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Tammuz / Av / Elul 5783

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KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday August 11th 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.

Mr. Zinger was a soloist with the Russian Symphony Orchestra.



When Rabbi Allen plays her keyboard along with Mr. Zinger on his violin, they transform the traditional Friday night service into a musical celebration of the Jewish Spirit, creating an atmosphere filled with the emotional and spiritual sounds of our beautiful prayers.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7  8:11	8
9	10	11 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	12	13	14 Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00 pm  8:09	15
16	17	18	19	20 Rabbi's Roundtable 3:00 pm See next page	21  8:07	22
23	24	25	26	27	28  8:03	29 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00 am
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Looking for the High Holiday Schedule?

Rosh Hashana is September 15-17.

Yom Kippur is September 24-25.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	9	10	11 Kabbalat Service & Oneg 7:00 pm  7:52	12
13	14	15	16	17 Rabbi's Roundtable 3:00 pm	18  7:46	19
20	21	22	23	24	25  7:38	26 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00 am
27	28	29	30			

Rabbi's Roundtable

Virtually on Zoom, Thursdays July 20 and August 17 at 3 pm

The roundtable is a unique, informal discussion with Rabbi Allen and your fellow members and friends of Congregation Beth Sholom.

The topic of the month is included in the email announcement.

Rabbi Allen is inviting you to share topics you would like to discuss.

Email them to President-at-BethSholomFlorida.org (change-at-to @)

Rabbi's Message

We Need Our Congregation Beth Sholom Social Life!

Each year, the musical Kabbalat Shabbat service at CBS is a joy for Zoriy and for me. Preparing and playing it feeds our souls, as human beings, as worshippers and as musicians. We hope you feel the same when you attend, whether in person or by the magic of Zoom.

And the celebratory nature of the Oneg Shabbat, afterward, has traditionally been a central part of that fulfillment, by spending time in a carefree, social atmosphere with our members and friends, our congregation family.

The isolation of recent years has dampened the social element of our festivities, particularly for me, as I had been caring for an immune-compromised family member and could not participate fully or extensively in pre- or post-service conversation.

Now that our services are returning to “normal” -- or what will ultimately become a new normal for all of us -- whatever this evolving social life may be, one thing I know is that all of us have a need for this personal interaction, this caring connection, in additional independent contexts as well as with services.

The importance of our breaking bread together is of such great importance that the sages, after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, when rabbinic synagogue life became *their* new normal, declared that it would not be the service in the sanctuary that truly would replace the previous Temple sacrifices and services. Rather, the social sharing of nourishment together would be the genuine focus of our Divine worship!

In this spirit, our member, Ben Solotoroff, has spearheaded a wonderful and popular Social Club for the congregation. During the healing process for which we are keeping him in our prayers, Ben will need the support of our fellow members and friends to insure that the efforts he began will be assisted, continued and expanded.

I hope that this year's Kabbalat will be the impetus for a joyful flow of sponsorships from all of our congregation family for an Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush, as well as our contribution to and participation in many social events that will mark a new era of warmth, comfort and family togetherness for Congregation Beth Sholom, our members, our friends, and our visitors.

With love and blessings for good health and happiness to all – Rabbi Karen Allen
386.254.2773.

Message from the President

As has been our custom, our member Retired Lt. Colonel Herb Siegel provided readings for the Memorial Day program. I know that it was well received by those in attendance (in the shul and virtually). It was also our first Kiddush that was “normal” (with no COVID restrictions). Thank you to Kathy Gipe and Dorothy Strauss for sponsoring a lovely luncheon so that those present were able to socialize. As Rabbi Allen always reminds us, it is one of the most important parts of our service. It was wonderful to be able to spend that time catching up with everyone who was there.

At our June 9th service, Dave & Ellen Englander sponsored our Oneg to celebrate their 51st Wedding Anniversary. For anyone who would like to sponsor a future Oneg or Kiddush, contact me or Roz Wenrich. Please remember that you don't need a special reason to sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush. But, typically birthdays, anniversaries and yahrzeits are the occasions usually noted.

On Friday August 11th we will be having my personal favorite – the Kabbalat Shabbat Service featuring our Rabbi/Cantor Karen Allen and Violin Virtuoso Zoriy Zinger in a musical service. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to bring friends and family for a very special evening to experience the “Congregation that feels like family”.

The Board of Directors continue to work diligently to maintain our synagogue (both the building and for our members safety).

As always, if you would like to attend a board meeting (and are a member), please let me know and I can send you the link for the zoom meeting.

As anyone who belongs to a group knows, if we want to grow our Congregation, we need help. One example would be for members to volunteer to organize social events which are popular. Our Board members cannot do everything. Please step up to chair a Sunday Game Day.

We also returned our services to our pre-COVID practices, with people called to the bima for ark openings and Aliyot. We also have the virtual option for those who cannot attend in person. We will continue to adjust the specifics to make the services as meaningful as possible.

Shalom

Andrea Kraft
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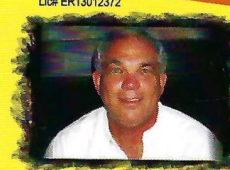
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CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays				Anniversaries	
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
7/27	Sally Rosenberg	8/22	Marty Rothbard	8/12	Judy Mayer and Michael Drexler
7/28	Roz Wenrich	8/22	Martin Meyers	8/23	Allen and Janice Klein
7/28	Bob Milkman	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:
 Marion Solotoroff, Ben Solotoroff, John Wenrich

Mi Shebeirach

Director Gloria Blankenship 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 Gloria at glostar-at-embarqmail.com. (replace -at- with @)

Please remember to let her 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.

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Gary Plotkin



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Friday, June 9th:

Dave and Ellen Englander in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Saturday, June 24th: Anonymous

LTC Herb Siegel for preparing the readings for Memorial Day on Saturday, May 27th and Independence Day on Saturday, June 24th.

Barry Wright for power washing the shed and the front entrance of the building, cleaning the sign, trimming the trees, and spraying the weeds.

Dan & Eileen Hirschfeld for the beautiful sterling silver yad that they purchased in Israel.

Roz Wenrich for organizing the Kiddush on June 24th.

Bill Hillman for helping with Zoom on June 24th.

Donations

In Memory of Rabbi's Mother Elaine Lederer: Marsha Stemerman, Dave & Ellen Englander, Myra Efron, Bette Croll, Walter & Susan Libenson, Gloria Blankenship, Martin & Beverly Meyers, Lynne Bloom, Roslynd Wenrich, Chip & Francine Rizzotto, Kathleen Gipe, Dorothy Strauss, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz, Dr Marnell La Roe Hayes, Melinda Hock, Martin & Judith Snader, David & Yvette Litwack, Matthew Cullen, Judy Hague

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Judy Hague in memory of her cousin, Myron Slater

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Thank you to our CBS volunteers Barry Wright and Francine Rizzotto.

Responses to our Annual Appeal:

Linda Kost, Gloria Blankenship, Robyn Dowsey, David & Ellen Englander, Lt. Col. Herbert Siegel, Sandra Byrne, Sally Chletsos, Stephen Berger, Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Chip & Francine Rizzotto, Helene Bachmann, Dorothy Strauss, Dr Ken & Patricia Stark, Helene & Marlene Steinberg, Marjorie Heyman, Susan Brogan, Roz Wenrich, Judy Marshall, Barbara Rupert, Marsha Stemerman, Edith Freiwirth, Melinda Hock, Enid Schibuk, Bette Croll, Martin & Judith Snader, Michael Fruchter



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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.

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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 Bank by volunteering their time.

Thank you so much for supporting this important organization.

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Contact Fred Jacobs at FredJacobs40-at-gmail.com (replace -at- with @) 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.

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IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED


It is with great sadness that we announce the passing our long time member Judy Marshall on June 14th. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

The following names will be read on July 14

Michael Davidoff	Beloved Partner	of	Bette Croll			14-Jul
Lionel Kraft	Father	of	Burt Kraft			15-Jul
Diane Feinstein LaRoe	Mother	of	Sally Rosenberg			15-Jul
Isador Ochs	Father	of	Arline Cooke			15-Jul
Mitchell Lutsky	Brother	of	Linda Kost	26	Tammuz	15-Jul
Alfred Janosi	Father	of	Cookie Wright	29	Tammuz	18-Jul
Murray Edell	Father	of	Susan Brogan			18-Jul
Monte Strauss	Brother	of	Sally Chletsos	1	Av	19-Jul
Helen Rowe	Mother	of	Marjorie R. Heyman	3	Av	21-Jul
Jochvet Sidorski	Mother	of	Helen Jacobs	5	Av	23-Jul
Hermione Storch	Mother	of	Alice Schweitzer	6	Av	24-Jul
Henry Hirschfeld	Father	of	Dan Hirschfeld	8	Av	26-Jul

The following names will be read on July 29

Debbie Hirschfeld	Daughter	of	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld	14	Av	1-Aug
Mildred Finkelstein	Mother	of	Phyllis Simon			2-Aug
Peter Rosenberg	Husband	of	Sally Rosenberg			2-Aug
Harry Schloss	Father	of	Andrea Kraft			5-Aug
Mark Parker	Brother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	18	Av	5-Aug
Rochelle Goldberg	Wife	of	Ira Goldberg	19	Av	6-Aug
Julie Nemer	Friend	of	Dr. Marnell L. Hayes	19	Av	6-Aug
Gunter Marx	Father	of	Ellen Englander	20	Av	7-Aug
Lillian Schwartz	Mother	of	Selma Haimes			7-Aug
Nathan Chasin	Father	of	David Chasin			7-Aug
Mitchel Rothbard	Uncle	of	Marty Rothbard	21	Av	8-Aug
Grace Daniels	Member	of	The Congregation	22	Av	9-Aug

The following names will be read on August 11

Dora Schlesinger	Grandmother	of	Debra Kaplan			15-Aug
Jeffrey Simon	Son	of	Mark and Phyllis Simon			16-Aug
Irving Steinberg	Father	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg			18-Aug
Samuel Berkowitz	Father	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	1	Elul	18-Aug
Laura Goeler	Mother	of	Ronny Goeler	2	Elul	19-Aug
Alvin Meyers	Brother	of	Martin Meyers	2	Elul	19-Aug
Lonnie Kramer	Brother	of	Marsha Grabois			20-Aug
Merle Kramer	Member	of	The Congregation	8	Elul	25-Aug

The following names will be read on August 26

Dennis Platt	Dear Friend	of	Bette Croll			26-Aug
Joseph Dubinsky	Father-in-law	of	Marty Rothbard	14	Elul	31-Aug
Sarah Block	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	19	Elul	5-Sep
Cindy Spiro	Cousin	of	Linda Kost	19	Elul	5-Sep

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