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Unfortunately, our plans to hold in person services for the High Holidays were shattered by the huge spike in Covid-19 cases. We felt there was no choice but to cancel those arrangements.

All services will continue virtually on Zoom until further notice.

In the meantime, we are working hard to make our building a healthier and safer environment. Many renovations and enhancements are taking place now so that we will be able to reopen the building as soon as the pandemic allows. They include installing UV light purification system and fans installed to direct the air to the intake vents. Carpets and chairs were cleaned. The water fountain was removed. Sanitizer stations were installed, along with paper towel dispensers.

In addition, we will install WIFI so that we will be able to stream services when they resume and the inside of the building will be cleaned and sanitized before we reopen.

We are disappointed that we are not able to conduct in person services for the High Holidays, but the health of our members and guests is of utmost importance. We look forward to the time when we can reopen our building and resume all of our activities.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	7:26	4
5	6 Evening Service 7 pm	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10 am	8 Morning Service 10 am	9	7:18	11
12	13	14	Yom Ki Kol Nidre Service 7 pm	Morning Service & Yizkor 10 am Afternoon Service and Ne'ilah 5:15	7:09	18
19	20	21	22	23	7:01	25 Sukkot Shabbat Service 10 am
26	27	28	29	30		

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October 2021 Tishrei / Cheshvan 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					6:53	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Shabbat Service 7 pm	9
10	11	12	13	14 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm Page 14	6:37	16
17	18	19	20	21	6:30	23 Shabbat Service 10 am
24	25	26	27	28	6:24	30
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To our treasurer, Dave Englander, for coordinating the improvements made to our shul. Dave has been involved in every project personally (whether getting estimates from different vendors, supervising the work done, etc.) I think it's safe to say that Dave has spent many hours each week on these projects.

He also worked with our member Robyn Dowsey on determining what needed to be done initially to make the building safe. So, please join me in thanking Dave for everything that he has done (and continues to do for the synagogue).

Andrea Kraft, President

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Rabbi's Message

The 13 Attributes of G-d: "Ad-nai, Ad-nai, G-d, compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger, and abundant in kindness and truth, Preserver of kindness for thousands of generations, Forgiver of iniquity, willful sin and error, and Who cleanses." – Exodus 34:6-7

In beginning the process of *cheshbon nefesh*, the accounting of the soul, which is traditional at this holiday season, we may consider: how have our needs changed during this time of pandemic? How have our values been transformed? What issues might we have overlooked, that could be of importance to ourselves or others, and which might call for action on our part? Which relationships may we be neglecting? What are we taking for granted, and what do we fear?

Wherever we stand at this moment in our journey, it is surely the time to take account of our *nefesh*, our soul. The special opportunity of *t'shuvah*, our return to the state of how we should be, is to take the action steps necessary to make our aspirations a reality. How are we to do this? The 13 Attributes, given by G-d to Moses to help us find forgiveness, give us an important clue.

These qualities, quoted above, emphasize G-d's mercy and lovingkindess, rather than His exercise of power in harsh judgment or punishment. As sparks of love and light created by a loving G-d in His own image, we can emulate our Creator by showing love and compassion to ourselves and others.

In addition to our relationships with our fellow human beings, we have the chance now to repair our connection with G-d. It's also a good time to consider how our interaction with the State of Israel has changed during this time of isolation and introspection. Do we give *tzedakah* to support Israel? How do we feel about the difficulties Israel has faced during this time, and about the leadership Israel has shown in innovating global solutions to issues of Covid while defending itself against attacks from within and from outside the country?

In 1930, Rabbi Judah Magnes wrote about the future Jewish state: "We are told that when we become the majority, we shall then show how just and generous a people in power can be." But, he continued, it is not only the end but the means which must reflect our best -- for Israel and, as we now reflect, also for us.

Israel has grown in strength to wield a meaningful share of power in the world, just as many of us have been privileged to maintain power and control over our own lives. Both Israel and we may use that privilege to make special effort, in the image of the G-d of our creation, to show compassion, kindness and mercy, as we enter 5782 and beyond – with love and blessings that each one of you, your family and loved ones may be written in the Book of Life, for a *Shanah Tovah* and *g'mar tov*, a good final sealing – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773.

Message from the President

First, I would like to wish you a Happy & Healthy New Year. As you may know, the past few months the Board has been working to have in person services at the Social Hall of Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages. This would have allowed us to social distance in a larger facility that would have been a safer way for us to gather. The Pastor of the church graciously offered the use of their building so that our Congregation and guests could observe the High Holidays in person as well as virtually for those who could not attend in person. I personally was touched that they were willing to open their doors to the members of Congregation Beth Sholom.

Unfortunately, all our plans had to be cancelled recently as the Delta variant of the virus has surged in Florida. This made many of our members uncomfortable to join us for in person services.

The last 18 months have certainly been challenging. As we continue to monitor the situation, we will determine when it will be safe to open the building for in person services (continuing with Zoom for those who cannot attend in person). As always, the safety and health of our Congregation Family is our priority.

During the last few months, the Board has been working hard to make the building a safer, healthier environment for our members and guests. We have sent out a few letters detailing the measures that have been taken so I won't detail those here. Although all of the Board has been involved in these projects to some extent, I would like to thank our treasurer Dave Englander for managing the entire project (see page 3). I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fred Jacobs (our Secretary) for all the work he has done to help us get reopened, as well as Directors Barry Wright and Ben Solotoroff.

While I realize that some of our members don't enjoy the virtual experience, it has made it possible for us to continue to worship together. Being on Zoom, our members will be able to participate more in our High Holiday services than if we had in person services with Covid protocols in place.

We just had our virtual S'Lichot service which signals that the High Holidays are approaching.

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. The rabbi has been doing the Roundtable by Zoom, which is an advantage for the people who might not normally attend (due to distance, etc.) who are now able to join the conversation.

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 are looking forward to the future when we can safely return to the shul to continue worship with our CBS family.

To prepare for the holidays, and noting that we will be worshipping virtually, I would like to request that you log in using only one device per household to ensure that everyone who would like to join us is able. I would also suggest that you try to log in early to ensure admittance. Guest donations are certainly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

As you read on the cover of the Shofar, we have spent a lot of money to make our synagogue a safer, healthier building for in person services (hopefully soon). If you can, please try to make a contribution to help us with this project.

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 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 352-513-3517

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

On July 13th Sisterhood met at Perkins for our monthly meeting. Three of our members were unable to attend due to not being well. Get well cards were signed by the attending members. They were then mailed to Beverly Meyers, Barbara Lilienfeld, and Marion Solotoroff. I am happy to report that they are all doing well now. The speaker for the meeting was Meredith Cheshire owner of Faeve Plant therapies. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Edith Freiwirth for her Birthday, and Henrietta Lubin presented a plant to me (Dee Marcus) for my Birthday. Henrietta had a very delicious cake made for the Birthday celebration. The door prize was donated by Phylis Berger and Yvette Litwack was the winner.

Sisterhood continues to send out birthday and anniversary greetings. We have received several thank you notes from the members.

Cory Weiser from W.F. Weiser Financial was the speaker at the August meeting. The meeting took place at the Perkins in Lady Lake.

We are considering doing another spot light community service for the Haven. The Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties is seeking donations to help provide those who may be a victim of domestic violence with much-needed items. It is looking for personal hygiene products including toothbrushes, razors, shampoo and body soap. We will be voting on this project. If we choose to do this, it will be our third spot light community service. Our first was collecting for the Leesburg Humane Society, and our second one was collecting cards for St. Jude.

Due to the fact that everyone will be busy with the Holidays in September there will be no meeting. October's meeting will be on the 3^{rd at} 1PM, and hopefully it will take place at the Temple. If we meet at the Temple, we will need to bring our own drinks and a snack for ourselves. Due to what is going on with Covid we will not be using the kitchen at this time. Henrietta Lubin our vice president in charge of programing tells me that she is working on an exciting program for October. More information will be sent as we get closer to the date.

Sisterhood wishes everyone a New Year that is lit up with Peace, Happiness and Prosperity.



Dee Marcus sisterhood President 352-750-8086 (land line)



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	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 Arlene Cooke
9/15	Sheldon Treibitz	10/6	Eileen Levin	9/17	Martin and Beverly Meyers
9/18	Elizabeth Morrison	10/6	Alice Schweitzer	9/27	Sally and Frank Chletsos
9/19	Marissa Mularsky	10/7	Judy Hartstein		
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
		10/21	Phyllis Stern	10/29	John and Rosalie Scholl
		10/22	Linda Friedman		
		10/24	Herb Siegel		
		10/27	Ronnie-Jane Boekema		
		10/30	Hennie Goldensohn		

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

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

Joanne Jacobson

Mi Shebeirach

Our Secretary, Fred Jacobs, maintains a list of people who need our prayers and keeps it up to date for presentation at services.

To add new names, please send them to Fred at secretary.bethsholom-at-gmail.com. (replace -at- with @)

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



George & Arlene Cooke

Marcia Cohen- & Ronald Robins

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Donations

Bob & Betty King in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary.

Sandra Byrne for all the people and things she is thankful for.

Sally Chletsos in honor of her grandson Maxwell's Bar Mitzvah.

Bette Croll in memory of Ernie Muller.

Frances & Stanlee Aaron in honor of Bertha Werner's 102nd birthday.

Dorothy Strauss in honor of her grandson's graduation from high school.

Food Bank Donations: Barry & Cookie Wright,

General Donations: Robert L Milkman, Elizabeth Morrison, Robyn Dowsey

Additional Membership Renewal Donations: Linda Friedman, Lt Col (Ret) Herbert Siegel, Sandra Byrne, Fern Singer, Marsha Stemerman, Dr Marnell La Roe Hayes, Linda Kost, Fred & Helen Jacobs, Bette Croll, Freda Feibel, Stephen Berger, Phyllis & Risa Lax, Allen Klein

Building Air Purification & Health Projects Donations: Robyn Dowsey, Ben & Marion Solotoroff

High Holiday Donations: Karen Salvat, Judy & Carmen Arroyo, Stanlee & Frances Aaron, Harvey Borden, Hedy Fisher, Steve & Sharry Solomon

Thank You to

Robyn Dowsey for volunteering her professional services and advice recommending necessary projects that needed to be done to make our building a healthier and safer environment for our congregation

Dave Englander for organizing and supervising the project to make the building safer for us to return to in person services when it is safe

Marsha Stemerman for stepping up to create a service when Rabbi Allen was ill

Michael Saks for working with Marsha to chant the prayers for the service when Rabbi Allen was ill

Sandra Byrne for creating the surveys that we've sent to members about reopening and the holidays

Zoom Hosts: Sandra Byrne on July 9th and Linda Kost on August 13th

Announcements: Linda Kost on July 9th and August 13th

Candle Lighting: Marjorie Heyman and Dave & Ellen Englander

Readers: Linda Kost, Michael Saks, Marsha Stemerman, Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes, Dave & Ellen Englander,

Chanting of Kiddush: Michael Saks





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Rabbi's Roundtable

Virtually on Zoom, Thursday October 14th at 1pm

The Rabbi's Roundtable 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.



To Fred and Helen Jacobs on the birth of their granddaughter, Shira Francesca Trabin, born on August 24th to their daughter Jennifer and her husband Eric.

The congregation expresses condolences to Linda Kost on the passing of her cousin, Celia (Cindy) Spiro on August 27th.

Cindy has been attending our Zoom services for the past year.

May her memory be for a blessing.

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.



IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



			mes will be read on Rosh Hash			
Dave Glaser	Father	of	Lou Glaser	1	Tishrei	7-Sep
Selma Tall	Aunt	of	Herb Siegel			8-Sep
Jeanette Wagner	Mother	of	Karen Salvat	3	Tishrei	9-Sep
Dorothy Kaplan	Mother	of	Anita Sherman	4	Tishrei	10-Sep
Hyman Scholl	Father	of	John Scholl			12-Sep
Bessie Resnick Haimes	Mother	of	Marshall Haimes			15-Sep
Dessie Resilier Hairies			names will be read on Yom Kip	pur		то оср
Bessie Libovitz	Sister	of	David Litwack	10	Tishrei	16-Sep
Morris Zalla	Father-in-law	of	Lene Zalla	10	TISHICI	17-Sep
				12	Tiobroi	
Jessie Robins	Mother	of	Ronald Robins	12	Tishrei	18-Sep
Alvin Wagner	Father	of	Nettie Goeler	13	Tishrei	19-Sep
Sarah Fellner	Mother	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	14	Tishrei	20-Sep
Hannah Janosi	Mother	of	Cookie Wright	15	Tishrei	21-Sep
Aaron Herman	Father	of	Eileen Hirschfeld	17	Tishrei	23-Sep
Liz Shen	Member	of	The Congregation	17	Tishrei	23-Sep
Mary Jaffe	Mother	of	Phyllis Stern			24-Sep
	The follow	ing n	ames will be read on Septembe	er 25		
Ruth Myra King	Mother	of	Robert King			27-Sep
Louis Pomeranz	Father	of	Irving Pomeranz	22	Tishrei	28-Sep
Martin Weistrop	Father	of	Alisa Jacoby	24	Tishrei	30-Sep
Mollie Scholl	Mother	of	John Scholl		113111101	30-Sep
Lois F. Lew		of	Diane Weinbaum			2-Oct
,	Aunt			- 00	Tiples - !	
Sol Fox	Uncle	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	28	Tishrei	4-Oct
Toby Schenerman	Member	of	The Congregation	29	Tishrei	5-Oct
Julie Maslansky	Daughter	of	Lynne Bloom			5-Oct
	The follo	owing	names will be read on Octobe	r 8		
Irwin Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			9-Oct
Sid Friedman	Father	of	Linda Friedman	5	Cheshvan	11-Oct
Ben Donnerstein	Uncle	of	Herb Siegel			12-Oct
Eileen Zalla	Sister-in-law	of	Lene Zalla			12-Oct
Frances Smith	Mother	of	Francine Rizzotto	7	Cheshvan	13-Oct
George Altshul	Father-in-law	of	Stephen Berger	- '	Onconvan	15-Oct
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Blanche Kessler	Founder	of	The Congregation	13	Cheshvan	
Morris Somer	Father	of	Barbara Rupert	14	Cheshvan	20-Oct
Ethel K. Sharp	Benefactor	of	The Congregation	15	Cheshvan	21-Oct
		_	names will be read on October	22		
Doug Chetwin	Beloved Partne		Judy Marshall			22-Oct
Murray Milkman	Brother	of	Bob Milkman	19	Cheshvan	25-Oct
Neil Stark	Father	of	Ken Stark	19	Cheshvan	25-Oct
Devorah Hartstein	Mother	of	Hank Hartstein	19	Cheshvan	25-Oct
Henny Helen Schweitzer	Mother	of	Bill Schweitzer	19	Cheshvan	25-Oct
Thelma Muffs	Mother	of	Judy Hartstein	20	Cheshvan	26-Oct
Mimi Fox	Aunt	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	20	Cheshvan	26-Oct
Kenneth Lewitter	Father	of	Susan Glaser	20	Cheshvan	26-Oct
Sara Glaser	Mother	_	Lou Glaser		Cheshvan	
		of		22		28-Oct
David Kaplan	Father	of	Anita Sherman	23	Cheshvan	29-Oct
rving Drexler	Father	of	Mike Drexler			29-Oct
Harold W. Wallbank	Father	of	Clint Wallbank			31-Oct
Ruth Lewitter	Mother	of	Susan Glaser	25	Cheshvan	31-Oct
Stephen Finkelstein	Brother	of	Phyllis Simon			1-Nov
Vivien Davis	Mother-in-law	of	Ira Goldberg	27	Cheshvan	2-Nov
Joseph Singer	Father	of	Fern Singer	27	Cheshvan	2-Nov
Miriam Cohen	Grandmother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	Cheshvan	3-Nov
Sid Sager	Father	of	Roz Wenrich			3-Nov
and	Grandfather	of	Matthew Cullen			
Rebecca Berger	Mother-in-law	of		1	Kislev	5-Nov
<u> </u>			Phylis Berger (on wall)			
Rabbi Sherman Stein	Member	of	The Congregation	1	Kislev	5-Nov
Amy Cullen	Daughter	of	Roz Wenrich			5-Nov
and	Sister	of	Matthew Cullen			
Morris Fiegura	Grandfather	of	Yvette Litwack	2	Kislev	6-Nov
Rabbi Jackie Wexler	Rabbi	of	The Congregation	3	Kislev	7-Nov
	Father	of	Michael Levine	3	Kislev	7-Nov
Ben Levine	raulei	O.				
Ben Levine	Member	of		5	Kislev	9-Nov
Ben Levine Annette Gay	Member	of	The Congregation	5		
Ben Levine					Kislev Kislev Kislev	9-Nov 9-Nov 10-Nov

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