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## WOK N' ROLL HANUKKAH!

We know what most of you usually do on **December 25!** So, come join your Beth Abraham family for a kosher Chinese dinner and some fun! This year it falls on Sunday, which is the eighth night of Hanukkah, so bring your menorahs and candles to light together.

We'll enjoy a delicious in-house prepared vegetarian Chinese dinner (including Cantor Raizen's famous egg rolls), latkes and dessert. The fun begins at **5:00PM. \$10 adults, \$7 kids.** Please **RSVP** to the office by **Monday, December 19th.**

Of course there will be fun and games for all ages including our own rendition of Family Feud: Hanukkah Edition! You'll be able to come up with your own "Beth Abraham Family Team" to compete with each other.



Bring your friends and family for an enjoyable Hanukkah celebration!



## ADOPT-A-FAMILY

For Hanukkah, we are once again participating in the Adopt-A-Family program through the Public Defender's Office. We will be supporting a family of 4 (3 children and 1 adult). If you'd like to sign up to purchase an item, please do so by **December 5<sup>th</sup>** (link is in News & Notes or call the office). If you prefer to make a monetary contribution and let us do the shopping, please call, email or sign up on the document to let us know.

**\*\*If you are able to help us shop for gifts with the monetary contributions we receive, please call the office.**



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

Hanukkah is fast approaching and it's time to clean out last year's wax from the menorah, start with a fresh box of



candles and brush up on the blessings and songs that accompany the lighting ceremony. Most of us can remember that we place the first nights' candle on the right side and add each new one

to the left, while lighting from left to right. If you get confused, think "set to the left and light to the right." Upon lighting, we recite 3 blessings on the first night and two on all the others. Many follow this by singing *Maoz Tzur*, Rock of Ages. But what has happened to the singing of *Hanerot Halalu*? I know that many of you know to sing this after lighting, but if you do not, read on and consider adding this to your repertoire.

The words of *Hanerot Halalu* were written over 1500 years ago and even appear in the Talmud. The song says:

"These candles that we light are for the miracles and for the wonders and for the rescues and for the wars that You made for our ancestors in those days at this time, through Your holy kohanim [priests]. And all eight days of Hanukkah, these candles are holy, and we do not have permission to use them but, rather, to look upon them, in order to thank and praise Your great name for Your miracles and for Your wonders and for Your rescues."

In a nutshell, thank you God for the miracles and the wonders that you brought about at the time of the Maccabees that insured the survival of the Jewish people and allow us to continue to pass down the traditions and teachings that we hold so dear. What makes this prayer unusual is that it teaches us an important Jewish law. The law it teaches is that we are not to make use of the Hanukkah candles while they're burning. Rather, we are only

permitted to enjoy them. No similar law applies to Shabbat candles. There's no objection to, for example, eating by the light of Shabbat candles. But Hanukkah candles are different. They're special. We aren't supposed to make use of their light, only to enjoy it. That's why we use a *shamash*, or "helper" candle, and leave it burning while the other candles are burning. We use the light of the *shamash* to see, and we enjoy the light coming from the other candles. We are commanded to light the candles and then sit in their presence and enjoy them, for at least a half hour or until they burn out. This may be how the practice of spinning the dreidel arose, children that came up with a game to play while sitting in the presence of the candles.

What an amazing religious obligation, to sit in the presence of little candles and simply be. We don't have to do anything. We just have to bask in the light of those candles. For some of us, that might be a challenge. It might seem tedious. But maybe that's what it takes to truly appreciate a miracle, the ability to sit back and not think about doing anything other than appreciating the moment.

When we light our candles today, they should be transformed from mere wax and wicks to a state of holiness, as the song tells us. As you look at the flames each night, think of those traditions, stories and objects that have been passed along by your family thanks to the efforts of the Maccabees, and then ask yourself how you can pay this forward. In other words, how can you become a modern day Maccabee? What do you and your family value so highly that you feel must be transmitted to the next generation and what can you do to ensure that? *Hanerot Halalu* encourages us to take the time to focus solely on this message before diving into our latkes and other goodies.

I wish you all a *Chag Urim Sameach*, a happy and inspired festival of lights.

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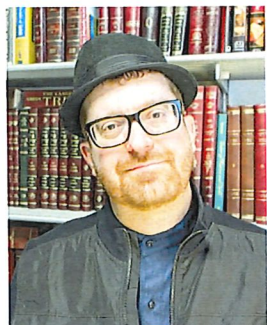
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## HANUKKAH'S UNTOLD STORY: FINDING OUR MIDDLE WAY IN THE WAKE OF THE MACCABEES

Rav Aubrey L. Glazer, PhD

We all know the story of Hanukkah, *or so we think...* This Jewish winter solstice



celebration commemorates an important historical moment in the evolution of Jewish civilization as a

successful merging of modern and traditional sensibilities, even though the Hasmonean Dynasty lost its independence early on (63 BCE). But the untold story of Hanukkah is really more of how the Maccabees saved Israel from a twofold Greek danger: namely, while the Maccabees may have eradicated one kind of Hellenism (idolatry), they replaced it with another (a cultural synthesis of Judaism and Hellenism). The challenge of Hellenism in those days (as with contemporary American culture nowadays), remains much the same—retaining our particular identity while being immersed in universal culture and values. How does that interaction *enhance* rather than *weaken* the Judaism we are committed to passing on to the coming generations?

This holiday season, we would be well served to look at the Hanukkah story through its historical lens, a way of reading the tradition that as Conservative Jews we champion. Hanukkah is teaching us how to truly navigate living this "middle way." While the Greeks succeeded, albeit at a cost, by ruling the Hellenic world, the Jews succeeded by their knowledge of the unity of God and the divine world rule. Setting up an inner barrier against surrendering to Hellenism may have been necessary for the Jews to preserve past gains, but it was not sufficient to enrich their spirit and inner life. Our

celebration of Hanukkah needs to acknowledge that the internal Jewish reconciliation with Hellenism begins with the Maccabees, *but it must continue with us!*

Back then it was the culture of the gymnasium, theater, amphitheater and games at the hippodrome, while today it is the culture of travel sports and pick-up games, rapid technology, social networking and of course, arts and culture! The inspiration that emerges from our surrounding cultures needs to be experienced with discernment to nourish our Jewish identity without surrendering our intrinsic spiritual values. Discernment comes from the lenses we use to see our lives with greater perspective.

As a communal family at Beth Abraham, we have been honing a variety of lenses to rebalance our Jewish compasses in our exploratory kaleidoscope of Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat prayer experiences, as well as in our lifelong learning sessions. *Learning How To Learn* was a well-attended, interactive survey of the Jewish bookshelf, seeing how and why our great books affect the way we think as Jews and give us a common language of shared experience. At Shabbat kiddush lunch we have been exploring our Pilgrimage Through the Psalms to rediscover why this prayerful poetry is so resonant with our spiritual journeys. And in our next lifelong learning sessions on Mondays at noon we will embark upon *A Quest for Meaningful Living Through Mysticism: Kabbalah as Jewish Mystical Experience*. We will explore major themes in the Jewish mystical tradition—called *Kabbalah*—including various understandings of God, *Torah*, the *mitzvot*, and prayer that can (re)inspire our Jewish practices.

In addition, I have begun my listening tour of the Beth Abraham Synagogue

family through meet & greet parlor meetings. All of these encounters are intended to bring us together in our journey to appreciate our history and begin sharing our hopes and dreams for the future of the Beth Abraham Synagogue family. This is the genius of Judaism and the Maccabean middle way that we continue celebrating—to see the spiritual in the material world and culture around us as a gift worthy of uplifting. May we continue to carry forth this blessing, in the words of the prophet Zechariah (4:7), "not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit."

*Hag urim sameikh!*

Rav Aubrey, Elyssa & Tal Sahara (*leBeit Nuria*)



### SHABBAT LUNCH & LEARN - A PILGRIMAGE THROUGH PSALMS

Rediscover the magic of Psalms along the pilgrimage of our spiritual journeys each Shabbat, following morning services at kiddush lunch with Rav Aubrey. The group gathers for a close reading of key Psalms in Martin Cohen's new translation and commentary, *Our Haven, Our Strength*. All are welcome.



## WHY THE NEED FOR LEGACY GIFTS?

*Ralph Williams*

I've been asked why the synagogue is asking for legacy gifts. "Why not let future congregants pay for the synagogue's future expenses? After all, don't current congregants like me pay for the synagogue's current expenses?"

The answer is, not always and not entirely. Beth Abraham's current annual operating budget is intended to cover salaries, supplies, routine maintenance costs and much of the cost of the meaningful, vibrant programming that helps make Beth Abraham have the feel of community. The synagogue's goal is to fund the operating budget partially through dues and partially through donations. Annually, collected dues cover around 50% of the budget while typically contributions cover 25-35%. Sometimes special appeals are pursued in hopes of covering the remainder of operating costs. But more often than the synagogue would like, we run an operating expense deficit.

Additionally, the synagogue sometimes incurs other expenses outside those that are operating expenses. Major building repairs and system upgrades are required from time to time. Again, special appeals may cover a portion of these expenses, but not necessarily all of them.

How are these deficits met? Like many synagogues, one source for these needed funds is legacy giving. We have been fortunate that many generous and committed congregants have left bequests to Beth Abraham that have helped support the synagogue over the past decade in its times of financial need. The Beth Abraham Foundation manages a reserve of funds invested in safe, income-generating investments that allow the reserve to grow and to be available to help meet Beth Abraham's financial shortfalls.

Please consider helping our reserve grow by becoming a Life & Legacy participant. For more information, contact Elaine Arnovitz at the synagogue.



## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SHABBAS? YOU ARE - IN PERSON!

Mark your calendars for our next Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? (GWCTS) taking place **LIVE AND IN PERSON** in member's homes on Friday, January 27th.

Sign-up information will be available later this month.

**We hope you will join us for this exciting, popular program!**



## LIFELONG LEARNING - NEW CLASS BEGINS DECEMBER 5

Rav Glazer's new class, "Quest for Meaningful Living Through Mysticism: Kabbalah as Jewish Mystical Experience," will begin **Monday, December 5** at noon and continue for 10 sessions on Zoom. The class will explore major themes in the Jewish mystical tradition - *Kabbalah* - including various understandings of God, Torah, *mitzvot*, and prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend this Zoom class, but **registration is required**. For more information about the class, and to register, visit the Beth Abraham website.



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In honor of

**Shoshana Krummel-Adkins' Bat Mitzvah**, by Steve & Liz Musin

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**Shoshana Krummel-Adkins' Bat Mitzvah**, by Ann & Scott Liberman

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**Rick Pinsky**, by Jim Nathanson

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In honor of

**Rav Glazer's help at the cemetery, & Yom Kippur aliyah**, by Linda Brotkin  
**Beth Adelman**, by Steve & Penney Fraim

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## In the Beth Abraham Family

**Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:**

**November 5** - Beth Abraham Synagogue

**November 12** - The Schriber family in memory of Kenneth Schriber

**November 19** - Michael & Ellen Leffak in honor of the birth of their granddaughter

**November 26** - Felice Shane in memory of Arlene Furst

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

### **December Birthdays**

1	Carol Nathanson
1	Judah Naziri
1	Edie Pequignot
3	Robert Thum
4	Meryl Hattenbach
5	Lawrence Wagenfeld
6	Claire Berks
6	Marla Merdinger
7	Liz Musin
8	Mindy Metz
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15	Shirley Fisher
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20	Sylvia Blum
21	Bonnie Parish
22	William Schoenfeld
23	Edwin Katz
24	Allan Spetter
25	George Barnett
25	Andrea Scher Rabiner
26	Linda Shapiro
27	Mark Gordon
28	Harlan Louis
29	Kenneth Blum
30	Susan Schear
30	Marlene Pinsky
31	Diane Rubin Williams

### **December Anniversaries**

10	Marshall & Donna Weiss
17	George & Ruth Barnett
17	David & Lynn Goldenberg
26	Dale & Sharon Schiff

**\*\* 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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Walt and Margaret Maimon

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**Berniece Brown**, by Roberta Zawatsky

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**Our birthday aliyot**, by Mike Jaffe & Judy Schwartzman

**Penney Fraim's birthday, & for serving as mashgiach for Shoshanna's bat mitzvah**, by Miriamne Krummel & Matt Adkins

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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 December (Kislev - Tevet) we remember:***

### **KISLEV**

Jodi Lynn Abrahamson  
Adrienne Lisa Abrams  
Nathan Aides  
Carmen Appel  
Jack Arnovitz  
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Tala Arnovitz  
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Blanche Block  
Harold Bloom  
Thomas Blum  
Isadore Brown  
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Abe Coplan  
Rose Dinkin  
Paul Dorf  
Charles R. Dorfman  
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Ben Eckman  
Karl Ehrlich  
Sety Farache  
Ruth Fiddler  
Leo Fox  
Bessie Frank  
Molly Frankowitz  
Mardelle Friedberg  
Rebecca Friedman  
Harry Friedman  
Philip Froikin  
Sarah Furst  
Robert O. Furth  
Helen Gams  
David Garber  
Tillye Garlikov  
Harry Gilfer  
Lillian Glasman

Max Goffin  
Lena Goffin  
Sophie Goldflies  
Jean Goldstein  
Annette Goodman  
Herman Greenfield  
Phillip Gressel  
Mat Grinker  
Morris Groban  
Rose Halberstein  
Christopher Hayden  
Ben Hochhauser  
Michael Horenstein  
Morris Horwitz  
Abraham Hyman  
Gerald Jacobson  
Gunther I. Jacobson  
Herbert Jacobson  
Jeanette Jaffe  
Bertha Kahn  
Harry Kahn  
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Isador Kowalsky  
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Jesse Kuperman  
Ethel Kutash  
Leon Lapidus  
Roy Lapidus  
Daniel Lee Lehrner  
Naomi Leven  
Loretta Leven  
Carol Levitan  
Sadie Levy  
David Liberman  
Florence Lichtman  
Howard Liss  
Rose Litt  
Stanley Mandell  
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Sarah Riveh Mann

Tzemach Mann  
Eerie Maybruck  
David Michaels  
Joseph Miller  
Ida Milstein  
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Goldie Rabinowitz  
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Ellen Rosengarten  
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Ronald Ross  
Shlomo Rossow  
Erika Ana Roth Green  
Helen Rothberg  
Harry Rubin  
Rhoda Ryan  
Irene Sachs  
Harold Samler  
Chaye Rachel Scharff  
Oscar Scheuer  
Else Scheuer  
Frances Schneider  
Louis Schneiderman  
Beatrice Schoenfeld  
Dorothy Schottenstein  
Maryan Schriber  
Evelyn Schultz  
Sarah Schwartz  
Elaine Sebel  
Esther Segall  
Dora Shane  
William Sharp  
Rebecca Shokler  
Joseph Shutly  
Benjamin Singer  
Claire Soifer  
Anna Stahl

Irving Stein  
Ruthe Stein  
Goldie Lea Stein  
Anna Stoolman  
Louis Tannebaum  
Mabel Tannen  
Jordan Tilson  
Jennie Tilson  
Frances Weil  
Rose Weinstein  
Jacob Weinstein  
Edward Aaron Wein-  
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Frieda Cohen Weisbrod  
Margaraet Elaine Weller  
Gladys Weltman  
Louis Werner  
Jane Wilks  
Sam Wilks  
Edna Zakem  
Raymond Zappin  
Mary Zappin  
Hannah Zappin  
Jacob Zukerman  
Max Zwelling

### **TEVET**

Joseph Adelman  
Victor Appelblatt  
Sylvia Blazar  
Hyman Frank Blum  
Morris Cherny  
Ada Cohen  
Sam Cohen  
Isaac Droz  
Beatrice DuBro  
Julius Eisenstein  
Rudolf Ellenbogen  
Sam Engilman  
Bessie Faust  
Frieda Feerer  
Rose Frank  
Jacob Friedman  
Abraham Froikin  
Rosalyn P Greene  
Haini Hammerman  
Frances Horenstein  
Myer Horowitz  
Fannie Jacobson

Julius Jacobson  
Gertrude Jaffe  
Carolyn Katz  
Marvin Kobel  
Mary Koff  
Leo Koretsky  
Rose Kozen  
Eda Lederman  
Rudolph Lehman  
Morris Levin  
Bert Lieberman  
Isadore Metz  
Hannah Miller  
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Bella Tannenwald  
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Kanee Zappin  
Rose Zwelling





## WELCOME 2022 NEW MEMBERS

*Marc Katz*

Several of our new members don't consider themselves "new" members, since they or their families were members before. But we look forward to re-welcoming them, along with others, at our New Member Shabbat on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** during services.

**Alex Briskin** grew up in Dayton and his family was (and still is) part of the Beth Abraham family, although he and his wife **Jane** are also members of another synagogue. Still, they often attended Beth Abraham functions. "When I was growing up, I had good feelings about Beth Abraham," Alex said. "I was looking to reconnect. I thought it was the thing to do." Alex works as a civil servant at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and Jane is a retired financial advisor, as well as an active volunteer in the area.



**Philip and Julie Goldstein** were out of the country on vacation at the time of this writing so we will highlight them in our next Bulletin.



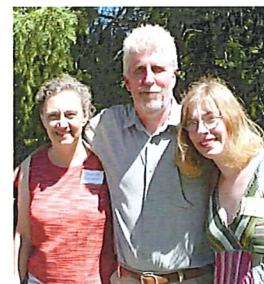
**Walt and Margaret Maimon**, long-time Dayton residents, have become followers of Rav Glazer. "I'm trying to learn," said Walt, a retired surgeon. "I think this guy has something to say to me." Margaret is originally from Nebraska, and is a retired nurse practitioner. They are our newest members, and enthusiastic about becoming more involved with the synagogue.

**James (Jim) and Peggy Schear** moved from Dayton in the last year to Naples, FL. Jim grew up in Dayton and was a Beth Abraham member. He rejoined the synagogue in order to retain cemetery rights, but still has relatives in town he visits. Peggy has a PhD in Public Administration from Miami of Ohio and is retired faculty with the Extension Services at The Ohio State University.



**Connie Schriber**, whose husband died last year, also considers herself a returning member. The family joined elsewhere when the children were older, but, "I was still going to Beth Abraham for the holidays," she said. "I can see myself feeling comfortable again. At Beth Abraham, everything is familiar to me. And, there are a lot of lovely, lovely people there."

**Sharon Schwab** grew up in Dayton, had her Bat Mitzvah at Beth Abraham and was part of the Youth Chorale. The family moved to the Appleton, Wis., area in 1973, but Helmut and Erica Schwab, Sharon's parents, kept their Beth Abraham membership. When Helmut died this year, Sharon took over the membership with her husband, **Greg Dahl**. She still has relatives in the area and does not get back often, but expects to be in Dayton for her father's unveiling next year.



**Mindi and Ron Wynne** were both "born into" Beth Abraham Synagogue and now, following a few years of trying other places, are back. "We feel like we're home," Mindi said. "We feel like where we grew up." In addition to the lure of where they grew up, the Wynne's have become enamored with new Rabbi Aubrey Glazer. "He reminds me of a traditional rebbe," Ron said. "He's not trying to change Judaism, but renew Judaism. It feels like we're where we're supposed to be."

**Please join us December 3<sup>rd</sup> and welcome our new Beth Abraham members!**



## From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President

(This is the second part of Scott's Yom Kippur Appeal delivered at the Kol Nidre service.)



Last month, I wrote about our traditions and our current journey, which included a

listing of activities from the prior year and a recap of the challenges from my first year as your president. I would like to continue to expand upon those topics, while explaining how you can help.

As we proceed, we remember our traditions, while also encouraging changes to accommodate our needs and desires for the synagogue. But we cannot do this alone. I probably do not need to remind you of the generosity of our congregants in giving of their time, talent and treasure, but I will.

I have already mentioned several of the events we had this past year, but what I do need to add is that we could not have done those events and made it a great year without the help of so many of you.

Our wonderful committees help with planning programs, cooking meals, delivering bags, and doing outreach to name a few. We also had congregants participate in Shabbat Services, daily minyan, and holiday celebrations. Also, a shout out to our active Men's Club and Sisterhood for all their support.

And while I'm at it, I must thank our office staff, Elaine, Ann, Annie and Dennis, for all of their assistance with our journey, too.

So, I now challenge you all to continue your efforts and even raise the bar. If you like what you have seen so far from Rav Aubrey and Cantor Raizen, I encourage you to attend the upcoming

Sukkot services and future Shabbat services. Besides Rav Aubrey's intellectual and spiritual *drashes* and Cantor Raizen's wonderful melodies, it is just nice to sit and schmooze with each other and build relationships and learn about each other's journey.

Finally, my third topic, the future. Now that we have the rabbi, it is time to roll up our sleeves, embrace new traditions and continue the journey towards a future plan for Beth Abraham. With the help of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, who will act as the facilitators, we are engaging in a strategic plan for Beth Abraham to plot our future both spiritually and financially. Your Board has already begun the process and they, along with your clergy, are committed to this task. More details to come, but clearly this planning will involve all of you. Our future!

So, at Rosh Hashanah, Rav Aubrey spoke about Jewish insurance. Well, I'd like to now talk about the premiums for that insurance.

As many of you know, this is not my favorite part of being president, but it is necessary. You have received my Appeal letter, and many have already made your commitment. So, I thank you so much for that! But can we do more?

Our membership dues remain steady, but they make up but a small portion of our budget. We are so thankful for those in our Giving Societies. The four membership levels starting at \$3600 up to \$18,000 per year have room for more members. And I especially want to thank those families that go beyond their Giving Society membership in providing additional financial support.

We also have numerous other opportunities to shore up your support for Beth Abraham. Consider the Clergy Fund, sponsoring a Kiddush, adopting a

program to sponsor, or even paying for an item needed by the synagogue.

There are no limits to your imagination as to how you can help. Please call the office, call me or talk to Norm Weissman, our Financial Resource Development (FRD) chair, about any fundraising idea you have. Also, remember Beth Abraham in your estate planning documents through our Life & Legacy program.

As important, do not underestimate the needs for non-financial assistance. Volunteer! Join a committee, or better yet, chair a committee. Share your time and talents with us. We have many different opportunities and I ask that you each think about how you can continue your own personal Jewish journey, creating new traditions and helping with the future strength of our synagogue. To find out more about these opportunities, please call Elaine or call me. No gift is too small and all volunteers will be welcomed. So remember the three "Ts" - your time, talents, and treasure can all help make your journey and our journey together so much more satisfying.

In conclusion, I must again state that if you like what you see, i.e. Our traditions, our journey, our future, or Rav Aubrey, Cantor Raizen, our engaging services, or just being with one another - and I could go on and on and on; - please consider giving back, like I have, through at least one of the three "T"s - your **Time**, your **Talents** or your **Treasure**.

I hope that each of you and your families enjoy a year of good health, happiness, and peace. May G-d inscribe us all in the Book of Life and bless us with strength and conviction as we move together into the New Year 5783. Todah Rabah and gutyontif.

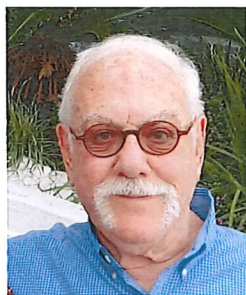


# Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



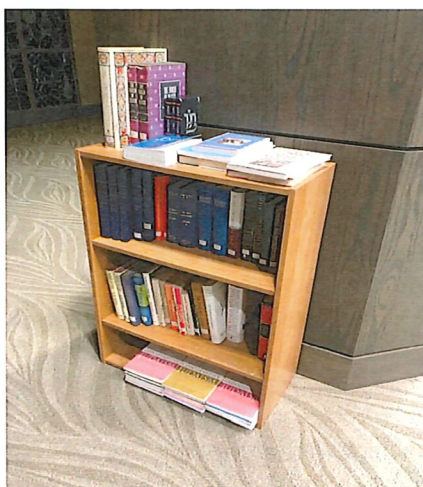
## EXCITING WAYS TO CONNECT: FREE LENDING LIBRARY



And now, as Monte Python would say, for something completely different. What

do BAS, Benjamin Franklin, Rav Aubrey and yours truly have in common? Well, it became clear at an informal meeting of Rav Aubrey, Elaine Arnovitz, yours truly, and my wife Claudia Birch when we were inspired to carry forward the legacy of Benjamin Franklin by opening a BAS "branch" free lending library, curated for your reading pleasure, in our lounge area just outside the existing library. Rav Aubrey was excited about finding new ways to engage the Beth Abraham community who are in the building, but not necessarily connecting to conventional, traditional prayer services—so as soon as I mentioned the role of Benjamin Franklin in launching the library system in what were then the 13 colonies, we realized the power of this model. Rav Aubrey then suggested emphasizing the link between Franklin and what we are trying to do in the 2nd floor lobby

area as a BAS "branch" free lending library. Each month, I will share recommendations, based on a special book in our collection, just like you would find in bookstores for staff recommendations once upon a time. Here's the history of the idea on one



**Come check out our new lending library and recommended reading in the lobby area outside the sanctuary!**

foot: recall that Franklin arrived in Philadelphia in 1723 at the age of 17. Recognized for his skill as a printer, he quickly made contact with "like-minded men" who shared his intellectual curiosity. While still only 21 years old, he took the lead in forming a group known as the Junto, a

book club, in 1727. Except for libraries at Harvard and Yale, books were a rare commodity in the 13 colonies, but the 50 men who formed the group each had at least some books. Franklin convinced the group to hold the books at a central location and formed what became known as the Library Company, a legendary institution in the history of Philadelphia, in July, 1731. It still exists today as an important research library. Each man contributed a modest sum to form a fund to buy books. Each pledged to contribute every year. They began by buying books in London where the most important books of the time would be available. As might be expected, Franklin printed the first catalogue of the collection in 1741.

So the next time you are at Beth Abraham for Shabbat or in the building, feel free to browse the BAS "branch" free lending library curated collection in the 2nd floor lobby. Peruse at your pleasure and feel free to share these books with other curious minds. Each month, I and some other avid readers will share our recommended reading with you that you can find on the bookshelves. Enjoy!



Children and adults alike enjoyed the Rhythm 'N' Ruach Kabbalat Shabbat service last month.

## NEW WAYS TO WELCOME SHABBAT

All are welcome to join in our "kaleidoscope" of Kabbalat Shabbat services, including Idra Shabbat on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 5:00 pm, Rhythm 'N' Ruach for families and adults on the 2nd Friday at 5:00 pm, and Kabba-Lotsa Fun Shabbat on the 4th Friday at 5:00 on Zoom. Idra Shabbat and Rhythm 'N' Ruach are held in the BA Chapel.



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

Thank you to everyone who supported Femme Aid with donations of feminine hygiene products and monetary contributions. Supporting Femme Aid is a mitzvah we can do year-round. Please visit their website at [femmeaid.com](http://femmeaid.com) for more information.

Sisterhood has elected to sponsor the Welcome Baskets for new Beth Abraham members going forward.

We'd like to wish everyone a very happy Chanukah! Don't forget to visit the gift shop for all your Chanukah needs.



## SUNDAY MORNING BRUNCH SPEAKER SERIES

Our Sunday brunches **begin at 10:00 am**. The cost for brunch is **\$7**. Upcoming speakers:

**Dec. 4** - Elliot Ratzman – Endowed Chair of Jewish Studies at Earlham College - *Zipporah's Knife: Jewish Ways of Antiracism* (part of Temple Israel's Ryterband Series - at Beth Abraham)

**Dec. 11** - Adam Feiner, PhD – *People Who Need People: Exploring Our Innate Need for Connection*

**Jan. 8** - Jennifer Caplan, chair of Jewish Studies at Univ. of Cincinnati (Ryterband Series - at Temple Israel) - *Unmasking the Masked Jew: Jewish Identity and American Comic Books*

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

### Beth Abraham Sunday Brunch Speaker Series:

Men's Club would like to thank Ron and Mindi Wynne who are contributing eggs from their chickens for the brunches. Please see the program schedule of speakers listed on this page.

**Annual Men's Club Raffle Event:** We are in the process of putting together our annual major fund raiser event. The raffle drawings will take place during our annual Deli-Dinner and Movie program on Sunday evening, March 23rd. If you have any retail merchandise or professional services that you would like to donate as a raffle or door prize, you can contact the synagogue office or Irwin Dumtschin (937-271-5307). Be on the lookout for your raffle tickets next month!

**Chanukah:** Men's Club will again join with Sisterhood in providing the Chanukah gift bags to our congregants, sharing in the expenses and with the deliveries.

**Monthly Meeting:** The next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Our meetings are open to all. Look for the Zoom link in News & Notes.

Men's Club wishes everyone a happy and joyous Chanukah, and many happy latkes!



Rav Glazer spoke at our first Sunday Brunch for the year on October 30th.



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## LIVESTREAM LINK

The link for all livestreamed services through StreamSpot is:

<https://venue.streamspot.com/72a802ed>

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## DIRECTORY TIME!

Have you moved in the last year? Changed your phone number or added a cell number? Please check your listing in last year's directory and make sure it is correct. Let us know if you have changes by **December 20th** - we'll be getting set to roll out the latest edition of the Beth Abraham Directory in January, and we want to make sure we have your correct info. Just give the office a call or shoot us an email!

## SUNDAY MINYAN REQUESTS

Oftentimes members have a yahrzeit that falls on a Sunday and they would like to have a minyan to say kaddish. We are happy to have an in person minyan on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, **by request only**. We ask that you please let us know in advance and try to gather friends to join you to have a minyan present. We are willing to help gather additional people if needed. Please call the office at least a week in advance to let us know of your request. Thank you.

### Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

Online service links can be found at [www.bethabrahamdayton.org](http://www.bethabrahamdayton.org), Facebook, or in your weekly News& Notes email

#### Friday, December 2

Idra Shabbat	5:00 pm
Candle Lighting	4:54 pm

#### Saturday, December 3

Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	5:57 pm

#### Friday, December 9

Rhythm 'N' Ruach	5:00 pm
Candle Lighting	4:54 pm

#### Saturday, December 10

Morning Service	9:30 am
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#### Havdalah

5:57 pm

#### Friday, December 16

Idra Shabbat	5:00 pm
Candle Lighting	4:55 pm

#### Saturday, December 17

Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	5:59 pm

#### Friday, December 23

Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Shabbat (on Zoom)	5:00 pm
Candle Lighting	4:58 pm

#### Saturday, December 24

Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	6:02 pm

#### Sunday, December 25

Hanukkah Celebration	5:00 pm
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#### Friday, December 30

NO Kabbalat Shabbat service	
Candle Lighting	5:03 pm

#### Saturday, December 31

Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	6:07 pm