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## COMMUNITY SELICHOT SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
8:30 PM - RECEPTION  
9:00 PM - SERVICE



Please plan to attend the community Selichot service at Beth Abraham, ushering in the High Holy Days, on **Saturday, September 17** beginning at **8:30 pm** with a dessert reception and followed by the service at **9:00**.

The Dayton Jewish Chorale returns along with the rabbis from Temple Israel, Temple Beth Or and our own, Rav Aubrey Glazer. The Chorale will be under the direction of Anna Vinnitsky, world class pianist and composer who recently relocated to Cincinnati, and accompanied by Bryon Dobbs, an outstanding local pianist and musician. The service will also be livestreamed (see the back page for the web address, or check your weekly News & Notes email).

BETH ABRAHAM  
SYNAGOGUE



## Tashlich

### Tashlich - Time to Toss Your Sins Away

The origins of the custom of *Tashlich* are uncertain; it does not appear in the Talmud and it seems to have begun in the Middle Ages. We call it *Tashlich*, meaning "you shall cast." Traditionally, we go to a body of running water, preferably one containing fish, and symbolically cast off our sins. Bring some bread crumbs and join us at Island Metro Park on **the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 26 at 5:30pm** and "toss your sins (and cares) away!"



### BABYSITTING RETURNS FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS!

This year we will resume providing babysitting services for up to age 5, for both days of Rosh Hashanah (September 26 & 27) as well as for Yom Kippur (October 4), from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. **RSVPs are required by September 19**, as we have a very limited number of spaces available. Due to this limitation, we may not be able to accommodate children without an RSVP.

**YOUTH SERVICES** will also be offered this year for children in grades K-6, from 10:00 am to noon on all three days. Please RSVP to the office if you have a child who will attend Youth Services.

## The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*

Remember when you went back to school in the fall and the teacher asked you what you did over the summer?



Most of us would tell about the days spent at the pool and camp or the family vacations. Over the past few years, summer hasn't felt much different to me than the rest of the year. I haven't

taken any major vacations or gone off to a conference as I used to do regularly in the summer. But this year, thanks to the magic of Zoom, I was able to attend an online training for a wonderful Jewish music education program called Rhythm 'N' Ruach. As explained on the website, "Rhythm 'N' Ruach is a way to connect children and their families to Judaism through upbeat, high energy music and movement; through participation in music with real instruments, such as strings, percussion, shakers, tambourines and singing. Rhythm 'N' Ruach offers music classes for children and their families, intertwining Jewish music and rhythm instruments."

I became aware of the program through a young cousin of mine who became a facilitator of the program a few years ago. She would approach me from time to time encouraging me to check it out. When I found out that there was an online training scheduled for July, I thought it was a good time to give it a try. I spent one intense week online every night and reading and watching videos during the day.

The program was created by Shelley Hoffman Dean, mother of four, who searched out various music programs for the family when her kids were young. Although there are plenty of great programs out

there, she wished that there was something Jewish that integrated music and movement and also fostered a love for Judaism within the participants. She began writing the program and officially launched Rhythm 'N' Ruach in 2011. In order to share what was becoming a very successful program for her in St. Louis, MO, she began offering facilitator training sessions in 2018. And today there are facilitators in about 12 states and in Israel. I am proud to say that I am the only licensed facilitator in Ohio! Although the program was created originally for families with children ages 0-5, the solid format and its use of the principles of music therapy have made it adaptable to all ages. There are now even facilitators offering sessions in senior living centers.

I am planning to introduce the program to our religious school students this month as a complementary component of communal tefilah sessions and as we prepare for the High Holy Days. After the holidays we hope to schedule a Shabbat Family Jam to introduce more people to the program. The family programs are held either on Friday evenings or Shabbat mornings. Parents with children of all ages are welcome to this creative Shabbat experience that includes music, movement, instruments and the joy of sharing Shabbat together. Watch for details in the months ahead.

I wish everyone Shanah Tovah u'Metukah, a good, sweet, healthy and inspiring new year as we begin 5783.



## BETH ABRAHAM



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## WADING THROUGH THE WAVES OF COMMUNITY

Rav Aubrey L. Glazer, PhD

What do ripples, tides, shocks and strings all have in common? They are all some form of a wave. If you have ever surfed, sailed, snorkeled or waded to fly-fish, you know that feeling of the wave



intimately as it envelopes you. Now take a moment and think: What kinds of transformative waves have you experienced in your life? From those moments of the stillness of ripples forming on the surface of water after a stone is thrown, to the awesome waves disrupting solid ground in earthquakes, the human experience of waves accentuates and patterns our journeys. Attuning to that spectrum is part of my calling as your spiritual leader. I'm interested in sound waves, coursing through the air, water and solid materials and ultimately, through our souls.

Some waves, like those we hear on a guitar string, are one-dimensional waves, spreading along a given direction only, while others, like ripples on the surface of water, fill space. How interesting then that this very same distinction is made by the 16th century *Safed* mystics between the creative energy of "linear light" known as '*Or HaYosher*' versus "circular light" known as '*Or Halgul*'. As I wade through the

sound waves of community in all their power, I take the time to listen. Taking the time to listen and see and feel these waves that surround us, both linear and circular, forms that basis of the spiritual sonority that makes community. Whether I find myself swaying to the cascading sounds of *davennen* Tefillah-prayer or Hebrew *piyyut* as Cantor Raizen co-leads us in prayer along with so many wonderful volunteers in prayer and Torah reading, or interacting with 30+ lifelong learners as we delve deeper weekly online into the treasure trove on the Jewish Book Shelf in Learning How to Learn, or studying one-on-one through layers of meaning with a current bat mitzvah student for her upcoming simcha - I always aim for those ripples of Torah and Tefillah to envelop me so I can really feel it with you in our unique relationship. The process of each of us making time and space for our collective spiritual journey as a communal family enables something remarkable to emerge, as the ripples begin to carry us forward into the sea of possibility this coming year.

But what is a wave after all? The quantum approach is to see a wave as a disturbance spreading through space, usually carrying energy. Whereas a ray of light emanates through a single line, a sound wave fills a space. Our High Holy Day prayer experiences at Beth Abraham have tended to follow the path of rays of light in the Main Sanctuary and continue to serve important purposes, enabling us to

congregate, connect and elevate through the liturgy and our fellowship as a community. What a gift. And yet, we still yearn... Our personal prayer lives need to be attuned to how we fill spaces and cracks, and how we create openings rather than seeing prayer as operating solely along single lines of emanation. I prefer to see these sound waves of community emerging as three-dimensional printers which help each of us to hear and see the soul of community at any given time. Our spiritual objective and *kavvanah* over the coming year is to deepen our wading in the waves of community, by filling sonorous spaces opened in the wail of the Shofar, to empower lay leadership and their communal songs, through the interweaving of all voices committed to this community.

Wading through the waves of community is about listening, feeling, learning and acting. You will notice some small waves of change, especially in coming experiences, and articulate a shared vision of more accessible, joyous Tefillah experiences, combined with exploratory Torah study and discussion— both as communal experiences that are welcoming and stimulating. Our sacred task together is to fine-tune linear energy experienced through circular energy emerging to maximize the spiritual energy of our emanating journeys of song through life this New Year 5783. May it overflow with ancient-new sounds of inspiration for us all.

### IS THERE STILL A STATE OF UNION WITH YOUR PRAYER? LEARNING OPPORTUNITY WITH RAV GLAZER

Often we struggle with finding the right union between our innermost thoughts and feelings and the words we pray with, especially during the spiritual marathon from Elul to Tishrei, spanning the high holiday season. Beth Abraham members are invited to join a special panel discussion on **Wednesday, September 14th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. Twelve complimentary sets of the 3 Panui books under discussion will be available to Beth Abraham members on a first come, first served basis - please call the office to reserve. Check News & Notes or the BA website for more info and to pre-register (required).

## IMPORTANT HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION!

- ✓ **Masks:** We continue to require the wearing of masks while in the synagogue building except when eating or drinking. As conditions change, we will continue to review this policy. If you are ill or have tested positive for COVID, please stay home, take care of yourself, and take advantage of our livestreamed services.
- ✓ **Entering the Building:** The chapel door entrance will be the only door open for security purposes. Please use these doors for dropping off and entering the building. The lower level doors in the circular drive will be locked.
- ✓ **Parking** is available in the front portion of our parking lot on the upper two levels. There are many handicapped spaces available, however we ask that you be respectful of the professional buildings around us and their need for handicapped spots. Please do not park in front of the chapel doors so they are accessible for those who need assistance.
- ✓ **Sanctuary Seating** will not be restricted. We will have the pods open with fewer chairs available for those who would feel more comfortable or want to socially distance.
- ✓ **Youth Services and Babysitting:** Please see the front page of this Bulletin.
- ✓ **Decorum:** Please note that all school age children should be in the youth service or with their parent in the sanctuary during the High Holy Day services. We also ask that you please refrain from wearing cologne or perfume out of respect for those sitting around you or who may be allergic.
- ✓ **Streaming** will be available for all services. Please find the link on our website, in News & Notes or on the back page of this Bulletin.
- ✓ **Break-The-Fast** will follow the Neilah service on Wednesday, October 5. This yearly tradition is prepared by our Beth Abraham kitchen volunteers and sponsored by the Men's Club. Please call the office to **RSVP by September 29.**
- ✓ **Lulav & Etrog sets** (pitomless) will be ordered by the office. Please call to place your order by **September 12.** The price is \$50.
- ✓ **Remember the Fast of Isaiah!** It is our practice to bring donations of food on the evening of Kol Nidre for the hungry. Please make a stop at the food barrels before you proceed to the sanctuary.
- ✓ **Reciprocity Letters** can be arranged with Ann Rismiller at the office. Please call or email (arismiller@bethabrahamdayton.org) with the name of the congregation you will be visiting, their address, phone and fax number and email address if available. We will also need to know what holiday(s) you will be attending and with whom you will be sitting.

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In honor of  
Cantor Jerry & Goldye Kopmar, with best wishes, by Eddie & Susie Katz  
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Matt & Elaine Arnovitz's new grandson, by Bella Freeman & family

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## THANK YOU CONGREGANTS FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

We oftentimes have expenses that occur that are not budgeted for, but are a necessity or on our wish list. We are so appreciative of congregants stepping up to help cover the following costs:

**Security:** Thank you to **Beth Adelman** for her generous donation to help us cover the cost of recent upgrades to our building security.

**Rav Glazer Class Books:** Thank you to **Steve and Penney Fraim** for their donation of books to two different lifelong learning programs Rav Glazer is teaching.

**Folding Machine:** The **Men's Club** has generously supported the purchase of a new folding machine which was desperately needed.

We most recently needed to purchase a new defibrillator since ours required a new battery and our model was discontinued. We are looking for someone who might like to sponsor this purchase. If you would like to help with this or other sponsorship opportunities, please contact Elaine in the office.

## In the Beth Abraham Family

**Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:**

**August 6** – Mike Freed & Family in memory of Joanne Freed

**August 13** - Stanley and Connie Blum in honor of their 67th anniversary

**August 20** - Wendy Lipp, Lori Lipp and Amy & Morris Maslia in memory of Stewart and Marilyn Lipp

**August 27** - Janel and Edie Pequignot in memory of Glenn Pequignot

**Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries  
in September:**

### September Birthdays

2	Steve Wyke
4	Barbara Sanderow
5	Maryann Bernstein
10	Franklin Lewis
11	Michael Sherman
11	Janis Sussman
12	Lucien Gabbe
16	Masha Kisel
16	Jules Sherman
17	Elena Rosner
18	Jacqueline Miner
18	Minnette Weiss
18	Zoharah Naziri
19	Marc Shaw
21	Shoshana Krummel-Adkins
21	Cantor Jerome Kopmar
22	Beverly Saeks
23	Matthew Arnovitz
25	Lana Dorf
25	Jonah Dorf
26	Henry Guggenheimer
28	Barbara Miller
28	Clara Hochstein

### September Anniversaries

2	Joel & Angela Frydman
2	Marc & Francine Shuchat Shaw
2	Sheldon & Ann Berger
5	Abe & Marla Merdinger
5	Stephen & Liz Musin
5	Michael & Harriet Massimini
10	Scott & Ann Liberman
15	William & Sharon Cohen
17	Douglas & Bonnie Deutsch

\*\* If your birthday or anniversary is not listed above,  
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at the Federation Annual Meeting:**

Past Presidents Award - **Mike Goldstein**

Robert A. Shapiro Award - **Bruce Feldman**

JFS Volunteer Award - **Jody Sobol**

Special Recognition for his work on the Foundation board: **Bernie Rabinowitz**

Congratulations to **Mary Rita Weissman** who is the new president of the Jewish Federation.

We were also proud to hear that **Marshall Weiss** received the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists 2022 Award for Best Religion Reporting (for newspapers under 60,000 circulation). This is his third first-place award in a row from Ohio SPJ and seventh overall.

***Congratulations!***

*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 September (Elul - Tishrei) we remember:***

### **ELUL**

Robert Abrams  
 Louis Abromovich  
 Abraham Aftergood  
 Jane Aides  
 Philip Atkins  
 Jacob Harry Auster  
 Joan Azen  
 Emil Barsky  
 Rose Bashner  
 Edward Baume  
 Ethel Benjamin  
 May Berkowitz  
 David Bernie  
 Rebecca Bodenstein  
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 Jack Fishbein  
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 Sol Friedman  
 Oscar Froikin  
 Selma Garlikov  
 Abe Garlikov

Miriam Gehatia  
 Isadore Goldberg  
 David Goodman  
 Rose Goodman  
 Israel Goodwin  
 Anna Gordon  
 Ronald Grinker  
 Anna Guralnik  
 Anna Gurin  
 Diane Handler  
 David Hanken  
 Stanley M. Harrison  
 Gussie Hellman  
 Sidney Hertz  
 Ann Hoffman  
 Katie Hyman  
 Maurice Jacobs  
 Max Jacobson  
 Gussie Jacobson  
 Belle Jenefsky  
 Pearl Joffe  
 Mollie Kahn  
 Herman Kahn  
 Sally Kantor  
 Dov Meir Kass  
 Joseph Katz  
 Rose Aides Kaufman  
 Lorraine Kobel  
 Aaron Koretzky  
 Louis Kotler  
 Beatrice Kuhr  
 Lillian Kuraner  
 Rae Kurs  
 Janet Kurtzer  
 Phil Lang  
 David Larman  
 Meyer Larrison  
 Helen Leopold  
 Louis M Lerner

Molly Levin  
 May Levine  
 Ruth Lieberman  
 Irene Mandel  
 Louis Mann  
 Jack Mann  
 Aaron Mark  
 I. M. Marks  
 Carol Marks  
 Harriet Levy Marwil  
 Samuel Maslow  
 Sadie Matusoff  
 Yitzhak Isaac Mellman  
 Joel Meredith  
 Paula Meyer  
 Herman E. Miner  
 Reva Munich  
 Joseph Nides  
 Herman Nides  
 Louis Niren  
 Herbert J. Oppenheimer  
 Frances Oxman  
 Glenn Pequignot  
 Isaac Perlmutter  
 Regina Pomeranz Krummel  
 Isadore Posner  
 Rose Rauchman  
 Sidney F. Resler  
 Sidney Robby  
 Bessie Cameros Rockoff  
 Goldie Roden  
 Perry Ross  
 Phyllis Ross  
 Sophie Roth  
 Liesel Rothschild  
 Ruth Salomon  
 Agnes Schetz  
 Bertha Schriber  
 Max Schriber

Ervin Schriber  
 Claire Shapiro  
 Florence Shapiro  
 Morris Shokler  
 Larry Shuller  
 Esther Rochel Shulman  
 John Silberman  
 Nellie Sivitz  
 Samuel Skal  
 Anna Slavin  
 Maxine Slone  
 Henriette Smilack  
 Eliyahu Sokol  
 Myra Stack  
 Justin Stoler  
 Ann Moskowitz Stone  
 Betty Strauss  
 Melanie Tayloe  
 Gilbert Unger  
 Abraham Waldman  
 Sarah Wall  
 Rev. Joseph Wasserman  
 Lena Valensky Weinhaus  
 Anna Weintroob  
 Stephen Weisbrod  
 Emil Weiss  
 Toby Wilson  
 Gladys Yaross  
 Sam Zimmerman  
 Augusta Zimmerman  
 Bernice Zimmerman  
 Victor Zwelling

### **TISHREI**

Aaron Joel Abramson  
 Rabbi Ernest A Adler  
 Beatrice Barnett  
 Corinne E. Beaman  
 Annalee Bender

Anna Dworkin  
 Jacob Ellison  
 Elizabeth Feuer  
 Harry Finegold  
 Emma Mae Froug  
 Leah Froug  
 Barney Gales  
 Elizabeth Rice Gellman  
 Renee Glassman  
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 Morris Handler  
 Nathan Isenberg  
 Joseph Jaffe  
 Stephen Kahn  
 Susan Michelle Kessler  
 Abraham Kreitman  
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 Beatrice Merdinger  
 Pauline Nisenholz  
 Ida Pinsky  
 Stuart Rittner  
 Harold Schear  
 Jacob Schultz  
 Pinchas Seldon  
 Jeanette Sherman  
 Albert Solkov  
 Robert Tannenbaum  
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 Ethel Weinhaus  
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 Theresa Zawatsky



Participants enjoyed a number of activities, including yoga and games, at the community Field Day sponsored by Beth Abraham and 7 partnering organizations through a Federation Innovation Grant.



The BA Band enhanced Kabbalat Shabbat at Shabbat Under the Stars in August at the home of Ralph and Diane Williams.

## Beth Abraham Sisterhood - New Year's Greetings L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu!

Beth Adelman  
 Matt & Elaine Arnovitz  
 George & Ruth Barnett  
 and family  
 Ann & Shel Berger  
 Claire Berks & family  
 Jack & Maryann Bernstein  
 Ellie & Bob Bernstein  
 Jody Pollack Blazar  
 Frieda Blum  
 Sylvia Blum & family  
 Stanley & Connie Blum  
 Bari & Steve Blumhof  
 Sandy Sloane-Brenner  
 & Bruce Brenner  
 Dena Briskin  
 Larry & Cindy Burick  
 Judy & Alan Chesen and family  
 Betty Crouse  
 Celia Diamond  
 Melinda & Bill Doner and family  
 Marlene Dori  
 Douglas & Bethany Einstein  
 Enrique & Ruth Ellenbogen  
 Beverly Farnbacher  
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 DeNeal & Esther Feldman  
 Gary & Irene Fishbein  
 Lynn Foster  
 Steve & Penney Fraim  
 Mike Freed

Bella Freeman & family  
 Joel & Angela Frydman  
 Renate Frydman & family  
 Lynn & David Goldenberg  
 Michael & Rochelle Goldstein  
 Mark & Kathy Gordon  
 Henry Guggenheimer  
 Sammye Harrison  
 Meryl Hattenbach & children  
 Clara Hochstein & family  
 Linda & Steve Horenstein  
 and family  
 Mike Jaffe  
 David & Susan Joffe  
 Julie Liss-Katz & Marc Katz  
 Susie & Eddie Katz  
 Stanley & Susan Katz  
 Barbara Kessler & family  
 Larry & Marilyn Klaben  
 and family  
 Eddie & Marcia Kress  
 Cheryl & Franklin Lewis  
 Norm & Kay Lewis  
 Michael & Ellen Leffak  
 Allen Levin  
 Scott & Ann Liberman  
 Wendy Lipp & family  
 Beverly A. Louis  
 David & Joan Marcus  
 Carole & Donald Marger  
 Bonnie Mendelson & family  
 Alan & Myrnie Moscovitz

Irvin & Gayle Moscovitz  
 Steve & Liz Musin  
 Jim Nathanson  
 Edie Pequignot  
 Marlene & Terry Pinsky  
 and family  
 Cantor Andrea Raizen  
 Walter Rice & Bonnie Beaman  
 Rice and family  
 Brenda Rinzler  
 Jeff & Connie Roberts  
 Francine Roberts & family  
 David Rothschild  
 Deborah & Howard Rubenstein  
 and family  
 Lee & Patti Schear  
 Martin & Susan Schear  
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## From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President

I remember a comment from one of my first-year law school professors explaining why law school students learn about so many areas of law during those first couple of years of law school. He quipped



that when we are attending cocktail parties, we will invariably be asked a legal question. While I have not attended many cocktail parties lately, he was correct. I am routinely asked for my opinion about many law-related topics.

I must have missed the day in law school when they taught us immigration law. Sure, I have that basic understanding of the current political issues associated with immigration regarding economic, security and humanitarian concerns. But I never studied, researched or rarely had to answer questions about immigration law until the last six months.

As you can imagine, I am now asked about immigration weekly. I discuss the topic with Rav Aubrey weekly; provide monthly updates to Board members; assist with synagogue staff's questions; and provide opinions to anyone that asks. I even have my mom asking me why our rabbi is not here yet.

I really do not mind anyone asking me about the status of Rav Aubrey's visa. I am happy to provide an update and truly wish that I knew more about a way to get him here sooner than later. Additionally, understand that we are making the best of the current situation. Rabbi is working for us now, albeit virtually. Believe me that if he could be here in person, he would, but we do not want to jeopardize the immigration visa process by even having him visit before the visa is issued.

Let me use this opportunity to provide an update. Just so you know, we do have a very capable immigration attorney from New York that is advising and assisting us on the application. This attorney has handled many similar applications and has provided very helpful advice and suggestions. At the same time, admittedly, he has commented that the process has become very complicated and unusual in general.

As an overview, the multi-page application was submitted to US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in mid-April. Both the petitioning organization, Beth Abraham, and the religious worker, Rav Aubrey, must satisfy certain requirements and provide much information on the rabbi position that he is taking. We are attempting to expedite the process to have the rabbi here by the High Holidays.

The process requires that USCIS perform a site visit that verifies our existence. Once that site visit occurs, we are confident that the visa will be issued within a couple of weeks. However, there is no timeframe provided as to when that site visit will occur. Again, we have asked for that to be expedited.

We have also enlisted the assistance of Congressman Turner's office that has an individual that routinely assists constituents with immigration. This staff member has likewise been very diligent, communicating with USCIS to try to get the site visit and eventual visa approval for Rav Glazer.

The conclusion that I find (as told to me by our attorney) is that our bureaucracy is overworked and understaffed. I am told that there is nothing more we can do (we have done all we can do) to get to the finish line. A recent communication from USCIS has given me hope that

at least someone is looking at our application.

My hope is that by the time you read this article, I will have already shared the good news. But until then, please be patient and know that we are doing everything that we can to get him here for the holidays. But if not, we are working on a Plan B that will involve his live input to our High Holiday services. More information on that to follow, if needed.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to Rav Aubrey. He is engaged in Beth Abraham work and would welcome communication with you. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions. I am ready for that cocktail party to discuss immigration law or to toast the arrival of the rabbi.

Shana  
Tova.



# Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



(This is part 3 of an article about



Jewish historian Salo Baron's book, *The Russian Jew Under Czars and Soviets*).

The outbreak of World War I in August, 1914 marked the

beginning of a period of great turmoil for Russian Jews, most still living in the Pale along Russia's western border, in the path of the invading German army. Many Russian Jews would see the Germans as liberators from the tyranny of the czar and the prevalent anti-Semitism among Russians.

Baron says that as many as 600,000 Jews may have served in the Russian army, but even that service did not eliminate anti-Semitism. When the Russian army briefly took control of the Austro-Hungarian province of Galicia early in the war, the Russians extended anti-Semitism to the large Jewish population in that province. A massive offensive by the Germans and their Austro-Hungarian ally followed between May and September, 1915.

As the Germans took control of much of western Russia, the Russian government, not trusting the loyalty of the Jews, began a forced evacuation of Jews from those areas. At the same time, the Germans helped a small number of Jews leave Russia and helped some reach the United States, neutral until April, 1917. Meanwhile, the war brought an end to three empires, in Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia.

The revolution in Russia, which would have a tremendous impact on world history, began to unfold in February, 1917. The czar would abdicate and a

new government would allow Russians to briefly experience democracy for the only time in the 20th century. The government quickly declared that Jews would be recognized as equal citizens of the nation.

The communists then took control in a second revolution in October-November, 1917. Ironically, the Jews would be closely identified with communism because so many individuals born Jewish, who likely abandoned their Judaism and may have become atheists, played prominent roles in the movement. Very quickly, the communists turned against all organized religion. The Zionist movement would be outlawed for allegedly opposing the revolution.

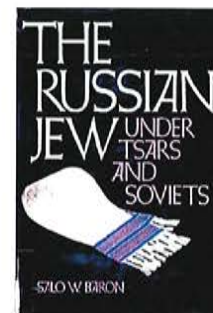
The upheavals of the war and the revolution led to a continuation of the relocation of Jews to areas where there had never been a Jewish presence. Many would be lost to Judaism. At the same time, while the communist government called for an end to anti-Semitism, it quickly became apparent that anti-Semitism remained a powerful force among the masses of the Russian people, especially among those opposed to the revolution. Civil war broke out as soon as the communists took control and would last until a communist victory in October, 1922.

Baron goes into great detail about the situation in the Ukraine. He says the Ukraine had become the center of Jewish life in the Soviet Union. In the midst of the ongoing turmoil, the Ukraine began to demand autonomy or independence. Baron presents some numbers that are hard to believe as late as the 1920s. He says that while an estimated 76 percent of Russian peasants remained illiterate in the Ukraine, the peasants had an even higher illiteracy rate of 83 percent.

The Ukrainians regarded the Jews, along with Poles and Russians living among them, as foreigners. As usual, the Jews would find themselves between the Russians and the Ukrainians. Baron says at least 30 major pogroms and at least 50 of what he calls "lesser riots" against the Jews took place just in 1918, after Russia had surrendered to Germany. He describes the pogroms as worse than those that had taken place during the czarist regime.

The situation for the Jews of the Ukraine became much worse in 1919. Baron says an unbelievable total of 685 major attacks and 249 "minor" attacks against Jews took place in that year. At last, Baron says, the number of attacks against Jews declined significantly in 1920 and came to an end in 1921. He says that as many as 150,000 Jews may have died between 1918 and 1920, or ten percent of the Jewish population of the Ukraine.

In the 1920s, the communist government talked about recognizing minority "nationalities" including the Jews. The Jews felt uneasy about getting too close to an officially atheistic regime. After several years of consideration, the government decided to offer the Jews a chance to settle in what might be considered their own "homeland." The area offered, however, would be about as far away from the population centers of the Soviet Union in Europe as possible.



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

*Irene Fishbein*

Sisterhood membership dues (new and renewals) were due on August 17th. If you have not sent in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Also, please take a moment to complete the interest form with your membership dues as we would love to know how you would like to be involved with Sisterhood. It was brought to our attention that we had an error in our dues letter - the correct amount for our annual dues is \$36. Our apologies for any confusion this error may have caused. Thank you to Dena Briskin and Diane Williams for their help preparing our membership mailing.

Mark your calendar for **Sunset in the Sukkah on Wednesday, October 12th @ 6:00PM**. Your invitation will be arriving soon. Our Mitzvah Project supporting the Femme Aid Collaborative was so successful last year that we have decided to do it again. We will kick off our collection of feminine hygiene products at Sunset in the Sukkah.

L'Shana Tova to you all!

## OLD PRAYER BOOKS, NEW HOME

Our old Sim Shalom prayer books have a new home! We were thrilled when Cantor Raizen noticed a congregation in Florida was looking for upgrading their prayer books. We reached out to them immediately to offer our old books to them. We packed and shipped the books to Beth Ami Congregation in Boca Raton, Florida. Their new rabbi, Rabbi Bertram Kieffer, was very pleased noting, "You have done a great mitzvah in helping a shul trying to recover from the pandemic." We were happy to be able to help them out.



## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

*Irwin Dumtschin*

It's that time of year again to **renew your Men's Club membership**. Included in the letter you recently received is information on membership, a form to fill out letting us know how you would like to participate in Men's Club activities this year, and for those locally, a flyer about the KIO-FJMC biennial retreat to take place at Camp Wise near Cleveland October 21st-23rd.

**High Holidays:** Men's Club is coordinating the High Holiday ushers. If you can help take a shift, please contact David Rothschild at 937-890-5241. We will again co-sponsor with Sisterhood the High Holiday gift bags sharing in the expenses and with the deliveries to our local congregants.

**Erecting the Sukkah:** For those of you who would like to help, no need to RSVP - just come on Sunday, October 2nd to the courtyard outside of the kitchen between 9:30 am and 10:00 am. Light refreshments will be served.

**Break-the-Fast:** Once again the Men's Club is sponsoring the Break-the-Fast meal after the conclusion of the Yom Kippur services. Please be sure to RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

**Sukkah Decorating & Dinner:** On Sunday, October 9th at 5:00 pm we will be decorating the sukkah followed by dinner the Men's Club supports.

**Monthly Meetings:** Our next monthly meeting is **Monday, September 19th at 7:30 pm** via Zoom. Our meetings are open to all, so come join us. Look for the Zoom link in the upcoming News & Notes.

L'Shana Tova - Men's Club wishes you a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year. May we all be inscribed into the Book of Life.

## CEMETERY NEWS

*Norm Lewis*

Beginning September 1st, the fee for opening and closing a grave will increase from \$1000 to \$1200. There has not been a cemetery fee increase since 2015. This increase is a reflection of the permanent increase in our cost since we have been using a new gravedigger.

As well, starting this year the flags that are placed by the graves of our military veterans on Memorial Day weekend will be collected around July 4th rather than left in place until the following Memorial Day. The appearance of the flags has become an issue and the Jewish War Veterans who distribute the flags can now recycle them. Collecting flags soon after Memorial Day is actually the established protocol by most veterans groups including the American Legion.



Our school supply collection table was overflowing with donations, which will be given to Crayons to Classrooms.

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#### Friday, September 2

Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 7:48 pm

#### Saturday, September 3

Morning Service 9:30 am  
 Havdalah 8:50 pm

#### Friday, September 9

Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 7:37 pm

#### Saturday, September 10

Morning Service 9:30 am  
 Havdalah 8:38 pm

#### Friday, September 16

Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 7:25 pm

#### Saturday, September 17

**Selichot**  
 Morning Service 9:30 am  
 Havdalah 8:27 pm  
 Community Selichot:  
 Reception 8:30 pm  
 Service 9:00 pm

#### Friday, September 23

Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 7:14 pm

#### Saturday, September 24

Morning Service 9:30 am  
 Havdalah 8:15 pm

#### Sunday, September 25

**Erev Rosh Hashana**  
 Ma'ariv Service 6:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 7:10 pm

#### Monday, September 26

**Rosh Hashana (First Day)**  
 Morning Service 9:00 am  
 Youth Service 10:00 am  
 Tashlich &  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:30 pm  
 Candle Lighting 8:12 pm

#### Tuesday, September 27

**Rosh Hashana (Second Day)**  
 Morning Service 9:00 am  
 Youth Service 10:00 am  
 NO Mincha/Ma'ariv service  
 Havdalah 8:11 pm

#### Friday, September 30

Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat 5:00 pm  
 Candle Lighting 7:02 pm

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