



## WOK N' ROLL HANUKKAH DINNER & MOVIE



What do most Jews do on **December 24**?

Order Chinese food and go to a movie, of course! This year it falls on the third night of Hanukkah, so why not join your friends and celebrate at Beth Abraham. Bring your Hanukkah menorahs and candles to light together, enjoy a delicious vegetarian Chinese dinner and latkes prepared by our in-house clergy catering service and then prepare to laugh at a movie classic fit for the season, "Monty Python's Life of Brian." There will also be a movie just for the kids, along with games and other Hanukkah activities. The fun begins at **5:30PM**. \$10 adults, \$6 kids 12 and under. Please **RSVP to the office by Wednesday, December 18**.

## New Art Panels to be Installed Outside the Sanctuary



During this anniversary year, we have learned many lessons. In particular, we are once again reminded that our successes during our first 125 years are largely based on our constantly working in partnership to provide a spiritual home that meets so many of our individual needs; we are again reminded that, indeed, it takes a village!

This life lesson is symbolized by an anniversary project undertaken by the Kaleidoscope of Us subcommittee. At and after its hugely successful August 25<sup>th</sup> "From Babies to Bubbies" event, over 50 of us, from the very young to those not so young, participated in the creation of an art piece designed by Lois Gross, our own "artist-in-residence."

Lois designed four abstract panels that depict aspects of Jewish life. These panels utilize triangles to create abstract images, each with a different color palette. The four panels are titled *Shabbat*, *Torah*, *Chuppa* and *Shofar*.

Lois has now completed the panels. They will be permanently installed outside the Sanctuary just prior to the culminating anniversary event, The Grand Gala: Windows Through Time.

Mazel tov to the Kaleidoscope of Us subcommittee, ably chaired by Janice Krochmal and Tara Feiner, for its wonderful celebration of the Beth Abraham community. Mazel tov to Lois Gross for sharing her creativity with us and for providing a permanent memory of our anniversary year that we will enjoy for years to come. And thanks so much to the dozens of Beth Abraham villagers who added their individual strokes to these beautiful panels: Beth Adelman, Elaine Arnovitz, Eden Atzmon, Debbie Bernstein, Jack Bernstein, Maryann Bernstein, Jonathan Bernstein, Claudia Birch, Frieda Blum, Linda Blum, Bea Burke, Ted Cooper, Bonnie Deutsch, Douglas Deutsch, Simone Endres, Dottie Engelhardt, Emily Fogel, Penney Fraim, Bella Freeman, Kay Gersh, Ranon Ginsberg, Shelley Goldenberg, Mike Goldstein, Lois Gross, Be'eri Harel, Meryl Hattenbach, Eliana Horenstein, Linda Horenstein, Nina Jacobs, Samantha Jacobs, Lorraine Kotler, Janice Krochmal, Yiyi Li Kudera, Ellen Leffak, Kay Lewis, Norm Lewis, Ann Liberman, Scott Liberman, Beverly Louis, Gayle Moscovitz, Marlene Pinsky, Rick Pinsky, Cantor Andrea Raizen, Phyllis Rosen, Devorah Schwartz, Judah Schwartz, Chaya Simon, Janine Thomas, Jordan Vandersluis, Eddy Vertonghen, Wanda Yael Yeats.



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# The Cantor's Corner

Cantor Andrea Raizen

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For the last several years, about halfway through the holiday, I have wished that I had an oil burning



Hanukkah menorah. I did have a simple metal one with glass cups that I purchased and used the year I lived in Israel, but I lost track of it along the way. What I do remember is that it wasn't the easiest

hanukkiah to use. I had a lot of difficulty getting the wicks lit and then staying lit. Yet once the lights were indeed lit, it was a beautiful sight. So a bit against my own best judgement, I found a similar hanukkiah online along with a package of floating wicks and am now waiting to try it out this Hanukkah.

So why bother making this change? Primarily, when recalling the story of Hanukkah, most of us know the legend of the small cruse of oil found by the Maccabees when they reclaimed and rededicated the Temple. Despite the fact that there was only enough oil for one day, it miraculously lasted for eight. There it is! It was oil, not a wax candle. This is not to say that there is anything prohibiting one from using wax candles to commemorate the miracles. It is perfectly *halachic* to do so. But there is something special and unique about an oil burning flame. Oil tends to burn more steadily, without the flickering that candles sometimes exhibit, and there is a real clarity to the flame. In addition, it is more environmentally friendly.

Having now made the decision to go with oil this year, it got me thinking about the prayer we sing after the lights are lit, *Hanerot Hallalu*, literally "these candles." The prayer is of ancient origin and mentioned in the Talmud with slight variations of the text. The prayer says:

These candles that we light are for the miracles and for the wonders and for the rescues and for the wars that You made for our ancestors in those days at this time, through Your holy kohanim [priests]. And all eight days of Hanukkah, these candles are holy, and

we do not have permission to use them but, rather, to look upon them, in order to thank and praise Your great name for Your miracles and for Your wonders and for Your rescues.

The prayer teaches us an important law. We are not to make use of the light from the candles while they are burning. Rather, we are only permitted to enjoy them. No similar law applies to the Shabbat candles. There's no objection to, say, eating by the light of Shabbat candles. But Hanukkah candles are different. They're special. We are not supposed to make use of their light, only to enjoy it. That is the reason we use a *shammash*, a helper candle. It remains burning along with the others so that we can use its light to see. In fact, we should light the candles and then sit in their presence and enjoy them for at least half an hour or until they burn out. What an amazing religious obligation, to sit in the presence of little candles and simply be. We don't have to do anything. We just have to bask in the light of those candles.

For some of us, that might be a challenge. It might seem tedious, but maybe that's what it takes to truly appreciate a miracle - the ability to sit back and not think about doing anything other than appreciating the moment.

I am hoping that the extra effort it will take for me to prepare and light my oil burning hanukkiah will inspire me to truly enjoy the light of the flames and contemplate the Hanukkah miracles of the past as well as those that surround us each day.

Wishing all of you *Chag Urim Sameach!*



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# Under Any Spelling, Hanukkah Illuminates

Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg

The greatest miracle in the story of Hanukkah is that more than 2,200 years after the initial event, Jews are still celebrating. Although, we are still arguing about how to spell it in English:



Hanukah/  
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Chanuka/  
Chanukkah/Chanukkah ... and approximately twelve other prominent spellings, which are all correct.

We are also still arguing about what the holiday commemorates. In the earliest sources, Hanukkah commemorated a battle won, despite astonishing odds, by the Maccabees against the Seleucid (Greek-Syrian) tyrant-king Antiochus and those Jews allied with him, who appeared ready to abandon their tradition. But later rabbis, uncomfortable with military-themed celebrations, focused the holiday on the miracle unmentioned in the book of Maccabees—that in the Temple, after it was cleaned out, a cruse of oil that should have lasted one day, lasted eight.

Today, despite the consternation of historians, the oil story is most frequently offered as the reason for the

season, perhaps, because it better fits into our thematic holiday paradigm. Think of the classic Jewish joke about holidays: “They tried to kill us; we won; let’s eat.” Then we fry up latkes or pastry dough in oil and “fress” (eat away).

I think there is also something deeper and more profound about the miraculous oil story.

At the time of the Maccabees (160’s BCE) the Temple already stood, of course, although it had been defiled and used as a garbage dump. The Maccabees rededicated it. Hanukkah, the holiday of rededication, teaches us

*“...the miracle unmentioned in the book of Maccabees - that in the Temple, after it was cleaned out, a cruse of oil that should have lasted one day, lasted eight.”*

something essential about successful living. Rabbi David Wolpe beautifully explains what this type of rededication to successful living can look like:

“I have known many people—Holocaust survivors, refugees who fled oppression, people plagued with illness and others to whom life has dealt cruel blows. Some of them lost everything and had to begin again. Despite many reasons to despair, in a crucial turn toward the future, resilient spirits chose renewed hope

and rededicated themselves to purposeful living. That ‘Hanukkah’ moment is the inspiration we all need. Everyone fails in ways large and small and needs the strength to rise anew.”

This idea of renewed hope and rededication is reinforced by the time of year in which this holiday falls. Hanukkah is a winter holiday. It shines light in the darkest time of year. Each night we add another light, increasing until the entire Hanukkah menorah is illuminated.

The lights have been kindled in millions of homes over 2,000 years. It was not always easy: Already in the Talmud there are provisions for lighting secretly in times of persecution. But the Jewish commitment to publicizing the miracle of rededication endured.

However you spell the holiday, a choice for rededication to a purposeful life, to a better future, to what you believe, is powerful, sacred, and even miraculous. There are moments when all of us are afraid, when we are held back by self-doubt, when we feel hopeless and alone. Learn the lesson of Hanukkah, the holiday of rededication: No matter how many times you have done it before, once again, when you face the dark, kindle a light of hope.



## NEW WEBSITE

Check out our new website at [www.bethabrahamdayton.org](http://www.bethabrahamdayton.org)! We are still in the process of tweaking it, but when you visit you’ll notice our new layout has a handy interactive calendar and options to pay and RSVP online for some events and donations. We’ll continue to update it and add additional pictures.



## **LIFE & LEGACY**

### **Help Assure Beth Abraham's Future**

*"We are proud that Buricks have been an integral part of Beth Abraham from its beginnings. That is why we signed Life & Legacy letters of intent to ensure that Beth Abraham continues to serve congregants for decades to come."~ Cindy & Larry Burick*



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.



## **Welcome New Members**

### **New Member Shabbat December 14**

*Marc Katz*

Two of our new members who have joined Beth Abraham in 2019 do not consider themselves "new" at all. They grew up members of Beth Abraham, and are returning to become members as adults.

Linda Brotkin is from Piqua and her family attended the reform temple there, as well as Beth Abraham when it was located on Salem Ave. Ann Berger, who is a Dayton native, was a member prior to marrying Sheldon Berger, whose family held membership at Beth Jacob. Now the Bergers are joining Beth Abraham.

**Linda Brotkin and her husband, M. David Dial**, currently live in Merida, Mexico, but keep a home address as well in Dallas, where they lived for many years. She is a graduate of Ohio State University as well as the University of Cincinnati law school and is considering returning to the Dayton area, "where my parents are buried," she said. She also felt Dayton has a better change-of-seasons climate.

**Ann Berger**, who taught at Hillel for two decades, has never really left the area, and remembers attending events at Beth Abraham. "It feels like home," Ann said. "I have memories of being here as a kid." She currently works for an advertising agency and her husband **Sheldon** is a retired businessman.

**Tamara Sack** grew up in Los Angeles, but stayed in Ohio after graduating from the University of Cincinnati College Of Law about 20 years ago. She practiced in Cincinnati for several years and moved to Kettering in 2018, where she operates an office as a criminal defense attorney. "I just felt comfortable at services," said Tamara when asked what drew her to Beth Abraham. "Everyone is so friendly." She also took some classes at the CJCE, some of which Rabbi Ginsberg taught, and she enjoyed them.

**Daniel Goldberg and Anna Hochgesang** met in Hebrew class at Purdue University. They moved to Dayton where Daniel accepted a job at WPAFB. Daniel quickly became a regular lay Torah and haftarah reader and Anna recently completed her conversion. Growing up in a conservative shul, Daniel noted he is very comfortable at Beth Abraham, and they both appreciate how welcoming and accepting the congregation has been of them. Anna especially likes that Beth Abraham is egalitarian.

Please join the congregation for a special Shabbat service on December 14<sup>th</sup> to honor and welcome these new members who have joined the congregation in 2019.

# A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

Over the past few weeks I have had the occasion to be reminded multiple times about the incredible generosity of our congregation. As I have noted



over the past years, both in previous Bulletin articles and during my annual Yom Kippur Appeal,

Beth Abraham relies on this generosity for the continued financial stability of the synagogue as our membership dues make up only one part of our budgeted revenues in any given fiscal year.

The first occasion was the recent recognition dinner event that the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton hosted for donors who had made a commitment to the community's Life & Legacy program. Beth Abraham was ably represented by many congregants, across the membership. But those in attendance represented only a subset of our congregants who have made a Life and Legacy commitment. All told, a total of 42 members of Beth Abraham have pledged to make a testamentary gift to Beth Abraham under this community-wide initiative. In addition

to the actual pledges, Beth Abraham has received a small contribution directly from the Grinspoon Foundation as an incentive for achieving the targeted number of donor pledges in the first year of the program. We are currently just one additional pledge away from achieving the incentive target for the second year of the program, a target that I am sure we will achieve before the end of the year.

The second occasion has been a recent review at our monthly Executive Committee meeting of the financial performance of The 125 Fund, the special fund established as part of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Originally conceived as a primary vehicle to cover the expenses of the various special events and activities planned during the year and to support our foundation, we have far exceeded our initial goal. As a result, we will be able to make a significant contribution to our reserve funds after the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year is concluded, building our financial resources to support Beth Abraham into the future. I have been simply amazed by the extraordinary results we have seen with contributions to The 125 Fund.

These are but two recent occasions that highlight the continued generosity of so many of our members. At the recent Decade Shabbat service, in a reference back to part of the program for the dedication ceremony for our move to the Sugar Camp campus, we recited the Prayer for the Community. It reads:

***A Prayer for the Community.** May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless this entire congregation, together with all holy congregations: Them, their sons and daughters, their families, and all that is theirs; along with those who unite to establish synagogues for prayer, and those who enter them to pray and those who give funds for heat and light, and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread to the wayfarer and charity to the poor; and all who devotedly involve themselves with the needs of the community and the Land of Israel. May the Holy One reward them, remove sickness from them, heal them, and forgive their sins. May God bless them by making all their worthy endeavors prosper, as well as those of the entire people Israel. And let us say: Amen.*

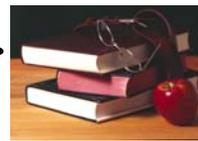
This passage from our prayer book remains a wonderful testament to the incredible generosity of our sacred community, our Beth Abraham, our congregation. We are truly blessed.

## Membership Directory for 2020

We will soon be in the process of compiling our 2020 membership directory to send out in January. Please check your listing in last year's directory and make sure it is correct. For the first time last year we included email addresses and cell phone numbers for those who requested it. If you have any changes, please call or email the office by **December 20th** so we can update it in our system and in the directory. Thank you!

# Library News - Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



The synagogue library book collection includes an informative biography of perhaps the most important



Jewish individual of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Moses Mendelsohn, who led the Jews of Western Europe into the age of the Enlightenment, the Haskalah, the beginning of the modern era. Simply

titled, *Moses Mendelsohn: Critic and Philosopher*, author Hermann Walter's study presents a detailed portrait of a man who overcame several serious obstacles to become a leading thinker of his time.

Born into modest circumstances in Dessau in what would today be Germany in 1729, Moses from a very early age displayed brilliance in the study of the Talmud. He studied with a rabbi who received the call to become Chief Rabbi of Berlin. At the age of 14 Moses moved to Berlin, about 80 miles away, to continue his studies with the same rabbi. Except for some help the rabbi could offer, Moses survived on his own.

Life became a matter of survival because as he grew, he developed a serious deformity, a severe curvature of the spine. Moses struggled financially for about seven years until a wealthy silk manufacturer offered him a position as tutor to his children in 1750. At last his financial difficulties had ended and he had more time than ever to concentrate on his studies. When his children no longer needed schooling, the same benefactor offered Moses a job as a

bookkeeper in 1754.

Berlin became more cosmopolitan year by year. Moses could exchange ideas with others who had been freed by the Enlightenment to believe that individuals could control their own destiny, no longer obligated to live under the religious beliefs that had dominated Europe since the fall of the Roman Empire some 1,300 years earlier. Moses developed a unique relationship with the university educated Gotthold Lessing, exactly the same age, and they emerged as leading philosophers and critics of the time.

By the mid-1760s, Mendelsohn became the most prominent individual in the Jewish community of Berlin. Then, he capped his career with the publication of *Phaedo: On the Immortality of the Soul* in 1767. Relying heavily on two of the great Greek philosophers of the ancient world, Socrates and Plato, he insisted on the immortality of the soul in terms perhaps only his fellow intellectuals could understand. He seemed to provide the answer his contemporaries wanted to hear even while some called for the abolition of organized religion.

Mendelsohn's accomplishments led to two diametrically opposed results. When the world outside the Jewish community acknowledged his brilliance, many realized what the Jews could contribute to culture, education, literature and society in general if only given equal opportunity. In the world of the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, however, some could not believe Mendelsohn could possibly be a Jew. Then, they said surely such a brilliant man would "see the light" and abandon his Judaism. Mendelsohn steadfastly defended his Judaism.

At the beginning of the 1770s,

Mendelsohn began suffering with a serious illness. Today we might diagnose some kind of combination of a nervous breakdown and/or a stroke. He would never completely recover. Evidence indicates that some kind of similar condition affected several members of his family, including his grandson, the great composer and pianist Felix Mendelsohn, who died at the age of 38.

Mendelsohn gathered his strength in 1778 for the last great project of his life, a translation of the Pentateuch into German, which he worked on for five years until completed in 1783. The translation caused great controversy in the Jewish community and outside the Jewish community as well, but it may have been the single most important development in bringing Jews into the modern world. One direct result led to the establishment of the first "German" school for Jews in 1781 and several others followed all across Germany.

More and more German Jews decided they wanted to be completely German and abandoned Judaism. Ironically these included his son Abraham. Thus, his grandson Felix never had any contact with Judaism. Mendelsohn did not live to see the beginning of real "emancipation" for the Jews of Western Europe. Mendelsohn died in January, 1786. The French Revolution began just three years later in May, 1789. As a result of the revolution, France declared that Jews would be absolutely equal citizens of the nation. The Netherlands soon followed with a similar statement.

## COMMUNITY



### Community Chanukah Party at the CJCE Thursday, Dec. 19, 5:30-7:30

Enjoy dinner, games and activities for all ages.

\$10/adult, \$5/child; After Dec. 15, \$15/adult, \$10/child

## Men's Club News

Irwin Dumtschin

Men's Club will take a break in December as Beth Abraham continues with its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with The Grand Gala, as well as Hanukkah celebrations. The Sunday brunch speaker programs will resume in January.

### Annual Raffle Fund Raiser Event:

Men's Club is in the process of putting together its annual major fund raiser event. The raffle drawings will take place during our annual deli dinner and movie event on Sunday evening, March 29th. We are seeking prizes for the raffle. If you have any retail merchandise or professional services that you can donate as a raffle or door

prize, please contact Irwin Dumtschin at 271-5307. Be on the lookout for your raffle tickets next month!

Men's Club's next monthly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the conference room. Our meetings are open to all, and we especially welcome all newcomers to join us in planning our events, discuss supporting worthwhile causes, and just have some fun. So, if you haven't yet attended one of our meetings, feel free to at any time.

We wish the congregation a happy 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as well as a happy and joyous Hanukkah, and many happy latkes!

## Sisterhood

Irene Fishbein

First, we'd like to thank the "3 B's," (Beverly Louis, Bonnie Rice and Larry Burick), all of the committee chairs and volunteers on a fantastic year of celebrating Beth Abraham's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Congratulations to everyone and here's to another 125 years and more. The best is yet to come!

Last month Sisterhood co-sponsored a wonderful brunch with our Men's Club celebrating 100 years of women voting. Dianne Herman of The League of Women Voters was our speaker and gave a very educational and informative presentation on Women's Suffrage. Thanks to Beth Adelman for introducing Dianne to us and for chairing this event for Sisterhood.

We also co-sponsored the final social action project of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Thanks to everyone who made donations to the "Matilde's Mentionables" project. Daybreak and Oasis house are so appreciative of the contributions made by our Beth Abraham family.

Hanukkah is just around the corner so please visit the Gift Shop and see what's new. Please contact Connie Roberts (937-430-1652) for assistance with your shopping needs.

*Chag Urim Sameach* – Happy Hanukkah!



Participants enjoying a Men's Club brunch

## HOW TO LIGHT THE HANUKKAH CANDLES

We often get calls about how to place and light the candles in the Hanukkiah. So, if you get confused, here is the answer:

1. The Hanukkah candles are set in the Hanukkiah from the right to the left. The first night, place one candle in the far right holder. The next night, add one more to the left, etc.
2. The candles are lit from left to right, lighting the newest candle first.
3. On the first night of Hanukkah (Sunday, Dec. 22), we recite the 3 blessings. The other nights, just the first 2 blessings are recited.



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Making "Sense" of Shabbat GOAL! program engaged those in attendance to be aware of our five senses and how they relate to Shabbat.

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, December 6

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	4:53 p.m.

### Saturday, December 7

Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	5:56 p.m.

### Friday, December 13

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	4:54 p.m.

### Saturday, December 14

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

### Friday, December 20

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	4:57 p.m.

### Saturday, December 21

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

### Friday, December 27

Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	5:01 p.m.

### Saturday, December 28

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

### DAILYMINYAN

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

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Tuesday, Wednesday\* & Friday  
7:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
Sundays  
8:30 am

\*Wednesday, December 25 -  
Office Closed  
- Morning Service 8:30 a.m.  
- No Evening Service

\* Wednesday, January 1 -  
Office Closed  
- Morning Service 8:30 a.m.  
- No Evening Service

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### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund

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**All the volunteers who have made the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year such a wonderful experience**, by Minnette Weiss & Jackie Miner

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**SHOPPING AMAZON FOR THE HOLIDAYS?:** When you make purchases on Amazon, instead of logging onto [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), log onto [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). You will be given the opportunity to designate a charity of your choice that will receive .5% of the cost of every purchase you make - at no cost to you. When you log onto the Amazon Smile website, there is an option in the banner at the top of the screen for you to make your choice of charity to receive your donations. When you click on that option, you will find that Beth Abraham is one of the charities that is listed.

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These are such simple ways to add to the coffers of our beloved synagogue - and absolutely every one of us can participate! If you need help, just call the office.

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

# In the Beth Abraham Family

## Thanks for the following Kiddush contributions

**November 2** - The Frydman, Doner & Golden families, in memory of Charlie Frydman

**November 9** - Beth Abraham Sisterhood

**November 16** - Stan and Connie Blum, Howard, Sue and Steven Ducker, Adam and Tara Feiner, Mark and Kathy Gordon, Susan and David Joffe, Marilyn and Larry Klaben, Marcia and Eddie Kress, Ellen and Michael Leffak, Scott and Ann Liberman, Sanford and Barbara Mendelson, Gayle and Irvin Moscowitz, Andrea Scher-Rabiner, Amy Munich and Ed Sperber, and Tina and Michael Strauss-Hoder.

**November 23** - Masha Kisel & Sam Dorf, in honor of Cantor Raizen and Mrs. Sloane Brenner, the wonderful educators at our religious school

**November 30** - Felice Shane in memory of Arlene Furst

## We Record With Deep Sorrow The Passing of

Elaine Bialer

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## Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in December

### December Birthdays:

01	Carol Nathanson
01	Edith Pequignot
04	Meryl Hattenbach
05	Lawrence Wagenfeld
06	Claire Berks
06	Marla Merdinger
08	Mindy Metz
09	Steven Rothstein
12	Douglas Deutsch
12	Felix Weil
14	Dena Briskin
15	Shirley Fisher
16	Michael Freed
16	Gary Pavlofsky
17	Jerome Krochmal
20	Sylvia Blum
21	Bonnie Parish
22	William Schoenfeld
23	Edwin Katz
24	Allan Spetter
25	George Barnett
25	Andrea Scher Rabiner
26	Linda Shapiro
27	Mark Gordon
30	Marlene Pinsky
30	Susan Schear
31	Diane Rubin Williams

### December Anniversaries:

10	Marshall and Donna Weiss
17	George and Ruth Barnett
17	David and Lynn Goldenberg
26	Dale and Sharon Schiff

\*\* 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 December (KISLEV - TEVET) we remember:**

#### **KISLEV**

Helen Abromowitz  
Sadie Auster  
Sarah Chudde  
Clara Cohen  
Harry Gaffin  
Frank Isack  
Abe Jacobson  
Isaac Mathews  
Esther Reich  
Shirley Sadow  
Eva Summer  
Lillian Weinstein  
Nathan Zimmerman  
Rubin Arnold  
Rosetta Aronson  
Joseph Balshone  
Mollie G. Cohen  
Ruth Frankowitz  
Dorothy Gordon  
Dora Horwitz  
Jake Hulman  
Louis Klebanow  
Joseph Leibovich  
Hyman Saeks  
Morris Sassov  
Pauline Brill  
Shirley Dunn  
Joseph Ellison  
Fannie Shalf  
Betty Starkman  
Fred Weber  
Joseph Dreety  
Sidney Engelhardt  
Arlene Furst  
Mary Gutmann  
Leo Koenigsberg  
Myra Jean Lapinsky  
Sandra Monblatt  
William Nides  
Mitchell Blazar  
Christopher Hayden  
Abraham Hyman  
Gerald Jacobson  
Gunther I. Jacobson  
Blanche Kisch  
Benjamin Singer  
Charles Carlisle  
Simon Engelhardt  
Sety Farache  
Lillian Glasman  
Morris Horwitz  
Ben Kopelove  
Boris Levitt  
Jordan Tilson  
Si Burick  
Minnie Kaplan  
Lilli Kirchheim  
Moses Kopelove

Erika Roth Green  
Oscar Scheuer  
Anna Stoolman  
Frances Weil  
Isadore Brown  
Sarah Furst  
Naomi Leven  
Rose Mann  
Danny Duberstein  
Charles Froug  
David Garber  
Rose Halberstein  
Rose Litt  
Frances Schneider  
Mason Center  
Robert Chernick  
Sylvia Cooper  
Ruth Fiddler  
Howard Liss  
Rose Weinstein  
Rebecca Friedman  
Irving Stein  
Max Zwelling  
Jodi Lynn Abrahamson  
Abe Coplan  
Harry Gilfer  
Vernon Pavlofsky  
Leatrice Phillips  
Ronald Ross  
Shlomo Rossow  
Tillye Garlikov  
Joseph Shutly  
Ruthe Stein  
Jacob Weinstein  
Jane Wilks  
Meyer Aronson  
Mat Grinker  
Ralph Kopelove  
Murray Krueger  
Edna Zakem  
Jack Arnovitz  
Mary Bessel  
Morris Groban  
Bertha Kahn  
Loretta Leven  
Sadie Levy  
Goldie Rabinowitz  
Harry Rubin  
Irene Sachs  
Sarah Schwartz  
Sarah Budnick  
Morris Dumtschin  
Mardelle Friedberg  
Philip Froikin  
Ben Hochhauser  
Ethel Kutash  
David Michaels  
Simon Rosenblum  
Raymond Zappin

Adrienne Lisa Abrams  
Carmen Appel  
David Cohen  
Charles R. Dorfman  
Leo Fox  
Harry Friedman  
Alan Konowitch  
Isador Kowalsky  
Elaine Sebel  
Esther Segall  
Mabel Tannen  
Harry Kahn  
Joseph Miller  
Irma Rosengarten  
Goldie Lea Stein  
Mary Zappin  
Jacob Zukerman  
Nathan Aides  
Herman Greenfield  
Florence Lichtman  
Eerie Maybruck  
Ida Petler  
Lee Pollack  
Harold Samler  
Louis Schneiderman  
Beatrice Schoenfeld  
Anna Stahl  
Margarat Weller  
Julius Arnovitz  
Robert Furth  
Herbert Jacobson  
Stanley Mandell  
Sarah Riveh Mann  
Tzemach Mann  
Ida Milstein  
Dorothy Schottenstein  
Frieda Weisbrod  
Louis Werner  
Rose Bernstein  
Daniel Lehrner  
Ellin Oppenheimer  
Fanny Rosengarten  
Helen Rothberg  
Edward Aaron Weinstein  
Albert Cohen  
Ben Eckman  
Fanny Kizner Kuhr  
Ada Rosenthal  
Evelyn Schultz  
Karl Ehrlich  
Jean Goldstein  
Michael Horenstein  
Jeanette Jaffe  
Dora Shane  
Tala Arnovitz  
Paul Dorf  
Molly Frankowitz  
Zelique Katz  
Bella Paster

Gladys Weltman  
Helen Gams  
Phillip Gressel  
Gizella Pavlovsky  
Ellen Rosengarten  
Chaye Rachel Scharff  
Rebecca Shokler  
Louis Tannebaum  
Jennie Tilson  
Thomas Blum  
Rose Dinkin  
Sophie Goldflies  
Frances Krochmal  
Leon Lapidus  
Nadine Robins  
William Sharp  
Suzanne Stahl  
Shirley Berman  
David Cohen  
Jesse Kuperman  
Roy Lapidus  
Aaron Moshe Pollak  
LaRae Roden  
Ruben Rosen  
Maryan Schriber  
Blanche Block  
Bessie Frank  
Else Scheuer  
Sam Wilks

#### **TEVET**

Bessie Faust  
Isadore Metz  
Ethel Pope  
Sid Shane  
Simon Sherer  
Alan Yaross  
Joseph Adelman  
Julius Eisenstein  
Henry Engelhardt  
Rosalyn Greene  
Frances Horenstein  
Fannie Jacobson  
Julius Jacobson  
Mary Koff  
Leo Koretsky  
Rudolph Lehman  
Hannah Miller  
Carole Rabinowitz  
James Stefin  
Carrie Sussman  
Joe Berger  
Morris Cherny  
Ada Cohen  
Jacob Friedman  
Harry Rice  
Jacob Rubin  
Morris Seman  
Meyer Sugarman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Haftarah: Myron Stayman Kiddush: Myron &amp; Debbie Stayman &amp; the Stayman/Droz families</i> <b>5:56p</b> Havdalah
8 <b>9:00a</b> GOAL! Religious School  <b>5:30p</b> The Grand Gala	9  <b>12:00 noon</b> Exec. Comm. Mtg.	10  <b>6:00p</b> Board Mtg.	11	12	13  <b>4:54p</b> Candle Lighting	14 <b>New Member Shabbat</b> <i>Haftarah: Norm Lewis Kiddush: Beth Abraham in honor of our new members</i> <b>5:57p</b> Havdalah
15 <b>9:00a</b> GOAL! Hanukkah Happening <b>11:00a</b> Men's Club Mtg.	16 <b>10:00a</b> Sisterhood Exec. Comm. Mtg.	17  <b>6:00p</b> Board Mtg.	18	19  <b>5:30p</b> Community Hanukkah Party at the CJCE	20  <b>4:57p</b> Candle Lighting	21 <i>Haftarah: Hazzan Jenna Greenberg Kiddush: Marvin Roden in memory of his sister LaRae Roden</i> <b>6:00p</b> Havdalah
22 Erev Hanukkah	23 Hanukkah – 1 <sup>st</sup> Day	24 Hanukkah – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day  <b>5:30p</b> Wok & Roll Hanukkah <b>6:02p</b> 3 candles	25 Hanukkah – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>6:02p</b> 4 candles	26 Hanukkah – 4 <sup>th</sup> Day	27 Hanukkah – 5 <sup>th</sup> Day  <b>5:01p</b> Candle Lighting 6 candles	28 Rosh Chodesh Tevet <b>Hanukkah – 6<sup>th</sup> Day</b> <i>Haftarah: Mike Freed Kiddush: The Freed family in honor of Mike Freed's birthday</i> <b>6:04p</b> Havdalah 7 candles
29 Rosh Chodesh Tevet Hanukkah – 7 <sup>th</sup> Day  <b>6:05p</b> 8 candles	30 Hanukkah – 8 <sup>th</sup> Day	31				