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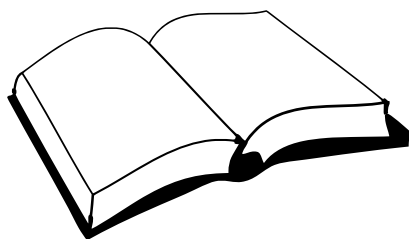
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## **Judaism Classes** **July 6 and August 10**



Please join us at the shul for Rabbi Silverman's popular Judaism classes. On July 6 the topic will be "Getting Closer to the God of Judaism". On August 10 we will learn about The Torah, The Midrash, The Mishnah, The Talmud and

The Dead Sea Scroll Apocrypha. Check the website for instructions on how to sign up for the classes.

## **Kabbalat Shabbat** **August 8**

Please join us in person or on Zoom on Friday August 8th for our "Kabbalat Shabbat". This special service will include song, music, and stories in Celebration of Shabbat!



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## May 24, 2025 Shabbat service honoring Fred Jacobs and Memorial Day



This was a beautiful service honoring Fred with Helen and his daughter's family in attendance. The Board gave Fred a well-deserved plaque. Fred & Helen donated a Bien Gavra to cover the Torah when not being read during the Torah service. LTC Herbert Siegel (retired) conducted a service in commemoration of Memorial Day.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JULY

6<sup>th</sup> Judaism Class, 2:00-4:00 PM  
 11<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Evening Service, 7:00 PM  
 26<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 AM

### AUGUST

8<sup>th</sup> Kabbalat Shabbat and Tu B'Av 7PM  
 10<sup>th</sup> Judaism Class, 2:00-4:00 PM  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00 AM

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

#### JULY

#### AUGUST

7/2	Barbara Liberman	8/2	Diane Erlick
7/8	Marlene Steinberg	8/3	Andrea Kraft
7/8	Randy Kresley	8/10	Dave Englander
7/12	Helene Steinberg	8/12	Rebecca Scholl
7/15	Edith Freiwirth	8/22	Robert King
7/24	Marnell LaRoe Hayes	8/22	Marty Meyers
7/27	Linda Kost	8/27	Michael Fruchter
7/27	Sally Rosenberg	8/29	Allen Klein
7/28	Roz Wenrich		

## ANNIVERSARIES

#### JULY

#### AUGUST

7/1	Robert and Betty King	8/4	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld
7/5	Michael and Angeline Fruchter	8/23	Allen and Janice Klein
7/30	Fred and Helen Jacobs	8/26	Barry and Diane Erlick

## Mi Shebeirach

Director Gloria Blankenship maintains the list of the family and close friends of our members 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](mailto:glostar-at-embarqmail.com) (replace –at– with @) or call her at 352-750-0721. Please remember to let us know when prayers are no longer needed.

## DONATIONS

Annual Appeal: Gloria & Ceb Blankenship, Sally & Frank Chletsos.

In memory of Burt Kraft: Barbara Burton & Randy Kresley

Francine & Chip Rizzotto for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, May 9 in celebration of their birthdays on May 5 and May 30 respectively.

Marnell, Elise, Barbara Burton, Randy Kresley, Helene, Francine and the Board who brought dishes in addition to Andrea for Burt's Memorial on May 13.

Sandra Byrne, Herb Siegel and the Board for sponsoring the Kiddush on May 24 honoring Fred Jacobs and Memorial Day. Helene, Marnell, Elise, Freeda, Robin, and Francine for helping with the Kiddush and bringing dishes.

Dave & Ellen Englander and Barry & Cookie Wright for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, June 13 in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> anniversaries respectively.

Freeda Louthan for sponsoring the Kiddish on Saturday, June 28 in celebration of her and Doug's 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

General Donations: Elizabeth Morrison, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz, Robert & Sonia Baerga Treibitz, and Michael Fruchter.

Food Bank Donations: Dr. Marnell La Roe Hays, Barbara Burton & Randy Kresley  
Thank you to our CBS Food Bank volunteers Barry Wright and Francine Rizzotto.



### **PARKING ALONGSIDE THE BUILDING IS NOW DESIGNATED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ONLY**

We are requesting that those who are able please park in the parking lot across 13th Street, so that the parking on the side of our building can be available for those members and guests who have mobility issues.

## NAMETAGS ARE AVAILABLE



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.

## **Message from Rabbi Silverman**

Dear Friends – The beautiful writings of Judaism have so much wisdom embedded in them. We all know the phrase from Ecclesiastes, “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven!” It goes on to say, “Eat your bread in gladness and drink your wine in joy for God has already approved of your action.” It tells us, “The same fate is in store for everyone: pure and impure, righteous and wicked, the good and the sinners. To sum up the matter; Revere God and fulfill His Mitzvot, for this applies to all mortals.”

Our Classes in July, August and September will be devoted to those things we can do as Jews to walk more fully in the path of our Jewish Heritage. As we go through the summer months, we will be studying and preparing ourselves for the High Holidays. Believe it or not, the first day of the Month of Elul is August 24th when we start to blow the Shofar each day. And Erev Rosh Hashanah is Monday, September 22, 2025 less than a month after that.

I am hoping that you will take advantage of the friendly, encouraging and wonderful Services, Educational Sessions and Opportunities for Gatherings at Congregation Beth Sholom. It truly is a place that feels like family. May this summer bring you good health, joy and safety in your travels, fun with family and friends and may HaKodesh Baruch Hu grant the Children of Israel Peace, Gladness and Joy in our time. Sincerely, Rabbi Silverman

## **Mazel Tov**

Congratulations to Rabbi Silverman and Renee on their grand-nephew's recent bar mitzvah in Boston. The congregation is happy that they were able to attend this wonderful event.

## THANK YOU

LTC Herbert Siegel (Retired) for conducting a service in commemoration of Memorial Day on May 24.

Fred and Helen Jacobs, for their gift of a Bien Gavra to cover the Torah when it is not being read during the Torah services.

Dave Englander and Helene Bachmann for arranging the design, order, and procurement of the Appreciation Plaque given to Fred Jacobs by the Membership; as Fred is moving away, though he will remain a member and a board member. The plaque was presented to Fred at the May 24 service in honor of his many years as a member and nine years to date of service as a member and past secretary of the Board of Directors.

Barry Wright, for his donation of and arranging for installation of a peephole into the shul's entrance door.

Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for her assistance with Rabbi in preparation for the shul's next year's calendar.

Dave Englander for arranging for A/C checkup and any necessary service or repair, to check on whether the thermostat is working properly.

Barry Wright, Helene Bachmann, and Elise Lev, for meeting with Logan, our IT consultant, to arrange an IT setup for Elise's June 28 presentation; and which setup will be useful to the shul for future events.

Helene and Marlene Steinberg, and Susan Goodman, for arranging June 8 game day; followed by dinner at Ski Beach for those available to attend.

Linda Kost for agreeing to help with Membership emails during the travel absences of Sandy Byrne and Helene Bachmann.

Elise Lev, for her presentation following the June 28 Kiddush, concerning her recent trip as a part of a women's mission to Judea and Samaria to learn how American women can help women of those regions, who were particularly impacted by the October 7 attacks.

Sandy Byrne, as chairperson, and Robin Vizer, Gloria Blankenship, and Andrea Kraft, for agreeing to be the new Welcoming / Membership committee.

Barry Wright, Melinda Hock, Andrea Kraft, Dan Hirshfeld, and Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for agreeing to be on the new Bylaws Revisions committee; a chair is in the process of being selected.

Elise Lev, Francine Rizzotto, Freeda Louthan, and others for bringing refreshments for Rabbi's May 4 Kumsitz and his June 1 Judaism class.

Daily Sun Newspaper of The Villages for April 25 article about Rabbi Silverman.



## Game Day at the Synagogue on June 8, 2025



Congregation Beth Sholom had a Game Day on Sunday, June 8. Everyone had a wonderful time. Some of us went to dinner afterwards. Our next Game Day will be in October. Attendees select the games we play. We teach new players. Come to socialize and enjoy the fun.





## Friday Evening Shabbat Service June 13. 2025



Our Friday night service on June 13 was sponsored jointly by Dave & Ellen Englander and Barry & Cookie Wright for their 53rd and 56th Anniversary respectively. Rabbi Asher conducted the service while Rabbi Silverman was at a family affair out of town.



## ADD YOUR LOVED ONE TO THE MEMORIAL BOARD

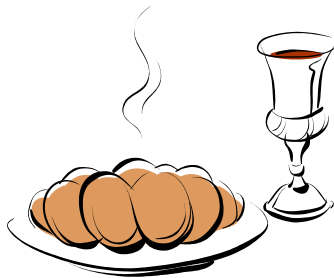
Memorializing a loved one with a permanent plaque in the sanctuary is a wonderful opportunity to honor their memory. The cost of a plaque is \$300, 2 or more are \$275 each. Contact Dave Englander for more information. [dhenglander0618-at-gmail.com](mailto:dhenglander0618-at-gmail.com) (replace –at– with @) or 352-504-4402.



## 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.

## 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. You don't need a reason—just a willingness to take a turn. You don't have to do it alone, ask a friend or group of friends to co-sponsor with you. Sponsors bring the refreshments. Challah, wine, paper goods and plasticware are provided by the shul. Contact

Barbara Burton at [beburton43-at-yahoo.com](mailto:beburton43-at-yahoo.com) (replace –at– with @) or 602-603-1688 to reserve your date.

**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 Helene Bachmann 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 Helene at [helenebachmann – at– hotmail.com](mailto:helenebachmann-at-hotmail.com) (replace –at– with @) or 310-490-3365

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

The following names will be read on July 11					
Anita Sherman	Member	of	The Congregation	16	Tammuz 12-Jul
Dorothy Berger Stern	Mother	of	Stephen Berger		12-Jul
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
and	Aunt	of	Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes		
Murray Edell	Father	of	Susan Brogan		18-Jul
Winnie Goldberg	Mother	of	Ira Goldberg	24	Tammuz 20-Jul
Harry Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	24	Tammuz 20-Jul
Mitchell Lutsky	Brother	of	Linda Kost	26	Tammuz 22-Jul
Alfred Janosi	Father	of	Cookie Wright	29	Tammuz 25-Jul
Monte Strauss	Brother	of	Sally Chletsos	1	Av 26-Jul
Helen Rowe	Mother	of	Marjorie R. Heyman	3	Av 28-Jul
Jochvet Sidorski	Mother	of	Helen Jacobs	5	Av 30-Jul
The following names will be read on July 26					
Beryle Buchman	Aunt	of	Judy Hague	8	Av 2-Aug
Henry Hirschfeld	Father	of	Dan Hirschfeld	8	Av 2-Aug
Peter Rosenberg	Husband	of	Sally Rosenberg		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
Debbie Hirschfeld	Daughter	of	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld	14	Av 8-Aug
Mark Parker	Brother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	18	Av 12-Aug
Rochelle Goldberg	Wife	of	Ira Goldberg	19	Av 13-Aug
Julie Nemer	Friend	of	Dr. Marnell L. Hayes	19	Av 13-Aug
Gunter Marx	Father	of	Ellen Englander	20	Av 14-Aug
Grace Daniels	Member	of	The Congregation	22	Av 16-Aug
The following names will be read on August 8					
Irving Steinberg	Father	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg and Susan Goodman		18-Aug
Lonnie Kramer	Brother	of	Marsha Grabois		20-Aug
The following names will be read on August 23					
Samuel Berkowitz	Father	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	1	Elul 25-Aug
Dennis Platt	Dear Friend	of	Bette Croll		26-Aug
Alvin Meyers	Brother	of	Martin Meyers	2	Elul 26-Aug
Chaim Mordachi Fruchter	Father	of	Michael Fruchter		1-Sep
Merle Kramer	Member	of	The Congregation	8	Elul 1-Sep
Selma Tall	Aunt	of	Herb Siegel		8-Sep

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