

Congregation Beth Sholom 2020 Highlights

- Membership
 - Welcomed 6 new and 1 returning members this year
- Tzedakah
 - Supported the Leesburg Food Bank with \$938 in cash donations, 243 pounds of food (thru March), and lots of clothing and small home appliances.
- Religious Services, Observances, and Festivities – all via Zoom since July
 - High Holiday Services, including Slichot, and Tashlich, via Zoom
 - Two Shabbat services most months including special services for Purim, Shavuot, Tu B'Shevat, new members, board recognition, and patriotic holidays
 - Bat Mitzvot of Sydney Cullen and Lexi Scholl
 - Special Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Rabbi Allen and Zoriy Zinger – via Zoom as well
- Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors – chaired by Anita Sherman
 - Gloria Blankenship in honor of the yahrzeit of her father, Joseph Selsky
 - Roz Weinrich in celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Cullen
 - Henrietta Lubin in memory of her mother
 - John & Rosalie Scholl in celebration of Lexi Scholl's Bat Mitzvah

As of Friday March 13th, we cancelled all future services in the Synagogue due to the pandemic
- Sisterhood was established early in 2019 by Dee Marcus.
 - Currently 35 members
 - Sisterhood provided the refreshments for last year's annual meeting
 - Organized the Tu B'Shevat Sedar with Marsha Stemerman as leader
 - Spot Light Charity Event was held last January to benefit the Leesburg Humane Society
 - Ongoing Charitable Activities during COVID 19
 - Sisterhood Cookbook – chaired by Dorothy Strauss
 - Knitty Gritty Crafters – Beverly Meyers is the organizer of this group that is making hats for cancer patients
 - St. Jude's Children's Ranch – collecting cards
 - Contact of Members as a Check in – Edith Freiwith is the chair
- Men's Club was begun in late 2019 by Ben Solotoroff and they have 15 members
 - Goal – Strengthen & growth of members in the Synagogue, Community and Jewish Life
 - At the Jan 2020 Meeting officers were elected (Ben Solotoroff -President, David Litwack – Vice President, Bob Marcus – Treasurer and Arthur Lubin Corresponding Secretary)
- Building and Grounds – Regular Annual Maintenance
- Annual congregational meeting and monthly board meetings – Held by Zoom since April

- Education
 - Rabbi's Roundtable – now being held virtually via Zoom
 - Adult Hebrew Class taught by Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes – cancelled after March 13th
 - 4 week 'Exploring Judaism' class taught by Marsha Stemerman – cancelled after March 13th

- Fundraising
 - 'Honey from the Heart' Rosh Hashanah Greetings Program chaired by Diane Weinbaum
 - Mah Jongg Cards chaired by Andrea and Burt Kraft
 - Book of Remembrance
 - *Yahrzeit* plaques
 - Shofar Ads
 - Donations – cards in honor or memory, Book Fund, General Fund
 - Springtime Appeal

- Community
 - Leesburg Food Bank – we continue to support the Food Bank financially. Some of our members volunteer weekly (Board member Barry Wright and his wife Cookie as well as member Francine Rizzotto)

- Publicity
 - Daily Sun ads run from Mid-January through Mid-March
 - Press releases for most services, Rabbi's Roundtable, submitted to Orlando Sentinel, Daily Sun, Daily Commercial, and Jewish Heritage
 - Stories in the Orlando Sentinel, Daily Sun, and Daily Commercial about various holiday observances and activities
 - The Shofar newsletter
 - Talk of the Villages website