

**BETH  
ABRAHAM  
SYNAGOGUE**

# Bulletin

Dayton's Voice of Conservative Judaism

VOLUME 20, NUMBER 2

August 2023

AV - ELUL 5783

## In This Issue:

- Shabbat Under the Stars, pg. 4
- High Holiday information, pg. 8
- Rav Reads, pg. 9

## A WEEKEND OF SONG, STUDY AND COMMUNITY AUGUST 25-27 CULMINATING IN RAV AUBREY'S INSTALLATION



We welcome Joey Weisenberg, founder of Hadar's Rising Song Institute, for an experiential weekend of sound, song and learning. Throughout Shabbat we'll explore how melodies can be inclusive, expansive, and build community.

**Friday, August 25th - 5:30PM:** A spiritually uplifting and song-filled Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
Followed by Shabbat dinner. \$26 adults, \$13 children 3-12 and \$75 family. **RSVP by Aug. 16 online at [bethabrahamdayton.org](http://bethabrahamdayton.org);**  
Nigun Circle to follow

**Saturday, August 26th - Shabbat Services - 9:30AM:** Joey will lead us in a song-filled Shacharit service. Followed by Kiddush lunch and a learning session with Joey, *The Torah of Music*.

**Sunday, August 27th - Installation Concert - 1:00PM:** Joey combines original music with ancient prayer, musical virtuosity and grassroots folksong as we officially install Rav Aubrey Glazer. Reception to follow.



**LIFE ENRICHMENT SERIES**  
Enlighten. Elevate. Entertain.

**Social Action Project:** We will be collecting school supplies to be donated to Crayons to Classrooms as part of this celebratory weekend. Please bring your donations of new supplies when you visit the synagogue. We'll be taking donations throughout August.





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



Every ten years the US conducts a census. Among the reasons for doing so is to determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S.

House of Representatives, to adjust or redraw electoral districts based on where populations have increased or decreased, and to determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are spent over the next decade. Long before this well-known census, the Torah records two counts that were made of the Israelites as they wandered in the desert. The first took place at the time of the construction of the *mishkan*, the Tabernacle. This census was more about collecting money than counting people as each Israelite (man) from age 20 and up was to contribute a half shekel towards the building of the Tabernacle. The second census takes place prior to the conquest of the land. Once again, only men were counted in order to have an accurate assessment of an army.

Censuses are used not only to count population numbers, but also to gain information and insight about a particular issue within a group. Throughout the years, the American Jewish community has conducted censuses to determine sheer numbers as well as trends within the community. Most recently, The Jewish Education Project set out to determine how many students are receiving their Jewish education in a part-time "supplementary school" setting and what the goals are for those schools. The study found that there are about 141,000 children enrolled in some type of part-time Jewish education from grades Pre-K through 12 in 1,458 schools. The top three goals identified by these schools are **Belonging**: helping students develop a sense of belonging to the Jewish people; **Jewish Experiences**: providing a safe space for students to engage in meaningful Jewish experiences; and **Strength and Wellness**: fostering

students' understanding of Judaism as a source for strength, wellness, and growth. The data from this census is helping Jewish educators to develop Jewish learning experiences that are meaningful and relevant for Jewish youth and their families, recognizing that today's Jewish community is significantly different from the one that conceptualized supplementary and congregational Jewish education in the 20th century.

Our GOAL! (Go Out And Learn) Program, Beth Abraham's youth education program, begins soon. We strive to address the changing needs and expectations of our students and their families. Through the years we have had the opportunity to utilize some new and innovative curricula and programs, including the *La'briut* curriculum developed in the summer of 2020 to be used as an online learning option during COVID. This year we are excited to introduce **Shalom Learning**, a curriculum developed to instill a love of lifelong learning and to create an environment in which students, teachers, parents, and the community experiences Jewish values as a meaningful way to navigate the world. Shalom Learning was founded in 2011 to create an innovative religious school program. It offers online, in-person, and blended learning programs for supplementary Jewish education for K-7th grades, as well as professional development opportunities for educators. They currently partner with 260 religious schools to make Jewish education and learning Hebrew more engaging and relevant for students. The program is flexible to allow for in-person, virtual, and/or self-paced learning. The curriculum is evaluated and adjusted each year to accommodate the calendar and update resources to keep it relevant. Shalom Learning is used in many Conservative congregations throughout the country and the educators that I have spoken to are very pleased with it.

**If you have children in grades K-7, or you know a family who is not currently enrolled in a Jewish educational**

**program, now is the time to sign up!** The first day of classes is Sunday, September 10. Registration forms are available on our website under the Learn & Study tab. And don't forget about the \$500 stipend available to every Jewish child in the Miami Valley through the SEEDS Project, administered through the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton.

## BETH ABRAHAM



### GIVING SOCIETIES

#### CHAI SOCIETY

MIKE FREED  
STEVEN & LINDA HORENSTEIN  
TERRY & MARLENE PINSKY  
ALLAN\* & BRENDA RINZLER  
NORM & MARY RITA WEISSMAN

#### RABBI'S MINYAN

LARRY & CINDY BURICK  
BRUCE & DEBBIE FELDMAN  
STEVE & PENNEY FRAIM  
DAVID & SUSAN JOFFE  
MARC KATZ & JULIE LISS-KATZ  
EDWARD & MARCIA KRESS  
MICHAEL & ELLEN LEFFAK  
ALLEN LEVIN  
DONALD & CAROLE MARGER  
ANDREW & PAMELA SCHWARTZ

#### CANTOR'S CHOIR

ADAM & TARA FEINER  
MICHAEL & MARCIA\* JAFFE  
DAVID & JOAN MARCUS  
IRVIN & GAYLE MOSCOWITZ  
FRIEND OF THE CONGREGATION

#### PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

BETH ADELMAN  
MATT & ELAINE ARNOVITZ  
BILL & MELINDA DONER  
DOUGLAS & BETHANY EINSTEIN  
DENEAL & ESTHER FELDMAN  
GARY & IRENE FISHBEIN  
LYNN FOSTER  
JOEL & ANGELA FRYDMAN  
RENATE FRYDMAN  
MICHAEL & ROCHELLE GOLDSTEIN  
SAMMYE HARRISON\*  
STANLEY & SUSAN KATZ  
NORM & KAY LEWIS  
SCOTT & ANN LIBERMAN  
ALAN & MYRNIE MOSCOWITZ  
WALTER RICE & BONNIE BEAMAN RICE  
LEE & PATTI SCHEAR  
REX & LOUISE TINCHER  
FRIEND OF THE CONGREGATION  
FRIEND OF THE CONGREGATION

\* OF BLESSED MEMORY



## WHAT I'VE LEARNED FROM MY JOURNEYING BACK AND FORTH TO *ERETZ YISRAEL*

RAV AUBREY GLAZER

Within what always feels like the blink of an eye — we have returned from Eretz Yisrael to Dayton, Ohio! It was a very intense and inspiring time—Elyssa completed her artist in residency at Kol Ha'Ot in Jerusalem's Artist's



Colony (right across from the studio of Dayton native, David Moss), Tal learned to surf in Tel Aviv and apprentice in Jewelry making with a Jerusalemite artist, and I've concluded my final two weeks of study, rabbinic networking and reflection to now become a Senior Rabbinic Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute. Extended to four years because of pandemic limitations, including fifteen weeks in Israel and more than 100 hours of online learning, the normally three-year Rabbinic Leadership Initiative (RLI) intensive fellowship program "immerses an elite cadre of 25 North American rabbis in the highest levels of Jewish learning, equipping them to meet contemporary challenges with ever-increasing intellectual and moral sophistication. RLI significantly impacts the quality of contemporary Jewish life in North America by training exceptional rabbis of all denominations to serve as profound spiritual and intellectual leaders."

What did I learn from this extended and intensive Rabbinic Leadership Initiative? A few bikkurim or first fruits from my four years: (1) In a world of increasing extremism, damaging echo chambers, and political polarization, we explored the rabbinic commitment to embracing the complexity of contemporary challenges and to respecting and honoring those with whom we disagree. In a world of growing antipathy to Zionism and democracy, we wrestled with the tensions inherent within Israel as a Jewish State committed

to liberal democracy, deepening our love for Israel and simultaneously recognizing that the decisions of its leadership are complicated-- not always perfect or just. In a world, especially in the U.S., in which religious practice is diminishing and, not coincidentally, selfishness, nationalism, and myopic thinking are on the rise, we wrestled with ancient and contemporary texts challenging how we navigate Jewish ethics and political philosophies undergirding robust ways of dreaming Zionism anew and debating models of shared society. (2) In a time of pandemic, we studied the Jewish responses to change and the implications that result; we learned to pivot. In a time of rising antisemitism, we reflected on the Jewish obligation to care for our fellow Jews and the origins and evolving definitions of Zionism. In this time of Jewish success and Jewish vulnerability, we delved deeply into the biblical lessons on power and powerlessness. (3) In wading through the turbulent waters of these last many years, the Hartman experience gifted me a cadre of thought leaders from across North America and Israel from whom I can learn, with whom I can discuss contemporary challenges, and whose collegiality supported me as we journeyed and continue to journey through the challenges and blessings of Jewish leadership and Jewish life into the uncharted territory of the future.

I am a more curious and inclusive rabbi for our people and all allies and lovers of Zion because of my studies and trans-denominational rabbinic network forged with the Shalom Hartman Institute; and I hope that I am a stronger resource and leader for the Beth Abraham Synagogue family as a result. I am deeply grateful to Shalom Hartman Institute, to our Beth Abraham Synagogue leadership, to the BAS communal family, to Bobby A. Kleinman at the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal, and to my own family for this opportunity. The Hartman experience has enhanced my rabbinate, clarified my commitment to Jewish peoplehood and refined my thinking about "thickening" our Jewish

journey through deeper relations with the Land of Israel, the people of Israel and the renaissance of diverse Hebrew cultures and spirituality.

And there is always some insight from Hartman faculty that reframes the way I read Judaism, this time by renowned Israeli philosopher, Professor Micah Goodman. During his final teaching to our cohort, Micah challenged us in this most intensely divisive moment in Israel and North America to really reconsider how we might utilize our freedoms to live in a more holistic way—but how? We need to pay more attention to earlier advice given by the first Hebrew ironist, Qohelet who taught us that: "Whatever God does, after all, feels right at the moment. There are even moments when God grants that people feel as though the whole world is in their hearts...even though those very people have no concomitant sense of God's actual plan for them, not the start of it and surely not the end." (Qohelet 3:11). All you have is this moment, so do not be seduced by binary thinking and if you are distracted, then change the question. Shift away from the binary thinking saddled by the essence of an idea. Such an idea becomes ideological when it places blinders upon you so as to only be able to look at this dilemma through the lens of what is right what is wrong based on a static idea. But what if living life fully in the moment is no longer about the essence of the idea but about the timing of idea? However the foresight of Qohelet here is to guide us: "to accept both aspects of reality without trying to evade either" which by extension means that dogmatism defines that moment where a person believes that their idea is always the right idea at every moment. Not every moment is ripe neither for love nor for hate; just as not every moment is ripe neither for war nor for peace. But this moment can enable one to be fully immersed in all its love, and that moment in all of its peace, and vice versa. Qohelet's warning "not to be overly righteous and not to seek to be overly wise" hinges on being self-aware enough (cont'd on page 6)



## HIGH HOLIDAYS 1 DAY REVIEW

Chaya Vidal

It may be way too early to start thinking of putting away the hammock and the bathing suits, but it's not too early to start thinking about the High Holidays!

Beth Abraham Synagogue is pleased to once again offer the one day NJOP High Holidays review. We haven't had a review class since before the Pandemic, and it's time to get back in action!

On **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **10:00 A.M.**, we will have our review of the Liturgy. We will break for a bagels and coffee nosh around twelve, and then continue until we all feel more well versed (that means we will try to answer all holiday- related questions) and are joyously looking forward to Rav Glazer and Cantor Raizen leading us through our Holiday Services!

There is no charge for the session...but **you must register** by calling Ann in the B.A.S. office (937-293-9520) so that enough materials can be printed out for each participant. Erev Rosh Hashanah falls on Friday night, September 15<sup>th</sup> this year... how exciting! Instructor: Chaya Vidal



## SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS Friday, August 11 at 7:00PM At the home of Jody Pollack Blazar

Summer is here, and once again it's time to welcome Shabbat with our outdoor services, better known as Shabbat Under the Stars. We have enjoyed having the members of our band to add to the spirit of Shabbat, and they will join us once again.

Following this popular and casual service there will be an Oneg Shabbat with sweets and beverages. Please **RSVP** to the office by **August 8** to let us know you are coming.



## MORNING MINYAN

Do you have interest in helping to support the return of an in-person morning minyan? If so, please contact Jeff Roberts by email at [jroberts74@woh.rr.com](mailto:jroberts74@woh.rr.com) or by phone at 937-520-4588.

## REGISTRATION FOR GOAL! PROGRAM

Beth Abraham's Jewish education program for youth is open to families with children entering grades Kindergarten-7<sup>th</sup>. Sunday classes begin on **September 10** and are held from 9:30-12:00 most Sunday mornings. This year we are introducing the Shalom Learning Curriculum (see the cantor's article). Registration forms can be found on the website at [www.bethabrahamdayton.org](http://www.bethabrahamdayton.org), under the Learn and Study tab. If you have any questions, please contact Cantor Raizen.



## CEMETERY CHAPEL OPEN ONCE AGAIN

With the pandemic behind us, we have reopened the cemetery chapel. The HVAC system has been replaced, adding a fresh air intake and an ion generator, greatly increasing the air quality and minimizing noise. In addition, the chapel has been thoroughly cleaned and is ready for use as needed.



Shabbat Under the Stars at the Bernstein's home in June



# IN THE BETH ABRAHAM FAMILY

## We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

### Bert Appel Fund

#### In memory of

**Ric Blum**, by Joel and Angela Frydman

#### In honor of

**Debbie Feldman's special birthday**, by Joel and Angela Frydman

### Burick/Kravitz Fund

#### In memory of

**Doris Burick**, by Sharon and Bob Burick and family

### Cantor Raizen's Discretionary Fund

#### In memory of

**Jonah Chesen**, by Janel Pequignot, Steve and Bari Blumhof, Mike and Rochelle Goldstein, Beth Adelman

#### In honor of

**Pam Schwartz's birthday**, by Miriamne Krummel and Matt Adkins

### Cemetery Fund

#### In memory of

**Clara Schneider**, by Harvey Fiddler

### General Fund

#### In memory of

**Emily Fogel**, by Irvin and Gayle Moscovitz

**Ric Blum**, by Liz and Steve Musin, David and Susan Joffe

**Jonah Chesen**, by Bruce and Debbie Feldman, Lynn Foster, Bob and Suzanne Thum, Franklin and Cheryl Lewis, Liz and Steve Musin, Stacy Eموff, Mel, Anne, Jennifer & Sarah Crist, William and Harriett Fenberg, James Lies, Thomas Doukas, Daniel Briskin, Victoria Minor, Jerry, Lisa, Evan, Kacie & Brendan Apt, Pauline, Jack, Christine & Kate Fiala, Scott and Ann Liberman, Robert Sweeney, Marni Flagel, Irvin and Gayle Moscovitz

**Helen Jacobson**, by Dan and Bev Jacobson

**Maurice S. Rubenstein**, by Howard and Deborah Rubenstein

**Sally Litvak**, by Marc and Jan Litvak

**Dottie Engelhardt**, by Ellyn, Julie, Adam, Aaron, Isaac and Nani Guttman

#### In honor of

**Beth Guttman's birthday**, by Ellyn Guttman

**Phyllis Rosen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**, by Dennis and Linda Kahn

**Debbie Feldman's special birthday**, by Stanley and Susan Katz

**Sarah Vandersluis' wedding**, by Alan and Judy Chesen

**Cantor Raizen's Women of Valor honor**, by Miriamne Krummel and Matt Adkins  
**Myrna Gabbe's birthday**, by Miriamne Krummel and Matt Adkins

**Alan Chesen's Men's Club Man of the Year award**, by Miriamne Krummel and Matt Adkins

#### Speedy recovery

**Rabbi Samuel Press**, by Bert and Wanda Pilder

### Gerald Wilks Fund

#### In memory of

**Yale Ducker**, by Howard and Sue Ducker

### Ida Pinsky Fund

#### In memory of

**Emily Fogel**, by Donald and Carole Marger, Terry and Marlene Pinsky

**Stephanie Schwartzberg**, by Terry and Marlene Pinsky

**Jonah Chesen**, by Terry and Marlene Pinsky, Donald and Carole Marger

**Ric Blum**, by Donald and Carole Marger

**Jean Marger**, by Donald and Carole Marger

#### In honor of

**Joel and Marci Vandersluis' daughter's wedding**, by Terry and Marlene Pinsky

**Richard Prigozen's special birthday**, by Donald and Carole Marger

#### Speedy recovery

**Dena Briskin**, by Terry and Marlene Pinsky

### Joel Horenstein Fund

#### In memory of

**Jonah Chesen**, by Steve and Linda Horenstein, Doug and Bonnie Deutsch

**Ric Blum**, by Steve and Linda Horenstein

**Jon Steven Schwartzman**, by Judy Schwartzman and Mike Jaffe

#### In honor of

**Judy Schwartzman's kindness**, by Steve and Linda Horenstein  
**Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slakter's new home**, by Steve and Linda Horenstein

#### Speedy recovery

**Dena Briskin**, by Steve and Linda Horenstein

### Kiddush Fund

#### In memory of

**Rose Frankowitz**, by Adele Krug

**William Lewis**, by Norm and Kay Lewis

**Fannie Lewis**, by Norm and Kay Lewis

#### In honor of

**David Rothschild's birthday**, by Joel and Judi Guggenheimer

### Rav Glazer's Discretionary Fund

#### In memory of

**Estelle Freed**, by Beverly Louis  
**Jonah Chesen**, by Dale and Karen Levy, Felix Garfunkel, Lawrence Wagenfeld and family, David and Susan Joffe  
**Louise Tanis**, by Adele Krug

**Herbert M. Louis**, by Beverly Louis

**Jacob S. Louis**, by Beverly Louis

#### In honor of

**Chaya Vidal's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday**, by Beverly Louis

**Larry Burick's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday**, by Beverly Louis

**The birth of Marty & Marti Jacobs' new granddaughter**, by Ralph Williams and Diane Rubin Williams

**Lee and Patti Schear**, wishing them all the best with "All the Best Deli," by Roger and Mindy Chudde

**Debbie Feldman's special birthday**, by Larry and Marilyn Klaben

### Ritual Fund

#### In memory of

**Emily Fogel**, by David and Lynn Goldenberg

**Ric Blum**, by Eddie and Susie Katz

**Fannie Raizen**, by Cantor Andrea Raizen

**Joshua B. Diamond**, by Celia Diamond

**Susan Panzer**, by Lawrence Wagenfeld

**Kalman Musin**, by Liz and Steve Musin

**Samuel Topper**, by Judy Schwartzman and family

**Eva Spiegler**, by Gene and Myra Schneider

**Martha Ann Gable**, by Shelley Keimach

**Clara Chudde**, by Roger and Mindy Chudde

**Helen Canter**, by Jim Nathanson

**Carol Nathanson**, by Jim Nathanson

**Jacob Stayman**, by Myron Stayman

**Dolly Droz**, by Myron Stayman, Jackie and Jay Dorman

(Cont'd on pg. 7)



## In the Beth Abraham Family

### Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

**June 3** - A friend of Beth Abraham

**June 10** - Rochelle and Michael Goldstein in honor of their 60th anniversary

**June 17** - Allan and Linda Katz in honor of Allan's birthday and their anniversary

**June 24** - Connie and Stanley Blum in honor of their birthdays

**July 1** - Beth Adelman in memory of Sidney and Evelyn Adelman

**July 8** - Cindy & Larry Burick, Rabbi Bernard Barsky & Beverly Louis

**July 15** - Hindy, Rachel and Elliott Gruber in memory of Richard Gruber

**July 22** - No Sponsor

**July 29** - Mike Freed and family in memory of Joanne Freed; Matt & Elaine Arnovitz in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary

### Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August:

#### August Birthdays

1	Megan Shaw
2	Carol Bernstein
5	Andrew Schwartz
6	Connie Roberts
6	Larry Klaben
7	Suzanne Thum
8	Karen Wolfe
8	Stephanie Levin
11	Stephen Musin
11	Bernie Sherman
11	Martin Schear
13	David Goldenberg
13	Sharon Burick
13	Sharon Kuhr
15	Cherie Rosenstein
17	Barbara Mandle
17	Miriamne Krummel
18	Susan Joffe
18	Susie Katz
18	Ernestine Levine
21	Darah Sherman
22	Andrew Blazar
23	Steven Blumhof
27	Alex Briskin
27	Melinda Doner
27	Esther Feldman
29	Mindy Greene
29	Irvin Moscovitz
31	Irene Fishbein

#### August Anniversaries

3	Jay & Judith Kelman
3	Edward & Marcia Kress
7	Ervin & Wendi Pavlofsky
7	Terry & Marlene Pinsky
10	Beau & Megan Shaw
12	Eddie & Susie Katz
12	Norman & Kay Lewis
14	Stanley & Connie Blum
14	Jay & Randee Kaplan
15	Larry & Marilyn Klaben
17	Franklin & Cheryl Lewis
18	Kim & Shelley Goldenberg
23	Michael & Ellen Leffak
24	Ralph & Diane Rubin Williams
31	Robert & Eleanor Bernstein
31	Lawrence & Cynthia Burick

\*\* 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:

Ryan Lechich & Ofir Ravin

#### WE RECORD WITH DEEP SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Ric Blum  
Jonah Chesen  
Emily Fogel  
Sammye Harrison

(cont'd from Rav Glazer's article on pg. 3)

of what is actually needed and "feels right at the moment"—if only each one of us could be that attuned to the texture of time of this very moment in contradistinction to the next and the next. For every breath is eternity uttering a moment, and we must remember all we have and all there is the "merest breath." Micah's insight renewed the calling for deeper attunement to the sacred sparks of each moment — that is the task before us as individuals, as a people, and as a Beth Abraham communal family. I am so grateful for the honor of serving as your rabbi. Thank you for the blessing of learning with the Shalom Hartman Institute. May we together grow in interconnections as a communal family that always bring us back to Jerusalem, and may we continue to dream the dream of Zion to redeem the world.

Birkat shalom!



# 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 August (Av - Elul) we remember:***

<b>AV</b>	Millie Fox	Herman Meyer	Sylvia Spiegel	Kurt Farnbacher	Norman Miller
Hyman Abromowitz	John H Fraim	Harold S Mintz	Israel Stein	Leanore Felman	Reva Munich
Pinchas Adler	Frances Blum Fried	A. J. Mintz	Pauline Stoolman	Kurt Fish	Joseph Nides
Lenka Adler	Ansil Garlikov	Kalman Musin	Philip Tanis	Pearl Freemas	Herman Nides
Norman Aftergood	Anna Gaskowitz	Eleanor Myers	Mildred Tannebaum	Ronny Friedberg	Louis Niren
Brian Appel	Mabel Gelman	Dov Nissenholz	Ruth Tiber	Elizabeth Friedman	Herbert Oppenheimer
Herman Bassel	Maurice S. Goldberg	Ida Nissenholz	Joseph Tilson	Isadore Goldberg	Glenn Pequignot
Rose Baygel-Fox	Shirley Greenberg	Goldie Ornstein	Lewis H Tinianow	Rose Goldrich	Isaac Perlmutter
Meyer R. Bernstein	Frieda Greenfield	Irma Panzer	Samuel Topper	Frieda Goldsmith	Isadore Posner
Jennie Zeifman	Rose Groban	Susan Lynn Panzer	Stanley Vangrov	David Goodman	Rose Rauchman
Birnbaum	Max Gruber	Morris Pavlovsky	Sherman Vangrov	Rose Goodman	Sidney F. Resler
Minnie Block	Jeanette Handler	Benjamin Perlowin	Wolf Wahrman	Israel Goodwin	Allan Rinzler
Rita Bloom	Ben Harris	Morris Jacob Rafner	Leona Weinreich	Anna Gordon	Bea Rosen
Shirley Brenner	Lois Ann Hoffman	Alan Raphael	Mollie Wool	Ronald Grinker	Ida Rosenthal
Rebecca Brod	Phillip Horn	Joseph Rosen	Fred Zakem	Anna Guralnik	Moshe Ross
Rose Brotkin	Jack S. Ingberg	Alan Rosen	Gertrude Zimmerman	Ida Gutmann	Sophie Roth
Adeline Brown	Fanny Ingberg	Eileen Rosichan	Lurie Ethel Zuckerman	Diane Handler	Liesel Rothschild
Harold Brown	Anna Jenevsky	Norman Rosichan	Walter Zuckerwise	Ann Hoffman	Ruth Salomon
Reda Saeks Burick	Fanny Kaplan	Marcia Rosichan		Charlotte Horowitz	Irving Schiffer
Doris Burick	Jacob Kasten	Sylvia Schneider	<b>ELUL</b>	Maurice Jacobs	Bertha Schriber
Chaika Burke	Benjamin Katz	Simon Schneider	Robert Abrams	Mollie Kahn	Claire Shapiro
Sadie Bustow	Leah Kelman	Meta Schoemann	Louis Abromovich	Sally Kantor	Larry Shuller
Joseph Cohen	Irving Klass	Marvin Schorr	Abraham Aftergood	Joseph Katz	Nellie Sivitz
Sam Cohen	Janet Kravitz	Shirley Schulman	Jane Aides	Rose Aides Kaufman	Anna Slavin
Mary Cohn	Goldenleys Krueger	Jon Steven Schwartzman	Ethel Benjamin	Lorraine Kobel	Henriette Smilack
Isadore Deutsch	Abe Kuhr	Harvey Sherman	Sadie Berman	Lillian Kuraner	Harry Soifer
Delores Droz	Elizabeth Labell	Feyga Shtamler	David Bernie	Phil Lang	Eliyahu Sokol
Edna Dumtschin	Esther V. Lapedes	Leonard Siegle	Lilian Bernstein	Michael Leventhal	Myra Stack
Francine Ehrenberg	Norman Lapidus	Jacob Siegle	Helen Borkan	Joseph Levin	Ann Moskowitz Stone
Betty Elpern	Abe Lapinsky	Moshe Y. Silverblatt	Louis Braverman	Molly Levin	Dorothy Suson
Rose Feldman	Herbert Larman	Ruth Silverman	Jeffrey Chesen	May Levine	Rev. Joseph Wasserman
Miriam Felsenfeld	Marcus Laster	Minnie Singer	R. Lee Chodos	Ruth Lieberman	Gladys Yaross
Seymour Feuer	Eliyah Levine	Ben Slavin	Harry Cohen	Irene Mandel	Victor Zwelling
Benjamin Fiddler	Dan Levine	Chana Sokol	David Daitch	Louis Mann	
Gilda Fishbein	Abraham Levy	Boris Sokol	Morris Dubro	Jack Mann	
Grace Fisher	Marilyn Lipp	Alan Solkov	Max Eisenberg	I. M. Marks	
Rose Fox	Pearle Mayerson		Otto Farnbacher	Samuel Maslow	

### **(Donations cont'd from pg. 5)**

#### **In memory of**

**Bob Droz**, by Jackie and Jay Dorman  
**Betty Barnett**, by George and Ruth Barnett  
**Gertrude Kohn**, by Fred Kohn  
**Bertha Beloff**, by Frayda and Larry Beloff  
**Milton Moscovitz**, by Alan and Marilyn Moscovitz  
**Yetta Lewis**, by Cheryl and Franklin Lewis  
**Morris Margolis**, by Cheryl and Franklin Lewis  
**Irma Panzer**, by Lawrence Wagenfeld  
**Yale Ducker**, by Steven Ducker  
**Ruth Schriber**, by Dolly and Steve Simmons  
**Shirley Weiner**, by Ellen and Michael Leffak  
**Lee Burick**, by Bob Burick  
**Phyllis Meyer**, by Steven Meyer  
**Norman Harlan**, by Thelma Harlan

**Faye and Irven Goodman**, by Richard Goodman

**Jacob Cunix**, by Nadine and John Merker

**Ida Davis**, by Anne Davis

**Helmut Schwab**, by Sharon Schwab

**Myron Freed**, by Mike Freed

**Bertha Wolfe**, by Sanford Wolfe

**Harry Wolfe**, by Sanford Wolfe

**Florence Nathanson**, by Jim Nathanson

**Edward Arnold**, by Jim Nathanson

**Isabelle Venick**, by Shelley Venick

#### **In honor of**

**Ralph Williams' birthday**, by Miriamne Krummel and Matt Adkins

#### **Sanderow-Tannebaum Fund**

#### **In memory of**

**Emily Fogel**, by Barbara Sanderow

**Ric Blum**, by Barbara Sanderow

**Mel Caplan**, by Barbara Sanderow

#### **Social Action Fund**

#### **In memory of**

**Jonah Chesen**, by Marcy Paul, Judy Schwartzman and Mike Jaffe

**Kalman Pomerantz**, by Miriamne Krummel and Matt Adkins

#### **USY Fund**

#### **In memory of**

**Maurice Katz**, by Harriet Katz





## WHAT ARE THE GIVING SOCIETIES?

In the years when we first moved to Sugar Camp, Beth Abraham leadership initiated the Giving Societies for the purpose of creating supplemental support for the synagogue. There was a great deal of enthusiasm for these levels of additional giving from the very beginning of their creation. There have been shifts in giving levels over the ensuing years, but, we have been incredibly fortunate that the Societies continue to attract new participants. One of the hallmarks of our congregation has always been both the understanding of how religious institutions get funded and an extraordinary intention to meet the needs. The members of the Societies are acknowledged with absolute gratitude in a number of ways, including each edition of the Beth Abraham Bulletin.

Below is a list of the Giving Societies and what is included with each level. Contact Norm Weissman or Elaine Arnovitz for further information. **Please consider joining – you can make a difference!**

<i>EVENT / TYPE</i>	<i>CHAI SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP (\$18,000)</i>	<i>RABBI'S MINYAN MEMBERSHIP (\$7,200)</i>	<i>CANTOR'S CHOIR MEMBERSHIP (\$5,400)</i>	<i>PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP (\$3,600)</i>
DUES INCLUDED	✓	✓	✓	✓
YOM KIPPUR APPEAL INCLUDED	✓	✓	✓	✓
FULL LISTING IN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
MAJOR EVENT	2 Tickets	1 Ticket		
MAJOR EVENT AD BOOK	1 Page Inside Ad	½ Page Inside Ad	¼ Page Ad	¼ Page Ad
CARD DONATIONS	18	10	8	
HOLIDAY/SHABBAT/ PROGRAM MEAL	2 Meals	1 Meal		
KIDDUSH	1 Per Year			
NO CHARGE FOR RENTAL OF SOCIAL HALL/ SANC- TUARY	1 Per Year	1 Per Year		
MENS CLUB DELI DINNER	2 Meals	1 Meal		
MENS CLUB DUES	✓	✓	✓	✓
SISTERHOOD DUES	✓	✓	✓	✓
NEW YEARS GREETING	✓	✓	✓	✓
RECOGNITION IN BULLETIN	✓	✓	✓	✓
LOBBY WALL RECOGNITION	✓	✓	✓	✓

### THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!

Can you believe the High Holidays will be here soon? Here's some important info to keep in mind:

- The **Book of Remembrance** (aka Yizkor book) will be printed soon, and we'll need your listings and donations. A letter and form were sent recently. Please fill out the form completely and return it along with your donation by **August 18th**.
- **Reciprocity letters** can be sent to congregations that you might be visiting out of town for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We have reciprocity agreements with other Conservative congregations that enable you to

attend their services without purchasing tickets, but these must be sent out as early as possible. If you plan to attend a congregation out of town, please call Ann Rismiller at the office, and she will arrange this for you (adult members and minor children only).

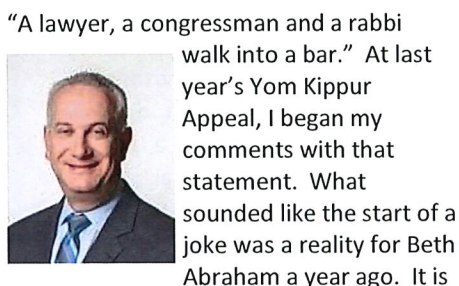
- **Babysitting and Youth Services** will be available for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. There will be more information available soon. Please let the office know if you think you'll need babysitting for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

**SEPTEMBER 15 - 17: ROSH HASHANAH**  
**SEPTEMBER 24 - 25: YOM KIPPUR**



## From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



"A lawyer, a congressman and a rabbi walk into a bar." At last year's Yom Kippur Appeal, I began my comments with that statement. What sounded like the start of a joke was a reality for Beth Abraham a year ago. It is hard to believe that we are now able to mark the one-year anniversary of hiring Rav Aubrey Glazer and the arrival of his family to Dayton.

Last September, for those regular Shabbat attendees who were waiting for the weekly recorded sermon, we were disappointed when the recorded Rav Aubrey drash video failed to start due to a technical problem. But we were then pleasantly surprised and delighted when Rav Aubrey appeared through the side sanctuary doors to deliver his drash live and in-person. While Rabbi's contract began August 1<sup>st</sup>, his arrival in Dayton a few days before the High Holidays was so special, and began his tenure and our new journey.

Over the past year, Rav Aubrey has proven to be an exceptional spiritual leader, guiding us on a path of growth,

learning, and compassion. From the outset, it was clear that we had found a compassionate, devoted, and wise soul who truly embodies the values we cherish in our synagogue.

Rav Aubrey has brought a unique blend of modernity and tradition to our congregation, fostering an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and valued. His dynamic and engaging approach to prayer and communal learning has reinvigorated our worship experiences, attracting both long-standing members and newcomers alike.

Beyond the pulpit, Rav Aubrey has demonstrated a genuine interest in getting to know each and every one of you. Whether it's offering support during challenging times, celebrating joys and milestones, or simply sharing a warm smile during social gatherings, his presence has become an integral part of our lives, and has encouraged us to further develop our relationships with one another.

Additionally, Rav Aubrey's commitment to lifelong learning from day one has inspired us to delve deeper into the richness of our Jewish heritage. From engaging Torah studies to thought-

provoking drashes, we have expanded our intellectual and spiritual horizons together.

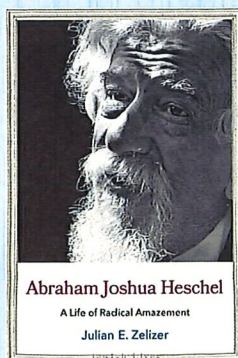
As we look back on this past year, let us celebrate not only Rav Aubrey's contributions, but also the efforts of our dedicated volunteers and staff. Their unwavering support has played a crucial role in our success as a synagogue, and we are truly grateful for everyone's time, dedication, and love.

In the year ahead, especially as we engage in our strategic planning process, we anticipate even greater accomplishments and blessings under Rav Aubrey's guidance. Together, we will continue to build on our shared values and strive to make a positive impact on each other's lives and the wider community.

Finally, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every member of our congregation. Your commitment to our synagogue's mission and your warm embrace of Rav Aubrey and his family have made this past year truly extraordinary. May the coming years be filled with even more love, learning, and blessings as we continue to grow together as a united and compassionate family.

### RAV READS QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB

Rav Aubrey invites everyone to join him on **Thursday, August 10 at noon** for the latest installation of his quarterly book club via Zoom. The book for this session is ***Abraham Joshua Heschel - A Life of Radical Amazement***. There's still one donated copy of the book available at the synagogue to the first person to request one. Email [bas@bethabrahamdayton.org](mailto:bas@bethabrahamdayton.org).



### ELUL CHALLENGE

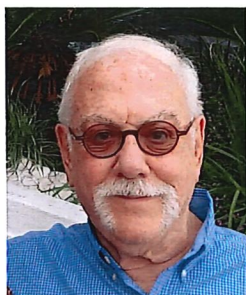
Along with this Bulletin you will find a list of readings for the 30 Days of Elul. Your challenge during this Hebrew month is to prepare your soul to return to its source, prior to encountering the beginning of the Jewish year. Rav Aubrey invites you to read the 2 quotes for each day, and spend some moments reflecting on how they relate to you now.

For those who participate, there will be a concluding celebration with ice cream from Graeter's, date and time TBA.



# Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



Any list of the most important Jewish individuals in the history of the United States would almost certainly have Louis D. Brandeis at No.

1. There are many biographies of Brandeis including one titled, *Embattled Justice* by Ellen Norman Stern. It is interesting reading, but the title is misleading. The book is more of a prelude to his almost a quarter century on the Supreme Court. Brandeis would become almost surely the most brilliant justice in the history of the court.

Brandeis represents an earlier generation of Jews, when German Jews made up a majority of the small number of Jews in the United States, before the massive number who arrived from Russia and other countries in Eastern Europe. Born to immigrant parents and a prosperous family in Louisville in 1856, he experienced the Civil War even though Kentucky, one of the "border" states, wisely chose not to secede.

A brilliant student, Brandeis decided that no American high school of the time could meet his needs. He studied for two years at an elite private school in Germany. Aspiring lawyers did not usually attend law school in the 1870s. Of the few law schools in the nation, as usual, Harvard offered the most outstanding. Brandeis wanted to

attend Harvard Law School and he would be admitted without a college degree!

Law school involved only two years of study at the time. Despite a serious eyesight problem, for which physicians at the time could only tell Brandeis to rest his eyes, he finished at the age of 20 with the highest grades ever achieved at Harvard Law School. He then joined a law firm in St. Louis for about a year, and returned to Boston where his career began to take off before the end of the 1870s.

Brandeis clerked for the chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, formed a law firm with his closest friend, then received an invitation to teach at the Harvard Law School. Brandeis was still in his 20s. Sherman emphasizes that with his good looks and brilliant mind, Brandeis found easy access to upper class circles in Boston and never encountered anti-Semitism.

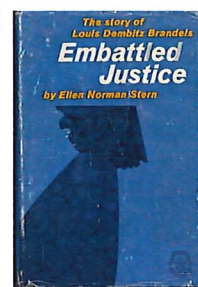
When his partner left the firm in 1890 to deal with pressing family matters, Brandeis decided to try to develop a career in public service. He accepted cases in which he took the side of labor and against the large corporations of the time. Sherman says he established a reputation as "the people's advocate." As his reputation continued to grow, according to Sherman, people began to say that Brandeis "resembled Abraham Lincoln."

It is no exaggeration to say that after the case of *Muller vs. Oregon* in 1908, Brandeis emerged as the most prominent attorney in the nation. The

facts in the case and the argument by Brandeis are clearly from another era, but what Brandeis did is historic. The State of Oregon had passed a law that limited women doing manual labor to a ten-hour work day. *Muller* challenged the law all the way to the Supreme Court.

Brandeis, representing the State of Oregon, changed the kind of evidence that would be presented before the Supreme Court. In addition to every relevant legal argument, Brandeis presented a stack of psychological and sociological evidence to prove that long working hours damaged the health of women. The clinching argument, however, claimed that damaging the health of women would damage the health of future generations.

In other words, Brandeis overwhelmed the justices of the Supreme Court with what became known as the "Brandeis Brief." The normally very conservative justices voted unanimously, 9-0, to uphold the Oregon law. Brandeis became a celebrity. He became a leading figure in what is known as the progressive era in the history of the nation. Unions would begin to gain bargaining power, working days would go down to eight hours, work weeks from six days to five, and workers would even receive paid vacations.



*Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement - get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed. Abraham Joshua Heschel*



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

*Irene Fishbein*

I'd like to welcome Hindy Gruber to our Sisterhood Board as a member at large. She's a wonderful addition and has hit the ground running.

In honor of our 2023 Women of Valor, Sisterhood has made generous contributions to Beth Abraham Synagogue as well as to the Scholarship funds supporting women spiritual leaders of the following organizations: Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, The Guild of Temple Musicians, and The Women's Cantor Network. Once again, Mazel Tov to all the honorees and we thank everyone for their support.

Please be sure to watch News & Notes for the Zoom link for our Sisterhood Meetings. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM**. Everyone is invited to attend each month.

Also on August 10<sup>th</sup>, join us from 2:00-4:00PM for a knitting and crocheting workshop at Beth Abraham. Bring your knitting and/or crocheting needles, yarn, patterns, etc. Thanks to Liz Musin and Julie Goldstein who will be there to teach those who want to learn these crafts. If you're already skilled, join us and share tips, techniques, and favorite projects. Please RSVP to the synagogue office by August 7<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to collect your projects made by hand for our fall Social Action project "SuCoats." We will collect cold weather accessories and coats beginning at Sunset in the Sukkah on October 4<sup>th</sup> continuing through the month. Of course, store bought items are welcome, as well as monetary contributions.

Remember to visit the Gift Shop for all your holiday needs! Contact Connie Roberts for assistance.



## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

*Irwin Dumtschin*

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer, but it's the time of year again to get ready for a new year of programs and events.

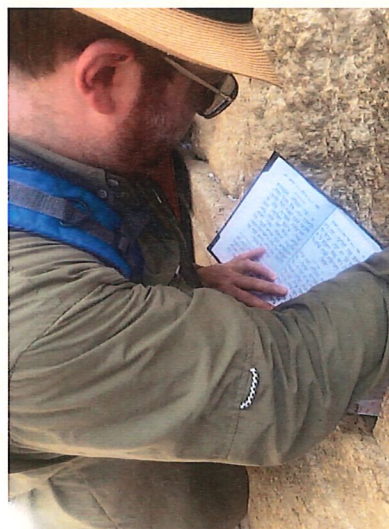
**High Holiday Usher Volunteers:** In preparation for the High Holiday services, the Men's Club is again coordinating the usher corps. Please call the office if you are available to volunteer for an hour shift or two.

**FJMC International Convention:** This summer, I attended the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs biennial international convention in Philadelphia along with 400 club members throughout North, South and Central America. This was a great opportunity to share ideas surrounding programming, fundraising, leadership skills, and recruiting new members/volunteers. I look forward to implementing what I learned.

**Meetings:** Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 21 at 7:30 PM** via Zoom. Join us and share your ideas. Meeting information will be in News & Notes and on the website.



OMER CHALLENGE CELEBRATION AT GRAETER'S



RAV AUBREY IN ISRAEL



Rabbi	Aubrey L. Glazer, PhD.
Cantor	Andrea S. Raizen
President	Scott Liberman
Vice President	Matthew Arnovitz
Vice President	Tara Feiner
Vice President	Beverly Louis
Vice President	Julie Liss-Katz
Treasurer	Alan Chesen
Secretary	Irene Fishbein
Men's Club President	Irwin Dumtschin
Sisterhood President	Irene Fishbein
Chevra Kadisha President	Ted Cooper
Rabbi Emeritus	Samuel B. Press, D.D.
Cantor Emeritus	Jerome B. Kopmar, D. Mus.

### Bulletin Staff

#### Layout

Ann Rismiller

#### Articles Coordinators

Elaine Arnovitz

Annie Potter

Ann Rismiller

#### Photography

Tara Feiner

Elyssa Wortzman

#### Staff Writers

Elaine Arnovitz

Irwin Dumtschin

Irene Fishbein

Rav Aubrey Glazer

Scott Liberman

Cantor Andrea Raizen

Allan Spetter

Chaya Vidal

## LIVESTREAM LINK

The link for all livestreamed services through StreamSpot is:

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

The printing of this publication is funded by private donations

## SHABBAT LEARNING

Rav Aubrey invites everyone to join him following kiddush lunch for an ongoing series on psalms both ancient and modern. Meet in the conference room!

### 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, August 4

Candle Lighting 8:29 pm

#### Saturday, August 5

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 9:30 pm

#### Friday, August 11

Shabbat Under the Stars 7:00 pm

Candle Lighting 8:20 pm

#### Saturday, August 12

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 9:21 pm

#### Friday, August 18

Candle Lighting 8:11 pm

#### Saturday, August 19

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 9:10 pm

#### Friday, August 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:30 pm

Candle Lighting 8:01 pm

#### Saturday, August 26

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 8:59 pm



Rav Aubrey and Lee Schear putting up a mezuzah at All the Best Deli.