



May / June 2022

Iyar / Sivan / Tammuz 5782

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**Special Service
on May 28**



Join us in person or on Zoom as Rabbi Allen blends these two holidays into a very special Shabbat Morning Service.

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Board Meeting 4 pm	4	5	6  7:45	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Shabbat Service 7 pm  7:50	14
15	16	17	18	19 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm See below  7:54	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27  7:58	28 Shavuot & Memorial Day Shabbat Service
29	30	31				

Rabbi's Roundtable

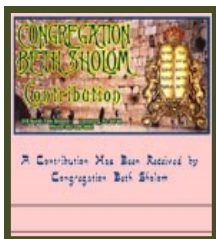
Virtually on Zoom, Thursdays May 19 and June 16 at 1pm

The main focus of the roundtable is to provide a unique opportunity to talk with Rabbi Allen as she leads an informal and interactive discussion focusing on various subjects throughout the session.

In addition to topics brought forward by the attendees, Rabbi Allen may explore the current arc of Torah portions along with Jewish spiritual traditions and how they affect our personal experiences and aspirations.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3  8:01	4
5 Social Club Game Day 1 pm Page 8	6	7 Board Meeting 4 pm	8	9	10 Shabbat Service 7 pm  8:04	11
12	13	14	15	16 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm Page 2	17  8:07	18
19	20	21	22	23	24  8:08	25 Shabbat Service 10 am
26	27	28	29	30		



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Rabbi's Message

B'reishit barah El-him In the beginning, G-d created the heavens and the earth –
Genesis, Chapter 1 verse 1

Na-aseh adam b'tzalmeynu – And G-d said, let Us create man in Our image – Genesis,
Chapter 1 verse 26

Recently, I was asked by a local college student to speak about Judaism as part of her course work in religion, a process that has occurred a number of times during my years in the rabbinate. These school assignments generally focus on outward religious observance -- ritual practice, congregational administration – rather than on the spiritual experience, the meaning of our existence and personal relationship with G-d that, to me, represent the heart and soul of Jewish life.

Our secular-inspired assumptions of the nature of religion may include the idea that feeling pleasure is not a part of holiness; that things we do for fun, for our own edification, do not count as spiritually valuable or meaningful. But while our goodness of character may certainly be seen in acts of personal sacrifice through service, it can also be reflected in creative artistry, the building of meaningful relationships and congregational or community leadership.

If, as we are told from the very beginning of the Torah, G-d is the Creator Who made every human being in His image, then this Jewish story of our origin makes us by definition quintessentially creators, too! Often, we experience the most authentic nature of our true selves when we are deeply enmeshed in the pleasure of our own creative endeavors.

Jewish spiritual tradition teaches that G-d created man to help Him complete the creation of the world. Perhaps it is through the expressions of creative ability with which He gifted each of us that we may have the opportunity, and even the destiny, to participate with G-d in this blessing of Creation.

On May 28, 2022, we will combine our commemoration of Shavuot, a holiday whose history is filled with loving and creative acts of kindness, with Memorial Day, which marks the highest and most selfless form of giving.

As we approach our celebration of receiving the Torah on Shavuot, may each of us find, through our creative outpourings, that we can experience along with G-d the joy of sharing the essence of our true nature for the pleasure both of others and of ourselves – with love and blessings for a *chag sameiach* and a lifetime of good health and giving – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773

The President's Message

As I sit down to write this letter, I am happy to say that our Passover Seder (held at the beautiful Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages) was a successful event with more than 115 guests in attendance. As this was our first in person Seder since the beginning of the Pandemic, we were pleasantly surprised by the number of people who expressed an interest in joining us. It was wonderful to see so many of our congregants in person for the first time in more than 2 years. We also had many guests who are new to the area and will hopefully be joining our Congregational Family. This was also the first event that our new caterer, Laura Wright handled for us. Hopefully the first of many more events to come!

The Chairman of the Committee, Burt Kraft (also the 1st Gentleman of Congregation) has been working tirelessly on this project for months. As you can imagine, we spent a lot of time trying to make this a special event for everyone. Fortunately, we did get help from other members to assist in the set up for the day. Dave Englander introduced us to Laura and was involved in all aspects of the planning as well as the setup. Fred Jacobs arranged for us to have usage of the Eisenhower Recreation Center. Francine Rizzotto really stepped up to help us (and the caterer) with anything and everything that needed to be done. As the saying goes, it takes a Village!

We celebrated Purim on March 11th with our Gabbai, Marsha Stemerman and our Associate Gabbai, Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes reading a Dr. Seuss version of the Megillah, which was enjoyed by all. Marnell also surprised us with a selection of her delicious hamantaschen.

I look forward to hearing about the upcoming activities for the Social Club, which Ben Solotoroff has been instrumental in organizing. I know that members are happy to have the opportunity to socialize with their synagogue family.

Shalom for now!

Andrea Kraft 352-513-3517

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Social Club Game Day

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Sunday, June 5 from 1 till 4 pm.

Members of the Congregation are invited to spend a relaxing afternoon at the synagogue playing games like Mexican Train, Samba, etc.



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Please bring items for the Food Bank whenever you come to the shul. They accept clothing and household items in addition to food. Director Barry Wright and member Francine Rizzotto volunteer at the food bank. They bring anything dropped off at the synagogue to the food bank.

Everything is given to the needy at no cost.

Most needed food items are canned fruit, canned pork and beans, and other canned food.

The food bank will 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				Anniversaries	
	May		June		May
5/3	Ronny Goeler	6/4	Betty Chasin	5/9	Ronny and Nettie Goeler
5/5	Francine Rizzotto	6/6	Stephen Berger	5/13	Linda Friedman and Jill Bulmash
5/7	Rosalie Scholl	6/6	Arline Cooke		
5/7	Kenneth Stark	6/9	Eileen Hirschfeld		June
5/9	Susan Brogan	6/10	George Cooke	6/6	Linda and John Kost
5/9	Miriam Henoch	6/12	Marlena Scholl	6/7	Bill and Alice Schweitzer
5/11	Enid Schibuk	6/18	Risa Lax	6/11	Bob Roth and Maureen Barrett
5/15	Sally Chletsos	6/22	Betty King	6/14	Barry and Cookie Wright
5/20	Clint Wallbank	6/23	Yvette Litwack	6/18	David and Ellen Englander
5/30	Chip Rizzotto	6/27	Freda Feibel	6/21	Robert Treibitz and Sonia Baerga

Mazel Tov

Ira Goldberg and Cheryl Greenbach on their recent marriage
Dave and Ellen Englander on their 50th Anniversary

Welcome New Members

Fred and Karen Cyzick
Al and Phyllis Moses
Judy Hague

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

To those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:
Ben Solotoroff, Bette Croll, Ronald Robins, Roz Wenrich,
Judy Mayer, Mike Drexler, Al Moses, Judy Hague

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. (replace -at- with @)

Please remember to let him 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.



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

The Chairman of the Seder Committee (and 1st gentlemen) Burt Kraft for all the work on the Seder

Dave Englander – for introducing us to our new caterer and all the work he did for the Seder

Fred Jacobs – for arranging the use of the Eisenhower Recreation Center for the Seder

Francine & Chip Rizzotto – for helping in the set up and clean up of the Seder

Barry & Cookie Wright – for assisting in the set up of the Seder

Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes and her cousin Sally Rosenberg in helping with the set up

Marsha Stemerman – for her Exploring Judaism Zoom classes on Mondays in March

Marsha Stemerman and Dr Marnell LaRoe Hayes for the reading of the Megillah during Purim services

Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for the surprise of her delicious Hamentaschen for our Purim celebration

Francine Rizzotto for taking care of the wine and challah for the kiddushes at services

Helene Bachmann and Enid Schibuk for serving the wine on April 23

Hank Hartstein for reading the Haftorah

Marsha Stemerman for the meaningful and moving Yom Hashoa program

Donations

Fred & Helen Jacobs for their donation toward the cost of the room for the Passover Seder.

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

Dorothy Strauss & Steven Stein in memory of Steve Stein's brother, Gary Stein.

Bette Croll in memory of Steve Stein's brother, Gary Stein.

Diane Weinbaum in memory of her newly deceased uncle, Ed Katz.

Food Bank Donations: Rabbi Karen Allen

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz, Robyn Dowsey, Robert & Sonia Treibitz, Al & Phyllis Moses

Responses to the Annual Appeal:

Helene Bachmann, Gloria Blankenship, Lynne Bloom, Susan & George Brogan, Sandra Byrne, David & Betty Chasin, Sally Chletsos, Bette Croll, Dave & Ellen Englander, Marshall & Selma Haimes, Hank & Judy Hartstein, Dr Marnell La Roe Hayes, Marjorie Heyman, Chip & Francine Rizzotto, Ron & Marcia Cohen Robins, LT. Col. Herbert Siegel, Fern Singer, Helene & Marlene Steinberg, Susan Goodman, Marsha Stemerman, Dorothy Strauss, Diane Weinbaum, Roz Wenrich, Lou & Susan Glaser, Enid Schibuk, Dr. Michael Levine, Kathy Gipe, Steven Berger, Judy and Marty Snader, Linda Kost

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IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



The congregation expresses their condolences to Diane Weinbaum on the passing of her Uncle, Ed Katz, on April 15. May his memory endure as a blessing.

The following names will be read on May 13						
Louis A. Frank	Father	of	Judy Albin			16-May
Norma Parker	Mother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	16	Iyar	17-May
Rita Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	19	Iyar	20-May
Marshall Grabois	Husband	of	Marsha Grabois			21-May
Marjorie LaRoe	Sister	of	Dr. Marnell L. Hayes			21-May
Rebecca Stemerman	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	21	Iyar	22-May
Sonia Weinbaum	Grandmother	of	Diane Weinbaum			23-May
Ann Dubinsky Michaels	Mother-in-law	of	Marty Rothbard	23	Iyar	24-May
Josephine Rossi	Mother	of	Joan Treibitz			25-May
The following names will be read on May 28						
Pauline Gripon	Mother	of	Helene Bachmann			28-May
Ernie Muller	Partner	of	Marsha Stemerman			29-May
Carol Rau	Mother	of	Robyn Dowsey			29-May
James King	Brother	of	Robert King			29-May
Barbara Parker	Sister	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	Iyar	29-May
Walter Schweitzer	Father	of	Bill Schweitzer	1	Sivan	31-May
Ruth Hirschfeld	Mother	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Sivan	3-Jun
Rabbi Avram Hartstein	Father	of	Hank Hartstein	4	Sivan	3-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
Solomon Cramer	Father	of	Pam Singer and Lowell Cramer	8	Sivan	7-Jun
Adolph Schwartz	Father	of	Selma Haimes			9-Jun
The following names will be read on June 10						
Charles Snader	Father	of	Marty Snader			14-Jun
Saul Siegel	Father	of	Herb Siegel			20-Jun
Harry Milkman	Father	of	Robert Milkman	22	Sivan	21-Jun
Oscar Robins	Father	of	Ronald Robins	23	Sivan	22-Jun
The following names will be read on June 25						
Abraham Stemerman	Grandfather	of	Marsha Stemerman	27	Sivan	26-Jun
Robert F. Hock	Father	of	Melinda Hock			28-Jun
Milton Parker	Father	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	1	Tammuz	30-Jun
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	1	Tammuz	30-Jun
Rhoda Rothbard Virvich	Sister	of	Marty Rothbard	2	Tammuz	1-Jul
Miriam Berkowitz	Mother	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	2	Tammuz	1-Jul
Rose Litwack	Mother	of	David Litwack	5	Tammuz	4-Jul
Harold Cohen	Father	of	Marcia Cohen-Robins	5	Tammuz	4-Jul
Leon Stemerman	Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	7	Tammuz	6-Jul
Al Schenerman	Father	of	David Schenerman (on wall)	8	Tammuz	7-Jul
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	8	Tammuz	7-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 (replace -at- with @) or 352-315-0309

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