

November / December 2024

Tishrei / Cheshvan / Kislev 5785

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## CELEBRATE WITH US



Thanksgiving Shabbat  
Saturday November 23rd  
10 AM



Chanukah Shabbat  
Saturday, December 28th  
10 AM

### Board of Directors:

President: Andrea Kraft 352-513-3517

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Many of our members attended and enjoyed the Sukkot service and potluck held on Sunday October 20. Thank you to Elise Lev for the wonderful job coordinating the potluck making it a huge success and to everyone who helped by bringing delicious food. Thank you to Francine Rizzotto for her usual great job taking charge of the kitchen, setup and cleanup.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

**8<sup>th</sup>** Shabbat, Veteran's Day, & Kristallnacht Evening Service, 7:00 PM

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Thanksgiving Shabbat Saturday Morning Service 10:00 AM

### DECEMBER

**13<sup>th</sup>** Shabbat Evening Service Friday 7PM

**28<sup>th</sup>** Chanukah 3<sup>rd</sup> Day Shabbat Saturday Morning Service, 10:00 AM

**CELEBRATIONS****BIRTHDAYS****NOVEMBER****DECEMBER**

11/4	Ira Goldberg	12/10	Judy Hague
11/6	Melinda Hock	12/13	Marshall Haimes
11/12	Lynne Bloom	12/13	Sandra Byrne
11/13	Kathy Gipe	12/14	Dorothy Strauss
11/16	George Liberman	12/15	Helene Bachmann
11/22	Geri Seward	12/17	Cookie Wright
11/30	Gloria Blankenship	12/18	Alisa Jacoby
11/30	Marsha Stemerman	12/19	Marge Buxbaum
		12/21	Janice Klein
		12/25	Judy Snader
		12/26	Sidney Cullen
		12/27	Myra Efron

**ANNIVERSARIES**

11/16	Burt and Andrea Kraft
12/26	Marty and Judy Snader

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

As directed by the By-Laws, our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 11 AM. Annual Meetings are important. The purpose is to keep you informed of the accomplishments and future of Congregation Beth Sholom. It is also when you elect officers and directors for their term of office.

The meeting will be held at the synagogue and virtually via Zoom. All members who have made a dues payment are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the election of officers.

At this year's meeting we will be electing the President, Secretary, and 3 directors.

- President - Freeda Louthan
- Secretary - Helene Bachmann is running for re-election.
- Directors Fred Jacobs, Sandra Byrne, and Gloria Blankenship are running for re-election.

Vice President Linda Kost will be resigning effective November 1 when she moves out of the area. President Andrea Kraft has appointed Melinda Hock to take over as Vice President.

**Nominations:** If you would like to run for any of the positions, please let any board member know immediately, by phone or email. The deadline for submission is November 15<sup>th</sup>. **All are invited and welcomed to run.**

Please be sure to make a dues payment as soon as possible, and prior to December 31, 2024. This will keep you as a member in good standing and included in the membership directory. A new updated membership directory will be distributed at the annual meeting.

This is **your** synagogue. Know what is happening. Attend the Annual Meeting!



## MEMBER HONORS

Recognition Service on Saturday, August 24 where we honored 3 of our long-time members: Andrea Kraft, Linda Kost, and Marsha Stemerman.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Larry Litowich, Donald & Norine Kerbel

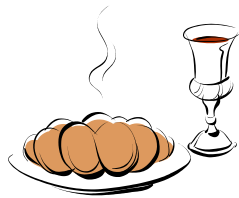
## Mi Shebeirach

Director Gloria Blankenship maintains the 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 @) or call her at 352-750-0721. Please remember to let us know when prayers are no longer needed.

## 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.



## 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 Roz Wenrich at [mishkaborzoi-at-me.com](mailto:mishkaborzoi-at-me.com) (replace –at– with @) or 908-783-0563 to reserve your date.



## 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.



**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.

**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](mailto:dhenglander0618-at-gmail.com) (replace –at– with @) or 352-504-4402.

**DONATIONS**

Dan & Eileen Hirschfeld and Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes for donating the beautiful bimah flowers for the Rosh Hashanah High Holiday services in memory of Priscilla Reisinger.

Marge Buxbaum donation to Friends of the Israel Defense Forces.

Edith & Raphael Freiwirth to life and the synagogue.

Kelley Blatnik (aka Hasson) for the wonderful memories when she lived in Leesburg.

Karen Salvat in honor of the yahrzeit of her mother Jeanette Wagner.

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Michael Fruchter, Robyn Dowsey.

Food Bank Donations: Dr. Marnell La Roe Hayes, Barbara Burton & Randy Kresley, Marjorie Heyman, Edward Fruchter & Rosalee Suskind.

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

Additional Renewal Donations: Suzanne Vilardi, Bette Croll, Fred & Helen Jacobs, Barry & Cookie Wright.

High Holiday Donations: Harvey Borden, Hedy Fisher, Richard & Linda Peltz, Karen Salvat, James & Sheila Hayes, Eileen Glasco.

## THANK YOU TO

### **Our Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors:**

Barbara Burton and Randy Kresley for sponsoring the Oneg for our September 13 service

Roz Wenrich for coordinating the calendar for our Onegs & Kiddushes

### **Rosh Hashanah Service Participants:**

Director Barry Wright and Chip Rizzotto for preparing the synagogue for the High Holidays – changing from our Daily Blue Covers to our Holiday Whites.

Drs. Marnell LaRoe Hayes and Elise Lev for their responsive readings as well as running the Torah Service. Great job ladies in your inaugural service.

Michael Fruchter for learning how to blow the Shofar in time for the Holiday – truly a Herculean task!

### **Yom Kippur Zoom Service Participants:**

Helene Bachmann for chairing our Book of Remembrance Fundraiser.

Linda Kost for running the Zoom service as well as assisting the rabbi.

Drs. Marnell LaRoe Hayes and Elise Lev for their responsive readings as well as running the Torah Service.

Dr. Elise Lev for volunteering to chair the Sukkot pot luck lunch.

Gloria Blankenship for maintaining our Misheberach list.

Sandra Byrne for sending out all the emails to our members regarding services and other events as well as various other tasks (Zoom, etc)

Melinda Hock for maintaining our website and becoming the editor of our temple newsletter, The Shofar.

**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](mailto:helenebachmann@hotmail.com) (replace –at– with @) or 310-490-3365



**IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHREZEITS ARE OBSERVED****The following names will be read on November 8**

Frances Smith	Mother	of	Francine Rizzotto	7	Cheshvan	8-Nov
Judith Fruchter	Mother	of	Michael Fruchter			13-Nov
Blanche Kessler	Founder	of	The Congregation	13	Cheshvan	14-Nov
Morris Somer	Father	of	Barbara Rupert	14	Cheshvan	15-Nov
Ethel K. Sharp	Benefactor	of	The Congregation	15	Cheshvan	16-Nov
Ralph Israel	Grandfather	of	Sandra Byrne			18-Nov
Murray Milkman	Brother	of	Bob Milkman	19	Cheshvan	20-Nov
Neil Stark	Father	of	Ken Stark	19	Cheshvan	20-Nov
Devorah Hartstein	Mother	of	Hank Hartstein	19	Cheshvan	20-Nov
Thelma Muffs	Mother	of	Judy Hartstein	20	Cheshvan	21-Nov
Mimi Fox	Aunt	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	20	Cheshvan	21-Nov

**The following names will be read on November 23**

Vivien Davis	Mother-in-law	of	Ira Goldberg	27	Cheshvan	28-Nov
Joseph Singer	Father	of	Fern Singer	27	Cheshvan	28-Nov
Miriam Cohen	Grandmother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	Cheshvan	29-Nov
Bernice Simon Oruska	Mother	of	Mark Simon			1-Dec
Lillian Schloss	Mother	of	Andrea Kraft			2-Dec
Rebecca Berger	Mother-in-law	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	1	Kislev	2-Dec
Rabbi Sherman Stein	Member	of	The Congregation	1	Kislev	2-Dec
Albert Kerbel	Father	of	Donald Kerbel			3-Dec
Rabbi Jackie Wexler	Rabbi	of	The Congregation	3	Kislev	4-Dec
Ben Levine	Father	of	Michael Levine	3	Kislev	4-Dec
Edythe Teitler	Mother	of	Judy Hague	3	Kislev	4-Dec
Sally Ochs	Mother-in-law	of	George Cooke			4-Dec
Ray Jacobs	Mother	of	Fred Jacobs	5	Kislev	6-Dec
Annette Gay	Member	of	The Congregation	5	Kislev	6-Dec
Ouida Israel	Grandmother	of	Sandra Byrne			8-Dec
Ida Treibitz	Mother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			9-Dec
Theodore Englander	Brother	of	David Englander	8	Kislev	9-Dec
Carol White	Sister-in-law	of	Susan Brogan			10-Dec

**The following names will be read December 13**

Hedwig Freundlich	Grandmother	of	Dan Hirschfeld	14	Kislev	15-Dec
Shirley Singer	Mother	of	Fern Singer	15	Kislev	16-Dec
Emanuel Smith	Father	of	Francine Rizzotto	17	Kislev	18-Dec
Manny Spaiman	Gabbi	of	The Congregation	18	Kislev	19-Dec
Ernest Marx	Uncle	of	Ellen Englander	20	Kislev	21-Dec
Moshe Freiwirth	Husband	of	Edith Freiwirth			19-Dec
Aaron Kingsberg	Father	of	Myra Efron			20-Dec
Ruth Warshaw	Mother	of	Marsha Stemerman	23	Kislev	24-Dec
Selma Sager	Mother	of	Roz Wenrich			21-Dec
Getzel Mularsky	Grandfather	of	Nathan Mularsky			22-Dec
		and	founding rabbi of the congregation			
Elenore Donnerstein	Aunt	of	Herb Siegel			24-Dec
Ruth Warshaw	Mother	of	Marsha Stemerman	23	Kislev	24-Dec
Henry Rowe	Father	of	Marjorie R. Heyman	23	Kislev	24-Dec
Elenore Donnerstein	Aunt	of	Herb Siegel			24-Dec

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Albert Haimes	Father	of	Marshall Haimes			25-Dec
Dave Schenerman	Member	of	The Congregation	26	Kislev	27-Dec
Yvette Somer	Mother	of	Barbara Rupert	26	Kislev	27-Dec
<b>The following names will be read December 28</b>						
Sabrina Hirschfeld	Daughter-in-law	of	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld	28	Kislev	29-Dec
Marie Plitt	Mother	of	Betty Chasin			30-Dec
Sinclair Zeigen	Father	of	Joan Treibitz			31-Dec
Bernadine Weiss	Member	of	The Congregation	30	Kislev	31-Dec
Herman Teitler	Father	of	Judy Hague	4	Tevet	4-Jan
Edward Meyers	Father	of	Martin Meyers	7	Tevet	7-Jan

## Do You Play Mah Jongg?

Please ask your friends to order their cards through us. The Synagogue receives a donation based on the number of cards we order. Every card makes a difference! Prices are the same as last year \$15 for the large card and \$14 for the standard (smaller) card.

### Order your 2025 Mah Jongg Cards

Part of the proceeds benefit the Leesburg Food Bank.

Orders should be received by January 25, 2025

Have you ordered from Congregation Beth Sholom before: YES NO

If no, have you received cards by mail from the Mah Jongg League in the past: YES NO

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Standard (small) Cards @\$14 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Large Print Cards @\$15 \_\_\_\_\_

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