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The Newly Created Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series Sponsors Celebrating Beginnings, the Kickoff Event for Our 125th Anniversary Year

Susie Katz

On March 29th-30th, Beth Abraham will host the first annual program in the newly established Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series. Although this year it is being held in conjunction with our synagogue's 125th anniversary, it is through the kindness of Edna and Jerry Willis, Ruth's daughter and son-in-law, that this event will now become a permanent part of our annual calendar. How wonderful that we are the fortunate recipients of this sort of generosity.

So, maybe I should begin with a disclaimer. I loved Ruth Scheuer. She and her husband, Fred, both now of blessed memory, were members of the Unger family in every way but blood. So, when I was asked if I would participate in an initial meeting with Edna, Elaine Arnovitz (another of Ruth's daughters), Julie Liss-Katz, a dear friend of the family, and Rabbi Ginsberg to discuss how Edna and Jerry could best honor Ruth's memory - it was an automatic "of course!" Edna opened our meeting by helping us understand what she wanted to accomplish. She recalled that at Ruth's funeral, the rabbi said that the most profound part of passing is not the physical passing, but the passing that occurs when one's name is no longer remembered or spoken, which results in memories of the person fading. Edna said that she did not want this to happen to her mother's memory. To accomplish this, Edna and Jerry wanted to create and fund a series of programs named after Ruth to keep her name spoken, to keep her memory alive, and to embody and perpetuate her values.

Edna explained that she also wanted to do something for Beth Abraham, the synagogue that had played such a pivotal role in the life of the Scheuer family that would connect people with those values that defined Ruth's life - family, the beauty of Jewish tradition, Jewish education and the importance of the State of Israel. And here was Edna's caveat - what was offered in Ruth's name had to be meaningful. It had to be impactful. It had to have the power to touch people's hearts, to make them think more deeply, to feel more connection in the same way that those who knew Ruth were affected just by knowing her.

And to that end, the first program of the Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series will bring Professor Jonathan Sarna, director of Brandeis University's Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program and a renowned Jewish scholar to our community. Sarna has been named one of the most prominent Jewish historians of our time and he has achieved many awards and honors for his work. If you have ever heard him speak, I know you haven't forgotten the experience. We are truly in for a treat.

Ruth Scheuer was a tiny woman whose impact for good was far reaching in her lifetime - through her children, her grandchildren, her friends, the recipients of her good works and more. In Edna and Jerry's words, "Ruth always looked to give - to her family and to others. She always wanted to know how she could make things better."

And now, through the generosity of Edna and Jerry Willis, Ruth's name will be spoken and those principles and values that guided her life will continue to be communicated through Beth Abraham's annual Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series. What a gift!



CELEBRATING BEGINNINGS – MARCH 29-30 with Professor Jonathan Sarna (invitation to follow)

- Friday, 5:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by dinner and presentation. \$18/adult, 12 and under no charge; babysitting available; RSVP
- Saturday: Presentation during service and following Kiddush lunch; RSVP

The Cantor's Corner

Cantor Andrea Raizen

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While it is not uncommon for Jews to have two conflicting yet well documented answers to one question, it



is more unusual to have four well-supported arguments in response to one question. As we are in the midst of a leap year on the Hebrew calendar, more than one person has questioned whether the *yahrzeit* date for their loved one that passed away in the month of Adar, is observed in the first or second Adar. For a quick re-cap on Hebrew leap years, seven times in a 19-year cycle an extra month is added to the calendar to keep holidays, specifically those that are agriculture based, in the proper season. The extra month of Adar falls at this time of year to make sure that Passover is truly the spring festival.

Now back to the question at hand. If a close relative, for whom you will recite Mourner's Kaddish annually on the anniversary of the death, passes away in the month of Adar in a regular, non-leap year, when do you say Kaddish in a year with two months of Adar? A well-researched, yet concise response, written by Rabbi David Golinkin in 2011, gives us four possible answers. One, recite it in the first Adar since Moses is said to have died on Adar 7 and it was the custom to observe his *yahrzeit* in the first Adar. Two, recite it in the second Adar, as we observe Purim in that month and should then also observe other rituals accordingly. Three, recite it in both months of Adar, just to be safe. And four, if the first anniversary falls in a leap year, recite it in the first Adar that year and in the second Adar in subsequent years. The reason here is so as not to prolong the first year of mourning.

All, except for reason 4 of the above answers, have multiple sources supporting their position, giving weight and legitimacy to each. Part of the reason for such disparity in answers is that the question was never addressed in the Talmud, as saying Mourner's Kaddish was not a custom until probably the 14th century. You might think that responses would be divided

along Ashkenazic and Sephardic lines or regional differences, but alas, no. It is also interesting to note that our database at Beth Abraham that generates *yahrzeit* date reminders, notifies those members in this situation that the *yahrzeit* will be observed in Adar I. However, just because you receive your notice regarding the date does not mean that you cannot personally observe the date in the month of Adar that makes the most sense to you. I do not wish this to cause some of you major consternation, so please do not flood the office with calls questioning the notices you receive. Rather, call me and we can discuss what works best for you, or simply ignore this and trust your annual notification. In either case, it's about the honor and respect of your loved one and setting aside time for remembrance and reflection on their life.

In researching for this I came across an article published in the *Forward* in 2016 when the Hebrew and Gregorian calendars both were in a leap year cycle. The author, Seth Rogovoy, included some leap year trivia that I share with you.

1. A year with 13 months is referred to in Hebrew as *shannah me'uberet*, or, literally, a pregnant year.
2. According to Maimonides, the arithmetic of the Hebrew calendar does not require any major mathematical skills. "... the method of the fixed calendar is one which an average school child can master in 3 or 4 days," he wrote (Hilkhot Qiddush HaHodesh 11:4). With all due respect and humility before the great Rambam, I disagree. Or, perhaps, I am a mathematical imbecile.
3. Some believe that human efforts to reconcile the lunar year and the solar year represent a partnership with God, and that in the Messianic Era, we will revert to a completely lunar calendar.

I have a hard time with point 3, since that means we could celebrate Passover in the dead of winter, but who am I to argue with the Messiah?

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In 1880, the Jewish community of America was still small and far-flung – barely a quarter-million souls; and only

1 out of 6 American Jews was of East European extraction. 40 years later, the community had reached nearly four million, and 5 out of 6 American Jews came from Eastern Europe.



Indeed, at that time over a third of East European Jewry had left to escape oppressive legislation, poverty, overcrowding, and a wave of savage pogroms in Russia, and 90% of them emigrated to the United States. Such an enormous wave of immigration had a tremendous effect on the American Jewish community.

In 1890, four years before the incorporation of Beth Abraham (K.K. House of Abraham), there were approximately 530 synagogues in America and over 80% were Reform. 15 years later, there were nearly 1,800 synagogues – many of these new ones were Orthodox.

In every community where these Jews settled in the last decades of the 19th-century, they established synagogues. Even the smallest of communities had multiple ‘Orthodox’ shuls, often just *shriebels*, little houses or rooms. For example, in 1900 the small immigrant Jewish community of Des Moines had three orthodox synagogues – one for *landsmen* from Russia, another for Lithuanians, and another for Poles (Galicia) – though none of them had a rabbi. Many of these synagogues had no religious schools (*cheders*); instead, private tutors (*melamdin*) came to the members’ homes to prepare the boys for bar mitzvah.

The language spoken in many of these synagogues for announcements, for gossip, as well as the language of the minutes of the boards of trustees, was usually Yiddish. Immigrant rabbis preached in Yiddish, not only in all the big eastern cities, but also in Atlanta, Durham, and Memphis, and as far West as Los Angeles and Portland.

Synagogue decorum was not a particularly high priority for many of

these first generation immigrants. Worshippers entered at different times and proceeded to *daven* at their own pace, creating a cacophony of mumbling voices, only to come together for an “Amen” or other required congregational responses.

Typical also is the reminiscence of Hyman Goldman, a member of Adas Israel of Washington, D.C., (now a Conservative synagogue) as he recalled the worship around 1900:

“People did not come to pray. Some brought along their newspapers, or the racing sheet. The women, although they were not as yet sitting with the men-folks, came there to display their new dresses and spent most of the time on the street outside the synagogue” (The Synagogue in America: A Short History).

East European Jewish immigrants also frequently held private conversations before, during, and after the service; they regularly walked around the sanctuary, and were even to be seen passing around snuff (which usually led to fits of sneezing) during the allegedly sacred prayer service.

There was the time-honored fundraising tradition of *schnoddering* – auctioning off of synagogue honors or the solicitation of funds from honorees during the service. It was difficult to maintain decorous solemnity when there were frequent interruptions in the prayers and the Torah reading for public announcements of gifts and honors, which sometimes led to fights between competing parties.

While the 1st generation seemed to be fine combining ‘piety and pleasure’ during services, it was the children of the immigrants who began to explore (or advocate for) more ‘Americanized’ synagogues, where worshippers sat, rose, and sang in unison led by a cantor who ideally faced the congregation instead of the ark. There was the inclusion of some responsive English readings alongside the largely unabridged traditional Hebrew prayers, and English-language sermons by American-educated rabbis.

Many of these ‘Americanizing’ congregations would soon become Conservative synagogues. Dr. Rabbi Solomon Schechter, the second chancellor of the Jewish Theological

Seminary in New York, together with a number of seminary graduates, formally founded the umbrella organization of Conservative synagogues—the United Synagogue of America—in 1913 with 22 members (half from New York City and Philadelphia). By 1927 there were more than 225 Conservative synagogues, such as the Dayton View Synagogue Center.

Though decorum was valued, they also wanted to taste the world of their parents’ religious past and Reform Temples of the time did not fit the bill. In Reform Temples, most men did not (or were not allowed) to cover their heads or wear a tallit. Rabbis in ministerial robes conducted abbreviated services mainly in English from the Union Prayer Book, which more resembled a Protestant hymnal than a traditional siddur, and was accompanied by organ music and a choir. In some Temples the Sefer Torah was not even read, but only displayed in the ark.

Just as many East European Jews found Reform Judaism unappealing, Reform Jews also saw the new immigrants as uncouth and an embarrassing throwback to a world they left behind. It was only beginning in the 1930s when there was a partial movement to reclaim aspects of tradition that Reform Judaism started to become a real choice for assimilating East European Jews.

By the end of this period of East European mass migration in the mid-1920s, the environment of American Jewish religious life had dramatically changed. A new traditional branch, Conservative Judaism, had emerged and was growing rapidly, Orthodoxy was gearing up to challenge Conservatism and Reform Judaism was steadily moving away from its radical phase to prepare to receive those same immigrant descendants who found Conservative Judaism still too traditional. In other words the emergence of the American Jewish religious landscape, as we knew it for most of the 20th century was established.

Having just celebrated our first ‘Decade Shabbat’ on January 26 **recalling** our origins, we will continue to **rejoice** together throughout this year. May the knowledge we gain, the joy we feel, and the camaraderie we experience during our 125th anniversary inspire us to **renew** our vision and commitment to Beth Abraham so it thrives for 125 more years!



LIFE & LEGACY

Help Assure Beth Abraham's Future

"We included Beth Abraham in our Life and Legacy letter of intent because the Beth Abraham community is home. Beth Abraham is a place where we celebrate our Jewish traditions in an egalitarian setting and where there is a real sense of collective effort in everything we do, from social action to ritual practice. We want to make sure that Beth Abraham flourishes another 125 years."

~ Andy and Pam Schwartz



If you are interested in learning more about the Life & Legacy program and how you can make a legacy gift, please contact Elaine Arnovitz at 937-293-9520 or elaine@bethabrahamdayton.org



FIRST DECADE SHABBAT A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Wow! The first Decade Shabbat Service on January 26, beginning our year-long anniversary celebration, was a resounding success. Hats off to Ralph Williams and Adam Feiner, Co-Chairs of the Decade Shabbatot Committee and their committee members.

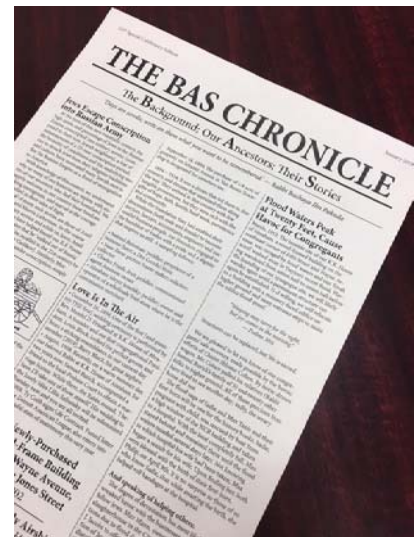
During Shabbat Services and then at the Kiddush Luncheon, we learned about our beginnings. In his excellent sermon remarks, Rabbi Ginsburg provided a broad-brush historical overview, enabling us to better understand our 1894 beginnings and the early years of K.K. House of Abraham. We donned anniversary yarmulkes, provided by our wonderful Men's Club, that will be a reminder at all subsequent Services that 2019 is the year that we **recall** our 125 years as a congregation (1894-2019), **rejoice** in our successes and **renew** ourselves to ensure our future. We learned about some of our founders and early congregants as their current relatives were called for Aliyah honors.

During the Kiddush Luncheon, everyone tested their knowledge as we figured out answers to a short historical quiz, and enjoyed Larry Burick's "Sharing Memories" presentation as he regaled us with family stories. We indeed felt as if "we are there" as we enjoyed a creative and humorous, information-packed skit, reviewed an extensive Timeline of the period 1894-1943 and read articles in the "anniversary issue" of *The BAS Chronicle*, all brilliantly prepared by Bonnie Rice as playwright, historian, editor, publisher and writer.

Ralph Williams did a fantastic job organizing a History Table for the congregation to view. There are old photos with descriptions and other memorabilia sure to provoke memories and provide background to our Synagogue. The Timeline and History Table will remain available for viewing, and copies of *The BAS Chronicle* are still available.

We also can recognize our immigrant roots by supporting the current Anniversary Social Action Project. Beth Abraham is supporting the Rwandan immigrant community in Dayton by continuing to donate clothes, food items, small and large appliances, furniture and more. Under the caring leadership of Social Action Co-Chairs, Diane Williams and Claudia Birch and Committee Member, Meryl Hattenbach, many have already contributed items. You can still do so for the next two months.

The next Decade Shabbat Service will be held on April 13, 2019. Please plan to attend so that we can all once again say, "we are there."



A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

It's the Martin Luther King Day holiday as I write this month's column and winter has finally arrived in the Miami Valley. The weather patterns over



these past two weekends have not been cooperative to say the least. As a result, our planned activities for the Martin Luther King holiday weekend have

been impacted. Although we experienced lower attendance for our Friday evening service with Corinthian Baptist Church, those present enjoyed our yearly gathering together to celebrate Dr. King with singing and words of inspiration from our clergy. We also had to cancel our special Men's Club brunch where Dr. Derek Foward, the President of the Dayton chapter of the NAACP, had been scheduled to speak.

Certainly it was disappointing that the weather affected us two weekends in a row. It was during Shabbat morning services the prior weekend when the Morning Minyanaires sponsored the Kiddush lunch honoring Larry Wagenfeld's 85th birthday and his many, many years of dedication to supporting the daily morning minyan. It was

certainly a fitting tribute to Larry and his commitment to the morning minyan.

For those not in attendance, I want to share with you Larry's thoughts as he spoke at the Kiddush lunch about his experience with the daily morning minyan and what an important role it has played for him at Beth Abraham over the years. Larry explained how he first started attending the morning minyan over ten years ago to say Kaddish after his father passed away, and how he never stopped attending. At first it was to help make a minyan, to support mourners in the congregation like others had supported him. But as time progressed, Larry explained, it was something more - it was the friendships he developed with the other regular attendees that made his attendance such a valuable experience for him. And it is obvious that our other regular Morning Minyanaires, Marc Katz, Irwin Dumtschin, Norm Lewis, Jeff Roberts, Eddie Katz, Ralph Williams, Ted Cooper, Bruce Feldman, Mark Gordon and Cantor Raizen feel the same way about Larry. This was demonstrated by their tributes to their experiences with Larry.

As I listened to Larry speak that day, I reflected on my experience attending the evening minyan after my own father passed away a few years ago. I too decided to continue to attend after my mourning period ended, to be able to help others in need of a minyan for Kaddish or for a yahrzeit, though I must admit I am

not nearly as good at attending each and every day like Larry. Nonetheless, like Larry, it has become a much more rewarding experience for me, an opportunity for me to engage with the other regular evening attendees and to connect with other members of the congregation in need of a minyan.

Our attempts during my presidency to increase participation in our daily minyans, such as the recent decision to adjust morning minyan times, have been less successful than I would have hoped. After listening to Larry speak, it is now clear to me that the key to successfully strengthening our daily minyans lies in establishing the connection in more of our members that Larry has established over the years. I know there are any number of things that require attention on a daily basis that impact the ability to routinely attend, but I challenge each and every one of us to consider joining our regulars, by attending a morning or an evening minyan as the opportunity allows. By doing so, you will help Beth Abraham to maintain and strengthen our tradition of being the only congregation in Dayton offering daily minyans. And hopefully, like Larry, you will find it creates a deep and rewarding experience for you personally as well.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PURIM CELEBRATION MARCH 20

My Fair Esther



Don't worry, we didn't forget about Purim. Because it is a Jewish leap year, Purim does not arrive until late March! This year we are changing up our celebration. We will combine our Megillah reading and Purim shpiel into one, beginning at 7:00PM. Mark your calendar - more details to follow!



Library News - Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



It is not easy for a son to write a biography of his father. Yet Eli Ginzberg, a prominent economist, took on that challenge and produced an informative



study about his father, Louis Ginzberg, one of the great scholars of Judaism of the first half of the 20th century. The result is more of a memoir titled *Keeper of the Law: Louis*

Ginzberg and

subtitled *A Personal Memoir* by Eli Ginzberg which is in the synagogue library collection. Louis Ginzberg is fascinating for many reasons and particularly for his relationship with Henrietta Szold, the most important Jewish woman of the first half of the 20th century. Eli Ginzberg devotes an entire chapter to that relationship which he calls “an exceptional friendship.”

In a nine-page introductory chapter, Eli Ginzberg first refers to Szold as a “close friend” of a young professor between 1903 and 1909. Eli Ginzberg found more than 50 letters written by Szold to his father, as well as letters written to Szold by his father. Even the brilliant Szold, the only woman allowed to attend classes at the Jewish Theological Seminary, often worked in anonymity, typical for women of that era. She finally found a paid position as secretary of the Jewish Publication Society. In that capacity she made her first contact with Louis Ginzberg, writing a letter on November 6, 1901 which said the JPS would publish a book by Ginzberg titled *Jewish Legends Relating to Biblical Matters*.

For this book, to be written in German, to be about 400 pages, and to be finished in 1903, he would be paid the grand sum of \$1,000. As it turned out, as Eli Ginzberg describes it, his father would produce a magisterial seven volume work titled *The Legends of the Jews* (all the volumes are in the synagogue library) with the first volume not coming out until 1909. Meanwhile Szold and Ginzberg met for the first time in 1903 in New York. Szold was about to

turn 41 years old. The “young professor” was about to turn 30 years old. Szold agreed to translate from German into English any volume he would finish.

The rest is history. Szold apparently came to believe that Ginzberg loved her and would marry her. Eli Ginzberg insists that his father considered marrying Szold. Others who have studied the relationship suggest Ginzberg may have used Szold, and whether intentionally or not, may have led her on. Ginzberg would travel to Europe every summer. At the end of the summer of 1908, when Ginzberg returned to the United States, he revealed that he had become engaged to a lovely woman only 22 years old named Adele Katzenstein. In fact, he went to Szold’s residence to tell her in person. One can only imagine her reaction.

She immediately terminated their relationship and thus translated only the first two volumes of Ginzberg’s work. Those who knew Szold at the time said she seemed to be experiencing a nervous breakdown. Eli Ginzberg talks about “unrequited love” and calls Szold his father’s “most devoted pupil.” This remarkable woman would recover to work tirelessly, while in her 70s, in the 1930s in Germany to convince as many parents as possible to send their children to Palestine.

Louis Ginzberg, born in Lithuania in 1873, had a young life very different from the masses of Jews living under Russian control. Both of his parents had connections to prosperous businessmen and prominent rabbis. His parents would move to Holland, but leave him behind to continue his studies at a yeshiva. He had already been recognized as a prodigy in the study of the Talmud. As a teenager he joined his parents in Holland, then moved on to Germany where he could continue his religious studies and be exposed to the more modern version of Judaism in Western Europe. He would be ordained as a rabbi and receive a Ph.D. degree from Heidelberg University.

Ginzberg came to the United States in August, 1899, not yet 26 years old, but with an offer to teach at Hebrew Union College for \$1,000 for one year. For reasons not clearly understood, HUC rescinded the offer, perhaps believing he was too young

and inexperienced. Ginzberg then began writing for the Jewish Encyclopedia at a salary of \$25 a week. Then a group of Jewish philanthropists decided to reorganize the Jewish Theological Seminary and turn it into a legitimate institution of higher Jewish learning. They brought the legendary Solomon Schechter from Great Britain to head the JTS. The first faculty member he hired: Louis Ginzberg, to be Professor of Talmud. He remained on the faculty until his death in 1953.

Before his death in 1915, Schechter had created the United Synagogue of America to link Conservative congregations across the country to the Seminary. In 1917-1918 Louis Ginzberg served as president of the United Synagogue. He visited Palestine for the first time in 1928-1929 to teach for a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Then in 1941 Ginzberg produced what his son calls his father’s “magnum opus,” *A Commentary on the Palestine Talmud*; Louis Ginzberg finished only three volumes. Troubled by health problems for most of his life, Ginzberg never finished another volume before his death in 1953.

More important than all of his books, articles, papers, speeches and honors, Louis Ginzberg gained recognition as the leading expert on the Talmud and on Jewish law in the nation. Other scholars of Judaism would regularly consult him for rulings on the law. Eli Ginzberg calls his father a “one man Supreme Court.” In that regard, he became the person to go to in the family’s neighborhood in Manhattan to decide whether meat or poultry was kosher or not kosher. On a lighter note, Eli Ginzberg tells of women coming to their door regularly carrying a chicken or a duck to seek the great scholar’s ruling. In a final irony that might make a good novel or movie, Eli Ginzberg married Ruth Szold, a distant relative of Henrietta Szold.

Sisterhood

Ruth Ellenbogen

Sisterhood has scheduled the following events for this spring, with new program ideas coming from our members:

GAME NIGHT on Saturday March 2nd at 7:15 pm. Havdalah services followed by a fun evening of cards and games (see more information on this page).

COOKING CLASSES will be presented in a three part series. We will have evening and daytime

programs. Come to one or all. The cost is \$ 10.00 for each.

- Appetizers on Thursday March 14th from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm.
- Soup on Thursday April 11th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm followed by lunch.
- Desserts on Thursday May 16th at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please stay to sample and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT on Saturday May 4th. Marlene Pinsky and Beth Adelman will make this a truly special service. Be thinking about how you can help and get involved.

As always the board wants to hear from you. Please call Sisterhood president Emily Fogel with any questions or suggestions. Stay warm and be safe!

SISTERHOOD GAME NIGHT – MARCH 2ND



Come one, come all to our Sisterhood game night on Saturday, March 2 at 7:15 pm. We will begin with Havdalah services and then play games, including Mah Jongg, cards, and many board games. If there is a special game that you would like to play, please call Irene Fishbein (902-8893) to let her know. We will have some light snacks for you to enjoy. There is no cost for the evening, so come and relax and have some fun! Those needing a ride should contact the office. Please RSVP by February 26. We look forward to seeing you there!

Men's Club News

Irwin Dumtschin

Sunday Brunch Series: The Beth Abraham Sunday Brunch programs, sponsored by the Men's Club, continue into February. The brunches begin at 10:00 AM and the cost is \$7. Please RSVP to the office so we can plan accordingly.

February 3: Guest Speaker: Jim Nathanson

Topic: "Athletes and Mobsters – Jews Between the 2 World Wars"

****Brunch is free for those who participate in the World Wide Wrap minyan 8:30 AM service****

February 10: Guest Speaker: Judy Woll
Topic: "The Spectrum of Secular Jews"

February 17: Guest Speakers: Franklin Lewis and Richard Prigozen
Topic: "Jewish Comedians"

World Wide Wrap XIX – Sunday,

February 3rd, 2019: Once again, Conservative Jews around the world will celebrate the mitzvah of Tefillin at their

morning minyan, joining thousands of others in the annual "World Wide Wrap" sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. If you've never done it, putting on tefillin looks hard. Yes, it's harder than putting on your talit. But it's not as hard as learning to ride a bike. The mitzvah of wrapping Tefillin is one of the most basic Jewish rituals. The Men's Club and Rabbi Ginsberg are working closely to encourage each of you to be "on hand" and participate in this mitzvah. We realize that for some of you this may be a new or unfamiliar experience. We hope that you will all plan to join us on February 3rd. And like riding a bike, once you get the basics down, and practice a little, you'll never forget. **All those who join us that morning to lay Tefillin will then be able to join us for the brunch program following services for free!!**

Men's Club Shabbat Service: On March 2nd, The Men's Club will lead the Sabbath services, giving our Cantor a well-deserved day off and highlighting the participation of Men's Club in the

religious life of the shul. Men's Club Shabbat is an opportunity for Men's Club members (as well as future club members) to lead and/or participate in the Shabbat service. Committee members will be starting to make phone calls to members to give you the opportunity to be part of this service, be it leading some of the service, having an aliyah, reading Torah or leading a Hebrew or English reading. You can call Irwin Dumtschin, David Rothschild, or Rick Pinsky and let them know that you would like to participate.

Men's Club Monthly Meeting: Men's Club's next monthly meeting is scheduled for February 7 at 6:00 pm, in the conference room. Please note this will be the first Thursday, instead of our usual 2nd. Thursday of the month. Our meetings are open to all, and we especially welcome all newcomers to come join us at one of our meetings, as we plan our events, discuss supporting worthwhile causes, and just have some fun!

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If you need transportation to any Beth Abraham Shabbat service or program, please call the office (293-9520) at least a few days before the service or event and the synagogue will help you find a ride. If you would like to volunteer to be a driver either on a regular basis or for a particular event, please contact the office at 293-9520.

COMMUNITY

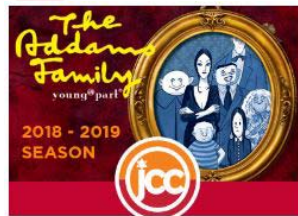


ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Friday, Feb. 22 - Sunday, Feb. 24

Friday 7:00 pm: Renowned Jewish performer Noah Aronson kicks off the weekend in Dayton with a community Shabbat service at Temple Beth Or featuring the Dayton Jewish Chorale and the Temple Beth Or Choir. There will be no evening service at Beth Abraham that night so that we can all celebrate Shabbat together.

Sunday 9:00 am: All youth (through 12th grade) can attend to interact with Noah, learn together and work on a mitzvah project, culminating in a mini concert at 11:00 am for them and their families.



Children's Theatre

The JCC Children's Theater presents The Addams Family on Feb. 9 at 8:00 pm and Feb. 10 at 3:00 pm at Stivers School for the Arts. Our own **Ranon and Elior Ginsberg, Ruth and Lior Glaser, and Shoshana Krummel-Adkins** are participating. Get your tickets now at jewishdayton.org. or by phone 610-1555.

Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

Friday, February 1

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	5:38 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	6:42 p.m.

Friday, February 8

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
NO Kabbalat Shabbat due to GWCTS	
Candle Lighting	5:46 p.m.

Saturday, February 9

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	6:51 p.m.

Friday, February 15

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	5:55 p.m.

Saturday, February 16

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	6:59 p.m.

Friday, February 22

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Community Service at Temple Beth Or	
NO Kabbalat Shabbat	
Candle Lighting	6:03 p.m.

Saturday, February 23

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	7:07 p.m.

DAILYMINYAN

Monday & Thursday
7:00 am & 5:30 pm

DAILYMINYAN

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
7:15 am & 5:30 pm

Sundays
8:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 5 & 6
- Rosh Chodesh Adar I
- Morning Service – 7:00 a.m.
- Evening Service – 5:30 p.m.

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In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks for the following Kiddush contributions

January 5 - The Schwartz family, in honor of Judah Schwartz's Bar Mitzvah
January 12 - Morning minyanaires, in honor of Larry Wagenfeld's 85th birthday
January 19 - Bruce and Sandy Sloane Bremner, in honor of their anniversary; and Beth Abraham Sisterhood
January 26 - 125th Anniversary Decade Shabbat, in memory of Rabbi Samuel Burick, by his grandchildren

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in February

	February anniversaries:
1	Kay Lewis
2	Ruth Barnett
2	Celia Diamond
2	Micah Naziri
5	Alan Chesen
5	Laurence Lasky
10	Rica Hodesh
10	Eleanor Zwelling
11	Marilyn Serelson
12	DeNeal Feldman
13	Lorraine Kotler
13	Angela Frydman
14	Ann Liberman
16	Ted Cooper
18	Steven Schoemann
19	Eleanor Bernstein
19	Bari Blumhof
19	Farley Frydman
19	Donna Weiss
22	David Joffe
24	Steven Ducker
24	Oscar Softer
25	Beverly Louis
26	Robert Burick
28	David Fuschman
28	Juliet Glaser
29	Garry Greene
2	Alan and Myrnie Moscovitz
12	Walter and Bonnie Rice
15	Irvin and Gayle Moscovitz
17	Alan and Lynda Cohen
23	Amy Munich & Edward Sperber
25	Gary and Annette Goodman

** If you have a birthday or anniversary and it is not listed above, please call the office so we can put it in the database.

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YAHREZEITS

This list represents yahrzeits for this month as listed in Beth Abraham's database.

If we have missed a name, please call the synagogue office at 293-9520 and let us know so we can update our records.

This February (Shevat-Adar I) we remember:

Shevat	Elaine Shapiro	Helen Kasavan	Abe Rosensweet
Sadie Fogel	Dorothy Spaier	Ruth Neiman	Helen Schneider
Hortense Kühr	Edward Weiner	Rose Posner	Bertha Simon
Emma Saeks	Sarah Berlin	Rachelle Sherman	Joseph Almeloh
Mose Sivitz	A. Meyer Jenefsky	Doris Simon	Bernard Gottesman
Abe Dysken	Irving Mendinger	Eida Spizzichino	Charles Levy
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Celia Gershov	Joseph Brown	Samuel Chasens	Paul Haas
Nathana Kastan	Jeannette Emmer	Albert Cretella	Rose Jacobson
Morris Kizner	Claire Fogel	Robert Lapinsky	Marc Lynn
Max Krueger	Aaron Herscheibn	Mannul Mathews	Burt Schear
William Mintz	Nora Leff	Clara Rafner	Emil Schmerler
Joseph Rosenthal	Rose Lifschitz	David Rosenthal	Mose Friedman
Nate Silverston	Robert Myers	Joshua Schechter	Morris Kantor
LaVerne Smith	Debbie Natfuin	Abraham Abromowitz	Arnold Kantor
Helen Wasserman	Yale Penzell	Simon Brotkin	Adele Marcus
Dennis Zappin	Sol Rosenthal	Irwin Fogel	Esther Topper
Morris Zeitman	Ann Barr	Kenneth Garlikov	Nettie Bennett
Meera Berkovitz	Hyman Gams	John Ingberg	Sam Bodenstein
Max Brotkin	Etta Ghan	Herbert Levin	Jerome L. Braverman
Fannie Katz	Martin Gottlieb	Samuel Meyer	Louis Katz
Emilie Kohlhagen	Bessie Greenberg	Harry Rubin	Louis Rubin
Ervin Kohn	Barbara Katz	Efroim Mangel Sobol	Elmer Samuels
Harold Nathanson	Irene Laster	Alexander Bearman	Stanley Scott
Josephine Saeks	Jack Recht	Harry Bremen	Leo Shapiro
Ben Silverstone	John Schweitzer	Lillian Burick	Kathleen Mellman Jacobson
Salman Tinianow	Anne Slobof	Reva Hillelson	Rosalie Jacobson
Morris Bernstein	Annette Thum	Anna Hulman	Eugene Joffe
Elizabeth Beyer	Anna M. Tuck	Harry M. Kahn	Anthony Katz
Mildred Byrne	Rose Gams	David Kress	Bess Kempler
Bennet Cohen	Pam Gunter	Jennie Oltusky	Frank Levine
Millie Friedman	Albert Levitt	Hyman Carne	Anna Stefin
Irving Hellman	Louis Rafner	David Casper	Freda Weiss
Ike Jacobson	Vincent Weisman	Selma Chernikoff	Fannie Wolfe
Andrew D. Kaplan	Sam Baygel	Bella Coplan	David Bodenstein
Joseph Lapinsky	Marlene Carne	Nathan Edelman	Toba Grossman
Jodi Saeks	Sarah Curtis	Milton Fine	Esther Hirsch
Beth Ann Wynn	Miriam Ducker	Harold Rosenblatt	Lena Jacobson
Simon Zawatsky	Herman Gassman	Candy Sherer	Alvin Lasky
	Barbara Levin	Jacob M. Shirer	Anna Matusoff
	Phillip Levy	Trina Shuchat	Joe Maybruck
	Ruth Sajowitz	Clara Arnovitz	Max Oscherwitz
	Jack Speigel	Saul Bulasky	Gloria Rosen
	Anna Werbner	Edward Erkes	Barbara Rosenbaum
	Ida Brotkin	Morris Frankowitz	Millard Spialter
	Margorie Feuer	Barney Muselman	Anne C. Blumberg
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	Albert Ingberg	Shirley Schorr	Sara Pack
	Jill Tischer	Eliot Burick	William Rabinowitz
	Ben Ziskin	Janet Burick	Edward Zawatsky
	Charlotte Zusman	Ehel Dvora Elman	
	Joseph Bernstein	Kathe Gassman	
	Nathan Brown	Sarah Goldberg	
	Mary Goldwasser	Mervin Lewis	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1</p> <p>5:38p Candle Lighting</p>	<p>2 <i>Haftarah: Ralph Williams</i> <i>Kiddush: No Sponsor</i></p> <p>Adult Ed. following Kiddush</p> <p>6:42p Havdalah</p>
<p>3 8:30a World Wide Wrap</p> <p>9:00a Religious School 9:15a Decade Shabbatot Comm. Mtg.</p> <p>10:00a Sunday Brunch</p> <p>4:00p Cantor Kopmar Student recital</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Rosh Hodesh Adar I</p>	<p>6 Rosh Hodesh Adar I</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00p Men's Club Mtg.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?</p> <p>5:46p Candle Lighting</p>	<p>9 <i>Haftarah: Alan Chesen</i> <i>Kiddush: No Sponsor</i></p> <p>Adult Ed. following Kiddush</p> <p>6:51p Havdalah</p>
<p>10 9:00a Religious School</p> <p>10:00a Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00p 125:Anniversary Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00p Executive Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:55p Candle Lighting</p>	<p>16 <i>Haftarah: Ted Cooper</i> <i>Kiddush: Beth Abraham</i> <i>Sisterhood</i></p> <p>Sisterhood Study Group after Kiddush</p> <p>6:59p Havdalah</p>
<p>17 9:00a Religious School</p> <p>10:00a Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Purim Katan</p> <p>4:15p 125:Kaleidoscope of Us Comm. Mtg.</p> <p>6:00p Board Mtg.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00a Sisterhood Exec. Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NO Evening Service Community Shabbat at Temple Beth Or</p> <p>6:03p Candle Lighting</p>	<p>23 <i>Haftarah: Norm Lewis</i> <i>Kiddush: No Sponsor</i></p> <p>Adult Ed. following Kiddush</p> <p>7:07p Havdalah</p>
<p>24 9:00a Collaborative Religious School</p> <p>11:00a Mini Concert with Noah Aronson</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>		