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2023 WOMEN OF VALOR OUTSTANDING DAY PLANNED FOR OUTSTANDING WOMEN

Mindy Greene and Janice Krochmal

Since 2010, Beth Abraham Sisterhood has honored outstanding Jewish women from the Miami Valley who have shown an extraordinary commitment and dedication to the Jewish and general communities. On Wednesday, May 10, we will honor these women who provide spiritual leadership in our local congregations:



Rabbi Karen
Bodney-Halasz



Rabbi Judy
Chessin



Courtney Cummings



Cantor Andrea Raizen



Mary 'Mahira' Rogers



Rabbi Tina Sobó

When not leading from the bimah, our honorees are involved with a myriad of activities including teaching youth and adult education classes in the Jewish and general communities, developing creative congregational programming and fundraising activities, taking part as artistic directors and singing in a Jewish community volunteer choir, serving on boards of local community agencies, participating as faculty at Jewish camps and so much more!

The Women of Valor luncheon has been recognized as one of the best "feel good" events in the Dayton community, providing inspiration for all those who attend. This year, a portion of the proceeds of this event will be given to organizations which support Jewish women in spiritual leadership roles.

As part of Beth Abraham's Sisterhood's commitment to social action and because Women of Valor "Reign," we will be collecting rain gear, specifically ponchos and umbrellas, to help support the participants in Montgomery County's Women in Reentry Initiative. You may drop off items at the synagogue any time before the luncheon or bring them with you to the event.

Invitations have been mailed to the entire community. To reserve your seat, please return your reply card to the Synagogue office as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there!

**BETH
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SYNAGOGUE**

The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*



Cleaning and cooking and so many dishes, Out with the chametz, no pasta, no knishes Fish that's gefillted, horseradish that stings

These are a few of our Passover things.
(To the tune of "My Favorite Things")

In just a few days we will be sitting down at our seder tables and retelling the story of our deliverance from slavery to freedom. For so many of us, Passover is the holiday that evokes the most memories of families gathering together, eating specially prepared dishes and participating in unique rituals. For those of us of a certain age or beyond, our childhood seders were traditionally conducted by grandfathers and zaydies who made sure to read each word of the *haggadah* in Hebrew. With the exception of the 4 Questions, searching for the afikomen and singing Had Gadya, there wasn't a lot of participation by others at the table. This is not to say that we didn't enjoy our seders, but things have changed a lot since then.

I was a graduate student in Education at the University of Judaism (now American Jewish University) from 1987-1989. One of my favorite professors was Dr. Ron Wolfson, known these days for his writings on relational Judaism, suggesting how to transform Jewish institutions into relational communities that offer meaning and purpose, belonging and blessing. But back then he began writing books in collaboration with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs known as the Art of Jewish Living series. His book on the Passover seder changed the way I, and so many others, approach seder preparation. I would guess that many of you have seen and/or have purchased plague bags with items that represent the 10 plagues, or

have found creative ways to engage the youngest members at the table using games and props. Before Wolfson's book came out, he had told us about the lengths to which his wife Susie (often referred to as the Jewish Martha Stewart) went in order to make their seder an immersive experience for all. These ideas seemed to have launched a whole new industry of must-have Passover items. Just search for Passover on Etsy or Pinterest and you'll see what I mean.

I'm always thinking of ways to engage my seder guests. I have put strange things on the table hoping someone will ask why it is there. Last year there were Scrabble tiles in small cups at each place setting. Sometimes I hide things under the dinner plates. I have had seders based on Broadway shows like "Fiddler on the Roof" and "My Fair Lady." And then there were takeoffs on the popular reality shows like Food Network's "Chopped" and Bravo's "Project Runway." Even in less elaborate years I always try to have a fun song or two to get people's attention. The best place to find these is on the website: passover-songparodies.com. For those interested in creating their own haggadah or just finding some good supplemental readings, etc., check out haggadot.com. These small and easy to implement ideas can transform your seder.

As I prepared for our monthly Kabba-Lotsa-Fun Zoom service, I decided to have the participants engage in a simple exercise. We split up into small groups of 3 or 4 and were tasked with coming up with a new object to put on the seder plate and to explain its meaning. One response was a megaphone, not to amplify one's voice at the seder itself, but rather to remind us that we need to make our voices heard, especially in light of the alarming increase of antisemitism. Another suggestion was to put a Monopoly house on the plate to remind us of those who are homeless. One other idea was to place a potato on

the plate as a gesture that our seder takes everyone into consideration, regardless of food sensitivities, disabilities or other challenges. Whatever you end up doing, I wish all of you a good, engaging and meaningful Pesach.

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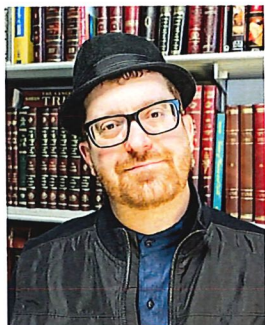
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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

BE THE HERO YOU WANT TO SEE! FROM MORDECAI TO MOSES...

Rav Aubrey L. Glazer, PhD

Have you ever noticed the subtle similarities and differences between



Purim and Passover? While wine carries over from both holidays, and some people will dress up and play out the Exodus story in costumes,

still some things are distinctly different—like heroes! While Mordecai and Esther reign supreme as hero and heroine par excellence in the absence of a divine presence in history, when we turn to Passover, it is primarily God that redeems our ancestors from Egypt, rather than Moses. At least that is the telling in our haggadah. Why is it that Moses, our redeemer, is mentioned only once, seemingly in passing?

Actually, if you're still awake at this point in your seder, you'll notice that Moses' name does actually appear once in the Haggadah, but only once explicitly. When the rabbis recount the miracles, they quote the Torah, which says: **"The people... believed in the Lord and His servant Moses."** (Exodus 14:31). But we have to admit that Moses is clearly de-emphasized by being called only "God's servant." Why diminish the stature of such a Jewish hero? Let me offer a few explanations to share at your seder table after you pose this great Jewish jeopardy question.

- *De-emphasis of human hero and re-emphasis of deity:* Some commentators, like the Vilna Gaon suggest that Moses' cameo is meant to emphasize that God took charge, as we recite in the Haggadah: **"And I will pass through the land of Egypt: I, and not an angel ... I, and not a seraph ... I, and not a messenger. I, the Lord: it is I, and none other."**
- *De-emphasis contra deification:* The need for that shift in emphasis perhaps counters tendencies that

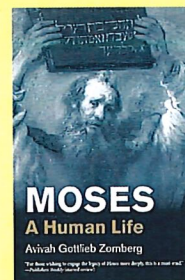
were already becoming prevalent amongst the Samaritans who were almost deifying Moses. Our retelling suggests that God simply guided Moses, no matter how heroic he may appear.

- *Difficult times, new heroes:* There may not always be a Moses available in difficult times, as Rabbi Yekusiel Yehudah of Klausenberg suggests, but God is always present. So we emphasize that God alone redeemed us from Egypt, to understand it can happen again even without Moses.
- *It's all about the children:* But I really appreciate how our sages recognize that children, for whom the Haggadah was established, have difficulty understanding God, but can easily understand a great leader like Moses. In order to make them know and appreciate God, we must de-emphasize Moses.

Surely some of you probably also noticed that hidden deep in the final moments of the seder, our prayer for the ultimate redemption is called *Nirtzah*, which in numerology equals 345—the exact same numerology of Moses according to Haggadah Chodesh Ha'aviv. This final prayer in the Haggadah reminds us that Moses, who is also yearning to make it to Jerusalem, was and will once again be our true hero!

Given all these fascinating twists and turns in the portraiture of a hero like Moses, I hope you are ready to join me together with the BAS communal family and take the 'Akiva Challenge'! It is an ancient challenge that speaks to our own time: to become the heroes we want to see in the world. But how? Each quarter, at your own pace, read an inspiring Jewish biography, find your spiritual hero, and share your reflections as part of our BAS communal conversation. This challenge comes from Rabbi Avika who taught his student, bar Yohai, while imprisoned by Roman authorities. It was forbidden to teach Torah, but his student asks his teacher, Rabbi Akiva, to teach him something before he dies. Rabbi Akiva looks lovingly at his student, and

says: "If you want to hang yourself, then hang yourself from a tall tree." (bPesachim 112a). He's not talking about killing yourself. Rather that we make meaning by hanging onto the words of someone higher than our self. Even if I never reach the branch upon which my hero sits in the Tree of Life and Knowledge, in making the effort to climb, I draw down some of their higher wisdom into my life right here, right now. So, look up to someone who is way beyond you and hang yourself upon that higher tree to get connected to the deeper roots that ground it. When we clear out space to make meaning, and fill it by reaching towards the higher branches of our spiritual heroes, we build up resilience, spiritual capital that be depleted in challenging times, like war or pandemics. Each of us needs to reach higher and discover a spiritual hero this coming year.



JOIN RAV AUBREY FOR "RAV READS"

This new quarterly book club will delve into Jewish heroes and how they inspire us. Beginning with the book, *Moses – A Human Life* by Aviva Gottlieb Zornberg, we'll have an interactive discussion on **Monday, May 22 at 7:00 pm**, on Zoom. Everyone can also share their reflections on our communal padlet as to what inspires you in your life about the biography of each Jewish hero. These web links will be available in our News & Notes email. May we become the Jewish heroes we hope to see together!

PRESERVING OUR PAST; ENSURING OUR FUTURE

Julie Liss-Katz

Walking through Dayton's three Jewish cemeteries is like taking a history tour of our community. They have a unique atmosphere, filled with evidence of families and friends we once knew and loved, of stories told and shared, and of names that have been passed down through generations.

To preserve our history, a dedicated committee of Beth Abraham, Beth Jacob, and Temple Israel members studied the best way to maintain our cemeteries in perpetuity. Their study and research culminated in the creation of the Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Dayton (JCGD), an independent endowment organization designed to sustain the sanctity, care, and integrity of these sacred burial grounds, while accepting each congregation's control of their respective ritual decisions. This fund will allow the beautiful and aesthetic surroundings of our cemeteries to continue to function as the inspiration for personal remembrance.

The study concluded that JCGD required \$4.8 million to fully fund an endowment. Since then, each congregation voted to commit \$450,000 to the campaign once the community raised the additional \$3.5 million. To date, with gratitude to many generous donors, JCGD has raised \$1.8 million.

To donate or learn more about the campaign, please contact Bruce Feldman at bfeldman@economylinen.com.

We owe this effort to those whose eternal homes are in our cemeteries.



JEWISH CEMETERIES
OF GREATER DAYTON

BETH ABRAHAM ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 6:00 PM SOCIAL HALL

- Short Business Meeting
- AED & Stop the Bleed Training
- Light Dessert

Oakwood Public Safety Department will be joining us as part of the meeting to familiarize us with Stop the Bleed & AEDs. We will have an in person minyan at 5:30 pm.

ANSHE EMETH CELEBRATION

Congregation Anshe Emeth in Piqua is celebrating the 100th anniversary of their building, and invite you to attend their open house on **Saturday, April 15 from 2:30 – 3:30 PM**. They also are looking for any photos you might have of the building. Please contact them at (937) 623-1234 with any questions or to share photos.



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SHABBAS - WHY NOT YOU?

Please join in for this fun Shabbat dinner at member's homes, on **Friday, April 28th**. Enjoy meeting other Beth Abraham members while having Shabbat dinner together.

You can choose whether you want to be a guest or a host. Remember, there are only two expectations for our hosts:

1. to provide a pareve or dairy dinner; and,
2. to recite the brachot for the candle lighting, the wine, and the challah.

As always, we need many more guests than hosts to make the program successful, so don't be shy...Be our guest! Links to sign up can be found in our weekly News & Notes email. **Please sign up no later than Monday, April 17.**

IN THE BETH ABRAHAM FAMILY

We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

Bert Appel Fund

In memory of

Sheila Wagenfeld, by Joel & Angela Frydman

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In memory of

Sheila Wagenfeld, by David Jacobs

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Michael Sherman's first time reading Torah for services, by Beverly Louis

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Bea Burke, by Aaron Burke

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In honor of

Elaine Arnovitz & all who helped with hosting the

Women's Seder, by Judy Heller

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Ida Pinsky Fund

In memory of

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In honor of

Rabbi Barsky's new grandson, by Terry & Marlene Pinsky

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Janice Krochmal, by Terry & Marlene Pinsky

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In memory of

Marvin Miller, by Rhoda Miller
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Sheila Wagenfeld, by Dena Briskin, Linda & Steve Horenstein

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Vita Takiff's 80th birthday, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

Speedy recovery

Janice Krochmal, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

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Bernie Gottesman, by Frieda Blum

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Dina Stayman, by Myron Stayman

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Marc Katz & Julie Liss-Katz's new granddaughter, by Jim Nathanson

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

March 4 - Irwin Dumtschin in memory of Joyce Ury Dumtschin

March 11 - Men's Club and Sisterhood in honor of Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat

March 18 - Felice Shane in memory of Rafael Furst

March 25 - Howard and Debra Rubenstein in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in April:

April Birthdays

3 Lisa Braverman
3 Bonnie Deutsch
4 Doris J. Jaffe
7 Hindy Gruber
8 Abe Merdinger
8 Rochelle Goldstein
10 Wendi Pavlofsky
13 Betty Alter
13 Martin Nizny
14 Joan Marcus
14 Bob Kohn
16 Marvin Roden
17 Eva Borbonus
19 Philip Sussman
19 Howard Ducker
21 Douglas Einstein
21 Linda Katz
21 Theodora Finn
25 Gary Fishbein
26 Donald Marger
28 Steven Carne
28 Bill Doner
29 Jay Kelman
29 Jackson Berry
30 Samuel Dorf

April Anniversaries

2 Rex & Louise Tincer
17 Lee & Patti Schear

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

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Beau & Megan Shaw
William Winner and Diana Poole

WE RECORD WITH DEEP SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Maurine Moody Scott, mother of
Martha Moody Jacobs

COVID MASK POLICY

We want to again thank our Congregational Engagement Committee for their work during the last several years as we have navigated through the pandemic. At this time, Beth Abraham will follow the CDC guidelines and we will no longer be requiring masks. We continue to encourage people to do what is most comfortable for them when they are in the building.

COMMUNITY



The Women's Interfaith Luncheon will be held at Beth Abraham on **Monday April 24 from 5:30-7:30 pm**. Beth Abraham Sisterhood is sponsoring the meal. All women are invited. RSVP to ladiesinterfaith@gmail.com. For more information, check your upcoming News & Notes or contact Judy Woll.

Community Yom Hashoah Observance: **Sunday, April 23 at Temple Beth Or at 4:00 pm** with a teen program prior at 3:00 pm.

Community Conversations with veteran soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces (a JCRC program): Thursday, April 27 at Beth Abraham at noon. RSVP to jewishdayton.org. Box lunches available.

Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration: **Sunday, April 30 from 2-5 pm** at the CJCE.

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 April (Nisan - Iyyar) we remember:

NISAN	Eva B. Felman	Betty Shindell Hone	David Nemkovsky	Julius Sloboff	Barnett Feldman
Rosalie Abbott	Abraham Fleischman	Morris Hurevitz	Mildred Nizny	Esther Smith	Stanley Freedman
G. Frieda Abromowitz	Isaac Friedman	Harold Isenberg	Max Oltusky	Ben Smith	Nathan Friedman
Evelyn Adelman	Murray Friedman	Harold Jacobson	Harry I. Peck	Ruth Sokol	Ann Friedman
Bert Appel	Bernard D. Friedman	Ralph Jacobson	Joseph Perlberg	Thelma Sokol	Sophie Froikin
Dinah Barr	Dena Bluma Friedman	Wilbur Jaffe	Nelson Pinsky	Larry Stein	Ida Gassman
Rose Bearse	Ira Fritz	Henrietta Jenevsky	Bruce Pinsky	Max Stern	Ron Gilbert
Eleanor Bergsman	Lewis Froikin	Abraham Kanter	Lena Pinsky	Milton Tomchin	Eugene Goldflies
Bertram Isaac Berman	Adele Froug	Roslyn Kaplan	Ruth Polasky	Esther Vandersluis	Max Goodman
Sam Berman	Jake Froug	Isaac Kaplan	Pearl Press	Gershon Wall	Faye Goodman
Louis Block	Celia Gable	Lottie Katz	Elsie Pretekin	Leon Weinstein	Sophia Haber
Emma Block	Melanie Gaffin	David Kaufman	Rose Rinsky	Hank Weinstein	Rose Hochman
August Blumhof	Yaakov Galinkin	Lillian Kessler	Wendy Ritter	Sarah Weinstein	Minnie Horwitz
Solon Briskin	Joseph Gaskowitz	Irene Klaben	Dorothy L. Robbins	Esther Weisdorf	Harold B. Jacobson
Carol Callas	Sam Gassman	Florine Kohn	Sophia Robins	Alice Woll	Herbert Jones
Shelly Charles	Sarah Geisenfeld	Estelle Kress	Nathan Rosen	Alvin Worley	Adolf Kahn
Donn. Charne	Solomon Gettleman	Milton Krochmal	Arthur Rosenthal	William Zappin	Lawrence Katz
Ada Cohen	Benjamin Getzel	Milton Krochman	Louis Roth	George Zappin	Anna Kitain
Anna Cohen	Shirlee Gilbert	Clarence Lapedes	Rolf Rothschild	Mollie Ziskin	Esther Kotler
David Cohen	Harry Gisser	Judith Lapedes	Dora Kanter Rubin	Rev. Louis Zusman	Marshall Kreitman
Harry Cohen	Joseph Glatterman	Jacqueline Lapidus	Rhoda Ryan	Joseph Zusman	Louis Kutash
Joseph Colman	Francis Goldberg	Alice Levine	Samuel Sable		Hyman Levine
Rose Cooper	Rayzel Golden	Charles Levy	Henry Sacolick	IYYAR	Ruth Lindenbaum
Jacob Cooper	Morris Goldflies	Marianna Levy	George Saiger	Charles Abramovitz	Sylvia Marcus
Agnes Czigler	Celia Goodman	Esther Louis	Isabel Sylvia Schriber	Marian Aftergood	Jake Matusoff
Ruth Dorfman	Curt Goodman	Frieda Magilvy	Rose Schwartz	Rachel Aftergood	Joseph Morozovsky
Sarah Droz	Yale Gressel	Harvey Mann	Louis B. Schwartz	Moses L. Arnovitz	Berniece Ruth Musin
Jacob Dulgus	Ida Haeckel	Cecelia Margolis	Michael Shane	Sol Arnovitz	Jacob Naiman
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Faulkner	William Harris	Leo H. Merdinger	Adele Shokler	Emily Bruck	
Joseph Eslow	Sarah Harris	Allan Michelson	Jennifer Short	Maryan Caplan	
Jacob Faust	Joseph Hochman	Jacqueline Joy Miller	Joseph Shuchat	Linwood Coates	
Betty Feldman	Herman Hoffman	Mayer Naiman	Rachel Siegle	Arthur H. Ehrenberg	



Sisterhood's Women, Art and Identity event at The Co art gallery, with Elyssa Wortzman and Hannah Levinson facilitating.



On March 27, Rav Aubrey participated in a spirited conversation in word and music about the songbook of Americana legend and Nobel laureate, Bob Dylan, along with Prof. John McCombe (UD, English) and Prof. James Hiller (UD, Music).

FORESIGHT

Ralph Williams

For those of you who may have missed Rav Aubrey's sermon several weeks ago (and as a reminder to those who were present to hear it), he spoke of how much of what we experience in life is not within our control, but often the result of choices that were made by those who came before us. By example, he told how it is believed that when Jacob came down to Egypt from Canaan, he brought with him and planted seeds for acacia trees because he anticipated that the Israelites would need acacia wood to build the Mishkan in the Wilderness where no acacia trees grew. Without Jacob's wise foresight and action, the Israelites would not have been able to build the Mishkan in the manner that God commanded.

So too, the actions we take today and those that we fail to take will impact future generations. As Rav Aubrey stated, one of life's purposes is to provide for the long term sustainability of future generations by living one of our core Jewish values of giving back. One way to give back would be by paying it forward, as past congregants of Beth Abraham have done for us.

The Life & Legacy program provides a vehicle for our paying it forward, so that future generations of Beth Abraham congregants have a greater ability to enjoy and enhance their Jewish lives and that of their children. Providing for a legacy gift to Beth Abraham through your will, a life insurance policy, annuity or other instrument, requires no financial outlay to the synagogue until a point in time when you no longer need the funds that the gift will provide. Additionally, arranging for a legacy gift to Beth Abraham, as opposed to a current donation, allows you to make changes to the gift as your financial needs or resources change.

Will you have the foresight to impact the lives of future Beth Abraham congregants in a beneficial way? For more information about how you can become a participant in the Life & Legacy program, contact Elaine Arnovitz in the office.



PURIM FUN!



From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President

I love this time of the year! The weather starts to turn warmer; we celebrated the wonderful holiday of Purim; and we look forward to the start of Pesach, where we gather with family and friends for our seders. But as



many of you know, this is also my favorite time of the year when I get to watch a lot of college basketball. Not to breach any copyrights, this "March Crazyiness" takes me to UD Arena for the First Four, watching four games live in-person in two days, and then watching games on television from Thursday through Sunday.

Enjoying these basketball games takes me back to my college years, when I was a member of the Big Red Pep Band at Indiana University and traveled with the team to various cities to cheer on the team and the crowd. I do remember what it was like as a student and how these little things, like helping to encourage the team to victory, created a lifetime of memories. But it also reminds me of those years as a college student away from home, perhaps for the first

time, having to either attend a Pesach Seder at Hillel or a quick couple of days at home, where we all have our Seder traditions that we each enjoy.

One Beth Abraham tradition that many of you may not realize is providing holiday packages to our Beth Abraham college students throughout the year. Each college student receives a surprise box before Rosh Hashanah, Passover, and Chanukah. While the number of students may be going down, the tradition of sending these boxes has not. Thanks to Brenda Rinzler sponsoring the Rosh Hashanah and Passover boxes and to Barbara Sanderow sponsoring the Chanukah boxes, this wonderful surprise has continued to happen year after year. In addition to our generous sponsors, we have a volunteer who spends the time confirming the addresses of the students; purchasing the items for the boxes, whether it is a box of matzo or even a sweatshirt with the student's college logo; and finally shipping those boxes. Marlene Pinsky was one of the original volunteers who lovingly accepted this role. She then passed it on to Ann Liberman, who then recently passed it on to Lisa Pavlofsky. I can tell

you from firsthand experience from both watching Ann purchase and ship the surprises; to hearing about it from my own daughters, that it is a rewarding and beneficial service that our synagogue provides. Thanks also must go out to the rabbis over the years who supplied a very meaningful message in each box.

Again, this is something that Beth Abraham does behind the scenes. Certainly, our dedicated volunteers do a lot for us, both well-known like the kitchen helpers who prepare Kiddush lunch every week, to those less known, like the Bulletin helpers who stuff envelopes to get this Bulletin to you. Thank you all! Of course, anyone wishing to learn more about volunteer opportunities with Beth Abraham, please call the office.

And while my thoughts these next couple of weeks will be on the conclusion of the college basketball season, I do think of those fun college years, and the hope that each of our Beth Abraham students enjoy a little bit of Jewish Dayton when they receive their boxes, and know that we are all thinking of them. Chag Pesach Sameach!

PURIM THANK YOUS

Purim According to Elvis was a hit!! We had close to 100 people for dinner and even more who came to the carnival and shpiel. Of course, the good food and fun wouldn't happen without all our wonderful volunteers. A special thank you to Irvin Moscowitz, Diane Williams and Cantor Raizen who helped with our shpiel song lyrics, and Judy and Alan Chesen for writing the narration. From planning, to cooking, to carnival helpers and more, we thank the following who helped make the evening a success: Matt Arnovitz, Jack & Maryann Bernstein, Linda Brotkin, Tara Feiner, Mike Freed, Philip & Julie Goldstein, Garry Greene, Mike Jaffe, Linda Katz, Rachel Kinard, Ken Krochmal, Hannah Levinson, Ann Liberman, Wendy Lipp, Julie Liss-Katz, Liz & Steve Musin, Debby Oppenheimer, Marlene & Terry Pinsky, Connie Roberts and Mike Sherman. Todah Rabah!!



Thanks to Craig Fishbein for the Elvis picture!

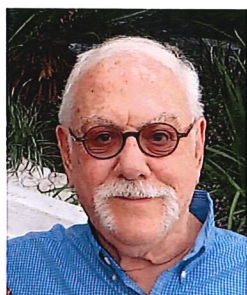
SECURITY AND GUESTS

As we continue to follow our security policies, we would like to ask you to please notify the office if you know of any guests that will be attending our services so our greeters have a list of names at the door. This helps us to properly greet those attending that we may not recognize.

We would like to expand our number of greeters and will be providing training after Passover. If you'd like to participate, please contact the office to let us know.

Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



Among the many books produced by the prolific historian and rabbi, Jacob Neusner, is a short but very important study. The title tells it all: "First Century Judaism in Crisis."

Neusner begins by emphasizing the centrality of the Second Temple, located in Jerusalem in the southern kingdom of Judah, to Jews everywhere in the known world, especially after the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.E.

By the first century, at the very the beginning of the last era of ancient history, Judah had been renamed Judea and had become part of the Roman Empire. Neusner insists that the Romans granted self government to the Jews as they did to many peoples of their vast empire. Deep divisions existed within the Jewish community of the time.

Long before the Romans had established their empire, the Greeks had taken control of much of the known world around the Mediterranean. Many Jews had been attracted by Greek architecture, art, literature, mathematics and science, philosophy, theater and more. Many other Jews resisted becoming part of what was after all a pagan society. They feared the end of traditional Judaism. Within Judaism, there existed a fierce struggle about the future of the religion, which may have made it easier for Christianity to spread so quickly. Greek influence lasted long after they had been replaced by the Romans. The Jews in Judea did not feel the same attraction to the Romans. Many Jews wanted more than self government. They wanted independence. Matters came to a head beginning in April of the year 66 during Passover when the

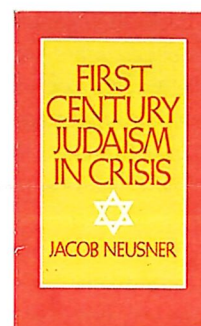
Jews in Jerusalem rose up against the Romans and wiped out a small detachment of Roman troops retreating from the city. The Romans had created an empire covering the largest land mass the world had ever seen to that point in history. The empire stretched from the Atlantic through Eastern Europe, to the lands on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean and around the Mediterranean, to North Africa. As early as the first century, however, the empire suffered from internal conflict over who should rule, and from constant attacks along its vast borders. In fact, Rome had four emperors in 69. So it took a while to raise the large number of troops needed to crush the rebellion and to transport them to Judea. Then, between 67 and 70, a huge Roman force led by General Vespasian systematically destroyed the Jewish rebels. When Vespasian became the last of the four emperors in 69, his son Titus led the force which captured Jerusalem in 70. Vespasian ruled for ten years, then Titus became emperor and ruled for only two years.

Titus burned down much of Jerusalem including the Second Temple. Many Jews had been killed or enslaved and many fled from Judea, most joining large Jewish communities in Alexandria and Babylon. A smaller number of Jews left for other areas including areas in Asia out of the reach of the Romans. The Romans destroyed much of Judea and Palestine and made it difficult for the surviving Jews, the 'remnant,' to have a decent life.

Nobody living at the time could have predicted how the destruction of the Second Temple would have changed Judaism forever and allowed it to begin to move out of the ancient world. In place of the Temple, there would be synagogues in Jewish communities throughout the known world and they would carry on the religion. Instead of the priests of the Temple, the rabbis in

those synagogues would be the new leaders of Judaism.

While the Jews of Judea and Palestine would lead a marginal existence, Jewish communities across Western Europe, in England, France, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, the cities of the Italian peninsula and the area that would become Germany, flourished. They never escaped discrimination and prejudice, and in some cases expulsion, causing them to move into Eastern Europe and create the great Jewish communities of Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Russia. Some remained on the fringe of Asia and settled in Turkey.



Rav Aubrey visits and shares Rosh Hodesh Nissan with Hillel Academy students

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

We hope everyone enjoyed their *Mishloach Manot* treats as much as we enjoyed preparing them for you. We must send a huge thank you once again to Premier Produce One for donating the bananas, as well as to our packers and Mobile Mensches: Elaine Arnovitz, Maryann Bernstein, Claudia Birch and Allan Spetter, Alan and Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug and Bonnie Deutsch, Irwin Dumtschin, Beverly Farnbacher, Irene Fishbein, Philip and Julie Goldstein, Marilyn Klaben, Franklyn and Cheryl Lewis, Ann Liberman, Liz Musin, Jeff and Connie Roberts, David Rothschild, Dale and Sharon Schiff, Bob and Suzanne Thum, and Ralph and Diane Williams. We could not have done this without all these volunteers!

Our Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat on March 11th was a wonderful and inspiring program. Thank you to our event co-chairs Alan Chesen and Cheryl Lewis for their hard work, to Elyssa Wortzman for delivering an enlightening D'var Torah and to all our service participants who helped make it a very special Shabbat. Finally, a big Mazel Tov to our new Torah readers for this Shabbat!

On March 19th, Sisterhood held a special program at The Contemporary Dayton (known as the Co). About 35 women shared a beautiful afternoon of art exploration. The exhibit featured art from three living Jewish women artists. Taking a deeper look into the large scale home interior piece by Becky Suss, we shared memories of the homes of our youth and the role of Jewish women in creating a Jewish home. Using artwork by Elyssa Wortzman, the program concluded with participants experiencing a spiritual web of interconnectivity surrounding the idea of "home" by creating our own *Birkot HaBayit* (Blessing for the Home). We'd like to share it with you now:

Baruchat Shechinah: Serenity; who protects us; in the home; spreading forth; blossoming energy; in the morning light; welcoming chaos; and balance; bringing spiritual peace; in the stars; with compassion for others; and comfort; with thankfulness for the setting sun; emergence; so we may reach our dreams; in the elements; and rolling hills; with the guidance of angels; with fire and energy; in a calm place; beside my family; with Mother's love.

We'd like to especially thank Elyssa Wortzman and Hannah Levinson for creating and facilitating this program. We'd also like to thank The Co and Michael Goodson, Curator and Director of Programming, for graciously hosting our group and sharing his expertise.

Pesach is upon us. Please visit the Gift Shop for your last-minute Seder needs. Please contact Connie Roberts for assistance and to see what's new.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

On March 11th, the Shabbat service was led jointly by Men's Club and Sisterhood members. A special *Yasher Koach* to our co-chairs, Cheryl Lewis and Alan Chesen, as well as all those from Men's Club and Sisterhood who both participated in and worked together in the planning and coordinating of the service.

Men's Club Deli Dinner drew a wonderful crowd of 65 participants for a delicious deli meal, raffle and film.

Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Distribution: Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed this year on April 18, corresponding to 27 Nisan 5783. As we have done for over the past 3 decades, our Men's Club, in cooperation with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, will provide local congregants with a special Yellow Candle™ for personal observance at home. Please join with members of Jewish communities all over America on Monday night, April 17, by lighting the candle in memory of a victim of the Holocaust.

Men's Club Monthly Meeting: We are scheduled to meet on Monday, April 17 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Our meetings are open to all, so come join us and give your input! The link will be in News & Notes and on our webpage.

We wish everyone a Happy Pesach!

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LIVESTREAM LINK

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

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SHABBAT LEARNING

Following Pesach during Kiddush lunch, Rav Aubrey will begin a new class navigating the Shabbat prayer service using the Lev Shalem Siddur. The class will begin **April 15th** and continue for 6 sessions.

Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

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

Saturday, April 1		Morning Service	9:30 am	Saturday, April 15	
Morning Service	9:30 am	Havdalah	8:53 pm	Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	8:46 pm			Havdalah	9:00 pm
Wednesday, April 5		Tuesday, April 11		Friday, April 21	
Erev Pesach		Pesach VI		Idra Shabbat	5:00 pm
Fast of the First Born/Siyyum	8:30 am	Candle Lighting	7:52 pm	Candle Lighting	8:02 pm
Candle Lighting	7:46 pm	Wednesday, April 12		Saturday, April 22	
Thursday, April 6		Pesach VII		Morning Service	9:30 am
Pesach I		Morning Service	9:30 am	Havdalah	9:07 pm
Morning Service	9:30 am	Candle Lighting	8:57 pm		
Candle Lighting	8:51 pm	Thursday, April 13		Friday, April 28	
Friday, April 7		Pesach VIII		Kabba-Lotsa Fun Shabbat	5:00 pm
Pesach II		Morning Service	9:30 am	(on Zoom)	
Morning Service	9:30 am	Candle Lighting	8:58 pm	GWCTS	
No Idra Shabbat service		Friday, April 14		Candle Lighting	8:09 pm
Candle Lighting	7:48 pm	Rhythm 'N' Ruach	5:00 pm	Saturday, April 29	
Saturday, April 8		Candle Lighting	7:55 pm	Morning Service	9:30 am
				Havdalah	9:14 pm