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FEEDING THE HOMELESS AND NOURISHING OUR SOULS

Join us for a social action project to feed the homeless in our community followed by a progressive dinner with your Beth Abraham Community to nourish our souls.

We are excited about these two new programs in November:

Feed the Homeless - making casseroles for St. Vincent's: With Thanksgiving around the corner, we found a wonderful opportunity to help St. Vincent's. We can make casseroles for their shelter guests. We will all prepare the same recipe, freeze it before baking, and then drop it off at the synagogue. Beth Abraham will deliver the casseroles to St. Vincent's. That's right...it's simple – just assemble and freeze! Here's the plan:

- Pick up a foil pan and lid with the recipe at Beth Abraham beginning November 2nd.
- Assemble the recipe, our pasta bake from Kiddush lunch, cool and freeze.
- Bring the frozen, unbaked casserole to the synagogue November 16-19.
- We will deliver the casseroles to St. Vincent on November 20th.
- We ask that you please sign up or call the office by November 13th so we know our numbers.

We need to have a minimum of 15 frozen casseroles.

Nourish Our Souls with a progressive dinner: Looking for a Saturday night dinner with friends? Join your Beth Abraham family on **Saturday, November 21st at 6:15 pm** for a progressive dinner! What's that?

- Plan a 3 course meal (salad/soup/appetizers; main course; dessert) – whatever works for you!
- Join Zoom and we'll begin with Havdalah.
- Then we'll go into breakout rooms 3 times –once each to enjoy a different course of your meal with a different group of people.
- Look for the Zoom link in our weekly News & Notes. No need to sign up – just show up!

We are thankful to be able to help meet needs in our community, while also being thankful that we can share a meal together with our Beth Abraham family. Feel free to participate in one or both of these activities.



About 6 months ago, the Jewish world was in a panic about how to celebrate Passover within the new reality of COVID-19. But creative minds went to work and Passover seders took shape, many utilizing virtual platforms like Zoom. For some, it brought entire families together that rarely, if ever, had the opportunity to do so in prior years. Some

groups were able to take advantage of the technology and create personalized *haggadot* that could be shared on-screen, while others played it by ear and did their best to recreate the family seder. Of course, like so many other things, some of these endeavors succeeded while others fell a bit flat. Large family gatherings for a celebratory meal are often ingrained with family traditions, rituals and beloved recipes. Getting together virtually, no matter what we do, just isn't the same.

So, here it is November and Thanksgiving is knocking at our doors. I don't know about you, but for my family, because we had so many other Jewish holidays to celebrate, Thanksgiving wasn't necessarily the event it was for others. When I was young, I do recall getting together with family members for dinner. But as the kids got older, there were other things to do on that weekend, and it didn't seem to bother my parents if we weren't all together. When I was married, we always traveled to my husband's family to spend the holiday, but most of my adult life I have been adopted by a local family with whom I enjoy the traditional meal. This year I am unwilling to host or attend even a very small gathering with others and, despite my general feeling that it is not that important to do so, I am feeling a loss, of sorts.

What does one do when looking for a creative solution to a dilemma? Turn to Google, of course! I searched for "virtual Thanksgiving ideas" and found some easy things that I could do. First would be the decision of whether to

share the meal with family members spread out across the country or keep it closer to home. If it is a family gathering, a mutually agreeable time will need to be set (across 3 time zones). Given people eat this meal at a variety of different times, this isn't necessarily as big an obstacle. But, how can we feel that we are sharing a common meal? One suggestion is to agree on one dish that all participants will make together, at a set time, cooking online simultaneously in their own kitchens. Beyond the actual food to be served, it will be helpful if each household took the time to set a festive table and create a special centerpiece, perhaps using photographs of the other family members. Another suggestion was to have a contest for the best-looking dessert or side dish. Most sources also highly suggested asking everyone to please dress for the meal, as you would if gathering in person.

As much as it might be nice to spend Thanksgiving with family, I am actually more inclined to follow the suggestion of celebrating with 3 or 4 others that live relatively close by. This way a potluck meal could be shared. Each participant would be assigned a different dish to prepare. It could be portioned out and delivered to or exchanged with the other participants. A time would be set to eat the meal together online. Our experiences with our Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas meals has taught me that about 4 screens eating together is the right amount to allow for conversation, and that a somewhat short timeframe is the best. Regardless of which model one might choose, it will be important to take a few moments to share with one another the things for which we feel gratitude. This may be the most important thing each of us can do this year in order to remember that, despite all that is going on around us, we should not forget all the goodness and blessings in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Texas Hold'em: A Jewish Take on Voting

Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg

A political clash was on the horizon and Rabbi Brian Zimmerman of Beth-El Congregation in Fort Worth had to prevent it, reported the Texas Jewish Post. Two members of his congregation in the southwest part of the city, one a Democrat and the

other a Republican, were running for the same seat in the Texas House of Representatives. The rabbi consulted colleagues across the country, but no one had faced this issue. First, Rabbi Zimmerman called upon the congregation to take pride at having two candidates running for office.

“How many Jews live in Fort Worth? A few thousand? This is really incredible. Let’s not be so jaded that we don’t realize how incredible this is. Two leaders from the same synagogue running for the same position in Fort Worth, Texas. In our broken country, this is something to feel proud of. Let’s take a moment to feel the awe and wonder of this experience in our collective history.”

Rabbi Zimmerman concluded with a nonpartisan call to action:

“Get out and vote for our past. We owe an obligation to our past: from Germany to Poland to ancient Babylonia who couldn’t – for our past and for our future. How many Jews in our history have lived in fear, not even able to dream they could control their destiny in any way? What a gift.”

This brought to mind a fascinating story told about the preeminent 20th century Israeli rabbi, the Chazon Ish. On Election Day, the Chazon Ish ran into a fellow Jew. “Did you vote yet?,” inquired the Chazon Ish. The person responded, “No.” “Why

not?” the Chazon Ish persisted. The person responded, “I don’t have the three Israeli pounds to pay the poll tax.” The Chazon Ish would not give up. “Do you own a pair of tefillin?” he continued. “Of course,” the person replied. “Well, go and sell your pair of tefillin and use the funds to pay the poll tax so that you can go and vote,” said the Chazon Ish.

The Chazon Ish later explained that wearing tefillin is a mitzvah, but voting in the election is also a mitzvah. He was not worried that this Jew would not put on tefillin. If need be, he would borrow a pair. But he was afraid that this person would not perform this other mitzvah – voting in the election.

For the Chazon Ish, voting was so important that it superseded owning tefillin, which is used on a daily basis. His reasoning was because the person could easily borrow tefillin. But as my colleague David Russo, speculates, “I also wonder if the Chazon Ish was making a broader point – that elections impact the day to day lives of every person in society. Just like tefillin, our vote matters not only on the day of the election, but every day after it until the next one.”

I agree with my colleague that elections have a real impact on the everyday lives of every single one of us. By voting, we have the ability to affect change locally, nationally, and globally as well. Indeed, the Supreme Court of Canada observed in a 2019 case dealing with the right of non-resident citizens to vote in federal elections that, “civic participation is fundamentally important to the health of a free and democratic society.”

I would argue the Chazon Ish was building upon a precedent. In the Torah we read about the building of the Mishkan (the Tabernacle). Our rabbis tell a fascinating story about how Betzalel was chosen to be the architect of the Mishkan (Babylonian Talmud, Berachot

55a):

Rabbi Isaac said: One does not appoint a leader for a community without consulting the community, as it is written, “See, the Eternal has singled out by name Betzalel” (Exodus 35:30). The Holy One said to Moses, “Moses, is Betzalel worthy in your opinion to be a leader?” Moses answered to God, “Ruler of the Universe, if he is worthy before You, how could he possibly not be worthy before me?” God said to him, “Even so, go and ask them [the people].”

According to this rabbinic interpretation, God wanted the people’s opinion. God easily could have said – this is all about how my House, the Mishkan, will look. The people don’t have a vote. But God says the opposite – the most sacred place on earth needs to be built on the foundation of the elected trust of the people.

Although it does not say in the Torah, “Thou shalt vote; I am the Lord.” I would suggest that for us, today, voting is more than a right or a privilege. It is an obligation incumbent upon us as equal citizens in a democratic society.

If you have already voted, I wish you a hearty *Mazal Tov* on fulfilling this mitzvah. If you haven’t done so yet, I offer this bit of wisdom from our sage Hillel, “If not now, then when.”

HOW HAS BETH ABRAHAM IMPACTED YOUR LIFE DURING THE PANDEMIC?

In March of this year, life changed for all of us when the COVID pandemic made its way into our lives. Most of us continue to shelter in place, leaving home only for essential needs and limiting our face-to-face contact with extended family and friends.

This has not stopped Beth Abraham from being connected with all of us to address our religious and other needs. Beth Abraham's Chesed Team has made phone calls to our members to ensure all of us are faring well during these disquieting times and to try to address the needs of those congregants who have been feeling isolated. Through Zoom, Beth Abraham has virtually been conducting daily afternoon and evening services, Cantor's wonderful and joyful "Kabba-Locked-In" Shabbat Services on Friday evenings and Havdalah services on Saturday nights. More recently, we have also been able to attend Shabbat morning and High Holiday services streamed from the sanctuary. Zoom also has allowed us to participate virtually in various synagogue educational and social events such as the Rabbi's Pirkei Avot classes, Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas dinners, Sisterhood's Sunset in the Sukkah, Men's Club's Sunday Speaker Series, as well as board and committee meetings.

Forty-four persons, recognizing the impact that Beth Abraham has made on their lives during this pandemic and otherwise, have signed a Life & Legacy Letter of Intent. They know the importance of the synagogue continuing to have an impact on future generations of Jewish families in Dayton and have made a commitment to Beth Abraham's Life and Legacy initiative to make legacy gifts to Beth Abraham that will take affect when they are no longer here to directly support the synagogue.

How has Beth Abraham impacted your life? How would your life and the life of future generations of Dayton Conservative Jews be different if Beth Abraham were not here to do all that it does for its members and for the community at large?

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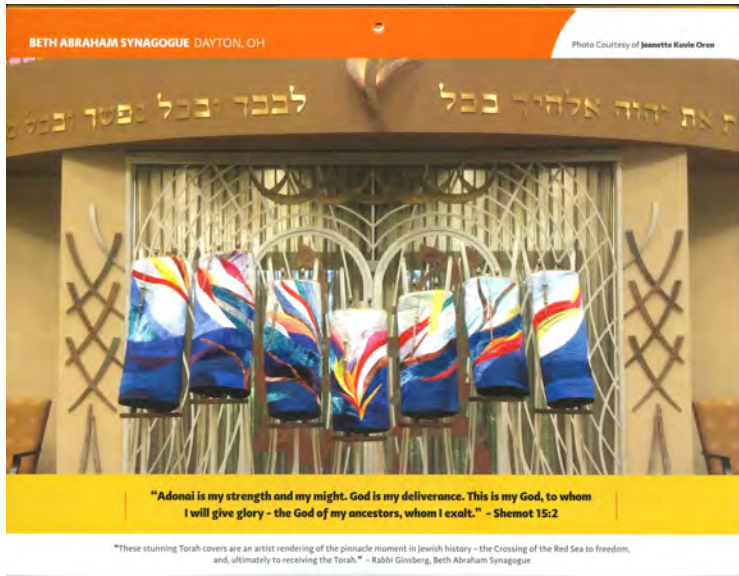
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We were honored in October to have our beautiful Torah covers included in the USCJ 2020 - 2021 Calendar.

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Harold Pavlofsky, brother of Ervin and Gary Pavlofsky
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Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in November:

2 Hazzan Jenna Greenberg
3 Lynn Goldenberg
4 Sandy Sloane-Brenner
5 Penney Fraim
7 Annette Goodman
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10 Michael Jaffe
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29 Brenda Rinzler
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November Anniversaries:

7 Rick and Erika Zawatsky
10 Michael and Marcie Sherman
16 Larry and Sheila Wagenfeld
18 Steve and Taryn Wagenfeld
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 (937) 293-9520 and let us know so we can update our records.

This November (HESHVAN—KISLEV) we remember:

HESHVAN

Frank Adelman
Ida Appelblatt
Max Arnovitz
Gladys Atkins
Robert E. Bernstein
Elaine Bialer
Louise Blake
Lawrence Blumberg
Murray Borkan
Chayim Isaac Brauer
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Joseph Riback
Sholom Riback
Jennie Rich
Lee Robins
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Aaron Rosenkrantz
Albert Rosenthal
Berthold Rothschild
Gerald Rubin
Sherman L. Saeks
Eugene Schear
Freada Scheller
Jacob Schneider
Louis Schriber
Eva Schultz
Lillian Schurr
Ted Schwartz
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Ada B Wolfe
Louis Wool
Elaine Zelickman
Neil Zwelling
Ruth Zwerner

KISLEV

Jodi Lynn Abrahamson
Helen Abromowitz
Bernard Appel
Frieda Appel
Rubin Arnold
Rosetta Aronson
Sadie Auster
Joseph Balshone
Max Beloff
Mitchell Blazar
Pauline Brill
Isadore Brown
Si Burick
Charles Carlisle
Rebecca Center
Robert Chernick
David Chesen
Sarah Chudde
Clara Cohen
Mollie G. Cohen
Sylvia Cooper
Abe Coplan
Joseph Dreety
Danny Duberstein
Shirley Dunn
Joseph Ellison
Sidney Engelhardt
Simon Engelhardt
Sety Farache
Selma Farnbacher
Ruth Fiddler
Ruth Frankowitz
Rebecca Friedman
Charles Froug
Arlene Furst
Sarah Furst
Harry Gaffin
David Garber
Harry Gilfer
Lillian Glasman
Michael Goldberg
Dorothy Gordon
Mary Gutmann
Rose Halberstein
Christopher Hayden
Dora Horwitz
Morris Horwitz
Jake Hulman
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Frank Isack

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Blanche Wyke
Nathan Zimmerman
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ScholarStream: Free Learning Opportunities Online

An exciting educational opportunity is available to all our members beginning this month. It's called ScholarStream, and the Rabbinical Assembly, USCJ, JTS and Ziegler have come together to offer evening courses. Beth Abraham is a sponsor, which allows any congregant to attend for **free**. The topics are **Hidden Histories and Untold Stories** (offered Tuesdays at 8:00 pm) and **Equity, Forgiveness and Intersectionality** (offered Wednesdays at 10:00 pm), with four sessions in each topic. **Every congregant who plans to attend a session must register for that session.** When registering, you will need to use this **coupon code: DaytonFall20** for the class to be free. A day before each session, ScholarStream will send out the Zoom link to all those who registered. If the time does not work for you to listen live, you should still sign up, as any registered participant will receive the link to listen to the recording of that session. You can go to rabbinicalassembly.org and find more information on their home page or look for the links to the registration pages in our News & Notes.

SHOPPING EARNS MONEY FOR BETH ABRAHAM

During this difficult time, any help to the synagogue is greatly appreciated. We've mentioned it before, but there are simple ways you can help raise funds for the synagogue without sending us money! We know many are shopping more from home now, as well as grocery shopping more regularly. When you shop, you will be helping Beth Abraham, as all the money we receive from these endeavors is matched by a generous congregant! If you need help, call the office and we'll be glad to assist you.

Kroger Shopping: go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and follow the prompts to register your card. **Beth Abraham's ID# is 85475.**

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CARS: Do you have a car you would like to donate? Call the toll-free CARS number (855-500-7433) and CARS handles the process from there.

All these are easy ways to help Beth Abraham!

HAVDA-LATKE! A Hanukkah Event Saturday, December 12 6:30-7:15

Join us for the 3rd night of Hanukkah. Following Havdalah, we'll light our menorahs together followed by family fun and games!

Save the Date!

SAVE THE DATE FOR A BIG EVENT! Beth Abraham@Home Let the Games Begin! Saturday, January 9, 2021

An interactive evening of party boxes, game shows, food and more!

A Message From Mike

Mike Freed, Beth Abraham President

During my Presidency, I have typically used my column in the summer edition of the Bulletin to recognize changes in the leadership of Beth Abraham that are

approved at the annual meeting held every May. This past summer, with all that we were doing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, there simply wasn't an opportunity to continue this past practice. So, now that we are settling into something of a routine, I want to take the opportunity to introduce our new Board members. Four Board members, Maryann Bernstein, Adam Feiner, Russ Gottesman and David Joffe, were installed to fill 3-year terms on the Board of Directors expiring in May of 2023. So, in keeping with my recent tradition, I'd like to take this opportunity to formally introduce them to the congregation.

While Adam, Russ and David are new to their leadership roles, Maryann Bernstein will be continuing her service on the Board with a second 3-year term. Maryann has been very active at Beth Abraham co-chairing our Women of Valor event, the 125th Anniversary Gala and more. She most recently served on our Reopening Committee and is always willing to help out where there is a need.

Adam Feiner moved to the Dayton area approximately 5 years ago to begin working as a clinical psychologist with the Veterans Administration. Though raised in the Reform movement, Adam, along with his wife Tara, both came to feel more comfortable in the Conserva-

tive movement and joined Beth Abraham soon after arriving in town. Both Adam and Tara have been actively involved in synagogue life since their arrival, where Adam has served as a member of the Life & Legacy Committee as well as the Chair of the Membership Committee prior to joining the Board.

Russ Gottesman moved to Dayton approximately 13 years ago from the Chicago area in conjunction with the founding of his business, Com-muterAds, which provides GPS-based transit advertising. Russ is the father of two elementary school



aged daughters, Elaine and Avery. He grew up in the Conservative movement in suburban Chicago and joined Beth Abraham believing in the importance of continuing his tradition by providing a conservative upbringing to his two girls.

Upon moving to Dayton, both Adam and Russ noted that they were immediately drawn to the warmth and kindness of our congregation and impressed by the long tradition of Beth Abraham in the Dayton Jewish community. As representatives of a younger generation than most of their fellow Board members, both Adam and Russ look forward to helping guide Beth Abraham in efforts to attract and retain new members to the congregation. As a parent of younger children, Russ is also particularly interested in expanding the reach of our educational programs to attract young families with children who, like him, value a Conservative Jewish experience.

Unlike newcomers Adam and Russ, David Joffe is a life-long Daytonian who likely needs no introduction to the congregation, as he has been associated with Beth Abraham since his Bar Mitzvah over sixty years ago. Other than the time he spent away from Dayton during college and medical school training and his military service as a young man, he

has been an active member of Beth Abraham throughout those years.

David and Susan were married at Beth Abraham and raised their now adult children here while leading a busy and well-respected local cardiology practice. Recently retired, David now has the time available to assume a leadership role at Beth Abraham and looks forward to serving on the Board. He has also recently joined the Life & Legacy Team and looks forward to helping Beth Abraham thrive into the future.



On a final note, I also want to recognize the five outgoing members of our leadership team, Mike Goldstein, Linda Horenstein, Allan Katz, Janice Krochmal and Carole Marger, who concluded their service at the end of May. On behalf of the entire Beth Abraham congregation, I want to thank each and every one of them for their contributions and dedication to the synagogue over the years. Now more than ever, the active involvement of our Board Members in the on-going governance of Beth Abraham is a key to maintaining and building a strong congregation. I know that all of our new leaders, as well as our continuing Board members, will work to build and strengthen our congregation. I personally look forward to working with each and every one to help guide us through these uniquely challenging times.



Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



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collection.

Golda came to the United States in 1906 and eventually entered college in 1916 to study to be a teacher. She became very active in the Labor Zionist movement and married Morris Meyerson at the end of 1917. The couple chose a new life in Palestine in 1921 as part of the Third Aliyah, young Jews from Lithuania, Poland and Russia. The couple settled on a kibbutz and lived in very primitive conditions.

Morris then became ill with malaria, a widespread illness in Palestine in the 1920s, and from a variety of other ailments. Meanwhile Golda became active in Histadrut, the General Federation of Jewish Labor, a building block of what would become the State of Israel. Golda and Morris separated in 1928, though they never divorced, and remained close until his death in 1951.

Golda is unforgiving of the British determination to limit the number of Jews admitted to Palestine during World War II, but she has an interesting conclusion about that policy: it only increased the desire of the Jewish community in Palestine for independence and the creation of the State of Israel. Almost as soon as the war ended the Jewish community in Palestine went into open rebellion against continuing British control of Palestine.

Golda emerged as a front line soldier during the rebellion. She went to Cyprus where the British had detained thousands of Jews trying to get to Palestine. She learned that the British officer in charge had received a fascinating telegram: "Beware of Mrs. Meyerson. She is a formidable person!" That communication sums up the life of Golda Meir. She immediately received a significant concession from the British officer.

At last, on November 29, 1947 the General Assembly of the United Nations

approved the partition of Palestine that would create the State of Israel. Almost as soon as Israel came into existence on May 14, 1948, a coalition of five Arab nations prepared to invade on several fronts. Only one Jewish community could possibly provide the money to fund the Israeli war effort, the Americans.

Only one person could be sent to the United States to try to raise the money: Golda, who had attained iconic status and who had one other important qualification - she spoke perfect English. How ironic that the woman born into poverty in the Ukraine would then become the first Israeli ambassador to the Soviet Union. Golda relates an unbelievable experience as ambassador to the Soviet Union. She attended Rosh Hashanah services at the Great Synagogue in Moscow and found a crowd estimated at 50,000 there to identify with Israel.

Imagine Golda's surprise when the wife of Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov said to Golda in Yiddish, "Ich bin a yiddishe tochter." That encounter made Golda realize how many Russian Jews, whether they identified as Jewish or not, would welcome the opportunity to leave for Israel. Sadly, Golda learned that Mrs. Molotov had been arrested amid a nationwide crackdown on Russian Jews. Meanwhile, almost 700,000 Jews from all over the world came to Israel between 1948 and 1951, doubling the population.

Now Minister of Labor in the Israeli government, Golda had responsibility for the massive wave of immigrants. She managed to find room for all of them, helped by the sale of about \$1 billion of Israel bonds in the United States. She says that by 1952 the rate of immigration became more orderly, "only" about 1,000 a day. Golda then moved up to become Foreign Minister in June, 1956, changing her last name to Meir, just months before Israeli, British and French forces invaded Egypt to protect the Suez Canal.

Golda had to manage the most serious crisis in relations between the United States and Israel in the entire history of the State of Israel. The United States vehemently opposed the invasion of Egypt. The Israeli armed forces won a great victory, but both the United States and the Soviet Union brought pressure at the United Nations for Israel to withdraw from all the territory Israel had captured.

Golda would serve for ten years until she finally made the decision to retire in

1966. Even after his crushing defeat in 1956, Egypt's Nasser would not give up on his determination to destroy Israel. He decided once again to try to squeeze the economic life of Israel. This led to Israel's overwhelming response and a great victory against Egypt and Syria in the Six-Day War of June, 1967.

Israel still faced the threat of encirclement and an ideological split within the ruling Labor Party and within the country. Then, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol died suddenly in February, 1967. The Labor Party came together on only one person to guide the nation at that point: Golda Meier. She became Prime Minister, but could never have predicted the crisis she would face.

On Yom Kippur in 1973, October 6, when Israel would be the least prepared of any day in the year, Egypt and Syria suddenly attacked. At first the attacks proved successful in the north and south. Then the Syrians sensed that they could be led into a trap, stopped their attack, and allowed the Israelis to regroup, counterattack, and smash the Syrian forces. Meanwhile, the Egyptians advanced too far for their logistical support, and when the Israelis counterattacked the Egyptians would be crushed yet again.

Golda now faced unrelenting criticism for the alleged failures of her leadership. The critics did not spare the legendary Moshe Dayan, who had been serving as Minister of Defense. Golda, then almost 76 years old, says she felt worn out and she resigned in April, 1974. She went into retirement from public life. The autobiography would be published in 1975. Golda Meier died in December, 1978 at the age of 80.

Sisterhood

Irene Fishbein

Thanks to everyone who tuned in to our very special "Zunset in the Zukkah" on Zoom on

October 7th. We had a wonderful turn out and it was a lot of fun thanks to Cantor Raizen's leadership and facilitation of some very fun activities and games. A special thanks to Judy Chesen for chairing the event. A great time was had by all!

Sunset in the Sukkah participants

Please continue to stay safe and healthy.



Sunday Speaker Series

The Beth Abraham Sunday Speaker Series sponsored by the Men's Club continues this month. These will take place virtually through Zoom at 10:00 am with the link to be found on our website, Facebook page and weekly News & Notes. Bring your own brunch! Upcoming speakers are:

- Nov. 1 - **Jim Nathanson:** *2020: Political War or Cultural War*
- Nov. 8 - **Ellen Shindelman Kowitz & Sunny Jane Morton:** *Comparing Jewish Resources on the Genealogy Giants*. In partnership with Miami Valley Jewish Genealogy & History and Temple Israel's Ryterband Lecture Series.
- Nov 15 - **Joel Shapiro:** *Why the Jews Rejected Jesus*
- Nov 22 - **Jack Bernstein, M.D.:** *It's 1918 All Over Again, or A New Pandemic Arises*

Men's Club News

Irwin Dumtschin

While we were unable to physically join together for services, a big thanks to those that helped to provide the streaming technology that allowed us to be at services from our homes. Also, a big Yasher Koach to Rabbi Ginsberg, Cantor Raizen, and Ralph Williams for making these services so beautiful and meaningful.

Beth Abraham Sunday Speaker Series: Men's Club kicked off this season's Sunday Speaker Series in October with a bang - that bang being our own Larry Burick! These are being held virtually by Zoom so bring your own food and join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am with some exciting speakers this month. Look for the listing of speakers on this page. The link to attend is in our weekly News & Notes, on our website and Facebook.

Meeting: Our next monthly meeting is on Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following the speaker program. Our meetings are open to all, so stay online and join us as we plan our events, discuss supporting worthwhile causes, and have some fun!

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Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

Online service links can be found at www.bethabrahamdayton.org,
Facebook, or in your weekly News & Notes email

Friday, November 6

Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat (Zoom) 5:00 pm
Candle Lighting 5:10 pm

Saturday, November 7

Morning Service (livestream) 9:30 – 11:30 am
Havdalah 6:12 pm
Virtual Havdalah (Zoom) 6:15 pm

Friday, November 13

Kabba-locked-In Shabbat (Zoom) 5:00 pm
Candle Lighting 5:03 pm

Saturday, November 14

Morning Service (livestream) 9:30 – 11:30 am
Havdalah 6:05 pm
Virtual Havdalah (Zoom) 6:05 pm

Friday, November 20

Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat (Zoom) 5:00 pm
Candle Lighting 4:58 pm

Saturday, November 21

Morning Service (livestream) 9:30 – 11:30 am
Havdalah 6:01 pm
Virtual Havdalah (Zoom) 6:05 pm

Friday, November 27

Kabba-locked-In Shabbat (Zoom) 5:00 pm
Candle Lighting 4:55 pm

Saturday, November 28

Morning Service (livestream) 9:30 – 11:30 am
Havdalah 5:58 pm Virtual Havdalah (Zoom) 6:00 pm

DAILY MINYAN (Zoom)

Monday through Thursday – 5:30 pm

Missing Rabbi's Sermons?

We know many congregants enjoy hearing Rabbi's reflections and weekly divrei Torah (sermons). Now that we are streaming services, you can watch on Saturday mornings to hear Rabbi speak. If you aren't able to make the service, not to worry! Our services that are streamed are archived for 30 days, so you can still tune in later. Just go to our StreamSpot link (found on our home webpage or in the weekly News & Notes email), look at the right hand side of the page and you will see our "archives" where you can find all our services for the past month. Enjoy!