



March / April 2023

Adar / Nisan / Iyar 5783

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**Rabbi Karen Allen**  
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*Celebrate Purim and Passover with Congregation Beth Sholom*

On Friday, March 10th at 7 pm we will combine our Shabbat Service with a **Purim Celebration.**

We will sing Purim songs throughout the service and will read the Megillah towards the end of the service.

***Come in costume or wear a hat!***



Our 2nd night **Passover Seder**, led by Rabbi Allen, will be held on Thursday, April 6th at the Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages. You will want to come early to explore the WWII museum and memorial artifacts housed in the building.



Laura's 4 C's is providing our Kosher Style Seder meal.






This very special event always brings our congregation family together in song and celebration.

Make your reservation now! (see p. 6)

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## March 2023 Adar / Nisan 5783

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3  6:10	4
5	6 Exploring Judaism class 4 pm See page 9	7 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	8	9	10 Harry Barnard Unveiling 3:30 pm  Purim & Shabbat Service 7 pm  6:14	11
12	13 Exploring Judaism class 4 pm See page 9	14	15	16 Rabbi's Roundtable 3 pm See next page	17  7:18	18
19	20 Exploring Judaism class 4 pm See page 9	21	22	23	24  7:22	25 Shabbat Service 10:00 am
26	27 Exploring Judaism class 4 pm See page 9	28	29	30	31  7:26	

Unveiling for Harry Barnard Friday, March 10th at 3:30 pm  
Harry was a long time member of our congregation. We were so lucky to be able to celebrate his 102nd birthday with him. Please join us as we remember and honor him. Rabbi Allen will officiate.

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# April 2023 Nisan / Iyar 5783

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2	3	4 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	5	6 Passover Seder 5:30 pm See page 6	7  7:30	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Shabbat Service 7 pm  7:34	15
16	17	18	19	20 Rabbi's Roundtable 3 pm Page 2	21  7:38	22
23	24	25	26	27	28  7:43	29 <i>VIRTUAL</i> Shabbat Service 10 am See page 10
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## Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursdays March 16 and April 13 at 3pm **NOTE NEW TIME!!**

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

You will have the opportunity to talk about things that are important in your life and your world today. Rabbi Allen is inviting you to share topics you would like to discuss. Email them to [President-at-BethSholomFlorida.org](mailto:President-at-BethSholomFlorida.org) (change-at-to @ )

Join us and see where the conversation takes us!

# Rabbi's Message

When I created and introduced the Rabbi's Roundtable in 2011 as an outreach in The Villages, it gave me the privilege of bringing Congregation Beth Sholom to many in the rapidly growing Jewish community there who have found in us the congregational family that would become their spiritual home.

Our first meeting place was the private room at Perkins on Griffin Road, followed by Panera in Lake Sumter Landing, wonderful places to gather for friendship, conversation, a cup of coffee, snack or meal. Though we convened at the beautiful Pinellas Park Library for several years, as they were able better to maintain a consistent schedule for us, we are now meeting online via the highly participatory platform of Zoom, where we can return to our original custom of being able to break bread together, now virtually, while we speak.

These monthly gatherings continue as our opportunity for meaningful communication at a depth and breadth we can only touch upon in the more structured setting of services and social events.

Our subjects for discussion from the outset have been ambitious – Is there a G-d? What is the world to come? Do we have free will? – and they have introduced many of us to the informal and interactive conversation about “spiritual physics” that has carried over into our services, where members, friends and guests ask as well as answer questions, and express their feelings and opinions about topics brought to light through exploring the Jewish calendar, scripture and current events.

Many who are new to our congregation, or to the Rabbi's Roundtable, may not yet have had the opportunity to share in the wealth of our fellow members' and friends' experiences and insights.

Whether you are joining us for the first time or have attended for years, we invite you to suggest topics of importance to your life and your world today, I am hoping that your thoughts will bring to the Roundtable once again some of the foundational ideas that have shaped our spiritual conversations, along with fresh, new subjects that originate with you alone -- ideas we can consider together.

Bring your questions, your dreams, your presence and even your afternoon snack, as we embark upon a new time – 3 p.m., on one Thursday each month -- for our special time of exploration together, with love and blessings for good health, good inspiration and good conversation – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773.

# The President's Message

As we continue hybrid services, we have resumed Onegs and Kiddushes for our members who are back in the shul, so that we can continue a very important part of attending services – being able to socialize with our Congregational family. Sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush gives our members the opportunity to share a celebration (birthdays or anniversaries or no reason at all) or to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Roz Wenrich.

Our Annual Meeting was held virtually on Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. At that time the new slate of officers and directors were introduced. That was also an opportunity for us to discuss the accomplishments of the prior year as well as plans for 2023.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> we recognized our Board of Directors for all the work they do on behalf of the Congregation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fred Jacobs for his tenure as Secretary. I know that he will continue to serve the Congregation in his position as Director. I would also like to thank Diane Weinbaum for her many years of service on the Board. We were treated to a delicious kiddish that was sponsored by our new Secretary Helene Bachmann in honor of her father's yahrzeit.

At our Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> service we dedicated Priscilla Reisinger's Yahrzeit plaque.

At that service we also had about 15 Beacon College students and their teacher, Dr. AJ Marsden. They had been invited by Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes who had been a guest lecturer at the College for their Cross Cultural Psychology class. They were involved and enthusiastic participants in the service as well as brought the average age of the attendees down about 40 years!

On Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>, the unveiling of Harry Barnard's plaque will be held at 3:30 pm at Hillcrest Cemetery. Rabbi Allen will be officiating at this service. We hope that everyone who loved and remembered Harry will join us to honor his blessed memory. Later that day we will be celebrating Purim, so we hope you will join us for the reading of the Megillah by Marsha Stemerman and Dr Marnell LaRoe Hayes. The Oneg will be sponsored by Enid Schibuk as we dedicate her painting in the social hall.

The reservation form for our 2<sup>nd</sup> night Seder (Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>) is on page 6. We are looking forward to seeing members and guests join us to celebrate the holiday. Attendance will be limited to 96 people so please send in your reservation as soon as possible.

We will continue to monitor COVID. Our priority is the health and safety of our members and guests.

Shalom

*Andrea Kraft*

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Mon. March 6, 13, 20, and 27 4:00-5:00 pm

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Do you think biblical women have only a secondary role in the Torah? In this 4 week course we will discover the very importance of women in the Bible from well known figures to those of which you may not be aware. We will take the lessons learned from them to apply to our own modern day lives.

This class will be of interest to men and women.

You can attend all classes or individual ones, as each session is a stand alone class.

Sessions will be recorded. If you miss a class, you can watch the video afterwards.

Please sign up as class outlines and information will be emailed to participants.

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# CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays				Anniversaries	
MARCH		APRIL		MARCH	
3/4	Mark Simon	4/8	Dr. Michael Levine	3/5	Ceb and Gloria Blankenship
3/4	Beverly Meyers	4/8	Robyn Dowsey	3/20	Hank and Judy Hartstein
3/8	Alexis Scholl	4/10	David Litwack	3/21	Michael and Diane Levine
3/8	Marsha Grabois	4/10	Hank Hartstein	3/27	Ben and Marion Solotoroff
3/14	Judy Mayer	4/24	Bette Croll	<b>APRIL</b>	
3/19	Pamela Singer Milkman	4/27	Sonia Baerga Treibitz	4/19	Mark and Phyllis Simon
3/29	Diane Weinbaum	4/30	Fred Jacobs		

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

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:  
Ben Solotoroff, Miriam Henoch, Bill Hillman

## *Mi Shebeirach*

During the months of March and April, Gloria Blankenship and Linda Kost will be maintaining the list of our members and their close friends who are in need of healing.

Rabbi Allen reads the list at services.

To add new names, please send them to [President-at-BethSholomFlorida.org](mailto:President-at-BethSholomFlorida.org) (replace –at- with @). Or call the synagogue at 352-326-3692

Your request will be forwarded to the correct person.

**OUR SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE ON APRIL 29 WILL BE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM.  
WE WILL NOT BE AT THE SYNAGOGUE ON THAT DAY BECAUSE WE ARE UNABLE TO HAVE POLICE SUPPORT DUE TO THE LEESBURG BIKE FESTIVAL.**

# Thank You

To Burt and Andrea Kraft for managing the Mah Jongg card orders.

To everyone who ordered Mah Jongg cards for themselves and their friends.

To Sandra Byrne and Linda Kost for their help preparing the Exploring Judaism class material and email announcements for the Zoom sessions.

To *Gabbai* Marsha Stemerman and Assistant *Gabbai* Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for their meaningful interpretations of the readings during our services.

To Dan & Eileen Hirschfeld for the donation and dedication of the yahrzeit plaque in memory of Priscilla Reisinger

To Helene Bachmann for sponsoring the Kiddush on Jan. 25 in honor of the yahrzeit of her father, Harry Gripon.

To the Board of Directors, especially President Andrea Kraft, for sponsoring the Oneg on Feb. 10

Francine Rizzotto for helping with Kiddishes & Onegs

Roz Wenrich for coordinating the Kiddushes & Onegs

# Donations

Kathy Gipe in memory of Gloria Blankenship's Mother Mildred Selsky

Helene Bachmann in honor of the yahrzeit for her father Harry Gripon

Karen Salvat in honor of the yahrzeit for her father Jack Wagner

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Michael Fruchter, Roz Wenrich, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz, Robert & Sonia Baerga Treibitz

Food Bank Donations: Rabbi Karen Allen

Thank you to our CBS volunteers Barry & Cookie Wright, Francine Rizzotto & Gloria Blankenship.

## PARKING ALONGSIDE THE BUILDING IS NOW HANDICAP ONLY



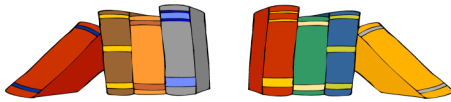
We are requesting that those who are able park in the parking lot across 13th Street so that the parking on the side of our building can be available for those members and guests who have mobility issues.

## 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.



## LENDING LIBRARY ON OUR BOOK SHELF!

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.

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## 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.



## 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.

FredJacobs40-at-gmail.com (replace -at- with @) or 352-633-0500.



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



**The following names will be read on March 10**

Fanny Levine	Aunt	of	Helen Jacobs	17	Adar 1	10-Mar
Serita Resnik	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	18	Adar 1	11-Mar
Fredy Fox	Father	of	Geri Seward			11-Mar
Al Shanky	Past Pres	of	The Congregation	19	Adar 1	12-Mar
Melvin Mularsky	Uncle	of	Nathan Mularsky			17-Mar
and	son	of	founding rabbi of the congregation			
Howard Wiener	Member	of	The Congregation	24	Adar 1	17-Mar
Cherry Parker	Sister	of	Dan Hirschfeld	25	Adar 1	18-Mar
R Ellen Scholl	Sister-in-law	of	John Scholl			19-Mar
Morris Treibitz	Father	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			21-Mar
Gary Englander	Son	of	David and Ellen Englander	1	Nisan	23-Mar
Betty Mularsky	Wife	of	founding rabbi of the congregation			24-Mar

**The following names will be read on March 25**

Judith Moskowitz	Cousin	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Nisan	26-Mar
Rhoda Treibitz	Sister	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			28-Mar
Maurice M. Berger M.D.	Husband	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	9	Nisan	31-Mar
Donald Bloom	Husband	of	Lynne Bloom			31-Mar
Solomon Siegel	Grandfather	of	Herb Siegel			1-Apr
April Jacobs	Daughter	of	Fred and Helen Jacobs	13	Nisan	4-Apr
Kathleen Rosenzweig	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	13	Nisan	4-Apr
Pauline Fox	Mother	of	Geri Seward			4-Apr
Sylvia Bokow	Friend	of	Gloria Blankenship	14	Nisan	5-Apr
Coleman Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			7-Apr
Nathan Subit	Father	of	Bette Croll	19	Nisan	10-Apr
Nettie Altshul	Mother-in-law	of	Stephen Berger			11-Apr
Forest LaRoe	Father	of	Sally Rosenberg			13-Apr
Adela Ide Weinstein	Mother	of	Yvette Litwack	22	Nisan	13-Apr

**The following names will be read on April 14**

Ed Katz	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum			15-Apr
Ruth Marx	Mother	of	Ellen Englander	26	Nisan	17-Apr
Helen Weinberger	Mother	of	Judy Marshall			20-Apr
Harry Jacobs	Father	of	Fred Jacobs	30	Nisan	21-Apr
Michele Hartstein	Brother	of	Hank Hartstein	2	Iyar	23-Apr
Elly Rothbard	Wife	of	Marty Rothbard			23-Apr
Eugene Weinbaum	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum			25-Apr
Ike Leon Glickson	Grandfather	of	David Chasin			26-Apr
Herman Warshaw	Step Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	5	Iyar	26-Apr
Mordecai Malc	Father	of	Helen Jacobs	7	Iyar	28-Apr

**The following names will be read on April 29**

Max Selsky	Grandfather	of	Gloria Blankenship	9	Iyar	30-Apr
Justin Simon	Father	of	Mark Simon			1-May
Josephine Hock	Mother	of	Melinda Hock			1-May
Sylvan Philip Herbst	Father	of	William Hillman	11	Iyar	2-May
Abraham Weinbaum	Grandfather	of	Diane Weinbaum			4-May
Norma Parker	Mother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	16	Iyar	7-May
Rita Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	19	Iyar	10-May
Irma R. Katz	Aunt	of	Diane Weinbaum			12-May
Leslie Schwartz	Cousin	of	Judy Marshall			12-May
Rebecca Stemerman	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	21	Iyar	12-May

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