

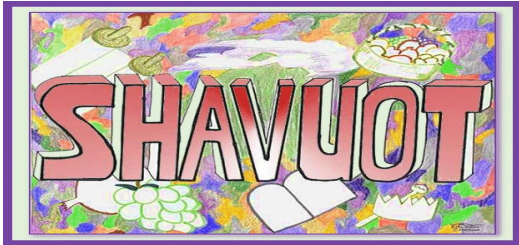


May / June 2023

Iyar / Sivan / Tammuz 5783

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



Special Service  
on May 27



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

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.

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people. We will hear the reading of the Ten Commandments, and say Yizkor as May 27 is the second day of Shavuot.

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## May 2023 Iyar / Sivan 5783

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

## Rabbi's Roundtable

Virtually on Zoom, Thursdays May 18 and June 15 at 3 pm

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 @)

# June 2022 Sivan / Tammuz 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  8:03	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting 4 pm	7	8	9 Shabbat Service 7 pm  8:06	10
11	12	13	14	15 Rabbi's Roundtable 3 pm Page 2	16  8:09	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  8:11	24 Shabbat Service 10 am
25	26	27	28	29	30  8:11	



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# Rabbi's Message

Zichronah L'Vracha -- "May her memory be for a blessing" – A Life Worth Remembering

Having spent much of each week, during the last several years, with my mother in her South Florida home, as what both of us called her "health coach," I am grateful, following her recent illness and relatively sudden passing, to my dear friends, the leaders and members of Congregation Beth Sholom, who have given me the priceless time and privacy in which to manage the major changes this has entailed.

When I realized that I'd have to take my first flight in three years, to her funeral up north, with no time to stop at home for warm clothes, I remembered my mother's saying that "the best place to shop is in the closet."

This time, the closet would be not mine but her own and, even though we often joked that the only clothing we could share was a handkerchief, she did have some warm things that I could wear. When it came to shoes, that option seemed impossible -- we had never worn the same sizes -- but something inspired me try on a favorite pair of my mother's, which to my amazement was not only suitable but comfortable.

There I was, standing literally in my mother's shoes. Suddenly, I had a visceral understanding of what that term really means, to stand in someone's shoes, figuratively as well as in the physical sense.

My mother often expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome and friendship she experienced upon meeting our members during her visits to our congregation's events, and through her participation in our charitable programs. Her spiritual legacy, as she expressed the wish to me, was that all of us, in our congregation community, would continue to work closely together. I am proud of the way in which we have done exactly that, through the collective efforts of our spiritual family. For your kindness and expressions of caring, and for giving of yourselves so that I might attend to my mother's needs, I thank you not only for myself, but also on behalf of my mother.

The experience of working so closely with her over this special time together has secured within me an unshakable understanding of the meaning of unconditional love. My mom loved each and every one of us, of you, without reservation -- a gift of unconditional love that we all need.

What will we choose for posterity as the legacy for *our* time of leadership, which we are defining now? The leaders *we* become will shape the generations to follow us, as our parents' and grandparents' generations have inspired and challenged *us*. We must decide who *we* will be, those of us standing in the shadow -- and in the shoes -- of our ancestors.

Jewish spiritual tradition teaches that G-d created us for the principal purpose of receiving love and happiness. May every one of us choose to receive that priceless gift of happiness from G-d by giving that same blessing of unconditional love, and respect, to each other -- with thanks, love and blessings -- 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 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> held at the beautiful Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages) was a successful event. Once again, the caterer Laura Wright ( Laura's 4C 's) prepared a wonderful dinner. Thanks again to our Treasurer Dave Englander for arranging for the caterer. Director Fred Jacobs was instrumental in arranging our venue as well as creating beautiful place cards. In addition, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the set up and cleanup of the event. We couldn't have done it without their help.

March 10<sup>th</sup> was a busy day!

In the afternoon we had an unveiling of Harry Barnard's footstone at Hillcrest Memorial. The service was performed by Rabbi Allen which gave us the opportunity to share our memories of Harry.

That evening Rabbi led our Shabbat service where we celebrated Purim 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.

In addition to celebrating Purim, Enid Schibuk sponsored the Oneg to celebrate the dedication of her painting that was hung in the Social Hall.

I would also like to thank everyone who ordered their Mah Jongg cards through the Synagogue. Unfortunately, I have discovered that I never received some of the orders that were mailed to me due to the problems we have had with the Post Office. Next year we will try to set up a better system to avoid these problems.

Shalom for now!

*Andrea Kraft*      352-513-3517



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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. Directors Barry Wright and Gloria Blankenship, along with 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		<b>JUNE</b>
5/9	Susan Brogan	6/10	George Cooke	6/6	Linda and John Kost
5/9	Miriam Henoeh	6/12	Marlena Scholl	6/7	Bill and Alice Schweitzer
5/11	Enid Schibuk	6/17	Debra Kaplan	6/11	Bob Roth and Maureen Barrett
5/15	Sally Chletsos	6/22	Betty King	6/14	Barry and Cookie Wright
5/30	Chip Rizzotto	6/23	Yvette Litwack	6/18	David and Ellen Englander
				6/21	Robert Treibitz and Sonia Baerga

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

To those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:  
Robert King, Frank Chletsos, Sally Rosenberg, Ben Solotoroff

## *Mi Shebeirach*

Director Gloria Blankenship 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 Gloria at [glostar-at-embarqmail.com](mailto:glostar-at-embarqmail.com). (replace -at- with @)

**Please remember to let her 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.**

## 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

# Thank You

Andrea and Burt Kraft for all of their work on the Passover Seder

Fred Jacobs for coordinating the venue at Eisenhower Recreation Center as well as creating the beautiful name cards indicating table assignments for the Seder

Burt & Andrea Kraft, Dave Englander, Barry Wright, Helene Bachmann, Sandra Byrne, Herb Siegel, Fred Jacobs, Francine & Chip Rizzotto, Enid Schibuk, and Barbara Rupert for helping with the setup and cleanup at our Passover Seder

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

Linda Kost for running the Zoom sessions for the Exploring Judaism class and our Shabbat services

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

Enid Schibuk for donating her original painting, and for sponsoring the Oneg on March 10th

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

Dave Englander and Barry Wright for helping Francine with the oneg on April 14

Dave Englander for covering for Andrea on April 14

Marsha Stemerman for leading the service including the meaningful and moving Yom Hashoa program on April 14

Marjorie Heyman and Beverly Meyers for their readings on April 14

Edith Freiwirth for lighting the Memorial candle and the Shabbat Candles on April 14

# Donations

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

Mark & Phyllis Simon in memory of their daughter-in-law Kristen Simon.

Sally Chletsos and Rabbi's Mother Elaine Lederer to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

Diane Weinbaum in gratitude for the Exploring Judaism class

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz, Robert & Sonia Baerga Treibitz, David Chasin

Food Bank Donations: Rabbi Karen Allen

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

Responses to our Annual Appeal:

Linda Kost, Gloria Blankenship, Robyn Dowsey, David & Ellen Englander, Lt. Col. Herbert Siegel, Sandra Byrne, Sally Chletsos, Stephen Berger, Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Chip & Francine Rizzotto, Helene Bachmann, Dorothy Strauss, Dr Ken & Patricia Stark, Helene & Marlene Steinberg, Marjorie Heyman, Susan Brogan, Roz Wenrich, Judy Marshall, Barbara Rupert, Marsha Stemerman, Edith Freiwirth, Melinda Hock, Enid Schibuk


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


The congregation expresses their condolences to Phyllis and Mark Simon on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Kristen Simon who passed away on January 24 and to Rabbi Allen on the passing of her mother, Elaine Lederer. May their memory endure as a blessing.

**The following names will be read on May 12**

Rebecca Stemerman	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	21	Iyar	12-May
Leslie Schwartz	Cousin	of	Judy Marshall			12-May
Ann Dubinsky Michaels	Mother-in-law	of	Marty Rothbard	23	Iyar	14-May
Barbara Parker	Sister	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	Iyar	19-May
Walter Schweitzer	Father	of	Bill Schweitzer	1	Sivan	21-May
Marshall Grabois	Husband	of	Marsha Grabois			21-May
Marjorie LaRoe	Sister	of	Dr. Marnell L. Hayes			21-May
Ruth Hirschfeld	Mother	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Sivan	24-May
Rabbi Avram Hartstein	Father	of	Hank Hartstein	4	Sivan	24-May
Josephine Rossi	Mother	of	Joan Treibitz			25-May

**The following names will be read on May 27**

Solomon Cramer	Father	of	Pam Singer and Lowell Cramer	8	Sivan	28-May
Pauline Gripon	Mother	of	Helene Bachmann			28-May
Ernie Muller	Beloved Partner	of	Marsha Stemerman			29-May
Carol Rau	Mother	of	Robyn Dowsey			29-May
James King	Brother	of	Robert King			29-May
Eva Kaplan	Grandmother	of	Debra Kaplan			30-May
Betty LaRoe	Sister	of	Sally Rosenberg			4-Jun
Rebecca Siegel	Grandmother	of	Herb Siegel			6-Jun
Hilda Steinberg	Mother	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg and Susan Goodman			6-Jun

**The following names will be read on June 9**

Harry Milkman	Father	of	Robert Milkman	22	Sivan	11-Jun
Oscar Robins	Father	of	Ronald Robins	23	Sivan	12-Jun
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
Isador Ochs	Father	of	Arline Cooke			15-Jul
Abraham Stemerman	Grandfather	of	Marsha Stemerman	27	Sivan	16-Jun
Milton Parker	Father	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	1	Tammuz	20-Jun
Saul Siegel	Father	of	Herb Siegel			20-Jun
Rhoda Rothbard Virvich	Sister	of	Marty Rothbard	2	Tammuz	21-Jun
Miriam Berkowitz	Mother	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	2	Tammuz	21-Jun

**The following names will be read on June 24**

Rose Litwack	Mother	of	David Litwack	5	Tammuz	24-Jun
Harold Cohen	Father	of	Marcia Cohen-Robins	5	Tammuz	24-Jun
Larry Brook	Cousin	of	Judy Hague	6	Tammuz	25-Jun
Leon Stemerman	Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	7	Tammuz	26-Jun
Al Schenerman	Father	of	David Schenerman (on wall)	8	Tammuz	27-Jun
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	8	Tammuz	27-Jun
Frieda Kaplan	Mother	of	Debra Kaplan			28-Jun
Robert F. Hock	Father	of	Melinda Hock			28-Jun
Henry Englander	Father	of	David Englander	11	Tammuz	30-Jun
Sidney Storch	Father	of	Alice Schweitzer	16	Tammuz	3-Jul
Anita Sherman	Member	of	The Congregation	16	Tammuz	3-Jul
George Brogan	Husband	of	Susan Brogan			3-Jul
Hermia Isaacs	Mother	of	Judy Snader			7-Jul
Rebecca Fiegura	Grandmother	of	Yvette Litwack	21	Tammuz	10-Jul
Dorothy Berger Stern	Mother	of	Stephen Berger			12-Jul
Winnie Goldberg	Mother	of	Ira Goldberg	24	Tammuz	13-Jul
Harry Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	24	Tammuz	13-Jul



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