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ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Our Hanukkah Social Action project through the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office was a great success. We provided gifts for a large family with 4 adults and 6 children, including gifts for each individual as well as household gifts such as towels and pots and pans. The Public Defender's Office thanked us, stating "With your help, we were able to adopt 26 families, totaling 123 people. This is only possible with your generosity. On their behalf, as well as our own, we thank you."



Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services
 Online service links can be found at www.bethabrahamdayton.org,
 Facebook, or in your weekly News& Notes email

Saturday, January 1

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:08 pm
 Communal Havdalah (on Zoom) 6:10 pm

Friday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 8

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:14 pm

Friday, January 14

Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat 5:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 5:17 pm

Saturday, January 15

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:20 pm

Friday, January 21

Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat 5:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 5:25 pm

Saturday, January 22

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:28 pm

Friday, January 28

Kabba-Locked-In Shabbat 5:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 5:33 pm

Saturday, January 29

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:35 pm

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PLANTING SEEDS OF JUSTICE TU BISHVAT AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

On the weekend of **January 15-17**, we are offering some special programs that will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., social justice and Tu Bishvat.



TU BISHVAT

Saturday, Jan. 15 - Shabbat morning services will feature one of our new members, Michele Berry, speaking on behalf of Dayton's chapter of SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice). Michele will speak on, "Calling Each Other *IN* to Racial and Social Justice."

Sunday, Jan. 16 - In honor of Tu Bishvat, the birthday of the trees, join our Religious School students and parents for a nature walk.

Experience the beauty and wonder of nature through Jewish eyes. We will meet at Hills & Dales MetroPark at the Paw Paw Shelter off of Patterson Blvd. and Oak Knoll Dr. at **9:30 am**. Wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Following the hike, Rabbi Crespy will lead an adult education session - "In honor of Tu Bishvat - Judaism and the Environment" at the synagogue beginning at **10:45 am**. (You do not need to have come on the hike to attend this). A Zoom option will be available.

Monday, Jan. 17 - We encourage members of Beth Abraham to support and walk in the MLK Memorial March in downtown Dayton. For the March, assemble at 1323 W. Third St., Dayton, OH 45402 (Near Drew Health Center) at **9:30 am**. The March will end at the campus of Sinclair College and will be followed by a short program outside. Masks and social distancing are requested.



For our Social Action component of the weekend, we ask that you please bring food items to fill our barrels for the Dayton Foodbank.



The Cantor's Corner Cantor Andrea Raizen

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I recently realized that I have been chanting Torah for close to 50 years. I



went from chanting an occasional *aliyah* to becoming a full-time reader and everything in between. I honestly believe that in that time I most likely have read every word

of Torah. Later this month, we will read *Parashat Yitro*, the Torah portion in which we hear the Ten Commandments. I have chanted this portion countless times, but the most memorable was during the year I spent in Israel.

I had taken a year off to study at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. At that time it was a co-ed, non-denominational yeshiva, offering a one-year, non-credit study program for post college adults, primarily from North America. On Shabbat I would sometimes attend an Orthodox, *mechitza* minyan with no female participation. Other Shabbatot I would find myself with a more modern Orthodox group where the *mechitza* ran down the middle of the room. The Torah scroll was passed through the curtain so that the women could touch, kiss and carry it and women were often honored with delivering the *D'var Torah*. It was also at this minyan that I saw the tallit that inspired me to crochet my own that many of you saw before I finally retired it. There were also weeks that I went to services at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center, the home for Conservative and Masorti Judaism, as well as the Reform congregation in the heart of Jerusalem. It was at the Reform congregation that I chanted *Aserot hadibrot*, the Ten Commandments. I am uncertain if that was the

first time that I had chanted the portion, but I remember how nervous I was to do so. Not only was I concerned that the majority of congregants were fluent Hebrew speakers and would scrutinize each word and its pronunciation, but I was geographically closer to Mt. Sinai than ever before. As I began to chant the words of the first commandment, I felt the sensation of having an out-of-body experience. Even though I knew I was chanting the words, I felt as if I was looking down and observing the scene. But I was not just there in the synagogue. It was as if I had been transported to Sinai itself. I realize how odd this sounds, but this deep connection to the text was something that I had never experienced before. You might be expecting me to say that from that point on, every time I chanted Torah I felt that way. But, alas, that is not the case. Reading a list of names or places is more an exercise in remembering where the sentence breaks occur, etc. But, chanting dialogues between people or a person and God or conveying a compelling narrative has the power to draw one into the conversation.

All this being said, it's been a long time since I offered a class in the chanting of Torah or Haftarah. I am so grateful to those dedicated individuals who regularly volunteer to read, but it's time to expand the corps. It may seem like a daunting challenge, but every journey begins with the first step. If you have ever thought about learning trope in the past, now is the perfect time. It is such a wonderful way to get actively involved in our services and it is truly a great *mitzvah*, as well. Give me a call or email me and let me know which trope you are interested in learning and also tell me what time of day you would prefer for a class (that will likely be taught online). With the start of a new (secular) year, why not

make this a resolution you can accomplish? Wishing all a happy new year!

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

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We began the month preparing Hanukkah gift bags for our local congregants. With the help of the Men's Club and our Mobile Mensches, another round of successful deliveries was made. We hope you enjoyed the goodies. Please see the complete list of volunteers elsewhere in this Bulletin. We can never say thank you enough to all who volunteered their time to make this happen.

After being postponed for nearly two years due to COVID, we finally held our brunch (although brunch-less) program on Intolerance and Hate. We had a great turn out with about 40 people in attendance combining those in person and on Zoom. Our dynamic and diverse panel of speakers shared their experiences representing the LGBTQ, African American, Islamic, and Jewish communities and how they are working to address these issues within their communities. All agreed this discussion was a great beginning and these conversations must continue. We thank our panelists: Donald Bush, Valerie Lee, Dr. Mizra Ahmad and Dr. Marcy Paul for their insight. We also thank the Men's Club, our moderator Tara Feiner and our tech guru, Adam Feiner, as well as our event chairs Beth Adelman and Judy Chesen for their hard work in making this event such a success. You can find resources through the JCRC website that discuss Anti-Semitism and Hate.



Intolerance and Hate panelists

Plans are underway for Sisterhood Shabbat on **March 12th** so mark your calendars. Event chairs, Beth Adelman and Cheryl Lewis will be calling to ask for your participation or feel free to call them directly if you'd like to participate.

The Gift Shop has gotten a face lift recently thanks to Beth Adelman, Liz Musin and Connie Roberts. Stop by and see what's new and all the things you need that you never knew you needed. Let's shop!

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Sunday Speaker Series: The Beth Abraham Sunday Speaker Series, sponsored by Men's Club, concluded in December. The decision was made to suspend the program for now due to Covid restrictions and an inability to provide brunch.

Annual Raffle Fund Raiser Event: The Men's Club is in the process of putting together its annual major fund raiser event. If you or someone you know can provide any retail merchandise or professional services to donate as a raffle prize, please contact the synagogue office or Irwin Dumtschin (937-271-5307). Be on the lookout for your raffle tickets later in the month. The raffle drawings will take place during the Men's Club annual Deli Dinner and Movie program scheduled for **Sunday evening, March 27th**. More details to follow.



World Wide Wrap XVII: Save the date for **Sunday, February 13** when Conservative Jews around the world will celebrate the mitzvah of tefillin at their morning minyan for the annual "World Wide Wrap" sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Like last year, the KIO region will hold a virtual Zoom service so all regional club members can participate. We hope you'll join us.

Men's Club Shabbat Service: The Men's Club Shabbat service will take place in late February or early March. We look forward to Men's Club members leading and/or participating in the Shabbat service. Once we finalize the date, we will reach out to you, or feel free to contact Rick Pinsky directly to let him know of your interest.

Men's Club Meetings: Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 10th** at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to attend and provide input. Look for the link in News & Notes.

Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



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Milton Meltzer produced an incredibly comprehensive book titled, *A History of Jewish Life from Eastern Europe to America* which can be found in the synagogue library. In an opening chapter titled, “World of Our Fathers,” the title Irving Howe would use for his classic study of the Jews of Eastern Europe and their coming to the United States, Meltzer describes in detail what Jews endured over the centuries in Western Europe, forced to live in ghettos and being expelled from various countries.

Jews began to move into Eastern Europe, particularly into Poland and Lithuania, where they would thrive over several centuries. Poland began to disintegrate in the mid-17th century, however, from a combination of severe internal problems and significant outside threats. Jewish fortunes declined significantly. As Meltzer describes it, Chasidism may have become the dominant element among Polish Jews as a defense mechanism against threats to the Jewish community.

Jewish life began to change dramatically in Western Europe at the beginning of the 19th century as Napoleon conquered much of Western Europe and eliminated ghettos, emphasizing that Jews were equal citizens of the nation in which they lived. The French Revolution of 1789 had made France the first nation in Europe to declare Jews as equal citizens.

When Napoleon invaded Russia in 1812, however, he suffered a disastrous defeat. Austria, Prussia and Russia had completed their partition of Poland in 1795 and most Polish Jews ended up in Russia, beyond the reach of Napoleon, where they suffered discrimination and poverty. Czar Alexander II took a somewhat more enlightened approach to the Jews and tried to make them Russian. His real goal was to get the Jews to abandon their religion.

In 1881, a group of radicals assassinated the czar. One young Jewish woman had been involved in planning the assassination. The Russian government and the Russian people needed no excuse for turning against the Jews. A series of pogroms, or riots, against the Jews broke out all across the country. Meltzer calls 1881 “the terrible year.” Typically, any army units in the area and local police would not interfere in the pogroms for days.

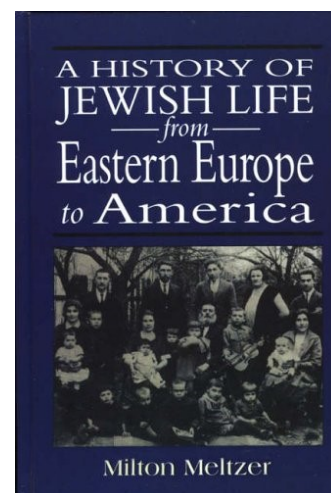
The czarist government issued a series of laws that would make life for most Jews intolerable and convince many to leave the country. In the final analysis, however, Meltzer calls 1881 “a year that would radically change the course of Jewish history.” Many Jews eventually joined a sort of national labor organization known as the Bund, formed in 1897.

What a time it must have been. Jews could choose from among anarchism, the Bund, communism, socialism, Zionism, or no change at all. The first hint of possible real change in Russia appeared with the founding of the Social Democratic political party, based on a Marxist ideology, in 1898 while Theodor

Herzl launched the Zionist movement in 1896 and called for Jews to have their own homeland. The Bund supported the Social Democrats who called for a complete change in Russian society.

The prosperity that developed with the tremendous economic change at the end of the 19th century may have led Jews to believe that at last they could feel secure as accepted members of Russian society. Then, when pogroms seemed a thing of the past, suddenly a terrible pogrom erupted in Kishinev in April, 1903 and devastated the large Jewish community of that city.

A period of great turmoil followed in Russian history. Russia suffered a humiliating defeat in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905, followed by the Revolution of 1905. Jews would be accused of sympathizing with Japan in the war and of instigating the revolution. Dramatic improvements in travel on land by railroad and at sea by ever faster steamships made it possible to think of reaching the United States in greater numbers than ever before.



Blood Libel: A False, Incendiary Claim Against Jews

Rabbi Melissa Crespy, with help from the Anti-Defamation Leagues' Website

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On Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 1:30 pm. Beth Abraham and the general



Dayton community will have the opportunity to attend a concert reading of the very moving play “Blood Libel” by the British, Jewish playwright Arnold Wesker. (Full disclosure: I will play a bishop and a converted Jew in the play.)

The “blood libel” refers to a centuries-old false allegation that Jews murder Christians – especially Christian children – to use their blood for ritual purposes, such as an ingredient in the baking of Passover matzah (unleavened bread). It is also sometimes called the “ritual murder charge.” The blood libel dates back to the Middle Ages and has persisted despite Jewish denials and official repudiations by the Catholic Church and many secular authorities. Blood libels have frequently led to mob violence and pogroms, and have occasionally led to the decimation of entire Jewish communities.

The blood libel is particularly appalling in light of the fact that Jews follow the Hebrew Bible’s law to not consume any blood (even drops of blood in eggs), which is found in the book of Leviticus. In order for an animal to be considered kosher, all its removable blood must have been drained and discarded.

ORIGINS OF THE BLOOD LIBEL

The first ritual murder charge took place in Norwich, England, in the twelfth century. A boy named William was found dead in the woods outside of town, and a monk, Thomas of Monmouth, accused local Jews of torturing him and murdering him in mockery of the crucifixion of Jesus. Although many townspeople did not believe this claim, a cult venerating the

boy eventually sprang up. At this time the myth began to circulate that each year, Jewish leaders around the world met to choose a country and a town from which a Christian would be apprehended and murdered.

The blood libel spread throughout the Christian world in the Middle Ages. When a Christian child went missing, it was not uncommon for local Jews to be blamed. Even when there was no evidence that any Jew had anything to do with the missing child, Jews were tortured until they confessed to heinous crimes. Some Christians believed that the four cups of wine that Jews drink at the Passover Seder celebrations were actually blood, or that Jews mixed blood into *hamantaschen*, sweet pastries eaten on the Jewish holiday of Purim. Others claimed that Jews used Christian blood as a medicine or even as an aphrodisiac. Scholars have documented about 100 blood libels that took place from the twelfth to sixteenth centuries. Many of them resulted in massacres of Jews.

THE BLOOD LIBEL IN MODERN TIMES
The blood libel persisted into modern times. In 1840, members of the Damascus Jewish community were charged with kidnapping and killing a Christian priest who had disappeared. Several notable Jews from Damascus were tortured to extract confessions, and an angry mob destroyed a synagogue and its Torah scrolls. Jews were massacred repeatedly in the Muslim world, partly as a result of this libel, which had been imported from Christian society.

Blood libels continued even into the twentieth century as well. In 1913, a Ukrainian Jew named Menahem Mendel Beilis was charged with ritually killing a Christian child whose body was discovered near a local brick factory in Kiev. During a sensational trial, numerous respected Russian intellectuals and scholars testified that Jews attacked Christians and used their

blood in obscene rituals. Ultimately, Beilis was acquitted of the charges, but not before horrific anti-Semitic claims were repeated and broadcast throughout Russia.

A blood libel even occurred in Massena, New York, in 1928. When a four-year-old girl went missing from her home, a rumor spread that local Jews had kidnapped and killed her. Crowds gathered outside Massena’s police station, where the town’s rabbi had been summoned. A state trooper questioned the rabbi, and asked him whether Jews offered human sacrifices or used blood in rituals. The girl was eventually found alive and unharmed. Needless to say, the Nazis unashamedly used the blood libel in full force for anti-Jewish propaganda. They revived old allegations and instituted re-investigations and trials in territories under their rule or influence.

Though not a positive aspect of our Jewish history, the blood libel is an important part of history for us to know. I invite you to bring friends and to feel something of what Jews in medieval times experienced, by joining me in attending the play “Blood Libel” on **February 6** at Beth Abraham Synagogue.

Purim 2022

Plans for a Purim celebration are starting to come together. We hope to celebrate in person this year with an evening service, Megillah reading/ Shpiel. Because of COVID restrictions, we may likely not be able to serve dinner or have a carnival, but we want to pray, sing and laugh together again. Anyone interested in participating in the service/shpiel should contact Cantor Raizen as soon as possible.



RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Debbie Feldman

As we come to the end of 2021, your Rabbi Search Committee has been hard at work. We'd like to share with you this update. Our excellent committee is comprised of a great cross section of the congregation and includes Norm Lewis and Debbie Feldman, Co-Chairs, Connie Blum, Alan Chesen, Mike Freed, Renate Frydman, Russ Gottesman, Meryl Hattenbach, Scott Liberman, Marlene Pinsky, Bonnie Rice, Mike Sherman, Norm Weissman, Ralph Williams and Judy Woll. We began our process with the submission of our application to the Rabbinical Assembly in October. The application gives us the opportunity to share with prospective candidates an overview of Beth Abraham as well as a description of both the Dayton Jewish and General Communities. We began to receive resumes from interested rabbis beginning in late October. Our committee has organized into several subcommittees which include interviewing, reference checking and organizing of in-town visits. Our initial interviews are taking place virtually which gives us an opportunity to explore the candidate's background as well as share more about the strengths of Beth Abraham.

To date we have had four applicants. We have learned from the USCJ and Rabbinical Assembly that, due to demographics and the impact of Covid, there are significantly more congregations in need of a new rabbi than there are candidates at this time. Therefore, they advise that we should move quickly if we identify a rabbi we believe could be right for us. The committee is taking this advice to heart and is working hard to share our story and to aggressively pursue candidates who show interest. We are excited to inform you that we are in the process of finalizing our first candidate visit which will take place at the end of January. More information will be forthcoming on this visit.

BLOOD LIBEL PLAY

Dr. Miriamne Krummel

On **Sunday, February 6**, come listen to a dramatic reading of Sir Arnold Wesker's electrifying play, *Blood Libel*, which was commissioned to celebrate the opening of the Norwich Playhouse in England.

Set in 1144 Norwich, England, the play dramatizes the first appearance of an urban legend that has come to be known as a "blood libel." Imagining that Jews kill innocent Christian children, the blood libel is a horrible invention, and Arnold Wesker's play captures dramatically this moment when the blood libel was first created. Among the actors are our own members, Marshall Weiss, Rabbi Melissa Crespy, and Dr. Miriamne Krummel.

We hope to see you there!

1:30 pm - a live performance by Wind in the Woods Early Music Ensemble of medieval instrumental music.

2:00 pm - the play begins.

Place: Beth Abraham Synagogue Sanctuary

This performance is made possible by a Community Grant from the Association for Jewish Studies and Beth Abraham Synagogue.

For more information contact Miriamne Krummel by email at mkrummel1@udayton.edu.



The cathedral in Norwich, England.

From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



January marks the start of the second half of the Beth Abraham fiscal year. The Board of Directors and its committees have accomplished much during the first half of the year and look forward to the second half. With the help of the USCJ, the Board has been trying some new things, such as developing strategic initiatives, trying to identify and recognize our successes as a thriving congregation, and identifying what will motivate our members as we exit the pandemic. None of these tasks are easy, but all are important.

With the advice of the USCJ, the Board has placed a hold on a formal strategic planning process until after we have

hired a new permanent rabbi. But while full strategic planning may be on hold, we have engaged in a smaller strategic initiative process to identify smaller achievable goals for the synagogue to accomplish before the end of this fiscal year.

I am always amazed at the talent your Board of Directors brings to each meeting. A brainstorming session elicited many great ideas of easy short-term goals that can be accomplished by the end of May. Among the list of ideas are things to revive and enhance our Shabbat Services, engage in outreach to our members, and programming for our families and younger members. Again, while we await our full blown strategic planning process, these are smaller initiatives that should have an immediate impact.

For example, our Membership Committee will be again initiating an outreach program to have volunteers contact our members. We look forward to connecting with you to see how you are doing. So, I leave you with a small ask for one of our initiatives...come to Shabbat services on the week of your birthday or anniversary and be honored. The Rabbi announces congregant's birthdays and anniversaries for the upcoming week at services, and it would be so nice to see you in shul to allow us to celebrate your milestone. I am optimistic that these small initiatives in our second half of our fiscal year will enhance all of our experiences and love for our Beth Abraham family. See you soon!

HANUKKAH BAG DELIVERY - THANK YOU!

It took a cadre of volunteers to put together and deliver all the Hanukkah bags to approximately 175 local addresses. Beginning with purchasing the items, we thank Connie Roberts and Irene Fishbein; Lois Gross helped decorate and prepare the bags.

Pre-prepping the items going into the bags included Dena Briskin, Irene Fishbein and two of her children, Phillip and Shana Fishbein. Coming to Beth Abraham and filling the bags were Beth Adelman, Judy Chesen, Beverly Farnbacher and Irene Fishbein.

We had volunteers from all over the area ensuring the bags reached your doorstep. This included Beth Adelman, Elaine Arnovitz, Alan & Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Beverly Farnbacher, Irene Fishbein, Mike Goldstein, Cheryl & Franklin Lewis, Ann Liberman, Rick Pinsky, Connie & Jeff Roberts, David Rothschild, Dale & Sharon Schiff, Allan Spetter & Claudia Birch, Bob & Suzanne Thum, and Ralph & Diane Williams.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped to make this a success!

NEW MEMBER UPDATE

We want to update you on some information from our December Bulletin regarding a couple of our new members.

- Hindy and Richard Gruber, part of the Chabad and Beth Or communities, rejoined Beth Abraham after a long absence. Uniquely, Hindy has the distinction of being the only former Dayton Sunday School principal who spanned three synagogues, Beth Abraham, the joint Dayton Jewish School (BA & Beth Jacob) and was the founding principal at Temple Beth Or's school. Hindy retired from Dayton Public Schools as the Gifted Office administrator last year. Richard also taught at all three Sunday Schools and retired from NCR. He has years of fond NCR Sugar Camp complex memories.
- Rosanne Parks, who currently lives in the Chicago area, was born in Greenville and moved to Dayton when she was 16 years old. Her mother, Florence Brateman Shapiro, resided in Dayton until her death and was very active at Beth Abraham.

RABBI CRESPIY'S CLASSES RESUME

Starting the week of **January 17, 2022**, Rabbi Crespy will continue her adult education classes. Here is the schedule:

Medical Ethics - Tuesdays at 11:00 am

January 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15, 22
March 1, 15 and 22 (no class on March 8)

Where are the Women - Thursdays at noon

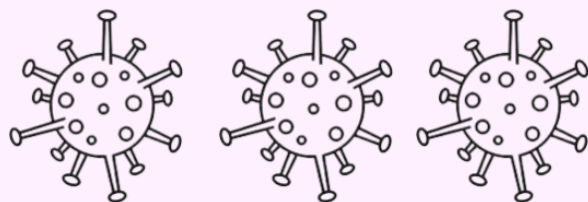
January 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 3 (at 11 am instead of noon), 17, and 24.

Adults and Children alike enjoyed the Havdala-nukkah celebration on December 4.



CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Congregational Engagement Committee is meeting regularly, and at the present time recommends we continue to follow all the protocols we have established with no immediate changes. We thank Steve Fraim, chair of the committee and Dr. Jack Bernstein, an infectious disease doctor who is on the committee, for their guidance and navigating state and federal guidelines. We will continue to keep the congregation updated as any changes occur.



We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

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Yetta Papish Pomeranz, by Miriamne Krummel
Mary Arnold, by Carol & Jim Nathanson
Larry Wagenfeld's birthday, by Ralph & Diane Williams

Speedy recovery

Rabbi Bernard Barsky, by Bella Freeman

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Meyer Dreety, by Philip & Louisa Dreety

Elizabeth Kravitz, by Myron Stayman

Isaac Droz, by Myron Stayman

Etta Gales, by Lawrence & Sheila Wagenfeld

Rosa Schwab, by Helmut Schwab

Jane Wilks, by Theodora Finn, David Stone

Carole Rabinowitz, by Bernard Rabinowitz

Annette Goodman, by Gary Goodman

Adele Goldstein, by Steve & Liz Musin

Glenna Krakoff, by Susan Remick Topek

Ruth Elaine Cohen, by Bruce & Ellen Cohen

Erica Schwab, by Helmut Schwab

Claire Charme, by Al Charme

In honor of

Seth Schwartz's bar mitzvah, by Jim & Carol Nathanson

Sam & Sadie Berman Candy Fund

In memory of

Leo Berman, by Clara Hochstein
David Hochstein, by Clara Hochstein

Social Action Fund

In memory of

Hannah Zappin, by Philip & Louisa Dreety

In honor of

Marla & Steve Harlan's new twin granddaughters, by Larry & Marilyn Klaben



In the Beth Abraham Family

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Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

- December 4 – Beth Abraham Sisterhood
- December 11 – Beth Abraham in honor of our new members
- December 18 – The Freed family in honor of Mike Freed’s birthday
- December 25 – Allan Spetter and Claudia Birch in honor of Allan’s birthday



Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in January:

January Birthdays		
1	Marianne Ellman	26 Howard Rubenstein
3	Mindy Chudde	27 Jim Jacobson
5	Kim Goldenberg	30 Frieda Blum
5	Ruth Ellenbogen	31 Marilyn Klaben
7	Bonnie Rice	
9	Sammye Harrison	January Anniversaries:
13	Barbara Rothstein	13 Steve and Penney Fraim
14	Bert Pilder	17 Enrique and Ruth Ellenbogen
15	Ann Berger	19 Bruce Brenner and Sandy Sloane-Brenner
17	Bruce Feldman	
19	Scott Liberman	
19	Susan Chudde	
21	Sue Ducker	
23	Ellan Katz	
24	Corrine Matusoff	
24	James Nathanson	
24	Irving Kaplan	
25	Barbara Mendelson	
25	Harvey Fiddler	
25	Steve Wagenfeld	

** If your birthday or anniversary is not listed above, please call the office so we can put it in the database

WE RECORD WITH DEEP SORROW THE PASSING OF:
Joe Bettman, father of Randi Fuchsman
Monika Borbonus, mother of Dorian Borbonus
Carolyn Katz, mother of Marc Katz

GUESS WHO’S COMING TO SHABBAS? – VIRTUALLY!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 5:30 PM

We’re going virtual again to enjoy a Shabbat meal with our Beth Abraham family! Join us **Friday, February 4th** 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!



YAHRZEITS

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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 January (TEVET - SHEVAT) we remember:

TEVET	Abe Dysken	Max Kantrovitz	Solomon Moskowitz	Phyllis Shane
Isaac Cohen	George Ehrenberg	Nathina Kastan	Harold Nathanson	Gayle Kuhr Sharpe
Edith Golden	Fannie Einhorn	Ben Katz	Bennet Neiman	Harry Sherman
Philip Goldstein	Harley Ellman	Paul Saeks Katz	Richard Nierenberg	Minnie Shilling
James Weston Green	Mary Ellman	Norman Katz	Elizabeth Niren	Maureen Shuller
Carolyn Jenefsky	Jullius Ellman	Fannie Katz	Mildred Oppenheimer	Aaron David Shulman
Florence Katz	Alfred Engelhardt	Pearl Kent	Paul Ornstein	Abraham Shutly
Bernard Maybruck	Herbert Ezekiel	Hyman Kisch	Ida Oscherwitz	Rose Sians
Rose Schemensky	Michael Ezekiel	Morris Kizner	Bebe Gross Perlberg	Nate Silverston
Rosa Schwab	John Farnbacher	Hilda Kneller	Ruben Pilder	Ben Silverstone
Barry M. Serotkin	Edith Felman	Emilie Kohlhausen	Bertram Plotnick	Julius Simon
Sylvia Siegle	Emma Field	Ervin Kohn	Beila Polichenka	Jacob Sivitz
Leah G. Stein	Leah Fireman	Irving Koretsky	Belle Press	Mose Sivitz
Jeanette Wagenfeld	Johanna Fish	Isaac Kravetz	Rachael Pressman	LaVerne Smith
Sarah Worly	Mimi Fisher	Thelma Kronish	Harold Raizen	Leah Solomon
	Sadie Fogel	Max Krueger	Wolfe Ramze	Morris Spiegel
	Benjamin Fondiler	Henry Krumholz	Nathan Reingold	Ruth Spialter
SHEVAT	Samuel Foreman	Marilyn Kuhr	Elsie Remick	Julian Spurling
Dora Abrams	Charlotte Fox	Jacqui Kuhr	Anna Resler	Matilda Spurling
William Abramson	Stephen Friedberg	Hortense Kuhr	Pauline Resler	Diana Stayman
Rose Abromowitz	Israel Froug	Sylvia Labovitch	Rabbi Jacob Richman	Ilse Stein
Marvin L Alpert	Abraham Furst	Emanuel Landau	Florence Rinzler	David Stein
Bernard Apfel	Etta Gales	Bruce Lang	Marcus Ritter	Marilyn Stone
Theodore Arnovitz	Rose Ganzer	Charles Lapinsky	Irwin Roberts	William Suson
Jennie Auerbach	Jack H Garber	Chaya Shifra Larrison	Arthur Rosenblatt	Meyer Sussman
Celia Auerbach	Irv Garlikov	Paul Lehman	Margaret Rosenblum	Lena Tannenbaum
Yetta Barsky	Lena Garlikov	Lillian Lehner	Carrie Rosengarten	Anna Teisch
Meera Berkovitz	Sarah Gaskowitz	Celia Lepsky	Irvin Rosenstein	Dorothy Tingle
Harry Berkowitz	Celia Gershow	Bradley Jonathan Levin	Joseph Rosenthal	Salman Tinianow
Leo Berman	Isadore Glachman	Sam Levin	Nicholas Rubin	Annie Tomchin
Albert C. Bessel	Beverly Marx Goldberg	Jack Hershel Leviton	Edward Rubin	Rayzel Tracht
Vera Bishow	Goldie Goldstein	Sarah Liebman	Miriam Rubin	Ida Valensky
Johanna Blake	Alvin Goodwin	William Liss	Aaron Rubinet	Mitchell Vangrov
Dov Baer Block	Norman H. Greenberg	Sidney Litvak	Carl Rubinoff	Henrietta Waldman
Minnie Blumberg	Clara E. Greene	Sophye Moskowitz Locke	Leona C. Sachs	Frank Wallace
Max Brotkin	Belle Grossman	Henrietta Lotney	Emma Saeks	Helen Wasserman
Aaron Brown	Meyer Gurevitz	Morris Louick	Josephine Saeks	Jennie Weine
Arthur Carne	Benjamin Handler	Mildred Lynn	Celia Samuelson	Sylvia Weinstein
Louis Carne	Roy Harlan	Leonard Magilvy	Howard Sanderow	Harry Winer
Rose Chesler	Fannie Haskin	Esther Mann	Anna Sanzon	Theodore Winters
Annette Cohen	Florence Heller	Sadie Mardy	Hyman Schear	Pearl Wollin
Manuel Cohen	Rebecca Hillelson	Frances Marwil	Martha Schear	Fannie Yanishefsky
Harvey Cohen	Alan Horwitz	Leslie M. Mayerson	Fred Scheuer	Dennis Zappin
Myer Coplin	Jule Hulman	Harry Mendelson	Ruth Scheuer	Morris Zeifman
Frances Cunix	Marcia Isaacs	Zimmel Miller	Alan Jeffrey Schneider	Mary Zidel
Erma Cunix	Yetta Jacobson	Sidney Miller	Max Schoemann	Abe Zisenwine
Eugene Dansker	Ishur L. Jacobson	Sarah Miller	Martha Schriber	Frieda Zusman
David Davidson	Ruth Joffe	William Mintz	Florence B Schwartz	
Steve Duberstein	Kate Kahn	Jack Moody	Saul Schwartz	
Sol Dubro	Fannie L Kahn	Hershil Morris	Marilyn Serelson	
Isidore Ducker	Edward I. Kahn	Berko Moscovitz	Ann Shainman	
Sidney S. Dunn				

