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COMMUNITY SCOUT SHABBAT

David Shuster

Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 320

L'dor v'dor will be exemplified during Shabbat services on **February 10, 2024**, as generations of Scouts, Scout leaders, and Scouting alumni celebrate Shabbat with us on the bima and in the congregation

We are honored to host the first Scout Shabbat since 2018 and the first at Beth Abraham since 2015. Services begin at 9:30 with a moving Scout Flag Ceremony at 10:00.

I suspect you will be surprised to learn, as I was, how many people in our congregation and community are, or have been, involved in Scouting. All have wonderful memories to share and an appreciation for life lessons learned that have served them well.

Learning about one's religion and turning thought into the actions of practice and deeds are a key component of the twelfth Scout Law: A Scout is reverent, faithful in their religious duties and traditions and respecting the beliefs and practices of others.

Scout Shabbat celebrates our differences, our similarities, and, most of all, our mutual respect. It is an opportunity for Scouts to demonstrate their faith, to educate, and to enjoy a special experience with the community.

As we welcome Scouts to Beth Abraham, note that Scouts greet one another by shaking with the left hand, the one held closest to the heart. Feel free to use both your hands, in what I expect will be a hearty, *Yasher koach!*



CELEBRATING DENNIS' RETIREMENT!

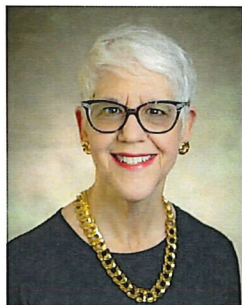
Save the Date: Sunday, March 10th 11:30-1:00

Join us to celebrate Dennis Day's 40 years of service to Beth Abraham. Invitations and more information will be sent soon.
RSVPs are required by February 26th to the office.

Save the Memories: If you have stories or photos to share, please contact Bonnie Beaman Rice (bonnie.jjysp@gmail.com, 937-409-2880) by February 12th



The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*



Those of you who attend Shabbat services on a regular basis have heard me sing a variety of melodies for *Adon Olam* through the years, often

referencing a holiday (Jewish or secular) or as a tribute to the passing of a well-known personality. I think that it is important to understand the solemnity of this prayer, and so I offer the following explanation with thanks for the majority of the information from colleague, Hazzan James Gloth.

Adon Olam is actually a very powerful prayer with a poignant message for us all. Its origins are not known for certain, but most attribute this prayer to Solomon ibn Gabriel, who lived in Spain during the 11th century. It is most commonly sung at the end of the Shabbat morning service, but can be found in many other places in the liturgy as well. It appears at the very start of the morning service. It is often said as part of the bedtime liturgy, along with the *Shema*. It sometimes has been recited by those present at the deathbed. And in the Moroccan tradition, *Adon Olam* is used as a wedding song.

Perhaps the reason for such wide usage of *Adon Olam*, literally "Lord of the Universe," is its strong universal message. *Adon Olam* has two distinct sections, with the split coming approximately halfway through the prayer. Although both sections deal with God, each has a noticeably different message.

The first half deals with the broad nature of God's existence. It declares that God has always existed and always will exist, and is unlike any other being in the universe. It is a statement of what we believe about God. It describes

the God of the Universe as majestic and for all time.

The second half of *Adon Olam* changes its tone. It shifts from the broad to the specific. Here we read about the personal nature of God, how each of us is redeemed, and how we as individuals trust in God. It declares our unique connection to and describes the intimate closeness between God and the individual praying.

The author of *Adon Olam* seems to be sending a message that is still relevant in our times. Although God is the powerful, almighty Ruler of the Universe, God cares about us as individuals as well. We trust in God as we go to sleep at night and as we stay with a loved one on the deathbed. The rabbis of the Talmud wrote that saying *Adon Olam* "attunes the mind to a mood of reverential awe," and allows us to focus on the matters at hand, attaining a sense of peace and comfort. We close the Shabbat service with *Adon Olam* to declare God as the God of all beings, and to reaffirm our own personal closeness to God as well.

Judaism recognizes how difficult it is to sustain faith in such an awesome God. *Adon Olam* is our answer, our reassurance that God cares about the individual too. This is the primary reason that, although the text seems conducive to almost any metrical tune, many cantors do not feel it is appropriate to use secular tunes for *Adon Olam*. Its message is too grand and too important for us to be so irreverent. It has never been my intention to be sacrilegious, in fact often many of the tunes I feel are uplifting and in praise of God. I encourage those who know the melodies to join in, but please refrain from applause at the conclusion, being mindful that it is, indeed a prayer.

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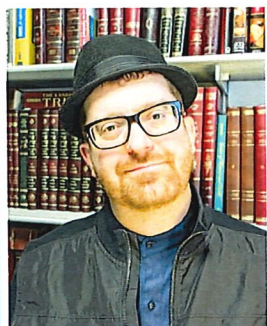
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“WHEN THE TRUTH IS FOUND TO BE LIES...” WHY A COMMUNITY OF TRUTH STILL MATTERS...

RAV AUBREY GLAZER



“Every dispute [undertaken] for heaven’s sake will endure in the end; but one that is not [undertaken] for the heaven’s

sake, will not endure in the end.” –
Pirkei Avot, 5:19

“Truth is an eternal conversation about things that matter, conducted with passion and discipline.” --Parker Palmer, *The Courage to Teach*

“When the truth is found to be lies...” – so sang Jefferson Airplane many moons ago... but that 1967 anthem of the Aquarian Age had a deeper truth it was pointing to, nestled in the lyrics of “Somebody to Love”—that when we reach the realization that we are surrounded by and large by a world of life and hate, we need to figure out an antidote for living—what is that elixir? Truth and love. The resonances of the Jefferson Airplane challenge ripple throughout our spiritual tradition of Judaism as it continues to haunt us in the age of post-truth.

Nowadays, “[w]e don’t seem to mind if civilization goes down the drain, as long as the drain doesn’t back up!” per author Parker Palmer. What is the antidote for living in a post-truth age that community can provide amidst a declining civilization? Lifelong learning! Many of you likely wonder—why is our rabbi constantly teaching Torah? When we study and reflect together through a process I call Lifelong Learning, we come to appreciate what is in common between these two quotations and the differences between

them.

In his inspiring guidebook, “The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher’s Life” the renowned educator, Parker J. Palmer, reflects on the purpose and direction of effective teaching—a word not spoken much in educational circles these days—truth. Once we were naïve enough to think we could know the truth and now we are embarrassed by the word. Regardless of how we feel, truth is always there, waiting to be discovered. Truth’s hold on us has an almost mythic quality, such that Palmer suggests there are four major elements of truth-knowing and truth-telling as follows:

- **Objects** of knowledge reside “out there” somewhere, pristine in physical or conceptual space, sometimes called “facts” in a given field;
- **Experts** are people trained to know these objects in their pristine form without allowing their own opinions (or subjectivity) to slop over onto the purity of objects themselves and become the safe bearers of the pure objects of knowledge;
- **Amateurs**, people without training and full of bias and opinions, who depend (not often enough) on the experts of objective or pure knowledge of the pristine objects in question;
- **Baffles** happen at every point of transmission—between objects and experts, between experts and amateurs—that allow objective knowledge to flow downstream while preventing opinions (or subjectivity) from flowing back up.

Rather than seeing learning as a quest for an object like the Holy Grail, Palmer’s model is important because it is a process that happens in community. This challenges the inherited linear and hierarchical approach to education which suggests it is merely a function of remembering and repeating the experts’ propositions, “as if truth came down an

antiseptic conveyor belt to be deposited as pure product at the end.” Like all myths, eventually this one needs busting—why? “[I]t falsely portrays how we know, and it has also profoundly deformed the way we educate” on all levels. There may be too many classrooms to count that conform to that mythic image, but “there is no field—from astronomy to literature to political science to theology—where the continuing quest to know truth even vaguely resembles this mythical objectivism.”

So what is the path we should travel as an alternative antidote? Palmer points us to what he calls “the community of truth” that knows, as in real life, “there are no pristine objects of knowledge” and that “education is more than delivering propositions about objects to passive auditors.” In a community of truth, the process of knowing and learning is organic and interactive, inspired by passion and discipline. And “at the center of this communal circle, there is always a subject...a subject is available for relationship; an object is not.” We learn to listen to opposing points of view and appreciate why Jewish thinking depends on disputes for heaven’s sake.

That’s my hope and dream for us—to engage in that doorway to enter anew into deeper engagement and relationship with our *kehillah kedoshah* that is known as a community of truth.

Will you join me on this journey? Consider spending some more time together in this crucial communal forming process called Lifelong Learning, Mondays (*Mishnah Matters* continues with *Pirkei Avot*) and Thursdays (*Who’s Afraid of Hasidism?*) both at 10AM on zoom, and Saturdays (*Songs of Solidarity with Eretz Yisrael*) for Kiddush lunch n’ learn in the conference room. Contact bas@bethabrahamdayton.org for the Zoom links.



IT'S HAPPENING! RIPPLES ARE TURNING TO WAVES

Larry Burick, Life & Legacy Team Member

We say it often. But it bears repeating. Beth Abraham is a thriving, caring, holy community!

We pray together. We learn together.

We celebrate together. We grieve together.

We laugh together. We cry together.

We care about Beth Abraham now. We care about Beth Abraham tomorrow.

That is why we are thrilled that, as part of their estate plans, 56 persons - young and older - have already signed up to leave a future legacy gift to Beth Abraham, by specifying an amount or by designating a percent of their estate.

Our congregants get it. They understand that individual ripples can make collective waves. They understand that future gifts – small and large – will better enable a vibrant now and a vibrant future for our Beth Abraham community. They understand that every gift counts.

Those who have already signed up appear on a two-page list posted outside the Sanctuary. Those pages are filled!

Now - this year - let's add your name to that list. Please don't wait another day! **Contact Elaine Arnovitz (937.293.2520)** right away.

We hope to hear from many of you. Let's make it happen. And, as Rav Glazer says, "If you are with us, let us say amen!"



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

Please join in for this fun Shabbat dinner at member's homes, on **Friday, March 15th**. 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 will be in our weekly News & Notes email the week of Feb. 5th. **Please sign up no later than Feb. 26th.**



ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR PURIM!

Mark your calendars now for our Purim celebration on **Sunday, March 11 from 11:00-2:00**. Dress up in your finest

Red Carpet look as we present "Purim at the Esty Awards," a look back at the many Purim shpiels produced by Cantor Raizen through the years. More details to come!



In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

January 6 – Louise Tincer in memory of Myer and Evelyn Horowitz

January 13 – Beth Abraham in honor of MLK Shabbat

January 20 – Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton Shabbat of Love

January 27 – Cantor Raizen in memory of Harold Raizen; and Matt & Elaine Arnovitz in memory of Theodore & Tala Arnovitz and Fred & Ruth Scheuer

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in January:

February Birthdays

1 Kay Lewis
2 Ruth Barnett
2 Micah Naziri
2 Celia Diamond
5 Laurence Lasky
5 Alan Chesen
10 Eleanor Zwelling
10 William Winner
10 Arthur Levy
10 Eleanor Levy
13 Angela Frydman
13 Ann Liberman
14 Julie Goldstein
14 Ted Cooper
16 Connie Schriber
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19 Farley Frydman
21 Walter Maimon
22 David Joffe
24 Steven Ducker
25 Beverly Louis
26 James Schear
26 Robert Burick
28 David Fuchsman
28 Martin Foster
29 Garry Greene

February Anniversaries

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

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

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

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For three generations
Dayton's Traditional
Jewish Funeral Home

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1706 N. Main & 5844 Old Troy Pike
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Sidney Litvak, by Marc & Jan Litvak

YAHREZEITS

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

This February (Shevat - Adar I) we remember:

SHEVAT

Meera Berkovitz
Harry Berkowitz
Morris Bernstein
Elizabeth Beyer
Max Brotkin
Aaron Brown
Mildred Byrne
Rose Chesler
Harvey Cohen
Bennet Cohen
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Max Krueger
Hortense Kuhr
Joseph Lapinsky
Sam Levin
Jack Hershel Leviton
Sidney Litvak
Henrietta Lotney
William Mintz
Hershil Morris
Harold Nathanson
Paul Ornstein

Pauline Resler
Marcus Ritter
Joseph Rosenthal
Miriam Rubin
Emma Saeks
Josephine Saeks
Jodi Saeks
Celia Samuelson
Morris Schondorf
Marilyn Serelson
Aaron David Shulman
Nate Silverston
Ben Silverstone
Mose Sivitz
LaVerne Smith
Salman Tinianow
Sheila Wagenfeld
Helen Wasserman
Beth Ann Wynn
Dennis Zappin
Simon Zawatsky
Morris Zeifman
Mary Zidel

ADAR I

Israel Abramovitz
Abraham S. Abromowitz
Susan Adler
Joseph Almeleh
Jacob Arnovitz
Clara Arnovitz
Nate Auerbach
Ann Barr
Sam Baygel
Alexander Bearman
Nettie Bennett
Sarah Berlin
Joseph Bernstein
Sam Bodenstein
Jerome L. Braverman
Harry Bremen
Ida Brotkin
Simon Brotkin
Joseph Brown
Nathan Brown
Saul Bulasky
Marlene Carne
Hyman Carne

David Casper
Diana Charme
Samuel Chasens
Selma Chernikoff
Florence Cohen
Bella Coplan
Albert Cretella
Sarah Curtis
Ida Dubro
Miriem Ducker
Joyce Dumtschin
Nathan Edeliand
Ethel Dvora Elman
Jeannette Emmer
Patricia Epstein
Edward Erkes
Marjorie Feuer
Milton Fine
Claire Fogel
Irwin Fogel
Morris Frankowitz
William Friedman
Eva Gabbe
Hyman Gams
Rose Gams
Florence Garlikov
Kenneth Garlikov
Herman Gassman
Kathe Gassman
Etta Ghan
Evelyn Glachman
Sarah Goldberg
Gladys Goodman
Martin Gotlieb
Bernard Gottesman
Bessie Greenberg
Pam Gunter
Elliott Heller
Ruth Heller
Aaron Herschbein
Reva Hillelson
Anna Hulman
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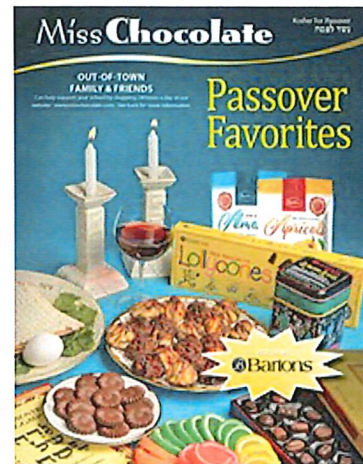
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Herbert Kaplan
Helen Kasavan
Barbara Katz
Louis Katz
David Kress
Robert Lapinsky
Irene Kogut Laster
Nora Leff
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Philip Allen Levy
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Mervin Lewis
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Marc Lynn
Anna G. Mann
Adele Marcus
Manuel Matthews
Irving Merdinger
Samuel Meyer
Delores Miller
Barney Musselman
Quint E. Myer
Robert Myers
Debbie Naftulin
Nagi Ahmed Nasr
Ruth Neiman
Jennie Oltusky
Rebecca Oscherwitz
Rose Posner
Louis Rafner
Harold Rosenblatt
Abe Rosensweet
Sol Rosenthal
David Rosenthal
Harry Rubin
Millicent Rubin
Louis Rubin
Julius Ruttenberg
Ruth Sajowitz
Anne Salzberg
Elmer Samuels
Burt Schear
Joshua Schechter
Harriett Schiff
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Helen Schneider
Sophie Schorr
Shirley Schorr
John Schweitzer
Stanley Scott
Elaine Shapiro
Leo Shapiro
Candy Sherer
Rachelle Sherman
Jacob M. Shirer
Trina Shuchat
Doris Simon
Bertha Simon
Anne Slobof
Efroim Mangel Sobol
Dorothy Spaier
Jack Spiegel
Millard Spialter
Elda Spizzichino
Annette Thum
Jill Tischler
Esther Topper
Anna M. Tuck
Morris Wagenfeld
Sarah Wagner Shuchat
Edward Weiner
Vincent Weisman
Fred Weiss
Dorothy Weiss
Anna Werbner
Wilfred Williams
Sheemon Wolfe
Ben Ziskin
Charlotte Zusman



PASSOVER CANDY SALE - ONLINE!

It's hard to believe that we are talking about Passover already, but it will be here before you know it. (Passover begins the evening of April 22). We are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to order your kosher for Passover candy through us which helps raise funds for our religious school. This year the sale will once again take place exclusively online. Simply follow the link below that will take you directly to the Beth Abraham sales page. There you will see the variety of products and their prices*. Fill your "shopping cart" and pay with a credit card. **Orders must be placed by no later than March 17.** All orders will be delivered to Beth Abraham. We will notify you when the candy arrives and let you know how you can pick it up. If you have any questions or concerns about the ordering process, please contact Cantor Raizen.



To order, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/2mez23ch> (this link will also be available in your News & Notes email).

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

SOCIAL ACTION

Beth Adelman, Social Action Chair

The conference room table at Beth Abraham was overflowing with colorful wrapped holiday presents for families in need at The Potters House. Thank you to everyone who shopped for gifts or made monetary donations for our Adopt-a-Family project. A special thanks to Stephanie Goodstein and Claudia Birch for their assistance in doing last minute shopping for gifts still needed for our families. Because of everyone's generosity, we were also able to provide each family with a Kroger's gift card. When Pastor Moss, minister at The Potter's House, and his wife came to pick up the gifts, they were overwhelmed with our congregation's generosity.



In December, Beth Abraham joined members of Temple Israel and



Temple Beth Or at the Foodbank where we filled boxes of food to be later picked up by families. We started the afternoon off writing short "positive" notes to be attached to children's backpacks that were filled with food. This project was organized by the JCRC of the Jewish Federation of Dayton under the capable leadership of our own Bonnie Rice.

Our Social Action Committee is discussing projects for the coming year. We would appreciate hearing any ideas you may have!

A reminder: Please bring in food to fill our Foodbank barrels. The need continues to be great.

From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN!



On Rosh Hashanah, I shared with you a beautiful prayer given by Norm Weissman and Tara Feiner, our Strategic Planning Co-

chairs. I also shared with you those members of our Beth Abraham community who are serving on that Steering Committee. These passionate people have been meeting regularly since October to create a roadmap for our journey to our future.

NOW IT IS TIME TO ENGAGE YOU!

The participation and input from *each and every* one of us is the only way we can ensure that the Strategic Plan we develop will be a true reflection of how we see our future for Beth Abraham Synagogue. Obtaining good factual data from our members is necessary to the success of this process.

To that end, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee is announcing two initiatives that will open the pathway for you to provide your thoughts, hopes, and dreams about the future of Beth Abraham. We want you to participate in both initiatives!

The first initiative will be a written survey that you should receive within the next week. It is essential that you complete the survey which we will send to *every adult member* of our congregation. You will be able to complete the survey either online or by paper, returning it in the envelope that will be provided. We hope that you will take the time to complete and return the survey as quickly as possible.

The second initiative, which is another direct opportunity for you, will be a series of Community Conversations that will be taking place from mid-February to the end of March. These Conversations will be small group gatherings that will be held at Beth Abraham and by Zoom, where appropriate. The small group meetings will be guided by facilitators specifically trained to gather the best information. While you will be invited for a specific date and time, adjustments can be readily made available to accommodate your calendar. More detailed instructions will be provided soon.

As I have realized both before and during my term as president, Beth Abraham Synagogue plays a different role in each of our lives

and in the lives of others in this community. In order to continue the journey that we are on, it is essential that we hear from everyone no matter your level of involvement.

We look forward to a high level of participation. I personally thank each of you in advance for helping with these two immediate initiatives and the overall creation of the Beth Abraham Strategic Plan.

What is important to you needs to inform our results. Make your voice heard!



New members Theda and Doug Wagner receive a welcome basket in honor of joining Beth Abraham

SECOND SEDER: SAVE THE DATE

Beth Abraham will once again gather for a Second Seder on Tuesday, April 23rd. We wanted to let you know as you plan for Pesach. More information on timing and cost will follow.

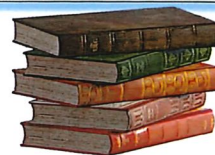


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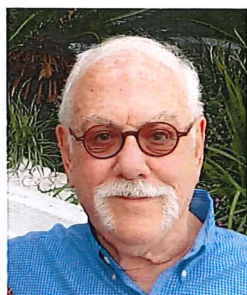
Rhythm 'N' Ruach is our upbeat music-filled Shabbat experience for families, held from 5:30-6:15 PM the second Friday of each month. This month we meet on **Friday, February 9**. Join Cantor Raizen to usher in Shabbat with songs, prayers, instruments, movement, dance, yoga and more. Everyone is welcome!

Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



(Part 2 of *Bright Star of Exile: Jacob Adler and the Yiddish Theater* by Lulla Rosenfeld)



Rosenfeld says that Yiddish theater began in New York in 1882, but remained

amateurish with one exception, the absolutely amazing Boris (Baruch) Thomashefsky. Only 15 years old in 1882, he immediately captivated audiences. By the time Adler arrived in New York, two Yiddish theater companies already existed to compete with each other to entertain a vast and growing Jewish population. The Jewish theater scene could only be described as chaotic.

Adler received a tremendous welcome as a "star" who had arrived from London, but he stepped into the chaos. He even left to perform in Chicago and Philadelphia for a while, each with large and growing Jewish populations. Adler then returned to New York and would take Yiddish theater to heights never imagined. The Union Theater opened in late 1891. About the exact same time, Adler formed a sort of partnership with Jacob Gordin, almost certainly the most important

playwright in the history of Yiddish theater.

In late 1892, Adler assumed total control of the Union theater. With Gordin, he would bring serious drama to Yiddish theater. In fact, they introduced Shakespeare, or a version of Shakespeare, with Gordin's play, "The Yiddish King Lear," one of the most memorable productions in the history of Yiddish theater. Adler of course played the lead, a role for which he would always be remembered. He would play the role for about 30 years. Competition continued to trouble Yiddish theater and Adler then teamed up with Thomashefsky. Together they kept moving from one theater to a much larger theater.

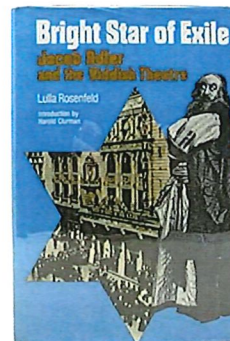
Finally, Adler approached the peak of his career in 1901 with the first production of the Merchant of Venice in which he, of course, played the lead role of Shylock. His performance proved so incredible that he received an immediate invitation to play the role on Broadway, every actor's dream. He did so until 1903, then returned to Yiddish theater.

Thus, Adler took Yiddish theater from "low brow" entertainment to very legitimate theater. Many new very talented individuals joined Yiddish theater performances. Various sources

have described Yiddish theater as comparable to anything on Broadway. As Rosenfeld describes it, however, Yiddish theater came full circle back to "low brow" entertainment because that is what the flood of Jewish immigrants expected.

As an example of the unsophisticated nature of the immigrant audiences, Rosenfeld says that after a play by Shakespeare they would shout, "author, author." Through it all, Adler became a "living legend" on the lower east side of Manhattan. Anywhere he would go, people would recognize him. Then Adler suffered a stroke in 1920 and lingered until his death in 1926.

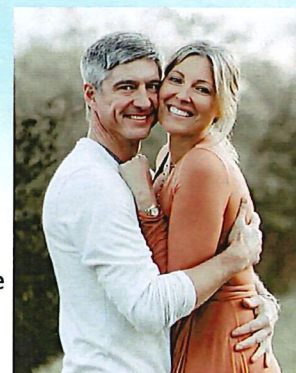
Some 50,000 people turned out for the funeral. At the time of Adler's death, Yiddish theater still flourished. He did not live to see its decline brought on by an almost complete end to immigration from Eastern Europe and the Great Depression.



WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER!

We would like to welcome Jason Archdeacon to Beth Abraham as our new Facilities Coordinator. He is a native Daytonian, and has lived in Columbus and Fort Wayne, Indiana. For the past several years, he has been part of a team developing land in Dayton to be used as a campground and recreational park (Rye Camp). He is also a former business owner, and currently manages several real estate investments in the area.

Jason has four children and lives in Oakwood with the love of his life, Lena and her three boys. He loves being outdoors, telling jokes and spending time with his family. About Beth Abraham, Jason told us "People are great and helpful. I have felt very welcome!" He has already become an integral part of our office team!



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

The MAHJshuganahs will play mah jongg on **Thursday, 2/8 and 2/22 from 1:00 – 4:00PM** this month. Please email Liz Musin if you'd like to be added to the roster.

The gift shop is ready for Purim and Pesach. Please contact Connie Roberts for information.

Our next Sisterhood meeting is on **Thursday, February 1st at 10:00AM** on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Please see News & Notes for the link.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Annual Raffle Fund Raiser Event: The Men's Club is in the process of putting together its annual major fund raiser event and your raffle tickets will arrive later in the month. The raffle drawings will take place during the Men's Club annual Deli Dinner and Movie program to be held on Sunday evening, April 7th.

World Wide Wrap 2024 - Sunday, February 11, 2024

(Super Bowl Sunday): Sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC), conservative Jews around the world will celebrate the mitzvah of wrapping Tefillin at their morning minyan, joining thousands of men, women, and children in prayer in the annual "World Wide Wrap." Men's Club and Rav Aubrey are working closely to encourage each of you to join us and participate in this mitzvah. There will be a training session on how to put on tefillin for those who may be new or unfamiliar with this experience. We hope to promote the daily mitzvah of tefillin use – emphasizing the deeply personal aspects of wrapping tefillin – a meaningful way to experience "first thoughts" of the day and reflect on our connection to God via prayer. **All those who join us this morning to lay tefillin can attend the brunch following services and eat for free!**



Men's Club Monthly Meeting: Our next monthly meeting is Monday, February 19 at 7:30 pm. Our meetings are open to all, and we welcome anyone to join and give your input and ideas as to what you'd like to see your Men's Club do for you! Look for the Zoom link in the upcoming News & Notes.

MEN'S CLUB/SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

On March 16th, Men's Club and Sisterhood will join together in leading the service and giving our clergy a rest. This meaningful Shabbat highlights Men's Club and Sisterhood's participation in the religious life of the shul, as well as promotes their involvement within the synagogue. If you would like to participate in the service, please give the co-chairs, Alan Chesen or Cheryl Lewis, a call and let them know.

RICK PINSKY SUNDAY BRUNCH SPEAKER SERIES

The Rick Pinsky Sunday Brunch Speaker Series resumes this month at 10:00 am. Please RSVP to the office for each brunch to help us plan. The cost is \$8.00 per person (times and cost vary where noted).

February 11: Dr. David Shuster – *What Turns Us On? The Discovery of the Electrical Foundation of Our Nervous System*

February 18: TBA

February 25: Marshall Weiss – *DeMille's Silent Ten Commandments at 100* (at Temple Israel, part of Ryterband Lecture Series and in partnership with Miami Valley Jewish Genealogy & History)
9:45 am; cost \$7



March 3: Dr. Jack Bernstein - *Astronomy, Astrophotography and the Upcoming Eclipse.*

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LIVESTREAM LINK

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

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COMMUNITY



On **March 7th**, Beth Abraham will host a CABS event featuring author Benedetta Guetta's book, *Cooking Alla Giudia – A Celebration of the Jewish Food of Italy*. The event will feature appetizers, salads and desserts from the book, in conjunction with a livestream with Ms. Guetta.

Cost for the event is \$18. Please go to jewishdayton.org for more info and to register.

Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

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

Friday, February 2		Friday, February 16	
Candle Lighting	5:39 pm	Candle Lighting	5:56 pm
Saturday, February 3		Saturday, February 17	
Morning Service	9:30 am	Morning Service	9:30 am
Candle Lighting	6:40 pm	Havdalah	6:56 pm
Friday, February 9		Friday, February 23	
Candle Lighting	5:47 pm	Candle Lighting	6:04 pm
Saturday, February 10		Saturday, February 24	
Morning Service	9:30 am	Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	6:48 pm	Havdalah	7:03 pm



Randi Rothman receives her welcome basket as a new member along with husband Jay.