



CELEBRATING US! KALEIDOSCOPE OF US!

Susie Katz

Are you ready to have the most fun allowable inside a synagogue!?! Can you imagine a day that is designed to preserve for all posterity your memories and your connection to Beth Abraham? Do you envision yourself surrounded by the sounds, the sights, and the tastes that embody the essence of our spiritual home? On **Sunday, August 25, 2019** you will have the opportunity to do all of that and more. On that day, from **1:00 - 4:00 pm**, we will present the next event in the celebration of our 125th year - Kaleidoscope of Us! - a day planned with an eye to honor the generations of congregants, past and present, who have graced our synagogue and made Beth Abraham a special place.

The program co-chairs, Janice Krochmal and Tara Feiner - along with their committee - have set into motion a celebration that will include activities, entertainment and refreshments that will stimulate us to recall our individual histories with Beth Abraham in a way that those memories will be memorialized and archived at the synagogue forever. The day will give us the opportunity to participate in an artist-directed creative project that will be on permanent display. You will have the opportunity to enter in the raffle of a magnificent art object, designed with remnants of our stained glass windows, that has been created just for this event. There will be delicious food, continual entertainment and a variety of activities throughout the day that will capture everyone in attendance. And all this at **NO COST!**

The event will be kicked off at 1:00 pm by the internationally renowned Robyn Helzner Trio. It is nothing short of extraordinary that we will be treated to Helzner's talents which have been touted by the Washington Post. And the entire community is invited to attend!

Are you ready to continue the celebration of Beth Abraham's 125th Anniversary? Are you ready to celebrate our history, our present and what is yet to come? It's the Kaleidoscope of Us! This is the celebration of you!



KALEIDOSCOPE OF US! FROM BABIES TO BUBBIES

- What:** An interactive day for all!
When: Sunday, August 25
1:00-2:00 Robyn Helzner Trio
2:00-4:00 Celebrating, Sharing, Reflecting, Noshing
Cost: No charge!

The Cantor's Corner

Cantor Andrea Raizen

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GOAL! When you see, or more likely hear that word, especially drawn out and with an exclamation point, what comes



to mind? If you are like most of us, you imagine a world cup soccer match and the excited sportscaster announcing a goal. Beginning in September, you will begin to see that word around Beth Abraham, as well, but in a new

context.

Introducing the Beth Abraham GOAL Program. In this case GOAL is an acronym for Go Out And Learn, taken from a phrase in the Passover Haggadah (– –) that introduces the *Maggid* section, in which we tell and expound upon the Passover story. This comprehensive educational program will serve all members of our community, young and old alike. You may ask, “What makes this different from the traditional Religious School program?”

We began with a revamp of our school calendar and trimmed down the number of Sunday morning classes for children in grades K-7. In any given month, there will now be only one or two Sundays scheduled. Instead of children-only classes every week, we have supplemented the calendar with congregational learning opportunities, open to all ages. These will include some adult only and child only sessions, mixed group activities, hands on learning and text study, to mention but a few. Some of these sessions will continue to happen on Sundays, but the hours will be adjusted accordingly. For example, on Sunday, October 6, we invite everyone to join us at the CROP Hunger Walk. For the past few years, a small group of walkers from Beth Abraham have pledged and collected money to help fight hunger, both in Dayton and abroad, by participating in the walk. This year, we will meet before the walk, examine the issues surrounding food insecurity, study our Jewish texts that address these issues, and then walk a 5K route, symbolic of the distance that many people walk daily in order to get clean drinking water. Those unable to make the walk can still

take part in the learning and contribute money to the Beth Abraham team.

Another program will be Beth Abraham's participation in the Global Day of Jewish Learning on Sunday, November 17. More than 500 communities across the globe will be learning at the same time, focusing on the same theme. There will be sessions for toddlers through adults. This year's theme is “Speaking Volumes.” From ancient arguments to modern meanings, from raising our voices to remaining silent, explore how and why words matter.

In order to encourage observance of Shabbat and holidays with community, we have incorporated those celebrations into the calendar. These will include a couple of Friday evening dinners, sharing Shabbat mornings together, a Havdalah service and program, and sharing the joy of Simchat Torah and Purim with the community.

And if you want to increase your Jewish vocabulary, we are introducing a Hebrew Word of the Week program. Each week we will introduce not more than 2 words or phrases, often connected to an upcoming holiday. These will be posted on the wall adjacent to the Gift Shop and we are considering incorporating them into the weekly email newsletter and the Shabbat Shalom handout.

In addition, our hopes are that the GOAL Program will get everyone thinking about setting personal and communal goals for increasing Jewish knowledge and/or practice. This could range from committing to attend one daily minyan (worship service) each week, to improving one's Hebrew reading, to packing and delivering sack lunches to the local homeless shelter.

So watch for details about these and other programs throughout the year and, of course, if you have children in grades K-7 this is the time to get them registered for the GOAL Program. Please contact me with any questions or for more information. We look forward to an exciting year!



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Dayton's Response a God-send

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Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg

Along with perms, mix tapes and denim jackets, the mid-1980s (my early teen years) saw a wave of celebrity activism in response to severe hunger brought on by drought. From Band Aid to Live Aid, musicians around the globe lent their voices to raise money for famine-stricken Africa. The most successful effort was by USA for Africa, which



garnered \$53 million with its 1985 super-group hit, "We are the World," co-written by Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson, and produced by Quincy Jones.

The Dayton area community may not have the same star power, but as the Dayton Daily News reported back in June, "the outpouring of community support [in response to the tornadoes] has been remarkable, and some service organizations have been overwhelmed by the number of volunteers and in-kind donations." The Dayton Jewish community in partnership with the Red Cross has played an important role in helping victims find a path out of the wreckage to rebuild their lives. During the last month the Jewish community has been partnering with Crayons to Classrooms to provide over 200 backpacks with supplies to students impacted by the Memorial Day tornadoes. This outpouring of support should make us all proud. These storms also made me think about our Jewish perspective on natural disasters.

Some religious traditions believe that natural disasters are a response by God for sinful behavior. Certainly, if you believe in the literal word of the Bible you could come to that conclusion. Just think of the story of Noah and the flood that wipes out the whole earth. Jews don't read the Bible literally. We read it through the lens of generations of interpretations and acknowledge the evolution of human understanding of God. The Talmudic image of God is significantly different from many of the images of God presented in the Hebrew Bible. The

God described in the Talmud is not responsible for what we call "acts of God," i.e. natural disasters.

Two classic Talmudic texts make this point very clearly: "Suppose a person stole a measure of wheat and went and sowed it in the ground; it is right that it should not grow, yet the world pursues its natural course, and as for those who transgress, they will have to render an account. Another illustration: Suppose a man had intercourse with his neighbor's wife; it is right that she should not conceive, yet the world pursues its natural course" (Talmud: Avodah Zarah 54b).

The rabbis are cautioning us not to confuse the laws of nature with moral laws. Every event has a cause, but not every cause is morally determined. Natural events are not divine judgments.

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To put it another way, God, to the best of our knowledge, doesn't interfere with the natural course of the world. Tornadoes happen. Things that don't seem fair from the perspective of morality happen because of laws of nature. People suffer as a result, but not because God has willed this specific tragedy to occur.

A second text from Talmudic tractate Kiddushin (39b) is even more powerful. It plays off the two biblical commands, which carry the reward of living a long life: honoring your parents and shooing away a mother bird before you take her eggs, presumably to spare her feelings.

"The boy's father said to him: 'Ascend to the loft and bring me the eggs in the nest...' If the boy ascends, dismisses the mother bird and takes the young, and on his return falls and dies, how can it be explained?" (After all, the boy was fulfilling the two commandments that came with the reward of long life — he was honoring his father and he was shooing away the mother bird.) After offering possible explanations for why this bad thing might have happened, Rabbi Elazar says: "It was a rickety ladder, so injury was likely. Where injury is likely one cannot rely on a miracle."

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Bad things will happen. Hurricanes will devastate a city. Tornadoes,

earthquakes, drought — this is the world pursuing its natural course. But we are responsible for the rickety ladders, the extent to which climate change is created by human beings, which increases the frequency, intensity, and impacts of extreme weather, we are responsible. We can't depend on miracles, only on our resolve to take responsibility for what we can change to make the world safer.

So can God be found in these types of natural disasters, like what happened in the Dayton area and the eight other states hit by tornadoes on Memorial Day Weekend? Not in the way fundamentalists use the term; but perhaps in a different way, captured by this classic Hasidic story:

"A young man once came to Menachem Mendel of Kotzk. 'Rebbe, I can no longer believe in God. I can't believe in God because the world is so filled with pain, suffering, ugliness and evil. How could there be a God in such a world?!' 'Why do you care?' asked the Rebbe. 'What do you mean, why do I care? How could I not care?'

Innocent people suffer; the world is ruled by cruel people. Why does God allow it?'

Again the Rebbe inquired, 'But why do you care?'

The young man screamed out: 'Someone has to care! Someone has to see the pain of the world and cry out! If not, all the suffering is meaningless. I care because I want a better world, not only for my children but for all children!'

The Rebbe responded, 'If you care that much, then God exists. You see, God exists in your caring.'"

The Kotzker Rebbe argues that the way to deal with religious doubt and skepticism about God is to act compassionately and to respond generously, with faith, certainty, and confidence that our actions will allow us ultimately to bear witness to God's benevolent love. This is why caring is the single most powerful proof of the existence.

In the words of that famous 1985 song, "We are the World"

"...As God has shown... we all must lend a helping hand
We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day
so let's [keep] giving"



Beth Abraham to Volunteer at the Foodbank

As part of our 125th anniversary activities, on **Sunday morning, September 15, from 9:45 – noon**, Beth Abraham volunteers will partner with the Foodbank in connection with the Foodbank's Good to Go Backpack Project that provides food security to schoolchildren in need throughout the weekend.

That Sunday, our volunteers will meet at the Foodbank warehouse, 56 Armor Place, Dayton, 45417, to fill the

packs with food. Our volunteers must be at least 14 years of age and everyone must wear closed-toe shoes. There will be no heavy lifting or lifting of any kind. All that is needed is a willingness to roll up our sleeves and have an opportunity to schmooze. Please call or email the synagogue office by August 19 if you are able to participate.

As part of this project, we ask that you **bring jars of peanut butter and boxes of macaroni and cheese when you come to the August 25th Kaleidoscope of Us! event** (see

article on the first page of this Bulletin). At this event, there will be an opportunity to make bookmarks or write notes to be included in the packs that we will assemble at the Foodbank.

The Foodbank relies on volunteers like us to help fulfill its mission of relieving hunger in our community. We hope you'll participate!

LIFE & LEGACY Help Assure Beth Abraham's Future

"Beth Abraham has been very special to us our entire married life. We want to be sure Beth Abraham continues to thrive and there is enough financial support for future generations." ~ David & Joan Marcus



All of us, regardless of age or wealth, have the ability to leave an after-life legacy, whether as a bequest in a will, a gift of life insurance, a gift of IRA or pension funds or simply cash. Please contact Elaine Arnovitz at the synagogue office (937-293-9520 or elaine@bethabrahamdayton.org) to set up a meeting to discuss what best fits you.



Beth Abraham will host our next Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? (GWCTS) event for 2019 on **Friday, September 13th**. We hope you will join us in this exciting, popular program!

How can you participate in the September 13th 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 is being sent the first week of August with the links and you can also find the information in the weekly News & Notes. We need you to **sign up by Sunday, August 25th** - you can even do it at Kaleidoscope of Us! We will email everyone with the matches the end of August. 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!

Shabbat Under the Stars

Our next Shabbat Under the Stars is on **August 9th at 7:30pm** at the home of David Rothschild, 311 Thelma Ave. Following the spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service, featuring our band, enjoy a dessert Oneg Shabbat of sweets and beverages. Please RSVP to the office by Tuesday, August 6th so we can plan accordingly.

We look forward to bringing in Shabbat together!

Save the Date for Selichot

For the 4th consecutive year, the Dayton Jewish Chorale will participate in a community wide Selichot service. This year's service is scheduled for **Saturday, September 21 at Temple Beth Or**. The evening will begin with a dessert reception at 8:30PM, followed by the service at 9:00PM.

A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

As I noted in my previous two columns, May marks the end of the synagogue's administrative and fiscal year. In my last two messages to the congregation, I have provided a recap on administrative highlights for the past year. I have not yet been able to provide a recap of our financial performance since we had not closed the books on fiscal year 2019 when our last Bulletin issue went to press. So even though we are now a couple of months into the new fiscal year, I want to take the opportunity to recap our 2019 financial results.



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Overall, our financial performance for the past year was solid. On the income side of the balance sheet, combined revenue from membership dues and Giving Societies slightly exceeded budget. We also were slightly positive to budget for prior year dues and I am pleased to report that the total amount of past dues in arrears is at the lowest level it has been in quite some time, thanks to the dedicated work of the Dues Committee, led by our Treasurer, Scott Liberman.

Operating income from other sources, which includes items such as the Yom Kippur appeal, income from events, ritual fund contributions and other miscellaneous donations was slightly behind our expectations ending the fiscal year at approximately 93% of budget. We were fortunate to have received a number of bequests during the past fiscal year, some of which were quite substantial. We don't budget for these bequests, as they are obviously unplanned. As a result, we significantly exceeded our budgeted income

for the year when the bequests were added to the actual operating income we received.

On the expense side of the ledger, we ended the year slightly ahead of our budget, with actual expenses running at 97.5% of our budget. Almost 60% of our annual expenses are connected to the salary and benefits of our employees, both our professional and our office staff. Building occupancy charges for items including utilities, facility maintenance and repairs, insurance and the like, represent nearly 30% of our total expenses. Miscellaneous items such as dues to United Synagogue, event expenses, office supplies, phone and internet charges and the like account for the remaining 10%. The total of all revenue received was approximately 3% higher than the total of our expenses for the fiscal year, the first year in many years that we ran a budget surplus.

Certainly this positive performance is welcomed, but this result doesn't tell the full story of our overall financial situation. If we had not received such substantial bequest income this past year, we would have run a budget deficit for the year. As we continue to work to better match our income and expenses to achieve a balanced budget, bequests like those received this year are, and will continue to be, an important part of our financial picture. And while they are always unplanned in any given fiscal year, over time they can positively impact our results, but only if we intentionally work with members of the congregation to include Beth Abraham in their estate planning.

Our success with the Life and Legacy Campaign, with over 30 members now committed to making a future gift to Beth Abraham, is an important example of this type of effort. I encourage anyone who has yet to make a commitment to the Life and Legacy Campaign to consider it. Please join me, and nearly three dozen of your fellow congregants, by including Beth Abraham as part of your estate planning for the future. As we have seen this past fiscal year, it is an important part of the ongoing financial stability of the congregation.

A Golden Anniversary for Cantor Kopmar

Cantor Emeritus, Jerome B. Kopmar, will celebrate 50 years in Dayton by presenting a vocal recital at Beth Abraham on **Sunday, August 18 at 7:00PM**. He will sing some of his favorite classical repertoire along with pieces in Hebrew and Yiddish, both liturgical and secular. Joining him for duets will be some of his students and family members. Accompanying Cantor Kopmar will be pianist Bernadette O'Connor.

Come and enjoy the celebration!



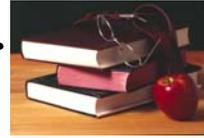
Book of Remembrance and Reciprocity Letters for the High Holy Days

Last year's Book of Remembrance has been mailed out, along with a form for your 2019 listings. For those who would like their list of loved ones to be included in this year's Book of Remembrance for our Yizkor services, you must fill out and return the orange form to us even if you have had a listing in the past. Please note that your form **MUST** be returned by **August 23rd** to be included in the 2019 booklet. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

If you are traveling for the High Holy Days, reciprocity letters for High Holiday seating at other Conservative Synagogues can be arranged with Ann Rismiller at the office. Please call or email (arismiller@bethabrahamdayton.org) with the name of the congregation you will be visiting, their address, phone and fax number and email address if available. We will also need to know what holiday(s) you will be attending and who you will be sitting with. Thank you.

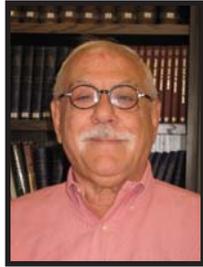
Library News - Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



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Harold Ribalow compiled a unique study titled, *Autobiographies of American Jews*, which is in the synagogue library book collection. It includes excerpts from the autobiographies of 25 individuals who lived and made major contributions during the period from the 1880s to the beginning of World War I in 1914, almost certainly the most exciting era in the history of the American Jewish community.



As Ribalow explains in a 12-page introduction, at the beginning of the 1880s, the Jewish community in the United States numbered maybe 250,000 to 500,000, almost all Sephardic or from various areas of what would today be modern Germany. In less than 40 years, some two million Jewish immigrants poured into the United States, primarily from Russia, including Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania and Latvia, and from Hungary and Romania.

The war ended in late 1918. Immigration had slowed to a trickle during the war, but after the war American political leaders feared a massive immigration from the devastated areas of Europe. Congress put into place the most restrictive immigration policy in the history of the nation at the beginning of the 1920s. A quota system established the number of immigrants that could come from each country.

The quotas overwhelmingly favored the nations of western and northern Europe, those who would be welcomed in American society. The nations of eastern and southern Europe, people who would not be welcome, received minimal quotas. As a result, the era of mass migration of Jews came to an end. That is just what Congress had in mind. Does that sound similar to the current immigration situation?

To return to the period between the 1880s and World War I, we can begin with Rabbi David Philipson, born to German immigrant parents in 1862 in Wabash, Indiana, a member of the first graduating class at Hebrew Union

College in 1883. After a brief stint at a congregation in Baltimore, Philipson moved to Bene Israel in Cincinnati in 1888, now Rockdale Temple, and remained there for a half century until his retirement in 1938.

Reform Judaism had been by far the largest segment of the American Jewish community. Now Reform leaders saw a tidal wave of Jews who represented a spectrum from orthodox to radical/secular. They may have felt threatened, and held a historic conference in Pittsburgh in 1885 to establish the foundation of Reform Judaism in the United States. Philipson, only 23 years old but recognized for his brilliance, received an invitation to attend.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the so called "Pittsburgh Platform," Rabbi Philipson recalled his eloquent defense of the document the legendary Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise had called a "Declaration of Independence." Conservative and Orthodox rabbis concentrated on the East Coast denounced the Pittsburgh Platform which for instance called for an end for the need to keep kosher and rejected Zionism.

While many Reform rabbis backed away from the Pittsburgh Platform, Rabbi Philipson insisted, "the meeting at Pittsburgh was the most exhilarating and professional experience I had yet had." As an example of why Reform Judaism "based" in Cincinnati seemed to be a Midwest phenomenon, Rabbi Philipson says for four years after graduating from HUC he remained the only HUC graduate to have a pulpit in the East.

While the mass immigration of Jews from Eastern Europe caused the Reform movement to react, it had a dramatic and lasting effect on the labor movement and the political system in the United States. Morris Hillquit and others like him energized the labor movement and American politics. Hillquit, born Moishe Hillkowitz in Latvia in 1870, came to the United States at the age of 15 in 1885. He joined thousands of other Jews in New York by working at various jobs in the garment industry, but he had much greater ambitions.

From all accounts Hillquit had charisma. An extremely good looking man and an eloquent speaker, he quickly became involved in labor organizing. There

is no indication that he ever went to college, but he could in those days still finish law school at New York University in 1893. He had served as one of the founders of the United Hebrew Trades union in 1888, the first attempt to unionize the garment industry.

Hillquit devoted most of his life and career to furthering the cause of socialism in the United States. He never won an election, but he ran for Congress in 1906 and 1908 as one of the leaders of the Socialist Party of America, the "democratic" socialists. He ran for mayor of New York in 1917 and received more than 100,000 votes. Hillquit died in 1933 from a long term struggle with tuberculosis.

In his autobiography, Hillquit recalled the difficulty involved in trying to organize Jewish workers. Fundamental was the language problem. Some spoke Russian, some spoke German, and most of the new immigrants spoke only Yiddish. Hillquit and other organizers had to learn Yiddish to reach the mass of the workers. Interestingly, the same type of difficulty troubled the socialist movement, but in that case it involved a broad spectrum of ideologies.

Help Needed to Stuff Backpacks

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies or the money to purchase them for children affected by the tornadoes. We will be stuffing the backpacks on **Sunday, August 11 at 10:00AM**, following our morning service. That day is Tisha B'Av, one on which we mourn the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. Join us in an act of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, by helping those students needing our assistance in the rebuilding process.

Sisterhood

Irene Fishbein

Thank you to those who submitted the Interest Survey. Your responses were instrumental in helping us shape our calendar for 2019-2020. We have a wonderful and ambitious calendar planned. The annual highlights of the year will continue including Sisterhood Shabbat and Women of Valor. In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women winning the right to vote, we will partner with the Men's Club on a program on Women's Suffrage. Ahead of Yom Hashoah, we will host a community wide program exploring the rise in antisemitism, racism, anti-LGBTQ and hate across the board and what we can do to combat the issue. Lastly, in recognition of American Heart Month, we will host a blood drive this winter. Even though our 125th Anniversary celebrations will officially have come to an end with the Gala in December, we are setting a goal of 125 pints donated from BAS this year.

As always, we will kick off the year with **Sunset in the Sukkah on Wednesday, October 16th @ 6:00PM** so mark your calendars. The event is FREE for Sisterhood members, \$10 for non-members. Please RSVP.

Speaking of membership, Sisterhood membership renewal letters are in the mail along with the New Year's Greeting form and list of volunteer opportunities. The cost remains the same. New Year's Greetings must be received by **August 13th** in order to appear in the September Bulletin. New Beth Abraham members enjoy a FREE Sisterhood membership for one year. We encourage everyone to please complete and return the volunteer form to help us bring our programming to fruition.

If you have not submitted an Interest Survey, it's not too late! Please contact Ann in the office and she will send you the electronic link or she will help you complete it by phone. We've received so many good ideas and comments that we could not include them all in this year's calendar, but we will do our best to include them in the future.

Men's Club News

Irwin Dumtschin

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. We are getting ready for a new year of programs and events.

In preparation for the High Holiday services, the Men's Club is again coordinating the usher corps. Rick Pinsky, chair, will be reaching out to congregants to sign up for this effort. With your help we can continue to maintain the dignity and sanctity of our High Holiday services.

The first Sunday Brunch Speaker program will begin after the holidays on October 27 and we are working to continue the successful combined brunch speaker programs with Temple Israel's Brotherhood. More information to follow.

At the bi-annual regional KIO-FJMC honors luncheon on June 30, David Rothschild was honored as Beth



Abraham Men's Club's Man of the Year and Irwin Dumtschin was recognized as the KIO region's Ma'asim Tovim recipient. Irwin received his award at the international convention in Toronto.

Additional contributions received for the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program include: Bea Burke in memory of Jack Burke; Susan Chudde in memory of Evelyn & Nathan Chudde; Betty Crouse; The Freeman Family in memory of those who perished; Henry Guggenheimer in memory of the Guggenheimer & Baer family members; and Claire & Oscar Soifer in memory of Charles Frydman.

There will be no meeting in August with our next meeting on September 12th at 6:00 pm. New ideas are welcome and our meetings are open for anyone to attend.

SHOP AMAZON, DLM OR KROGER?

Calling all congregants who eat food purchased at grocery stores! Calling all congregants with a computer! ...that should just about cover every single member of Beth Abraham, yes? Do we have your attention? We need you to step up to the plate and commit a very simple act that will go a long way to supporting the finances of Beth Abraham.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO SHOP AT KROGER AND/OR DOROTHY LANE:

Make certain that you are participating in their membership program. As a member, you will receive significant discounts throughout the year which is good for you and it also gives you the opportunity to designate a charity to receive a small donation every time you shop! That's good for Beth Abraham, and it costs you nothing! When you sign up for your membership, just designate your charity of choice to receive this benefit. Joining takes just a couple of minutes when you check out. So, do it!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO SHOP ONLINE WITH AMAZON:

When you make purchases on Amazon, instead of logging onto amazon.com, log onto smile.amazon.com and you will be given the opportunity to designate a charity of your choice that will receive .5% of the cost of every purchase you make - at no cost to you. When you log onto the Amazon Smile website, there is an option in the banner at the top of the screen for you to make your choice of charity to receive your donations. When you click on that option, you will find that Beth Abraham is one of the charities that is listed.

These are such simple ways to add to the coffers of our beloved synagogue - and absolutely every one of us can participate! And if you need help, just call the office or find us at a table at the Kaleidoscope of Us! event.

****And if you aren't motivated yet - here's a little kick in the tuchas: One of our congregant families has agreed to match the money Beth Abraham gets from these initiatives up to \$5000 as of May 31, 2020. Don't wait. The sooner we start, the more likely it will be that we hit the \$5000.****

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Thank You!!

The day following the devastating tornadoes on Memorial Day, Beth Abraham reached out to our congregants north of town trying to reach everyone we could to ensure their safety and if they had any needs. Many lost power or cable service, but thankfully no one was severely affected.

We then contacted our friends at Corinthian Baptist Church, a Red Cross site and temporary shelter for those in need, who provided us with a list of needed items. We presented the list to our congregation, and in typical fashion, members stepped forward to help out.

In a short time, we collected two car loads of items including diapers, paper towels, food, toiletries and more. Corinthian Baptist Church received the first van full. When we were ready with our second van full, we were directed to the Emergency Resource Center on the Bethesda Temple campus. They responded, "Your generosity in providing disaster relief for our community during this very difficult time will always be remembered."

Thank you to Marci Vandersluis for delivering the items. And thank you to our community for your donations and always helping when there is a need.



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.

Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

<p>Friday, August 2 Morning Service 7:00 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Candle Lighting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, August 17 Morning Service 9:00 a.m. Havdalah 9:14 p.m.</p>	<p>DAILYMINYAN Monday & Thursday 7:00 am & 5:30 pm</p>
<p>Saturday, August 3 Morning Service 9:00 a.m. Havdalah 9:32 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday, August 23 Morning Service 7:15 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Candle Lighting 8:03 p.m.</p>	<p>Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:15 am* & 5:30 pm*</p>
<p>Friday, August 9 Morning Service 7:15 a.m. NO 5:30 p.m. minyan Shabbat Under the Stars 7:30 p.m. Candle Lighting 8:22 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, August 24 Morning Service 9:00 a.m. Havdalah 9:04 p.m.</p>	<p>Sundays 8:30 am</p>
<p>Saturday, August 10 Morning Service 9:00 a.m. Havdalah 9:23 p.m. Erev Tisha B'Av Service 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday, August 30 Morning Service 7:15 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Candle Lighting 7:52 p.m.</p>	<p>*Friday, August 2 – Rosh Chodesh Av, Morning service at 7:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Friday, August 16 Morning Service 7:15 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Candle Lighting 8:13 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, August 31 Morning Service 9:00 a.m. Havdalah 8:53 p.m.</p>	<p>*Friday, August 9 – No 5:30 p.m. minyan – Shabbat Under the Stars – 7:30 pm</p>
		<p>*Saturday, August 10 Erev Tish'a B'Av – Service at 9:30 pm</p>
		<p>*Sunday, August 11 Tish'a B'Av Service at 8:30 am</p>



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June 15 - Beth Abraham Synagogue

June 22 - Beth Abraham Men's Club

June 29 - Connie Blum & family in honor of Stanley's 90th Birthday

We Record With Deep Sorrow The Passing of

Steven Fishbein, brother of Gary Fishbein

Phyllis Meyer

Fred Ross, brother-in-law of Brenda Rinzler

Steven Schoemann

We Welcome These New Members

Tamara Sack

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August

August Birthdays:

2	Carol Bernstein	28	Moshe Segal
4	Robin Lensch	29	Mindy Greene
5	Andrew Schwartz	29	Irvin Moscowitz
6	Larry Klaben	31	Irene Fishbein

6	Constance Roberts
8	Richard Blum

8	Stephanie Levin
8	Karen Wolfe

8	Karen Wolfe
11	Martin Schear

11	Martin Schear
11	Sandra Schoemann

13	Sharon Burick
13	David Goldenberg

13	David Goldenberg
13	Sharon Kuhr

14	Ruth Rafner
14	Ruth Rafner

15	Cherie Rosenstein
15	Cherie Rosenstein

17	Miriamne Krummel
17	Miriamne Krummel

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17	Sally Litvak

17	Sally Litvak
17	Barbara Mandle

18	Susan Joffe
18	Susan Joffe

18	Susan Joffe
18	Susie Katz

18	Susie Katz
18	Ernestine Levine

19	Sheila Wagenfeld
19	Sheila Wagenfeld

22	Andrew Blazar
22	Andrew Blazar

23	Steven Blumhof
23	Steven Blumhof

25	Aimee Eninger
25	Aimee Eninger

27	Melinda Doner
27	Melinda Doner

27	Esther Feldman
27	Esther Feldman

August Anniversaries:

3	Jay and Judith Kelman
3	Ed and Marcia Kress

3	Ed and Marcia Kress
7	Ervin and Wendi Pavlofsky

7	Ervin and Wendi Pavlofsky
7	Terry and Marlene Pinsky

7	Terry and Marlene Pinsky
12	Eddie and Susie Katz

12	Eddie and Susie Katz
12	Norm and Kay Lewis

12	Norm and Kay Lewis
14	Stan and Connie Blum

14	Stan and Connie Blum
14	Jay and Rande Kaplan

14	Jay and Rande Kaplan
15	Larry and Marilyn Klaben

15	Larry and Marilyn Klaben
17	Joshua Ginsberg and Jenna Greenberg

17	Joshua Ginsberg and Jenna Greenberg
18	Kim and Shelley Goldenberg

18	Kim and Shelley Goldenberg
21	Danny and Juliet Glaser

21	Danny and Juliet Glaser
23	Michael and Ellen Leffak

23	Michael and Ellen Leffak
24	Ralph and Diane Williams

24	Ralph and Diane Williams
31	Robert and Ellie Bernstein

31	Robert and Ellie Bernstein
31	Larry and Cindy Burick

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** 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.

TISHA B'AV OBSERVANCE

Services marking the observance of Tisha B'Av are scheduled for **Saturday evening, August 10 at 9:30 PM and Sunday morning, August 11 at 8:30 AM.**

This holiday, named for the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. It is observed with a sunset to sunset fast, mourning customs like those practiced during *shiva*, and the chanting of the Book of Lamentations in its traditional, haunting melody by candlelight. Join Rabbi Ginsberg and Cantor Raizen for these solemn, yet inspiring services.



YAHRZEITS

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 August (Tammuz-AV) we remember:

Tammuz

Tillye Antman
William Fritz
Rose G. Lapinsky
Eda M. Saeks
Blanche Schear

AV

Helen Engelhardt Arky
Martha Gable
Esther Goldman
Ralph Heller
Roy L. Jenefsky
Leon Lehrner
Harriet Moscovitz
Alton Rosenblatt
Tillie Rosengarten
Max Schindler
Rosanne Schwartz
Evelyn Sherman
Sarah Shirer
Zlata Lieba Silverblatt
Gussie Unger
Dan Altman
Helen Canter
Norman Feuer
Joel Scott Horenstein
Sam Seldon
Leonard Spialter
Deborah Almaleh
Ronald Baim
Morris Deutsch
Frieda Furth
Sam Lichtman
Malcolm Sherwat
Arnold Blum
Katherine Friedman
Faye Goldman
Morris Solkov
Ida Barnett
Isidor Brotkin
Gail Eisenberg
Manuel Garlikov
Donald Guten
Fannie Abramson
Mildred Jane Hoffman
Alter Rafner
Rachel Bodenstein
Joanne Freed
Sharon Ringer Hensel
Max Hirsch
Samuel Jaffe
Fannie Rubin
Eva Spiegler
Theodore Cohen
Irving Rauchman

Evelyn Reiser
Chaya Rachel Block
Bella Chaet
Rose Frankowitz
Ben Goldman
Marge Green
Jean Marger
Fannie Raizen
Israel Roden
Barrie Ellen Chaet
Hyman Cohen
Roy Pinsky
Harry Rinzler
Sarah Rothberg
Clara Schneider
Barry Sokol
Abelyn Wein
Jack Feldman
Abe Fishkind
Minnie Fritz
Frances Hanken
William Hellman
Ethel D. Leven
Harry Light
Stewart Lipp
Hyman Marcus
Abe Munich
Benjamin Scharff
Simon Weinberger
Abner Fritz
Meyer Oscherwitz
Max Schear
Charles Shorr
Hyman Spiegel
Herbert Starkman
Larry Zusman
Ruth Aides
Henry Frydman
Margie Pausman
Arthur I. Salzberg
William Sherman
Pinchas Adler
Herman Bassel
Joseph Cohen
Isadore Deutsch
Betty Elpern
Miriam Felsenfeld
Rose Fox
Shirley Greenberg
Abe Kuhr
Eleanor Myers
Dov Nissenholz
Ida Nissenholz
Reda Saeks Burick
Esther V. Lapedes
Irma Panzer
Ruth Tiber
Stanley Vangrov

Lurie Ethel Zuckerman
Mary Cohn
Sam Ellison
Frances Fried
Anna Jenefsky
Fanny Kaplan
Hillard Kravitz
Norman Lapidus
Morris Jacob Rafner
Lewis Tinianow
Hyman Abromowitz
Delores Droz
Ansil Garlikov
Maurice Goldberg
Lois Ann Hoffman
Jack Ingberg
Herbert Larman
Morris Pavlovsky
Joseph Rosen
Eileen Rosichan
Marvin Schorr
Chana Sokol
Brian Appel
Edna Dumtschin
Rose Froug
Anna Gaskowitz
Irving Klass
Eliyah Levine
Abraham Levy
Kalman Musin
Minnie Singer
Philip Tanis
Fred Zakem
Lenka Adler
Shirley Brenner
Mabel Gelman
Phillip Horn
Abe Lapinsky
Ruth Silverman
Rose Feldman
Elizabeth Labell
Norman Rosichan
Sylvia Schneider
Joseph Tilson
Samuel Topper
Jennie Zeifman Birnbaum
Adeline Brown
Doris Burick
Seymour Feuer
Millie Fox
Joseph Goldwasser
Frieda Greenfield
Feyga Shtamler
Leona Weinreich
Rebecca Brod
Jon Steven Schwartzman
Leonard Siegle
Israel Stein

Mildred Tannebaum
Jeanette Handler
Susan Panzer
Meta Schoemann
Harvey Sherman
Jacob Siegle
Gertrude Zimmerman
Rose Baygel/Fox
Meyer R. Bernstein
Minnie Block
Rose Brotkin
John Fraim
Rose Groban
Jacob Kasten
Benjamin Perlowin
Sylvia Spiegel
Chaika Burke
Benjamin Fiddler
Ben Harris
Benjamin Katz
Herman Meyer
Simon Schneider
Moshe Yitzhak
Silverblatt
Francine Ehrenberg
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For those who have limited mobility or are in a wheelchair, accessing the cemetery chapel was often difficult or impossible. Now, thanks to four generous donors (who wish to remain anonymous), the door on the Schantz Avenue side is now accessible. The walkway was leveled and a new door was installed. We gratefully thank those who helped to make this a reality.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Rosh Hodesh Av 8:30p Candle Lighting	3 Haftarah: Ted Cooper Kiddush: Michael Freed & Joanne Freed Rabbi's class after Kiddush 9:32p Havdalah
4	5	6 12:00p Executive Committee Mtg.	7	8 6:00p Men's Club Mtg.	9 7:30p Shabbat Under the Stars 8:22p Candle Lighting	10 Erev Tish'a B'Av Haftarah: Julie Liss-Katz Kiddush: Terry & Marlene Pinsky in honor of their anniversary No Rabbi Class 9:30p Tish'a B'Av Service 9:23p Havdalah
11 Tish'a B'Av 8:30a Tish'a B'Av service Backpack filling following Morning Service	12 6:00p 125: Anniversary Committee Mtg.	13	14	15	16 Tu B'Av 8:13p Candle Lighting	17 Shabbat Nachamu Haftarah: Doug Deutsch Kiddush: Rachel Harris-Hoerster & Family in honor of the Beth Abraham Community No Rabbi Class 9:14p Havdalah
18	19 10:00a Sisterhood Exec. Committee Mtg. 12:00p Life and Legacy Mtg.	20	21	22	23	24 Haftarah: Norm Lewis Kiddush: Ralph & Diane Williams in honor of their 50 th anniversary Rabbi's class after Kiddush 9:04p Havdalah
7:00p Cantor Jerome Kopmar recital	26	27	28	29	30	31 Rosh Hodesh Elul Haftarah: Hazzan Jenna Greenberg Kiddush: A Friend of BA Rabbi's Class after Kiddush 8:53p Havdalah
25 1:00-4:00p Kaleidoscope of Us! 1:00 Robyn Hezner Trio 2:00-4:00 Fun for All					7:52p Candle Lighting	