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## THE GRAND GALA

### The Culmination of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year



The Grand Gala: Windows Through Time – a celebratory evening of food, drink and song – will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019, beginning at 5:30 pm, at Beth Abraham.

The Gala Committee, under the leadership of Marlene Pinsky and Maryann Bernstein, has planned what will most definitely be an elegant affair – starting with the beautiful invitations we recently received, continuing with delicious appetizers and beverages, including a signature anniversary cocktail, at an open bar, then a wonderful dinner and dessert presented by Bernstein's Fine Catering and concluding with fabulous entertainment by Six13, a Jewish a cappella musical group (to get a sneak preview of Six13, visit the group's website, [www.six13.com](http://www.six13.com)).

Please make your reservations as soon as possible by returning your response card or going online to RSVP. The seats are filling up fast!

The Grand Gala is the culminating event of our anniversary year. Let's fill the synagogue halls. Let's toast our achievements. And let's celebrate as we **recall** our wonderful history, as we **rejoice** in our successes and as we **renew** for the future. And, starting in 2020, let's resolve to maintain the enthusiasm as we add new chapters to our wonderful history.

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## Decade Shabbat Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: Our Years at Sugar Camp

The 4th Decade Shabbat will be held Saturday, **November 16, 2019**. This Shabbat we will focus on the Sugar Camp years, beginning with the time leading up to the move and then from 2008, when we moved to Sugar Camp, to the present day.

The Decade Shabbatot Committee, led by Ralph Williams and Adam Feiner, are again planning a Shabbat experience filled with fun and surprises.

At services, we will recognize those congregants who played vital roles prior to and during the move to Sugar Camp. We will also feature our newest current members, as well as our future members. In addition, we will enjoy the D'Var presented by Rabbi Bernard Barsky, who provided spiritual assistance during these critical years that facilitated our decision to make the move.

Then, at the Kiddush lunch following services, we will share memories of this focus period, review the final edition of the *BAS Chronicle* that once again will beautifully and creatively recall these Sugar Camp years, review the timeline for this period and the memorabilia at the history table.

We are excited to share this Shabbat together as a community as we recall our most recent history and all that has brought us here to today. Please join us!

# The Cantor's Corner

Cantor Andrea Raizen

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The hectic holiday season from Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah may be over, but the pace has not slowed down at Beth Abraham. I am happy to report that our new educational program, GOAL!, has started off with a bang.



The Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur was our first official synagogue event. Prior to the program, congregants from across the spectrum joined forces to help fight hunger both here in Dayton and across the globe. 20 participants, from our youngest students to senior members, signed up to raise funds and walk a 5K route, representing the distance that some people must walk to obtain clean water. Team Beth Abraham brought in nearly 25% of the funds raised for this year's CROP Hunger Walk. Our group of 19 walkers was the largest group in attendance. But before we headed to Island Metro Park for the walk, we engaged in serious Jewish text study to prepare. Ten adults gathered to grapple with Torah and Mishnaic texts about our obligations to care for the poor and hungry. They embraced the ancient texts and proposed ways to carry out the imperatives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. At the same time, our youngest learners studied some of the same texts in a way that spoke to them. The groups came together and were challenged to create a menu for a family of four who rely on SNAP benefits (formerly Food Stamps). The almost impossible task drove home the point of the difficulties facing so many in our community.

The holidays are always an opportunity to celebrate with community. We are happy that so many families, from near and far, joined us for Rosh Hashanah and Simchat Torah at the conclusion. Children had meaningful holiday services and activities with Sandy Sloane-Brenner while adults found

inspiration in the sanctuary services. Families and others came to decorate the synagogue sukkah and then enjoyed Pizza in the Hut, brought to us by the Men's Club. Children were able to make their own, customized mini-pizzas with the help of Men's Club members. We thank you!

November brings two more GOAL! congregational programs. **On Saturday evening, November 9, is our Making "Sense" of Shabbat program. The program begins at 5:00pm** and will end shortly after Havdalah at about 6:30pm. We will share some songs as Shabbat winds down, enjoy some snacks and engage in activities to make us more aware of our 5 senses and how those relate to Shabbat. We will conclude with Havdalah. Please let us know if you can join us.

**Also in November, on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>, we are teaming up with Temple Israel and Temple Beth Or for the Global Day of Jewish Learning** (see [www.theglobalday.org](http://www.theglobalday.org) for more information). This community program will take place at Temple Israel. The theme for this year's international day of study is "Speaking Volumes." Words have power to affect the world around us. Children, Pre-K through High School from the 3 congregations will learn together with age-appropriate activities and adults are invited to attend the Ryterband Lecture that morning, featuring Rabbi Richard Sarason of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. The morning begins at 9:00 for children and their families. Other adults may arrive at 9:30 for a brunch preceding the lecture. Please note that there is a \$7 charge for the brunch and Ryterband lecture. The morning will conclude at about 12:15. This program is open to anyone, from toddlers to adults.

There are more interactive and innovative programs yet to come in conjunction with the GOAL! Program and we do hope to see everyone along the way.

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# The Shofar of Life

Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg

“For years,” writes New York Times writer Ralph Blumenthal,

“there have been fragmentary reports of almost unbelievable acts of faith at the Nazi death camps during World War II: the sounding of shofars, the



ram’s horn trumpets traditionally blown by Jews to welcome the High Holy Days.” Although these stories of the persistence of hope even in humankind’s darkest moments have been passed down, most have been based on limited evidence and eyewitness detail. The following story has been embraced by several historians as reliable. Although the High Holidays are in the rearview mirror, I still wanted to share it with you.

Let me take you back 75 years, to Auschwitz, in 1944, and a man named Chaskel Tydor, who was 41 years old. Chaskel was an older prisoner. He was a block secretary, responsible for assigning work details. What the Nazis never discovered is that Chaskel would often attach names of those who were already killed to certain assignments, affording others relief in the sick bay. This saved hundreds of lives.

And on Rosh Hashanah 1944, 75 years ago to the day, he arranged to send some prisoners out to the forest. They formed a minyan. And when they returned, they told Chaskel that someone managed to hide a shofar. And they sounded it on that day. In an act of great defiance to the murderous Nazis, this minyan sounded the shofar. The sounds of the shofar pierced the heavens, begging, screaming, for a

year when all of the horrors of the past would be behind them.

Soon after, when the person who snuck that shofar was dying, he pressed a rag-wrapped object into Chaskel’s side. He gave Chaskel that shofar, and told him: “I’m going to die on this march. If you live, take this shofar. Tell them we blew this shofar at Auschwitz.” Chaskel survived. A few months later; off the coast of Haifa in the land of Israel, on Rosh Hashanah in 1945, he blew the shofar.

This story came to light when Chaskel’s daughter, a Holocaust

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historian, Dr. Judith Tydor Schwartz, told the story to the curator of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York. Dr. Schwartz told him that she still had the shofar. The curator asked, “Had it ever before occurred to you to offer it to a museum?” “Oh, God no,” she said, “We use it.” Dr. Schwartz commented: “If it’s one thing I know from all the thousands of survivors I interviewed, it’s that the impossible was possible, both to the bad and the good.”

The Nazis committed the most heinous, the most atrocious, the most violent acts that our world has ever seen. They defied what humans have ever been able to do to kill one another. And yet, there were also moments where people like Chaskel, like that minyan, like so many in the Holocaust, defied the possible.

People who acted with such strength, courage, and faith.

People who sounded the shofar, calling to God, enough is enough.

People who sounded the shofar, calling to God, saying, let this coming year be different.

The shofar will not be sounded for another year, but we still feel the reverberations of their call.

May their call remind us of their strength and give us the strength to stand up for ourselves and what is right and good.

May their call remind us of their courage and give us the courage to face our challenges and difficulties.

May their call remind us of their faith in a brighter future in even the darkest moments.

Let us call out to God, to say, let this coming year be one with more peace, with more safety, with more protection.

May we find the strength, courage, and faith to do our part in making that happen.



Our first Friday Night Kids Shabbat was a success and enjoyed by all who attended! We sang Shabbat songs together, participated in reading a story, said the blessings over the candles and wine, ate dinner and dessert, along with making a craft with beads. We are excited to offer this program again on Friday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at 5:00 pm. Bring the kids and grandchildren for a warm welcome to Shabbat!

**Family-Style Buffet Shabbat Dinner:** 5:00 pm

**Kids’ Services:** 5:45 pm

**Craft & Dessert:** 6:15 pm



## LIFE & LEGACY

### Help Assure Beth Abraham's Future

*"We came to Dayton 26 years ago knowing virtually no one. Beth Abraham became a focal point in our lives and helped us adjust to our move. It now has become family to us. We want Beth Abraham to be here for other Jews who move to Dayton in the future." ~ Ralph & Diane Williams*

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](mailto:elaine@bethabrahamdayton.org)) to set up a meeting to discuss what best fits you.



## Tree planting for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*"It is a tree of life to those who take hold of it, and those who support it are praiseworthy."*

As part of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we planted a tree at the lower level entrance.

A tree is a powerful Jewish symbol for us as individuals. As our Rabbis teach us, Torah is a "tree of life" to those who embrace and act upon its teachings.

This tree is also a powerful symbol for our year-long anniversary synagogue celebration! As a sapling, we **RECALL** our synagogue roots; as it grows and expands, we **REJOICE** in our synagogue's continued successes; and just as this tree annually sheds and replaces its leaves, we all can act to ensure that Beth Abraham will continue to **RENEW** itself from generation to generation far into the future.

Today, we kvel as some of our Sunday School students gaze upon this now tiny tree. And, with our nurturing, at our next anniversary celebrations, we are confident that the children and grand-children of these students will be pictured beside a fully grown tree.



*Jonah Dorf, Oren Watson, Jackson Berry, Benjamin Goorskey, Lana Dorf*

## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

There are so many congregants who helped to make our High Holidays meaningful and to flow smoothly. In addition to the wonderful services led by Rabbi Ginsberg and Cantor Raizen, there are many others we wish to thank for helping in the following ways:

**Leading Services:** Ralph Williams for beautifully leading Shacharit for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and Jeff Roberts for leading the Preliminary Service for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

**Floor Gabbai:** Jeff Roberts for coordinating the flow of each service.

**Ushers and Greeters** who welcomed everyone attending our services: Beth Adelman, Jack Bernstein, Steve & Bari Blumhof, Bruce Brenner, Larry Burick, Dena Briskin, Alan & Judy Chesen, Doug Deutsch, Howard Ducker, Irwin Dumtschin, Adam Feiner, Emily Fogel, Steve Fraim, Mike Goldstein, Garry & Mindy Greene, Linda Horenstein, Meryl & Ethan Hattenbach, Allan & Linda Katz, Beverly Louis, Abe Merdinger, David Rothschild, Andy Schwartz, Judy Schwartzman, Janine Thomas, Chaya Vidal, Ralph Williams and Steve Wyke.

**Lay Torah and Haftarah Readers:** Elaine Arnovitz, Ted Cooper, Irwin Dumtschin, Doug Einstein, Bruce Feldman, Shelley Goldenberg, Steve Horenstein, Norm Lewis.

**Cooks for Break-the-Fast:** Irwin Dumtschin, Linda Horenstein, Linda Katz, Mindy Metz and David Rothschild.

*Thank you*

# A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

*This is Mike's address to the congregation on Yom Kippur.*

Good morning and Good Yuntif. Last



year at this time, I stood before the congregation and talked about the early plans for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year celebration

and the message of *Recall, Rejoice* and *Renew* that was chosen to guide the year-long effort commemorating our anniversary year. It has been an extraordinary year of celebration as we have *Recalled* our history, *Rejoiced* in our achievements and *Renewed* our commitment, spiritually, communally and financially to the synagogue. It has been a commemoration of the past, the present and the future of Beth Abraham that has quite simply far exceeded all of my expectations.

From the fabulous kick-off weekend with Professor Jonathan Sarna in conjunction with the inaugural Ruth Scheuer Life Enrichment Series, to the Spirits of our Past cemetery tour and toast, to the first three of our Decade Shabbat services, to the Kaleidoscope of Us program, we have been blessed with a year of meaningful, fun and informative programming. And there is still more to come as we look forward to the final Decade Shabbat service November 17th and the Grand Gala celebration December 8<sup>th</sup>. **YES**, it has been a truly remarkable year of special events for our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For me though, it is just as remarkable thinking about all that regular work we do, every day, every week, every month, throughout the year, to meet the varied religious, spiritual, educational and cultural needs of our congregation and our members.

**YES**, we continued to provide meaningful and rewarding religious and educational experiences. There were our weekly Shabbat services, maintaining Dayton's only daily minyan and our holiday services and programs. We began efforts this summer, led by Cantor Raizen, to re-envision our religious school program by introducing the

GOAL! program. GOAL, standing for Go Out and Learn, is intended to be a comprehensive Jewish educational program serving the entire Beth Abraham community, young and old, in engaging learning opportunities both here at the synagogue and beyond our walls.

**YES**, we continued our efforts to build a community among all members of the congregation. We held three very successful Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? dinner evenings in addition to two Friday evening Shabbat Under the Stars services. We held special Shabbat services honoring our new members as well as our annual Sisterhood and Men's Club Shabbat. And again this year we joined together with Corinthian Baptist Church to host our annual joint commemoration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King.

**YES**, we continued our long tradition of active engagement with social action projects including our annual Fast of Isaiah food collection at Yom Kippur, food barrel collections throughout the year, collecting household items to assist Rwandan refugees and packing supplemental food boxes at the Foodbank for local seniors in need. And when the Memorial Day tornados struck, our congregation stepped up without fail, as we always do, to help our neighbors in need by donating food, supplies, and personal care items.

**YES**, it is remarkable all that we do, big and small, to offer such a full range of successful ritual, spiritual, educational and social programs. But, our ability to maintain these programs for many more years, depends on our ability to generate the necessary financial resources to fund the operation of the synagogue. Thankfully, our membership dues income held steady this past year. Our Giving Societies program, which has been a wonderful success since its inception, continues to help by providing extra financial support beyond member's dues.

But as we know, the total of our membership dues and our Giving Societies contributions do not cover the costs of running Beth Abraham. In fact, they cover only about two-thirds of the expenses associated with the operation of the synagogue. This past year, we had the further financial challenge of funding the unexpected costs of security measures implemented after the Tree of Life synagogue shooting last October. These efforts to address protecting the building and safe guarding our congregation unfortunately do

not show any indication of abating, so we must continue to commit financial resources to these efforts now and well into the future. While we have been fortunate again to receive bequest income that allowed us to balance our budget for the full year, counting on unplanned bequest income to close our budget gap is not a sustainable approach for financial stability.

That is why the work we began over the recent years is so vital to assure our long term financial stability. We approved the resolution to transfer our cemetery assets to the new Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Dayton and remain hopeful that the community cemetery will come to fruition alleviating a long term financial commitment from our books. We continue efforts to garner commitments from congregants to make after-life legacy gifts to Beth Abraham through the Grinspoon Life & Legacy program in partnership with the Jewish Federation Foundation. As part of our planning for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we established The 125 Fund to raise funds to defray the costs of the numerous events organized as part of our celebration and to build our endowment fund to support future activities. Like the Life & Legacy program, the response to The 125 Fund has been very positive and we anticipate having a significant balance of funds left at the end of the year that we can transfer to our reserves.

Recently, we took the first steps in addressing one of the major structural drivers in our operating budget, our building occupancy costs. Building costs represent the second largest expense category in our budget. At our September Board meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved moving forward with a series of projects that will separate our building from the Sugar Camp campus utility systems. Being able to independently manage our utilities will provide significant financial benefits to the synagogue and represents a major step forward in addressing our structural budget challenges.

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# Library News - Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



The synagogue library book collection includes a candid, fascinating autobiography of Vera Weizmann, wife of



Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel. Described as Israel's first First Lady, she dictated her memoir to David Tutaev. It has a unique title, *The Impossible Takes Longer*. The Weizmanns believed in what others

thought impossible, the creation of the State of Israel. The Weizmanns would form a powerful couple.

Both born in Russia, Chaim would be recognized at a very early age as a scientist of great potential and Vera would study medicine in Geneva, where she met Chaim in 1900. They did not marry until 1906. Chaim had been invited to join the staff at a university in Great Britain. Vera reveals that when she joined him in Great Britain she did not know a single word of English. Throughout these early years, Chaim emerged as perhaps the most eloquent spokesman for the Zionist cause, especially after the death of Theodor Herzl in 1904.

Chaim made his first trip to Palestine in 1907 and returned an even more dedicated Zionist than ever. Meanwhile Vera, after additional medical studies, began to work as a physician in 1913 and the family finances finally began to prosper. Then came the outbreak of World War I in late 1914. Chaim offered his services to the British government, Vera does not deal with the "urban legend" that the British government rewarded Weizmann for his service with the Balfour Declaration.

Instead, she goes into great detail about how Weizmann worked tirelessly to persuade prominent Jews in Great Britain, including those working at various levels for the government, to support the idea of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. In any case, Weizmann made a great contribution to the British war effort and the British government issued the Balfour Declaration in November, 1917. Great Britain stated that it favored the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Weizmann, described as an "English country gentleman" in the later years, would endure severe criticism from more

radical Zionists because he refused to believe that Great Britain would not live up to its promise, worried about alienating the Arab world with its huge supply of oil. Chaim Weizmann had the honor of a meeting with King George V before he left for Palestine, representing the British government in an official capacity.

Vera says that the Jewish community in Palestine in 1918 numbered only about 40,000 and many had come only to be buried in the Holy Land. She says that almost all lived on contributions from the American and British Jewish communities. But the future began to unfold almost immediately with the construction of the foundation of Hebrew University in July, 1918. Vera made her first visit to Palestine in 1919 and she describes the extremely primitive conditions she endured.

At the same time, however, she noticed the many "pioneers," especially the women, working to build the infrastructure and housing for a new society. In response, Vera and a handful of other prominent women launched a Zionist organization for women at the beginning of the 1920s. She returned to Palestine with Chaim in 1925 to witness the dawn of a new era with the opening of Hebrew University.

Vera describes the 1920s as a "troublesome" decade. It quickly became apparent that the British would be in no hurry to implement the Balfour Declaration. Meanwhile American Zionists, led by the distinguished Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, emerged as a major force in the movement. As might be expected, the Americans wanted to lead the movement. Chaim Weizmann would be elected president of the World Zionist Organization, but he endured immediate and continuing challenges.

Chaim made frequent trips to the United States to try to raise money for the rapidly expanding Jewish community in Palestine. In the process, however, he may have lost touch with the WZO. He would be ousted as president in July, 1931. Vera describes the decade of the 1930s for the Weizmanns as living, "in the wilderness." Despite British efforts to limit Jewish immigration to Palestine, as the situation for German Jews began to deteriorate, more than 42,000 Jews arrived in Palestine in 1934 and another 60,000 arrived in 1935.

Chaim Weizmann made no progress during World War II while Britain struggled to survive and the Holocaust raged on. Finally after the war, the issue of a Jewish

homeland came to the newly created United Nations. Vera Weizmann acknowledges the role of President Harry Truman in personally intervening to determine the boundaries of the Jewish homeland. Vera says, "in my humble opinion President Harry Truman will always be remembered as one of our founding fathers."

Almost as soon as the State of Israel came into being in May, 1948, Chaim Weizmann would be selected to serve as Israel's first president, a largely symbolic position in a parliamentary democracy. Chaim Weizmann immediately became the most recognizable Jewish individual in the world. In less than three years his health deteriorated dramatically. He remained confined to his bed for about a year before his death in November, 1952, just a few days short of his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. Vera died in 1966.

## SUNDAY BRUNCH SPEAKER SERIES

The Beth Abraham Sunday Brunch Speaker Series continues this month. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Please RSVP to the office.

**November 3:** Guest Speaker: Jessica Ramos, Attorney, ABLE (Advocates for Basic Legal Equality)  
*Title:* "Political Rhetoric & the Treatment of Others"

**November 10:** Special Veterans Day Brunch  
Guest Speaker: Paul Cooper, Retired Brigadier General  
*Title:* "Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords"

**November 24:** Guest Speaker: Dianne Herman, League of Women Voters  
*Title:* "100 Years of Women's Suffrage"

## Men's Club News

Irwin Dumtschin

A big thank you to Rick Pinsky for coordinating the Men's Club's High Holiday ushering assignments for each of the services. To our ushers who volunteered their time and effort to continue helping to maintain the dignity and sanctity of Beth Abraham Synagogue's High Holiday services, we also say thank you.

**Break-the-Fast:** Once again Men's Club provided the Break-the-Fast meal after the conclusion of the Yom Kippur services. We would like to thank those who volunteered their time to help prepare the delicious food. It was enjoyed by a large number of worshipers after a hard day of fasting and praying!

### Beth Abraham Sunday Brunch

**Speaker Series:** Men's Club kicked off this season's Sunday Brunch Speaker Series with a bang. The joint program with Federation and Temple Israel was one of our most successful brunches in years! Our upcoming brunches can be found on page 6.

**Meeting:** Men's Club's next monthly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Our meetings are open to all. We plan our events, discuss supporting worthwhile causes, and have fun, so come join us!

**Sukkot:** This year, Men's Club put up the sukkah with help from Dennis Day, Ted Cooper, Adam Feiner, Marc Katz, Rick Pinsky, David Rothschild, and Ralph Williams. Men's Club also provided the Pizza in the Hut party, preparing individual personalized pizzas for the students, parents, and teachers (as well as the kitchen volunteers!) who participated in the sukkah decorating. I would like to thank our kitchen volunteers: Bruce Brenner, Dennis Day, Adam Feiner, Rick Pinsky, and David Rothschild.



## Sisterhood

Irene Fishbein

Our annual Sunset in the Sukkah was a huge success. More than 30 women, including a few new faces, joined together in celebration, to enjoy some social time, and of course, eat! Thank you to our event chairs Beth Adelman, Judy Chesen, and Ruth Ellenbogen for excellent work in putting together the event. Thank you to Cantor Raizen for her spiritual leadership during the program. Thank you to Carol Nathanson for serving as our mashgiach. This wonderful evening would not have been possible without each of you.

This month we look forward to our event celebrating the 100 years of women voting. Sisterhood is co-sponsoring the brunch with our Men's Club on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Our speaker is Dianne Herman from The League of Women Voters. The cost of the event is \$7.00. Please be sure to attend and hear this very dynamic

woman speak on the subject of Women's Suffrage.

We are also co-sponsoring the final social action project for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We are supporting the "Matilde's Mentionables" project by collecting items needed for Daybreak and Oasis House. Items needed include: men's and women's underwear, bottled water, and gift cards (Walmart, Target, Gas Cards). A complete list of items is available in the office. You may also write a check to Beth Abraham and we will do the shopping for you.

Nominations for the 2020 Women of Valor honorees is due November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you know a deserving woman, please complete the nomination form and submit it to the office by the deadline. The forms are available through a link on our website or in the office.



### Mike's address (Cont'd from page 5)

While these important efforts to address our building costs and financial obligation for the cemetery, in addition to building our reserves and establishing a long-term plan for testamentary giving, have the promise of providing a positive impact in the long term to Beth Abraham's financial health, it is critical that we work to address our current financial needs so we can continue to offer the wide array of programs and services that make Beth Abraham so remarkable. So as we enter this New Year, I ask each of you to say **YES** to this year's Yom Kippur Appeal. Say **YES** to maintaining the legacy of Beth Abraham. Say **YES** to continue to support the ritual, educational and social programs that make Beth Abraham the wonderful sacred community it is.

As your President, I know that this congregation is incredibly generous. The commitment of our Giving Society members and our success with the Grinspoon Life and Legacy program are testaments to this generosity. The response to The 125 Fund has been remarkable as well. Judaism asks a lot of us - our time, our talents and our resources. I am thankful that so many of you have answered the call in the past and sincerely hope that this year's Yom Kippur Appeal will continue this tradition of generosity. We need all of you to say **YES** to help meet our immediate obligations.

As I reflect on the success of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year celebration, the most heartening thing for me has been the involvement of so, so many of you in making it happen. So as I close, I want to make another important appeal. For those of you who have been actively engaged with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, say **YES** and please stay engaged. And for those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to get involved, please say **YES** and join us in becoming a part of our wonderful community. I hope that each and every one of you will say **YES** to leading Beth Abraham into the next 125 years. And I hope that each of you and your families enjoy a year of good health, happiness and peace. May God inscribe us all in the Book of Life and bless us with the strength and conviction as we move together into the New Year 5780.



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## Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

### Friday, November 1

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:16 p.m.

### Saturday, November 2

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	7:18 p.m.

### Friday, November 8

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	5:08 p.m.

### Saturday, November 9

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	6:10 p.m.

### Friday, November 15

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	5:02 p.m.

### Saturday, November 16

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	6:04 p.m.

### Friday, November 22

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	4:58 p.m.

### Saturday, November 23

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

### Friday, November 29

<b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b>	
Morning Service	8:30 a.m.
No Kabbalat Shabbat	
Candle Lighting	4:54 p.m.

### Saturday, November 30

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	5:57 p.m.

### DAILY MINYAN

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

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

Sundays  
8:30 am

\*Thursday & Friday Nov. 28 & 29  
- Rosh Chodesh Kislev

\*Thursday, November 28  
- Morning Service 8:30 a.m.  
- No Evening Service

\*Friday, November 29  
- Morning Service 8:30 a.m.  
- Evening Service 5:30 p.m.

### Office Closed:

Thursday, November 28  
Friday, November 29



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#### In memory of

**Samuel Weissman**, by Larry & Cindy Burick  
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#### In honor of

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#### In honor of

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#### In memory of

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#### In honor of

**The birth of Steve & Linda Horenstein's new granddaughter**, by Bari & Steve Blumhof

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#### In memory of

**George Foreman**, by Norm & Kay Lewis  
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**Diane Handler**, by Maureen & Marc Sternberg  
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#### In honor of

**Rabbi Ginsberg & Cantor Raizen's support following the recent deaths of our parents**, by Irene & Gary Fishbein  
**Stan Blum's birthday**, by Judy Woll & Ron Bernard

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#### In memory of

**Vincent Johnson**, by Hadar Segal  
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**Mary Louise Dreety**, by Philip & Louisa Dreety  
**Albert Solkov**, by Lauren Maio, Michelle Rose, Janine Raye & families  
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**Ruby Pilder**, by Marlene Dori  
**Emil Barsky**, by Bernard Barsky  
**Kurt Fish**, by Susan & David Joffe  
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### Sanderow-Tannebaum Fund

#### In memory of

**Samuel Weissman**, by Barbara Sanderow

## SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

The Social Action Subcommittee is partnering with Sisterhood for a final project for our anniversary year.

Through November, congregants will be invited to support "Mathilde's Mentionables," a social action project named after Mathilde Schechter, Solomon Schechter's wife, which Conservative Congregations are supporting. We will be collecting the following items for Daybreak and Oasis House: men's and women's underwear, bottled water and gift cards (Walmart, Target and gas cards). In addition, we will be putting together housewarming baskets for youth completing programs from Daybreak and moving into apartments.

A full list is available in the office and through News & Notes. For those who prefer, you can make a donation to Beth Abraham and we will do the shopping for you.

## In the Beth Abraham Family

### Thanks for the following Kiddush contributions

**October 5** - A Friend of Beth Abraham Synagogue

**October 11** - Susan & David Joffe, in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**October 19** - Deborah Oppenheimer, in memory of her parents, Dr. Abe & Dr. Hortense Kuhr; and Howard & Sue Ducker, in memory of Yale Ducker's birthday

**October 26** - Beth Abraham Synagogue

### We Record With Deep Sorrow The Passing of

Maxine Slone, mother of Mindy Greene

Samuel Weissman, father of Norman Weissman

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

#### November Birthdays:

02	Hazzan Jenna Greenberg
03	Lynn Goldenberg
04	Sandy Sloane-Brenner
05	Penney Fraim
07	Annette Goodman
09	Jody Pollack Blazar
10	Michael Jaffe
11	Alan Moscowitz
11	Francine Shuchat Shaw
12	Kenneth Krochmal
12	Wanda-Lea Pilder
12	Joel Tobiansky
14	Eric Sussman
15	Louise Berman
15	David Plotnick
18	Rabbi Bernard Barsky
18	Michael Goldstein
19	Howard Michaels
21	Lois Gross
21	Judy Schwartzman
22	Rose Frank
23	Patti Schear
23	Robert Weinman
23	Sanford Wolfe
24	Bernard Berks
24	Laurie Braverman
24	Renate Frydman
25	Norman Lewis
26	Bella Freeman
27	Shirley Frankowitz
28	Enrique Ellenbogen
29	Marian Glatteman
29	Brenda Rinzler
30	Roger Chudde

#### November Anniversaries:

07	Rick and Erika Zawatsky
16	Larry and Sheila Wagenfeld
18	Steve and Taryn Wagenfeld
24	Jerry and Lorraine Kotler
26	Todd and Jody Sobol
30	Adam and Tara Feiner

\*\* 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.

## 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 November (CHESHVAN - KISLEV) we remember:***

#### **Cheshvan**

Selma Brown  
Lillian Goldberg  
Renate Harlan  
Eva Hoffman  
Avraham Dov Joffe  
David Kreiger  
Sadie Krueger  
Louis Matusoff  
Gershon Shokler  
Hattie Anon  
Sarah Brateman  
Bernard Fisher  
Hyman Gordon  
Louis Hirsch  
Louis Kurs  
Yaakov Marmorstein  
Gloria Saeks  
Max Solomon  
Charles Zwelling  
Charles B. Dorfman  
Chester Finn  
Manuel Kahn  
Gertie Lefkowitz  
Leah Mann  
Anne Rosensweet  
Jacob Schneider  
Joseph Y. Tuck  
Sarah Feldman  
Hattie Fleat  
Menachem Mendl Kohn  
Benjamin Kuperman  
Jack Ross  
Herman Slutzky  
Joseph Weisdorf  
Jacob Worly  
Helen Abramovitz  
George Foreman  
Louis Frankel  
David Goldberg  
Louis Kaplan  
Richard Liss  
Sadelle Odell  
Philip Pretekin  
Charles Feldman  
Jean L. Friedman  
Katherine Miller  
Ben Sherman  
Alex Sinder  
Samuel Barnett  
Bernard Beaman  
Henry Cowan  
Alex Farkus  
Poriss Gordon  
David A. Nizny  
Hattie Ruttenberg  
Mary Saewitz

Alexander Jaco Smith  
Herman C. Burke  
Esther Lefkowitz Burstein  
Sadie Dorfman  
Alissa Fein  
Eva Jaffe  
Vincent Johnson  
Nathaniel Leff  
Ida Miller  
Eve Naiman  
Sidney M. Schwartz  
Harry Solkov  
Beatrice Cowan  
Lilian Epstein  
Bess Kanter  
Hyman Michaels  
Maurice Schoenfeld  
Mary Ann Shuster  
Jules Garlikov  
Doris Hulman  
Gertrude Kanter  
Recha (Rachel) Levitt  
Louis Rauchman  
Abraham Rosenthal  
Tillie Singer  
Sarah Cohen  
Sarah B. Fred  
Herman Liss  
Sarah Marks  
Gittle Weiss  
Max Arnovitz  
Louise Blake  
Lena Gaffin  
Daniel Riback  
Joseph Riback  
Sholom Riback  
Lillian Schurr  
Jack Dorfman  
Esther Katz  
M. Zlata Kramer  
Lee Robins  
Eugene Schear  
Paul Shapiro  
Abe Unger  
Terry Coit  
Rebecca Frydman  
Freda Scheller  
Sadie Shokler  
Louis Wool  
Gladys Atkins  
Saul Layb Chodos  
Norma Dreety  
Frieda Leet  
Isabel Lerner  
Dorothy Liss  
Elsie Mintz  
Ben Shirer  
Melvin Temple

Louis Goldstein  
Ilene Marshall  
Benhamin Siegel  
Abraham Parker  
Stanford Rosen  
Eva Schultz  
Ted Schwartz  
Ethel Wilks  
Hal Feldman  
Clara Klass  
Gertrude Lefkowitz  
George Lubin  
Chaya Bluma Maybruck  
Herbert Tomchin  
Edith Tracht  
Silvia Ellenbogen  
Tili Faiga Ellison  
Abraham Gordon  
Samuel Miller  
Lester Myers  
Bernard Precker  
Abraham Ellman  
Pearl Mason  
Jacob Schneider  
David Stern  
Mary Deutsch  
Mollie Felman  
Neil Zwelling  
Robert E. Bernstein  
Jonas Eincig  
William Handler  
Leonard Katz  
Joseph Klausner  
Walter Kurland  
Albert Rosenthal  
Libbie Shottenstein  
Rose E. Wilks  
Ida Appelblatt  
Louis Fink  
Anna Fishkind  
Bernard Gutmann  
Regina Krochmal  
Leo Pollack  
Irwin Reingold  
Berthold Rothschild  
Bertha Cunix  
Anna Deutsch  
Belle Feldman  
Sam Fleat  
Fred Gertzman  
Howard Hillelson  
Samuel Kramer  
Irving Miller  
Ada B Wolfe  
Blanche Wyke  
Murray Borkan  
Ruthe Dorfman  
Rachel Kaplan

Ann Moran  
Sherman L. Saeks  
David Weinstein  
Lawrence Blumberg  
Bernice Brown  
Rebecca Center  
Howard Fischbach  
David Goldsmith  
George Layton  
Donald Morris  
Louis Schriber  
Isabelle Stecker  
Frank Adelman  
Jennie Cohen  
William Cohen  
Louis Dubro  
Manuel Freeman  
Irvin Lieberman  
Lillian Newhouse  
Don Pinsky  
Nathan Prigozen  
Dorothy Rabinowitz  
Jennie Rich  
Cantor Henry Wahrman  
Abe Wilks  
Chayim Isaac Brauer  
Sadie Joffe  
Orville Kuhn  
Tessie Meyer  
Aaron Rosenkrantz  
Gerald Rubin  
Miriam Schwartzman  
Ruth Zwerner

#### **Kislev**

Max Beloff  
Michael Goldberg  
Jennie Sachs  
Sarah Saeks  
Bertha Sender  
Kenneth Martin Speert  
Bernard Appel  
Frieda Appel  
Morris Kahn  
Sarah Katz  
Sam Rosenbaum  
Elizabeth Rosichan  
Melvin Verson



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  <b>6:16p</b> Candle Lighting	<b>2</b> <i>Dvar Torah: Joel Shapiro</i> <i>Haftarah: Irwin Dumitschin</i> <i>Kiddush: The Frydman, Doner and Golden families in memory of Charlie Frydman</i> <b>7:18p</b> Havdalah
<b>3 Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> <b>9:00a</b> GOAL! (Religious School) <b>10:00a</b> Brunch Series – Speaker: Jessica Ramos	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Yom HaAliyah</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>5:08p</b> Candle Lighting	<b>9</b> <i>Haftarah: Steve Horenstein</i> <i>Kiddush: no sponsor</i> <b>5:00p</b> GOAL! Making "Sense" of Shabbat <b>6:10p</b> Havdalah
<b>10</b> <b>12:00 p</b> Men's Club - Veteran's Day Brunch Speaker: Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Paul Cooper	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day  <b>6:00p</b> 125:Anniversary Comm. Mtg.	<b>12</b>  <b>12:00p</b> Executive Comm. Mtg.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>5:02p</b> Candle Lighting	<b>16 Decade Shabbat</b> <i>Haftarah: Daniel Goldberg</i> <i>Kiddush: Decade Shabbat</i> <i>Sponsors: Blum, Ducker, Feiner, Gordon, Joffe, Klaben, Kress, Leffak, Liberman, Mendelson, Moscovitz, Rabiner, Munich/Sperber, and Strauss-Hoder families</i> <b>6:04p</b> Havdalah
<b>17</b> <b>9:30a</b> GOAL! Global Day of Jewish Learning for all Ages (at Temple Israel) <b>11:00a</b> Men's Club Mtg.	<b>18</b>  <b>10:00a</b> Sisterhood Exec. Comm. Mtg.	<b>19</b>  <b>6:00p</b> Board Mtg.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>4:58p</b> Candle Lighting <b>5:00p</b> Friday Nite Kids Shabbat	<b>23</b> <i>Haftarah: TBD</i> <i>Kiddush: Masha Kisel and Sam Dorf in honor of Cantor Raizen and Mrs. Sandy Sloane-Brenner</i> <b>6:00p</b> Havdalah
<b>24</b> <b>9:00a</b> GOAL! (Religious School) <b>10:00a</b> Brunch Series – Speaker: Dianne Herman	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Rosh Chodesh Kislev Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed	<b>29</b> Rosh Chodesh Kislev Office Closed <b>4:55p</b> Candle Lighting	<b>30</b> <i>Dvar Torah: Marc Katz</i> <i>Haftarah: Alan Chesen</i> <i>Kiddush: Sweets only</i> <b>5:57p</b> Havdalah