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Join us for a very special Shavuot Shabbat Service June 14, 2019 at 7 pm

Our beautiful new Ark, lovingly built by our talented member Martin Sandler, will be officially dedicated during the service.

Dave and Ellen Englander are sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat in celebration of their anniversary.

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We will observe Memorial Day at our Shabbat service on Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 AM.



On Memorial Day we remember the members of the armed forces who died while serving our country.

The Kiddush following the service is sponsored by LTC Herbert Siegel (retired) in commemoration of Memorial Day.



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.

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Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursdays May 16 and June 20 at 1:00 pm in the main conference room Sumter County Administration and Library Building 7375 Powell Rd., Wildwood

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

My first glimpse of our magnificent new Mishkan, the Ark of the Torah -- envisioned, designed, crafted and dedicated to Congregation Beth Sholom by our brilliantly gifted member, Martin Sandler -- literally took my breath away. I felt transported to another time and place.

We had been in the arc of Torah readings describing the creation of the first Mishkan, which housed the tablets of the Ten Commandments (including the broken ones!) in the wilderness.

For that original Ark, G-d appointed by name two Israelites, talented in all aspects of crafting in every medium, to supervise the enormous task that was to engage the attention, efforts and contributions of the entire Jewish people.

Everyone in the community pitched in to give what they possessed, both their material resources and the labor for which G-d had granted them special talent.

I could feel immediately, in the presence of our own new and resplendent Mishkan, a contemporary rebirth of the inspiration and anointing that marked the original! But how could this tremendous achievement be accomplished by one person?

At the service that evening, I learned that Mr. Sandler's two grandchildren, Libby and Sam Rice, graduates of our religious school and B'nei Mitzvah in our synagogue, were instrumental in the design (Libby, an artist, created and drew the concept of the trees on the doors) and execution (Sam, a worker in wood, assisted his grandfather in the construction) of the Ark.

Since their father, Roger Rice, was Administrator of the religious school and their mother, Jennifer Rice, has served on our Board of Directors, together they represent three generations of service to their congregation and community!

At that same service, we celebrated with joy the contributions of a graceful electric candelabra (for our use in the sanctuary during the season when we don't light regular candles), beautifully created and hand carved by Dan Hirschfeld with the blessings in Hebrew, transliteration and translation; and a wonderful *tikkun* (the book from which the Torah reader prepares the chanting) contributed by Irv Pomeranz and his brother Stanley. (Please see p. 11 for a photo of the candelabra and more exciting member contributions.)

And we are experiencing now the resurgence of still more avenues through which to contribute, as we see in the blossoming of our newly reconstituted Sisterhood, which is renewing a strong, essential element of the congregation that provides unique opportunities for friendship, service and leadership.

Just as the first Ark in the wilderness required the generous participation of every member of the Jewish people, I am grateful to be the spiritual leader of this community that recognizes the need for the open-hearted contribution of every one of us. Thank you all for your gifts of love that make our beloved Congregation Beth Sholom a truly worthy spiritual home – with love and blessings – Rabbi Karen Allen—386-676-5157

Message from the President

Since my last article we have celebrated Purim, and have a new Ark, thanks to Martin Sandler. Martin has also built 2 cabinets in the rear of the Sanctuary along with a new small table on the bima. We will hold a formal dedication of the new ark at our Friday service on June 14. I hope that you will be able to attend this very special evening.

Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who is joining us for our annual 2nd night Seder. A special thank you to Burt and Andrea Kraft for handling the reservations and arrangements for the set up of the room, making the charoset, obtaining the matzah, buying and roasting the shank bones, and everything else they do to make the Seder wonderful . This is no small task and is a job WELL DONE. A BIG THANK YOU to Rabbi Allen in leading our Seder. Thank you to the Theissen's for arranging for the use of the facility at Pennbrooke Fairways. A very special thank you to Deanna and her team for the delicious food.

Thank you to Dan Hirschfeld for the beautiful hand carved electric Shabbat candle holder.

Thank you to Dee Marcus for spearheading the startup of the new Sisterhood. Mazel Tov to the new officers: Dee Marcus, Diane Weinbaum, Karen Blumenfeld, Marion Solotoroff, and Sandra Byrne.

Thank you to all our members for the support you show by attending services, Rabbi's Roundtables, Hebrew classes, and Marsha's Exploring Judaism class.

A special really appreciated thank you to Marsha Stemerman. Last Friday Marsha stepped in and led our service when our Rabbi was stopped behind a terrible accident that closed the road for 2 hours.

A special thank you to Martin Sandler, and Bob & Dee Marcus for working with Martin in building the new sign out front. And a thank you to Dee and Bob Marcus for paying for the sign.

Lights in the sign were done by Irv Pomeranz. Thank you to Irv for all the electrical work he does for us.

In future articles, look for names of members that go above and beyond normal or regular assistance to the synagogue or our members.

Looking forward to seeing you at services, our Passover Seder, and the Rabbi's Roundtable.

Questions, feel free to call me at 305-343-532-5327 Cookie Wright, President

Message from the Vice President

It is my pleasure to share the news that this year's Seder is breaking an attendance record with more than 100 people joining us to celebrate, some from as far away as California!

As many of you know, this is the time of the year when we have our Annual Appeal. Our dues do not cover all of our expenses and we depend on the generosity of our members and guests to make contributions all year long to bridge the gap. To those of you who have already responded to the appeal, thank you! To those who haven't made their contribution yet, please consider helping us support the operations of the synagogue.

For those who have attended services recently, you are aware that we now have a police presence outside the shul during Shabbat Services. This is an additional expense that we did not have to incur in the past, but unfortunately these are the times that we now live in.

Our Honey from The Heart fundraiser is now beginning and is a wonderful way to wish friends and family a Happy & Sweet New Year. Details are on page 7.

Looking forward to seeing you at all of our services and special events!

Andrea Kraft, Vice President, 352-513-3517

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There are lots of reasons to send cards:

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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.







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Hebrew class takes place on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM at the synagogue, Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. To register call Marnell at 352-602-4797 Members free—non- members \$5 per class

Our new SISTERHOOD is off and running!



Ladies, we are looking to you for support so we can learn and grow, enabling us to contribute to our Temple, our congregation, and to our community.

The newly elected officers are: President - Dee Marcus Vice-President - Diane Weinbaum Secretary – Karen Blumenfeld Co– Treasurers – Sandra Byrne and Marion Solotoroff.

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings the first Sunday of the month at the synagogue at 2:00pm. Sisterhood year will be from June 1st to May 31st, with dues of \$10.00 per year.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Dee Marcus at 352-750-8086



Leesburg Food Bank

I wanted to give you a current update for the Food Bank. The snow birds are heading home and donations from them will be stopping shortly once they clean out their food pantries before they leave. The snow birds will not be back until

November or December. Unfortunately the people that go to the food bank need assistance during this time. So please do not forget to remember to bring in food whenever you come to Congregation Beth Sholom. Also remember that the Food Bank accepts everything, including clothing, furniture, appliances, and large and small household items. If it is too big to bring to the shul give them a call at 352-326-5463 and they will pick it up.

The Food Bank is open from 8:30 to 12 noon Monday through Thursday and pick ups are Monday through Saturday.

Everything you donate is given to the needy free of charge. Please bring something for the Food Bank each time you come to the synagogue. The one food item that is not needed is green beans. Publix gives the food bank cases of them. One thing that they are generally short of is cans of fruit.

Here is some information that you might find useful based on the generosity of the community to the Leesburg Food Bank for 2018.

421,000 meals were provided to people who came to the Food Bank.

17,000 people were served.

625,000 pounds of food were provided to those served at the Food Bank.

In 2018, Congregation Beth Sholom supported the Food Bank with \$710 in cash donations, 685 pounds of food, and lots of clothing.

The Leesburg Food Bank thanks you for any and all of your efforts to help.

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In addition to the new ark on the cover, there are a lot of new and refurbished items beautifying our shul, thanks to our



talented members.

Dan Hirschfeld designed and built this beautiful electric Shabbat candle holder

Martin Sandler built wonderful cabinets based on a design by Barry Wright





Chip Rizzotto refurbished the Star of David



Martin Sandler and Bob Marcus rebuilt the sign with help from Dee Marcus

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R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery: Robert Treibitz, Helen Jacobs, Freddie Mularsky

Mi Shebeirach

If you know of anyone (members, family, or close friends) who is dealing with a wellness issue, who would appreciate prayers or benefit from contact with the synagogue,

please contact Elly Rothbard at 352-753-9065 ellybard-at-comcast.net (replace –at– with @). She will notify Rabbi Allen, and if desired

will add them to the *Mi Shebeirach* list which is read at services.

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





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Fhank You

To Martin Sandler for the magnificent new ark, the new table on the bima, and the wonderful new cabinets under the yahrtzeit board.

To Dan Hirschfeld for the beautiful electric Shabbat Candle Holder.

To Chip Rizzotto for cleaning up and repainting the Star of David that is now back on top of our door.

To Martin Sandler and Bob & Dee Marcus for rebuilding the sign in front of the building.

To Irv Pomerantz for the electrical work involved with the new ark and the sign.

To Dee Marcus for getting our new Sisterhood started.

To Marsha Stemerman for the many interesting topics she covered in the Exploring Judaism class and for leading our service on Friday, April 12, when Rabbi Allen could not get to services because the highway was closed in both directions for hours following a terrible accident.

To Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for continuing to teach the Hebrew class for the past four years. The first class was on April 27, 2015! Thanks to her dedication, many of her students are now able to read the service in Hebrew, including the blessings over the Torah when they are called to the bima for an Aliyah.

Thank you to Burt and Andrea Kraft for all of the work they have done to make our Passover Seders so very special for the past 5 years!

To Irv Pomeranz and his brother Stanley for donating a *tikkun* to be used for Torah reading preparation,

Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors: Friday, March 8—Priscilla Reisinger and Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes Saturday, March 23—Robin Dowsey Friday, April 12—Yvette and David Litwack Saturday, April 27—Burt and Andrea Kraft



New Member Diane Weiser and Returning Member Hennie Goldensohn

Donations

Princess Flowers Group of the Red Hat Ladies Society in Plantation community in memory of Marc Stern, husband of Phyllis Stern.

Dave & Ellen Englander in observance of the Yahrzeit for their son Gary.

Donation toward our new Ark: Herb Siegel

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The complete list of responses to the Annual Appeal will be published in the next edition.



RESERVE YOUR DATE NOW! 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.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, May 10—Helene Bachmann in honor of the yahrzeit of her mother, Pauline Gripon Saturday, May 25—Herb Siegel in honor of Memorial Day Friday June 14—Dave and Ellen Englander in celebration of their anniversary Saturday, June 29—Herb Siegel in honor of July 4th Dates available beginning in September

To reserve your date, call Anita Sherman at 352-787-9681

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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. All we ask is that you return them after you read them.

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.

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

IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



	The following r	name	es will be read from the Bimah on M	ay 10		
Max Fellner	Great Grandfather	of	Keith Berger	3	lyar	10-May
Mordecai Malc	Father	of	Helen Jacobs	7	lyar	12-May
Louis A. Frank	Father	of	Judy Albin			16-May
Abraham Weinbaum	Grandfather	of	Diane Weinbaum	12	lyar	17-May
Eugene Weinbaum	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum	14	lyar	19-May
Norma Parker	Mother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	16	lyar	21-May
Rita Barnard	Wife	of	Harry Barnard	19	lyar	24-May
	The following r	name	s will be read from the Bimah on M	ay 25		
Josephine Rossi	Mother	of	Joan Treibitz			25-May
Rebecca Stemerman	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	21	lyar	26-May
Ann Dubinsky Michaels	Mother	of	Elly Rothbard	23	lyar	28-May
Pauline Gripon	Mother	of	Helene Bachmann			28-May
Carol Rau	Mother	of	Robyn Dowsey			29-May
James King	Brother	of	Robert King			29-May
Irma R. Katz	Aunt	of	Diane Weinbaum	24	lyar	29-May
Rebecca Weiner	Great Grandmother	of	Keith Berger	26	lyar	2-Jun
Barbara Parker	Sister	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	lyar	4-Jun
Walter Schweitzer	Father	of	Bill Schweitzer	1	Sivan	6-Jun
Sara Weinbaum	Grandmother	of	Diane Weinbaum	3	Sivan	6-Jun
Rebecca Siegel	Grandmother	of	Herb Siegel			6-Jun
Hilda Steinberg	Mother	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg			6-Jun
Ruth Hirschfeld	Mother	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Sivan	7-Jun
Rabbi Avram Hartstein	Father	of	Hank Hartstein	4	Sivan	7-Jun
Adolph Schwartz	Father	of	Selma Haimes			9-Jun
Solomon Cramer	Father	of	Pam Singer and Lowell Cramer	8	Sivan	11-Jun
	The following r	name	will be read from the Bimah on Ju	ne 14		
Charles Snader	Father	of	Marty Snader			14-Jun
Saul Siegel	Father	of	Herb Siegel			20-Jun
-	The following n	ame	s will be read from the Bimah on Ju	ine 29		
Harry Milkman	Father	of	Robert Milkman	22	Sivan	25-Jun
Abraham Stemerman	Grandfather	of	Marsha Stemerman	27	Sivan	30-Jun
Milton Parker	Father	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	1	Tammuz	4-Jul
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	1	Tammuz	4-Jul
Rhoda Rothbard Virvich	Sister	of	Marty Rothbard	2	Tammuz	5-Jul
Miriam Berkowitz	Mother	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	2	Tammuz	5-Jul
Hermia Isaacs	Mother	of	Judy Snader			7-Jul
Rose Litwack	Mother	of	David Litwack	5	Tammuz	8-Jul
Leon Stemerman	Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	7	Tammuz	10-Jul
Jacquiline Kassie	Mother	of	Robyn Kassie			10-Jul
Al Schenerman	Father	of	David Schenerman (on wall)	8	Tammuz	11-Jul
Samuel Litwack	Father	of	David Litwack	8	Tammuz	11-Jul

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