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BETH ABRAHAM
SYNAGOGUE



Shavuot
Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha
Seudat Shlishit
Dinner
Study Session
Service

Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai. Just as the Israelites stayed up late the night before receiving the Ten Commandments, we do too!

Our evening begins by gathering together for the last hours of Shabbat. These hours are among the sweetest of the whole Shabbat experience. Shabbat Mincha (afternoon service) with its distinctive melody will be followed by the “third meal,” *Seudah Shlishit*. In honor of Shavuot we will have a dairy dinner of lasagna, salad, and accompanying noshes.

After filling our stomachs, we will fill our souls with special songs for the close of Shabbat. This will be followed by a study session entitled: **“Infectious Opposition: Taking a Jewish Shot at Vaccinations in Halakhah.”** We will conclude the evening with the Festival Evening Service.

The evening begins at **7:00pm on Saturday, June 8th**. We hope you will join us! No charge, but please **RSVP by June 3rd** so we can plan accordingly for the meal.



Please join us for our 4th annual Shavuot potluck picnic!! We'll meet at Orchardly Park in Oakwood, **Sunday, June 9th from 5pm-7pm**. Please RSVP with the vegetarian/dairy dish you'd like to bring to Hazzan Jenna Greenberg at yoninale@hotmail.com.

All are welcome – hope to see you there!

The Cantor's Corner

Cantor Andrea Raizen

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This May marks 30 years since I received my Master's Degree in Education from the University of Judaism (now called the American



Jewish University) in Los Angeles. Immediately upon graduation, I accepted my first position as Director of Education at a mid-size Conservative congregation in Southern California. Back in 1989 almost all Conservative

synagogues still maintained religious schools that met three days a week for approximately six hours. This was the type of supplemental school that I experienced as a child, as I am sure many of you did as well.

But it wasn't that many years later that Conservative schools began to eliminate one weekday of traditional Hebrew School, going to Sundays and one afternoon. This was due to pressure from parents who complained that their children had too many other activities to attend after school, and that they could not bring them that many hours. At first, schools resisted making the change. In some cases parents just chose not to bring their children both days and in others they simply moved to the nearest Reform Temple where they only had to go two days. By the early 2000's, many Conservative synagogues had changed the model, some coming up with other creative ways to make up for the lost hours, but nonetheless, once that third day was gone the challenges to our educational endeavors began to mount.

In the ensuing years there was much focus on revisiting Jewish school curricula. With fewer hours, what should be the emphasis of our educational programs? It wasn't just about the change in hours attended. The students attending the traditional supplemental Jewish schools were now coming from different backgrounds. Originally these programs were meant to "supplement" basic Jewish knowledge that children were getting at home. It assumed that most families celebrated Shabbat and holidays at home, attended services at the synagogue and had a basic working knowledge of Jewish terms and practices. Although this was still true for some families, other households relied on the synagogue school to provide those basics. I cannot elaborate on all the aspects of this here, but there is a recent movement that is addressing the

approach to teaching Hebrew based on much research and testing.

It was found that young children learning Hebrew in the synagogue school setting did well during the first year when they were introduced to the letters and vowels. But in the next couple of years, learning slowed considerably and children struggled, making little progress. Some of this is indeed due to reduced hours of class time, but there is much more to the problem. When we look at language acquisition in children, they first learn by hearing the spoken word. It is not until several years later that we make the transition from sound to print. At that time, when sounding out a word, there is context and recognition with the years of experiencing the language through sound.

Some forward thinking Hebrew educators jumped on this idea and created a new approach to Hebrew learning for children in the synagogue school setting. The first step was to abandon teaching even letter recognition to young children and instead focus on the spoken word. One system developed in Cleveland is known as Hebrew Through Movement, and is based on ways that children learn naturally; that is, they learn by moving about and doing. The teacher uses commands and demonstrates actions that the students then mimic, introducing a limited number of new words each session.

Over time the children build a substantial vocabulary base by listening and doing, never being expected to speak the words or see them in print. Not only are movements such as stand, sit, walk, run, etc. used, but nouns are introduced so that a child can be told to get up, walk to the table, point to an object, pick it up, etc. At holiday times, ritual items are used and manipulated. In addition to Hebrew Through Movement, students learn prayers and blessings orally and teachers constantly refer to objects in and around the classroom by their Hebrew names. When done with regularity and consistency, this is proving to build the foundation for an easier transition to Hebrew reading. Schools that are choosing this approach are delaying the teaching of Hebrew decoding and reading until a year or two before Bar and Bat Mitzvah. If the foundation has been well laid, adding the building blocks of the Hebrew letters comes much more naturally.

We have experimented with some aspects of these new approaches at Beth Abraham. As our school year comes to an end, we hope to work on more ways to implement these systems to help our students better succeed in their Hebrew studies.

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A Day of Freedom

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Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg

*Find the cost of freedom
Buried in the ground
Mother Earth will swallow you
Lay your body down*

*(Stephen Stills
of Crosby, Stills,
Nash & Young)*



These simple lyrics, backed by a haunting acoustic guitar were originally related to the context of 1970.

The “cost of freedom” refers to the death of those who are fighting for it, in this case the anti-war activists left dead at Kent State and the soldiers who were dying in Vietnam. Mother Earth has swallowed the bodies of young soldiers fighting the “freedom war” in Vietnam, as well as the bodies of young students expressing their freedom in protests against the war in Vietnam.

Recently, listening to a contemporary version of this song, made me think of our season in the Jewish calendar as it relates to

Israel. In just a few days, Israelis (and us) will be remembering the “cost of freedom” that allows the Jewish people to have independence in our birthplace and historic homeland.

Yom Ha-Zikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day, falls every year on the day before Israel’s Independence Day, *Yom Ha-Atzma’ut*. Israel’s independence day bears some resemblance to Independence Day in the United States. It’s a day for parades and barbecues, a day for celebrating and not necessarily for reflecting deeply on the meaning of the holiday.

But *Yom Ha-Zikaron* bears almost no resemblance to the American Memorial Day that we will observe at the end of May, which is for most Americans simply a day off.

The most outstanding observance of *Yom Ha-Zikaron* in Israel is that twice during the day – at 8pm the previous evening, and then at 11am in the morning – sirens sound throughout Israel, for an entire minute. People stop whatever they are doing and stand still, in memory. Traffic stops, and people get out of their cars, and stand by their cars. Cultural events stop. Busy marketplaces, restaurants, workplaces

come to a complete standstill for an entire minute. The entire nation transformed into monuments and memorial stones, for just a minute.

To know that the entire country is united in memory is extraordinarily powerful, and all the more striking for those, certainly the majority in Israel, who are thinking during those minutes of very specific people they knew: parents, siblings, spouses, children, grandchildren, and other relatives and friends who fell in Israel’s wars or were murdered in acts of terror.

The decision that was made to place *Yom Ha-Zikaron* on the calendar each year on the day immediately preceding Israel’s independence day was an effort by Israel’s founders to remind everyone that freedom, independence, and security come at a cost.

Visitors to Israel for the first time are often alarmed to see just how many soldiers are walking around and carrying weapons. But everyone across the Israeli political spectrum, from the far

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right to the far left, knows that it is only because of the existence and strength of the Israeli military that they manage to live in any sense of security and freedom. This sense is all the more heightened by the fact that each year, exactly one week before *Yom Ha-Zikaron*, is *Yom Ha-Shoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day. This is yet another poignant pairing of significant historical events for global Jewry. As we know, only three short and full years separated 1945 and the end of the Holocaust, from 1948 and Israel’s independence.

Jews today are fortunate to live in conditions of freedom; such conditions are new and unfortunately unusual for us as a people. These truths are not lost on Israelis.

Some of us may have personally known people who have been killed in America’s recent wars in Afghanistan or Iraq. For many of us, though, these have been far-away conflicts whose impact on our day-to-day lives haven’t ever really been felt. In Israel, however, conflicts are not far away, and their impact on day-to-day life is abundantly clear. This, too, probably contributes to why *Yom Ha-Zikaron* in Israel feels so

different from the American Memorial Day.

Still, even as American Jews, our awareness of the “costs of freedom” makes the celebration of Israel’s triumphs all the more intense; and it also compounds the anxiety felt by those who love Israel when it is in danger. This reminds me of what Israel’s first Prime Minister David Ben Gurion said in one of the transition ceremonies between *Yom Ha-Zikaron* and *Yom Ha-Atzma’ut*: “There is only one drop of consolation: their lives and deaths weren’t for nothing, and as long as *Am Yisrael* is alive, he will carry their memory in his heart forever.”

There have been mixed reactions in the American Jewish community since Benjamin Netanyahu won re-election as Israel’s prime minister for an unprecedented fifth term. Whatever your own opinion on the election, it is worth remembering that the establishment of the State of Israel 71 years ago restored Jewish independence lost 2,000 years earlier.

Today nearly half of world Jewry lives in Israel. That freedom has come at a cost of

over 25,000 fallen Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers and victims of terrorist attacks. Yet, *Am Yisrael Chai* – The Jewish People Lives!

If you are unhappy with the current state of things in Israel, take strength in the words of Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

who recently commented:

“[T]wo generations ago, the Israeli poet and statesman, Nathan Alterman, said: ‘The state will not be given to the Jewish people on a silver platter.’ It wasn’t. Neither is the state that we want as well. I’m not giving up. Neither should you.”

On this 71st anniversary of Israel’s independence, let us all pray:

“... for God’s blessing upon the State of Israel, her government, and all who dwell within her boundaries and under her authority.

Grant her leaders the fortitude to keep ever before us those ideals upon which the State of Israel was founded. Grant courage, wisdom, and strength to those entrusted with guiding Israel’s destiny to do Your will.

Be with those on whose shoulders Israel’s safety depends and defend them from all harm.

Spread over Israel and all the world Your shelter of peace, and may the vision of Your prophet soon be fulfilled: “Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Isaiah 2:4) – *Siddur Lev Shalem*

125th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS HUGELY SUCCESSFUL!

Our anniversary events have been simply spectacular. They enable us to recall and connect to our shared past. They allow us to rejoice in the present. And they set the stage for us to take renewal steps now to ensure our future.

Our most recent anniversary events are no exception. The Celebrating Beginnings and Second Decade Shabbat weekends allowed the hundreds of us who participated to better appreciate our beginnings and the many transitions and transformations as a dynamic Conservative congregation. Please keep reading...

Celebrating Beginnings

by Marc Katz

As a dual kickoff to Beth Abraham's 125th Year celebration and the Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series, nationally-recognized Brandeis University Professor, Jonathan Sarna, brilliantly set the historical stage at the March 26 Celebrating Beginnings weekend. With detail and humor, he put Jewish American life in perspective, including Beth Abraham in his timelines, giving reason and perspective to some of our early professional leadership.

His first presentation, after Kabbalat Shabbat Services and a delicious Eastern European-style meal, enabled over 180 attendees - both long-time congregants and more recent members and friends alike - to learn about and connect with our beginnings as a congregation with a strong Lithuanian heritage, our move from Wayne Avenue to Salem Avenue, and our adjustment to the Conservative movement in the second half of the 20th century.

In his second presentation, at Shabbat morning services and as a preview of the proximity of Pesach, Dr. Sarna uniquely illustrated the mantra of the Conservative Movement - Tradition and Change - by tracing the development of matzah from a mostly hand-made, round product to the machine-made square-boxed staple we use today, a story that resonated even more since it centered in nearby Cincinnati.

With this background, in his third presentation after a delicious Kiddush lunch, Dr. Sarna then addressed current challenges that must be overcome as we enter the next 125 years of our congregational journey. Ending on a positive note, he reminded us that, when we Jews fall down, we always get up and become stronger; and he concluded by challenging us to develop strategies to ensure our survival into the distant future.

We want to thank Edna and Jerry Willis for their generous sponsorship of this event through the Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series. Based on many positive comments, there is no question that this weekend was a fabulous official beginning to our year-long anniversary celebration.



Dr. Sarna and the Scheuer Family

Second Decade Shabbat

by Susie Katz

The Second Decade Shabbat Weekend, April 12, 2019 - a glorious time at Beth Abraham - was the perfect reflection of the glorious decades between 1944 and 1978 at our beloved synagogue.

This continuation of our anniversary year began with a joyful Kabbalat Shabbat, complete with the magnificent chanting of Beth Abraham's cantor of those years - Cantor Abraham Lubin - who led us in the Ma'ariv Service.

This Friday night glow then set the stage for a Shabbat morning service that simply vibrated with the spirituality, camaraderie and pure joy that has become emblematic of Beth Abraham.

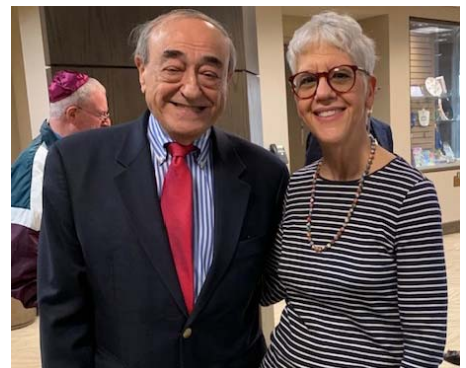
There are too many highlights to recount, but imagine this - our Torah aliyot recognized past synagogue, Men's Club and USY presidents and

others who served the synagogue in significant ways in those thirty-four years. We read from a Torah that consisted of fragments that survived the Holocaust and that was donated by the Philip Sokol family so many years ago. Joyful stories were recounted by Jeff Tilson, grandson of our only President Emeritus, Philip Kravitz; by Renate Frydman, one of the first B'not Mitzvah; by Joe Adler, son of Rabbi Ernest Adler; and by Cantor Lubin, who both beautifully davened Musaf and shared his very cherished memories of his time with Beth Abraham. In his sermon, Rabbi Ginsberg regaled us with the details of those incredible decades, and our president, Mike Freed added his words of wisdom dressed in the jacket that he wore at his own Bar Mitzvah - and it fit! And we enjoyed the second issue of the *BAS Chronicle*, the timeline, and the history table memorabilia that detailed those years.

Thank you to Shelly Charles, the Philip Kravitz grandchildren, Oscar and Claire Soifer, Allan Spetter and Claudia Birch, and Dena Briskin for sponsoring this Decade Shabbat.

What a wonderful Shabbat! What a wonderful synagogue! What a wonderful congregation!

And you won't want to miss the Third Decade Shabbat which will be held on July 13th celebrating our remaining years at Salem Avenue from 1979-2007.

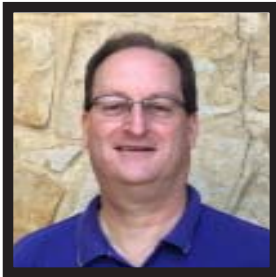


Cantors Lubin and Raizen

A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

The month of May marks the end of both the fiscal and administrative years for Beth Abraham. As part of the synagogue's Code of Regulations, we



are also required to hold an annual meeting of the congregation during the month of May. By now, every member of the congregation should have received

written notice of the **2019 Annual Meeting** which will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st at 6:15 pm**, along with a description of the business to be conducted at the meeting. As we have done in the past, we will provide a review of the past year along with financial results for the soon-to-be completed fiscal year. We will also be voting on the proposed slate of Officers and Directors as submitted by the Nominating Committee, chaired by our immediate Past President, Ellen Leffak.

In addition, we will be voting on a motion to transfer the assets of the Beth Abraham cemetery to the Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Dayton organization, contingent on the Jewish Cemeteries organization successfully meeting their endowment fundraising goal. This vote is the latest step in a

process that began over two years ago, when Beth Abraham, along with Beth Jacob and Temple Israel, were invited to join an effort spearheaded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton to explore the potential of creating a community-wide cemetery organization. Modeled on efforts previously undertaken by the Cincinnati Jewish community, this effort is a forward-thinking, proactive approach to assure the future of the three synagogue-operated Jewish cemeteries in Dayton.

The successful formation of a single community-wide organization will create economies of scale resulting in lower overall operating costs, and will provide a dedicated approach to cemetery management relieving these operational responsibilities from each of the individual congregations including Beth Abraham. In addition, it will alleviate the long term financial commitment that Beth Abraham would be required to make if we were to continue to operate the cemetery on our own, a commitment that over time would seriously impact the congregation's financial stability.

Critically, under the new structure, Beth Abraham will retain ritual and halachic control over burials at our cemetery under our rules. All of our existing membership requirements for burial and the associated fees, as well as fees for Chevra Kadisha services, would be payable to Beth Abraham. This will not have any effect on those who already

own plots or who have prepaid their cemetery expenses.

Under our Code of Regulations, a full congregational vote is required on matters related to the transfer of property. The Board of Directors has been fully engaged as the community effort has progressed over the past years and has unanimously approved the proposed motion. And while I urge each of you to also approve the motion, I also recognize that there may be questions regarding the transfer from our congregation. For this reason, we have scheduled an informational meeting on the evening of **Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 PM** where representatives of the Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Dayton, along with synagogue leadership, will be in attendance to answer your questions about the proposed transfer.

I hope everyone will be able to attend the 2019 Annual meeting on May 21st and encourage anyone wishing to learn more about the proposed cemetery transfer to attend the informational meeting on May 7th. The active involvement of everyone in the on-going governance of Beth Abraham is a key to maintaining and building a strong congregation. I look forward to your participation and hope to see you at both these meetings.



LIFE & LEGACY

Help Assure Beth Abraham's Future

"As we plan our legacy for the future of our family, we also include the future of Jewish organizations which have been so much a part of our family. Life & Legacy makes that happen."
~Mike and Rochelle Goldstein

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



Library News - Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



On the lighter side in the synagogue library book collection is the autobiography of the great operatic performer, Robert Merrill titled, *Between*



Acts: An Irreverent Look at Opera and Other Madness.

Born Moishe (Morris) Miller in June, 1917, into extremely modest circumstances in Brooklyn, New York, he turned into an overweight kid who

stuttered. Typically he did not stutter when he sang and he demonstrated his vocal ability from a very early age.

He would have advisors, agents, managers and, most importantly, the ultimate "stage mother" to push his career. To start with, she bought a used piano for \$10. Merrill says that his father worked very long hours in the garment industry but he earned \$25 a week, a decent wage in the early and mid-1920s. So the family kept moving to nicer neighborhoods in Brooklyn. Merrill's mother, frustrated in her own desire to be an operatic performer, made many show business contacts along the way and she realized that the right people could help her son.

She kept "schlepping" him around New York and he began to miss school. He would be asked to leave his high school and attend a "trade school." Merrill does not mention whether he graduated from high school. Merrill auditioned for the Major Bowes Amateur Hour, one of the nation's most popular radio shows. He would be assigned to a troupe of traveling entertainers and would be paid \$75 a week, the first indication that he would earn much more than his father could ever imagine. He earned even more money by performing at weddings, bar mitzvahs, on cruise ships and at various hotels, particularly in the Catskills.

Soon he began to appear regularly on radio at a salary of \$90 a week. Along the way he associated with many other Jewish performers and he formed a very close relationship with Danny Kaye, perhaps the greatest entertainer of the 20th century. Merrill had already changed his name to Merrill Miller and he says

that Kaye, born Daniel Kaminsky, suggested Robert Merrill would sound even better. It is interesting that Kaye always insisted he was two years younger than his actual age and Merrill did the same thing.

Merrill had one goal, to join the cast of the Metropolitan Opera. He failed his first audition, but continued to work on maturing his voice. At last, in June, 1945, only 28 years old, he signed a contract with the Met for \$125 a week, a very middle class wage for the mid-1940s. Merrill did not realize that he would be assigned only bit parts for several years. Merrill crossed over into popular music because of his radio career. He even appeared in a movie with the great singer Dinah Shore, also Jewish, in the early 1950s, and it was so bad he decided never to do that again.

At the same time, he emerged as the Met's leading baritone. He had a very close relationship with the Met's leading tenor, Richard Tucker, born Reuben Tucker in Brooklyn in 1913, an orthodox and very observant Jew who started his career as a cantor. Tucker died suddenly in 1975 while on tour with Merrill. Tucker had been the brother-in-law of another great Jewish tenor at the Met, Jan Peerce, born Jacob Perelmuth on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in 1904. Three great Jewish performers at the same time with the Met, all the sons of immigrants, is one of the great stories of how far Jews have come in the United States.

The man born in a sixth floor, "cold water flat," sang for every president from Roosevelt to Johnson. He sang a duet with President Truman's daughter Margaret and the president put his arm on Merrill's shoulder and said, "Thank you for being sweet to my baby." He traveled the world with the Met. On one memorable occasion the world came to Merrill in New York. The Queen Mother of Great Britain visited New York in 1954.

Merrill described their long conversation. She asked why the Brooklyn Dodgers are called the "bums." He said it was a term of affection. She asked if she could tour Brooklyn and said she remembered that President Roosevelt served hot dogs at a picnic when she visited the United States in 1939. She asked if those hot dogs are available in Brooklyn. Merrill said the best hot dogs

are in Coney Island at Nathan's. The trip did not work out but Merrill says, "I'm sure they would have loved the Queen Mother at Nathan's."

Those of us who grew up in Brooklyn and cared much more about baseball than about opera appreciate Merrill's close friendship with the legendary Gil Hodges, first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers. The autobiography, published in 1976, did not cover all of Merrill's career.

In the 1970s, after turning down several offers to perform in Broadway musicals, he decided that playing Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* would be the role of a lifetime. Merrill says that beginning in 1970 he did some 200 performances as Tevye, at times before an outdoor audience of 10,000 to 15,000. Merrill passed away in 2004.

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 21st

Please join us for our annual meeting on **Tuesday, May 21st at 6:15 pm**. We will be voting on the slate of officers and directors, as well as voting on a motion related to the Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Dayton and our cemetery assets. Please read Mike's column for further information.

Following the induction and business meeting, and a highlight of this past year, a light dessert will be served. We hope to see you there!



Sisterhood

Ruth Ellenbogen

On April 11th, Sisterhood held their second cooking program with the theme Souper Soups. Beth Adelman and Judy Chesen, our chairladies, selected 3 very creative, tasty and easy to make soups. While we were busy chopping, grinding and mixing, we were treated to mini frittatas freshly made. We feasted on the fruits of our labor and went home happy with a packet of delicious recipes. Our final cooking program in this series is **Delectable Desserts** on **May 16th from 6:00-8:00PM**. The cost is \$10.00 to cover the cost of supplies. Please RSVP to the office by May 10th.

By now Sisterhood members should have received a survey via email. Kindly take a few moments to complete and return it promptly. Our board will gather for a calendar planning meeting soon and your responses will give us a direction as to the programs you would like to participate in next year. Please call the office if you have any questions or need assistance completing this very important questionnaire. Watch this space for more information, and as always, we are happy to have your input and ideas. Please don't hesitate to contact us anytime.



Men's Club News

Irwin Dumtschin

Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle Distribution: We would like to thank those who have volunteered to help distribute our Yom HaShoah candles this year. The Men's Club appreciates and acknowledges the following individuals who assisted in helping to make sure all congregants in the Dayton area received their candles for this important day: Beth Adelman, Ariel Berry, Alan and Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug and Bonnie Deutsch, Melinda Doner, Howard Ducker, Irwin Dumtschin, Adam Feiner, Emily Fogel, Mark Gordon, Jeff and Connie Roberts, Rick Pinsky, David Rothschild, Allan Spetter and Claudia Birch, and Ralph Williams.

Mother's Day Brunch – May 12th: Please come and celebrate Mother's Day with us as we honor all mothers with our annual Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, **May 12th at 10:00 am**. **The brunch will be free to all mothers** with compliments of the Men's Club. Along with our usual fare, it has become a tradition to serve Dena Briskin's famous blintze soufflé for this special brunch. The entertainment will be provided by Bob Kohn, with his accompanist Ron Meyer. **Please RSVP by May 8th**, so we can make sure we will have enough food for all!

FJMC-Kio Regional Man Of The Year Honors Luncheon – June 30th: This honors luncheon that was originally scheduled for April has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 30th** in Columbus. Please RSVP to join and support David Rothschild, our elected Man of the Year, as well as Irwin Dumtschin, for the region's *Ma'asim Tovim* award.



Beth Abraham will host its next Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? (GWCTS) event on **Friday, June 14th**. We hope you will join us in this exciting, popular program!

How can you participate?

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 May 24th** and we will email everyone with the matches the beginning of June. 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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COMMUNITY



Yom Ha'Atzmaut Community Celebration: Celebrate Israel Independence Day on **Thursday, May 9th at 5:30 pm** at the CJCE with Jewish singer Rick Recht.

Dayton Jewish Film Fest: The Opening Night is on **Tuesday, June 4th, 7:00 pm** @ the Dayton Art Institute with the showing of *The Samuel Project*. The Film Fest continues through June 27th. Check out further details in the Observer or at jewishdayton.org.

The printing of this publication is funded by private donations.

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

Friday, May 3

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	8:14 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	9:18 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

No Evening Minyan

Friday, May 10

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	8:21 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	9:25 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	8:28 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	9:32 p.m.

Sunday, May 19

Pesach Sheni

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
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Friday, May 24

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	8:34 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	9:38 p.m.

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

Office Closed	
Morning Service	8:30 a.m.
No Evening Minyan	

DAILYMINYAN

Monday & Thursday
7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

DAILYMINYAN

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
7:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Sundays

8:30 a.m.

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Sunday – May 5 – 8:30 a.m.

Monday – May 6 – 7:00 a.m.

Minyan – 5:30 p.m.



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- April 6** - Howard & Debbi Rubenstein in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary
- April 13** - Decade Shabbat: Shelly Charles in memory of father Philip Sokol; the grandchildren of Philip Kravitz; Dena Briskin; Allan Spetter & Claudia Birch; Oscar & Claire Soifer
- April 20** - Jean Isenberg in memory of Harold Isenberg
- April 27** - The Gordon families in memory of those Gordon family members who survived the Holocaust

We Record With Deep Sorrow the Passing of

Louis Hoffman
Leon Williams – brother of Ralph Williams
Mike Shane

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in May

May Birthdays:

1	Ellen Leffak	18	Harriett Kaplan
2	Edward Sperber	18	Linda Roden
4	Irwin Dumtschin	19	Harvey Cohen
4	Claire Soifer	19	Jennifer Short
5	Terry Pinsky	21	Jay Kaplan
6	Joyce Burick Swarzman	22	Evelyn Fritz
6	Judith Kelman	23	Jeffrey Gordon
6	Marcia Kress	23	Lisa Pavlofsky
7	Stanley Katz	23	Pamela Schwartz
9	Sarah Moore Leventhal	24	Debra Rosichan
10	Marilyn Moscovitz	24	Elaine Rothstein
11	Ervin Pavlofsky	26	Rex Tincher
12	Norman Weissman	27	Judy Chesen
13	William Cohen	27	Julie Liss-Katz
13	Lois Unger	27	Judge Walter Rice
15	Marnina Abrams	27	Ralph Williams
15	Lawrence Burick	28	Cindy Smith
15	Sheryl Zawatsky	30	David Marcus
17	Myron Stayman	31	Frederic Ross
18	Cissy Ellison	31	Zerla Stayman
18	Gary Goodman	31	Janine Thomas

May Anniversaries:

5	Jack and Maryann Bernstein
8	Robert and Janice Kohn
16	Jeff and Connie Roberts
21	Marc Katz and Julie Liss-Katz
21	Bruce and Rita Mendelson
24	Joel and Jennifer Tobiansky
26	Andy and Pam Schwartz
27	Sam Dorf and Masha Kisel
27	Kenneth and Janice Krochmal
27	Philip and Janis Sussman

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



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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 May (Nisan-Iyyar) we remember:

Nisan

Jacob Cooper	Hymie Weinstein	Sam Raizen	Eva Zeifman
Solomon Gettleman	Ann Friedman	Eleanor Wallace	Pamela Sue Chaet
Yale Gressel	Marshall Kreitman	Samuil Grutman	Sanford Cohen
Morris Hurevitz	Ruth Lindenbaum	Aaron Jacobson	Sol N. Gault
David Nemkovsky	Sylvia Marcus	Rose Kravetz	Lillian Grinker
Pearl Press	Berniece Musin	Sam Shuchat	Arthur Pollack
Rose Rinsky	Mary Perlmutter	Stanley Zakem	Minnie Rudin
Dorothy L. Robbins	Paul Schriber	Anna Zeifman	Rosalie Spatz
Henry Sacolick	Marian Aftergood	Rae Byer	Morris Speert
Ruth Sokol	Ida Gassman	Margaret Feldman	Morton Block
Emma Block	Adolf Kahn	Elaine Froikin	Sara A.R. Brotkin
Milton Krochmal	Hyman Levine	Sadie Galpern	Rabbi Samuel Burick
Leo H. Merdinger	Jake Matusoff	Selma Joslin	Melba Kahn
Carol Shalf	Jacob Naiman	Molly Katz	Hazel Levine
William Zappin	Rachel Aftergood	Craig Rabiner	Dorothy Magilvy
Samuel Zipperstein	Moses L. Arnovitz	Leah Riff	Anna Odell
Dena Bluma Friedman	Jennie Beckman	Doris Schwartz	Samuel Resler
Sarah Harris	Arthur H. Ehrenberg	Meyer Barnett	Edward I. Solkov
Herman Hoffman	Faye Goodman	Jacob Budnick	Norman Kramer
Henrietta Jenevsky	Sophia Haber	Irene Cooper	Lillian Scharoff
Irene Klaben	Aaron Harold Rosner	Max Myers	Herman (Curly) Ellison
Philip Kravitz	Rachell Wolfe	Isaac Segall	David Engelhardt
Milton Krochman	Charles Abramovitz	Larry Tomchin	Jeanette Lapidus
Marianna Levy	Maryan Caplan	Idah Bernstein	Sam Mann
Lena Pinsky	Barnett Feldman	Sylvia Foreman	Fannie Neiman
Samuel Sable	Minnie Horwitz	David Jenevsky	Meyer Paster
George Zappin	Harold B. Jacobson	Beyla Komsky	Hyman L. Wilks
Sam Berman	Louis Kutash	Arthur Lester Weinreich	Stanley Barnett
Adele Froug	Joseph Morozovsky	Annabelle Haegel	Jack Fox
Jake Froug	Celina Rosenthal	Eli Jacobson	Arthur Roberts
Celia Gable	Allen Seymour	Shiloh Jacobson	Edith Esther Schneidman
Benjamin Getzel	Leah Zisenwine	Carl Fasano	Dora Sloboff
Francis Goldberg	Sol Arnovitz	Charles Galpern	Rubin Spiegel
Esther Louis	Emily Bruck	Barnet Lubens	Sara L. Arnovitz
Louis B. Schwartz	Stanley Freedman	Mary Merdinger	William H. Ellison
Rosalie Abbott	Eugene Goldflies	Arthur David Mink	Lillian Freed
Sarah Droz	Herbert Jones	Breindl Perlmutter	Samuel Labovitch
Harry Gisser	Harry Yolles	Jennie Rich	Seymour Levine
Mayer Naiman	Rosella Pratt	J. Kerry Rothstein	Emma Miller
Thelma Sokol	Dora Shutly	Mary Rubinett	Joy Rosen
	Charles Tanis	Bette Sherman	Sadie Tanis
	Sam Timmer	Helena Benjamin	Beatrice Aftergood
	Agusta Bearman	Max Bialer	Marvin Brown
	Leland Charles	Evelyn Chudde	Ruth Erkes
	Edith Duberstein	Herman Dlott	Harry Leventhal
	Charles Groban	David Duberstein	Wolfe Marcus
	Nathan Katz	Max Feldman	Harlan Saeks
	Elfrieda Ritter	Thelma Feldman	William Shirer
	Alvin Saper	Max Jenevsky	Marilyn Smith
	Sarah Zipperstein	Sarah Naiman	Celia Tinianow
	Ruth Altman	David Remick	Beatrice Tucker
	William Bernstein	Joseph Robbins	Yaakov Ze'ev Zipperstein
	Nellie Cohen	Margarethe Baer	
	Bertha Krumholz	Max Cohen	
	Bess C. Lapinsky	Joseph Garber	
	Jack Leffak	Margarethe Guggenheimer	
	Louis Mark	Baer	
		Kenneth Rittner	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Yom HaShoah 6:00p Men's Club Mtg.	3 8:14p Candle Lighting	4 Sisterhood Shabbat <i>Haftarah: Julie Liss-Katz Kiddush: BA Sisterhood</i> Rabbi's Study Group following Kiddush 9:18 Havdalah
5 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 9:00a Religious School 3:00p 125:Cemetery Tour 4:30p 125:Toast to Our Founders at Dublin Pub	6 6:15p 125:Fundraising Comm. Mtg.	7 4:15p 125:Kaleidoscope of Us Mtg. 6:00p Congregational Mtg.	8 Yom HaZikaron	9 Yom HaAtzmaut 5:30p Community Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration	10 8:21p Candle Lighting	11 <i>Haftarah: Norm Lewis Kiddush: No Sponsor</i> 9:25p Havdalah
12 Mother's Day 10:00a Mother's Day Brunch	13 9:45a Sisterhood Exec. Comm. Mtg. 6:00p 125:Anniversary Comm. Mtg.	14 12:00p Executive Comm. Mtg. 6:00p Security Comm. Mtg.	15	16 6:00p Sisterhood: Cooking with Taste	17 8:28p Candle Lighting	18 <i>Haftarah: Steve Horenstein Kiddush: Lorne and Barbara Bernstein in honor of the birth of their granddaughter</i> Sisterhood Study Group following Kiddush 9:32p Havdalah
19 Pesach Sheni	20 27 Memorial Day – Office Closed	21 6:15p Annual Mtg.	22	23 Lag BaOmer	24 8:34p Candle Lighting	25 <i>Haftarah: Irwin Dumtschin Kiddush: No Sponsor</i> Rabbi's Study Group following Kiddush 9:38p Havdalah
26		28	29	30	31 8:39p Candle Lighting	