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## First Decade Shabbat Begins Beth Abraham's 125 Year Anniversary Celebration

The first of four Decade Shabbatot is scheduled for **Saturday Morning, January 26, 2019**. This special Shabbat is the soft kickoff of our 125th year celebration. Anniversary events throughout the year will allow us to Recall our 1894 beginnings...to Rejoice in our successes, while cognizant of the challenges that lie before us...and to Renew our commitment to ensure that Beth Abraham will continue to serve many future generations.

This first Decade Shabbat will cover the first five decades – the 49 years from 1894, the year that K.K. House of Abraham was established, until 1943, the year that two congregations, K.K. House of Abraham and Dayton View Synagogue Center, came together as a united congregation, then named Beth Abraham Synagogue Center.

During the service, descendants of our founding and early synagogue members from the pre-merger congregations will receive honors in memory of their relatives. Rabbi Ginsberg will deliver an anniversary sermon tailored to the theme of Recall, and we will also enjoy some surprises.

At the Kiddush lunch, relatives of our founders and early congregants will share memories of those early days. We will also review a timeline for the 1894-1943 period, and enjoy table displays of photographs, prayer books, and other Jewish memorabilia of that period. If you are a relative or early member of the K.K. House of Abraham or of Dayton View Synagogue Center and have stories to share, please contact Ralph Williams (937-361-0544) immediately.

This first Decade Shabbat is sponsored by the grandchildren of Rabbi Samuel Burick. Rabbi Burick served as rabbi at K.K. House of Abraham from 1906 to 1943 and then assisted Rabbi Jacob Agus at Beth Abraham Synagogue Center from 1943-1949.

Ralph Williams and Adam Feiner, Co-Chairs of the Decade Shabbatot Subcommittee, together with members of the subcommittee have worked hard to make this first Decade Shabbat one you won't want to miss. Please join us on January 26, 2019 as we Recall our beginnings.

### SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 29-30, 2019

#### CELEBRATING BEGINNINGS

*Official Kickoff of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year*



A Shabbat Weekend at Beth Abraham with Professor Jonathan Sarna, nationally-renowned historian of the Jewish American Experience.

Friday: Kabbalat Shabbat, dinner and presentation.  
Saturday: Services, special Kiddush lunch and presentations.

This will also celebrate the inaugural event of the Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series.

This is sure to be an exciting weekend, so mark your calendars now!

More information to follow.

# The Cantor's Corner

Cantor Andrea Raizen

Last year at this time, I remember seeing many posts on Facebook from Jewish friends wishing one another a Happy 2018, with the "18" represented using the Hebrew letters "Chet" and "Yud", whose numerical values add up to 18. Most of us are aware that the

two letters spell the word *Chai*, life. The sentiment expressed the hope that the new year would be a particularly good one. For my family, those hopes were dashed early in the year with the passing of my father and later his sister, my aunt. I know so many others - family, friends and acquaintances - who also lost parents and other close relatives this past year. Rationally, I know this is simply attributable to the fact that I and my peers are at that age where this is part of life, but it felt like such a blow in a year that brought *chai* with it.

In addition to family losses, it was a year filled with natural disasters and tragedies, from devastating wildfires, floods, hurricanes and volcanic eruptions to major mass shootings, the worst of which in Pittsburgh shook our Jewish community to its core. But should all the darkness that we experienced in the year of "*Chai*" make us question our affinity for the magical quality of the number 18? I'm sure that many of you make monetary donations in multiples of 18 and take great pleasure in celebrating birthdays and anniversaries of those same amounts.

Some say that along with 18 representing "life," it is the luckiest number for Jews. God's name is mentioned 18 times in Psalm 29 which we recite both at Kabbalat Shabbat and again on Shabbat morning. Rabbi Reuven Hammer explains that "this psalm describes the enthronement of God and depicts the divine Presence moving through the world, causing all of nature to shatter and convulse at God's might as the Almighty is

enthroned in the Temple." The 18 mentions of God's name also connect this psalm to the *Amidah*, the central prayer of all services, known as the *Sh'moneh Esrei*, the 18 blessings. The great commentator Rashi was even able to discern in the verses of the psalm references to each specific blessing of the *Amidah*. God's name is also mentioned 18 times in the Song at the Sea (*Shirat Hayam*) from the Book of Exodus that we recite on a daily basis.

But 2018 has now passed and we have embarked on 2019. Does Judaism have any special affinity to the number 19? I'm sorry to say it, but no. However, I thought it might be interesting to explore Hebrew words whose numerical values add up to 19 and see where that would lead. When searching for this, a few intriguing words popped up. The first was *achi*, meaning my brother. The next was *oyev*, enemy and a third was *ichud*, unity. This seems to be an interesting juxtaposition of words, but not entirely farfetched. In this current political/social climate of us vs. them, could this coincidence of identical numerical values of words not come to teach us that we all have much more in common than that which divides us? Perhaps a Jewish take on the year 2019 should be an impetus to focus on this idea of unity, coming together, seeing beyond our differences and making a conscious effort to reach out and build bridges.

One other word came up in my search of words adding up to 19, and that was my own Hebrew name, *Chava*, Eve in the Torah, first woman and giver of life. *Chava* is derived from *chai*, (harking back to 18). Although I have not personally given birth to another human being, we all have the capacity to bring to life new ideas and the ability to work together in a more compassionate and caring world that allows all to thrive and live a dignified life. As we pass from the year of *chai* to a year of *ichud*, may we strive to bring both life and unity into our world. I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2019.

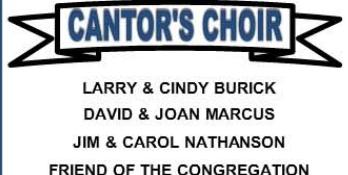
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# Good Company

Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg

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Every year the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) engages in “the grim task of rounding up the prominent Jews who passed away over the previous 12 months.” This year, we lost TV stars, scholars, Holocaust survivors, spiritual leaders and a Pulitzer Prize winner. I

recommend you go to [www.JTA.org](http://www.JTA.org) to see the whole list. I want to focus on that Pulitzer Prize winner.

This past May, the giant of Jewish literature, and one of the most revered novelists of the post-war period, Philip Roth died in New York City at the age of 85. Roth was both hailed and derided for laying bare the neuroses and obsessions that haunted the modern American-Jewish psyche, especially those of acculturating second and third generation Jews as they left the ethnic ghettos of their parents and grandparents and went on to college and white-collar professions.

Roth's best known work to this day is the 1969 novel *Portnoy's Complaint*, a first-person narrative about Alexander Portnoy, a sex-obsessed, young middle-class Jewish New Yorker. The book featured several notorious masturbation scenes and a narrator who declared he wanted to “put the id back in yid”. Or as Portnoy confessed to his psychoanalyst, “Enough being a nice Jewish boy, publicly pleasing my parents while privately pulling my putz!” No wonder the New Yorker greeted the novel as “one of the dirtiest books every written.”

The book that introduced me to Philip Roth was his masterwork of counterfactual history, *The Plot Against America*. It is a what-if story in which Charles Lindbergh, the aviation hero and Nazi sympathizer, is elected President in 1940, leading to the widespread persecution of Jews in the United States.

After more than 50 years as a writer, Roth decided to give up writing novels in 2010. He then went back and



reread all his works “to see whether I'd wasted my time,” he said in a 2014 interview published in the New York Times Book Review. For his conclusion, he quoted Joe Lewis, the heavyweight boxing champion of the 1930s and '40s: “I did the best I could with what I had.”

As he reflected on his life work, Roth also began to reflect on his mortality. Never one to mince words, he described mortality this way: “It's a Bad Contract, and We All Have to Sign It.”

Despite the significant presence of Jewish themes and ideas in his written work, Philip Roth instructed that his funeral be devoid of Jewish ritual. Roth was a fiercely secular Jew; there was no metaphysical dimension to his life. Interestingly, in a 2006 interview, Terri Gross, host of NPR's Fresh Air, focused Philip Roth's attention towards questions of cemeteries, burial, and visits.

Philip Roth said: Yes, I do visit the gravesite of my mother and father. And yes, I do feel closer to them – if not to the dead, to their memories when I'm there. I'm rather glad that my parents were buried...Gives me a place to go. I don't believe they're present. I know they're dead. But somehow, the place has significance. It focuses your thinking. It allows you to be alone and uninterrupted. And you're thinking about them and your past with them and who they were. And I don't do it more than once a year. But I do do it, regularly, and it does mean a great deal to me.

Gross then said:

I have the sense that cemeteries in their own way are almost outdated because people are so scattered all over the place geographically, friends and family. And they're not tied together in a physical community anymore. And cemeteries, I don't know, they seem like – you need to like take care of the neighborhood....

Roth replied:

Well, I feel differently.... recently... I visited the gravesite of my mother and father. And also buried there are many members of my mother's

family, my grandmother, my grandfather on her side, their brothers and sisters... So I wander around, and I find – to repeat what I said earlier – that my attention is focused by virtue of those gravestones and those dates that I see. They're very powerful. It's just four numbers and a hyphen and four more numbers, but they pack a punch, you know...

I am biased, but I believe that it was unfortunate that Philip Roth was unwilling to be recognized with or have his loved ones comforted by Jewish traditions around death. However, I do think that he understood the impulse behind cemeteries. They pack a punch. Jews don't visit cemeteries in the spirit of ancestor worship. We visit to “focus” our “attention.” Beth Abraham is blessed to have a beautiful cemetery, and we do our best to lovingly care for it. As we visit loved ones there and elsewhere, we pay attention to them and thus clarify our memories, shared values, even our points of friction with them.

Actually, I think Roth's point about the value of cemeteries is even a wider answer to Terri Gross' hypothesis that cemeteries have lost their value with the geographic spread of families. Visiting a cemetery can focus your attention, even if you are not visiting one where your own family is buried. Walking amidst stones and markers can draw your attention even when loved ones are buried in a different place, in a different state, even in a far off country. A place where one person is buried respectfully can bring to mind another place where your people are buried.

Roth had originally looked into being buried next to his parents at the Gomel Chesed Cemetery in Newark, New Jersey. However, the area surrounding the Jewish burial ground had in recent years become rife with crime, and Roth was unable to find a plot next to his parents. Despite being located in a neighborhood that has seen better days, the cemetery is very well kept up, because people have devoted their resources to maintain it in perpetuity. Rosalyn Schwartzberg, the 95 year-old informal historian of Gomel Chesed explained her motivation for taking care of the cemetery:

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Beth Abraham will host the first Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? (GWCTS) event for 2019 on Friday, February 8th. We hope you will join us in this exciting, popular program!

How can you participate in the **February 8th GWCTS?**

Start by thinking about what role you want – that of guest or host. Remember, there are only two expectations for our hosts:

1. to provide a pareve or dairy dinner; and,
2. to recite the brachot for the candle lighting, the wine, and the challah.

That's it. In fact, we will have host brochures with the blessings, just in

case hosts or guests would like to refer to these in print. In addition, we will provide the hosts with candles, a challah, and a really awesome *Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?* reusable grocery bag.

As always, we need many more guests than hosts to make the program successful, so don't be shy...**Be our guest!**

An email has already been sent with the links and you can also find the information in the weekly News & Notes. We need you to [sign up by Sunday, January 13th](#) and we will email everyone with the matches the week of January 28th. If you need help signing up, please call the office and we will gladly help you.

Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? We hope you are!

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## Tu B'Shevat Seder

Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees, falls on **January 21**, but we will celebrate with a Tu B'Shevat seder following Kiddush lunch on Saturday, January 19. Similar to the Passover seder, we will drink four cups of wine, or more likely grape juice, eat a variety of fruits and nuts and sing some songs. This is a great way to connect to Israel and the environment and enjoy some tasty treats, as well.



## Time to Think About Purim

Calling all hams, preferably kosher ones! "Wouldn't it be Loverly" to be in a little different Shpiel this year? "With a Little Bit of Luck" we will pull together a combined Megillah reading and Shpiel on March 20. There will be a limited number of rehearsals, times and dates to yet be determined. If interested, contact Cantor Raizen and "Get to the Shul on Time!"

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"The cemetery is the home of my mother, my father, my sister, and me. I also have dear friends and relatives who are buried here. In recognition of their having existed, I believe they deserve a certain amount of dignity. I believe the cemetery needs to look good, it needs to be cared for, and it needs to be available for those who need it."

This year we are celebrating Beth Abraham Synagogue's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is also the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our current cemetery, whose land was purchased in 1894 immediately west of Riverview Cemetery, which was founded by Temple Israel in 1889, which will be celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup>

anniversary. Not to be outdone, in 1875 Beth Jacob purchased its land for a cemetery – 12 years before the congregation had its first synagogue building, on Wyoming Street (The Dayton Jewish Observer May 27, 2011). After nearly two years of due diligence, all three historic Jewish congregations are entering the final phase of a project that will combine our cemeteries into a single non-profit entity, while preserving each of the congregations' religious burial practices. This final phase is creating an endowment that will allow our cemeteries to be taken care of in perpetuity in a Jewish way. All three of our congregations are fully committed to the creation of the Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Dayton now! We will only be successful with all of your support.

It doesn't matter when or in which of the cemeteries our deceased were buried. It doesn't matter whether they were active Jews, deeply pious or fiercely secular like Philip Roth. Roth, despite his secularity, understood the profound importance of the Jewish cemetery as a place where, feeling their absence, we can still sense their presence.

Philip Roth ultimately decided to be buried at the Bard College Cemetery, where he could be near his friend Norman Manea, a Romanian-Jewish author who works as a professor at the college. Roth was also friends with Bard College President Leon Botstein, who is also Jewish. According to his biographer Blake Bailey, "He said he wants to be buried near Jews so he has someone to talk to." He certainly will have good company!

# A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

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## OUR 125<sup>th</sup> YEAR

It's finally here. While we have been planning and discussing it for the past number of months, now that we enter 2019, we officially begin the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of Beth Abraham. It promises to

be a rewarding and fulfilling year ahead as we Recall, Rejoice and Renew our commitment to the synagogue and our congregation.

The year starts with the first of the *Decade Shabbat* services on January 26<sup>th</sup> and culminates with *The Grand Gala* celebration on December 8th. In between, we will hold additional Decade Shabbatot and celebrate the *Kaleidoscope of Us: From Babies to Bubbies*, an interactive afternoon of food, art and fun across all our generations of Beth Abraham members.

We will trace the history of our synagogue and cemetery and then toast our past at the program *Spirits of Our Past: In Our Hearts Forever*. And we will host renowned Jewish educator and leading commentator on American Judaism, Professor Jonathan Sarna of Brandeis University, for an educational

weekend in the inaugural Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series weekend at the end of March. What an exciting schedule of events!

It certainly would not be possible without the tremendous efforts of so many in our congregation who helped to plan and organize these events, led by our three Committee Co-Chairs, Beverly Louis, Bonnie Beaman Rice and Larry Burick.

I can't begin to thank the three "B's" enough for their leadership in making this once in a lifetime effort come to fruition. I also know that Beverly, Bonnie and Larry will be the first to say that it would not be possible without the assistance of everyone in the congregation who have stepped up to volunteer to serve on the various committees and sub-committees that have brought these past months of planning to reality.

Whether it has been developing the schedule of events, organizing the various activities to come over the year, researching the history of the synagogue, or tracking down memories from past congregants and their families, it would not be possible without the tremendous commitment of everyone who has been involved so far.

As your President, it has been truly amazing to see so many of our members actively engaged and justifiably excited in helping the congregation celebrate Beth Abraham's 125<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.

This enthusiasm, participation, creativity and commitment will no doubt make the year ahead very special for all of us.

As Rabbi Ginsberg and I communicated recently to the entire congregation, we have established a new fund, **The 125 Fund**, to honor this milestone moment in the life of Beth Abraham Synagogue. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to support the synagogue now and into the future. It will allow us to replace funds from our usual fundraising events such as the Donor Event and the Sisterhood's Women of Valor luncheon that we have intentionally chosen to forego in 2019 so as not to distract from our efforts to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. And it will provide additional support for Beth Abraham in the years ahead.

There are multiple giving levels that will allow everyone to participate in **The 125 Fund** in a manner that fits each congregant's individual financial situation. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Chairs of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration committee, I hope you will consider joining **The 125 Fund**. Let's all be counted in commemorating the role that Beth Abraham has played in each of our lives and the lives of our families in the past and the role I know it will play in all of our lives in the future.

## INTERFAITH SERVICE A TRIBUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR



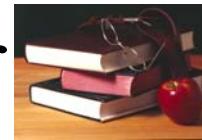
Beth Abraham will once again be hosting our friends from Corinthian Baptist Church on **Friday, January 18** at 7:30 pm to honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This very special service at Beth Abraham will feature musicians and singers from both of our communities who will come together to lead everyone in song and praise. Rabbi Ginsberg and Pastor Dr. P.E. Henderson, Jr. will both offer words of inspiration. Afterwards there will be an Oneg Shabbat, an opportunity to socialize and re-connect with our friends from the church. This is an event you will not want to miss!



# Library News - Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter

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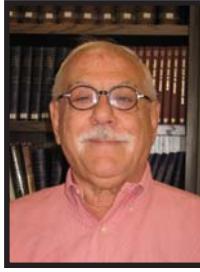
Where does one begin to study the history of the Jews in the ancient world, in the post-Biblical era? Michael Grant provides every detail in a book titled *The Jews in the Roman World* in the synagogue library collection. The history of the Middle East in the ancient world is the story of the rise and fall of various great powers, and the

Jews are always in the middle of the struggle among those powers.

After ancient Israel split into two kingdoms, Israel and Judah, the first great power, the Assyrians, conquered Israel, the northern kingdom, in 722-721. That was only the beginning of a fascinating story.

The Assyrians sent most of the Jews, including all of the community's leaders, into exile, considered the beginning of the Diaspora. It seems likely that the Jews assimilated and disappeared into Assyrian culture and society, but Europeans would search for centuries for the "Ten Lost Tribes" in Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa. The next great power, Babylon, would conquer the southern kingdom, Judah, in 597-596 and once again send most of the Jews into exile. In this case, however, many Jews escaped to Egypt to begin another important Jewish community in the ancient world.

Then the Persians swept away all challengers and encouraged maybe 50,000 Jews to return to the Holy Land, rebuilding the Jewish community. These Jews built the Second Temple in about 575. Michael Grant emphasizes that there is little or no documentation about the Jews in the two centuries between 400 and 200. In the midst of that era the ultimate conqueror, Alexander the Great, would take over most of the known world, at the end of the 330s. After his death, just ten years later, several of his generals would divide his empire. Whether Jews lived in the Holy Land or in Egypt, they would now be part of the Greek world for the next two centuries.



Between 300 and 200 the Roman republic emerged as the greatest power in the known world. When the Maccabees led a revolt against Greek control of the Holy Land in the 160s, the Maccabees made a treaty with Rome that guaranteed protection against the Greeks. For all intents and purposes, the Holy Land became independent by the 140s and flourished with freedom of religion under Roman protection. The Jewish state added territory and, as Grant describes it, became "the most important military power between Roman Asia and Egypt."

While Rome became an empire, the Romans actually formed more of a partnership with the Jews because of a

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new threat in the Middle East. Parthia emerged as a major power over some 500 years. As Rome became more "imperial," however, the Romans turned what had been Israel into a mere province of the empire and called it Judea. Then the Romans did what the British would do to their North American colonies in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, leading to a revolution. The Romans imposed high taxes on the Jews and stationed a permanent military force of occupation in Judea.

With the rapid rise of Christianity in the first of the last five centuries of the ancient world, the Jewish community in Judea and elsewhere, reduced in number, felt increasingly threatened by both the Romans and the Greeks who lived in various cities in the Middle East. The Greeks resented the Jews because of what they considered their close ties to the Romans. As usual throughout ancient history, the Jews found themselves in the middle of a conflict between two cultures. The Greeks particularly mistreated the sizeable Jewish community in Alexandria.

As Roman rule became more oppressive in Judea, the Jews launched a rebellion in the year 66. The Romans were outraged because this took place in the middle of more than two centuries of what the Romans called the Pax Romana or Roman Peace covering most of the known world. At first the Jews drove the Romans out of Jerusalem. Michael Grant

admits that figures from ancient sources may not be accurate, but the Romans may have sent at least 60,000 troops in 67 to crush the uprising. The Romans took control of most of Judea, but it would take about three years to take control of Jerusalem. Then in 70, they sacked the city and burned the Second Temple to the ground. Only the Jews at the mountain fortress of Masada held out for another three years to 73.

Grant says ancient sources estimate that almost 100,000 Jews may have been taken as prisoners of war and at least 30,000 may have been taken from Judea while more than one million Jews may have died in the conflict and the famine which accompanied the war. Those numbers might be accurate because, according to

Grant, Jews made up about 20 percent of the population in the eastern provinces of the Roman Empire. The rebellion ended an era in Jewish history. As Grant puts it rather dramatically, "The year 70 marked the end of the nation's life in Israel until its restoration in 1948."

Jewish life in Israel may have flickered, but it did not end. With Jerusalem in rubble, with a population estimated at a mere 40,000, and the Temple destroyed, Jerusalem no longer served as the center of the Jewish world. Instead, centers of learning, yeshivas and synagogues opened in various areas of Judea. The leaders of these institutions and other talented scholars would teach Torah and the history of Judaism to a generation that could pass what they learned to the next generation and so on.

When the Roman Empire accepted Christianity as its religion, real persecution of the Jews began. Then the empire went into a long period of decline and "fell" in 476. Jewish life went on and thrived in the lands of the Middle East once under Roman control. It is estimated that about two million Jews lived in those lands by 500. The Fall of the Roman Empire marked the end of ancient history and the beginning of a new era, the Middle Ages, for the next 1,000 years until the Renaissance.

## Men's Club News

*Irwin Dumtschin*

### Sunday Brunch Series - SPECIAL

**REQUEST:** Men's Club is asking its members for additional help with the brunches. We need volunteers to help in the kitchen starting at 9:00AM. In addition, we need someone to be a greeter at the door to let our guests in as they arrive. Please contact Irwin (937-271-5307 or dumtid@msn.com) beforehand to let him know of your availability. **Your help is appreciated!**

The Beth Abraham Sunday Brunch program, sponsored by the Men's Club, continues in January with the following speakers:

**January 13:** Guest Speaker: Jessica Ramos, Attorney

**Topic:** *Immigration in the Trump Era*

### January 20: Special Martin Luther King Program

Guest Speaker: the Hon. Dr. Derrick L. Foward, Dayton Unit NAACP President

### January 27: Joint brunch program with Temple Israel Brotherhood at Temple Israel (9:45AM)

Guest Speaker: Marshall Weiss

**Topic:** *Dayton Jewish History: A Legacy of Caring*

Brunch begins at 10:00AM (except where noted) and the cost is \$7. We ask that you please RSVP to the office.

### World Wide Wrap XIX – Sunday,

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019:** Once again, Conservative Jews around the world

will celebrate the mitzvah of Tefillin at their morning minyanim, joining thousands of others in the annual "World Wide Wrap" sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Beth Abraham Men's Club will again lead our community in participation of the World Wide Wrap. "If you've never done it, putting on tefillin looks hard. Yes, it's harder than putting on your tallit. 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. Yet for many of us it is removed from our daily lives; somehow a relic of the past rather than a vibrant and vital spiritual experience. The Men's Club and Rabbi Ginsberg are working closely to encourage each of you to 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 be present on the day of the WWWrap, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Like riding a bike, once you get the basics down, and practice a little, you'll never forget. All those who join us this morning to lay Tefillin will be treated to a free brunch after the service!

**Men's Club Monthly Meeting:** Men's Club's next monthly meeting is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, in the conference room. Our meetings are open to all, and we especially welcome any newcomers to join us as we plan our events, discuss supporting worthwhile causes, and just have some fun!

## SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Beth Abraham continues to support our community in many ways and we should be proud of our efforts:

**The Foodbank:** We donated 445 pounds of food from our most recent collection! This helps to provide food to a network of more than 110 programs aimed at eliminating hunger in our area.

**Oak Tree Corner:** Our Hanukkah collection brought in a table full of magazines, juice boxes, paper towels, shoe boxes and glue sticks for our neighbors who provide direct support for children who are grieving from the loss of a parent or loved one.

**Rwandan Refugees:** We are currently collecting household items, kitchen items, food, winter clothes and toys/books for 16 families living in Dayton who are seeking asylum in the United States. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby area through March.

## Sisterhood

*Ruth Ellenbogen*

We hope your holidays have been filled with song, laughter and many treats.

Looking ahead, Sisterhood is planning events to keep us entertained. Please mark your calendars for a Game Night on Saturday, February 16, 2019. We will start with a Havdalah service at 6:45 pm followed by table games - please bring your favorites! Snacks will be provided and sweets will be served at the end of the evening.

Day trips are being planned as well. We are exploring a guided tour of the Holocaust Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force base, a tour of the soon to be completed Holocaust Museum in Cincinnati and a visit to the Garst Museum (Annie Oakley) in Greenville. You will be receiving a questionnaire soon and we'd like you to share with us your thoughts on programming. It would be an enormous help in planning for future events.



*Vicki Braun, Director of Oak Tree Corner accepting donations with Marcia Kress*

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## Celebrating Hanukkah at Beth Abraham!



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## Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

### Friday, January 4

Morning Service  
Kabbalat Shabbat  
Candle Lighting

7:15 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
5:07 p.m.

### Friday, January 18

Morning Service  
MLK with Corinthian  
Baptist  
Candle Lighting

7:15 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
5:22 p.m.

### DAILY MINYAN

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

### Saturday, January 5

Morning Service  
Havdalah

9:00 a.m.  
6:11 p.m.

**Saturday, January 19**  
Morning Service  
Havdalah

9:00 a.m.  
6:26 p.m.

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

Sundays  
8:30 am

### Friday, January 11

Morning Service  
Kabbalat Shabbat  
Candle Lighting

7:15 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
5:14 p.m.

**Friday, January 25**  
Morning Service  
Candle Lighting

7:15 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1 – Office Closed  
- Morning Service 8:30 a.m.  
- No Evening Service

### Saturday, January 12

Morning Service  
Havdalah

9:00 a.m.  
6:18 p.m.

**Saturday, January 26**  
Morning Service  
Havdalah

9:00 a.m.  
6:34 p.m.

Monday, January 21 – Office Closed  
- Morning Service 8:30 a.m.  
- No Evening Service

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**Albert Miller**, by Jaime Miller

**Katie Levine**, by Ernestine Levine

**Annette Cohen**, by Jerome Cohen

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**Matilda Spurling**, by Joan & David Marcus

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**Howard Sanderow**, by Barbara Sanderow

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**In honor of**

**Carol Graff**, by Samuel Rosengarten

**Elaine Arnovitz**, by Samuel Rosengarten



## In the Beth Abraham Family

Congratulations to those celebrating  
birthdays and anniversaries in January

### Thanks for the following Kiddush contributions

**December 1** - A Friend of Beth Abraham  
**December 8** - Beth Abraham in honor of our new members  
**December 15** - A Friend of Beth Abraham  
**December 22** - The Freed Family in honor of Mike Freed's birthday  
**December 29** - Rick Pinsky and Howard Pinsky & family in honor of Marlene Pinsky's birthday

### January birthdays:

1 Marianne Ellman  
5 Ruth Ellenbogen  
5 Kim Goldenberg  
7 Bonnie Rice  
9 Sammye Harrison  
12 Lynda Cohen  
12 Phyllis Meyer  
12 Hannah Zappin  
13 Barbara Rothstein  
14 Bert Pilder  
16 Howard Bernie  
17 Bruce Feldman  
17 Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg  
19 Susan Chudde  
19 Scott Liberman  
19 Alan Solkov  
19 Jennifer Tobiansky  
21 Sue Ducker  
23 Ellan Katz  
24 Irving Kaplan  
24 Corrine Matusoff  
24 James Nathanson  
25 Harvey Fiddler  
25 Barbara Mendelson  
25 Steve Wagenfeld  
26 Howard Rubenstein  
30 Frieda Blum  
31 Marilyn Klaben

### January anniversaries:

13 Steve and Penney Fraim  
17 Enrique and Ruth Ellenbogen  
19 Bruce Brenner and Sandy Sloane-Brenner

\*\* 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.

### We Record With Deep Sorrow the Passing of

David Hochstein, husband of Claire Hochstein

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## YAHRZEITS

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### ***This January (Tevet-Shevat) we remember:***

<b>Tevet</b>	Annie Tomchin Lois Blank Sidney Douglas Lawrence Jaffe Melissa S. Kuhr Sarah Mann Pearl Weiss Isadore Brotkin Phyllis Charme Irving S. Cohen Harry Gordon Morris Lubin Rubin Rabinowitz Charles Weisman Anne Foreman Herman Lesser Robert Rosengarten Sam Jaffee Charles Jenefsky Tillie Kahn Ida Lieberman Abraham Miller Jacob Roth Jenny Rothschild Ida Schiffer Jake Simon Gerald Wilks Edith Golden Philip Goldstein Carolyn Jenefsky Florence Katz Rose Schmemsky Isaac Cohen James Green Bernard Maybruck Rosa Schwab Sylvia Siegle Leah G. Stein Jeanette Wagenfeld Sarah Worley  <b>Shevat</b>	Bertram Plotnick Frank Wallace Annette Cohen Celia Lepsky Mildred Lynn Ann Shainman Stephen Friedberg Irv Garlikov Sarah Liebman Ida Oscherwitz Aaron Rubinett Marilyn Stone Rose Ganzer Florence Rinzler Julian Spurling Ilse Stein Anna Teisch Dorothy Tingle Ida Valensky Harry Winer Theodore Winters William Abramson Leo Berman Minnie Blumberg Manuel Cohen Julius Elman Mimi Fisher Etta Gales Beverly Marx Goldberg Else Remick Carrie Rosengarten David Stein Dora Abrams Dov Baer Block Emma Field Harry Mendelson Mitchell Vangrov Jack H. Garber Ben Katz Sylvia Labovitch Charles Lapinsky Sadie Mandy Sidney Miller Berko Moscowitz Elizabeth Niren Ruben Pilder Belle Press Sol Dubro Herbert Fizekiel Roy Harlan Marcia Isaacs Marilyn Kuhr William Liss Irvin Rosenstein Albert C. Bessel Steve Duberstein George Ehrenberg Ishur L. Jacobson Edward I. Kahn Jack Leviton Alvin Goodwin Alfred Engelhardt Henrietta Lotney Mr. Paul Ornstein Marcus Ritter Miriam Rubin Aaron David Shulman Fannie Einhorn Benjamin Fondler Samuel Foreman Charlotte Fox Rebecca Hillelson Sam Levin Leslie M. Mayerson Paul Saeks Katz Leah Scheuer Lillian Lehrner Leah Solomon	Rose Abramowitz Maureen Shuller Rose Sians Frieda Zusman Jennie Auerbach Louis Carne Joseph Hertzberg Sophie Locke David Davidson Goldie Goldstein Henry Krumholz Bennet Neiman Bebe Perlberg Margaret Rosenblum Alan Jeffrey Schneider Max Schoemann Matilda Spurling Lena Tannenbaum Abe Zisenwine Bernard Apfel Celia Auerbach Myer Coplin Sarah Gaskowitz Sarah Lesser Sarah Miller Saul Schwartz Minnie Shilling Johanna Blake Frances Cunix Eugene Dansker Israel Froug Kate Kahn Thelma Kronish Morris Louick Henrietta Waldman Norman H. Greenberg Jule Hulman Hilda Kneller Jacqui Kuhr Emanuel Landau Richard Nierenberg Beila Polichenka Harold Raizen Nathan Reingold Martha Schriber Morris Speigel Fannie Yanishefsky Yetta Barsky Vera Bishop Steve Duberstein George Ehrenberg Ishur L. Jacobson Albert C. Bessel Erma Cunix Leah Fireman Fannie Haskin Paul Saeks Katz Leah Scheuer Lillian Lehrner Leah Solomon
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*This list represents yahrzeits for this month as listed in Beth Abraham's database.*

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Tevet – Shevat 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Judah Schwartz Bar Mitzvah <i>Haftarah: Judah Schwartz Kiddush: The Schwartz family in honor of Judah's Bar Mitzvah</i> <b>5:07p</b> Candle Lighting <b>6:11p</b> Havdalah
<b>6</b> 9:00a Religious School	<b>7</b> Rosh Chodesh Shevat	<b>8</b> <b>12:00p</b> Executive Comm. Mtg.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:00p</b> Security Comm. Mtg. <b>6:00p</b> Men's Club	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Haftarah: Julie Liss-Katz Kiddush: Morning Minyanaires in honor of Larry Wagenfeld's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday</i> Rabbi's Class – after Kiddush <b>6:18p</b> Havdalah
<b>13</b> 9:00a Religious School 10:00a Sunday Brunch 1:00p Band & BA Singers Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>10:00a</b> Sisterhood Exec. Comm. Mtg.  <b>6:00p</b> 125:Anniversary Comm. Mtg.	<b>15</b> <b>4:15p</b> 125:Kaleidoscope of Us Comm. Mtg. <b>6:00p</b> Board Mtg.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>5:22p</b> Candle Lighting <b>7:30p</b> MLK Service w/Corinthian Baptist Church at BA	<b>19</b> <i>Haftarah: Marc Katz Kiddush: Bruce &amp; Sandy Brenner in honor of their anniversary and Beth Abraham Sisterhood</i> Tu B'Shevat Seder <b>6:26p</b> Havdalah
<b>20</b> 9:00a Religious School 10:00a MLK Brunch w/NAACP President Dr. Derrick Foward	<b>21</b> Tu B'Shevat Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>5:30p</b> Candle Lighting	<b>26</b> 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Decade Shabbat <i>Haftarah: Doug Deutsch Kiddush: In honor of Rabbi Samuel Burick by his grandchildren</i> <b>6:34p</b> Havdalah
<b>27</b> 9:00a Religious School 9:45a Sunday Brunch at Temple Israel	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		