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## JONATHAN SARNA KEYNOTES THE KICK OFF EVENT CELEBRATING BETH ABRAHAM'S 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

We seldom have the opportunity to bring someone to our community who has the national recognition or who is as critically important to the telling of the American Jewish story as Professor Jonathan Sarna. But through the generosity of the Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series and in conjunction with our 125th anniversary celebration, Professor Sarna will be the keynote speaker at the *Celebrating Beginnings* event being held on March 29-30.



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Professor Sarna is nationally known and respected. He currently teaches and is Chair of the Horenstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program at Brandeis University; he is the Chief Historian of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia and he is author of *American Judaism – A History*, characterized as a definitive and comprehensive survey of the American Jewish experience and winner of numerous awards.

Sarna is known for the breadth and detail of his scholarship and is sought after for his engaging and accessible presentations. Those who have heard him speak, including Sandy Schoemann, a Beth Abraham congregant and longtime member of the Dayton Jewish Genealogical Society, describe Sarna as “exciting,” “funny,” “fascinating” and “an extraordinary teacher.”



### Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

**Kabbalat Shabbat services** with the Dayton Jewish Chorale

**Traditional Eastern European Shabbat dinner** including hors d'oeuvres, chicken kreplach soup, roasted chicken, eggplant stew, carrot tzimmes, potato kugel and apple strudel; \$18 for adults; no charge 12 and under

**Presentation:** *Old Faith – New World*; An inspiring talk that begins in 1654 and addresses how each generation of American Jews had to come to terms with whether or not their children would remain Jewish. Babysitting available – Please RSVP

### Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

**Services:** Professor Sarna will discuss *Revitalization – Successes and Challenges*

**Kiddush lunch presentation:** *What's Next? Enabling Survival*. No charge

**RSVP BY MARCH 22** for Shabbat dinner and Kiddush lunch.

All members of the Jewish community are invited to attend.

Clear your calendar! You do not want to miss this!



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## Celebrate Purim With “My Fair Esther” Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00PM



- Service with combined Megillah Reading/Shpiel
- Bring Mac n' Cheese boxes for graggers (These will be donated to the Foodbank)
- Costumes strongly encouraged
- Hamentashen, other treats and a Mini-Carnival follow the service!



# The Cantor's Corner

Cantor Andrea Raizen

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Purim is coming in a couple of weeks, the evening of March 20, to be exact. Once Purim hits, Pesach is not far behind. As I find myself in the midst of planning for both of these holidays by preparing our Purim service and thinking about my own home seders, I began to notice some interesting comparisons and contrasts of the two celebrations.

Let's begin by pointing out that in the larger scheme of things, Pesach is the major festival, telling the story that is the seminal event leading to the Israelites uniting and becoming a free people. Whereas the Purim story is post-Biblical and, although full of fun customs, is still considered a minor holiday.

That being said, let's start with the number "4." We all know that Passover is full of 4's: 4 questions, 4 children, 4 cups of wine and 4 expressions of freedom. Purim has its 4, as well, in the form of *mitzvot*. We are commanded to read the Megillah, to partake in a festive meal, give gifts to the poor and send goodies to our family and friends.

Next, the two holidays are essentially one month apart from each other, Purim being the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar and Passover on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. If you count Shushan Purim on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Adar, then they are exactly a month apart. In addition, each holiday begins with a fast. On the day of Erev Purim, we fast to commemorate Esther's three-day fast before she approached the king. The day of the first seder, first-born sons (and today, some first-born daughters, as well) fast in gratitude of being spared at the time of the 10<sup>th</sup> plague in Egypt.

Both holidays contain miracles. Those in the Passover story are grand and visible, including staffs turning into serpents, 10 plagues,

and the splitting of the Sea of Reeds. Purim is another miraculous escape from annihilation. The miracles occur in the subtle twists and turns of the plot. But they are formally recognized in the prayer liturgy of Purim, when we add the paragraph *Al Hanissim* (for the miracles) in both the *Amidah* and *Birkat Hamazon*, the grace after meals. Interestingly however, we do not recite the Hallel, a series of psalms in praise of God, on Purim. Explanations for this include that 1) the miracle of Purim did not occur in the land of Israel, 2) reading the Megillah takes the place of reciting Hallel and 3) deliverance of the Jewish people was only partial, as we remained subjects of King Ahashverosh.

The stories themselves are central to both celebrations and are commanded to be told. On Purim, it is a *mitzvah* to read *Megillat Esther*, the scroll of Esther. And on Passover, not only must we tell the story, we must feel as if we, ourselves, were taken out of Egypt. Telling and sharing the stories with one another is the way we keep our collective memories sharp and stay on the lookout for injustices in the world. A unique feature to both stories is that something/someone is clearly missing from each. At Purim, God is never mentioned, even once in the Megillah. And the traditional Haggadah only explicitly states Moses' name one time. In the case of Purim, God acts behind the scenes and at Passover, the rabbis wanted God in the forefront and to keep us from deifying Moses.

With all this said, I hope that you will join us on Purim eve, **Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00pm.** This year we have chosen to incorporate the Megillah reading and Shpiel into one. The service/megillah/shpiel will all take place in the sanctuary, followed immediately by hamentashen and other sweet treats. *Chag Purim Sameach!*



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# Megillah: An Early Blueprint for Hate

Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg

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*“As horrific as the Holocaust was, it is in the past.*



*Contemporary anti-Semitism is not. It is about the present. It is what many people are doing, saying, and facing now. Today, anti-Semitism is “back.””*

The above is an excerpt from Emory University historian Deborah Lipstadt's new book, *Antisemitism, Here and Now*. This excerpt captures a contemporary truth. Anti-Semitism is back in Europe and in the United States, on both the political right and left.

Some of its manifestations are painfully obvious, such as when torch-bearing white nationalist demonstrators marched in Charlottesville, Va., chanting Jews will not replace us, and when a gunman killed 11 worshippers at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the United States. Just as jarring was when Democratic representative, Ilhan Omar, one of two Muslim women newly elected to Congress, recently suggested that money from the pro-Israel lobby controls politicians, tweeting, “it’s all about the Benjamins, baby.” Fortunately, many people from both the left and the right began to call out Omar for repeating the vile anti-Semitic trope that Jews control governments through money. Unfortunately, the most vocal Republican voice against Omar, Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader, conveniently singled out three wealthy Jews, George Soros, Tom Steyer, and Michael Bloomberg for trying to “BUY” the recent midterm elections.

Professor Lipstadt makes clear that all bigotries are terrible. Anti-Semitism is uniquely terrible. It is as she says, “irrational, delusional, and absurd.” It bases itself on imagining that the Jews conspire to influence and run the world. At its heart, she explains, anti-Semitism is a conspiracy theory, and in its most extreme case, it manifests in

the belief that Jews are responsible for the evil in the world.

(Not so fun fact: the word “cabal,” meaning a secret conspiracy, comes from the word “cabbalah” or “kabbalah” — Jewish mysticism. Because Jew haters used to believe that the Jews used mystical techniques to run the world). Lipstadt reminds us of the essential anti-Jewish paranoia of Louis Farrakhan: “It is now becoming apparent that there were many Israeli and Zionist Jews in key roles in the 9/11 attack.”

More commonly, anti-Semitism persists in the notion that Jews control the banks and the media, or that Jews are pushy, cheap, rich or simply good with money.

This hatred for Jews too frequently cloaks itself as criticism of Israel, often under the flag of the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement whose main purpose, I believe, is the elimination of the Jewish state. The substance of BDS criticism is more than just criticism of certain policies undertaken by Israel. In addition to the Jews and money comment, Ilhan Omar declared in 2012, “Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel.” Such a comment cuts at the very heart of Jewish peoplehood. It is disturbingly similar to the nasty fad of equating Israeli actions with those of Nazis, which is an obscene historical distortion. This is no longer legitimate criticism. This is something else entirely. And we have seen it before.

The story of the fate of the Jewish people as told in Megillat Esther, which we will read on the eve of Purim, Wednesday night, March 20, is a chilling reminder that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Let’s take a quick look at the story.

The *Megillah* introduces us to Mordechai, Esther’s foster father this way: “In the fortress of Shushan [in ancient Persia] lived a Jew by the name of Mordechai . . . who had been exiled from Jerusalem in the group that was carried into exile at the time of the destruction of the first Temple.” (2:5, 6) According to rabbinic tradition, Mordechai had become an officer or a representative from the Jews of Persia to the court of Ahasuerus because his daily activities took him to the palace gate. It was there that official government activities took place, and it

was there that Mordechai overheard two other representatives of the kingdom conspiring to assassinate King Ahasuerus. Mordechai overheard the elements of the plot and immediately informed the king.

Mordechai, again according to rabbinic tradition, also sat on the high court in exile, the Sanhedrin, of the Jewish community. He was a powerful figure both within the Jewish community and in the court of King Ahasuerus.

Another figure in the court of the king was Haman, who, as our story progresses, was elevated to the highest position in the land, second only to the king himself. The king then ordered that anyone who came before Haman must kneel and bow before him. Mordechai refused. The king’s courtiers seeing that Mordechai refused to bow before Haman asked him: “Why do you disobey the king’s order?” (3:3) To which Mordechai replied that he was a Jew, the implication being, that as a Jew he bows only to God, but not to any human being, no matter how powerful or highly placed.

When Haman saw that Mordechai refused to bow before him, “Haman was filled with rage.” (3:5) At this point, Haman could have vented his anger by imprisoning Mordechai, or at worst, have him executed. Instead Haman did what all classic anti-Semites do: “But he [Haman] disdained to lay hands on Mordechai alone; having been told who Mordechai’s people were, Haman plotted to do away with all the Jews, Mordechai’s people, throughout the kingdom of Ahasuerus.” (3:6)

The leap from an individual Jew, who Haman despises, to the whole Jewish people is very much like the leap being taken now as expressed through the odium towards the State of Israel and towards the Jewish people itself. How many times have Jews been attacked in France, Germany, England and elsewhere not just because they are Jews, but because they are ineluctably connected to Israel and hence, bear the brunt of a universal hatred which knows no boundaries and is sensitive to no nuance?

Fortunately for us American Jews, we live in a country that is largely philo-Semitic (has respect and appreciation for the Jewish people and Judaism) and is supportive of Israel. This, as we know, wasn’t always the case. Still, at times, it feels like you have to choose between

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## **125<sup>th</sup> Social Action Projects: Remembering Our Immigrant Status By Repaying And Recognizing**

During our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we **recall** our early struggles as we adjusted to our new lives in America; we **rejoice** in our acculturation successes, grateful for the help of others; and we **renew** our commitment to core Jewish values. Consistent with this anniversary theme, a critical component of our celebration is social action projects to help others who today need our help just as we needed help 125 years ago. As Marshall Weiss so aptly said in the March edition of *The Dayton Jewish Observer*, we must now **repay**. And we must also educate ourselves to **recognize** these other needs. Three current anniversary social action activities are illustrative.

### **REPAY: The Rwandan social action project is a huge success**

For several months, congregants have donated many items to the House of the People, a charitable organization that is helping up to 45 Rwandan refugees – adults and children – currently living here in the Dayton area while their asylum petitions are being processed. Like all of



us, the Rwandans seek a better future for themselves. Like all of us, they need a jump start from others.

These Rwandans are crowded into two houses. They need so many things. As we do, many of us have welcomed the Rwandans with open arms and open hearts. We have responded to their call, generously donating items – large and small – to improve their living conditions. These items include food, clothes, toys, small household items such as toasters, microwaves and cookware and also larger items such as a washer and dryer, desks, cabinets and furniture. A special shout out to Susie and Eddie Katz, Elaine and Matt Arnovitz, Phyllis Rosen, Judy Schwartzman, Joe Beringer and Helen Markman who have donated large items. The impassioned members of the Anniversary Social Action Committee thank everyone for their contributions and encourage additional donations through the month of March.

### **RECOGNIZE: Rwandans attend Shabbat Services March 23 to tell their story and to say thank-you**

Want to learn details of the Rwandan story? Want to be educated to **recognize** their plight?

Some Rwandans will attend the Shabbat Morning Service on



**Saturday, March 23, 2019.** At the Kiddush lunch, they will say thank-you and they will share their experiences with us. Please attend this unique communal event as we continue to support this worthy project.

### **RECOGNIZE: Multi-lingual yard signs to be distributed during Purim celebration**

The Anniversary Social Action Committee wants to broadcast to the entire community that, consistent with Jewish tradition, we strongly believe in the importance of making all persons – regardless of background – feel welcome and included.

Through the generosity of Judge Walter Rice and Bonnie Beaman Rice, we can do this in a very unique way. At and after the Purim celebration (March 20), multi-lingual yard signs will be distributed to congregants who can then proudly display them in front of their homes. In many languages, the sign simply reads: ***“No matter where you are from, we’re glad you’re our neighbor.”***

Displaying this sign in our front lawns moves us from “talk” to “do.” Please be part of this wonderful project.



## **Rabbi's Article Continued from page 3**

which manifestation of anti-Semitism you fear the most. Is it the newly empowered “alt-right,” rising white supremacy and the increasing number of hate crimes? Or do you fear the growing anti-Israel left, which wants to delegitimize the only Jewish state? Partisan politics makes it feel like American Jews have to choose, when in reality, American Jews can — and do — feel impacted by both.

*Megillat Esther* is a template of sorts about hatred for Jews. Yes, the *Megillah* has a happy ending, and we cheer at the final justice meted out to Haman and his sons, but the core of the book has a

sober message. We are seeing aspects of it play out before our very eyes. Thank God Israel is strong; and thank God that we have institutions and articulate allies here and in Western Europe who look out for our welfare. But we must remain vigilant, holding people on all sides of the political spectrum accountable for expressions of anti-Semitism, even when not maliciously intended. This means that sometimes we must have the willingness to call out both friends and foes. The existence of prejudice in any of its forms is a threat to all those who value an inclusive, democratic, and multicultural society.

Deborah Lipstadt adds an important addendum that helps explain why Purim is ultimately a joyous holiday.

*“As a Jew, I don’t want my Jewish identity to ever be based on this sense of victimhood. To think that we were put on this world only to fight anti-Semitism is to, first of all, cede to the oppressor control over our identity and also to cheat ourselves out of so much that is positive.” (NPR: All Things Considered)*

Or to put it another way: Judaism is not about how “they” hate us. It is about how God loves us and we love being Jewish.



# A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

We are truly blessed to have so many talented and dedicated volunteers at Beth Abraham who help, in so many ways, to augment the work that our wonderful clergy and staff do in managing all that goes into making our shul such a special place. Despite our best efforts to recognize these contributions,



it is sometimes easy to take for granted how much our volunteers contribute to Beth Abraham. So it is really exciting for me when our volunteers are recognized outside of the Beth Abraham community for their work. This month, I have the privilege to inform the congregation about the recognition that our own Men's Club President, Irwin Dumtschin, has received. Irwin has recently been announced as the 2019 Ma'asim Tovim Award winner for the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) KIO region. FJMC is the international umbrella organization of over 250 Men's Clubs serving our 25,000 men throughout the United States and Canada.

The Ma'asim Tovim is the highest award a region can give one of its members. It recognizes individuals who have worked on behalf of the region for

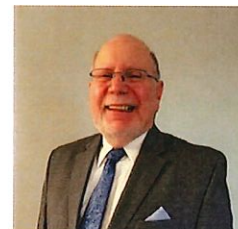
many years to advance the FJMC's mission to involve Jewish men in Jewish life and the Conservative/Masorti movement. Irwin has served as the current Men's Club President since 2012, and previously served as President or Co-President for 6 years in the 1990's. During his previous terms as President, he was instrumental in bringing the Beth Abraham Men's Club into the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. He served as one of the original officers involved in the initiation of the KIO region, a region that has expanded since those early years, to now include Men's Clubs from conservative synagogues in Western Pennsylvania and Southwestern Michigan in addition to Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

It is certainly a great achievement for Irwin to be recognized by his peers to receive the Ma'asim Tovim award, an achievement that is all the more remarkable considering that many of the other congregations in the KIO region are significantly larger and have greater resources at their disposal. Under Irwin's leadership, the Men's Club has always undertaken a full slate of activities, despite its modest size. Over his years of involvement, Irwin has been the driving force for many of the organization's programs that have become an important part of the congregation, including the Sunday morning brunches, the World Wide Wrap, and the annual Deli Dinner and movie night. For over 20 years, Irwin

has coordinated the FJMC Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program for Beth Abraham. This year, for the first time, the Yellow Candle program will be coordinated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton to extend the reach of this major annual effort beyond Beth Abraham to the wider Dayton Jewish community. As Allan Spetter, who has been Men's Club Treasurer for many of the years of Irwin's Presidency, told me, Irwin is "the heart and soul" of the Beth Abraham Men's Club.

As the honoree for the KIO region, Irwin will be recognized at a luncheon at Congregation Agudas Achim in Columbus on April 14, 2019. Further information on the award luncheon is on the back page for anyone in the congregation interested in attending to celebrate this prestigious achievement. Additionally, Irwin will officially be presented with his award, along with the other 13 awardees from across North America, at the FJMC Biennial Conference in Toronto later this summer. It is truly a prestigious achievement and on behalf of all of us at Beth Abraham, I want to convey our congratulations to Irwin for this well-deserved recognition.

*Yasher Koach!*



## Sisterhood

Irene Fishbein

Unfortunately, the Sisterhood **Game Night** scheduled for March 2nd has been **cancelled**. If there is interest in the future, we're happy to revisit this event at a later date.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming event series **Cooking With Taste**. This is a 3 part progressive cooking event where we will explore and enjoy new recipes each time we get together, so come hungry. Enjoy 1, 2, or all 3 events. There is a cost of \$10 per event to cover the cost of the ingredients. Let the adventure begin!

**Sophisticated Appetizers on Thursday, March 14th from 6:00-8:00pm**

\*\*\*RSVPs to the office required by March 8th\*\*\*

**Souper Soups on Thursday, April 11th from 10:00am-1:00pm**

**Delectable Desserts on Thursday, May 16th from 6:00-8:00pm**

Join us on **May 4th** for our annual **Sisterhood Shabbat**. This is always a very special morning and we would like as many women as possible to participate, so when you receive a call from either Beth Adelman or Marlene Pinsky, our co-chairs, please let them know how you would like to be involved.

Watch for more Sisterhood news and events. As always, our Sisterhood board wants to hear from you so contact our President, Emily Fogel, with any questions, suggestions, and to get involved anytime.

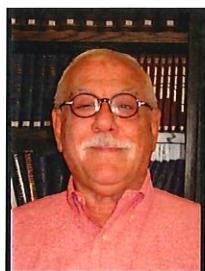


# Library News - Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



A while back I wrote about a biography of the late Irving Howe by Gerald Sorin titled *Irving Howe: A Life of Passionate Dissent*. We may remember



Howe for his masterpiece, *World of Our Fathers*, about the world created by the East European Jews who came to the United States between the early 1880s and the beginning of World War I in 1914, but he

represents much more. Howe stands out as one of the intellectual giants of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. A great writer, Howe has eloquently described his life in a study titled *A Margin of Hope: An Intellectual Autobiography* found in the synagogue library collection.

Howe's parents, David and Nettie Horenstein, arrived in the United States in 1912. Howe, born in 1920, grew up in very modest circumstances in the borough of the Bronx in New York City, but he experienced from the beginning the excitement of living in a "socialist" community. While his parents struggled to survive the Great Depression of the 1930s, Howe joined the Young People's Socialist League as a 14-year-old in 1934. He graduated high school at 16 and along with many of his contemporaries, hoped to create a better world.

Along with many other second generation Jews, Howe began to make the transition away from his immigrant parents to become a "secular Jew." The process continued at the City College of New York (CCNY), which he entered in 1936, where Jewish young men made up about 80 per cent of the 20,000 students. Only in New York could you go to college for 25 cents a day, ten cents for the round-trip subway fare and as little as 15 cents for lunch. Students paid nothing to attend CCNY or several other municipal colleges.

One would need to have lived through the 1930s and 1940s to understand what it meant to be, like Howe, an "anti-Stalinist Marxist," or to believe in either Lenin, Karl Marx, Joseph Stalin or Leon Trotsky. Howe did not resist being drafted into the army in 1942, serving until the end of the war

in 1945. He remained for much of the war in Alaska, perhaps because the army did not want Howe to try to influence other draftees. For a while after the war, Howe collected unemployment insurance of \$20 a week for up to a year, a benefit due to all who served in the war.

At the same time, he began to write reviews for various radical publications. He barely earned a living, but he caught the attention of those who would become the "New York intellectuals." Between 1948 and 1953 Howe wrote book reviews for Time magazine, earning \$75 a week for part-time work. Some radicals accused him of selling out, but others said that with his talent he deserved to live a middle class lifestyle. Howe moved to Princeton, New Jersey, in 1948 when his wife began to teach Latin at one of Princeton's posh private schools for a salary of \$1,900. That is a good indication of what people earned in the late 1940s.

He could commute to New York and stay involved with other writers and philosophers. During that period, in his "spare" time, he produced three books, biographies of the writers Sherwood Anderson and William Faulkner and a history of the United Auto Workers. Howe became a central figure in the New York intellectuals, almost all of them Jews. Ironically, many of the "secular Jews," like Howe, only rediscovered their Judaism when they learned of the extent of the Holocaust. In addition, many believed that the Jews of Israel would create a utopian socialist society. Howe transformed his life in the early 1950s. He abandoned Marxism for what he called "democratic socialism."

Howe received an invitation from Brandeis University in 1953. Three distinguished scholars, all Jews, conducted the interview. As Howe described it, the interview wasn't going very well until he happened to reveal that he could read, speak and write in Yiddish. According to Howe, the three men began smiling and Howe asks, "is there another professor of English in the country who can say that his first job interview was conducted in Yiddish?" Howe left Brandeis for Stanford University in 1961, but he did not feel comfortable in California. He returned to New York to teach in the City University of New York (CUNY) system until his retirement in 1986.

Surprisingly, Howe did not experience any persecution during the McCarthy Era of the early 1950s, but he took the opportunity to launch a new magazine, *Dissent*, in 1954, in a doomed attempt to keep socialism alive in the midst of the Cold War. Howe wanted to expose what he called the "underside" of American prosperity: the crucial role of war production in the nation's affluence, the gap between rich and poor, the absence of adequate health care for millions, and the impact of automation on workers.

Howe describes at length the decline and virtual demise of socialism in the United States. Those who remained on the socialist spectrum would become the "Old Left" in the 1960s when a new generation of radicals formed the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and represented the "New Left." The militant students knew nothing about the struggle between Stalin and Trotsky, but fueled by the war in Vietnam, they praised the qualities of three communists: Fidel Castro, Ho Chi Minh and Mao Tse-tung. Thus, Howe, always against communism, became their most outspoken critic.

Howe began to visit Israel regularly in the 1970s as he continued his return to Judaism. He produced 18 books and a tremendous volume of other publications before his death at the age of 72 in 1993. As Howe describes it, he became a celebrity for the first time with the publication of *World of Our Fathers* in 1977. The book made the list of best sellers in the New York Times. His son, Nicholas Howe, a leading scholar of medieval literature, served as Director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Ohio State before leaving for the University of California, Berkeley. Sadly, he died from leukemia at age 53 in 2006.





## Men's Club News

Irwin Dumtschin

**Sunday Brunch Series:** We had another successful Sunday brunch program speaker series this year. By request, we are rescheduling a brunch on the topic of immigration that was cancelled due to bad weather.

**March 24:** Guest Speaker: Jessica Ramos, Attorney will discuss *Immigration in the Trump Era*

The brunch will begin at 10:00 am and the cost is \$7.00. Please RSVP to the office so we can plan accordingly as we anticipate a good turnout. Looking ahead, we have one more brunch scheduled: our annual **Mother's Day brunch on May 12**, to honor and recognize all our mothers. More information to follow.

**Men's Club Shabbat Service:** On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Men's Club will lead the Sabbath services, giving our Rabbi and Cantor a well-deserved day of rest, and highlighting the participation of Men's Club in the religious life of the shul. Please join us as we lead and participate in the Shabbat service and

stay for Kiddush lunch following which we are sponsoring.

### **Annual Deli-Dinner And Movie Event:**

This year's annual event will take place on Sunday evening, **March 17<sup>th</sup>** (more details below). Due to Beth Abraham Synagogue's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, there is no Men's Club raffle drawing this year.

### **Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle**

**Distribution:** Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed this year on 27 Nisan, 5779, corresponding to May 2, 2019. **This year's Dayton community Yom HaShoah remembrance ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Beth Abraham Synagogue.** Our Men's Club will have a table in the exhibition hall to display and increase awareness of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle™ program, and to distribute candles to those outside of the Beth Abraham family.

We will continue to provide our congregants with materials for personal

observance of Yom HaShoah including a special Yellow Candle™ made in Israel. On Wednesday night, May 1<sup>st</sup>, please join with members of Jewish communities all over America and light a Shoah Yellow Candle™ in memory of a victim of the Holocaust.

We thank those who have previously volunteered to help distribute our Yom HaShoah candles and ask that you contact a Men's Club officer or the office if you can help again this year in March and April. We appreciate your assistance to ensure all Dayton congregants receive candles for this important day of remembrance.

**Men's Club Board Meetings:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

We wish everyone a Happy Purim and many happy hamantaschen!



**Beth Abraham Men's Club Invites You to Their**

### **2019 ANNUAL DELI DINNER AND MOVIE**

**Sunday Evening, March 17, 2019  
6:00 PM**

Join us for a delicious kosher deli buffet, featuring corned beef, pastrami, sliced turkey breast, fine breads, vegetarian baked beans, potato knishes, coleslaw, potato salad, dessert, and more!  
The dinner begins at 6:00 pm, followed by the featured movie at about 7:15 pm.

This year's feature movie, ***Three Identical Strangers***, is a 2018 documentary film about identical triplets who become separated at birth and adopted by three different families. Years later, their amazing reunion becomes a global sensation, but it also unearths an unimaginable secret that has radical repercussions.

The cost for the entire deli-dinner and movie program is \$20 per person.  
Please **RSVP by March 13** by contacting the synagogue office at 293-9520





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Cantor Emeritus	Jerome B. Kopmar D.Mus.

**Luncheon Honoring  
Irwin Dumtschin's  
Ma'asim Tovim Award**

Date and Time: *Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 12:00 pm*

Location: *Congregation Agudas Achim*

*2767 E. Broad St.*

*Columbus 43209*

*Cost: \$36 per person*

**RSVP no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>**

to Ron Feerer, (614) 314-5477 or rfeerer@gmail.com

All are welcome to attend!

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**Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services**

**Friday, March 1**

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:10 p.m.

**Saturday, March 2**

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	7:15 p.m.

**Friday, March 8**

**Rosh Chodesh Adar II**

Morning Service	7:00 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:18 p.m.

**Saturday, March 9**

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	7:22 p.m.

**Friday, March 15**

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:25 p.m.

**Saturday, March 16**

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	8:29 p.m.

**Friday, March 22**

**Shushan Purim**

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:32 p.m.

**Saturday, March 23**

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	8:36 p.m.

**Friday, March 29**

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:39 p.m.

**Saturday, March 30**

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Candle Lighting	8:43 p.m.

**DAILY MINYAN**

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

**DAILY MINYAN**

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

Sundays  
8:30 am

Rosh Chodesh Adar II  
Thursday and Friday, March 7 & 8  
Morning Service 7:00a.m.

Erev Purim – March 20  
Morning Service 7:15 a.m.  
Evening Service/Megillah Reading/  
Shpiel 7:00p.m.

Purim- March 21  
Morning Service 7:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 5:30 p.m.



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**Alan Chesen's special birthday**, by Philip & Louisa Dreety



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### Thanks for the following Kiddush contributions

**February 2** - Beth Abraham  
Synagogue

**February 9** - Lorraine & Jerry  
Kotler, in honor of Lorraine's  
birthday

**February 16** - Beth Abraham  
Sisterhood

**February 23** - Oscar & Claire  
Soifer, in honor of Oscar's  
birthday

### Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in March

#### March birthdays:

1	Audrey Tuck
2	Beverly Vangrov
4	Betty Crouse
4	Lee Schear
5	Joel Frydman
5	Erika Zawatsky
7	Joseph Beaman
7	Sharon Cohen
8	Jack Bernstein
8	Seth Orloff
8	Richard Pinsky
8	Joel Shapiro
9	Mark Feingold
9	Janice Kohn
11	Beatrice Burke
11	Charlotte Golden
12	Barbara Kimmel
16	Florence Heller
17	Tara Feiner
17	Sherman Vangrov
17	Harold Wilson
18	Jeffrey Roberts
19	Mark Feuer
21	Harvey Lehrner
22	Carole Marger
23	Mary Rita Weissman
26	Adam Feiner
26	Bruce Mendelson
27	Susan Katz
27	Stanley Schulman

28	Cynthia Burick
29	Carol Chudde
30	Phyllis Rosen
30	Samuel Rosengarten

#### March anniversaries:

1	Steve & Patty Wyke
16	Joel & Marci Vandersluis
26	Jerome & Goldye Kopmar
28	Howard & Debbi Rubenstein

**\*\* 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

Jack Jenevsky  
Ellen Spurling, sister of Joan Marcus

### We Welcome These New Members

Daniel Goldberg

For three generations  
Dayton's traditional  
Jewish Funeral Home

**Marker & Heller**

Funeral Homes  
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275-7434

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## YAH RZEITS

*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 March (Adar I-Adar II) we remember:***

#### **ADAR I**

Dorothy Gutmann  
Izabella Hertz  
Irwin Pinkus  
Edith Schear  
Rose M. Schear  
William Deutsch  
Jean Gisser  
Hyman Goldrich  
Max Kent  
Rachel Koretsky  
Yetta Kuhr  
Robert Silverman  
Samuel W. Stone  
Ora Yolles  
Yetta Blumberg  
Celia Fiddler  
Richard Hauser  
Henry Holzinger  
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Zelda Kotler  
Louis Press  
Abraham Sadow  
Martin Goodman  
Selli Gutmann  
Bernard Rosenblatt

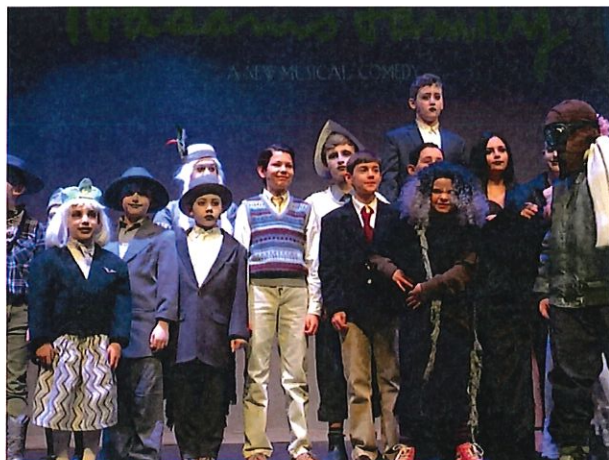
Erin Stahl  
Herman Arnovitz  
Rafael Furst  
Bernard Goldstein  
Seena Stayman Goodman  
Max Greenspun  
Lena Rosoff  
David Schneider  
Lazer T. Sherman  
Israel C. Shuchat  
Seena Stayman  
Abraham Stein  
Jacob Wolfe  
Rose Cohen Levin  
Rae Mellman  
Lawrence Schear  
Philip Stayman

#### **ADAR II**

Max Burgman  
Jack Kurtzer  
Ruth Neuman  
Harry Office  
Samuel Block  
Abraham Brunson  
Anna Fleischman  
Blumie Jacobson  
Stephen Braverman  
Kay Segal  
Davideen Swanger  
Raymond Smith  
Emma Cohen  
Cecilia ben Lemko  
Charles Miller  
Jean Spetter  
Josephine Woll  
Moses Goodman

David Abromowitz  
Morris Lovett  
Henry Sians  
Pauline Thum  
Samuel Daitch  
Rose Kaplan  
Sarah Fiddler  
Charles Rosen  
Bernice Stein  
Sara Topper  
Rose Bader  
Louis Wall  
Maurice Ellison  
Charlotte Miller  
Keith Saeks  
Theodore Yaross  
Rose Resnick  
Harold Silverman  
Abe Zipperstein  
Tess Bachman  
Jack Burke  
Harley Jay. Felman  
Roy Jenevsky  
Max Rosenbaum  
Deborah Ruben  
Sylvia Silver  
Ben Spialter  
Elizabeth Carne  
Isadore L. Feuer  
Anne Hammerman  
Harry Jenevsky  
Ella Krumholz  
Pessach Rubin  
Isidor Soifer  
Esther Brown  
Julius Chudde  
Harry Friedman

Bessie Rafner  
Julius Sender  
Meyer Strausberg  
Jacob Austrian  
Sol Kling  
Dora Rosalynd Scheer  
Syma Schmerler  
Jonas Stein  
Helene Vangrov  
Abraham Rafner  
Rose Stoolman  
Harry Tomchin  
Charles Vangrov  
Harry Weinman  
Sylvia Weissman  
Shirley Maharam  
Melvyn Scott  
Sadie Segal  
Jacob Seldon  
Edward Feldman  
Fannie Gressel  
Marvin Metz  
Pearl Rittner  
Irwin Galinkin  
Rosalynd Garlikov  
Bertha Jacobson  
Victor Marks  
Louis H. Radus  
Jack Reingold  
Aaron Sivitz  
Celia Weiner  
Claire Engelhardt  
Ludwig Jacob Feuchtwanger  
Fanny Fisher  
Harry Jacobson  
Florence Schwartz  
Minnie Simon



**The Adaams Family Play  
with Beth Abraham participants**



**Noah Aronson Concert  
at Beth Abraham**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Men's Club Shabbat Shabbat Shekalim Haftarah: Alan Chesen Kiddush: Men's Club Adult Ed following Kiddush 7:15p Havdalah
3 9:00a Religious School 9:15a 125:Decade Shabbatot Comm. Mtg.  3:15p Shpiel Rehearsal	4       6:00p 125:Anniversary Comm. Mtg.	5   3:00p 125:Celebrating Beginnings Mtg.	6          6:00p Men's Club	7 Rosh Hodesh Adar II      6:00p	8 Rosh Hodesh Adar II      6:18p Candle Lighting	9 Haftarah: Doug Deutsch Kiddush: Joel & Linda Shapiro in honor of Joel's birthday Adult Ed following Kiddush 7:22p Havdalah
10 Daylight Savings Time begins 9:00a Religious School 9:15a 125:Decade Shabbatot Comm. Mtg.  3:15p Shpiel Rehearsal	11      6:00p 125:Anniversary Comm. Mtg.	12  12:00p Executive Comm. Mtg.	13          6:30p Sisterhood Progressive Meal	14      6:30p	15      7:25p Candle Lighting	16 Shabbat Zachor Haftarah: Marc Katz Kiddush: A Friend of Beth Abraham Sisterhood Study Group following Kiddush 8:29p Havdalah
17 9:00a Religious School  3:15p Shpiel Rehearsal  6:00p Deli Dinner	18  10:00a Sisterhood Exec. Comm. Mtg.	19   6:00p Board Mtg.	20 Erev Purim – Ta'anit Esther  7:00p Purim Celebration	21 Purim      6:30p Sisterhood Progressive Meal	22 Shushan Purim      7:25p Candle Lighting	23 Haftarah: Norm Lewis Kiddush: A Friend of Beth Abraham Adult Ed following Kiddush 8:36p Havdalah
24 9:00a Religious School 9:15a 125:Decade Shabbatot Comm. Mtg.	25          6:00p	26          6:00p	27          6:00p	28          6:00p	29 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Celebrating Beginnings 5:30p Kabbalat Shabbat w/members of Dayton Jewish Chorale 6:30p Shabbat dinner and Dr. Sarna presentation 7:39p Candle Lighting	30 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Celebrating Beginnings Shabbat Parah Haftarah: Julie Liss-Katz Kiddush: The Willis, Scheuer & Arnovitz families in memory of Ruth Scheuer Dr. Sarna presentation during Kiddush lunch 8:43p Havdalah
31 9:00a Religious School 9:15a 125:Decade Shabbatot Comm. Mtg.						