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Special Service on Saturday, May 24, at 10 AM



Join us in person or on Zoom as Rabbi Silverman combines the observance of Shavuot with Memorial Day. The service will also include a tribute to long-term board member and congregant Fred Jacobs who is moving away.

Shavuot is an important holiday that commemorates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Rabbi Silverman will be discussing the Ten Commandments and its impact on the World.

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.



The board is sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Fred Jacobs.

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Rabbi Silverman and Gabbai Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes led the Purim celebration on March 14th. Ronnie and Randy Boekema sponsored the Oneg to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.



Our Passover Seder was wonderfully conducted by Marnell. All who attended enjoyed it very much.

IMPORTANT DATES**MAY**4th Congregational Meeting 1:00 PM4th Judaism Class, 2:00-3:30 PM9th Shabbat and Lag B'Omer Service, 7:00 PM24th Shabbat, Shavuot/Memorial Day Morning Service 10:00 AM**JUNE**1st Judaism Class, 2:00-4:00 PM8th Game Day 1:00-4:00 PM13th Shabbat and Flag Day Service, 7:00 PM28th Shabbat and Independence Day Morning Service, 10:00 AM**CELEBRATIONS****BIRTHDAYS****MAY****JUNE**

5/5	Francine Rizzotto	6/2	Gary Plotkin
5/7	Rosalie Scholl	6/4	Betty Chasin
5/7	Kenneth Stark	6/6	Stephen Berger
5/7	Norine Kerbel	6/9	Eileen Hirschfeld
5/8	Elise Lev	6/12	Marlena Scholl
5/9	Susan Brogan	6/22	Betty King
5/11	Enid Schibuk		
5/15	Sally Chletsos		
5/30	Chip Rizzotto		

ANNIVERSARIES**JUNE**

6/6	Linda and John Kost
6/7	Norine and Donald Kerbel
6/13	Freedra and Doug Louthan
6/14	Barry and Cookie Wright
6/18	David and Ellen Englander
6/21	Robert Treibitz and Sonia Baerga

DONATIONS

In memory of Burt Kraft: Marsha Stemerman, Dave and Ellen Englander, Nan Rosenthal

Helene Bachmann for sponsoring the Kiddush on March 1 in celebration for Ellen & Dave Englander recovery from their surgeries.

Ronnie & Randy Boekema for sponsoring the Oneg on March 14 in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Randy Kresley for sponsoring the Kiddush on March 29 in honor of Barbara Burton's 82 birthday.

Marge Buxbaum in memory of her son Joseph Guinta who passed 3/7/2019.

Marge Buxbaum in honor of Marge & Bennett's Anniversary March 14.

Susan Mazlin in memory of her mother, Anne Wollisch.

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

Food Bank Donations: Dr. Marnell La Roe Hayes, Elise Lev

Thank you to our CBS volunteers Barry Wright and Francine Rizzotto.

Responses to our Annual Appeal:

Rabbi Ronald Reuven Silverman, Freeda Louthan, Dave & Ellen Englander, Lt.

Col. Herbert Siegel, Sandra Byrne, Fred & Hellen Jacobs, Helene Bachmann, Elise Raye Lev, Dorothy Strauss, Gary Plotkin, Barry & Cookie Wright, Linda Kost, Chip & Francine Rizzotto, Helene & Marlene Steinberg & Susan Goodman, Enid

Schibuk, Melinda Hock, Marsha Stemerman, Dr Ken & Patricia Stark, Myra Efron, Dr. Marnell La Roe Hayes, Fern Singer, Barry & Diane Erlick, Barbara Burton & Randy Kresley, Marjorie Heyman, Judith Mason, Stephen Berger, Larry Litowich

THANK YOU

Marnell Hayes for leading the Passover Seder.

Francine Rizzotto for planning and coordinating the Seder meal and for taking time from her "Hostess with the Mostest" job to assist with N'tilat Yadayim, the ritual handwashing.

The Seder reader team: Helene Bachman, Dave Englander, Chip Rizzotto, and Marjorie Heyman.

Robin Vizer who provided the lovely table prizes.

TooJay's for preparing and serving the Seder meal.

THANK YOU (continued)

Freeda Louthan, Andrea Kraft, Sandy Byrne, Barbara Burton and Randy Kelsey, Robin Vizer, Helene Bachmann, Chip Rizzotto and Marjorie Heyman for assisting with the Seder. Thanks to all of them, we were able to do the entire Haggadah and get to the Festive Meal at the time the catering crew had been told to serve it!

Helene & Marlene Steinberg and Susan Goodman for hosting the April 6 game day.

Sandy Byrne for bringing her new Keurig machine for us to use during classes/Onegs/Kiddushes.

Barry Wright for planning and facilitating new audio/visual improvements for our social hall.

Dave Englander and Barry Wright for efforts leading to plumbing repairs in men's and ladies' restrooms.

Sandy, Francine, and Freeda for providing refreshments for the March 23 Judaism class.

Marnell and Francine for providing refreshments for the April 20 Judaism class.



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 - Greetings and Blessings to all! In this homey atmosphere of Congregation Beth Sholom, as I get to know everyone a little better each day, so many questions about Judaism are beginning to emerge. And I am very pleased that people feel comfortable enough to ask. Some of the questions are very simple and can be addressed on the spot, but some require a little more attention and actually need classes for a proper understanding. With that in mind, I will be going back to basics for the next set of Classes at the Synagogue. I will be using “Jewish Living” by Rabbi Mark Washofsky for understanding Reform Halacha, “Modern Conservative Judaism” by Rabbi Elliot Dorf for understanding Conservative Judaism Halacha and “To Be a Jew” by Rabbi Chaim Halevy Donin for the Orthodox Halacha. As we continue our Coursework, we will continue with Classes on Life Cycles, Holidays and Prayer Services of Judaism. Our beautiful Synagogue, that Board Members, Volunteers and Congregants give so much effort to maintain, is for all Jews in the area and all people who want to associate with Judaism. My goal is to make sure there is understanding, meaning, structure and joy to the Judaism of all of our members. May God bless you and keep you. May God shine his face upon you and be gracious to you. May God lift up his face to you and grant you peace! Amain. Rabbi Silverman.

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 (replace –at– with @) or call her at 352-750-0721. Please remember to let us know when prayers are no longer needed.

Handcrafted bowls gifted to Linda Kost and Marsha Stemerman



These amazing wooden bowls were handcrafted by one of our congregants. The person wanted to craft a special gift to us in recognition of our service to Beth Sholom.

A letter accompanied the bowls with the following explanation:

The bowl consists of 37 pieces of wood and a base to anchor it.

The bowl symbolizes two lives, one life that was dedicated to benefit the congregation membership and the other on the future life which we are now embarking.

The bowl has some imperfections in its structure which symbolize life's ups and downs as we are all aware that life is not perfect.

The inscription on the bowl reads

"Linda (Marsha) for contributing so much to Temple Beth Sholom"

Both of us are so appreciative of this most thoughtful gesture. We are grateful for the kindness that was shown to us both in the bowl and in the beautiful words that accompanied it. We wanted the members of the congregation to see these extraordinary one-of-a-kind gifts.

Congregation Beth Sholom is and will always be family.

With gratitude and love,

Linda Kost and Marsha Stemerman

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 (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 (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 (replace –at– with @) or 310-490-3365

IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED

The following names will be read on May 9						
Norma Parker	Mother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	16	Iyar	14-May
Leila Frankford	Mother	of	Robin Vizer			15-May
Rita Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	19	Iyar	17-May
Rebecca Stemerman	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	21	Iyar	19-May
Marshall Grabois	Husband	of	Marsha Grabois			21-May
Marjorie LaRoe	Sister	of	Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes			21-May
and	Cousin	of	Sally Rosenberg			
The following names will be read on May 24						
Josephine Rossi	Mother	of	Joan Treibitz			25-May
Barbara Parker	Sister	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	Iyar	26-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
Ruth Hirschfeld	Mother	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Sivan	31-May
Rabbi Avram Hartstein	Father	of	Hank Hartstein	4	Sivan	31-May
Solomon Cramer	Father	of	Pam Singer and Lowell Cramer	8	Sivan	4-Jun
Betty LaRoe	Sister	of	Sally Rosenberg			4-Jun
and	Cousin	of	Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes			
Rebecca Siegel	Grandmother	of	Herb Siegel			6-Jun
Hilda Steinberg	Mother	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg and Susan Goodman			6-Jun
Adolph Schwartz	Father	of	Selma Haimes			9-Jun
The following names will be read on June 13						
Judy Marshall	Member	of	the Congregation			14-Jun
Myron Slater	Cousin	of	Judy Hague	21	Sivan	17-Jun
Harry Milkman	Father	of	Robert Milkman	22	Sivan	18-Jun
Saul Siegel	Father	of	Herb Siegel			20-Jun
Abraham Stemerman	Grandfather	of	Marsha Stemerman	27	Sivan	23-Jun
Milton Parker	Father	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	1	Tammuz	27-Jun
The following names will be read on June 28						
Miriam Berkowitz	Mother	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	2	Tammuz	28-Jun
Robert F. Hock	Father	of	Melinda Hock			28-Jun
Nancy Reingold	Dear Friend	of	Marsha Stemerman	5	Tammuz	1-Jul
Larry Brook	Cousin	of	Judy Hague	6	Tammuz	2-Jul
Leon Stemerman	Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	7	Tammuz	3-Jul
George Brogan	Husband	of	Susan Brogan			3-Jul
Al Schenerman	Father	of	David Schenerman (on wall)	8	Tammuz	4-Jul
Charles Plotkin	Father	of	Gary Plotkin	10	Tammuz	6-Jul
Susan Picciotto	Sister	of	John Scholl			6-Jul
Hermia Isaacs	Mother	of	Judy Snader			7-Jul
Henry Englander	Father	of	David Englander	11	Tammuz	7-Jul

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