

# APRIL UPDATES

## A BIG THANK YOU FROM DENNIS

My family and I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the entire congregation for being so generous for honoring me for my 35 years of work at Beth Abraham. I can't guarantee I'll be here for another 35! I am so touched by your overwhelming generosity and it means a lot to me. Beth Abraham has been my home for the last 35 years and you are all like family to me. Thank you so much!

- Dennis

## YOM HASHOAH CANDLE DISTRIBUTION

At the current time, Men's Club is planning their yearly distribution of Yom HaShoah candles to our membership, to be received for observance the evening of April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## EXCITING NEWS – SECURITY GRANTS

Beth Abraham has been awarded two security grants through the state! One is for personnel which we can use for our security guards and the other is for building improvements. This includes ballistic covering for our glass windows on entrance levels, access control upgrades, and bollards for our lower level entrance way and parking lot. We will have more details to share when the work begins. We thank all those who helped to put the grant information together.

## YOUR INFO HEADQUARTERS

We will continue to use the website to post updates. In case you haven't memorized it yet(!), the address is [www.bethabrahamdayton.org](http://www.bethabrahamdayton.org).

- You can access Rabbi Ginsberg's audio sermons and writings there. Go to the big blue circle half way down the page that says Rabbi's Reflections.
- This year's Passover guide is under the Worship tab – then click Festivals & Holidays and you'll find the link.
- You can find the Torah Sparks each week on Thursday, by clicking the Learn & Study tab and then Shabbat Learning. You'll find the link at the bottom of that page.
- Our Coronavirus Updates will be revised as needed; you may want to check that page on a weekly basis. Look for the link under the banner on the main page.
- Information will also be posted on our Facebook page.

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### RANON GINSBERG'S BAR MITZVAH

Due to the current coronavirus precautions, unfortunately Ranon Ginsberg's bar mitzvah is postponed.

### PASSOVER MEALS AVAILABLE

Bernstein's Fine Catering will be offering Passover meals for your seder. The deadline for ordering is April 3rd. The Passover menu may be found on the website under Events, then In the Community. Please speak directly to Bernstein's for all kashrut and dietary questions - (937) 898-2761.

#### The Sale of Hametz

During Passover, it is technically forbidden to have any *hametz* in our possession. Because we cannot finish it all and it is improper to destroy usable food, the rabbis provided for a symbolic sale of all the *hametz* to a non-Jew who then "sells" it back to us after *Pesach*. The *hametz* is then no longer "in our possession." This includes food, dishes and utensils, which are locked away in storage for the duration of the festival.

Funds collected through donations and through the "sale" of *hametz* are used for charitable purposes and to help provide Passover food for those who might otherwise have none. This legal procedure technically transfers ownership of *hametz* that remains in our pantry during the festival. Technical ownership reverts back to us when the festival is over.

**Please use this form and mail it to Beth Abraham by noon, Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>. It is also available on our website.**

Dear Rabbi Ginsberg:

Please sell our *hametz* so that we have fulfilled our obligation of religious ownership and accept this contribution so that others are assured of a *seder*.

Please print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_