



July / August 2021

Tammuz /Av/ Elul 5781

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**Rabbi Karen Allen**  
**386-254-2773**

Our holiday services, led by Rabbi Allen, will be held at an off-site location in The Villages and will be available on Zoom as well for any members or guests who prefer to attend online.

We will send an email soon with the location and the instructions about how to let us know which services you will be attending. You will need to RSVP so that we can ensure we have room for everyone and still maintain social distancing.

## 5782 HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

### ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, Sept 6	Evening Service	7:00 PM
Tuesday, Sept 7	Morning Service	10:00 AM
Wednesday, Sept 8	Second Day Morning Service	10:00 AM

### YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept 15	Kol Nidre	7:00 PM
Thursday, Sept 16	Morning Service	10:00 AM
	Followed by Yizkor	
	Afternoon Service and Ne'ilah	5:15 PM

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Services and Board Meetings are Virtual.

Sisterhood and Men's Club are offsite.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  8:09	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting 4 pm	7	8	9 Shabbat Service 7 pm  8:08	10
11	12	13 Sisterhood Meeting 1pm Perkins Lady Lake See page 8	14	15 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm Page 7	16  8:07	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  8:03	24 Shabbat Service 10 am
25	26	27 Board Meeting 4 pm	28	29	30  7:59	31




Board meetings are held virtually using Zoom and are open to all members of the congregation.

The August board meeting will take place on July 27.

Any member wishing to attend a board meeting can contact Andrea Kraft or Linda Kost for the link to the Zoom meeting.

# Aug 2021 Av / Elul 5781

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6  7:54	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Shabbat Service 7 pm  7:48	14
15	16	17	18	19 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm Page 7	20  7:41	21
22	23	24 Sister- hood Meeting 1pm Perkins Lady Lake See page 8	25	26	27  7:34	28 Shabbat Service 10 am
29	30	31				

## 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.

He will send the card on your behalf,  
and your good wishes will appear in the Shofar.

# Rabbi's Message

As we approach an early High Holiday season for 5782 – all of the holidays will occur this year in September and October – the world is looking to Israel for leadership in areas of Jewish, interfaith, and universal interest. Recognized as the global leader in the implementation of anti-Covid technology, Israel has recently re-instituted some of its previously curtailed protective practices. As new cases of Covid, as well as an alarming “eruption” of other serious respiratory viruses, have been spreading among fully vaccinated Israelis, the Health Ministry hopes that preventive measures, such as a renewal of its mask mandate, voluntary isolation and travel restrictions, will prevent Israel’s having to return to more severe quarantines and lockdowns.

At the same time, harbingers of hope are peeking through the Israeli landscape. Though, in recent years, Orthodox Jewish governing bodies in the United States have attempted to put a full stop on the hiring of women congregational rabbis, by threatening to expel non-compliant congregations from their organizations, Israel’s first woman leader of an Orthodox synagogue, Rabbanit Shira Marili Mirvis, has become her congregation’s official rabbi. Her congregants call her *rabbanit* or *rebbetzin*, re-purposing terms traditionally used for the wife of a rabbi. Her husband good-naturedly calls himself the “*rebbetzman*,” and women members sign up to deliver *divrei Torah* (sermons) and to chant the *Haftarah*.

Over the same period that Rabbanit Mirvis has developed her congregational leadership, the Middle East has been moving toward an unprecedented expression of interfaith unity. In 2019, plans were unveiled for the Abrahamic Family House, a symbol of the equal dignity of all religions expected to open in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, in 2022. The large, welcoming campus, designed by Sir David Adjaye, the Ghanaian-British architect of the magnificent National Museum of African-American History and Culture on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., includes Abu Dhabi’s first Jewish place of worship, the Moses ben Maimon Synagogue, along with the St. Francis Church and the Imam el Tayeb Mosque.

The recent Abrahamic Accord among the three major religious traditions, also originating in the UAE and possibly growing out of the good will generated by anticipation of the Abrahamic Family House, points to the importance of the leadership role our own Congregation Beth Sholom community can play in fostering communication and understanding with Christian and Muslim elements of our own community. May we, too, embrace every opportunity to create interfaith harmony.

For those observing the fasts of 17 Tammuz (sunrise to sunset, Sunday, June 27, 2021) and Tisha B’Av (the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, a full day fast from sunset to sunset on July 17-18, 2021), wishing you an easy fast, with love and blessings to all – Rabbi Karen Allen. 386-254-2773

# Message from the President

As we navigate the next few months and try to resume our “normal” lives, I would like to assure our members that the Board of Directors of Congregation Beth Sholom has been working hard to re-open our building for in person services and activities. As you know our building is almost 70 years old and there are issues that need to be addressed before we feel comfortable that we can open safely.

Most of the work will be starting soon, and we are anticipating being able to open sometime after the High Holidays with COVID related protocols in place. By the time you read this, members should have received a survey asking about your interest in returning to the synagogue for in person services and or Zoom services continuing as well. If you have not responded yet, please take a few minutes to share your thoughts so that we'll be better able to plan for the future.

We are extremely fortunate to have been offered an off site location in The Villages to host our High Holiday Services. This will enable us to be socially distant and yet still observe the Holidays with our Congregational Family. As has become our custom, the service will also be zoomed for those who still aren't comfortable joining us in person or those who are not local. The Holidays are very early this year, and many of our members who head North in the summer won't be back in Florida. Others may be traveling. Having our services available via Zoom will allow them to celebrate the holidays with us.

Since most of our members have been vaccinated, they have started traveling to visit family and friends and just get away for a vacation. I hope that will be a reality for all of us very soon.

Annual Dues Notices were sent to our members this week, along with the Book of Remembrance Form for our Yom Kippur Yahrzeit service. Even though we haven't been able to attend services in the synagogue, we still have the opportunity to enjoy Rabbi Allen's beautiful services. We need your support to maintain the synagogue's existence. You can return both in the same envelope.

We are looking forward to being able to gather again in person as *the Synagogue that feels like family!*

Be Safe and Stay Healthy

Shalom,

Andrea Kraft 352-513-3517

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## Rabbi's Roundtable

Virtually on Zoom, Thursdays July 15 and August 19 at 1pm

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.

### Support the Leesburg Food Bank

I hope everyone is doing well at this point. Things have definitely changed in the last few months. During the pandemic there have been quite a few changes at the food bank. It has been amazing how the community has come together to help with their constant contributions of food.

Everyone has stepped it up. Normally the only significant contributions come in from November through January and steadily decline as the snow birds head back north. The donations at the very beginning were incredible and since then they continue to be strong almost every month. Now things are getting back to normal. We are giving out more than we are taking in. Because of the big commitment by the community it's only the last few months that the normal pattern is back. That is not bad because the room where we used to have the clothes and furniture now has food. It does appear that in the next few months that room will again have furniture and clothes.

Only the volunteers for the food bank are allowed in the food bank since the start of the virus. Someone takes the food that is packaged for each family outside to the family in a grocery cart. The supply of food from the grocery stores is also back to normal.

The food bank is open from 8 AM to noon, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Cookie and I work on Thursday with congregation member, Francine Rizzotto. Francine also works Monday and Wednesday.

Some other changes are happening. The Food Bank is picking up large items again and they will take clothing and various household items. At this time since no one is allowed in the building there is a trailer that we put things in and the people take whatever they want. Call if you need a pick up at 352-326-5463. Donations of all sorts are always appreciated.

The Food Bank has gotten some significant monetary donations from our congregants. To make a monetary donation, mail your check to Congregation Beth Sholom, with a note that it is for the food bank. We will pass the contribution on to them on your behalf.

The normal cans of pork and beans and cans of fruit are always needed. If you are planning on donating food or clothing at the food bank come to the north side of the building. The building is only a few blocks from the synagogue. The address is 503 N 13 St.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 305-298-5131. Everyone stay healthy!!!!





# SISTERHOOD NEWS

At May and June's meetings it was wonderful to greet our friends. It is marvelous to meet in FRIENDSHIP, knowing that we are RIGHT here to offer a helping hand. IDEAS abound, as we ENGAGED in interesting conversation. Knowing NOTHING is impossible when we work together, renewing our commitment to good DEEDS, and moving forward in SOLIDARITY toward the future.

Our new year started June first. If you have not paid your dues, please bring a check for \$10.00 to the next meeting on Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> or mail it to Marion Solotoroff at 3532 Obrien Place the Villages, Florida 32163. Make sure your check is made out to Congregation Beth Sholom's Sisterhood. If you are not yet a member hopefully you will join us. Congregational Sisterhoods have long been an important part of Jewish life.

Sympathy cards were sent by Sisterhood to: Marty Rothbard, Marsha Grabois, and Marsha Stemerman. Helene Bachmann and Gloria Blankenship sent our May and June's Birthday greetings. Dee Marcus sent Anniversary greetings to the celebrating couples. Marion Solotoroff took care of getting and sending the gift card from sisterhood to Marsha Stemerman. A Thinking of you card was signed and sent to Phylis Berger at the June's meeting. The Cards for St. Jude's were mailed and the cards that St. Jude's could not take were sent to Jessamine County Homeless program in Kentucky for their children's' summer camp. Each Mitzvah we do helps the world to become holier, with this in mind if you have an idea for the Care Committee, or would like to work on it please call Dee at 352-750-8086.

July's meeting will be on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at Perkins restaurant, 905 Bichara Boulevard in Lady Lake, at 1PM. The guest speaker will be Meridith Cheshire owner of Faeve Plant Therapies. Meridith is a registered aroma therapist in Florida, and an herbalist. This should be an interesting program that you will not want to miss.

August's meeting will be at the Perkins in Lady Lake at 1PM on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Cory Weiser with Weiser Financial will be our speaker. Here is your time to get any questions about financial planning answered.

A thank you to Henrietta Lubin who works so hard to find us interesting speakers.

Dee Marcus Sisterhood President. 352-750-8086 (land line)



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# CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays				Anniversaries	
	July		August		July
7/4	Bob Marcus	8/3	Andrea Kraft	7/1	Robert and Betty King
7/8	Dee Marcus	8/10	David Englander	7/21	Terrence and Eileen Levin
7/8	Marlene Steinberg	8/12	Rebecca Scholl	7/30	Fred and Helen Jacobs
7/11	Ben Solotoroff	8/18	Marty Snader		
7/12	Helene Steinberg	8/22	Robert King		<b>August</b>
7/15	Edith Freiurth	8/22	Marty Rothbard	8/4	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld
7/24	Marnell L. Hayes	8/22	Marty Meyers	8/12	Judy Mayer and Michael Drexler
7/26	Diveda Spector	8/29	Allen Klein	8/23	Allen and Janice Klein
7/27	Linda Kost				
7/28	Roz Wenrich				
7/28	Bob Milkman				
7/30	George Brogan				

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

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:  
Irv Pomeranz, Zoriy Zinger

## ***Mi Shebeirach***

Our Secretary, Fred Jacobs, maintains a list of people who need our prayers and keeps it up to date for presentation 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.

## **The Men's Club meets monthly.**

If you would like to be notified of their meetings, contact Ben Solotoroff at  
352-775-8740 or  
bensolo711-at-gmail.com. (replace –at– with @)

# Donations

Helene Bachmann in honor of the Yahrzeit of her mother, Pauline Gripon.

Marsha Stemerman to the Rabbi's Fund in appreciation for all her compassionate support.

Donations in memory of Elly Rothbard:

Dave & Ellen Englander, Marsha Stemerman & Ernie Muller, Dorothy Strauss, Arlene Blumenthal, Marguerite Griffin

Donations in memory of Ernie Muller:

Dave & Ellen Englander, Dorothy Strauss, Myra Stemerman, Diane & Harold Lyons

Food Bank Donations: Barry & Cookie Wright, Ben & Marion Solotoroff

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz, Robert Treibitz & Sonia Baerga, Martin Feldberg, Nancy Morris, Robyn Dowsey

Responses to the Annual Appeal: Sally Chletsos, Helene Bachmann, Lou & Susan Glaser, Melinda Hock, Gloria Blankenship, Lt Col (Ret) Herbert Siegel, Sandra Byrne

# Thank You to

Robyn Dowsey for donating her time and expertise to inspect the Synagogue to determine what improvements are necessary to make it safe to return

Dee Marcus –for everything she does: monitoring the temple phonline, leading the Sisterhood to restart in person meetings and continue their Good Deeds

Candle Lighting – Marjorie Heyman and Ellen Englander

Readers: Dan Hirschfeld

Burt Kraft

Michael Saks

Dave Litwack

Gabbai Marsha Stemerman

Associate Gabbai Dr Marnell LaRoe Hayes

Linda Kost

Lynne Bloom

Martin & Beverly Meyers

Helene Bachmann

Ben and Marion Solotoroff

Chanting of Kiddush Michael Saks

Chanting of Torah blessings Sidney Cullen

Our very heartfelt appreciation to Lt. Colonel Herbert Siegel for the beautiful Memorial Day readings he prepared for our service





## IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



The congregation extends condolences to:

Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes, on the passing of her sister, Marjorie LaRoe on May 21;  
 Marsha Grabois on the passing of her husband, Marshall Grabois on May 21,  
 and Marsha Stemerman on the passing of her beloved partner, Ernie Muller on May 29.  
 May their memory be for a blessing.

### The following names will be read on July 9

Alfred Janosi	Father	of	Cookie Wright	29	Tammuz	9-Jul
Monte Strauss	Brother	of	Sally Chletsos	1	Av	10-Jul
Dorothy Berger Stern	Mother	of	Stephen Berger			12-Jul
Helen Rowe	Mother	of	Marjorie R. Heyman	3	Av	12-Jul
Jochvet Sidorski	Mother	of	Helen Jacobs	5	Av	14-Jul
Hermione Storch	Mother	of	Alice Schweitzer	6	Av	15-Jul
Lionel Kraft	Father	of	Burt Kraft			15-Jul
Henry Hirschfeld	Father	of	Dan Hirschfeld	8	Av	17-Jul
Murray Edell	Father	of	Susan Brogan			18-Jul
Debbie Hirschfeld	Daughter	of	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld	14	Av	23-Jul
Sam Goldensohn	Husband	of	Hennie Goldensohn			24-Jul

### The following names will be read on July 24

Mark Parker	Brother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	18	Av	27-Jul
Rochelle Goldberg	Wife	of	Ira Goldberg	19	Av	28-Jul
Julie Nemer	Friend	of	Dr. Marnell L. Hayes	19	Av	28-Jul
Gunter Marx	Father	of	Ellen Englander	20	Av	29-Jul
Frieda Sloves	Mother	of	Phyllis Lax	21	Av	30-Jul
Mitchel Rothbard	Uncle	of	Marty Rothbard	21	Av	30-Jul
Grace Daniels	Member	of	The Congregation	22	Av	31-Jul
Mildred Finkelstein	Mother	of	Phyllis Simon			2-Aug
Peter Rosenberg	Cousin	of	Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes			2-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
Samuel Berkowitz	Father	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	1	Elul	9-Aug
Laura Goeler	Mother	of	Ronny Goeler	2	Elul	10-Aug
Alvin Meyers	Brother	of	Martin Meyers	2	Elul	10-Aug

### The following names will be read on August 13

Celia Zalla	Mother-in-law	of	Lene Zalla			14-Aug
William L. Kleinfeldt	Father	of	Henrietta Lubin			14-Aug
David Marcus	Son	of	Robert and Darlene Marcus			15-Aug
Jeffrey Simon	Son	of	Mark and Phyllis Simon			16-Aug
Merle Kramer	Member	of	The Congregation	8	Elul	16-Aug
Irving Steinberg	Father	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg			18-Aug
Lonnie Kramer	Brother	of	Marsha Grabois			20-Aug
Joseph Dubinsky	Father-in-law	of	Marty Rothbard	14	Elul	22-Aug
Burton Weinbaum	Father	of	Diane Weinbaum			25-Aug
Sarah Block	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	19	Elul	27-Aug
Milton Pomeranz	Brother	of	Irving Pomeranz	19	Elul	27-Aug

### The following names will be read on August 28

Alissa Ignatz	Daughter	of	Marion Solotoroff	23	Elul	31-Aug
Thomas Feiertag	Brother	of	Rick Feiertag			1-Sep
Stanley Levin	Member	of	The Congregation	25	Elul	2-Sep
Nore Brauner	Mother	of	Lene Zalla			5-Sep

## 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.

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