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### COMMUNITY



The JCC's Cultural Arts and Book Series begins on October 5th at 7:00 pm, with author Wayne Federman discussing his book *The History of Stand-Up: From Mark Twain to Dave Chappelle*. Go to [jewishdayton.com](http://jewishdayton.com) to register, or call (937) 610-1555 for more information.

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 Facebook, or in your weekly News& Notes email

**Friday, October 1**  
 Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 6:59 pm

**Saturday, October 2**  
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**Friday, October 8**  
 Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 6:48 pm

**Saturday, October 9**  
 Morning Service 9:30 am  
 Havdalah 7:50 pm

**Friday, October 15**  
 NO Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat  
 Guess Who's Coming to  
 Shabbas? 5:30 pm  
 Candle Lighting 6:38 pm

**Saturday, October 16**  
 Morning Service 9:30 am  
 Havdalah 7:39 pm

**Friday, October 22**  
 Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 6:28 pm

**Saturday, October 23**  
 Morning Service 9:30 am  
 Havdalah 7:29 pm

**Friday, October 29**  
 Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 6:19 pm

**Saturday, October 30**  
 Morning Service 9:30 am  
 Havdalah 7:21 pm

**NOTE: Communal Havdalah on Zoom is on temporary hiatus**

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TISHREI - HESHVAN 5782

## Todah Rabah! - Thank You!

We thank Rabbi Crespy and Cantor Raizen for leading us in beautiful and meaningful High Holiday services. But we have so many more wonderful congregants to thank for volunteering their time during the holidays. We would be remiss if we didn't recognize them.

Participating during services were Ralph Williams who davened Shacharit and Jeff Roberts who davened the Preliminary Prayers; our Torah readers Elaine Arnovitz, Ted Cooper, Irwin Dumtschin and Norm Lewis; our Haftarah readers Alan Chesen, Steve Horenstein, Larry Kaufman and Norm Lewis; and our shofar blowers Irwin Dumtschin and Larry Kaufman. Thank you also to Jeff Roberts for being our floor gabbai ensuring the flow for all our honors and aliyot.

We thank Pam Schwartz for her beautiful and heartfelt flute playing which set the tone prior to the beginning of our Kol Nidre service. Marcie Sherman led our youth services providing an opportunity for our younger members to have meaningful, educational services as well. For organizing our usher/greeter schedule, we thank Rick Pinsky and David Rothschild who ensured everyone was greeted entering the building and our sanctuary.

We thank the Men's Club and Sisterhood for sponsoring the holiday gift bags that were delivered to all our congregants locally. This includes those who helped get the bags ready and filled: Beth Adelman, Judy Chesen, Irene Fishbein, Lois Gross, Ann Liberman, Liz Musin, and Felice Shane. And to all our volunteers who delivered the bags: Beth Adelman, Elaine Arnovitz, Steve and Bari Blumhof, Alan and Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug and Bonnie Deutsch, Irene Fishbein, Mike Goldstein, Franklin and Cheryl Lewis, Ann Liberman, Jeff and Connie Roberts, David Rothschild, Dale Schiff, Claudia Birch and Allan Spetter, Suzanne and Bob Thum, and Ralph and Diane Williams. In addition, we thank the Pavlofsky families for donating the apples for the bags.



Someone anonymously placed planters full of flowers outside the canopy doors to brighten up the entrance for the holidays. Thank you to them as well.

Beth Abraham is a family – and we are a wonderful family of volunteers working together to meet the synagogue's needs and those of our community. THANK YOU!!





It seems odd to be entering the month of October and to have already concluded the nearly month-long celebration of holidays from Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah. Most years Sukkot stretches at least a few days into October. But this year we are done and ready to settle into what not only feels like, but will actually be a long period of time without a major festival. The reason for this is that this Hebrew

year, 5782, is a leap year. Unlike the leap year occurrence on the Gregorian calendar when one extra day is added every four years, the Hebrew calendar adds an entire month every two to three years. The Gregorian calendar is based on a 12-month, 365-day cycle, the time it takes for the earth to rotate around the sun, whereas the Hebrew calendar is primarily based on the phases and cycles of the moon. Each month, therefore, only lasts 29-30 days. (Technically a lunar month is 29 ½ days, but it would be tough reconciling a half day every month!) The shorter Hebrew months, which add up to about 354 days, set up a discrepancy of about 11 days every year between the two calendars. In just three years the Hebrew calendar lags behind a full month. It is those years we hear the common refrain, "Wow, the

holidays are really early this year." If our Hebrew calendar was indeed strictly lunar, our holidays would migrate throughout the seasons, with Passover, also known as the Spring Festival, coming out at times in winter. Because our major festivals are intimately connected to the growing seasons and harvests, it was necessary to add in an additional month to set things right. So seven times in a nineteen-year cycle a "leap month" is added. You might think that the place to add that month would be immediately before Tishrei with the holidays of Rosh Hashanah (the new year), Yom Kippur and Sukkot. However, it is added just before spring in the form of a second month of Adar. According to the Torah, the month of Nisan in which we celebrate Passover, is the first of the months and therefore Adar is the final month. So we do indeed add the month at the end of the agricultural year. But here is where there is a big misconception. Most people think that the second month of Adar, known as either Adar 2 or Adar Bet, is the added month, when in truth, the added month is Adar 1 or Adar Alef. The holiday most associated with Adar is Purim and in a leap year it is celebrated in the second month of Adar. There are no holidays in the first Adar, except the acknowledgement of Rosh Hodesh, the new month on the first day. If one is born or dies in the first month of Adar, on non-leap years those dates are observed in "plain old" Adar, but in a leap year, they are properly observed in the first month.

All this talk about leap years got me thinking about calendars in other cultures. I knew that the Muslim calendar was more strictly lunar, which accounts for the fact that the month of Ramadan floats around the calendar. But I found out that it does have leap years. One day is added to the last month of the year, 11 times in a 30-year cycle. Since every month on the Muslim calendar is 29 days, the added day helps account for the fact that the months are really 29 ½ days long. Another interesting find was that the Chinese calendar is more closely related to our Hebrew calendar. A thirteenth month is added to the calendar approximately every three years, but there is much more to the calculations and naming of months and years than on ours.

By now you are either fascinated by all this, or you stopped reading two paragraphs back. If you are still with me, consider the fact that this Hebrew year is as long a year as is possible, coming in at 384 days. How many times have you wished for another hour in the day or an eighth day in a week? Imagine what you can do with an entire extra month of time. Since it is on the Jewish calendar, I challenge you to consider using that time to enhance your Jewish life. A famous teaching (and the song that we sing as the Torah scroll is lifted and dressed) from the Mishna, Pirkei Avot 1:2 states, "The world rests on three things – on Torah, on service of God, and on deeds of kindness." Pick a category and then spend some of that additional time engaged in one of these areas. Increase your Jewish learning by taking a class in person or online. If you are not already doing so, attend at least one Shabbat service a month, or log on to our daily evening minyan service on Zoom. And try to ensure that in the course of the day you have extended a small kindness to at least one person.

A lovely blessing for a birthday celebrant is found in the Rabbinical Assembly Rabbi's Manual. It asks for blessings of long life, good health, the pleasures of Torah study and the profound satisfaction that comes from a life of good deeds, and that the person's example remind us that "people may count the days of their life, but a person of wisdom makes every day count." May we all take this sentiment to heart in this leap year.

## BETH ABRAHAM



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\*OF BLESSED MEMORY

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

*Irene Fishbein*

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we held our annual opening event, Sunset in the Sukkah, as a hybrid event. We shook the Lulav and Etrog. We listened to inspiring words from Rabbi Crespy and sang with Cantor Raizen. It was so good to be together again in person while being able to include those continuing to take extra precautions at home on Zoom. We received a bag of delectable treats to take home and a great time was had by all. Thanks to our fantastic, flexible, and patient committee for putting together such a great program which went through several iterations as the need arose due to COVID: Beth Adelman, Dena Briskin, Judy Chesen, and Ruth Ellenbogen.

Not only did we kick off our year of programming at "Sunset," but we also kicked off our NEW Social Action project, the collection of feminine hygiene products for the **Femme Aid Collaborative**. Maddie Weiler, a Senior member of the Femme Aid Leadership Team, joined us at "Sunset" for a presentation about the organization. Maddie certainly opened our eyes to the need for this organization in the Dayton community. We very much appreciate her participation in our program and the lessons she taught us. We are collecting sanitary pads, tampons, Diva Cups, adult diapers, etc. New and open packages are welcome as well as monetary contributions. Please drop off items at the table in the lobby through **October**.

Visit [femmeaid.com](http://femmeaid.com) for more on this worthwhile organization.

Thank you to our wonderful team of Gift Bag Gurus and Mobile Mensches who made it possible to deliver those sweet Rosh Hashanah bags to those locally ahead of the New Year. We appreciate you more than you know.



Donations for Femme Aid

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

*Irwin Dumtschin*

Now that the High Holidays 5782 are behind us, we would like to thank Rick Pinsky and David Rothschild for coordinating all the ushers/greeters. We thank all the volunteers for helping to maintain the dignity and sanctity of our services, making them beautiful and enjoyable for the entire congregation.

**Sukkot:** Men's Club had more volunteers than ever respond to erect the Synagogue sukkah – enabling us to put up the sukkah in record time! The following Sunday, we provided the bagged snacks and juice box drinks for the Religious School kids, parents, teachers, and others who helped with decorating the sukkah. A great time was had by all, and the sukkah looks great!

**Beth Abraham Sunday Speaker Series:** Men's Club is kicking off this season's programming with the start of the Beth Abraham Sunday Speaker series on **Sunday, October 17 at 10:30 am**. The programs will be held in the social hall with a zoom option. Unfortunately, at this time, brunches will not be served as mask wearing continues to be observed. Complete information for the speaker series for October can be found to the right.

Men's Club would like to thank all those who have renewed their memberships for this new year, and a special thank you to those in the Giving Societies and Life Members who have made contributions.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Our meetings are open to all, so come join us. We would love to get your input! Please look at your October News & Notes and the Beth Abraham web page for the Zoom link.

## SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

The Beth Abraham Sunday Speaker Series begins this month, both in person at the Synagogue and via Zoom. They start at **10:30 am** and are free (no brunch at the present time). Please remember masks are required to be worn while in the Synagogue building. The Zoom link can be found on our website, Facebook or weekly News & Notes.

**October 17:** Jack Bernstein, M.D. Topic: *Covid: Prevention and Treatment a Year In*.

**October 31:** Adam Feiner, Psy.D. Topic: *Should I or Shouldn't I?: The Psychology of Decision Making*.





# Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



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William Fishman, a radical British historian, born in London, England in 1921, grew up in the Russian Jewish immigrant slum neighborhood of Whitechapel in London and specialized in writing about the radical element among the Jewish immigrants of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. He produced a fascinating book titled, *Jewish Radicals: From Czarist Stetl to London Ghetto* and it can be found in the synagogue library.



Fishman includes an introductory chapter which provides every detail of the discrimination and persecution the Jews in Russia endured. Then, in 1881, matters became much worse for Russian Jews. Radicals assassinated Czar Alexander III on March 1, 1881. One young Jewish woman had been involved in planning the assassination plot. As a result, pogroms (riots) against the Jews erupted all over Russia.

With improved transportation by railroad and across the Atlantic, millions would make it all the way to the United States. Others decided not to go that far from family who remained in Russia and settled in England. Fishman says that between April 1881 and June 1882, some 225,000 Jewish families left Russia. That would involve at least 900,000 to one million individuals, including children.

In a chapter titled “A Stetl Called Whitechapel,” Fishman describes the beginnings of the Russian Jewish settlement in London. Not only did the Russian Jews have to deal with deplorable housing conditions and unemployment, or working for the lowest possible wages, but the growing number of immigrants produced an almost immediate increase in anti-Semitism.

In 1885, however, three wealthy Jewish individuals, including Sir Samuel Montagu, who represented Whitechapel in parliament, financed the opening of a shelter which would provide temporary decent living quarters and meals.

Individuals could stay for only 14 days. It served between 1,000 and 4,000 individuals a year. The Russian Jews would rely on private charity for several years.

A large percentage of Jewish men and women found work in the “sweatshops” in a fast growing industry that produced cheaper clothing for the working class. They worked long hours for very little money. Fishman demonstrates that as the 19<sup>th</sup> century progressed, England became slowly but steadily the most open country in Europe for Jews, but that happened when only a small number of Jews lived in England. Then came the Russians.

English public opinion denounced the treatment of the Jews in Russia, but the Russian Jews in England would be considered “aliens” for decades. Chronic unemployment for the English working class led to increasing hostility against the “alien” Russian Jews who might compete for jobs. When the “Jack the Ripper” murders took place in Whitechapel in 1888, hysterical crowds insisted that only an “alien” Jew could have carried out such horrible crimes.

Fishman identifies Aron Lieberman, a “socialist prophet,” as the man who tried to lead the Russian Jews toward a better life in England. Born in Russia in 1845, Lieberman arrived in England in 1875. In 1876, he formed a small but dedicated organization, the Hebrew Socialist Union, which would have to convince the Jewish community that socialism offered the answer to their plight.

Fishman considers Lieberman the founder of Jewish socialism. The socialist movement faced serious challenges through its history. After a bitter dispute with other leaders and in ill health, Lieberman resigned from the organization before the end of 1876. He left for Austria and Germany to continue his radical activities, but ended up in prison in both countries. The authorities then deported him back to England where he struggled to survive. Lieberman ended up in the United States where he took his own life in 1880 at the age of 35.

An estimated 30,000 Russian Jews entered England between 1881 and 1891. Fishman describes Morris Winchevsky as Lieberman’s “apostle.” Winchevsky, born in Lithuania in 1856, took the movement a big

step forward by understanding that the working class Russian Jews could only be reached through the Yiddish language. He started the first socialist newspaper in Yiddish in 1884.

Fishman includes an entire chapter simply titled “1889.” In that year, the mainstream labor movement emerged as a militant force. Employers soon heard about the threat of a general strike. The tailors went on strike at the end of August. When the employers refused to bargain in good faith, two of the most prominent Jewish individuals in England, Sir Samuel Montagu and Lord Nathan Mayer Rothschild, both members of parliament, donated money to the strikers and offered to mediate.

The strike resulted in a major achievement for the time, a 12 hour work day that included an hour for a meal and a half hour for tea - so English! That meant they actually worked “only” ten and a half hours. Any cooperation between unions and the radicals did not last long. An even more radical element, anarchists, had emerged and a depression began in 1893.

The economy hit bottom in 1894 and only slowly recovered. All the gains made by the working class would be wiped out. Men and women desperate for work would accept any wage employers would pay. Several socialist leaders gave up and let for the United States. The radical movement faced a series of daunting challenges: opposition from the Jewish establishment, the renewed strength of mainstream labor unions, and the growth of anti-immigrant sentiment in England.

More and more Russian Jews would arrive in England as a result of the Kishinev pogrom of 1903 and the catastrophic defeat for Russia in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905. Parliament then passed the Aliens Act in 1905, obviously aimed at trying to keep out Jews coming from Eastern Europe. The outbreak of World War I in 1914 brought the end of Russian Jewish immigration and the end of an era.



## CALL FOR REBELLION

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Rabbi Melissa Crespy

Just coming off of a slew of Jewish holidays, each one meaningful in its own way, one might ask which of the Jewish festivals is the most important? This is a trick question, of course, because the most important



Jewish holiday comes every week. It is *Shabbat*, or *Shabbes*, if you prefer the Eastern European Yiddish pronunciation which almost conjures up the smell of *cholent*.

“Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of Adonai your God...” (Exodus 20:9-10). Work is important, but when Shabbat comes, all work must cease. An article by Gershom Gorenberg (“Call for Rebellion,” Jerusalem Post, February 8, 1996) describes just how far work had penetrated his Shabbat. “Sometime after I began working as a journalist, I noticed symptoms of obsession. On Shabbat, when I read the newspaper – like many people in this country (Israel), I’d always relaxed into a couple of weekend papers – adrenaline gushed into my blood, and I’d find myself thinking, ‘He missed the whole story. Tell him to get the Arens quote.’ And at lunch one Sabbath with a couple of colleagues, I heard myself saying that the Ten Commandments were a great press release. Moses plays up his client. And he gets in adultery and crime. You want to know the whole story. That convinced me: No papers from twilight Friday. And sear off shop talk – a harder resolution to keep.”

Gorenberg lists the 39 main categories of work listed in Mishnah Shabbat, and says, contrary to the Talmud’s declaration that this list comes from the kind of work done to build the tabernacle in the wilderness, “This has nothing to do with building a sanctuary,

but lots to do with the main forms of production, seen from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century CE: making bread, cloth, leather, texts, and buildings, manufacturing goods and engaging in trade... Today...under manufacturing we’d add: ‘turning on a switch, turning it off, tightening two screws...’”

He goes on to say: “The idea isn’t just a declaration of a six-day factory week. Even at home one shouldn’t perform those acts one does on the job. As the 13<sup>th</sup>-century *Sefer Hahinuk*’ says in a different context, ‘Every person is acted on by his activities.’ Deeds change thoughts. Write a letter to a friend, and part of you is back in the office, under pressure.”

Shabbat is about ceasing to work, and ceasing to be in the mindset of work. Shabbat is a day to spend time with God, with family, with friends and community. It’s a time to leisurely enjoy a delicious meal. It’s a time to study, perhaps something Jewish, just for the sake of learning.

Gorenberg states that “existentially, we’re servants to nature and society” and that Shabbat “is a call for rebellion against such servitude.” For those of us who are not yet observing Shabbat, I invite you to take some steps toward bringing the peace of Shabbat into our lives. If you are not yet a synagogue attender on Shabbat, start coming once a month – to be with the community – to learn something new – to invite the prayers and the melodies to calm your busy life, to put off your to-do list. If you already attend synagogue, perhaps add studying something Jewish at home for a half-hour on Shabbat. If you are already doing both of those things, try making a simple but delicious food for Friday night, and welcoming some new or old friends to your home.

I promise to add to your list as you travel along your Shabbat journey!

Shabbat Shalom – May the peace of Shabbat enter your life each Friday evening and stay through nightfall on Saturday night.



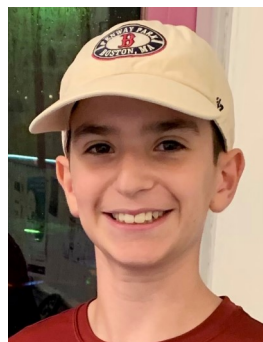
### GUESS WHO’S COMING TO SHABBAS? – VIRTUALLY!

We’re going virtual again to enjoy a Shabbat meal with our Beth Abraham family! Join us **Friday, October 15th** for our next virtual Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner. We’ll begin together at **5:30 pm** for singing, Kabbalat Shabbat, and blessings over the wine and challah. Then we will “break out” into virtual dining rooms with 4-5 participants each to enjoy Shabbat dinner and conversation. We’ll join back together at the end to wish each other a Good Shabbas.

It’s easy – just have your Shabbat dinner, whatever that is for you, ready at 5:30 and enjoy an evening with your Beth Abraham family! Look for sign-up info soon in your weekly News & Notes email.







## SETH SCHWARTZ BAR MITZVAH

Andrew and Pamela Schwartz invite our congregation to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Seth Hirschfeld Schwartz, on Shabbat Chayei Sarah, October 30, 2021 at Beth Abraham. A Hillel Academy graduate, Seth currently attends The Miami Valley School where he is in the 7th grade, playing saxophone with the jazz band and cards with the poker club. Seth can be found playing baseball, his favorite pastime, in or out of season, either with Patterson Park Baseball League, or with his Dad. Seth is the grandson of Mrs. Lois Gross, Dr. Allan Spetter, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore and Debra Schwartz, of blessed memory.

As a bar mitzvah, Seth is honored to support The Ray Pfeifer Foundation, a 501c3 charitable organization dedicated to assisting September 11th first responders with medical needs not covered by insurance. The foundation was established in memory of Ray Pfeifer, a NYC firefighter who died on May 28, 2017 from 9/11 cancer. Contributions may be made at [theraypfeiferfoundation.org](http://theraypfeiferfoundation.org).

## CELEBRATING SUKKOT AT BETH ABRAHAM



Men's Club and helpers assembling the Sukkah



The Religious School students and others decorated together.



Hanging decorations



A lulav lesson with Rabbi



A great turn-out for Sunset in the Sukkah!



Shaking the lulav and etrog

who participated. Even though closed for events, the day-to-day functions of the synagogue continued. I must thank our staff: Elaine, Annie, Ann and Dennis, plus the clergy, for continuing those important functions of the synagogue, such as our virtual religious school, the monthly Bulletins, funeral arrangements, and weekly News & Notes.

Our building also underwent a major construction project to have our HVAC systems become independent from the campus-wide system. An alternative energy efficient loan process called a PACE loan was obtained. Beth Abraham will realize a savings in its utility and building operation costs over the years. We need to thank Matt Arnovitz for his persistence in seeing this project through to the end. Additionally, Beth Abraham was able to take advantage of state and federal grants, allowing us to make security hardening improvements to the building, such as the new bollards protecting the entrances. So, that is what we accomplished during a pandemic! While COVID might define this past year and the start of my presidency, I don't want it to be the conclusion. Instead, as mentioned, I envision three items happening this upcoming year.

First, we safely reopen the building and get back to a more normal operation. Staying safe and healthy is still a priority of the Board and I have to thank the Congregational Engagement Committee, with having some very thoughtful discussions about policies and procedures for a safe reopening of the shul. As you know, it has been a fluid situation and we thank everyone for understanding the hard decisions that have been made. It is my hope to bring back our beloved Kiddush lunches, if we can do so safely. Second, thanks to a terrific small committee, chaired by Debbie Feldman and Norm Lewis, our interim rabbi search resulted in the hiring of Rabbi Melissa Crespy. She has been an inspiration to us all, thus far. I look forward to her D'Var Torah and teachings each week. We again want to welcome Rabbi Crespy and her

husband, Larry Kaufman, to our Beth Abraham family. And third, we have formed the full Rabbi Search Committee, again chaired by Debbie and Norm, which is tasked with finding our permanent rabbi. This committee is made up of a broad cross-section of our congregation to help facilitate finding a rabbi that matches our needs and desires. To that goal, the Board has participated in rabbi assessment surveys with the help of USCJ to help the committee identify the important skills that we desire at Beth Abraham for our next rabbi. More information regarding the process will be provided after the holidays. I would also be remiss to not mention my goal of trying to reinstate many of our synagogue committees. As my last article in the Bulletin mentioned, we love our volunteers. After the holidays, the Board will be encouraging our committees to become more active. We welcome everyone to get involved in at least one committee. So, as you can see, we have a lot going on making Beth Abraham so special during these unprecedented times. But to maintain these activities, you all know that we rely upon the membership to generate the financial resources needed.

Our membership dues stay steady, although they make up but a small portion of our budget. Our Giving Societies program, which provides perks to members based upon their two year commitment level of giving, is an important part of our budget. The four membership levels starting at \$3600 for the President's Circle up to \$18,000 for the Chai Society, have been successful, but need to continue and expand to include more members. Currently, we have 37 participants, but have room for many more. By joining, you help us guarantee revenue for two years and you get the benefit of not having to be asked to give more. Please call Elaine to inquire or join one of the membership levels. But those two sources of revenue only pay for about two-thirds of our expenses. What can we do to make up the other third and assure future financial success? The board strives to

keep expenses low, which helps. But we also need to look at other revenue sources.

I am happy to announce that Norm Weissman has graciously agreed to chair our Financial Resource Development (FRD) Committee. Norm is charged with helping us identify additional revenue sources so that we can continue to provide the programming our members want and enjoy. The Life & Legacy program has also been an important step in ensuring our future with close to fifty of our congregants having made future pledges or promises to leave funds for the synagogue. We thank those who have committed already and invite anyone else who would like to make a legacy gift.

Historically, our congregants have been generous and if we need assistance, we get it. But like prior years, I again ask that you each consider making a contribution to this year's Yom Kippur Appeal. We have strived for 100% participation and hope that each of you can find it in yourself to make a gift to allow us to continue all that I have spoken about. I thank those that have already made gifts, many of which are extremely generous. While we do not pass out the pledge cards anymore, there are blank cards outside on the table. Additionally, you could go to our website, [bethabrahamdayton.org](http://bethabrahamdayton.org), and make your donation online. Finally, you can contact the office next week or just send in a gift. No amount is too small. As your president, I am optimistic that we will emerge from this pandemic stronger than before, that we will have great success in carrying out the mission of Beth Abraham, and in finding a new spiritual leader next year. I hope that you all remain healthy and safe in this New Year. If you need anything, please feel free to reach out to the clergy, office staff or to me. I hope that each of you and your families enjoy a year of good health, happiness and peace. May God inscribe us all in the Book of Life and bless us with strength and conviction as we move together into the New Year 5782.



**From the President's Desk...**  
**Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President**

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

*Gut Yontev* and good morning. I am Scott Liberman and have the privilege of serving as the President of Beth Abraham. I'm not muted and my camera is on. I am glad this is not on zoom, because when I told a joke over my last zoom meeting, it wasn't even **remotely** funny.

When deciding if I would take on this role as president, my biggest hesitation was that I would have to deliver these comments within a couple of months of being installed. But I decided to use a very trustworthy source for information on giving Yom Kippur appeals. I googled it. From Google, I found a huge array of suggestions. But my favorite advice came from a speech where the president said there are two secrets to a successful holiday speech. First, have a good beginning and ending; and second, have the two as close together as possible. I will try not to disappoint. As you can imagine my comments about the state of Beth Abraham this year are really a review of the successes of the past year and the challenges and opportunities that the synagogue faces in year 5782; i.e. coming out of an historic pandemic; having an interim Rabbi; and engaging in the search for our new permanent rabbi. It is those three items that will define Beth Abraham in the first year of my presidency.

First, the year in review; and what a year we have had! A year ago, Mike addressed you from the main sanctuary that only had a limited number of congregants attending in person. Most of you watched at home, probably still in your pajamas. Mike commented that Beth Abraham thrived during the early months of the pandemic. And I'm here to confirm that we continue to thrive.

While the building may have been closed for services and events for a good portion of last year, synagogue life continued. I would like to take you through the year and highlight many of the great things that Beth Abraham achieved during a pandemic. We went to a streaming service for live Shabbat and holiday services, which highlighted our clergy's unique way to provide inspiring services in just two hour blocks of time. Thanks to Cantor Raizen and her extra efforts behind a plexiglas shield, we were able to continue to enjoy the music of the weekly Shabbat service and the High Holiday tunes. While different, we still found meaning, and the ability to connect with the synagogue on a weekly basis. And thanks to those who volunteered to be the ten attendees each week.

This past year saw our congregation master the Zoom platform for not only meetings, but events. Sisterhood held its Sunset in the Sukkah virtually and Men's Club held their virtual deli dinner and a movie.

Some virtual activities are planned to continue such as the popular Friday night Kabba-Locked-In-Shabbat, a virtual start to Shabbat with the Cantor engaging us in socializing and fun games before leading us in a Kabbalat Shabbat service; and the virtual daily minyan to provide support for those needing to say Kaddish. Look for a hybrid version in the future. We even participated in virtual Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas, where we socialized with a small group in zoom breakout rooms while eating our Shabbat dinner.

Beth Abraham, always known for our social action, continued such great work during the pandemic. Volunteers made and donated casseroles to St. Vincent's; adopted two large families in need during the winter; and continued participation in food drives. The Chesed Committee provided outreach to all of our congregants. They made phone calls to check on everyone

three times this past year with the help of many volunteers. Our clergy continued to educate and inspire us through such things as the Rabbi's weekly online classes and Cantor's Passover session on "Putting the Zing in our Zeder." Remember Havda-Latke? We participated in a Cantor led Havdalah and then the lighting of our Chanukah menorahs together online, followed by family fun games and learning to make an edible snack. One of the highlights of the year had to be our substitute Donor Event.....the Beth Abraham @ Home, Let the Games Begin! Everyone received party boxes filled with food and other treats and we played Family Feud and the Newlywed Game.

Also, in January, Beth Abraham continued its tradition of participating in a MLK Day commemoration via a Zoom discussion of the book, *Caste*, with Montgomery County Court Judge, Gerald Parker.

We celebrated a "Corona Purim" with an interactive, family friendly celebration including a virtual costume parade, the telling of the story of Esther and an original Purim Shpiel. Our Woman of Valor event took place safely in our sanctuary and was livestreamed for all to see. The Ruth & Fred Scheuer Life Enrichment Series: Americans and the Holocaust, gave us an awesome tour of an exhibition at the US Holocaust Museum.

So, as you can see, our congregational activities continued during the pandemic. But then in May, when the virus numbers seemed to be subsiding, we held our first in-person activity....the Sunday Sundae Fun Day, where we met outside to schmooze, celebrate Lag B'Omer, meet and honor our religious school students and their families, and eat ice cream. This summer we also had two in-person Shabbat Under the Stars. All that we have accomplished this past year is certainly a tribute to the hard work of our clergy, our staff, our volunteers and especially each of you

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#### In honor of

**Bonnie Beaman Rice, for receiving the Volunteer of the Year award from the Jewish Federation**, by Bonnie Parish

### USY Youth Fund

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**Greg Smith**, by Marcia Linder

### Machzor Return

For those who borrowed books for the High Holidays, we ask that you please return your books to the synagogue at your earliest convenience. A table is set up in the vestibule of the lower circle drive entrance where you can place your books, or you can bring them into the office when open.



## In the Beth Abraham Family

Thank you to the Sponsors of our High Holiday flowers:

**Rosh Hashanah:** Renate Frydman and family in memory of loved ones

**Yom Kippur:** Susie and Eddie Katz and family

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**September 25** - Dena Briskin and Joel and Judi Guggenheimer in honor of Henry Guggenheimer's 93rd birthday

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in October:

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lynn Foster
- 2 Steven Horenstein
- 5 Dale Schiff
- 10 Bruce Hulman
- 10 Michael Leffak
- 10 Bernard Rabinowitz
- 11 Robert Bernstein
- 12 Phyllis Morris
- 12 Harriet Samler
- 12 Alan Scherr
- 13 Linda Horenstein
- 16 Allen Levin
- 20 Claudia Birch
- 20 Barbara Kessler
- 22 Shelley Venick
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- 31 Bethany Einstein

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 10 Garry and Mindy Greene
- 14 David and Susan Joffe
- 15 Micah and Shante Naziri
- 18 Marvin and Linda Roden

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Stephen Weisbrod (brother of Gayle Moscowitz)

### RABBI TO OFFER CLASSES

Rabbi Crespy will be teaching two classes this fall:

1. **Matters of Life and Death** - a text-based study on significant issues in modern medical ethics. Texts provided. All are welcome! No knowledge of Hebrew reading required.

**Tuesdays - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
**October 19 through December 7, 2021**

2. **What Happened to All the Women?**

A study of women in the Bible, Talmud & later sources. Texts provided. All are welcome! No knowledge of Hebrew reading required.

**Thursdays - 12:00 - 1:00 pm**  
**October 21 through December 16. (There will be no classes on October 28 or Nov. 25)**

The classes will be on Zoom. Check your News & Notes email for the link.

## YAHREZITS

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 October (TISHREI - HESHVAN) we remember:

#### TISHREI

Florence Anon  
Shifra Leah Apple  
Anne Baume  
Alex Beerman  
Adolph M. Berks  
Jennifer Berks  
Lawrence Berman  
Barnett Brizman  
Dorothy Brown  
Abraham Dubinsky  
Joseph Frankowitz  
Ida Goodman  
Blanche Kirshenbaum  
Ida Kling  
Helga Landau  
Fanny Lapinsky  
Sarah Lewis  
Hyman Louis  
Howard Lynn  
Max Mandel  
Linda S. Maslia  
Harry Moran  
Helen Pinkas  
Albert Rabiner  
Menucha Pesl Rubin  
Lillian Schmidt  
Mary Schroeder  
Morris Segall  
Pauline Shapiro  
Esther Kantor Slonim  
Freda Smith  
Oscar Soifer  
Mark Timmer  
Sally Wasserman

#### HESHVAN

Helen Abramovitz  
Clara Y. Abramowitz  
David Abrams  
Lilyan Abramson  
Hattie Anon

Ida Appelblatt  
Max Arnovitz  
Gladys Atkins  
Samuel Barnett  
Bernard Beaman  
Robert E. Bernstein  
Elaine Bialer  
Louise Blake  
Sarah Brateman  
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Selma Brown  
Herman C. Burke  
Esther Lefkowitz Burstein  
Saul Layb Chodos  
Sarah Cohen  
Terry Coit  
Beatrice Cowan  
Henry Cowan  
Mary Deutsch  
Charles B. Dorfman  
Jack Dorfman  
Sadie Dorfman  
Norma Dreety  
Jonas Eincig  
Silvia Ellenbogen  
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Anna Fishkind  
Hattie Fleet  
George Foreman  
Louis Frankel  
Sarah B. Fred

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Rebecca Frydman  
Lena Gaffin  
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David Goldberg  
Lillian Goldberg  
Louis Goldstein  
Abraham Gordon  
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Poriss Gordon  
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William Handler  
Renate Harlan  
Louis Hirsch  
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Avraham Dov Joffe  
Vincent Johnson  
Manuel Kahn  
Bess Kanter  
Gertrude Kanter  
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Clara Klass  
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Harry Klebanow  
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M. Zlata Kramer  
Eli Kravitz  
David Kreiger  
Regina Krochmal  
Sadie Krueger  
Benjamin Kuperman  
Walter Kurland  
Louis Kurs  
Frieda Leet  
Nathaniel Leff  
Gertrude Lefkowitz  
Isabel Lerner

Recha (Rachel) Levitt  
Dorothy Liss  
Herman Liss  
Richard Liss  
George Lubin  
Leah Mann  
Frieda Mark  
Sarah Marks  
Yaakov Marmorstein  
Ilene Marshall  
Pearl Mason  
Louis Matusoff  
Chaya Bluma Maybruck  
Hyman Michaels  
Hannah Miller  
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Irwin Reingold  
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Joseph Riback  
Sholom Riback  
Lee Robins  
Stanford Rosen  
Anne Rosensweet  
Abraham Rosenthal  
Albert Rosenthal  
Jack Ross  
Berthold Rothschild

Hattie Ruttenberg  
Gloria Saeks  
Mary Saewitz  
Eugene Schear  
Freada Scheller  
Jacob Schneider  
Maurice Schoenfeld  
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Lillian Schurr  
Sidney M. Schwartz  
Ted Schwartz  
Paul Shapiro  
Ben Sherman  
Ben Shirer  
Gershon Shokler  
Sadie Shokler  
Libbie Shottenstein  
Mary Ann Shuster  
Benhamin Siegel  
Alex Sinder  
Tillie Singer  
Herman Slutzky  
Alexander Jacob Smith  
Harry Solkov  
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### SAYING HELLO AND GOODBYE TO SHABBAT ON ZOOM

Although we left lockdown many months ago, we continue to host "Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat" every Friday evening on Zoom at 5:00pm. It has become, for many of our attendees, an essential part of preparing for the arrival of Shabbat. It is not only an opportunity to sing the psalms and prayers that welcome Shabbat, but also a time to socialize, play a quick game, catch up with one another and share a laugh or two. And we're finished within an hour. If you have never joined in the fun, now is the time! Simply click on the Zoom link on our website or in the weekly News & Notes and join us.

And did you know that since the onset of the pandemic, we have had a Havdalah service on Zoom pretty much every week? There is a small, but loyal group that has come together week after week for almost 18 months, reciting the blessings and wishing one another Shavua tov, a good week. This quick, yet meaningful ceremony, is a great way to usher out Shabbat. We recently decided to host Havdalah on just the first Saturday of the month. The time changes depending on the time of sunset, so watch your News & Notes email for the time and link.