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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
						Havdalah Service & S'lichot Program 7:00 pm
6	7	8 Board Mtg 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Fast of Gedaliah	17	18	19 Shabbat Shuvah
ROSH HASHANAH						
Evening Service 7:00 pm	Children's Service 10:00 am	Second Day Service 10:00 am				
	Morning Service & Tashlich 10:30 am					
20	21	22	23 YOM KIPPUR	24	25	26
			Kol Nidrei Service 7:00 pm	Children's Service 10:00 am		
				Morning Service 10:30 AM		
				Followed by Yizkor approx. 12:00 noon		
				Afternoon Service & Ne'ilah 5:15 pm		
				Break the Fast approx. 7:00 pm by reservation		
27 Erev Sukkot	28 Sukkot day 1	29 Sukkot day 2	30 Sukkot			

Reservation form for the Break the Fast is on page 13

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				1 Sukkot	2 Sukkot	3 Sukkot
4 Sukkot Pot Luck Dinner and Service 5:00 pm	5 Sh'mini Atzeret	6 Simchat Torah Board Mtg 7:00 pm	7	8	9 Simchat Torah Shabbat service and Oneg 7:00 pm	10
11	12	13	14 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Rabbi's Torah Roundtable 2:30 pm @ The Villages	23	24 Shabbat Service and Kiddush 10:00 am
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Rabbi's Torah Roundtable

Oct 22 at 2:30 pm

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Sumter County Administration Building near Pinellas Plaza
Conference Room 102, 7375 Powell Rd., Wildwood

This informal and interactive forum is a unique opportunity to talk with Rabbi Allen as we explore together the meaning and impact on our lives today of the current Torah portions and holidays that are celebrated at that time.

This location (near Pinellas Plaza) is convenient to Leesburg and the Villages.
Look for the large building with the gold dome.

Rabbi's Message

“...look for the silver lining, and try to find the sunny side of life” – Jerome Kern, 1919

As we prepare for and enjoy with our Congregation Beth Sholom family this High Holiday season of returning home spiritually to become our highest selves, we pray every day for forgiveness, and offer forgiveness to those who ask us for it.

We have often discussed together the principle that our Jewish tradition does not require us to forgive others until they have recognized, recanted and returned from their wrongdoing, so as to encourage their change and growth.

But being sorry and saying so is difficult for every one of us. Like the “simple child” we read about each year at the Passover seder, who doesn’t know how to ask about the holiday, some people who have hurt us may not know that they have done anything wrong, or they may have no idea how to apologize.

Hopefully, they will become aware of the injury they have done to us, repent, change their ways, and ask for our forgiveness. In the meantime, we have the liberating power to let go of any lingering resentment.

Jewish spiritual tradition teaches us always to look for the good in people – their “silver lining.” By finding plausible reasons or even excuses for what they may have done, we create an atmosphere of forgiveness around ourselves.

In Charlotte, after the mass murder of worshippers at Mother Emanuel church, several of their family members employed this kind of thinking, saying publicly that they forgive the killer of their loved ones.

Jewish teaching tells us that such an interim relinquishing of anger and blame, although it may not reach the level of complete forgiveness, allows us to begin our own healing process, and to move on more freely and happily with our lives.

When those who have hurt us ultimately do realize what they have done and apologize, we can welcome them fully *home*, embracing them with the genuine love and heartfelt forgiveness that we ourselves hope to receive from others.

May each of us begin this new year both receiving and giving forgiveness, in sweetness and in good health. *L’shanah tovah u’m’tukah*, and *g’mar chatimah tovah* – with love and blessings -- Rabbi Karen Allen 386-676-5157

The President's Message

Two months ago I ended my message with the following:

"I always look forward to the New Year. It will be even more special as I begin this next phase of my life as Mrs. John Kost."

I would not have imagined then that it would take almost two full months before I would make the time to begin the process of changing my name. I finally went to the Social Security office. Once that was done I was able to change the name on my driver's license. And once that was done I am now able to start notifying all of the businesses and doctors that my name has changed.

It's funny how we often don't make time for things that we really want to do.

As we approach the High Holidays, it is a perfect time to make plans for the New Year. I love that so many of our members and guests come to our synagogue to celebrate the holidays with us.

And no wonder that they do. Congregation Beth Sholom is very special and unique.

The congregation and our building are over 60 years old. We own our building, there is no building fund.

We have a wonderful Rabbi, Karen Allen, whose magnificent voice and warm, welcoming style make every one of our services and observances special. Although she works for us part time, in addition to leading our services, Rabbi Allen conducts the Rabbi's Roundtable discussion group, inspires us with a monthly article in the Shofar, and is available to help congregants through any life events.

We celebrate Sukkot, Chanukah, Purim, and Passover, often sharing a meal together as we enjoy the customs of each holiday.

We are *'The Synagogue that Feels like Family'*. We know each other. We care about each other. And we love spending time together, at our wonderful Shul.

If you are visiting us for the holidays, I hope you will consider becoming a member. If you are already a member, I hope that you will invite your friends to spend the High Holidays with us so they can see all that Congregation Beth Sholom has to offer.

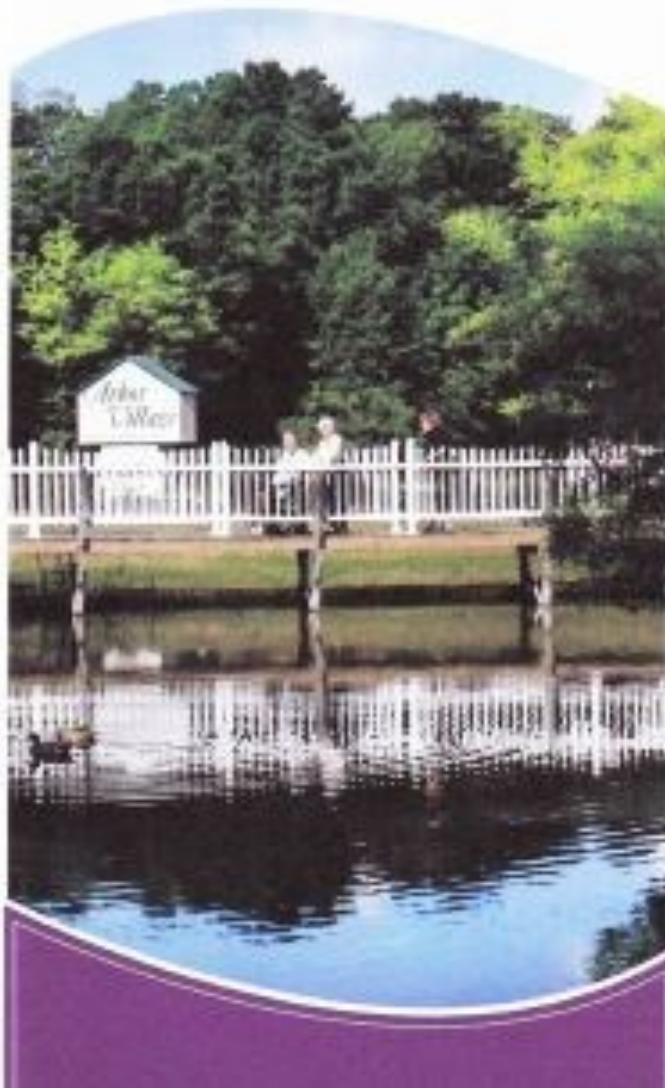
I hope that everyone reading this article manages to make time for the things they really want to do during 5776. It would be wonderful if that includes making Congregation Beth Sholom an integral part of your life.

I look forward to seeing you at High Holiday services,

L'Shana Tovah,

Linda

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Saturday Sept. 5th 7:00 PM

We begin the evening with a Havdalah Service, concluding the Sabbath.

Experience the magic of the ceremony transforming our bima and Torah covers from everyday color to High Holy Day white.

We will watch part of the DVD *When Jews Were Funny*

The evening concludes with the blowing of the shofar.

Refreshments will be served.

Please join us for this memorable evening of entertainment, spiritual preparation, and dedication.

5776 HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HAVDALAH SERVICE AND S'LICHOT PROGRAM

Saturday, September 5	Service and Refreshments	7:00 PM
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ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 13	Evening Service	7:00 PM
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Monday, September 14	Children's Service	10:00 AM
	Morning Service	10:30 AM
	Followed by Tashlich	

Tuesday, September 15	Second Day Morning Service	10:00 AM
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YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 22	Kol Nidrei	7:00 PM
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Wednesday, September 23	Children's Service	10:00 AM
	Morning Service	10:30 AM
	Followed by Yizkor (approx.)	12 Noon
	Afternoon Service and Ne'ilah	5:15 PM
	Break the Fast (approx.)	7:00 PM
	(by reservation—additional charge)	

Suggested donation for guests is \$125

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Sukkot Service and Pot Luck Dinner

Celebrate Sukkot with us on Sunday, October 4 at 5:00

We will begin with a pot luck dinner.

Bring your favorite dish (as long as it does not contain meat of any kind) to share. Salads, dairy foods, fish (but not shellfish), vegetables, breads, fruit, and desserts are all needed.



After dinner we will begin the service with the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and the etrog in the Sukkah. We will then move into the sanctuary to continue the service.



Support President Linda Bork Kost when she participates in the American Diabetes Association Step Out Walk to Stop Diabetes again this year. This is her tenth year participating in the walk, and her 36th year living with diabetes.

Help the ADA in their mission to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of the 29 million Americans who face the challenges of living with diabetes.

Go to <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/LindaBorkKost> to make a secure credit card donation on Linda's personal page on the ADA website.

If you prefer to pay by check, make it out to 'American Diabetes Association' and give it to Linda when you see her, or mail it to Linda Bork Kost, 6104 Hunters Ridge Ave., Leesburg, FL 34748. Your donations are 100% tax deductible.

Your generosity in the past has helped Linda raise over \$16,000 in the past 9 years!.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

CELEBRATIONS

**ANNIVERSARIES****September**

9/7 Ellen Englander
 9/7 Colleen Campbell
 9/9 Linda Alster
 9/14 Joseph Hornstein

9/19 Marissa Mularsky
 9/21 Selma Haimes
 9/21 Acadia Schwartz
 9/24 Phyllis Lax

9/21 Howard and Omara Wiener

October

10/1 Jennifer Rice
 10/2 Lowell Cramer
 10/6 Eileen Levin
 10/8 Michael Davidoff
 10/14 Phyllis Simon
 10/18 Adam Berger

10/19 Michele Hornstein
 10/21 Robert Treibitz
 10/21 Phyllis Stern
 10/24 Keith Berger
 10/24 Herb Siegel
 10/27 Ronnie-Jane Boekema

10/6 Ira and Rochelle Goldberg
 10/27 Marty and Ellly Rothbard
 10/29 John and Rosalie Scholl

Mazel Tov

Judy Mayer and Mike Drexler were married by Rabbi Allen on August 12th in Ormond Beach .

Welcome to our New Member

Robert Milkman

R'fuah Sh'leimah (Get well Wishes) to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:

Mi Shebeirach

If you know of anyone (members, friends, or family) who is dealing with a wellness issue, who would appreciate prayers or benefit from contact with the synagogue, please contact Gloria Blankenship at 352-750-0721 or email her at glostar@embarqmail.com.

She will notify Rabbi Allen, and if desired will add them to the Mi Shebeirach list which is read at services.

If you have put someone on the list, please remember to let Gloria know when our prayers are no longer needed.

Thank You

Todah Rabah!!

To Dr. Marnell Laroe Hayes as she continues leading and teaching the Hebrew classes for our congregation. Thank you also to Burt Kraft for administratively assisting with the classes.

Thank you Drs. Rebecca Jefferson and Jim Cusick for the wonderful presentation of Jewish history and the new Judaic wings at the University of Florida.

Donations

In honor of Linda & John Kost's marriage:

David & Ellen Englander, Vern & Rochelle Markowitz, Bette Croll

Get well wishes to Dorothy Strauss:

Marty & Elly Rothbard, David & Ellen Englander, Diveda Spector, Kathy Gipe
Ernie Muller & Marsha Stemerman,

Mark & Phyllis Simon in memory of their son Jeffrey.

Oneg/Kiddish sponsors:

July 10: Herb Siegel in honor of the Independence Day Holiday,
July 25: Ron Faulk in celebration of his conversion to Judaism,
August 14: Pam & Bob Milkman in celebration of their marriage.

Additional Dues Donation:

Marty & Elly Rothbard, Diveda Spector, Priscilla Reisinger, Dr. Michael Levine,
Dorothy Strauss, Bette Croll, Linda Kost, Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes,
Marsha Stemerman

General Donations:

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Honey for the Heart was a huge success! 75 jars of honey were ordered. They will arrive prior to Rosh Hashanah. Thank you to all who participated. L'Shanah Tovah!



Join us for our Break the Fast on
Yom Kippur, Wednesday, September 23rd

Approximately 7PM

(immediately following the concluding service)

Indicate number of people and total cost.

Deadline: September 16th

Adults & children over 12: \$30 x _____ \$ _____

Children 6-12: \$15 x _____ \$ _____

Children under 6: Free x _____ \$ _0 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Names of people attending:

Make check payable to Congregation Beth Sholom

Mail with this form to the synagogue at:

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Annual Food Drive

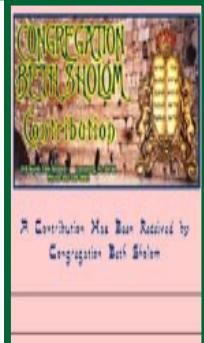
Start gathering non-perishable food for our food drive. Bags will be given out on S'lichot and on Rosh Hashanah and can be returned at any service through Sukkot.

Suggestions for food are peanut butter, canned meats, canned vegetables, and canned fruit.



SEND A CARD

Birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, congratulations. Your donations can benefit the synagogue and let someone know you care! Mail your donation to the synagogue and contact Dave Englander at 352-504-4402. He will send the card on your behalf, and your good wishes will appear in the Shofar.



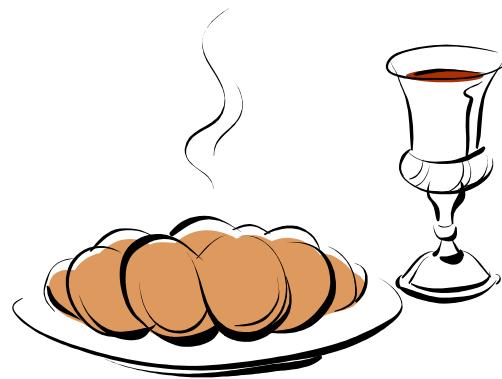
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call Anita Sherman at 352-787-9681
or Linda (Bork) Kost at 352-315-0309.



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. All checks are to be made out to Congregation Beth Sholom and mailed to the synagogue at 315 North 13th St., Leesburg, FL 34748.

Contact Linda (Bork) Kost if you need more information.

President-at-BethSholomFlorida.org (replace –at– with @) or 352-315-0309

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 Bork 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 president-at-bethsholomflorida.org (replace –at– with @) or 352-315-0309



IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



Sam Goldensohn, past member, board member and vice president of Congregation Beth Sholom, passed away on July 24, 2015.
Please keep Hennie & her family in your thoughts and prayers.

The following names will be read from the Bimah on Rosh Hashanah

Dorothy Kaplan	Mother	of	Anita Sherman	4	Tishrei	17-Sep
Bessie Resnick Haimes	Mother	of	Marshall Haimes			15-Sep
Morris Zalla	Father-in-law	of	Lene Zalla			17-Sep
Mildred Alster	Mother	of	Linda Alster			21-Sep

The following names will be read from the Bimah on Yom Kippur

Sylvia Sandler	Grandmother	of	Jennifer Rice			22-Sep
Bessie Libovitz	Sister	of	David Litwack	10	Tishrei	23-Sep
Larry Bader	Brother	of	Ellen Lieberman			24-Sep
Mary Jaffe	Mother	of	Phyllis Stern			24-Sep
Ruth Myra King	Mother	of	Robert King			27-Sep
Sarah Fellner	Mother	of	Phylis Berger	14	Tishrei	27-Sep
Barney Colton	Father	of	Donna Friedman	15	Tishrei	28-Sep
Aaron Herman	Father	of	Eileen Hirschfeld	17	Tishrei	30-Sep
Mollie Scholl	Mother	of	John Scholl			30-Sep
Julius Bernstein	Father	of	Marilyn Goodman			7-Oct

The following names will be read from the Bimah on October 9

Rose Bernstein	Mother	of	Marilyn Goodman			9-Oct
Irwin Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			9-Oct
Sol Fox	Uncle	of	Phylis Berger	28	Tishrei	11-Oct
Ben Donnerstein	Uncle	of	Herb Siegel			12-Oct
Eileen Zalla	Sister-in-law	of	Lene Zalla			12-Oct
Joseph Riggs	Father	of	Vivian Riggs			18-Oct
Doug Chetwin	Partner	of	Judy Marshall			22-Oct

The following names will be read from the Bimah on October 24

Blanche Kessler	Mother	of	Jo Anne Burka	13	Cheshvan	26-Oct
Ethel K. Sharp	Benefactor	of	Congregation	15	Cheshvan	28-Oct
Isidor Maybaum	Father	of	Priscilla Reisinger	16	Cheshvan	29-Oct
Irving Drexler	Father	of	Mike Drexler			29-Oct
Stephen Finkelstein	Brother	of	Phyllis Simon			1-Nov
Neil Stark	Father	of	Ken Stark	19	Cheshvan	1-Nov
Annie Steinberg	Mother-in-law	of	Harry Barnard	20	Cheshvan	2-Nov
Mimi Fox	Aunt	of	Phylis Berger	20	Cheshvan	2-Nov
David Kaplan	Father	of	Anita Sherman	23	Cheshvan	5-Nov
Max Weiss	Father-in-law	of	Bernadine F. Weiss	23	Cheshvan	5-Nov
Linda Lofchie Simons	Sister	of	Bette Stone			6-Nov
Sara Weiss	Mother-in-law	of	Bernadine F. Weiss	25	Cheshvan	7-Nov
Vivien Davis	Mother	of	Rochelle Goldberg	27	Cheshvan	9-Nov
Miriam Cohen	Grandmother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	Cheshvan	10-Nov

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