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BETH ABRAHAM
SYNAGOGUE

PURIM ACCORDING TO ELVIS: WE'RE ALL SHOOK UP!

Don't be a *Hound Dog*! Put on your *Blue Suede Shoes* and *Come Along* for a *Never-Ending* night of food and fun! Wear your favorite costume, bring your family and friends, and be ready to *Party*.

MONDAY, MARCH 6TH

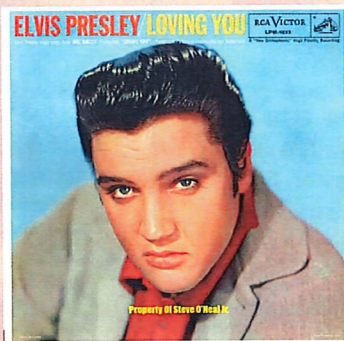
5:15 - 6:00 Dinner w/Cash Bar

5:45 Carnival

6:20 Costume Parade

6:30 Shpiel

Full megillah reading following



Social Action: Bring macaroni and cheese boxes for graggers and we'll donate them to the Foodbank.

Dinner: Shushan-ati Chili (Cincinnati style), with spaghetti and cheese, salad and sides, and hamantashen. \$10 adults; \$7 children 3-12.

Please RSVP for dinner by February 27th!

**COMING UP NEXT WEEK
FEBRUARY 2 - 4
TU BISHVAT AND SHABBAT SHIRA
CELEBRATION**

SEE PAGE 4 FOR ALL THE INFO!



The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*

I have a small, framed picture in my home with the words, "Those who sing pray twice. Rabbinical saying." I bought it



many years ago at an educators' conference. I always wondered from what rabbinic source this quote came. I turned to my favorite source of obscure knowledge, Rabbi Google, to learn

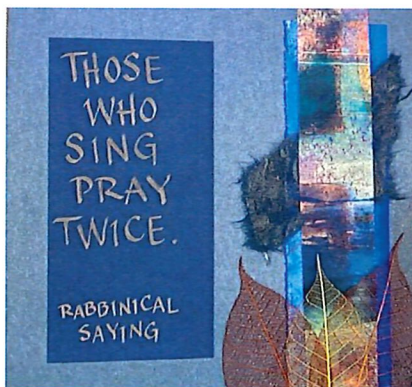
that the original saying is attributed to St. Augustine in the 5th century. However, if you dig a bit further, even Catholic scholars are not convinced of this. Be that as it may, it is still a beautiful sentiment and particularly meaningful as we approach the observance of Shabbat Shira, the sabbath of song.

Shabbat Shira is connected to the Torah portion *Beshallah* in which the Israelites miraculously escape the Egyptians by passing through the Sea of Reeds to safety on dry land. Upon reaching the other side and witnessing the demise of the Egyptians in the sea, Moses, Miriam and the people spontaneously break out in song and praise of God. We are familiar with some of the words of this song in our prayer, *Mi Chamocha*, found in our liturgy twice a day. *Shirat hayam*, the song at the sea is infused with a special melody when chanting from the Torah on this special Shabbat. One tradition of the chanting is as an interactive experience between the reader and the congregation, a type of call and response. This was likely conceived of to recreate the event as it may have unfolded at the shores of the sea. As we chant this portion, I try to imagine being there and wondering how this instant prayer to God in the form of a song began. Did Moses, who we know to be less than an eloquent speaker, suddenly burst out in song? Or was it Miriam, as some as the commentaries suggest, who was the first to sing the much abbreviated verse that follows the song in the Torah? Either way, expressing

thanks to God through music is a longstanding and powerful tradition.

Song and prayer are inextricably linked. This was beautifully pointed out by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, z"l, using gematria, a system of assigning numeric value to Hebrew letters. The numeric value of the letters that make up the word for song, *shira*, is the same as the numeric value of the word *tefillah*, prayer. From this, we may understand that prayer is song. As a cantor, it is my job to convey the words of prayer via melody. The melody chosen to express a given piece of liturgy should be able to convey its deeper meaning. One of Cantor Emeritus, Jerome Kopmar's favorite (and so true) sayings is, "The music must serve the words." (Not the other way around.) In other words, as tempting as it is to apply a popular melody to a prayer, if it doesn't really fit or elevate the meaning of the words, it shouldn't particularly be used. However, many of us do occasionally throw in melodies in honor of a holiday, etc. during the *musaf kedusha*, *Hallel* and yes, *Adon Olam*, but this should be done judiciously.

Shabbat Shira should inspire all of us to lift our voices in song and prayer. As the 18th century great Hasidic master, Rebbe Nachman of Breslov said, "The most direct means for attaching ourselves to God...is through music and song. Even if you can't sing well, sing. Sing to yourself; sing in the privacy of your own home. But sing."



BETH ABRAHAM



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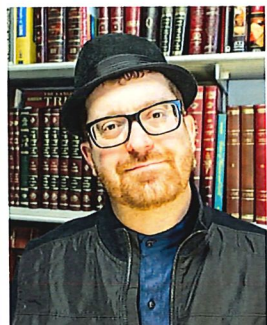
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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

JUST HOW "IS A HUMAN BEING A TREE OF THE FIELD?" TU B'SHEVAT IS IN THE AIR

Rav Aubrey L. Glazer, PhD

This indeed is one of the most curious statements we come across in the



entire Hebrew Bible. Nestled deep in Deuteronomy 20:19, *Ha'adam eitz ha-sadeh*, is actually a question—namely, “[Is] a human being a tree of the field”? If so, how? If we consider our ancestral roots and family trees that each of us is uniquely a part of, including the many who preceded us and who paved the way for us; our parents and grandparents, who nurtured and raised us; our siblings and friends; our teachers and peers; our community and our deepest convictions, our nation, the planet itself—then this is not really a question per se, unless we are wondering how far do the roots run?

Every day, we depend on people we don't know to provide us with the necessities to live and function in the world. This is illustrated in the recent installment of *Avatar* whose core message transcends the big screen. Director James Cameron says, that *Avatar* “rekindles in us an awareness of our innate connection to nature, and to each other, which is primordial... when we see it on the screen, it awakens something in us.” That awakening is a self-remembering that takes place in a deeper way every Shabbat and especially on Jewish Arbor Day, aka *Tu B'Shevat*—to know our place within the created web of the world. And beyond our human dependencies remains our total dependence on the blessed Holy One, bestowing health, sustenance and shelter, who makes the world a habitable place. One powerful and timely way of imagining the divine is as

the Tree-That-Is-All (*Ilan d'ko Chai*). Why this focus on trees?

If we look deeper into our human lives and appreciate how entangled they truly are, then we realize that we have a unique intimacy with fruit trees. In scripture that intimacy goes back to the Garden of Eden when we encounter the Tree of Knowing (*Etz ha'Da'at*) — and the word “knowing” itself actually at its root means “intimacy.” The connection is even more powerful in the exegesis of our opening statement from Deuteronomy 20:19, *Ha'adam eitz ha-sadeh*, “A person is a tree of the field” (that is, a fruit tree). We have established this verse is actually in context really a question for us all to ponder, especially on *Tu B'Shevat* — how is my life as a human likened to a tree? We will have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate Jewish Arbor Day together as a communal family at Beth Abraham on Feb. 4th, but did you know when the first *Tu B'Shevat* seder took place? It actually began in 16th Safed with its own choreography and Haggadah, called, *P'ri Eitz Hadar* (“Fruit of the Beautiful Tree”). Integral to the Safed *Tu B'Shevat* seder was the notion that the divine spheres known as *Sefirot* compose a mapping of the godhead called “the Tree of Life”— so these divine spheres like Compassion (*Chesed*) and Rigor (*Gevurah*) are thought of as fruit hanging upon a greater tree. A fruit tree, then for the Jewish mystics, is a true image of God, and so too every human being—why? Most important to recognize about a fruit tree is how it embodies the principle of sharing, and more specifically, the divine principle “of giving without needing to receive anything in return.” This is why a fruit tree symbolizes all the potential goodness that can blossom in the world, just as God as the Tree-That-Is-All interacts with the world. So we are asked to consider just how much trees

embody shared values mutuality and reciprocity.

In our weekly Beth Abraham communal study of *Pilgrimage through the Psalms* (every Shabbat at kiddush following services) and *Quest for Meaningful Living Through Mysticism: Kabbalah as Jewish Mystical Experience* (Mondays at noon on zoom), I have been struck by the emergence of patterns in our spiritual eco-system. Emergence is an awareness of the new, unpredictable properties of the whole that go beyond the properties of the parts, and as I learned from Rabbi Natan Margalit's recent book, *The Pearl and The Flame: A Journey into Jewish Wisdom and Ecological Thinking* (2022), such emergence “is found in every ecosystem, small farm or community.” Rabbi Margalit teaches that “when we see the fences and fields, orchards and gardens of a small farm creating a balance and dynamic pattern, we sense something mysteriously added that we label the unique beauty of natural charm of the place.” *Tu B'Shevat*, and really every Shabbat, mark sacred times when “without warning, we can be struck with an intimation of the wholeness that is both beyond and within this place, time or person.” Let us take the time to notice that *Tu B'Shevat* is in the air, and revel in the reality of just how much unique beauty of natural charm there is in knowing that “a human being is a tree of the field.”

2ND SEDER AT BETH ABRAHAM IS BACK!

Mark your calendars now for
Wednesday, April 6 and join us
for a communal second seder at
Beth Abraham. Watch for more
details in the coming months.

CELEBRATING SHABBAT SHIRA & TU BISHVAT

The Shabbat at which we chant Shirat Hayam, the song that Moses, Miriam and the Israelites sang at the shores of the Red Sea, is called Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song. This year it falls on **February 4**. To enhance the celebration this year, plan to attend these additional special events:

DR. RACHEL ADELSTEIN SPEAKER

**Thursday, February 2
7:00 pm on Zoom**

Ethnomusicologist Dr. Rachel Adelstein will give a talk titled, "(Shabbat) Angels in America: Israel Goldfarb, "Shalom Aleichem," and the Search for Nusach America." The Zoom link will be available in the News & Notes weekly email.

DAYTON JEWISH CHORALE

**Friday, February 3
6:00 pm at Temple Israel**

The Dayton Jewish Chorale will sing as part of the Shabbat service. This is part of Temple Israel's Share Shabbat and Potluck. Those interested in staying for the dinner, please RSVP to Temple Israel at: (937) 496-0050.

TU BISHVAT SEDER

**Saturday, February 4
Kiddush at Beth Abraham**

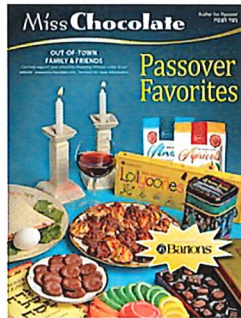
Following Shabbat service, we will have a Tu Bishvat seder as part of the kiddush lunch.



PASSOVER CANDY SALE - ORDER NOW!

It's hard to believe that we are talking about Passover already, but it will be here before you know it. (Passover begins the evening of April 5). We are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to order your kosher for Passover candy through us, which helps raise funds for our religious school.

This year the sale will once again take place exclusively online. Simply follow the link below that will take you directly to the Beth Abraham sales page. There you will see the variety of products and their prices.* Fill your "shopping cart" and pay with a credit card. Orders must be placed by no later than February 24. All orders will be delivered to Beth Abraham. We will notify you when the candy arrives and let you know how you can pick it up. If you have any questions or concerns about the ordering process, please contact Cantor Raizen.



***Please Note:** Make sure to click the "Ship to School" and then the "Kosher for Passover" options.

To order, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/3fbprdv>

FREE BOOKS!

As you may have read from a previous Bulletin, we have been sorting through and cleaning out the books in our library, many of which are old and not being used. Both Rav Aubrey and Allan Spetter have been helping with this project, determining what to keep on the shelves. For the books we have pulled, we would like to offer these free to our members.

The books will be available **Feb. 19-27:**

- Sundays 9:30-12:00
- Monday-Thurs: 9:00-3:00
- Friday 9:00-1:00

Those that are left will be donated.





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Albert Miller, by Jaime Miller

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The marriage of Courtney Rice, by Susan & David Joffe

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

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January 21 - Edie and Janel Pequignot in memory of Louis and Pearl Wollin

January 28 - Matt & Elaine Arnovitz in memory of Theodore & Tala Arnovitz and Ruth & Fred Scheuer

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in January:

February Birthdays

- 1 Kay Lewis
- 2 Ruth Barnett
- 2 Micah Naziri
- 2 Celia Diamond
- 5 Laurence Lasky
- 5 Alan Chesen
- 10 Eleanor Zwelling
- 12 DeNeal Feldman
- 13 Angela Frydman
- 13 Ann Liberman
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- 26 James Schear
- 26 Robert Burick
- 28 Martin Foster
- 28 David Fuchsman

February Anniversaries

- 2 Alan & Myrnie Moscovitz
- 12 Walter & Bonnie Rice
- 15 Irvin & Gayle Moscovitz
- 23 Edward Sperber & Amy Munich

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

WE WELCOME THIS NEW MEMBER:

Martin Foster

WE RECORD WITH DEEP SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Jim Levinson, husband of Meredith Moss Levinson
Reesa B. Schachter, sister of Linda Brotkin
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MEET AND GREET OPPORTUNITIES

We have had several Meet & Greets with Rav Aubrey in person as well as one by Zoom. We have two more scheduled for this month if you have not yet had an opportunity to participate. We ask that you please **RSVP** to the office.

- Sunday, Feb. 12th at 3:30 pm NORTH at the home of Judy Woll & Ron Bernard
- Sunday, Feb. 19th at 3:30 pm SOUTH at the home of Terry & Marlene Pinsky

YAHREZEITS

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 February (Shevat - Adar) we remember:

SHEVAT

Bernard Apfel	Norman H. Greenberg	Leslie M. Mayerson	Morris Spiegel	Elliott Heller
Theodore Arnovitz	Belle Grossman	Rae Mellman	Matilda Spurling	Ruth Heller
Jennie Auerbach	Benjamin Handler	Sarah Miller	Philip Stayman	Aaron Herschbein
Celia Auerbach	Fannie Haskin	William Mintz	William Suson	Blumie Jacobson
Yetta Barsky	Florence Heller	Hershil Morris	Meyer Sussman	A. Meyer Jenefsky
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Vera Bishow	Ike Jacobson	Paul Ornstein	Beth Ann Wynn	Nora Leff
Johanna Blake	Ruth Joffe	Bebe Gross Perlberg	Fannie Yanishefsky	Florence Lieberman
Max Brotkin	Kate Kahn	Bertram Plotnick	Dennis Zappin	Beatrice Liebman
Aaron Brown	Fannie L Kahn	Beila Polichenka	Simon Zawatsky	Rose Lifschitz
Mildred Byrne	Edward I. Kahn	Harold Raizen	Morris Zeifman	Morris Lovett
Louis Carne	Max Kantrovitz	Wolfe Ramze	Mary Zidel	Anna G. Mann
Rose Chesler	Andrew D. Kaplan	Nathan Reingold	Abe Zisenwine	Irving Merdinger
Harvey Cohen	Nathina Kasten	Pauline Resler	Frieda Zusman	Charles W. Miller
Bennet Cohen	Paul Saeks Katz	Marcus Ritter		Delores Miller
Myer Coplin	Norman Katz	Arthur Rosenblatt	ADAR	Robert Myers
Frances Cunix	Fannie Katz	Margaret Rosenblum	Robert Abrams	Debbie Naftulin
Erma Cunix	Hyman Kisch	Joseph Rosenthal	David Abromowitz	Ruth Neuerman
Eugene Dansker	Morris Kizner	Miriam Rubin	Susan Adler	Harry Office
David Davidson	Hilda Kneller	Emma Saeks	Nate Auerbach	Yale Penzell
M. David Dial, Jr.	Emilie Kohlhausen	Josephine Saeks	Ann Barr	Louis Rafner
Steve Duberstein	Ervin Kohn	Jodi Saeks	Sarah Berlin	Sol Rosenthal
Sidney S. Dunn	Isaac Kravetz	Celia Samuelson	Samuel Block	Anne Salzberg
Abe Dysken	Thelma Kronish	Martha Schear	Stephen Braverman	Harriett Schiff
George Ehrenberg	Max Krueger	Ruth Scheuer	Joseph Brown	Sophie Schorr
Fannie Einhorn	Henry Krumholz	Max Schoemann	Abraham Brunson	John Schweitzer
Dorothy Engelhardt	Jacqui Kuhr	Morris Schondorf	Max Burgman	Kay Segal
Michael Ezekiel	Hortense Kuhr	Martha Schriber	Florence Cohen	Elaine Shapiro
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Leah Fireman	Joseph Lapinsky	Marilyn Serelson	Ida Dubro	Anne Slobof
Johanna Fish	Chaya Shifra Larrison	Phyllis Shane	Joyce Dumtschin	Raymond Smith
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Millie Friedman	Rose Cohen Levin	Aaron David Shulman	Eva Gabbe	Annette Thum
Israel Froug	Jack Hershel Leviton	Abraham Shutly	Hyman Gams	Pauline Thum
Abraham Furst	Sidney Litvak	Rose Sians	Rose Gams	Anna M. Tuck
Lena Garlikov	Sophye Moskowitz	Nate Silverston	Etta Ghan	Morris Wagenfeld
Sarah Gaskowitz	Locke	Ben Silverstone	Evelyn Glachman	Sarah Wagner Shuchat
Celia Gershov	Henrietta Lotney	Julius Simon	Gladys Goodman	Edward Weiner
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Alvin Goodwin	Esther Mann	LaVerne Smith	Bessie Greenberg	Irvin Zipperstein
	Frances Marwil	Leah Solomon	Pam Gunter	



Kids and adults alike enjoy Rhythm 'N' Ruach Kabbalat Shabbat services. Rhythm 'N' Ruach takes place in the Chapel every 2nd Friday of the month. See the service schedule on the back for more Kabbalat Shabbat opportunities!



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, and you can join at any time.



Thank you to Walt & Margaret Maimon for sponsoring the purchase of our new AED/defibrillator!



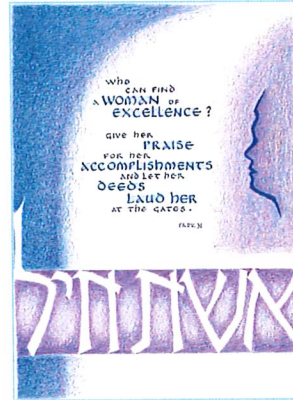
Martin Luther King Jr. weekend pulpit exchange at The Potter's House.

2023 WOMEN OF VALOR

Sisterhood is thrilled to announce that this year we are honoring the women spiritual leaders in our community.

Our 2023 Women of Valor honorees are:

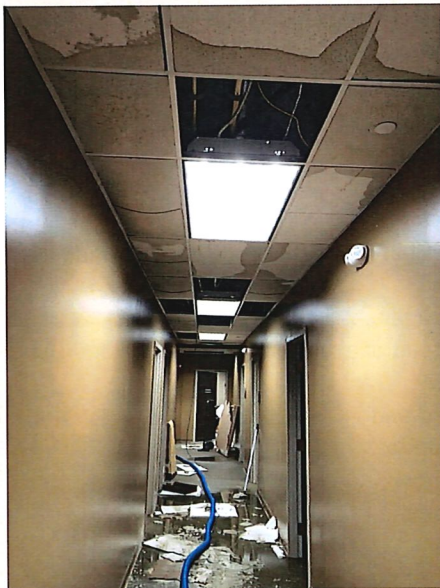
Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halasz
Rabbi Judy Chessin
Courtney Cummings
Cantor Andrea Raizen
Mary 'Mahira' Rogers
Rabbi Tina Sobo



Our chairs, Janice Krochmal and Mindy Greene, look forward to honoring these incredible women at our Women of Valor luncheon on **May 10th**.

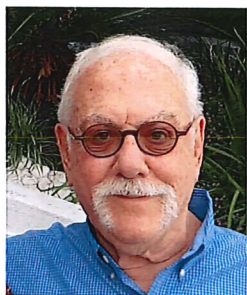
Water Damage Update

Progress is being made with the restoration from the water damage that happened in December. The main damage was in the individual offices in the office area. We are working with the insurance company and their adjuster to finalize the repairs and replacements. The work primarily entails the repair of drywall, painting, replacement of ceiling tiles and carpet. Air quality testing was also performed. In addition, there is some furniture that will need to be replaced. Although we are working diligently, we currently don't have a specific date for when this project will be completed.



Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



Ezer Weizman, nephew of the legendary Chaim Weizmann (different spelling), first president of the State of Israel, served as commander of the Israeli Air Force (1958-1966) and Defense Minister of Israel (1977-1980). The Knesset elected him president of Israel in 1993 and awarded him a second term in 1998. Sadly, he would be forced to resign in 2000 because of a scandal involving his personal finances. Nevertheless, he remains one of the most heroic figures in the early history of the State of Israel.

Weizman produced a fascinating book titled *The Battle for Peace*, which emphasizes his role in one of the most important achievements in Israeli history - the peace treaty signed with Egypt in 1979. He begins what reads like a James Bond novel on December 20, 1977. The story really begins with the dramatic visit of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Israel in November, 1977 and Weizman compares that event to the landing of a man on the moon.

Weizman did not know that as part of the arrangement to move the peace process forward he, as Defense Minister, would make a trip to Egypt to meet with his Egyptian counterpart. This trip would be hidden in the deepest secrecy. As an indication of how important this trip would be, Weizman almost immediately would meet with President Sadat as well.

Weizman emphasizes that perhaps Menachem Begin might have been the only Israeli prime minister who could open the door to negotiations with Egypt, as Richard Nixon might have been the only president who could open the door to contact with China.

Weizman describes in detail the first meeting of Egyptians and Israelis, face to face, neither side knowing what to make of the other.

Sadat made one of the great journeys of the 20th century in November, 1977. Weizman describes that journey as representing "the light at the end of the tunnel." Then Sadat broke the ice in dramatic fashion when he said, "we intend to make peace." To Weizman's surprise, he then received an invitation to a private meeting with Sadat. Weizman told Sadat that he had the opportunity to follow up on his trip to Israel. Weizman had developed a unique relationship with Sadat.

Weizman may have been stunned at his meeting with Sadat, when Sadat offered complete and absolute peace with Israel. He assured Weizman that the other Arab nations bordering Israel would follow Egypt's lead. Of course, the details of any peace treaty remained to be worked out. It would not be easy. Weizman acknowledges that Begin retained complete control of the process for Israel, working closely with the United States; and that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan played a major role as well.

Despite good faith negotiations by both sides, they reached what Weizman describes as a "deadlock." Begin had made a trip to Egypt to meet face to face with Sadat, but that meeting had produced little progress. Borrowing a phrase from the classic history of World War II by Winston Churchill, Weizman includes a chapter he titled "The Gathering Storm."

Weizman had visited Sadat again, and it seemed to him that instead of a peace treaty, there could be yet another conflict between Egypt and Israel. In fact, Weizman includes a series of chapters to indicate how serious the situation had become, beginning with one titled "War Clouds." When Weizman visited the

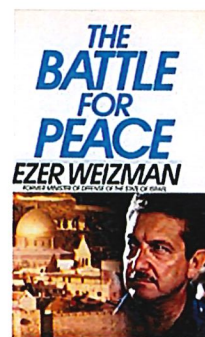
United States in March, 1978 he experienced complete hostility. The United States blamed Israel for the failure to reach a peace agreement.

To Israel's surprise, the United States and the Soviet Union combined to pressure the Israelis to continue peace negotiations. The Soviet Union desperately wanted to establish a presence in the Middle East. Weizman then met President Jimmy Carter at the White House. Carter insisted that Israel make the necessary concessions to achieve a peace agreement, but even as Weizman met with Carter, violence erupted and Israeli forces launched a limited incursion into Lebanon.

According to Weizman, when Egypt did not react to the situation in Lebanon, it confirmed the view that Sadat wanted peace with Israel. At long last, the two sides would meet at Camp David in September, 1978 for 11 days that Weizman says would influence world history. To begin with however, Egypt presented a proposal absolutely unacceptable to Israel.

The United States, desperate for an agreement, then supported the Egyptian proposal. Only when the meeting came to the verge of breaking down would Begin, under intense pressure from the United States, make just enough in concessions to reach an agreement. Talks continued even after Camp David, but at last a peace treaty would be signed on March 26, 1979. It has lasted almost 44 years.

This book can be found in the new "branch" library just outside the existing library. Feel free to borrow it.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

Mark your calendars for Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat on **March 11th**. We'd like to thank our co-chairs, Cheryl Lewis and Alan Chesen who are busy planning the service. So, when you get a call from them asking for your participation, please say yes! If you happen to have a particular part of the service you would like to do, please don't hesitate to call one of the chairs directly. This is always a wonderful program and we hope you plan to attend. A special kiddush will follow.

The Gift Shop is being inventoried and spruced up for spring. It will be open during our Purim celebration for your shopping needs. Come on in and see what's new.

RICK PINSKY SUNDAY BRUNCH SERIES

Our Sunday brunches begin at **10:00 am (9:45 at Temple Israel)**. Cost **\$7**. Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly.



- **Jan. 29** - Jack Bernstein, M.D. - *The Return of Flu and RSV in the Age of COVID*.
- **February 5** - Marshall Weiss presents *Jewish Connections to the Titanic*. Presented in conjunction with Miami Valley Jewish Genealogy & History.
- **February 19** - Larry Burick, discussing *Religious Freedom in the Roberts Court: Good or Bad for Jews?*
- **February 26** - Renate Frydman, PhD speaking about *A Reason for Survival - To Understand, To Educate, To Heal*. This will be at Temple Israel and **will begin at 9:45** rather than our usual 10:00.

THE SEEDS PROJECT

The Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton and the Jewish Foundation of Dayton have established a program for Jewish youth that is subsidizing up to \$500 to send Dayton area Jewish kindergarten through 12th grade students to a Jewish Program. For more information or to apply, please go to jewishdayton.org.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Annual Raffle Fund Raiser Event: You should receive your raffle tickets soon which will be drawn during the Men's Club annual Deli-Dinner and Movie program on Sunday evening, March 26. We'll be drawing raffle tickets for a number of exciting prizes.

World Wide Wrap 2023 – Sunday, February 12: We will meet in-person in the Beth Abraham chapel at 9:30 AM with Rav Aubrey, Cantor Raizen and the Religious School students. We encourage each of you to participate in this mitzvah. There will be a training session on how to put on tefillin for those who may be new or unfamiliar with this experience. We hope to promote the daily mitzvah of tefillin use – emphasizing the deeply personal aspects of wrapping tefillin – a meaningful way to experience “first thoughts” of the day and reflect on our connection to God via prayer. Tefillin can be a powerful source of comfort and for coping with family illness, loss of a loved one and the infinite challenges of everyday life.

Men's Club/ Sisterhood Shabbat: On **March 18th**, Men's Club and Sisterhood will join together to lead this Shabbat service. Our chairs, Alan Chesen and Cheryl Lewis will be making phone calls to give you the opportunity to be part of this service, be it leading a portion of the service, having an aliyah, reading Torah, or leading a Hebrew or English reading. If you don't want to wait for a phone call, please give Alan or Cheryl a call and let them know how you'd like to participate.

Men's Club Monthly Meeting: The next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 20th** at 7:30 PM on Zoom. We welcome anyone to join us. The Zoom link will be in the weekly News & Notes.

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LIVESTREAM LINK

The link for all livestreamed services through StreamSpot is:
<https://venue.streamspot.com/72a802ed>

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Some of our volunteers preparing Kiddush lunch. We can always use a few more individuals to help with preparing Kiddush on Friday mornings as well as preparing the Bulletin for mailing once a month. Give us a call if you have a few hours to spare!

Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

Online service links can be found at www.bethabrahamdayton.org, Facebook, or in your weekly News& Notes email

Friday, February 3

NO Idra Shabbat
 Shabbat Service at
 Temple Israel 6:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 5:40 pm

Saturday, February 4

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:45 pm

Friday, February 10

Rhythm 'N' Ruach 5:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 5:49 pm

Saturday, February 11

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:53 pm

Friday, February 17

Idra Shabbat 5:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 5:57 pm

Saturday, February 18

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 7:01 pm

Friday, February 24

Kabba-Lotsa Fun Shabbat 5:00 pm
 (on Zoom)
 Candle Lighting 6:05 pm

Saturday, February 25

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 7:09 pm