	Brother	of	Sally Chletsos	1	Av	29-Jul
Helen Rowe	Mother	of	Marjorie R. Heyman	3	Av	31-Jul
Jochvet Sidorski	Mother	of	Helen Jacobs	5	Av	2-Aug
Mildred Finkelstein	Mother	of	Phyllis Simon			2-Aug
Peter Rosenberg	Cousin	of	Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes			2-Aug
Hermione Storch	Mother	of	Alice Schweitzer	6	Av	3-Aug
Henry Hirschfeld	Father	of	Dan Hirschfeld	8	Av	5-Aug
Harry Schloss	Father	of	Andrea Kraft			5-Aug
Lillian Schwartz	Mother	of	Selma Haimes			7-Aug
Nathan Chasin	Father	of	David Chasin			7-Aug
Diana Frank	Mother	of	Judy Albin			8-Aug
Debbie Hirschfeld	Daughter	of	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld	14	Av	11-Aug
	The fol	lowing	names will be read on August 1	2		
Eugene Steve Cyzick	Father	of	Frank Cyzick			12-Aug
Mark Parker	Brother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	18	Av	15-Aug
Rochelle Goldberg	Wife	of	Ira Goldberg	19	Av	16-Aug
Julie Nemer	Friend	of	Dr. Marnell L. Hayes	19	Av	16-Aug
Jeffrey Simon	Son	of	Mark and Phyllis Simon			16-Aug
Gunter Marx	Father	of	Ellen Englander	20	Av	17-Aug
Frieda Sloves	Mother	of	Phyllis Lax	21	Av	18-Aug
Mitchel Rothbard	Uncle	of	Marty Rothbard	21	Av	18-Aug
Irving Steinberg	Father	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg			18-Aug
Grace Daniels	Member	of	The Congregation	22	Av	19-Aug
Lonnie Kramer	Brother	of	Marsha Grabois			20-Aug
Burton Weinbaum	Father	of	Diane Weinbaum			25-Aug
			names will be read on August 2	7	'	
Samuel Berkowitz	Father	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	1	Elul	28-Aug
Laura Goeler	Mother	of	Ronny Goeler	2	Elul	29-Aug
Alvin Meyers	Brother	of	Martin Meyers	2	Elul	29-Aug
Merle Kramer	Member	of	The Congregation	8	Elul	4-Sep
Selma Tall	Aunt	of	Herb Siegel			8-Sep

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