



May / June 2021

Iyar / Sivan / Tammuz 5781

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## Special Virtual Services in May



Friday May 14  
7 pm

Saturday May 29  
10 am

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people. The service will include the reading of the Ten Commandments.

On Memorial Day we remember the members of the armed forces who died while serving our country. The service will include special readings provided by LTC Herbert Siegel (retired) in commemoration of Memorial Day.

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Services and Board Meetings are Virtual.

Sisterhood and Men's Club are offsite.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sisterhood Meeting 1pm See page 8	3	4 Board Meeting 4 pm	5	6	7  7:47	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Shavuot Shabbat Service 7 pm  7:51	15
16	17	18	19	20 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm Page 3	21  7:55	22
23	24	25	26	27	28  7:59	29 Memorial Day Shabbat Service 10 am
30	31					

If you are a member in good standing (you have made a dues payment this year) and would like to participate in the board meetings, contact President Andrea Kraft or Vice President Linda Kost and they will send you the Zoom invite.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4  8:02	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting 4 pm	9	10	11 Shabbat Service 7 pm  8:05	12
13	14	15	16	17 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm See below  8:08	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25  8:09	26 Shabbat Service 10 am
27	28	29	30		 7:42	

## Rabbi's Roundtable

Virtually on Zoom, Thursdays May 20 and June 17 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.

# Rabbi's Message

***Even now in our world we can see that everything is leading to the fact that a person remains alone. The family is completely disappearing. – Rav Michael Laitman, Ph.D.***

As a longtime lover of Redwood trees, I was fascinated recently to hear about these majestic trees' surprisingly shallow root system. Rather than putting down the deep roots that protect most other individual trees, Redwoods grow in groves, with roots that spread outward and intertwine with each other's, to form a network so strong that the trees are almost impossible to topple over despite high winds, fire, drought, floods and other assaults.

These root systems not only protect these largest and oldest of the world's trees (we can visit some that are over 2000 years old), but they preserve the environment itself, improving the quantity and quality of water, soil, and the air we breathe. Their interconnection suggests a very family-like relationship.

During this time, counting the Omer leading to Shavuot, the Children of Israel prepare even today to receive the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Progeny of a common parent, we are brothers and sisters, with destiny interwoven as Redwood roots.

We often speak of *k'lal Yis-raeil*, the entirety of the people of Israel, a family which includes all those who may not be Jewish but who are connected by love to the Jewish people. To extend the concept still farther, as creations, or children, of one G-d, all of humanity is effectively and functionally a single family!

If this is true, and all people are part of one great united entity, then what is special about Congregation Beth Sholom that makes us "*The synagogue that feels like family?*" What are we doing that makes the difference?

Jewish spiritual tradition teaches that love between people can exist only through G-d. In the absence of that foundational connection, our focus inevitably shifts to ourselves, our own interests and needs. The commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" is possible to fulfill only by one with a commitment to the existence of a Creator with authority to command that mandate, whether this commitment to G-d is achieved through a belief, a sense of knowing, or the decision to act "as if" that existence is so.

During this year of isolation, our members have served each other, our community and our world in many ways. The closeness that has endured, despite such a long, enforced separation, is a testament to the recognition by each person that they are an essential part of something larger than just ourselves: not only a congregation, or a people, but a true family bound together by that unique and precious love for others that is mandated by G-d in the Torah whose law we are about to receive personally, as we do on Shavuot each year.

May our gratitude for this law, and this love, remain with us always, as we continue our varied and meaningful acts of kindness in good health and happiness,

with blessings for a Chag Shavuot Samei-ach –

Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773

# *The President's Message*

As I sit down to write the President's Letter for this Shofar, I hope this finds you well. Like most of you, we continue to quarantine and exercise social distancing along with wearing our masks when out. Health and safety continue to be our most important consideration.

We recently sent out our annual appeal and some of you have already donated. Thank you! For those of you who have not yet responded, please don't forget that we depend on your generosity to operate the synagogue. Appeals account for approximately 20% of our annual budget. Even though we had to close, most of our expenses continue.

We hope that we will be able to resume temple life soon, albeit with new social distancing and masking as the norm. The Board and I continue to discuss how to proceed with the best interests of the congregation in mind. As more people get vaccinated, we certainly hope that we will be able to get together soon.

We celebrated Passover with our synagogue family on Zoom for the service portion with readings done by various congregants and enjoyed the rabbi's songs. In past years we shared the holiday among Members and friends with a lovely service led by Rabbi Allen and a delicious catered Seder meal. Let's hope that next year we will be returning to that festive custom.

Every year at Passover we ask the question – Why is this night different from all others?

Well, in 2021 the 4 Questions became:

Did you get your shot yet?

Which vaccine?

Where did you get it?

How did you feel after the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot?

I look forward to seeing everyone soon, the actual date will depend on circumstances beyond our control.

Be safe and keep washing your hands!

Shalom,

Andrea Kraft 352-513-3517



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# SISTERHOOD NEWS

Spring has sprung and Sisterhood is springing into action. After talking with members of sisterhood and finding that we have had a wonderful response to getting our vaccines it was the consensus that the members feel confident in moving forward.

## WITH THIS IN MIND!

On Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM at Dee Marcus' house we will have an outside meeting. At this time, we will be able to bring all the cards that we have been saving for the St. Jude's ranch gift shop. Hopefully everyone will remember to bring a typed recipe for the cookbook project.

June 1<sup>st</sup> will start the new year for sisterhood so please bring with you a check for \$10.00 made out to Congregation Beth Sholom's Sisterhood. If you cannot make the meeting you can send your check to Marion Solotoroff at 3532 Obrien Place the Villages, Fl 32163. This meeting will be a brown bag meeting, bring your drink and snack to munch on while we all enjoy being together after so long apart.

There has been no time, date or place set for the June meeting. This is one of the things that will be discussed at the May meeting. Bring your ideas of what and where would be a great meeting place for June. If you are interested in helping on the care committee, the Knitty Gitty Crafters, or have an idea for a new project, the May meeting is the time to sign up to help.

Lisa Moring has joined the care committee and has started helping with sending out our Birthday Greetings.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our May meeting.

Dee Marcus, sisterhood President 352-750-8086



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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.

## **Leesburg Food Bank**

Director Barry Wright, Barry's wife Cookie and member Francine Rizzotto all volunteer at the food bank. The food bank is located at 503 North 13th Street, just 2 blocks from the shul.

Everything is given to the needy at no cost. Most needed food items are canned fruit, canned pork and beans, and other canned food. They definitely do not need cold cereal.

The food bank is restricting access so collection of clothes has been limited. They will still pick up large items such as furniture and appliances. Their number is 352-326-5463.

If you prefer to donate financially, send us a check made out to the synagogue with a note that it is for the food bank and we will pass it on to them. Thank you for helping us to support this important organization.



# CELEBRATIONS



## Birthdays

### May

5/3 Ronny Goeler  
5/5 Francine Rizzotto  
5/7 Rosalie Scholl  
5/7 Kenneth Stark  
5/9 Susan Brogan  
5/9 Miriam Henoeh  
5/11 Enid Schibuk  
5/15 Sally Chletsos  
5/20 Clint Wallbank  
5/27 Henrietta Lubin  
5/30 Chip Rizzotto

### June

6/4 Betty Chasin  
6/6 Stephen Berger  
6/9 Eileen Hirschfeld  
6/12 Marlena Scholl  
6/15 Ernie Muller  
6/18 Risa Lax  
6/22 Betty King  
6/23 Yvette Litwack  
6/27 Freda Feibel

## Anniversaries

### May

5/9 Ronny and Nettie Goeler  
5/13 Linda Friedman and Jill Bulmash

### June

6/6 Linda and John Kost  
6/7 Bill and Alice Schweitzer  
6/11 Bob Roth and Maureen Barrett  
6/13 Marshall and Marsha Grabois  
6/14 Barry and Cookie Wright  
6/18 David and Ellen Englander  
6/21 Robert Treibitz and Sonia Baerga  
6/30 Bob and Dee Marcus

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

to all who have been affected by the Covid-19 crisis and to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:

Terry Levin Roz Wenrich

## *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-at-gmail.com](mailto:secretary.bethsholom-at-gmail.com). (replace –at– with @)

Please remember to let him know when our prayers are no longer needed.

## HIGH HOLIDAY WISHES IN A JAR



It's hard to believe, after just one month of spring has passed, but it is time to think about sending your family and friends a jar of honey for Rosh Hashanah.

Honey From the Heart is run by ORT and offers you a unique way to say Shana Tovah.

Proceeds benefit Congregation Beth Sholom and ORT.

Details and the order form are on page 12.

# Thank You

To Rabbi Allen for creating a Special Megillah of Esther for Purim as well as a new Haggadah for our virtual Passover celebration.

To violinists Judy Hague and Judy Lankes for accompanying the Rabbi on her recordings for the holidays.

To Linda Kost for everything she does regarding services and our Newsletter (The Shofar)

To Sandra Byrne for preparing and distributing our email notices to members and guests for services and the Rabbi's Round Table

To Marjorie Heyman who lit the Shabbat Candles for our Friday night services

To Anita Sherman who lit the Pesach Candles

To Michael Saks who chanted Kiddush and Sang the Four Questions

To Sidney Cullen, our youngest member who read the Four Questions

To the many members who have participated in our services with readings:

Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes (our Assistant Gabbai)

Ellen Englander

Melinda Hock

Anita Sherman

Burt Kraft

Gloria Blankenship

Sidney Cullen

Ben and Marion Solotoroff

David Chasin

Francine Rizzotto

Michael Saks

Nathan Tamar Pautz

Cindy Spiro

Apologies to anyone we missed. We had a lot of readings between the Megillah and the Haggadah and many participants

# Donations

Food Bank Donations:

Barry & Cookie Wright, Debra Jo Forman & Robert Tevelson,

David & Yvette Litwack

General Donations:

Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz,

Robert Treibitz & Sonia Baerga, Judy Arroyo.

Responses to the Annual Appeal:

Chip & Francine Rizzotto, David & Ellen Englander, Linda Kost, Dorothy Strauss,

Marshall & Selma Haimes, Michael Saks, Dr. Michael Levine, Ernie Muller & Marsha Stemerman,

Dr Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Myra Efron, David & Yvette Litwack, Helene & Marlene Steinberg,

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## IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Elly Rothbard, beloved wife of Marty Rothbard, on April 23rd. May her memory be for a blessing.

### The following names will be read on May 14

Ruth Hirschfeld	Mother	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Sivan	15-May
Rabbi Avram Hartstein	Father	of	Hank Hartstein	4	Sivan	15-May
Louis A. Frank	Father	of	Judy Albin			16-May
Sonia Weinbaum	Grandmother	of	Diane Weinbaum			23-May
Josephine Rossi	Mother	of	Joan Treibitz			25-May
Solomon Cramer	Father	of	Pam Singer and Lowell Cramer	8	Sivan	26-May
Pauline Gripon	Mother	of	Helene Bachmann			28-May

### The following names will be read on May 29

Carol Rau	Mother	of	Robyn Dowsey			29-May
James King	Brother	of	Robert King			29-May
Harry Milkman	Father	of	Robert Milkman	22	Sivan	2-Jun
Betty LaRoe	Cousin	of	Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes			4-Jun
Rebecca Siegel	Grandmother	of	Herb Siegel			6-Jun
Hilda Steinberg	Mother	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg			6-Jun
Abraham Stemerman	Grandfather	of	Marsha Stemerman	27	Sivan	7-Jun
Adolph Schwartz	Father	of	Selma Haimes			9-Jun

### The following names will be read on June 11

Milton Parker	Father	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	1	Tammuz	11-Jun
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	1	Tammuz	11-Jun
Rhoda Rothbard Virvich	Sister	of	Marty Rothbard	2	Tammuz	12-Jun
Miriam Berkowitz	Mother	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	2	Tammuz	12-Jun
Charles Snader	Father	of	Marty Snader			14-Jun
Rose Litwack	Mother	of	David Litwack	5	Tammuz	15-Jun
Leon Stemerman	Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	7	Tammuz	17-Jun
Al Schenerman	Father	of	David Schenerman (on wall)	8	Tammuz	18-Jun
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	8	Tammuz	18-Jun
Saul Siegel	Father	of	Herb Siegel			20-Jun
Henry Englander	Father	of	David Englander	11	Tammuz	21-Jun

### The following names will be read on June 26

Sidney Storch	Father	of	Alice Schweitzer	16	Tammuz	26-Jun
Robert F. Hock	Father	of	Melinda Hock			28-Jun
Rebecca Fiegura	Grandmother	of	Yvette Litwack	21	Tammuz	1-Jul
Winnie Goldberg	Mother	of	Ira Goldberg	24	Tammuz	4-Jul
Harry Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	24	Tammuz	4-Jul
Mitchell Lutsky	Brother	of	Linda Kost	26	Tammuz	6-Jul
Hermia Isaacs	Mother	of	Judy Snader			7-Jul

### 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-at-gmail.com](mailto:intofrogs-at-gmail.com) (replace -at- with @) or 352-315-0309



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