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CELEBRATE SIMCHAT TORAH WITH US!

Because Simchat Torah begins this year on Saturday evening after Shabbat, we will have our main celebration on **Sunday morning, October 8 at 9:30am**. Come prepared to dance and sing along with the band as we chant the last verses of the Torah and start all over again. The service will be followed

by a light lunch and our annual make-your-own ice cream sundae bar. Bring the family and enjoy the fun!



RICK PINSKY SUNDAY BRUNCH SPEAKER SERIES STARTS THIS MONTH

The Men's Club will kick off their yearly speaker series on **Sunday October 15, at 10:00 am**. Everyone is welcome to attend. Brunches cost \$8.

Upcoming speakers:

October 15 - Rav Aubrey Glazer - *The Nearer Your Destination, the More You're Slip Sliding Away*

October 22 - Joel Shapiro - *The Origins of Christianity*

October 29 - Prof. Elliot Ratzman - *Is Jewish Pacifism Possible?: From Canaan to the Ukraine*

November 5 - Franklin Lewis - *The Jewish Comedians*

REACHING OUT TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Sisterhood's social action project, **SuCoats**, runs through October. Please bring in donations of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and other cold weather gear for those in need. Whether your items are homemade, or store bought, it's all greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are also always welcome.



Thank you to everyone who supported our **Fast of Isaiah** on Kol Nidre. As you can see, we collected a large amount of food that we will donate to the Foodbank. Remember, we collect food all year long for those in need in our community.



The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*



As October begins, we have already ushered in the new year of 5784 and are ready to celebrate Sukkot. The Hebrew month of Tishrei will soon give

way to Cheshvan and a long(er) year ahead. The reason for this is that this Hebrew year is a leap year. Unlike the leap year occurrence on the Gregorian calendar when one extra day is added every four years, the Hebrew calendar adds an entire month every two to three years.

The Gregorian calendar is based on a 12-month, 365-day cycle, the time it takes for the earth to rotate around the sun, whereas the Hebrew calendar is primarily based on the phases and cycles of the moon. Each month, therefore, only lasts 29-30 days. The shorter Hebrew months, which add up to about 354 days, set up a discrepancy of about 11 days every year between the two calendars. In just three years the Hebrew calendar lags behind a full month. It is those years we hear the common refrain, "Wow, the holidays are really early this year". If our Hebrew calendar was indeed strictly lunar, our holidays would migrate throughout the seasons, with Passover, also known as the Spring Festival, coming out at times in winter. Because our major festivals are intimately connected to the growing seasons and harvests, it was necessary to add in an additional month to set things right. So seven times in a nineteen-year cycle a "leap month" is added. You might think that the place to add that month would be immediately before Tishrei with the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. However, it is added just before spring in the form of a second month of Adar. According to the Torah, the month of Nisan in which we celebrate Passover, is the first of the months and therefore

Adar is the final month. So we do indeed add the month at the end of the agricultural year. But here is where there is a big misconception. Most people think that the second month of Adar, known as either Adar 2 or Adar Bet, is the added month, when in truth, the added month is Adar 1 or Adar Alef. The holiday most associated with Adar is Purim and in a leap year it is celebrated in the second month of Adar.

Because this is a leap year, consider the fact that this Hebrew year has 383 days. How many times have you wished for another hour in the day or an eighth day in a week? Imagine what you can do with an entire extra month of time. Since it is on the Jewish calendar, I challenge you to consider using that time to enhance your Jewish life. A famous teaching (and the song that we sing as the Torah scroll is lifted and dressed) from the Mishna, Pirkei Avot 1:2 states, "The world rests on three things – on Torah, on service of God, and on deeds of kindness." Pick a category and then spend some of that additional time engaged in one of these areas. Increase your Jewish learning by taking a class in person or online. If you are not already doing so, attend at least one Shabbat service a month, or tune into our weekday evening minyan on Zoom. And try to ensure that in the course of the day you have extended a small kindness to at least one person.

A lovely blessing for a birthday celebrant is found in the Rabbinical Assembly Rabbi's Manual. It asks for blessings of long life, good health, the pleasures of Torah study and the profound satisfaction that comes from a life of good deeds, and that the person's example remind us that "people may count the days of their life, but a person of wisdom makes every day count". May we all take this sentiment to heart in this leap year.

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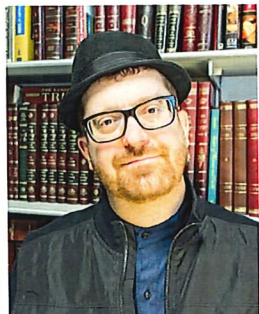
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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

SEEING THE SOUNDS OF A *NIGGUN-LIMMUD* CIRCLE IN TIBERIAN HASIDISM FROM ACROSS AMERICA

RAV AUBREY GLAZER

How does that *niggun* start, anyone remember? That earworm enigma has caught on with so many of us who we here for the spectacular installation - Ruth & Fred Scheuer Life Enrichment Series



shabbaton with Joey Weisenberg from Hadar's Rising Song Institute. Building on that momentum and spiritual energy, we are blessed to have received a mini-grant from the Rabbinical Assembly (RA). We will host a gathering of Conservative Judaism's rising star clergy for a Rabbinical Assembly-Panui workshop to share discoveries from the conscious community of Tiberias on **Monday, Oct. 23 at 7:00 pm**. We are honored to welcome my Rabbinical Assembly colleagues:

Rabbi Neil Blumofe is the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Agudas Achim in Austin, Texas, and holds Rabbinic Ordinations from the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York and the Academy for Jewish Religion in Los Angeles. Neil convenes conversations and evenings of jazz, connecting Judaism, spirituality, and African-American traditions all within the storied history of the United States. He also teaches rabbinical and cantorial students at the Academy for Jewish Religion, and Divinity students at Austin Seminary and The Seminary of the Southwest.

Rabbi Cantor Hillary Chorny is the Cantor at Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles, California. She completed her cantorial investiture, rabbinical ordination, and a Master's degree in Sacred Music at the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 2008, Hillary graduated

from American University in Washington, D.C. with a B.A. in Jewish studies and a minor in vocal jazz performance. Hillary is an officer of the Cantors Assembly and instructs first-year students at the Ziegler School of Rabbinical Studies.

Rabbi Yosef Goldman of Shaarei Torah, Gaithersburg, Maryland, is a facilitator of prayer, a musician and composer, and an educator. He received rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2013, with a concentration in pastoral care and counseling, and was awarded a Master of Sacred Music. As Co-Director of Hadar's Rising Song Institute, alongside founder Joey Weisenberg, Rabbi Yosef helped establish the organization as a leader in cultivating Jewish spiritual community through song, and helped launch its record label, Rising Song Records.

Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein of Temple of Aron, Minnesota is originally from New Hyde Park on Long Island, NY, and has spent time living in Brooklyn, Washington D.C., Jerusalem, and Los Angeles. He earned his B.A. at George Washington University where he received a Presidential Arts scholarship in jazz music. There he majored in religion and music and split his time between Hillel and playing music, performing at the Kennedy Center and throughout D.C.

Only one word came to mind when I dreamt up this gathering—*gevaltik!* This rabbinic gathering intends to research the traces of the mystical community that grew out of the 1777 Hasidic aliyah from Eastern Europe to Tiberias, which remains an underappreciated chapter in the spiritual history of Hasidism and historiography of Zion. We hope to dream new ways of building singing communities together and share best practices from our unique Conservative

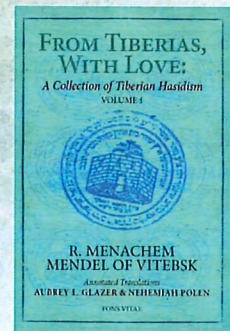
communities. Drawing on deep resonances of our inspiring shabbaton with Joey Weisenberg, the purpose of this *niggun-limmud* circle in Tiberian Hasidism is to research, study, reflect, and workshop forgotten and neglected *niggunim* from the Geshuri archive from the National Library in Jerusalem, as well as from manuscripts I've already published of the teachings of R. Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk and R. Avraham haCohen of Kalisk. Given that the ethos of *communitas* in Tiberias was horizontal (through egalitarian friendship circles called *dibbuk haveirim*) rather than vertical (*tzaddik*-centered in a *hatzer* or court setting), it is particularly suitable to build *hevreschaft* among RA members through an immersive exploration of Tiberian Hasidism, and particularly for RA *hevre* who are both musically literate as well as spiritually inclined towards the Hasidic perspective. Together for 3 days, this first-ever research group will emerge in stages to create both experiences and materials that can be duplicated in other communities as a spiritual counter-history to HaBa"D, and carried forward into the future thanks to the support of the Rabbinical Assembly and Panui. Our intention is to create deeper connections between Conservative Judaism/RA colleagues in the following ways: (1) joint *limmud* of key Tiberian Hasidic texts; (2) joint singing and contemplation of key Tiberian Hasidic *niggunim*, prepared in advance from musical staff and manuscripts; (3) fellowship, prayer and meals together amidst *limmud* and research together, followed by a final *niggun-limmud* circle shared specially with our BAS community.

Be sure to join us in the synagogue chapel on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 for an unforgettable evening of ancient niggunim from 1777 Tiberias here in Dayton! (Limited seating, pre-registration online required).

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND WITH RAV AUBREY GLAZER

Rav Aubrey invites you to join him in a number of opportunities for learning and spiritual growth this month and beyond:

- **Virtual Lunch & Learn: Mondays, Noon-12:45 pm., beginning October 2** - *Who's Afraid of Hasidism & Why Does it Still Matter?* A journey through the foundations of Hasidism today. Register on the Beth Abraham website to receive the syllabus and Zoom link to attend.
- **Qohelet Book Release Celebration:** It's the season of Qohelet! Join Rav Aubrey and his colleague, R. Dr. Martin Cohen (Shelter Rock Jewish Center, NY) as both of their conservative Jewish communities celebrate their new translation and commentaries on Qohelet, called *Merest Breath*. **Monday, Oct. 2, 7:30**, on Zoom. Pre-registration is required on the Beth Abraham website.
- **Shabbat Learning - Niggun Circle:** Monthly Meditations 2nd Saturdays, following kiddush lunch, beginning **Oct. 14**. Interactive spiritual singing of wordless melodies, along with meditations through contemplative study.
- **Shabbat Learning - Pilgrimage Through Psalms:** 1st, 3rd, 4th Saturdays, following kiddush lunch. Resuming **Oct. 21**. Contemplative study of contemporary & ancient Psalms.
- **Rabbinical Assembly-Panui Niggun Circle:** Join Rabbinical Assembly and Panui members on **Monday, October 23 at 7:00 pm** to experience a Tiberian Hassidic niggun circle dating to texts from 1777. (Refer to Rav's article on page 3). Registration will be available on the website soon.
- **Rav Reads Book Club: Monday, October 30, 5:00 pm on Zoom** - What does it take to be a Jewish leader? Join the Rav Reads Book Club as we next delve into the predicaments faced by ten Jewish leaders and the characteristics that mark them and their statesmanship as specifically Jewish. For our next meeting, we will read and discuss the leadership of "King David" (pgs.1-16) in Meir Soloveichik's *Providence and Power: Ten Portraits in Jewish Statesmanship*. Please register via email to bas@bethabrahamdayton.org or phone the office. A pdf of the reading will be sent to you upon registration.



HELPING AT THE FOODBANK

On September 27, members of Beth Abraham joined others from the Dayton Jewish community at the Foodbank to load groceries into more than 400 cars, serving 1000 families. Camaraderie ensued. (More photos on page 8)



IN THE BETH ABRAHAM FAMILY

We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

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Emil Barsky, by Rabbi Bernard Barsky

Cecile Fand, by Chaya & Chava Vidal

Gilbert Unger, by Lois Unger, Susie & Eddie Katz

Helen Borkin, by Frieda Blum

Todd Jared Mendelson, by Rita & Bruce Mendelson



Our religious school students began the year with replacing the Torah covers for the High Holidays.

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

September 2 – Janel and Edie Pequignot in memory of Glenn Pequignot

September 9 - Steve and Liz Musin in honor of their anniversary

September 23 - Franklin and Cheryl Lewis in honor of their 56th anniversary & Franklin's 84th birthday

September 30 - Marlene and Terry Pinsky in yahrzeit memory of Rick Pinsky

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

October Birthdays

1	Lynn Foster
2	Steve Horenstein
5	Dale Schiff
10	Bruce Hulman
10	Bernie Rabinowitz
11	Robert Bernstein
12	Harriet Samler
12	Alan Scherr
13	Michael Leffak
13	Linda Horenstein
16	Allen Levin
20	Barbara Kessler
20	Claudia Birch
22	Shelley Venick
25	Gayle Moscovitz
26	Michael Massimini
26	Stephanie Spetter
26	Marci Vandersluis
27	Rita Mendelson
29	Beau Shaw
30	Jean Isenberg
30	Seth Schwartz
31	Bethany Einstein

October Anniversaries

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

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

WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Rochelle Goldstein
Alvin Fuchsman, father of David Fuchsman

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Karin Hirschkatz & Neil Katz
Paul & Kristan Levy, Caroline, Courtney,
Arthur & Eleanor
Jeff Lubow, Anna Trakhter & Eden
Sara & David Shuster

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

Please join in for this fun Shabbat dinner at member's homes, on Friday, **November 17th**. 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.



**GUESS WHO'S COMING TO
SHABBAS?**
A Living Tribute to Bernie Albert

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 will be in our weekly News & Notes email the week of October 16th. Please sign up no later than November 3rd.

YAHREZITS

This list represents yahrzeits for this month as listed in Beth Abraham's database. If we have missed a name, please call the Synagogue office at (937) 293-9520 and let us know so we can update our records.

This September (Tishrei - Heshvan) we remember:

TISHREI	Ethel Klayman	Esther Kantor	Lawrence Briskin	Manuel Kahn	Joseph Riback
Sam Adelson	Ida Kling	Slonim	Selma Brown	Bess Kanter	Lee Robins
Florence Anon	Albert Kravitz	Harold Smilack	Herman C. Burke	Gertrude Kanter	Anne Rosensweet
Shifra Leah Apple	Helga Landau	Greg Smith	Esther Lefkowitz	Louis Kaplan	Abraham Rosenthal
Sara Austrian	Shirley F. Larmar	Freda Smith	Burstein	Esther Katz	Jack H. Ross
Anne Baume	Sarah Lewis	Oscar Soifer	Sarah Cohen	Harry Klebanow	Hattie Ruttenberg
Leah Becker	Florence Liss	Toba (Tillie) Solkov	Terry Coit	Menachem Mendl	Gloria Saeks
Alex Beerman	Hyman Louis	Sarah F. Spector	Beatrice Cowan	Kohn	Mary Saewitz
Jennifer Lynn Berks	Howard Lynn	Leone Stern	Charles B. Dorfman	M. Zlata Kramer	Eugene Schear
Adolph M. Berks	Max Mandel	Helene Sureck	Sadie Dorfman	Eli Kravitz	Freeda Scheller
Lawrence Victor	Abraham Marcus	Benjamin Tannenbaum	Jack Dorfman	David Kreiger	Jacob Schneider
Berman	Linda S. Maslia	Jack Tilson	Lilian Epstein	Sadie Krueger	Maurice Schoenfeld
Malcolm Block	Harry Mason	Mark Timmer	Alex Farkus	Benjamin Kuperman	Lillian Schurr
Dina Blum	Celia Minkin	Sylvia Wall	Alissa Fein	Louis Kurs	Sidney M. Schwartz
Malkah Braver	Harry Moran	Allan Wasserman	Sarah Feldman	Nathaniel Leff	Paul Shapiro
Ruth Brizman	Howard Pavlofsky	Sally Wasserman	Charles Feldman	Gertie Lefkowitz	Ben Sherman
Barnett Brizman	Helen Pinkas	Jake Weinstein	Chester Finn	Richard Liss	Gershon Shokler
Helen L. Brown	Harriet Pinkus	Eva Sachs Zimmerman	Michael Fishbein	Herman Liss	Sadie Shokler
Dorothy Brown	Richard Pinsky	Irene Zwelling	Bernard Fisher	Leah Mann	Mary Ann Shuster
Bernie Chesler	Ruth Precker	Leon Zwerner	Hattie Fleat	Frieda Mark	Alex Sinder
Nathan Chudde	Albert Rabiner		Louis Frankel	Sarah Marks	Tillie Singer
Bennie Cohen	Annette Renemann		Sarah B. Fred	Yaakov Marmorstein	Herman Slutzky
Samuel Davis	Henry Rich	HESHVAN	Jean L. Friedman	Louis Matusoff	Alexander Jaco
Mary Louise Dreety	Ethel Symy Ritter	Helen Abramovitz	Rebecca Frydman	Hyman Michaels	Smith
Abraham Dubinsky	Herbert Rosenberg	Clara Y. Abramowitz	Lena Gaffin	Hannah G. Miller	Harry Solkov
John Ellman	Jennie Beila Rubin	David D Abrams	Jules Garlikov	Katherine Miller	Max Solomon
Florence Faierman	Lore Rubin	Lilyan Abramson	Lillian Goldberg	Ida Miller	Louis Stahl
Charles Frank	Menucha Pesl Rubin	Marcia Alpert	David Goldberg	Phyllis Morris	Helen Stein
Joseph Frankowitz	Lillian Hirsch	Hattie Anon	Hyman Gordon	Eve Naiman	Joseph Y. Tuck
Belle Friedman	Schmidt	Max Arnovitz	Poriss Gordon	David A. Nizny	Abe Unger
Ida Goodman	Boris Schneider	Samuel Barnett	Renate (Ronnie)	Sadelle Odell	Joseph Weisdorf
Harry Greenberg	Robert Schreiber	Bernard Beaman	Harlan	Anna Pilder	Gittle Weiss
Fannie Groban	Mary Schroeder	Elaine Bialer	Louis Hirsch	Marian Plotnick	Louis Wool
Jacabad Gruber	Morris Segall	Louise Blake	Eva Hoffman	Philip Pretekin	Jacob Worly
Lawrence Heller	Pauline Shapiro	Sarah Brateman	Doris Hulman	Louis Rauchman	Charles Zwelling
Rose Hillelson	Albert Sherwat	Charlotte Braverman	Eva Jaffe	Albert Razovsky	
Ida Jacobson	Norman Slavin		Avraham Dov Joffe	Sholom Riback	
Lena Jaffe			Vincent Johnson	Daniel Riback	

MAHJ ANYONE?

Mah Jongg with Sisterhood will begin **Thursday, Oct. 12, 1:00 to 4:00 pm.**, and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month, here at Beth Abraham.



The Men's Club deftly put up (and moved!) the Sukkah just in time for Sukkot. They purchased and installed the new covering too!

HIGH HOLIDAY THANK YOUS!

Beth Abraham is grateful for all our members who volunteer during the High Holidays to make our services meaningful and ensure all the preparations go smoothly. A big Todah Rabah to the following:

Youth Services: Tara Feiner and Sandy Sloane Brenner, along with Eva Borbonus, Adam Feiner, Deborah Liberman, and Sabina Shtilman.

Lay Participants at Services: Elaine Arnovitz, Ted Cooper, Irwin Dumtschin, Rachel Kinard, Norm Lewis, Steve Horenstein, Bruce Feldman, Doug Einstein, Jeff Roberts, Marshall Weiss and Ralph Williams

Help with Set-up: Mike Kimmel

Preparing Break the Fast Meal: Claudia Birch, Linda Brotkin, Joann Chambers, Hindy Gruber and Linda Katz

Musical Interlude for Kol Nidre: Pam Schwartz

Ushers/Greeters: Allan Katz for chairing; Beth Adelman, Steve & Bari Blumhof, Linda Brotkin, Steve Carne, Alan & Judy Chesen, Doug Deutsch, Howard Ducker, Adam Feiner, Irene Fishbein, Mike Freed, Mike Goldstein, Garry Greene, Meryl Hattenbach, Linda Horenstein, Mike Jaffe, Linda Katz, Jerry Kuhr, Abe Merdinger, Connie Roberts, Andy Schwartz, Judy Schwartzman, Joel Shapiro, Louise Tincher, Chaya Vidal and Diane Williams.

And, of course, Dennis for all his time and coordination!

Beth Abraham is a family – and we are a wonderful family of volunteers working together to meet the synagogue's needs and those of our community. **THANK YOU!!**

More
Foodbank
photos!



Chaya Vidal's High Holiday review class was a hit!

From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, we heard the following beautiful prayer given by Norm Weissman and Tara Feiner:



A Prayer for Our Beth Abraham Community

May the one who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, bless this entire congregation, our families, and all that is ours. May the Holy One remove sickness from us, heal us, and forgive our sins.

May God bless those of us who devote ourselves to establishing Beth Abraham as a place for prayer and community, as well as

those of us who come to Beth Abraham to pray;

those of us who come to Beth Abraham to learn;

those of us who provide for Kiddush luncheons and prepare food for guests;

those of us who volunteer;

those of us who provide for our maintenance and safety;

those who share in the journey we are on; and,

those of us who help us support and provide for the needs of our

community.

During Elul, we prepared for the high holy days. This started our period of teshuvah, of introspection and transformation. As individuals, we looked inward, examining the person we have been, thinking about the person we want to be, and envisioning changes we need to make in our lives going forward into the new year. Each of us is in the process of creating a spiritual roadmap for ourselves.

We, as the Beth Abraham community, are at the beginning of a similar process. We are about to embark on a Strategic Planning Process, chaired by Tara and Norm. We are passionate about our community, and that is reflected in the Steering Committee that we have assembled. Then, the committee will engage with us and you, our Beth Abraham community, through community conversations, to learn about the congregation we dream to become while building on our strong foundation. Together, we will create a roadmap for our future, our Strategic Plan.

After the holidays, we will be sharing more information about the Strategic Planning Process and how you will be involved. We will keep you informed and share information in a variety of ways throughout the journey.

May God bless us by making our worthy endeavors prosper, as well as those of the entire people of Israel, our brothers and our sisters. And let us say: Amen.

It is with great pleasure that the Strategic Planning Steering Committee has been selected and a group of individuals passionate about our community has been assembled, who represent the diversity of our Beth Abraham community and include the following: Larry Burick, Steve Carne, Debbie Feldman, Susie Katz, Rachel Kinard, Janice Krochmal, Stephen Levinson, Marlene Pinsky, Tara Feiner, Co-chair and Norm Weissman, Co-chair.

Tara and Norm hope to convene the first meeting early in October and anticipate the process to last 15 months, during which the committee will engage with you, our Beth Abraham community - through community conversations - to learn about the congregation we dream to become while building on our strong foundation. Together, we will create a roadmap for *our future*, our Strategic Plan.

Thank you to Tara and Norm and to all of the committee members for agreeing to serve this important process.

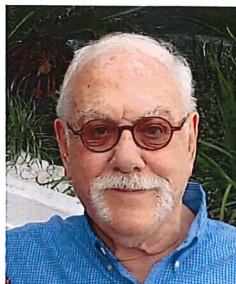
RAV GLAZER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Rav Glazer continues to support Leket Israel, especially as we approached the New Year, in their recent large-scale gleaning operation, to rescue 18,000,000 apples from a farm in the Golan (northern Israel). Due to a hailstorm in early spring, some of the apples were lightly scarred causing them to be deemed unfit for sale. Working in collaboration with Bereshit (the Apple Cooperative Society) and KANAT (the Agricultural Insurance Company), Leket rescued these apples and delivered them to hundreds of thousands of Israelis in need, and in time for the holidays. Rabbi's Discretionary Fund donations enabled 5440 apples to be gleaned and distributed for the holidays. In addition, the fund continues supporting our local Dayton Foodbank, Greenhouse and composting, as well as local congregants and others in need.



Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



(Part 3 of a discussion of the book *Embattled Justice*, by Ellen Norman Stern).

Louis Brandeis, born in 1856 in Louisville, became the first

Jewish justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1916. He served until 1939 when he resigned at the age of 82. He passed away in 1941, having established a career which made him the most distinguished Jewish individual in the history of the United States. Along the way, he received an invitation in 1912 to join the organization then known as the Federation of American Zionists. The leaders of the Federation wanted his prestige to add to the legitimacy of the organization.

As expected, Brandeis would emerge as a leader of the Zionist movement in the United States. A year after his death in 1942, the institution then known as the Zionist Organization of America published a tribute to Brandeis with a special emphasis. The brief title is, *Brandeis on Zionism*. The subtitle tells it all: "A collection of Addresses and Statements by Louis D. Brandeis" with a foreword by Mr. Justice Felix Frankfurter, who had become yet another Jewish justice on the Supreme Court in 1939.

Frankfurter called Brandeis "the moral symbol of Zionism throughout the world." Brandeis did not join the Zionist movement until already in his late 50s, but once involved, he gave his complete devotion and passion as he did with every cause he believed in. While still in private practice as the most prominent attorney in the nation, Brandeis delivered a major address to a conference of Reform Jews in New

York in June, 1915.

Brandeis spoke at great length about what he called "the Jewish problem," that is the discrimination and prejudice Jews had experienced over many centuries. It seemed that the age of liberalism including the American and French revolutions had brought changes for the Jews, but according to Brandeis, not that much change. Speaking to an audience very likely not that enthusiastic about Zionism, Brandeis tried to explain what Zionists really believed in.

Brandeis insisted that Zionists wanted nothing more and nothing less than a homeland for Jews in Palestine. This book correctly describes the "strenuous and extended fight" before the Senate finally confirmed Brandeis as a justice of the Supreme Court in June, 1916. Meanwhile, World War I brought a significant change for the Zionist movement. The British government issued the Balfour Declaration in November, 1917 declaring its support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Because of the war and the Versailles Conference that followed, the Zionists did not meet for about seven years. At last they met in London in July, 1920. Zionists from every country in Europe wanted to hear Brandeis. Over the decades, based on his looks and his manner of speaking, Brandeis had been compared to Abraham Lincoln and by some to a Biblical patriarch, and he did not disappoint.

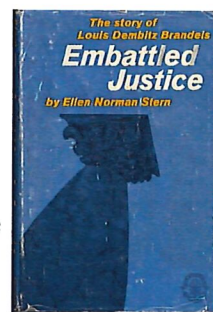
Brandeis said Jews had been given a great opportunity when the Versailles Conference awarded control of Palestine in a "mandate" to Great Britain. That would be the first step toward creation of a Jewish homeland. Brandeis called on every Jew when he said, "Now is the time for action, for service, and for sacrifice." Brandeis

then sent a lengthy address specifically to the American delegation at the conference. He insisted the time had come for action.

Brandeis continually urged Jews to move to Palestine to help build an economy, an infrastructure and a society. In a speech in May, 1923, Brandeis compared those Jews courageous enough to settle in Palestine to the Pilgrims who had crossed the Atlantic in the early 17th century. In a speech delivered in Washington in November, 1929, Brandeis called Palestine the "Homeland" and compared it to southern California.

Brandeis, like many other Zionist leaders in the United States and Great Britain, continued to believe that the British government would help to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Brandeis lived to see the British government renege on its promise to the Jews. In May, 1939 the government issued a so called "White Paper" which sharply limited the number of Jews who could enter Palestine each year. This took place at the worst possible time on the eve of World War II.

Brandeis, already 82 years old, in declining health and feeling that he would leave a Supreme Court which had been transformed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in safe hands, stepped down from the Supreme Court in February, 1939. He passed away in October, 1941. It is very possible to say that he might have been the greatest justice in the history of the Supreme Court.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

In response to input from our members, we are starting a Mah Jongg game beginning **Thursday, October 12th** from 1:00 – 4:00PM. Join us whether you're a seasoned player, a beginner, or just want to learn. All are welcome. We will play on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Please email Liz Musin at musins@gmail.com if you are interested. An email will be sent to all those interested prior to each mahj session to ensure we have enough players.

Our next Sisterhood meeting is **Thursday, October 5th at 10:00AM** on Zoom. The link will be in News & Notes on October 2nd. Please join us.

The Gift Shop is fully stocked. Please contact Connie Roberts for information.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

High Holidays: We would like to thank Allan Katz for coordinating the Men's Club High Holiday ushering assignments for each of the services. We also thank all the usher volunteers for their time in helping to maintain the dignity and sanctity of our High Holiday services. Men's Club joined Sisterhood once again to provide our local congregants with High Holiday gift bags.

Rick Pinsky Sunday Brunch Speaker Series: The Men's Club will kick-off the Rick Pinsky Sunday Brunch Speaker Series beginning on **October 15th**, with Rav Aubrey Glazer as our first speaker. Please note that the brunch price is \$8.00.

Monthly Meetings: Our next monthly meeting is **Monday, October 16th at 7:30 PM** via Zoom. Our meetings are open to all, so come join us. Look for the Zoom link in that week's News & Notes.

HOLIDAY GIFT BAG THANKS

Sisterhood and the Men's Club are grateful to our mobile mensches who helped pack and deliver holiday bags to our local congregants. A big thank you to those who fulfilled this mitzvah: Beth Adelman, Elaine Arnovitz, Jack and Maryann Bernstein, Alan and Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug and Bonnie Deutsch, Irene and Shana Fishbein, Mindy Greene, Linda Horenstein, Franklin and Cheryl Lewis, Ann Liberman, Steve and Liz Musin, Jeff and Connie Roberts, David Rothschild, Dale and Sharon Schiff, Allan Spetter and Claudia Birch, Judy Schwartzman, Bob and Suzanne Thum, and Ralph and Diane Williams. We also thank Premier ProduceOne and the Pavlofsky families for once again donating the apples.



Some members of our gift bag assembly crew

STAND UP TO JEWISH HATE

The Foundation to Combat Antisemitism has launched #StandUpToJewishHate, a national campaign designed to raise awareness of antisemitism and hate targeting Jews, and to empower all people, especially non-Jews, to stand up against it when it impacts their communities. We encourage you to pick up a Blue Square emoji pin from the office or the table outside of the sanctuary, to wear as a symbol of solidarity for the Jewish people. Please pick up another to give to a non-Jewish friend!



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Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

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Facebook, or in your weekly News& Notes email

Friday, October 6 Hoshana Rabbah/Erev Shemini Atzeret Candle Lighting 6:53 pm	Sunday, October 8 Simchat Torah Morning Service w/Hakafot 9:30 am Havdalah 7:48 pm	Friday, October 20 Candle Lighting 6:32 pm
Saturday, October 7 Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah Morning Service 9:30 am Yizkor 11:00 am Candle Lighting 7:50 pm	Friday, October 13 Candle Lighting 6:43 pm	Saturday, October 21 Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah 7:29 pm
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