



September / October 2022

Elul 5782 / Tishrei / Cheshvan 5783

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5783 High Holiday Schedule

All services will be held in person and virtually on Zoom

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 25	Evening Service	7:00 PM
Monday, September 26	Morning Service Followed by Tashlich	10:00 AM
Tuesday, September 27	Second Day Morning Service	10:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 4	Kol Nidre	7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 5	Morning Service Followed by Yizkor Afternoon Service and Neilah	10:00 AM (approx.) 12 Noon 5:15 PM

The suggested donation for guests is \$150

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  7:29	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting 4 pm	7	8	9 Shabbat Service 7 pm  7:21	10
11	12	13	14	15 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm	16  7:13	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  7:04	24
25 Evening Service 7 pm	26 Morning Service 10 am	27 Morning Service 10 am	28	29	30  6:56	



Rabbi Allen and
The Board of Directors wish
all of our members and friends a
Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year
L'Shanah Tovah

October 2022 Tishrei / Cheshvan 5783

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service 7 pm	5 Morning & Yizkor 10 am Concluding Services 5:15 pm	6	7  6:48	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Sukkot & Simchat Torah Shabbat Service 7 pm  6:40	15
16	17	18	19	20 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm	21  6:33	22
23	24	25	26	27	28  6:27	29 Shabbat Service 10 am
30	31					

Rabbi's Roundtable

Virtually on Zoom, Thursdays September 15 and October 20 at 1 pm

The main focus of the roundtable is to provide a unique opportunity to talk with Rabbi Allen as she leads an informal and interactive discussion focusing on various subjects throughout the session.

In addition to topics brought forward by the attendees, Rabbi Allen may explore the current arc of Torah portions along with Jewish spiritual traditions and how they affect our personal experiences and aspirations.

Rabbi's Message

Back to Shul – with love and gratitude!

When I get to the prayer of thanksgiving, and . . . I start to think of what I am thankful for . . . I cannot stop. The list just does not end. – Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan, the Chofetz Chayim

Many of us will return to our synagogue for the first time after a long absence during this year's High Holiday services. To all who will attend, in person or online, as members, friends and guests, we welcome you as family, back to your spiritual home!

In previous years, we have spoken of entering this holiday season with a basket – either a basket filled completely with the experiences of the past year, and therefore unable to receive the gifts G-d has in store for us, or an empty basket, ready to be filled with the new blessings of a year about to be born.

As we greet 5783, let's envision that we have a choice of two doors, very different from one another, through which we can choose to enter the new year. One doorway, small and worn from its use by countless human souls, permits our entrance only crouching and hunched over from the weight of a year burdened by our own sins and misfortunes.

Into the other doorway, shining with the light of the room into which it beckons us, we can enter upright, with heads held high, our spirit glowing with gratitude for the gifts with which we have already been richly blessed by the G-d Who created us.

Like our choice of an empty basket, the decision to enter the door of gratitude seems at first an easy one. Yet, after a year during which we have all suffered in some way, in which what we have lacked may seem to overshadow what we possess, when those missing from our sanctuary seem more numerous than the loved ones in our comforting presence, we could understandably choose to enter that darker, smaller door, with a feeling that we ourselves have become less. Happiness can be a difficult choice.

Whether or not we possess at this time an actual belief in the existence of a Creator G-d filled with lovingkindness, we do know with certainty that we did not create ourselves! And we have so much for which to be thankful in receiving, from whatever known or unknown source, the gift of another moment, another day of life.

We live in a world containing a Jewish state which is not only a dominant force in the region but is surrounded by neighbors ready, for the first time, to offer the hand of peace to Israel. Our own country is filled with potential friends to whom we may extend unconditional love earned simply by their sharing with us the gift of existence.

Let us choose to enter this holiday season together, through the door of gratitude and of love, saying, Blessed are You, haShem, shehecheyanu . . . la-z'man hazeh – "Thank you, G-d, for the endless and countless gifts we are given, the gift of being here today."

With love and blessings to each of you and your loved ones, for a shanah tovah u-m'tukah, a sweet, healthy and safe year – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773.

Message from the President

I would like to wish you a Happy & Healthy New Year. I can't believe that we will soon welcome 5783, the year has certainly flown by. Our observance will include a hybrid option for our members and guests (in person for those who are comfortable to worship in the sanctuary and enhanced zoom for those who will be joining us virtually).

Our video and audio were upgraded to improve the zoom experience. The new system allows for a better view of the bimah including the Ark. Hopefully we will work out any kinks, to make it a more pleasant experience for all. As with all projects at the synagogue, it takes a team of volunteers to make it happen. Thank you, Fred Jacobs along with Barry Wright for working to complete the project to improve Zoom.

This past Friday was our first Kabbalat Shabbat service in 3 years. We were entertained for approximately 30 minutes by Violinist Virtuoso Zoriy Zinger, performing a selection of music that was enjoyed by all. Once the service began, Rabbi Allen sang and played the keyboard while being accompanied by Mr. Zinger to create a very special musical evening.

The Board of Directors continue to make plans for our first in person High Holiday observance since the pandemic began. For those who cannot attend in person we will also have our virtual option. We will continue to finalize the specifics to make the services as meaningful as possible while observing Covid protocols that are appropriate. As always, we need to make sure that your health and safety continue to be our priority.

Our Congregation has a long and wonderful history. For more than 65 years services have been held in our building, which we own. As such, 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 a compassionate heart. She is always available to any person who needs her assistance. In addition to leading our High Holiday and Shabbat Services, she also conducts a monthly Roundtable discussion group (via Zoom), and provides her inspirational letters in our Shofar.

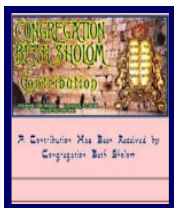
If you are visiting us for the holidays, I hope that you will consider becoming a member. We have so much to offer. If you are already a member, I hope that you will invite your friends and family to worship with us for the High Holidays so that they can feel the warmth that makes Congregation Beth Sholom "***The Synagogue That Feels Like Family***".

I look forward to seeing you at High Holiday Services.

L'Shana Tovah

Andrea

Andrea Kraft, President, 352-513-3517



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birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, congratulations.

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CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays				Anniversaries	
	September		October		September
9/4	Bill Schweitzer	10/2	Lowell Cramer	9/2	David and Betty Chasin
9/7	Ellen Englander	10/3	Marjorie R. Heyman	9/10	George and Arline Cooke
9/15	Sheldon Treibitz	10/6	Eileen Levin	9/17	Martin and Beverly Meyers
9/18	Elizabeth Morrison	10/6	Alice Schweitzer	9/18	Frank and Karen Cyzick
9/19	Marissa Mularsky	10/7	Judy Hartstein	9/27	Sally and Frank Chletsos
9/21	Selma Haimes	10/14	Phyllis Simon		October
9/21	Lou Glaser	10/16	Barry Wright	10/1	Chip and Francine Rizzotto
9/24	Phyllis Lax	10/21	Robert Treibitz	10/19	Helene and Jeffrey Bachmann
		10/22	Linda Friedman	10/29	John and Rosalie Scholl
		10/24	Herb Siegel		

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:

Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Roz Wenrich

Mi Shebeirach

Our Secretary, Fred Jacobs, 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 Fred at secretary.bethsholom@gmail.com so they are received by the Wednesday before the next service.

Please remember to let him 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.

Congregation Beth Sholom Social Club

It's no surprise that the Social Club Meeting on July 31st was a huge success. Our member, LTC Herb Siegel (Ret.) gave a wonderful presentation about Jewish Genealogy that included Jewish Cemeteries, history, symbols, customs, and famous people. Refreshments were served.

Thanks to everyone who attended the July meeting, Ben & Marion Solotoroff and Susan Glaser for setting up, and especially to Herb for all of the great information.

The next Social Club meeting will take place after the holidays. More information to follow. Shanah Tovah.

Open to all members of the congregation
For more information contact Ben Solotoroff
Bensolo711@gmail.com 352-775-8740

Thank You

Fred & Helen Jacobs for donating upgrades to the Zoom system that improve audio and video. This upgrade provides a much clearer and better view of the bimah

Rabbi Allen and Zoriy Zinger for the wonderful inspirational Kabbalat Service

Frank & Karen Czyick for their generous donation of Jewish themed hand crafted items for our gift shop

Roz Weinrich for the beautiful Backward clock from Prague

Dr Marnell LaRoe Hayes for stepping up to lead services at the beginning of the Kabbalat Shabbat

Barry Wright and Fred Jacobs for their work on the new Zoom system

Herb Siegel for his wonderful Jewish Genealogy presentation at the Social Club Meeting

Dave Englander for his creative announcements in Andrea's absence

Welcome New Member Susan Goodman

Donations

In memory of George Brogan:

Dave & Ellen Englander, Marsha Stemerman, Bette Croll, Dorothy Strauss.

In memory of Anita Sherman:

Dave & Ellen Englander, Marsha Stemerman, Elaine Dawson, Bette Croll, Dorothy Strauss, Wendy & Jay Wortzman, Chip & Francine Rizzotto

Karen Cyzick: Yahrzeits for Mary Margaret Robinson mother of Frank Cyzick

Jacqueline Piepenbrink - mother of Karen Cyzick

and Eugene Steve Cyzick - father of Frank Cyzick.

Bette Croll in memory Susan Cooper.

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Michael & Angeline Fruchter

Additional Membership Renewal Donations: Helene & Marlene Steinberg, Fern Singer, Barbara Rupert, David Chasin, Lt. Col Herbert Siegel, Dorothy Strauss, Linda Friedman, Linda Kost, Dr. Marnell La Roe Hayes, Stephen Berger, Fred & Helen Jacobs, Marsha Stemerman, Michael & Tamara Koren, Lynne Bloom, Barry & Cookie Wright

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To arrange pickup of large items, call them at 352-326-5463.



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The Mah Jongg league makes a donation to the synagogue based on how many cards we order.

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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 at Secretary.BethSholom@gmail.com 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@gmail.com or 352-315-0309



IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Anita Sherman on July 15.
May her memory endure as a blessing.

The following names will be read on September 9

Joseph Dubinsky	Father-in-law	of	Marty Rothbard	14	Elul	10-Sep
Hyman Scholl	Father	of	John Scholl			12-Sep
Bessie Resnick Haimes	Mother	of	Marshall Haimes			15-Sep
Sarah Block	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	19	Elul	15-Sep
Cindy Spiro	Cousin	of	Linda Kost	19	Elul	15-Sep
Alissa Ignatz	Daughter	of	Marion Solotoroff	23	Elul	19-Sep
Stanley Levin	Member	of	The Congregation	25	Elul	21-Sep

The following names will be read on Rosh Hashanah

Dave Glaser	Father	of	Lou Glaser	1	Tishrei	26-Sep
Ruth Myra King	Mother	of	Robert King			27-Sep
Jeanette Wagner	Mother	of	Karen Salvat	3	Tishrei	28-Sep
Mollie Scholl	Mother	of	John Scholl			30-Sep
Lois F. Levy	Aunt	of	Diane Weinbaum			2-Oct

The following names will be read on Yom Kippur

Bessie Libovitz	Sister	of	David Litwack	10	Tishrei	5-Oct
Julie Maslansky	Daughter	of	Lynne Bloom			5-Oct
Jessie Robins	Mother	of	Ronald Robins	12	Tishrei	7-Oct
Alvin Wagner	Father	of	Nettie Goeler	13	Tishrei	8-Oct
Sarah Fellner	Mother	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	14	Tishrei	9-Oct
Irwin Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			9-Oct
Hannah Janosi	Mother	of	Cookie Wright	15	Tishrei	10-Oct
Aaron Herman	Father	of	Eileen Hirschfeld	17	Tishrei	12-Oct
Liz Shen	Member	of	The Congregation	17	Tishrei	12-Oct
Ben Donnerstein	Uncle	of	Herb Siegel			12-Oct

The following names will be read on October 14

George Altshul	Father-in-law	of	Stephen Berger			15-Oct
Martin Weistrop	Father	of	Alisa Jacoby	24	Tishrei	19-Oct
Doug Chetwin	Beloved Partner	of	Judy Marshall			22-Oct
Russell Eugene Cyzick	Brother	of	Frank Cyzick			23-Oct
Tobey LaRoe	Cousin	of	Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes			23-Oct
Sol Fox	Uncle	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	28	Tishrei	23-Oct
Toby Schenerman	Member	of	The Congregation	29	Tishrei	24-Oct

The following names will be read on October 29

Irving Drexler	Father	of	Mike Drexler			29-Oct
Sid Friedman	Father	of	Linda Friedman	5	Cheshvan	30-Oct
Harold W. Wallbank	Father	of	Clint Wallbank			31-Oct
Frances Smith	Mother	of	Francine Rizzotto	7	Cheshvan	1-Nov
Stephen Finkelstein	Brother	of	Phyllis Simon			1-Nov
Sid Sager	Father	of	Roz Wenrich			3-Nov
	and	Grandfather	of	Matthew Cullen		
Amy Cullen		Daughter	of	Roz Wenrich		5-Nov
	and	Sister	of	Matthew Cullen		
Blanche Kessler	Founder	of	The Congregation	13	Cheshvan	7-Nov
Morris Somer	Father	of	Barbara Rupert	14	Cheshvan	8-Nov
Ethel K. Sharp	Benefactor	of	The Congregation	15	Cheshvan	9-Nov

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