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5780 HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

S'LICHOT Saturday, Sept 21	Havdalah and S'lichot Service	7:00 PM	
ROSH HASHANAH Sunday, Sept 29	Evening Service	7:00 PM	
Monday, Sept 30	Morning Service Followed by Tashlich	10:00 AM	
Tuesday, Oct 1	Second Day Morning Service	10:00 AM	
YOM KIPPUR Tuesday, Oct 8	Kol Nidre	7:00 PM	
Wednesday, Oct 9	Morning Service Followed by Yizkor (approx. Afternoon Service and Ne'ilah	10:00 AM) 12 Noon 5:15 PM	
SUKKOT Sunday, Oct 20	Pot Luck Meal Service	1:00 PM 2:00 PM	



Suggested donation for guests is \$125 per person

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September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sisterhood Meeting 2:00 pm	9	10 Board Meeting 4:00 pm	11	12	7:02 13 Shabbat Service & Oneg 7:00 pm 6:50	14
15	16	17	18	19 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00 pm	20 6:39	21 S'lichot 7:00 pm See page 10
22	23	24	25	26	27 6:27	28
29	30					
Rosh Ha: Evening Service 7:00 pm	shanah Morning Service 10:00 am					

The Board of Directors wishes all of our members and friends a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year

Our dear member, Harry Barnard, passed away on July 27th.

We will celebrate his life during our service on September 13.

Thanks to Burt and Andrea Kraft for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat in his memory.

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:00 am	2	3	4 6:15	5
6	7	8 Yom Kip Kol Nidre Service 7:00 pm	9 Morning Service & Yizkor 10:00 am Afternoon & Concluding 5:15 pm	10	11 6:04	12
13	14	15 Sisterhood Meeting 1:00 pm at Dee's home Board Meeting 4:00 pm	16	17 Rabbi's Roundtable 1:00 pm	18 5:53	19
20 Sukkot Pot Luck 1:00 pm Service 2:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25 5:43	26 Shabbat Service & Kiddush 10:00 am
27	28	29	30	31		

We are going to have tickets for our High Holiday services this year. The tickets will be distributed to members once a dues payment for the new year is received.

Guests are asked to mail in a <u>Visitor form</u> with a donation in advance.

Tickets will be distributed at our Friday evening service on September 13th. For those not at that service, tickets will be mailed out to members and pre-paid guests if time permits.

There will be someone checking for tickets at the door. Those people with tickets will proceed to their seats.

There will be tables in the rear of the Sanctuary where tickets can be picked up (similar to a Will Call window at a theater).

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call President Andrea Kraft at (352) 513-3517 or email her at <u>Andrea.Kraft1298@gmail.com</u>

Rabbi's Message

I can honestly say that I was never affected by the question of the success of an undertaking. If I felt it was the right thing to do, I was for it regardless of the possible outcome. – Golda Meir

Each of us possesses a calling, a divine intention or *beshert:* a unique, irreplaceable potential attainment, custom designed especially for our own lives. Looking back at her life, Israel's Prime Minister, Golda Meir, saw that her calling had always been to do the right thing.

What is our calling, and how can we recognize it?

The *Mishneh Torah,* the 14-volume compendium of Jewish observance and law undertaken by Maimonides in the medieval era, describes the sounding of the *shofar* at Rosh Hashanah as a wake-up call to repent and improve ourselves:

It is as if [the shofar's call] is saying: Wake up you sleepy ones from your sleep, and you who slumber, arise. Inspect your deeds, repent, remember your Creator.... Look to your souls. Improve your ways and your deeds....

In elucidating the Torah and oral traditions of Judaism, Maimonides teaches that each person should always look at him or herself, and should see the world, as delicately balanced between good and bad. Even one good act by us can tip the scale of the world to goodness, while a single bad act can tip the world toward evil.

This awareness that our actions may influence the outcome of the entire world infuses an urgency into the custom of giving extensively to charity, and of increasing both our prayers and performance of *mitzvot*, as we prepare ourselves for both our personal judgment, and that of all the world, during the upcoming holidays.

At our *S'lichot* service (September 21st, this year also Elul 21), we begin the blowing of the *shofar* that will continue throughout the High Holidays, in accordance with Ashkenazic tradition. Sephardic custom introduces the *s'lichot* prayers – petitions for forgiveness -- and the blowing of the *shofar*, on the first day of Elul, a month whose name is a reverse acrostic for *Ani I'dodi v'dodi li*, I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine: an intimation of the closeness of G-d and the Jewish people during this season.

Whether we hear the *shofar* daily in Elul, or for the first time on Rosh Hashanah, I pray that each one of us will experience its profound wake-up call not only to repentance, but for an even deeper insight into the very personal calling given to us alone: a whisper of our one-of-a-kind way to shift the balance of this world to goodness.

May we each, like Golda Meir, find within ourselves the courage to answer our own highest call to do what is right, within the circumstances and abilities that define our destiny.

I am endlessly grateful for the call to be your rabbi, and wish every one of you, your family and loved ones, a *shanah tovah u'm'tukah* – a good and sweet New Year – and *k'tivah v'chatimah tovah* – may you be inscribed and sealed for good, in the year to come and beyond – with love and blessings – Rabbi Karen Allen—386-676-5157

Message from the President

This is the time of the year that I find myself thanking G-D that I am a Jew. We just finished enjoying our Kabbalat Shabbat Service which signals the High Holidays are approaching. Once again, a heartfelt thank you to Rabbi Karen Allen and her musical partner Mr. Zoriy Zinger for creating yet another wonderful musical evening. I know that everyone in attendance enjoyed the service immensely.

Our *S'lichot* Service allows us to come together to transform our sanctuary from our everyday blue torah and bimah covers to our High Holiday white covers. That change of color also heightens the spiritual feeling in the building. Our synagogue has a long and wonderful history. For more than 65 years services have been held in our building, which we own. Therefore, there is no building fund.

We have a very special spiritual leader in Rabbi Karen Allen. Not only does she have a magnificent voice, but she has a caring heart, and is always available to any person who needs her assistance. Rabbi Allen not only leads our High Holiday and Shabbat Services, she also conducts a monthly Roundtable Discussion Group, and inspires us with her articles in the Shofar.

As a congregation we celebrate Sukkot, Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Purim and Passover, often sharing a meal or snack together as we enjoy the customs of each holiday.

We socialize together. After every Shabbat service we enjoy an Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush in the Social Hall. Our members sponsor our Onegs & Kiddushes to celebrate our simchas or in memory of our loved ones. Once the food has been eaten, we mingle to continue catching up with our friends.

We are *"The Synagogue that Feels like Family."* We know each other. We care about one another. We love spending time together at our wonderful shul.

To prepare for the holidays, and noting the circumstances we find in today's world, we will be distributing tickets to members and are requesting that visitors send in a guest form with their suggested donation for tickets. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone can try to get to services on time so that we can accommodate everyone.

If you are visiting us for the holidays, I hope you will consider becoming a member. We have so much to offer. If you are already a member, I hope that you will invite your friends to worship with us for the High Holidays so they can experience the warmth of Congregation Beth Sholom.

I look forward to seeing you at High Holiday services.

L'Shana Tovah,

Andrea

Andrea Kraft, President, 352-513-3517 Andrea.Kraft1298@gmail.com

Have a life insurance policy that you no longer need?

Remember that \$10,000 life insurance policy you bought 40 or 50 years ago? Remember why you bought it? You wanted to protect your family in case something happened to you – you wanted to make sure that your spouse would have some income, that the kids could go to college, that your family wasn't going to lose the house. Well, you're older now, the reasons why you bought that policy are no longer there and \$10,000 just doesn't go as far as it used to.

So, what to do with that old life policy? You can transfer the ownership to Congregation Beth Sholom and help ensure that we continue to serve our growing congregation and community. Not only does the congregation benefit but there are tax benefits for you.

Transferring your life insurance to Congregation Beth Sholom, a recognized IRS charity, gives you these benefits -

- You can deduct 100% of the cash value of your policy as a charitable gift on your income tax return.
- Annual premium payments, if any, are made by sending a check for the premium to the Congregation; these payments are also tax deductible as a charity gift. The Congregation, in turn, sends its own check to the life insurance company.
- Transferring your policy is easy and there are no fees. Simply fill out a transfer form supplied by your life insurance company.
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SISTERHOOD NEWS

A big thanks goes to Sandra Byrne, Priscilla Reisinger, Eileen Hirschfeld, Kathy Gipe, Henrietta Lubin, and Dee Marcus for providing the snacks and drinks for the July and August meetings.

Karen Blumenfeld who has been our secretary will be moving and has resigned her position. She did a wonderful job, and we will all miss her. Beverly Meyers has stepped up to take over the position.

The ice cream social was fun for all that attended. Dan Hirschfeld won the 50/50 drawing, which he generously gave back to the sisterhood so they could use the money to buy trees in Israel in memory of Harry Barnard. Yvette Litwack took care of ordering the trees, and sending the certificate to Harry's daughter. Three trees were purchased. Our sponsors for the ice cream social were: Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld, Marion Solotoroff, Phylis Berger, Henrietta Lubin, Priscilla Reisinger, Judy Aeds, Jim Mahoney, Kathy Gipe, Yvette Litwack, and Bob and Dee Marcus. We would like to thank these people and all the people that worked to make this a successful event.

A special thanks to Herb Siegel for presenting July's program and to Marsha Stemerman for the very informative program in August. We are very happy to announce that several men have attended the programs after the business meeting. September's meeting will be on the 8th as the first Sunday is Labor Day weekend. The program will be Jewish Treasures. We will be sharing stories, and memories of special times or items that have made an everlasting impression on us. There will be no sisterhood business meeting in October as the sisterhood will be coordinating the October 20th pot luck lunch before the Sukkot service. Dorothy Strauss who did a great job selling the 50/50 tickets at the ice cream social will be chairing the pot luck lunch. Please call her at 352-430-0449 to let her know what you will be bringing. On October the 15th there will be a special brain storming meeting to come up with new program ideas. The meeting will be at 1PM at Dee Marcus' house, 40050 French Road, Lady Lake, call Dee for more information.

Pam Milkman is chairing the Good and Welfare group. This group is open to all members of the congregation. If you are interested in being part of this committee please call Pam at 352-787-1999. Those wishing to help with this committee will attend local funerals, help with a local Shiva, stay in touch with members who are ill either in the hospital or at home, picking up groceries or prescriptions.

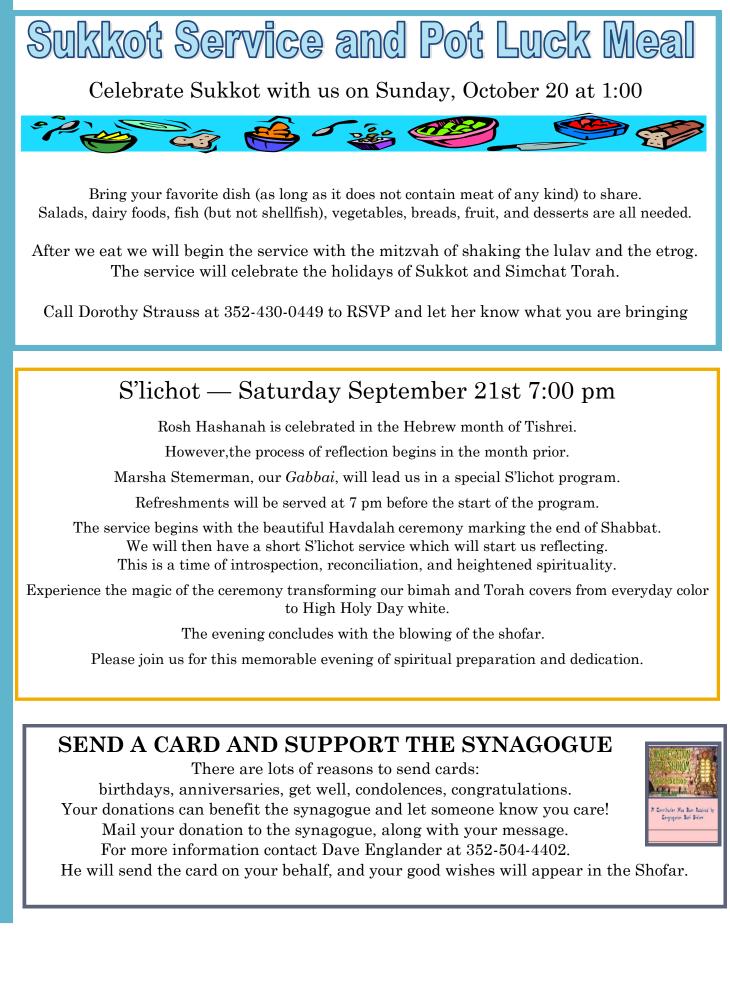
If you have not yet become a member of sisterhood please consider sending your \$10.00 membership to Marion Solotoroff at 3532 Obrien Place, The Villages, Fl 32163.

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



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.





High Holiday Honors

In order to allow more people the opportunity for an honor, we are going to institute a new method of giving out aliyot.

Instead of the traditional one person aliyah, we are going to call up groups of people in specific honoree categories during the high holiday service. Anyone who so wishes and is in one of the designated honor categories may come up. If you are in more than one category for the day, please choose just one in order to give everyone the option of an aliyah.

We hope by using this new procedure, we will give more people the opportunity to come up to the bimah to receive an aliyah.

The honor categories will be forthcoming before Rosh Hashanah to allow you to decide if and when you may want to come up for an aliyah.

Thank you and shana tova,

Marsha Stemerman - Gabbai



Leesburg Food Bank

Thank you to everyone for bringing donations for the food bank when you come to shul. They are so grateful for your support. Please remember that they accept clothing, and household items in addition to non perishable food.

Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursdays at 1:00 pm: Sept 19 in the main conference room and

Oct 17 in the library conference room

Sumter County Visitor Center 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.



Birthdays

9/4 Bill Schweitzer9/6 Robyn Kassie9/7 Ellen Englander9/7 Colleen Lane

9/14 Joan Russell

CELEBRATIONS

September

- 9/15 Sheldon Treibitz9/18 Elizabeth Morrison9/19 Marissa Mularsky
- 9/21 Selma Haimes
- 9/24 Phyllis Lax

October



Anniversaries

9/7 Rick and Bobbi Feiertag

9/17 Martin and Beverly Meyers

- 10/2 Lowell Cramer
 10/3 Marjorie R. Heyman
 10/6 Eileen Levin
 10/6 Alice Schweitzer
 10/7 Judy Hartstein
 10/14 Phyllis Simon
 10/16 Barry Wright
- 10/18 Adam Berger 10/21 Robert Treibitz 10/21 Phyllis Stern 10/22 Linda Friedman 10/24 Keith Berger 10/24 Herb Siegel 10/27 Ronnie-Jane Boekema 10/30 Hennie Goldensohn

10/1 Chip and Francine Rizzotto10/19 Helene and Jeffrey Bachmann10/27 Marty and Ellly Rothbard10/29 John and Rosalie Scholl

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to anyone who has been ill or has had surgery recently.

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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Thank You

Mr. Zoriy Zinger and Rabbi Karen Allen for the beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat Service Priscilla Reisinger – for once again providing the flowers in the sanctuary for the High Holidays Dan & Eileen Hirschfeld for hosting congregants after Harry Barnard's funeral Fred Jacobs for arranging for a bugler to play taps at the cemetery for Harry Barnard's burial Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors: Friday July 12—Enid Schibuk in celebration of her 60 year friendship with Helene Bachmann Saturday July 27—Diane Weinbaum in honor of the birth of her grand niece Stevie LeAnne Jones Spellman to her niece Julie Anne Jones and Zach Spellman Friday August 9—Henrietta Lubin in memory of her father, William L. Kleinfeldt

Saturday August 24—Marion and Ben Solotoroff in memory of their daughter, Alissa Ignatz



Myra Efron, Betty King, Bob Roth & Maureen Barrett

Donations

The Dougherty family in memory of Harry Barnard, along with this note: "To all, We so value the kindness and love that you showed my father all these years. It added much joy to his life. I know many of you also knew my sweet mom, who passed in 2014. Thank you also for all of the warmth that you gave to Kevin and me at the synagogue and at the funeral. May G-d bless you all, Harry's daughter—Doreen."

Additional Dues Donations: Dorothy Strauss, Ernie Muller, Fern Singer, Linda Kost, Helene & Marlene Steinberg, Herb Siegel & Sandra Byrne, Marsha Stemerman, Michael & Sheila Saks, Barry & Cookie Wright, Bette Croll, Linda & Elaine Friedman

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison



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 September 13—Burt and Andrea Kraft in celebration of Harry Barnard's life

Saturday October 26—Sandra Byrne in celebration of Herb Siegel's birthday

Friday November 8-Burt and Andrea Kraft in celebration of their anniversary

Saturday November 23—Available

Friday December 13—Available

Saturday December 28—Irv Pomeranz in celebration of his birthday

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

LENDING LIBRARY ON OUR BOOK SHELF!

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.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Rochelle Goldberg, wife of Ira Goldberg, on August 20.

May her memory be a blessing.

Please keep Ira and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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.

FredJacobs40-at-gmail.com (replace –at– with @) or 352-633-0500

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

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It is with great sadness that we report the loss of two of our members. Mike Davidoff passed away on July 19 and Harry Barnard passed away on July 27.

The fe	ollowing names	will be r	read from the Bimah on	Septe	mber 13	
Joseph Dubinsky	Father	of	Elly Rothbard	14	Elul	14-Sep
Burton D. Weinbaum	Father	of	Diane Weinbaum	15	Elul	15-Sep
Bessie Resnick Haimes	Mother	of	Marshall Haimes			15-Sep
Martha Idewicz	Mother	of	Priscilla Reisinger		Elul	16-Sep
Morris Zalla	Father-in-law	of	Lene Zalla			17-Sep
Sarah Block	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	19	Elul	19-Sep
Milton Pomeranz	Brother	of	Irving Pomeranz	19	Elul	19-Sep
Alissa Ignatz	Daughter	of	Marion Solotoroff	23	Elul	23-Sep
Mary Jaffe	Mother	of	Phyllis Stern			24-Sep
Stanley Levin	Member	of	The Congregation	25	Elul	25-Sep
	llowing names w	/ill be re	ad from the Bimah on F	Rosh H	lashanah	•
Ruth Myra King	Mother	of	Robert King			27-Sep
Mollie Scholl	Mother	of	John Scholl			30-Sep
Lois F. Levy	Aunt	of	Diane Weinbaum	1	Tishrei	30-Sep
Jeanette Wagner	Mother	of	Karen Salvat	3	Tishrei	2-Oct
Dorothy Kaplan	Mother	of	Anita Sherman	4	Tishrei	3-Oct
Bernard Epstein	Father	of	Dale Epstein and Arlene	Richm	nan	3-Oct
Julie Maslansky	Daughter	of	Lynne Bloom			5-Oct
		will be	read from the Bimah or) Yom	Kippur	-
Bessie Libovitz	Sister	of	David Litwack	10	Tishrei	9-Oct
Irwin Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			9-Oct
Ben Donnerstein	Uncle	of	Herb Siegel			12-Oct
Eileen Zalla	Sister-in-law	of	Lene Zalla			12-Oct
Hazel Weber	Mother-in-law	of	Toby Weber			12-Oct
Alvin Wagner	Father	of	Nettie Goeler	13	Tishrei	12-Oct
Sarah Fellner	Mother	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	14	Tishrei	13-Oct
Hannah Janosi	Mother	of	Cookie Wright	15	Tishrei	14-Oct
George Altshul	Father-in-law	of	Stephen Berger			15-Oct
Aaron Herman	Father	of	Eileen Hirschfeld	17	Tishrei	16-Oct
Liz Shen	Member	of	The Congregation	17	Tishrei	16-Oct
	names will be rea	ad from	the Bimah at our Sukko	t serv		ber 20
Louis Pomeranz	Father	of	Irving Pomeranz	22	Tishrei	21-Oct
Doug Chetwin	Partner	of	Judy Marshall		-	22-Oct
			read from the Bimah o	n Octo	ober 26	
Sol Fox	Uncle	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	28	Tishrei	27-Oct
Toby Schenerman	Member	of	The Congregation	29	Tishrei	28-Oct
Irving Drexler	Father	of	Mike Drexler		-	29-Oct
Harold W. Wallbank	Father	of	Clint Wallbank			31-Oct
Stephen Finkelstein	Brother	of	Phyllis Simon			1-Nov
Harry Hudes	Father	of	Linda Rovetto			1-Nov
Sid Sager	Father	of	Roz Wenrich			3-Nov
and	Grandfather	of	Matthew Cullen			
Sid Friedman	Father	of	Linda Friedman	5	Cheshvan	3-Nov
Frances Smith	Mother	of	Francine Rizzotto	7	Cheshvan	5-Nov
Amy Cullen	Daughter	of	Roz Wenrich	'	Children	5-Nov
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