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Welcome to Beth Abraham - At Last!

We are pleased to welcome Rav Aubrey Glazer to Beth Abraham Synagogue and are thrilled he made it to Dayton in time for Rosh Hashanah. A native of Canada, he has served as senior rabbi of numerous congregations from the west coast to the east coast, and he is also founder of Panui (San Francisco), an incubator for contemplative practice and conscious community building. Rav Glazer has a passion for life-long learning, creative and musical prayer, meditation and mysticism, as pathways for awakening community to the mysteries of Jewish life. After being ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where Rabbi Glazer also completed his MA in Jewish Philosophy, he received his PhD at University of Toronto in Hebrew Hermeneutics with a focus on contemporary Hebrew mystical poetry.



When at play, you will find Rav Glazer fly-fishing, hiking and meditating in nature. He and his wife Elyssa look forward to meeting everyone. Their teenage daughter, Tal, is studying in Israel this year.



SUKKAH DECORATING AND SEPHARDIC SUPPER OCTOBER 9th, 5:00 PM

Sukkot begins this year on Sunday evening, **Oct. 9th** and we thought it would be nice to bring in this most festive of holidays together as a community. Beginning at **5:00 pm**, come make and hang decorations to beautify our synagogue sukkah. We will then gather in the sukkah for dinner that will feature some Sephardic dishes reflecting the harvest theme of the holiday. As the sun begins to set, we will pray the evening festival service together. Please **RSVP by October 4th**.



The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*

This year is off to a great start already. Last month I told you about the new Jewish music program that we were



going to introduce, called Rhythm 'N' Ruach. On the first day of GOAL!, our children's Jewish educational classes on Sundays, we experienced our first session for students together with their families.

As you can see from the photos, a good time was had by all. Ruach (spirit) filled the room and everyone found rhythm, not only on drums, but with shakers, tambourines, hands, feet and even with a parachute. Our first session focused on Rosh Hashanah and the next week we explored some aspects of Yom Kippur. Rhythm 'N' Ruach will definitely be a part of our program throughout the year, as well as being offered on Shabbat for families from time to time. Watch the Bulletin and emails for details later in the year.



Our students were able to help change the covers on our Torah scrolls this year for the first time in three years. This is always a special task for them and they did it with great respect and care for our scrolls.

It wouldn't be a holiday without a cooking session. This year we baked some tasty (and so easy to make!) Apples and Honey Cookies to usher in a year of sweetness and joy.

And we are so happy to welcome back to our teaching staff Mrs. Sandy Sloane-Brenner who is working with our youngest students this year. We are also joined by Eva Borbonus who recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah last spring and will be helping out as our school *madricha*, aide.

We hope to see everyone on *Erev Sukkot*, Sunday, Oct. 9 for sukkah decorating, dinner in the sukkah and a short service to bring in the festival. Details can be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.



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“ONE THING I ASK...” — HUMILITY AS THE FIRST STEP ON THE SPIRITUAL SEARCH

Rav Aubrey L. Glazer, PhD

Have you ever noticed how sacred time on the Hebrew calendar is marked by a plethora of customs?



Most of us are aware that it is customary to begin reciting Psalm 27 on the first day of *Elul*, one

month before Rosh Hashanah, continuing through *Sukkot* (Feast of Booths). Like the sounding of the *shofar* (ram's horn), this twice-daily practice—morning and night—is intended to help us reflect on our beliefs, questions, hopes, and fears as we prepare for a new year. Fewer of us realize that when King David completed his writing of all the 150 Psalms, the pride he exuded at his sense of accomplishment was second to none—after all, this now marked him as the most prolific sacred singer that ever lived in Israel. At this very moment the King encounters a small frog, and she reminds David that she too sings a sacred song every day: “David, do not get a swelled head! I recite more songs of praise than you, and not only that, but from each song I sing Solomon will make 300 parables!” This humbling reminder restores King David to a more balanced sense of self within the world—after all, the frog reminds him that just one *ribbet* will produce twice as many parables by his son, Solomon, than his father could muster in the Psalter.

Each year when I revisit Psalm 27, I challenge myself to focus on a different verse, and this year it is the fourth verse:

“One thing I ask of the Lord; this do I seek:

**to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord and**

to visit the divine abode.”

The Psalmist reminds us that the path of *teshuvah*-- of turning and returning to self, other, and God—is both daunting and absolutely necessary, and perhaps that is why the poet's words of yearning feel truly resonant. My attraction to this verse has been intensified in studying with my *havruta*, Rabbi Or Rose, the nuanced interpretation of the eighteenth-century Hasidic sage, Rabbi Yehiel Mikhel of Zlotchov (d. 1781). Why, asks Reb Yehiel Mikhel, does the psalmist need to say, **“this do I seek”** having already indicated that he has a request of God—**“One thing do I ask of God?”**

The answer, the Zlotchover Maggid teaches us, is that what may appear to be a literary flourish is actually a profound lesson on humility: in the focused repetition of a seemingly extraneous phrase, **“this do I seek,”** King David is urging us to remember that even when we **“behold the beauty of the Lord”** or feel at home in God's **“house”** we must understand that the journey is not over. The words **“this do I seek”** are intended to guard against spiritual arrogance. These words could even serve as a prayer in and of themselves: “Please God, help me to see that my vision of You and of your creation remains partial and will *always* be so. Therefore, grant me the wherewithal to continue the spiritual quest ‘all the days of my life.’”

While it is important to acknowledge our growth and the transformative power of religious experience - particularly during this intensive season of *teshuvah*, when we might lose sight of such accomplishments while engaged in acts of re/turn - we must also recognize that as human beings our visions of reality are always limited. Rather than feeling paralyzed by this reality, what if this actually inspired us to continue the quest? We must always

recall that there is “a greater rung of understanding” beyond our current level of insight and awareness. The words **“this do I seek”** serve simultaneously as a reminder to ourselves to delve deeper and as a prayer to God to help us remain open to the ongoing work of uncovering “holy sparks” as we travel through life.

As we journey from Elul to Tishrei, from Selichot to Simchat Torah, let us recall this guidance and use it as inspiration for traveling onwards. I pray that we all have the resilience to continue the search for the holy with honesty and openness, doing so in the company of our supportive communal family at Beth Abraham. May we come to see more clearly how there is beauty even in the partiality of our visions, and the critical need to learn with and from other insightful and imperfect seekers. As the frog reminded King David, humility is the first step on the spiritual search.

Mazel
Tov!

The National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton recently honored The Honorable Walter H. Rice as the inaugural recipient of the 2022 Trailblazer Legacy Award.

**CONGRATULATIONS
JUDGE RICE!**

IMPORTANT HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION!

- ✓ **Masks:** Masks are now optional for those who are vaccinated. There is seating available in one of the pods for those who prefer a more socially distanced seating area with other mask wearers. 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 & Parking:** 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. 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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.



COME CELEBRATE THE TORAH WITH US! SIMCHAT TORAH, MONDAY OCT. 17

Before we know it, Simchat Torah will be here! On **Monday, October 17 at 6:30 pm**, join us for an evening of dancing and singing with the Torah scrolls, celebrating our joy of completing another cycle of Torah reading and study. The band will be there to uplift our spirits and get us dancing. Prior to the service, we are offering a complimentary, light pasta meal from **5:30-6:15**, along with our popular "make your own ice cream sundae bar" prior to the service.

No RSVPs Required! See you there!

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In honor of

Matt & Elaine Arnovitz's new grandson, by Beverly Louis



SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Beth Adelman

Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies for our Crayons to Classrooms collection. They were very pleased with all of the items they received. Please remember to bring canned/non-perishable food for the Fast of Isaiah. The need continues to be great in our community, so consider bringing in a can or 2 of food whenever you come to Beth Abraham.

And while it's a Sisterhood project, donations of feminine hygiene items or monetary donations would be appreciated for the Sunset in the Sukkah mitzvah project supporting the Femme Aid Collaborative. They will be collecting items through November.

Suggestions for Social Action projects are always welcome – please contact Beth Adelman with your ideas or for more information.



In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

- September 3** - Steve and Liz Musin in honor of their 40th anniversary
- September 10** - Franklin and Cheryl Lewis in honor of Franklin's birthday & their 55th anniversary
- September 17** - Doug and Bonnie Deutsch in honor of their anniversary
- September 24** - Beth Abraham Synagogue

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in October:

October Birthdays

- 1 Lynn Foster
- 2 Steven Horenstein
- 3 Ezekiel Naziri
- 5 Dale Schiff
- 10 Bruce Hulman
- 10 Bernard Rabinowitz
- 11 Robert Bernstein
- 12 Harriet Samler
- 12 Alan Scherr
- 12 Phyllis Morris
- 13 Michael Leffak
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- 26 Stephanie Spetter
- 26 Marci Vandersluis
- 26 Michael Massimini
- 27 Rita Mendelson
- 30 Jean Isenberg
- 30 Seth Schwartz
- 31 Bethany Einstein

October Anniversaries

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

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

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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

Jenny Ableman	Charles Frank	Florence Liss	Mary Schroeder	Lawrence Briskin
Harry Ableman	Joseph Frankowitz	Hyman Louis	Jerome Schwartz	Selma Brown
Robert Abrahamson	Abe Friedman	Howard Lynn	Morris Segall	Charles B. Dorfman
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Sara Austrian	Charles Frydman	Linda S. Maslia	Norman Slavin	Lillian Goldberg
Anne Baume	Abe Gaffin	Harry Mason	Esther Kantor Slonim	Hyman Gordon
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Helen L. Brown	Pearl Harris	Eugenia Rados	Benjamin Tannenbaum	Gertie Lefkowitz
Dorothy Brown	Lawrence Heller	Louis Raffner	Julius Teres	Leah Mann
Irene Charles	Issac Hellreich	Annette Rennemann	Jack Tilson	Frieda Mark
Bernie Chesler	Rose Hillelson	Arye Riback	Mark Timmer	Yaakov Marmorstein
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BAT MITZVAH OF SHOSHANA LEAH KRUMMEL-ADKINS

With pride and joy, Drs. Miriamne Krummel and Matthew Adkins announce the Bat Mitzvah of Shoshana Leah Krummel-Adkins on **October 22** at Beth Abraham Synagogue. Shoshana attended Hillel Academy from kindergarten to 5th grade and is currently in the 7th grade at Oakwood Junior High School. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Rifke Krummel, of blessed memory; Dr. William Krummel of Norwalk, Connecticut; Marguerite Adkins of Cary, North Carolina; and Gregory Adkins, of blessed memory.

Shoshana studies piano, and next semester will start learning the guitar as well. Her greatest passion is art, working with watercolors and pencils. Shoshana has travelled to a number of exciting and exotic places, and is an avid reader. A particular focus for her Bat Mitzvah project has been placed on keeping Hills and Dales Metro Park clean and free of garbage, in keeping with her desire to protect the Earth. If you wish to contribute to Shoshana's project, please also keep your parks and neighborhoods clean, or send donations to The Metro Parks: <https://www.metroparks.org/about/foundations>.

L'SHANAH TOVAH!

**THIS NEW YEAR,
LET'S PLANT SEEDS
FOR A VIBRANT
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During 5783, let's channel
Rabbi Glazer's High
Holiday message:

**BE A PART OF
SOMETHING LARGER
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HOW do we do this,
you ask.
Well, it's really easy:
Do something
significant for the
future. Join with
many others who have
already become Life &
Legacy participants –
Include Beth
Abraham in your
estate plan.
To learn more, contact
Elaine Arnovitz at the
synagogue office.



MEN'S CLUB BRUNCH RESUMES!

We're happy to announce that our popular Men's Club Sunday Brunch Speaker Series will resume on **October 30**, with Rav Glazer as our first speaker for the year.

Oct. 30
Nov. 13

Rav Aubrey Glazer - TBA
Brig. Gen. ret. Paul Cooper,
*Tactical Airlift in Desert Storm: My
Personal Story of 7 Months Flying
in the Desert*

Nov. 20

Bob Thum – *Jewish Life in 19th
Century America*. Temple
Israel will join us.

Beth Abraham Sisterhood New Year's Greetings (additional) L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu!

Carol Chudde
Susan Chudde
Doug and Bonnie Deutsch
Kim and Shelley Goldenberg
Beverly Saeks
Felice Shane and family

From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



I am happy that Rav Aubrey has finally made it to Dayton and Beth Abraham! While the immigration issue concerning Rav Glazer has been a major item for me

as President of Beth Abraham, it has not been the only thing. I want to provide you with an update on several other matters of which the Board and I have working.

The Beth Abraham Synagogue Foundation Board (BASF) has reestablished itself with the tasks of reorganizing, reviewing Beth Abraham's financial holdings, and setting forth a plan for more financial stability in the future. Thanks to our Treasurer, Andy Schwartz, in making this happen. The reformulated BASF has worked during this past year to fill its board members, elect officers, and adopt an investment policy. Gary Greene, the BASF board

President, did a fantastic job of keeping the Board on task and assisting the Foundation in determining what cash needed to be on hand for the synagogue's current operations and in establishing an investment policy that would guide the leadership.

Additionally, as President, I wanted us to work on a strategic planning process for the future of Beth Abraham. This process will help us plan for changes that may occur in the future. Per the recommendation of USCJ, we needed to wait for the arrival of the new rabbi to fully engage in the process. The Board is currently working on a Thriving Community Assessment (TCA) to elicit the Board's thoughts and opinions as to the attributes that contribute to the success of the congregation. This TCA explores issues regarding future leadership and needs of the congregation. Look for future communications regarding both this assessment and our strategic planning process that will begin after

the High Holidays.

Finally, I have been working with the Beth Abraham staff to address current services to our congregants. We are continuing to assess our needs for the physical building, the cemetery, and our clergy and congregants. We appreciate our paid staff and probably do not say thank you enough. So, let me give a big shout out to Elaine, Ann, Annie and Dennis for everything that they do. The clergy and the Board could not accomplish what they do without the paid staff's assistance.

As always, if there is something I or the Board can do to make your membership in Beth Abraham more meaningful, or if you have questions for me, feel free to contact me directly at 937-545-9315 or email me at libeman@buckleyking.com. It has been an honor to be your President and I look forward to a busy and fulfilling new year.

A JEWISH NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IT'S TIME TO LEARN HEBREW!

If you have always wanted to learn Hebrew but never had the opportunity...the time is now!

Beth Abraham Synagogue is pleased to announce that it will offer the NJOP program of Beginners' Hebrew. This is not a Hebrew review, but a true beginners' Hebrew.

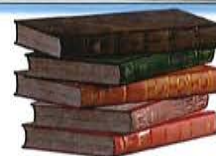
Chaya Vidal will teach the class in eight sessions beginning **Sunday, October 23 through Sunday, December 11**. Classes will run from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., and then we can walk across the hall and join the Men's' Club Brunches at 10.a.m.

There is no charge, but **pre-registration is required by October 7** so that materials can be prepared. Call the office at (937) 293-9520 to register.

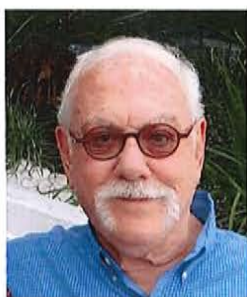
You can bring a friend...we're going to have fun...we'll be learning to read the most beautiful language in the world!!!

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 land the communist government offered to the

Jews put them on the eastern fringe of the vast territory of the Soviet Union. In fact, they would be living in Asia, very close to the border with China and, as usual, on the front line of any possible conflict between the two countries. Known as Biro-Bidzhan, it is the area where two rivers, the Biro and the Bidzhan, come together. It is in Siberia!

According to Baron, about 950 Jews arrived as early as 1928, but 600 quickly departed. Expected to become farmers, they faced a hostile land with no infrastructure and no housing. It would not be easy to reach the Trans-Siberian Railroad, the lifeline of the eastern Soviet Union. In 1929, another 1,875 Jews arrived but 1,125 did not stay. As the world wide depression unfolded in the early 1930s, the number of Jews who arrived kept increasing but so did the number of Jews who left.

Between 1928 and 1933 only 19,635 Jews arrived and 11,450 did not remain, for a net gain of a bit more than 8,000. Very quickly, Jews became a minority in the area meant to be their "homeland" as Asians continued to move in, particularly from Korea and Mongolia. Baron says Jews made up only 20 percent of the population. The government would not give up hope on the plan for Biro-Bidzhan and expected to move 50,000 Jews to the area between 1934 and 1937.

As of June, 1937, however, only 18,000 Jews lived in Biro-Bidzhan,

though they then made up almost 24 percent of the total population of about 76,500. Meanwhile, in the western heartland of the Soviet Union, many prominent individuals Jewish by birth, civilian or military, became victims of a paranoid Stalin's continuing purge of anyone who could possibly threaten his power.

Baron uses census data from 1897, 1926 and 1939 to demonstrate that the Jews became a steadily smaller percentage of the Soviet population. That resulted from Jewish losses in World War I, in the civil war that followed the revolution and from the enormous number of Jews who left for the United States. At last, however, when Jews could live anywhere, a historic development had taken place. During the czarist regime only a handful of "privileged" Jews could live in Russia's two greatest cities, Moscow and St. Petersburg.

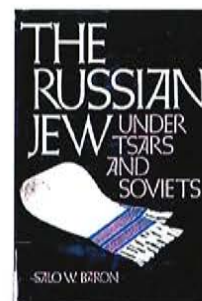
With Jews no longer confined to the shtetl, they became urban dwellers in large number. While there had been fewer than 8,100 Jews in Moscow in 1897, the number had grown to more than 131,000 by 1926. Leningrad, formerly St. Petersburg, had fewer than 17,000 Jews in 1897. By 1926 more than 84,000 Jews lived in that city. Odessa on the Black Sea had the largest Jewish population of any city in the Soviet Union with more than 153,000 Jews in 1926. The Jewish population of Kiev had grown from about 32,000 in 1897 to about 140,000 in 1926.

Baron acknowledges that the figures from the 1939 census may not be completely accurate, but it suggests that the Jewish population of Moscow had grown to between 300,000 and 400,000, making that the largest Jewish community in Europe. Those Jews would be safe during World War II because when the Germans invaded the Soviet Union in late June, 1941, they never reached Moscow.

The Jewish population of Leningrad reached 200,000, but many would be among the one million who died from starvation and disease while the Germans had the city surrounded from early September, 1941 to late January, 1944, a period remembered as The 900 Days. Overall Jewish life changed dramatically in the 1930s as the communist government tried to create a population of working masses and to eliminate private enterprise and capitalism in any form.

Living in cities with diverse populations and working in factories as the Soviet Union launched a massive program of industrialization to try to catch up with Western Europe, many Jews would become more secular and less religious. They lived in an officially atheistic society. The government declared that Jewish schools had to use Yiddish, still used by most Russian Jews, as the language of instruction so that the next generation of Jews would make good communists. The use of modern Hebrew might encourage Zionist aspirations.

Baron emphasizes that the revolution brought Jewish cultural life into the modern era and a daily newspaper in Hebrew began to appear in Moscow in July, 1917. The paper would be openly critical of the government established by the communists and would be forced to cease publication in June, 1918. However, a wide variety of publications in Hebrew had started to appear all over the country. Then in 1919, when the government outlawed Zionist activities, it also cracked down on the presses turning out Hebrew publications.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

Join us for **Sunset in the Sukkah** on **Wednesday, October 12th @ 6:00 PM**. We'll celebrate, learn, schmooze, and eat of course! Don't forget the door prizes! We are collecting feminine hygiene products again this year for the Femme Aid Collaborative. Monetary contributions are accepted as well (checks made payable to Femme Aid). We will keep the collection going through November. We thank you in advance for your support. **RSVPs** are being taken by the office until **October 3rd**. Hope to see you there!

We hope you enjoyed your High Holiday gift bags. It takes more than a minyan to get them ready and delivered from Beth Abraham to your door. Sisterhood and Men's Club would like to give a HUGE thank you to our Bag Preparers and Mobile Menses for being so generous with their time. We must also thank **Premier ProduceOne** for supplying our delicious apples.



COME SHOP TILL YOU DROP!

The Gift Shop will be open on the evening of Wednesday, October 12th for attendees of Sunset in the Sukkah. Call the office if you need to shop at another time!

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

High Holidays: We would like to thank David Rothschild for coordinating the High Holiday ushers and all the volunteers for taking their time to maintain the dignity and sanctity of our services. Men's Club joined Sisterhood once again to provide our local congregants with High Holiday gift bags.

Erecting the Sukkah Structure: For those who would like to help, there is no need to RSVP - just show up on **Sunday, October 2nd** to the courtyard outside of the kitchen at **10:00 am**. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Sukkah Decorating & Dinner: On Sunday, **October 9th at 5:00 PM** we'll be decorating the sukkah, followed by a Sephardic Sukkah Supper provided by the Men's Club.

Beth Abraham Sunday Brunch Speaker Series: The Men's Club will kick-off the Beth Abraham Sunday Brunch Speaker Series beginning on **October 30th** with Rav Glazer as our first speaker.

Monthly Meetings: The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, **October 24th at 7:30 pm** via Zoom. Our meetings are open to all, so come join us.

Once again, wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year 5783!

GIFT BAG VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the following congregants who helped volunteer their time to assemble and deliver the holiday bags to all our local congregants:

Beth Adelman
Elaine Arnovitz
Connie Blum
Dena Briskin
Alan and Judy Chesen
Ted Cooper
Doug & Bonnie Deutsch
Irwin Dumtschin
Irene Fishbein
Julie Goldstein
Mindy Greene

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Franklin & Cheryl Lewis
Ann Liberman
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David Rothschild
Dale & Sharon Schiff
Allan Spetter &
Claudia Birch
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Saturday, Oct. 1 Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 8:04 pm	Monday, Oct. 10 Sukkot I Morning Service NO Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	9:30 am 7:50 pm	Monday, Oct. 17 Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah Morning Service Yizkor Service Simchat Torah Service Candle Lighting	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:39 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 4 Erev Yom Kippur Mincha Service Kol Nidre Candle Lighting	6:30 pm 6:50 pm 6:56 pm	Tuesday, Oct. 11 Sukkot II Morning Service NO Mincha/Ma'ariv Havdalah	9:30 am 7:48 pm	Tuesday, Oct. 18 Simchat Torah Morning Service NO Mincha/Ma'ariv Havdalah	9:30 am 7:38 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 5 Yom Kippur Morning Service Youth Service Yizkor Mincha Neilah Havdalah/Concluding Shofar	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:58 pm	Wed. - Thurs. Oct. 12 - 13 Hol HaMoed Sukkot Mincha/Ma'ariv (on Zoom)	5:30 pm	Friday, Oct. 21 Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:00 pm 6:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 7 Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:00 pm 6:51 pm	Friday, Oct. 14 Hol HaMoed Sukkot Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:00 pm 6:40 pm	Saturday, Oct. 22 Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 7:32 pm
Saturday, Oct. 8 Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 7:53 pm	Saturday, Oct. 15 Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 7:42 pm	Friday, Oct. 28 Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:00 pm 6:21 pm
Sunday, Oct. 9 Erev Sukkot Ma'ariv in the Sukkah Candle Lighting	6:30 pm 6:48 pm	Sunday, Oct. 16 Erev Shemini Atzeret Candle Lighting	6:37 PM	Saturday, Oct. 29 Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 7:23 pm