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We All Have a Story to Tell

After our successful inaugural event of the Ruth & Fred Scheuer Life Enrichment Series last spring, we are excited to present this year's program, featuring premier storyteller, Corinne Stavish. Corinne will be joining us the weekend of **March 20-22** and will present a variety of programs that are sure to entertain, engage and educate all of us.

Congregants Connie and Stanley Blum have been privileged no less than 6 times to have experienced learning programs that featured Corinne. Connie says that "Corinne is an outstanding storyteller, a master of keeping her audiences engaged, interested and hungering for more. She is masterful at interpretation, telling tales that are warm, witty, thoughtful and powerful."

- **Friday, March 20 at 5:30PM**, the weekend opens with a Kabbalat Shabbat service at which Corinne will introduce herself with a Shabbat story. There will be a catered Shabbat dinner, with more personal, Shabbat stories for dessert.
- **Shabbat morning, March 21**, Corinne will deliver the D'var Torah during the service. Following Kiddush lunch, she will engage us in an interactive session using stories about *mitzvot*.
- **Sunday morning, March 22 from 9:30-12:00**, we conclude with a program titled: *Passover: The Ultimate Storytelling Holiday*. This will be an intergenerational, hand's-on program for all ages. This interactive journey and story is perfect for the family and begins with bringing in a family object/heirloom/picture as a jumping off point. Think about your family's journey to America—country of origin, names, occupations, challenges, hopes, dreams. Corinne will help you shape a story to use at your seder!



LIFE ENRICHMENT SERIES

Enlighten. Elevate. Entertain.



For our social action project, we are collecting children's books (new or gently used) for Preschool Promise which helps 4500 children in Montgomery County gain kindergarten readiness skills.

We hope that you will join us for one or more of the events through the weekend. RSVPs are needed for the Friday night dinner only. Please call the office by **March 13**. Adults, \$18; Children 12 & under, no charge; \$54 family maximum.

We welcome the entire community to participate, so please bring your friends and encourage others to attend.

BETH ABRAHAM
SYNAGOGUE



The Cantor's Corner

Cantor Andrea Raizen

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Most of us can remember having stories read to us as children. It was our introduction to the wonderful world of

books and literature. Some stories never grew old and one was content to hear them over and over again. For many, listening to stories leads to a lifetime of reading. Others are inspired to write new stories and others become the



tellers of the tales.

The Jewish people are no strangers to the world of storytelling. We are known as *Am Hasefer*, the People of the Book. We have told our story for millennia, beginning with Moses. Most of the Book of Deuteronomy is a retelling of the story by Moses reminding the Israelites of what God had done for their parents, as well as some of the mistakes their parents had made. Stories are an aid to memory and a way to transmit history from one generation to another. In Judaism, it is an imperative to remember. Rabbi Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi said, "Only in Israel, and nowhere else, is the injunction to remember felt as a religious imperative to an entire people." The Torah states, "Remember that you were slaves in Egypt." "Remember what Amalek did to you." "Remember what God did to Miriam," just to mention a few.

Not only are we to remember, but Moses warns the people not to forget. If they forget the past they will lose their identity and sense of direction and disaster will follow. Not only are the people commanded to remember, they are also commanded to hand that memory on to their children. Each of us is the guardian of the story and memory. The great leaders tell the story of the group, but the greatest of leaders, Moses, taught the group to become a nation of storytellers. Our holidays are opportunities to do just that.

Very shortly we will celebrate Purim, in which the central observance is to tell the story of Esther. Not only are we commanded to hear the story, but we must interact with the telling by drowning out the name of the villain, Haman. In many congregations, Beth Abraham included, we even act out the

story to further instill the details in our minds and hearts.

But perhaps the most quintessential storytelling holiday of all is Passover. The story we retell each and every year is not simply the history of the Jewish people, it is our personal family story, one in which each of us, through our collective memory, is an active character. The haggadah provides the script, a list of props and director's notes on how to perform the ritual of the Passover seder. It is up to us to bring the story to life, to experience the journey of slavery to freedom.

We each have the ability within us to tell a story, but some are more gifted than others. We are fortunate this month to have one of the finest Jewish storytellers with us for what should ultimately inspire all of us to continue this ancient tradition. Corinne Stavish will join us the weekend of March 20-22 for our 2nd Annual Ruth & Fred Scheuer Life Enrichment Series. Not only will we be entertained by her ability to draw us into her stories, but we will all have the opportunity to interact with her and others to create our own personal tales.

Storytelling is not just for children. It is part of our mandate as Jewish adults to continue to transmit our personal and collective stories to future generations and ensure that there will always be one more "Once upon a time..."

PASSOVER GUIDE

This year's Passover Guide can be found by going to rabbinicalassembly.org.

The Pesach Guide link is on the home page.

If you would like a hard copy, please contact the office.

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Nosh on the History of Hamantaschen

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Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg

As Jews, most of our holidays have special foods specific to them. Shavuot brings with it a vast array of customary dairy delicacies. In some parts of the world, cheesecake is practically obligatory. Chanukah has fried foods: whether latkes sizzling in the



frying pan, or the more elusive *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts). On Tu Bishvat (the fifteenth of the month of Shevat) a veritable plethora of fruits are sampled in a Seder-like ceremony. Of course, on Purim we nosh some

hamantaschen. In Israel they actually don't nosh but *fress* – eat a whole lot of those calorie-inflated, doughy tri-cornered pastries filled with almost anything bake-able. According to one estimate, an astounding 25 million *hamantaschen* will be sold, weighing over 1225 tons, and yielding an approximate 35 million shekels in sales (around 10 million dollars). For many years I wondered how this popular Purim pastry got its name and what it meant.

Hamantaschen literally means “Haman’s pockets,” in Yiddish. This traditional Purim treat began as a pocket of dough filled with poppy seeds – a classic Central European pastry that Jews brought with them from Germany to Poland. In German it was referred to, straightforwardly, as “*mohn tasch*” – *mohn* meaning poppy seed, and *tasch* being a pocket or purse. In Yiddish, it acquired the prefix aleph, thus forming *a-mohn tasch*, with the first word reminiscent of the name Haman. Thus, the wicked Haman acquired his own pastry. Once the name stuck, it took on further connotations. For example, the word *tasch* recalls the Hebrew verb *lehatish*, to weaken, so Haman *tasch* could be interpreted as “Haman’s strength was sapped.” According to legend, Haman had a vision of our three forefathers – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob –

tash kocho, his strength ebbed.

There is also a popular Hebrew name for these treats as well, *oznei Haman*, or Haman’s ears.

Oznei Haman is a literal Hebrew translation of the Italian name for these pastries, *Orecchi d’Aman*. Which begs the question: how did Haman’s triangular pocket pastries morph into his ears? There are two explanations.

There apparently was a popular Midrash (rabbinic interpretation) in Italian circles. Once Haman learned his plot to attack the Persian Jews had been foiled by Esther and Mordechai, “Haman entered the royal treasury dressed in

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mourning, with his head covered and his ears drooping to his epaulets (ornamental shoulder piece).” Some say Haman’s midrashic physiognomy became the inspiration for the name, *oznei Haman*. In fact, the Italian version of this treat indeed looks very much like a pair of ears joined together.

More likely, the name is meant to recall the cutting off of Haman’s ears before he was executed. This was actually a misinterpretation of history, according to the late Jewish food historian Rabbi Gil Marks. It was a medieval Italian practice to cut off a man’s ears before execution, therefore, Roman-Jewish scholar Immanuel ben Solomon (c.1261-1328) taught that Haman’s ears had been cut off at the end of the Purim story.

The term *oznei Haman* makes its theatrical debut in the year 1550 in a satirical Hebrew play by Yehuda Sommo. Produced for a Purim carnival in Mantua, Italy, according to Marks this “is the oldest extant Jewish play,” drawing from both religious stories and Italian dramatic traditions. The script contains a play on words in which one character thinks that the Biblical story of the Israelites eating manna in the desert is saying that the Israelites ate Haman; another character responds with an interpretation that it must mean that Jews are commanded to eat *oznei Haman*. Perhaps you need a little (or a

lot) of Italian wine to appreciate the humor.

No discussion of *hamantaschen* would be complete without a hat tip to the most popular legend about this three-cornered pastry. Rabbi J.D. Eisenstein, writing in 1917, says we eat these mini cakes called *hamantasch*, “which is like the hat of Napoleon, and they think that Haman wore a hat like this as the Prime Minister in the Kingdom of Ahashverosh.” They associated this hat with a teaching based on a creative word play of the Sages. One of the Hebrew words for “corner” is *keren*, which literally means “horn,” and can also denote “ray,”

“fortune,” or “pride.” So they taught “*vekhoh karnei reshaim agadea*” – “and all the horns [or: corners] of the wicked I shall uproot” (Psalms 75:11), this is Haman. “*Teromamna karnot tzaddik*” – “the fortunes of the righteous shall be lifted up,” this is Mordechai.

Building on this hopeful understanding of *hamantaschen*, I would like to conclude with a classic insight into our favorite Purim treat. The insight has to do with the fact that the filling is hidden within the dough. Just as many miracles are obscured or hidden from our sight, they are still present, like the filling of the *hamantaschen*. This is the “hidden” teaching of the Purim story, as embodied by its most famous character.

Esther is the central hero of the Purim story due to her strength of character, determination, and expert political lobbying. The root of her name means “hiddenness.” This is not her birth name. To save herself and her people, she sheds her name, Hadassah, and becomes disguised as Esther. The story progresses through a series of hidden miracles. Unlike in the Torah, God’s presence does not appear in obvious ways, but miracles happen through the hard work, risk, and bravery of good people. Oh, and a little bit of luck, too!

In times like these, it is easy to overlook the quiet, hidden, human miracles: the safeguarding of knowledge in the face of violence and ignorance; the rebuilding of what was broken and defiled; unity in the face of vile discord; resistance through love for the stranger. These are some of the sweet things that sustain us no matter how the *hamantaschen* crumbles.

New Construction Project

Matt Arnovitz

Over the last several months, Mike Freed has written in his Bulletin column about Beth Abraham separating from the campus and creating our independent physical plant. We have worked with the TE Fusion Group to do both the analysis of savings and help determine the scope of the project. Currently Beth Abraham Synagogue is in the process of using a Property Assessed Clean Energy program ("PACE") to update our systems. This project will be funded by the Montgomery County Port Authority in conjunction with the City of Oakwood and State of Ohio programs that facilitate these types of plans. With this type of program, the savings generated by the updates are used to repay the loan for the work being done.

Currently we use the Sugar Camp Campus ("OIG") to provide our hot and cold water for heating and cooling, electric, and water for consumption. Most of what we pay is based on our square footage of our building as it relates to the remainder of the other buildings on the campus. Although we use a portion of our building on a daily basis, it does not compare to the other office users on the campus that have regular daily uses of the majority of their facilities. We have worked with OIG to obtain their approval and consent for this project.

After much research and debate, the Board has voted and approved our moving forward with creating our own direct electric connection to Dayton Power & Light, increasing our gas supply from Vectren, adding our own chiller and boiler systems for heat and cooling, adding control systems to optimize performance, and adding a direct connection for domestic water from the City of Oakwood. In addition, we are also exploring installing solar panels on our roof to offset the cost of our electricity.

Starting in March, the projects will begin. It will take some time to develop permit drawings and final approval from OIG for the location of some of our equipment. We are hopeful to be able to complete everything by the end of August if not sooner. We plan to keep everyone up to date as the process moves forward.

Mechirat Hametz The Selling of Hametz

Because we are forbidden by the Torah to eat or even possess *hametz* during the days of Pesach, we dispose of the *hametz* that is not actually destroyed or given to a foodbank by selling it to a non-Jew. Whatever *hametz* remains in the home should be gathered up and stored in cabinets or closets designated for the storage of *hametz*. These storage areas should be marked or sealed so that they are not inadvertently opened during Pesach. Then, through the agency of the rabbi, the *hametz* is sold, and the storage spaces rented for the duration of the festival, to a non-Jew. At the end of the festival the rabbi arranges for a reversion of ownership of the now-permitted *hametz*.

You can authorize Rabbi Ginsberg to arrange this sale for you by filling out the form below and returning it to Beth Abraham Synagogue by **Monday, April 6, 2020**.

It is customary to accompany the sale with a donation of *Chai* (\$18) or more, the mitzvah known as *Ma'ot Hittim*. This money is used to provide Passover food for needy Jews in our community and to contribute to organizations that fight hunger in the world.

Please cut/detach at the line and return to the office:

Dear Rabbi Ginsberg:

I/We _____ hereby authorize you to dispose of and sell all *hametz*, according to the full traditional interpretation of that term, that may be in my/our possession wherever it may be, at home, place of business, or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Return to Beth Abraham Synagogue 305 Sugar Camp Circle, Dayton, OH 45409.

Forms will also be available in the office.

Celebrate Second Night Seder at BA

On Thursday evening, April 9, the Beth Abraham family will gather at 6:15 pm to celebrate a second night Seder. The date on which the holiday fell the last two years prevented us from having one, so we are prepared to kasher and steam clean the kitchen to make it truly *kosher l'Pesach*. We look forward to celebrating again together.

The cost will remain \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 4-12 years of age. And to make sure that no one has to stay away because of the cost, anyone needing assistance should contact Elaine Arnovitz.

This year the Seder will be led by Rabbi Ginsberg and Cantor Raizen and the meal will once again be catered by Bernstein's Fine Catering.

We must receive your reservation by April 2nd. Because of the planning, no reservations will be added after this date. Please RSVP to the office. Bring your family to spend the second night of Pesach with your *other* family, your Beth Abraham family!

No one should be without a seder. If you would like to attend a first seder, we will find you a seat at someone's table. Likewise, if you have space at your table, please let us know.



A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

On occasion, it is a bit of a challenge for me to connect the topics of these monthly columns to current synagogue activities in a timely



fashion. Given the lead times required to produce and distribute the Bulletin, I am typically writing my articles a few weeks ahead of when the

monthly Bulletin is scheduled to be mailed to the homes of our congregants. This month presents one of these challenges as an exciting and enriching event will be happening just as this month's Bulletin is arriving in the mail, the Adult B'nei Mitzvah of Beth Adelman, Bonnie Deutsch, Janine Thomas, Marlene Pinsky, and Patty and Steve Wyke. It doesn't seem right to wait another full month to recognize this important achievement, so at the risk of going out on a limb and predicting the future, I want to

highlight what I'm sure will turn out to be another remarkable event in what has been a long run of remarkable events at Beth Abraham.

As Cantor Raizen noted in her column in last month's Bulletin, it all started when Beth, Bonnie, Marlene, Janine, Patty & Steve came together a couple years ago in Chaya Vidal's introductory Hebrew class. And now it is culminating in all six of them reading from the Torah and chanting a portion of the Haftarah during Shabbat services on February 29th. For some like Beth and Marlene, who came of age before the Conservative movement fully embraced egalitarianism, it was an opportunity to participate in rituals that were not available to young women when they were of traditional Bat Mitzvah age. For others like Bonnie, Janine and Patty who chose Judaism as adults, it was an opportunity to continue their Jewish education and deepen their connection to a meaningful ritual and spiritual life. For Steve, it was an opportunity to rediscover the traditions, rituals and language of his ancestral Jewish roots.

In speaking to everyone about their experiences leading up to their B'nei Mitzvah, it was evident that the group had

developed a common bond and a strong sense of camaraderie over the past months in preparing for their Torah and Haftarah portions. Each and every one of the group was justifiably proud of their efforts knowing that all of their hard work and mutual support resulted in a job well done. To a person, everyone commented on how fulfilling an experience it was. And for me, it is truly inspiring to hear how meaningful the commitment that led up to their B'nei Mitzvah was to each of them.

As we concluded our 125th Anniversary Year celebration, I have noted on a number of occasions another challenge for me and for the congregation as a whole is how to maintain the momentum into the coming years. This weekend's joyous B'nei Mitzvah event is a great example of how we can continue our journey to a stronger Jewish identity, both as individuals and as a congregation, into the future from strength to strength. To Beth, Bonnie, Janine, Marlene, Patty and Steve, thanks for helping to lead the way. Mazel Tov!



This month's Friday Nite Kids Shabbat is scheduled for **Friday, March 27** at 5:00PM.

The focus of our service, songs and craft will be the holiday of Passover, coming up in April. Join us for a kid-friendly dinner of macaroni and cheese and other fun foods at 5:00, followed by prayers, songs and a story at 5:45 and wrapping up with a craft project and dessert at 6:15.

RSVP to the office by March 25 and let us know that your family will be there.

Oy (vey)k-lahoma! Purim is Here!

If you have not yet made your reservations for dinner, please do so by March 2. The fun begins on **Monday, March 9** at 5:30PM with a carnival and box dinners with your choice of tuna, egg salad or veggie wraps, followed by the combined evening service/Megillah reading/Shpiel at 6:45. Don't forget to bring boxes of mac n' cheese for graggers to be donated to the Foodbank.

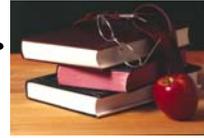


Dinner is \$12/adults, children's ½ wrap for \$6. RSVP to the office – (937) 293-9520 or on our website.

For the dinner and carnival, between 5:30-6:45, please enter through the main doors on the lower level.

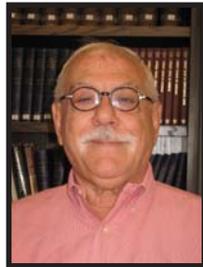
Library News - Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



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Almost certainly the most fascinating Jewish woman of the first half of the 20th century, Emma Goldman, known as “Red



Emma,” is the subject of a revealing biography in the synagogue library book collection appropriately titled *Rebel in Paradise*, written by Richard Drinnon. Goldman challenged all the rules of American

political and social life and she paid a very high price for her beliefs. Born in Lithuania in 1869, Goldman experienced a very difficult young life. Her family struggled to survive and she received very limited formal schooling. At the end of 1885, Emma and a sister chose to leave for the United States.

The sisters ended up in Rochester, New York, where another sister already lived. Emma found work for very minimal wages. In 1889 she arrived in New York, where now 20 years old, she would find her true purpose in life. Barely five feet tall and suffering from various illnesses - including a bout of tuberculosis and undiagnosed diabetes - Goldman displayed tremendous energy impressing even her severest critics.

Upon arrival in New York she made her way to Sachs’s Café, where Jewish radicals of every ideology spoke Russian and Yiddish and she felt at home. Almost immediately she met Alexander Berkman, a year younger than Goldman and also from Lithuania, who would go on to become the most notorious radical in the nation. They formed a romantic relationship, but they never married because they believed in a sensational concept for the time, what became known as “free love.”

They moved beyond socialism or communism to the most radical belief of all, anarchism, or opposition to any form of government. Goldman developed a reputation as a charismatic speaker, but Berkman wanted action more than words. Berkman planned to assassinate Henry Clay Frick, manager of Andrew Carnegie’s steel mill in Homestead, Pennsylvania, who had used hundreds of armed guards to violently crush a strike in 1892.

Berkman may have been the most inept assassin in history. He shot Frick twice and stabbed him three times, but Frick survived. Berkman received a sentence of 14 years in prison.

Goldman continued to give incendiary speeches and she would be charged with inciting to riot. Found guilty, she would serve a year in prison in 1893-1894. Then in 1895, Goldman left the United States to study nursing for a year in Vienna. She would return to Europe in 1899-1900 expecting to attend medical school, but she realized that she could not devote her time to medical studies and she returned to the United States.

No more than a handful of individuals ever identified as anarchists in the United States. When a man who declared himself an anarchist assassinated President William McKinley in September, 1901, it meant the end of anarchism as a movement. Authorities tried and failed to connect Goldman to the assassination, but her reputation as the nation’s leading anarchist grew in the first decade of the 20th century.

Goldman launched publication of a radical magazine she called *Mother Earth* in 1906. That same year Berkman finally came out of prison in very bad mental and physical condition. They found it impossible to renew the relationship they once had, but Berkman served as editor of *Mother Earth* from 1908 to 1915. As early as 1908, the federal government began looking for a way to deport Goldman as she continued to speak across the country year after year in the cause of freedom of speech.

Goldman moved from one controversy to an even greater controversy. In what might be called the “women’s liberation” movement at the beginning of the 20th century, and the emergence of what came to be called the “new woman,” Goldman became a central figure in the struggle to establish birth control as a fundamental right. She moved right on to militantly oppose the first draft since the Civil War and American entrance into World War I in 1917.

In 1917, Goldman and Berkman would be charged with conspiracy to convince young men not to register for the draft. They would be found guilty and sentenced to two years in prison. The government

became more determined than ever to find a way to deport Goldman, Berkman and many other radicals. Finally, during what became known as the “Red Scare” in 1919, Goldman and Berkman would be among 249 individuals deported to the Soviet Union.

Goldman and Berkman quickly became disenchanted with the repressive regime created by the Bolshevik revolution of 1917. They left in 1921 and Berkman decided to make his way to join other radicals in Germany, while Goldman made it to Great Britain in 1924 thanks to the influence of some prominent intellectuals and radicals. She did not feel that she belonged anywhere and left for Canada in 1926 and France in 1928, where she reunited with Berkman.

Berkman helped Goldman complete her two-volume autobiography titled, *Living My Life*, which appeared in 1931. Finally, as had happened in Great Britain, a group of very prominent intellectuals and radicals persuaded the federal government to allow Goldman to visit the United States for 90 days at the beginning of 1934 to present a series of talks. She then returned to France.

Goldman was 67 years old in 1936 when a part of her life ended with the suicide of Berkman. He had suffered from depression for at least 30 years and never recovered from his long time in prison. Sadly, Goldman lived long enough to experience the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939 and the outbreak of World War II in late 1939. She died in Toronto, Canada, in 1940, as though she could see across the border to her beloved United States.



Sisterhood

Irene Fishbein

Please join us for brunch on **Sunday, March 15th from 10:00 AM – NOON** as Sisterhood presents a timely discussion on the subject that plagues our community, our country, and the world: **Intolerance and Hate**. Panelists from our community include Dr. Wayel Asmeh (Islamic community), Donald Bush (LGBTQ community), Valerie Lee (African American community), and Marcy Paul (Jewish Community). Tara Feiner will serve as our moderator. Our panelists will share their experiences and expertise before addressing questions from attendees. This event is a **FREE** and open to the community so please bring your friends. **PLEASE RSVP to the office by March 9th** so we may plan accordingly.

Mark your calendar for our annual **Sisterhood Shabbat on April 18th**. Dena Briskin and Bonnie Deutsch are busy making calls to participants and

planning a wonderful program. Please join us and be a part of this special morning.

The **Women of Valor** invitations are being mailed this month. We look forward to you joining us on May 6th to honor our seven recipients.

Sisterhood is partnering with Susan Gruenberg who is involved with Human Trafficking issues in Montgomery County. Their 2nd quarter poster of missing children who have become victims is ready for distribution to area businesses and organizations. Susan needs volunteers to help with this effort. She will escort you and show you the ropes, get you scheduled for training and assist you in any way you need. Please contact Irene Fishbein at 937-264-0368 or irene.fishbein@gmail.com if you'd like to help.

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Men's Club News

Rick Pinsky

Men's Club Shabbat Service: Our annual Men's Club Shabbat service is **March 7th** when Men's Club members will have an opportunity to lead and/or participate in the Shabbat service.

Annual Raffle Fundraiser Event: Raffle tickets have been mailed and our prizes this year are: a 43" 4K Smart HD TV, a Dakota Steel Men's Watch, and MasterCard gift cards (\$100, \$75, and \$50). The raffle drawings will take place during the Men's Club annual Deli-Dinner and Movie program to be held on Sunday evening, March 29th (more information below).

Men's Club Meeting: Our next meeting is Sunday, March 8th at 11:00 am. As always, we invite you to join us to add your input and ideas.



Beth Abraham Men's Club Invites You to Their

2020 ANNUAL DELI DINNER AND MOVIE AND RAFFLE FUNDRAISER



The Men's Club annual Deli-Dinner and Movie Night will be held on **Sunday evening, March 29th**. Raffle tickets have been mailed, so be sure to return them by this night for a chance to win one of these great prizes:

- 1st Prize:** 43" 4K Smart HDTV (courtesy Gordons Jewelry & Loan)
- 2nd Prize:** Dakota Steel Men's Wristwatch (courtesy Gordons Jewelry & Loan)
- 3rd Prize:** \$100 MasterCard Gift Card
- 4th Prize:** \$75 MasterCard Gift Card
- 5th Prize:** \$50 MasterCard Gift Card

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

This year's feature movie, **Avalon**, is a 1990 film about a Polish-Jewish family that comes to the U.S. at the beginning of the twentieth century. There, the family and their children try to make themselves a better future in the so-called Promised Land. The Polish-Jewish Krichinsky family began to emigrate to the United States in the early twentieth century, settling in Avalon, an inner-city immigrant neighborhood of Baltimore, Maryland. Although they brought with them many of their traditions, including a strong family network punctuated by several generations of the same family living under one roof and important decisions about the extended family being made by consensus (by what they call the family circle), they were in search of the American dream.

The cost for the entire deli-dinner and movie program is \$20 per person. Please **RSVP by March 25th** by contacting the synagogue office.

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GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SHABBAS?

A Living Tribute to Bernie Albert



Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

Friday, March 6		Friday, March 27	
Morning Service	7:15 a.m.	Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.	Kids Shabbat	5:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:17 p.m.	NO Kabbalat Shabbat Service	
		Candle Lighting	7:38 p.m.
Saturday, March 7		Saturday, March 28	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.	Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Havdalah	7:21 p.m.	Havdalah	8:42 p.m.
Friday, March 13		DAILYMINYAN	
Morning Service	7:15 a.m.	Monday & Thursday	7:00 am & 5:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	7:15 am & 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:24 p.m.	Sundays - 8:30 am	
Saturday, March 14		Erev Purim – March 9	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.	Morning Service	7:00 a.m.
Havdalah	8:28 p.m.	Evening Service/Megillah	7:00p.m.
Friday, March 20		Reading/Shpiel	
Morning Service	7:15 a.m.	Purim - March 10	
Scheuer Family Life Enrichment Series		Morning Service	7:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.	Evening Service	5:30 p.m.
Dinner	6:30 p.m.		
Candle Lighting	7:31 p.m.		
Saturday, March 21			
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.		
Havdalah	8:35 p.m.		

Tu Bishvat at Cox Arboretum





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February 22 - Beth Abraham Synagogue
February 29 - The B'nei Mitzvah class

We Record With Deep Sorrow The Passing of

Hy Blum
 Harvey (Buddy) Cohen
 Eleanor Fox, mother of Susan Schear



Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in March

March Birthdays:

01	Audrey Tuck	16	Florence Heller
02	Beverly Vangrov	17	Tara Feiner
04	Betty Crouse	17	Sherman Vangrov
04	Lee Schear	17	Harold Wilson
05	Joel Frydman	18	Jeffrey Roberts
05	Erika Zawatsky	19	Mark Feuer
07	Joseph Beaman	21	Harvey Lehrner
07	Sharon Cohen	22	Carole Marger
08	Jack Bernstein	23	Mary Rita Weissman
08	Seth Orloff	26	Adam Feiner
08	Richard Pinsky	26	Bruce Mendelson
08	Joel Shapiro	27	Susan Katz
09	Mark Feingold	27	Stanley Schulman
09	Janice Kohn	28	Cynthia Burick
11	Beatrice Burke	29	Carol Chudde
11	Charlotte Golden	30	Phyllis Rosen
12	Barbara Kimmel	30	Samuel Rosengarten

March Anniversaries:

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

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

YAHARZEITS

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 937-293-9520 and let us know so we can update our records.

This March (ADAR-NISAN) we remember:

ADAR

Joseph Brown	Martin Gottlieb	Miriam Ducker	Rose Posner
Emma Cohen	Bessie Greenberg	William Friedman	Charles Rosen
Jeannette Emmer	Barbara Katz	Herman Gassman	Rachelle Sherman
Claire Fogel	Irene Laster	Rose Kaplan	Doris Simon
Aaron Herschbein	Jack Recht	Barbara Levin	Elda Spizzichino
Jack Jenefsky	John Schweitzer	Philip Levy	Bernice Stein
Nora Leff	Anne Slobof	Ruth Sajowitz	Sara Topper
Cecilia ben Lemko	Annette Thum	Jack Speigel	Fred Weiss
Rose Lifschitz	Anna M. Tuck	Anna Werbner	Wilfred Willia
Charles Miller	David Abromowitz	Ida Brotkin	Sheemon Wolfe
Robert Myers	Rose Gams	Marjorie Feuer	Israel Abramovitz
Debbie Naftulin	Pam Gunter	Florence Garlikov	Jacob Arnovitz
Yale Penzell	Albert Levitt	Albert Ingberg	Rose Bader
Sol Rosenthal	Morris Lovett	Jill Tischler	Diana Charne
Jean Spetter	Louis Rafner	Ben Ziskin	Samuel Chasens
Josephine Woll	Henry Sians	Charlotte Zusman	Albert Cretella
Ann Barr	Pauline Thum	Joseph Bernstein	Robert Lapinsky
Hyman Gams	Vincent Weisman	Nathan Brown	Manuel Matthews
Etta Ghan	Sam Baygel	Sarah Fiddler	Clara Rafner
Moses Goodman	Marlene Carne	Mary Goldwasser	David Rosenthal
	Sarah Curtis	Helen Kasavan	Joshua Schechter
	Samuel Daitch	Ruth Neiman	Louis Wall

Abraham S. Abromowitz
Simon Brotkin
Maurice Ellison
Irwin Fogel
Kenneth Garlikov
John Ingberg
Herbert Levin
Samuel Meyer
Charlotte Miller
Harry Rubin
Keith Saeks
Efroim Mangel Sobol
Theodore Yaross
Alexander Bearman
Harry Bremen
Lillian Burick
Reva Hillelson
Anna Hulman
Harry M. Kahn
David Kress
Jennie Oltusky
Rose Resnick
Harold Silverman
Abe Zipperstein
Tess Bachman
Jack Burke
Hyman Carne
David Casper
Selma Chernikoff
Bella Coplan
Nathan Edeliant
Harley Jay. Felman
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Harold Rosenblatt
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Candy Sherer
Jacob M. Shirer
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Sylvia Silver
Ben Spialter
Clara Arnovitz
Saul Bulasky
Elizabeth Carne
Edward Erkes
Morris Frankowitz
Barney Musselman
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Shirley Schorr
Elliot Burick
Janet Burick
Ethel Dvora Elman
Isadore L. Feuer
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Sarah Goldberg
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Ella Krumholz
Mervin Lewis
Abe Rosensweet
Pessach Rubin
Helen Schneider
Bertha Simon
Isidor Soifer
Joseph Almeleh
Esther Brown
Julius Chudde
Harry Friedman
Bernard Gottesman

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Quint E. Myer
Bessie Rafner
Milicent Rubin
Julius Rutttenberg
Julius Sender
Miriam Silvia Sklare
Meyer Strausberg
Dorothy Weiss
Jacob Austrian
William Friedman
Paul Haas
Rose Jacobson
Sol Kling
Marc Lynn
Burt Schear
Dora Rosalynd Scheer
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Louis H. Radus
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Aaron Sivitz
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Eli Becker
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Mary Stone
Irving Bain
Tuvia Dinkin
Aaron Feuer
Louis Hoffman
David Litvak
Max Rothstein
Max Soifer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a GOAL! Religious School	2	3	4	5	6 6:17p Candle Lighting	7 Shabbat Zachor Men's Club Shabbat <i>Haftarah: Irwin Dumitschin Kiddush: Men's Club</i> 7:21p Havdalah
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00a GOAL! Religious School	9 Erev Purim Ta'anit Esther 5:30p Purim Celebration	10 Purim 12:00p Executive Comm. Mtg. 6:00p Minyan Mtg.	11 Shushan Purim	12 10:00a Sisterhood Exec. Comm. Mtg. 1:00p WOV Invitation preparation 4:00p WOV Comm. Mtg.	13 7:24p Candle Lighting	14 Shabbat Parah <i>Haftarah: Doug Deutsch Kiddush: Dena Briskin and Henry Guggenheimer in memory of their loved ones</i> 8:28p Havdalah
15 9:00a GOAL! Religious School 10:00a Intolerance & Hate: Let's Talk! Brunch and panel discussion 4:00p Cantor Kopmar's Student Recital	16	17 6:00p Board Mtg.	18	19	20 Ruth and Fred Scheuer Life Enrichment Series Weekend 5:30p Kabbalat Shabbat, dinner and Storyteller program 7:31p Candle Lighting	21 Shabbat HaChodesh RFSLES Weekend <i>Haftarah: Alan Chesen Kiddush: Ruth and Fred Scheuer Life Enrichment Series</i> 8:35p Havdalah
22 RFSLES Weekend 9:30a – 12:00 noon Passover: Telling Our Stories	23	24	25	26 Rosh Chodesh Nisan	27 5:00p Friday Nite Kids Shabbat 7:38p Candle Lighting	28 <i>Haftarah: Rick Pinsky Kiddush: Howard and Debra Rubenstein in honor of their 61st anniversary</i> 8:42p Havdalah
29 6:00p Men's Club Deli Dinner, Movie, and Raffle	30	31				