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JOIN US FOR PURIM AT THE ESTY AWARDS!

On Sunday, March 24, beginning at 11:00 am, join us for our yearly celebration of Purim. There will be family fun, lunch, and of course our Purim shpiel! This year's theme is a look back at the many shpiels produced/directed by Cantor Raizen through the years. There will be surprises, lots of laughs, and all sorts of merry-making. See Cantor's column on page 2 for more information.

BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR FINEST RED CARPET LOOK!

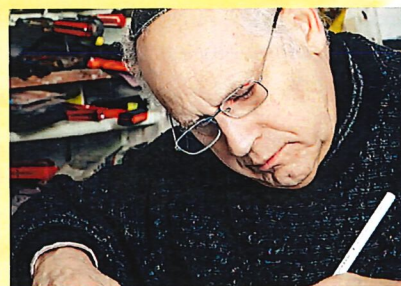
- 11:00 am - Family Megillah Reading
- 11:45 am - Carnival
- 12:15 pm - Lunch: **RSVP by March 15**
\$12 adults - \$7 kids 3-12 - \$36 family max
- 1:00 pm - Shpiel

Social Action: Bring Macaroni & Cheese boxes for groggers to be donated to the Foodbank.



ARTIST DAVID MOSS TO PRESENT HIS PURIM PROJECT AT BETH ABRAHAM

For over 30 years, world-renowned and Dayton-born Jewish artist David Moss has been commissioning folk artists around the globe—from Bali to Peru—to create four panels from the Purim Megillah in their own local styles. Join him on **Sunday, March 24th**, following the Purim shpiel (around 1:45), as he discusses this unique project and shows off the beautiful results.



The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*



You may remember the film, "The Last Picture Show" set in 1951, in which a group of high school seniors come of age in a bleak North Texas

town that is slowly dying, both culturally and economically. It was a great movie, garnering eight Academy Award nominations and winning two for supporting actors. The only reason I mention this is, with the approach of Purim I feel like I am producing "The Last Purim Shpiel," at least for me as director.

Here at Beth Abraham, you have come to expect a shpiel as part of the Purim celebration, almost a *halachic* imperative. But where did this tradition originate? The humble yet beloved Purim shpiel ("play" in Yiddish) is the only genuine folk theater that has survived a thousand years of European culture, and in our day has morphed and flourished. According to historian Chone Shmeruk, the term Purim shpiel was found throughout Ashkenazic Jewry as early as the mid-1500s. The shpiel could be a poetic monologue, or a story portrayed by several actors, usually the story of Esther, but also other biblical stories, such as the selling of Joseph, Hannah and Samuel, or David and Goliath. Since most Jewish men were literate and traditionally educated, commentaries were also incorporated, along with satire directed at the rabbi, cantor, community leaders, and other authorities.

Purim shpiels were acted primarily by poor people like students, musicians, dancers, acrobats and artisans. They were performed either in large public venues like yeshivas, or especially for wealthy families, typically in their homes after the festive meal. If the community was small, the actors took great pains to

rehearse in secret and disguise themselves thoroughly so they would not be recognized to their shame. They walked through the streets from house to house, followed by hordes of excited children, who would crowd into or hang from the windows of the homes of the rich, in order to see the performance. In these homes the actors were rewarded in the form of money and/or food.

This year will mark the tenth show for which I have been responsible. Six of the shpiels were acquired and adapted from other sources like purimshpiels.com and Purim Shpiels R Us. Another four were conceived of and written in-house with the help of some of you. Four were based on Broadway musicals including, "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Sound of Music," "My Fair Lady," and "Oklahoma." Four used a musical genre, musician or group like Motown, The Beatles, Disco and Elvis. And who could forget our Purim in lockdown when we presented "Corona Purim" via Zoom? When it came time to think about yet another show, I was stumped. Between Chaya Vidal's seven wonderful shpiels prior to and within the time I took the helm, and those we have done since, I just couldn't think of a theme. I kept coming back to the idea of doing a retrospective of sorts, looking back on the previous shows. Thanks to the creative mind of Judy Chesen, we settled on a way to highlight some of our favorite moments.

This year's shpiel will look quite different from those of previous years. It will take on the look of a big awards show like the Oscars or the Tonys, complete with the red carpet. Our veteran shpielers will walk the red carpet, take time for photos and interviews in between featured numbers from the shpiels of the past that will tell the story of Purim. Some of the actors who originated a particular role are back to reprise their numbers, but you will see some new faces, as well. To get into the awards show spirit, we

encourage everyone to wear a "Red Carpet Look." It doesn't matter if you have never attended a shpiel or have seen every one of them. It will be sure to put a smile on your face. *Chag Purim Sameach!*

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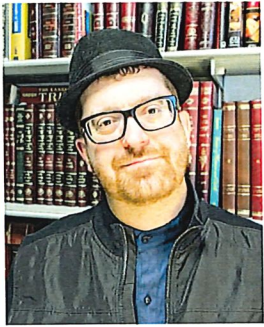
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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

THE HEALING POWER OF HOLY THEATRE

Rav Aubrey Glazer



"...theatre is a vehicle, a means for self-study, self-exploration, a possibility of salvation."
-Peter Brook, *The Empty Space* (1968)

I have always been inspired by English dramaturg, Peter Brook, who has championed what he calls a Holy Theatre, which brings a sense of inner self-reflection and plucks the cords of hope for redemption. In these challenging times filled with such collective grief and uncertainty, we can find solace in the uplifting power of stories and even turn to the healing power of the arts.

With this intention in our hearts and minds, you are invited to join us for "Heschel's Passover Eve" - a journey through the remarkable life of late, great Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (January 11, 1907, Warsaw, Poland-December 23, 1972, New York). This is the story of one of our remarkable beacons of hope, who was always reminding us to pray with our feet. The twist is that this a captivating solo performance by an Israeli actor to American audiences for its very first English-language production, telling us a story we think we know, from Israeli eyes.

This play is meant to be a source of inspiration, as we come together, support one another, and share in a powerful theatrical experience together with our allies in the community. As part of our growing partnership with the World Zionist Organization, we are honored to partner with its arts and cultural liaison, called *Shazur*, and together we are thrilled to be bringing "Heschel's Passover Eve." Beth Abraham will be honored to host the Israeli theatre troupe *Shazur* in

solidarity with communities across the country for an intimate, educational theatrical experience in our synagogue.

This 45 minute play - an intimate portrait of Heschel, portrays moments that span his life from his time in Germany before the Holocaust to his relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King. In the Jewish prophetic tradition, "Heschel's Passover Eve" is a call to action for civil discourse and human rights that is as relevant now as it was when Dr. Heschel was marching arm-in-arm with Dr. King. We need more encounters with compelling pieces of art, compelling historically and compelling intellectually, to help us examine those moments when we are called to acts of moral courage.

Further inspiration comes from knowing that proceeds from the costs of producing the play will go to relief efforts for the displaced residents of Otef Aza and Sderot.

This program is generously sponsored by Jim Nathanson, in honor of his beloved, Carol, of blessed memory, and co-sponsored with Pastor Ken Moss and The Potters House. Join us in solidarity for this healing arts experience.

HESCHEL'S PASSEOVER EVE

Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00 pm

Beth Abraham Sanctuary

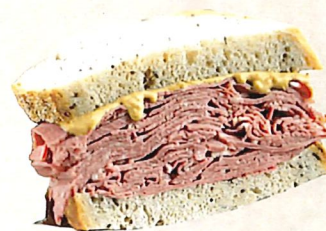
No charge

RSVP required



Beth Abraham Men's Club Invites You To Their

ANNUAL DELI DINNER, MOVIE NIGHT & RAFFLE DRAWING Sunday evening, April 7th 2024, at 6:00 PM



Join us for a delicious kosher deli buffet, featuring corned beef, pastrami, sliced turkey breast, fine breads, vegetarian baked beans, potato knishes, coleslaw, potato salad, dessert, and more! The dinner begins at 6:00 pm, followed by the raffle drawing, and then our featured movie at about 7:00 pm. Raffle tickets are being mailed, so be sure to return them by this night for a chance to win one of these great prizes:

- 1st Prize: 55" INSIGNIA 4K UHD Smart Fire TV
- 2nd Prize: 43" INSIGNIA 4K UHD Smart Fire TV
- 3rd Prize: 2 Dayton Theatre Guild Tickets (Any Show)
- 4th Prize: Citizen Men's Wristwatch (courtesy of Gordons Jewelry & Loan)
- 5th Prize: 2 Dayton Playhouse Tickets
- 6th Prize: Dorothy Lane Market \$50 Gift Card

This year's featured movie, *Golda*, is a ticking-clock thriller set during the tense 19 days of the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir (Helen Mirren), faced with the potential of Israel's complete destruction, must navigate overwhelming odds, a skeptical cabinet, and a complex relationship with US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (Liev Schreiber), with millions of lives in the balance. Her tough leadership and compassion would ultimately decide the fate of her nation and leave her with a controversial legacy around the world.

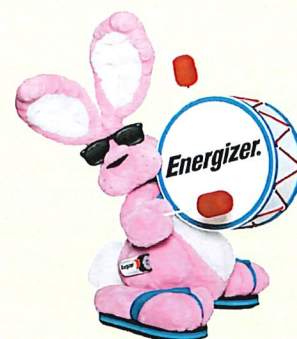


The cost for the entire deli-dinner and movie program is **\$20 per person**. Please **RSVP by April 1st** by contacting the synagogue office: 937-293-9520. Send your checks, payable to Beth Abraham Men's Club, to the synagogue office, or you can pay at the door.

GO GREEN WITH BETH ABRAHAM BATTERY RECYCLING!

Chaya Vidal

We are starting a new program in advance of Earth Day. The program will follow the Jewish principle of *Ba'al Tashchit* ...we will not be wasteful. Beth Abraham is going to help our planet with a battery recycling program - **all kinds of household batteries**, including hearing aid batteries! All **you** have to do is bring your old batteries to the *shul* and place them in the recycling containers. There will be one container on the first floor next to the food barrels, and another on the second floor by the entrance. Small boxes for you to take home to use for collecting and transporting these batteries will be located on tables outside the social hall and sanctuary. We want to thank the Hillel students for decorating these boxes for this program! If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact JoAnn (Annie) Chambers or Chaya Vidal, co-chairs.



P.S. The Energizer bunny has been around since 1989...even he deserves a rest.

IN THE BETH ABRAHAM FAMILY

We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

Cantor Raizen's Discretionary Fund

In memory of

Lucie Furrow, by Bruce Brenner & Sandy Sloane-Brenner
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Marc Katz, by Judy Schwartzman & Mike Jaffe

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In honor of

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Lucie Furrow, by Steve & Bari Blumhof, Steve & Linda Horenstein

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In memory of

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In memory of

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Hilda Kneller, by Felice Shane

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Jule Hulman, by Jaime Miller

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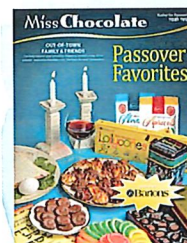
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Edward Weiner, by Ellen Leffak

Lucie Furrow, by Larry & Cindy Burick, Eddie & Susie Katz



PASSOVER CANDY SALE - ONLINE!

Passover Candy Time is here again! Be sure to get your orders in prior to March 17th! Go

to <http://tinyurl.com/2mez23ch> and make sure to click the "Ship to School" and then the "Kosher for Passover" options. Your order benefits our Religious School. (You can also access the link in your weekly News & Notes email).

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

January 6 – Louise Tincher 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:

March Birthdays

- 1 Audrey Tuck
- 4 Lee Schear
- 4 Betty Crouse
- 5 Joel Frydman
- 5 Erika Zawatsky
- 7 Joseph Beaman
- 7 Sharon Cohen
- 8 Jack Bernstein
- 8 Joel Shapiro
- 9 Mark Feingold
- 9 Janice Kohn
- 11 Lisa Blum
- 11 Charlotte Golden
- 12 Barbara Kimmel
- 16 Sharon Schwab
- 17 Harold Wilson
- 17 Tara Feiner
- 18 Jeff Roberts
- 19 Mark Feuer
- 21 Harvey Lehrner
- 21 Mindi Wynne
- 22 Carole Marger
- 23 Mary Rita Weissman
- 24 Cheryl Lewis
- 26 Bruce Mendelson
- 26 Adam Feiner
- 27 Susan Katz
- 28 Cynthia Burick
- 29 Carol Chudde
- 30 Samuel Rosengarten
- 30 Phyllis Rosen

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

WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Lucie Furrow, mother of Connie Roberts
Charlotte Handler
Ruth Lasky, mother of Larry Lasky
Louis "Lou" Levin
Sandy Lubin, wife of Cantor Abraham Lubin

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DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Beth Adelman's phone number was incorrect in the directory. Her cell number is 937-626-6990.

March Anniversaries

- 1 Steve & Patty Wyke
- 16 Joel & Marci Vandersluis
- 26 Jerome & Goldye Kopmar
- 28 Howard & Deborah S. Rubenstein

Participants in the World Wide Wrap on February 11th at morning minyan.



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 March (Adar I & II) we remember:

ADAR I

Herman Arnovitz
Howard Beyer
Anne C. Blumberg
Yetta Blumberg
David Bodenstein
Bea Burke
William Deutsch
Celia Fiddler
Max Fisher
William Friedman
Rafael Furst
Jean Gisser
Hyman Goldrich
Bernard Robert Gold-
stein
Martin Goodman
Seena Stayman Good-
man
Bernard Greenfield
Max Greenspun
Toba Grossman
Dorothy Gutmann
Selli Gutmann
Richard Hauser
Pauline Hellreich
Izabella Hertz
Esther Hirsch
Rosalie Jacobson
Kathleen Mellman
Jacobson
Lena S. Jacobson
Max Jacobson

Eugene Joffe
Anthony Katz
Bess Kempler
Rachel Koretsky
Zelda Kotler
Yetta Kuhr
Alvin Lasky
Rose Cohen Levin
Frank Levine
Selma Maimon
Aaron Mandell
Harriet Margolis
Anna Matusoff
Robert Matusoff
Joe Maybruck
Rae Mellman
Ivy Michaels
Marvin Miller
Max Oscherwitz
Oscar Oscherwitz
Sara Pack
Irwin Pinkus
Richard Potasky
Louis Press
William Rabinowitz
Gloria Rosen
Barbara Rosenbaum
Bernard Rosenblatt
Lena Rosoff
Abraham Sadow
Edith Schear
Rose M. Schear
Lawrence Schear

David Schneider
Maurine Moody Scott
Belle Sherman
Lazer T. Sherman
Israel C. Shuchat
Marvin Sidney Silber-
man
Robert Silverman
Seena Stayman
Philip Stayman
Anna Stefin
Abraham Stein
Samuel W. Stone
Nathan Weinstein
Freda Weiss
Fannie Wolfe
Jacob Wolfe
Amy Elizabeth Yaross
Ora Yolles
Edward Zawatsky

ADAR II

Robert Abrams
David Abromowitz
Jacob Austrian
Tess Bachman
Rose Bader
Samuel Block
Stephen Braverman
Esther Brown
Abraham Brunson
Max Burgman
Jack Burke

Elizabeth Carne
Julius Chudde
Emma Cohen
Samuel Daitch
Nat Eisenberg
Maurice Ellison
Edward Feldman
Harley Jay. Felman
Isadore L. Feuer
Sarah Fiddler
Anna Fleischman
Moses Goodman
Fannie Gressel
Anne Hammerman
Blumie Jacobson
Roy Jenevsky
Harry Jenevsky
Rose Kaplan
Sol Kling
Ella Krumholz
Jack Kurtzer
Gertrude Lang
Morris Lovett
Marvin S. Metz
Charles W. Miller
Charlotte Miller
Ruth Neuman
Harry Office
Bessie Rafner
Rose Resnick
Pearl Rittner
Charles Rosen
Max Rosenbaum

Deborah Ruben
Pessach Rubin
Keith Saeks
Dora Rosalynd Scheer
Syma Schmerler
Melvyn Scott
Kay Segal
Sadie Segal
Jacob Seldon
Julius Sender
Henry Sians
Sylvia Silver
Harold Silverman
Raymond Smith
Isidor Soifer
Jean Spetter
Ben Spialter
Jack Stack
Bernice Stein
Jonas Stein
Rose Stoolman
Meyer Strausberg
Davideen Swanger
Pauline Thum
Harry Tomchin
Sara Topper
Helene Vangrov
Charles Vangrov
Louis Wall
Sylvia Weissman
Josephine Woll
Theodore Yaross
Irvin Zipperstein



There was enthusiastic participation in the Red Tenting workshop and art project for the Dayton Peace Museum, led by Elyssa Wortzman.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Beth Adelman

The Social Action Committee recently met and we've selected some great projects for the coming year. Most exciting is our Battery Recycling program starting in March, chaired by Annie Chambers and Chaya Vidal (see pg. 4).

Purim will once again have us shaking our Mac and Cheese boxes which will then be donated to the Foodbank. Two days later, on **March 26, from 8:45-11:00**, we will be partnering with the Jewish Community Relations Council to pack food boxes at the Foodbank for those community members in need. Aptly titled, "'Shpiel' the Beans...Spread the Word!", this has been an ongoing program chaired by our own Bonnie Beaman Rice.

We are excited to be planning a spring social action program with The Potters House. More details to follow. Additional projects have been planned for the rest of the year. We continue to appreciate the generosity of our members!

Don't forget to bring a few cans of food for the Foodbank barrels when you come to the synagogue. The need is great.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: THE FISHBEIN FAMILY

Julie Liss-Katz

Ever since they joined Beth Abraham 8 years ago, the Fishbein family felt right at home. "Not only does the building have a warm atmosphere," said Irene, "but once we came to services, everyone seemed so glad to see us. We saw so many familiar faces and were just embraced when we walked through the door."

It didn't take long for Irene to become an active member and eventual president of Beth Abraham's Sisterhood, an enthusiastic member of our annual Purim shpiel, and a member of the Board. Her daughters Tamar and Shana are not surprised. It's a pattern of involvement their mother modeled their entire life.

After graduating college, Tamar came back to Dayton to teach and is active in community theatre. "Dayton is home for me," said Tamar. "When I look around Beth Abraham, I see the people who were around to raise and care about me throughout my childhood. It's nice to catch up with them." Like her mother, she appreciates the aesthetics of the sanctuary and the intimacy of the space adding, "I also like the new prayer book that explains so much."

Shana followed her mother to the Dayton Jewish Chorale, has joined a synagogue committee, and has entertained us in her many renditions of Esther at Purim. Her involvement at the synagogue has strengthened her connection to Judaism.

Being at Beth Abraham is like coming home to Gary. "I was very close to my cantor growing up and practiced more than my parents. The liturgy and tunes are very familiar from my childhood. I'm not as active as Irene, but it's clearly a community at Beth Abraham. Everyone is asked to do something. Whether it's your first time or 20th time participating, you are welcomed, and no one lets you fail."

Gary and Irene Fishbein have lived in Dayton for 31 years and have 5 children - Tamar, a teacher in the Trotwood/Madison School District; Rachel, Test Engineer; Shana, Software Developer; Phillip, Computer Engineer; and Craig, Videographer.



From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



Your Beth Abraham Board has been busy! I want to

provide the congregation with updates on what the board leadership is doing on your behalf. The following is a short summary of current board accomplishments and initiatives:

Strategic Plan: Thank you for returning your surveys. That data will be combined with the information obtained from the Community Conversations. The goal is to identify our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges through the surveys and conversations. Look for your invitations to the conversations.

Ritual Committee Task

Force: With the imminent retirement of our beloved Cantor, a small subset of the Ritual Committee has been tasked with identifying our Prayer Leader for the upcoming High Holidays. This task force, along with Rav Aubrey, will help identify what our High Holidays will look like for the upcoming

year.

Education Committee Task

Force: Similarly, we cannot wait for the results of the strategic planning process for a determination of what our religious school will look like in the next academic year. A task force has been created that includes several of our religious school parents to help determine how best to continue providing religious education to our Beth Abraham children.

Israel Affairs: The board approved the creation of this nonpolitical committee to help with identifying educational opportunities and Beth Abraham's role in support of Israel.

Budget Committee: To assist the strategic planning process and the other task forces identified above, it was necessary for the synagogue budget process to begin earlier than usual. The committee has already met and is in the process of identifying budgetary constraints for the next fiscal year.

Beth Abraham Foundation

Board: The chair of the Foundation Board provided

the Board with useful information during its annual report that occurred in January. It is necessary for the Foundation Board to continue to provide updates to the full Board as we identify the goals of the strategic plan.

Nominating Committee:

We are already planning for the next annual board member election and are working on succession planning for its officers.

Security Grant: We successfully received another security grant that will provide for additional hardening improvements as well as pay for additional security for our events and programs.

So, as you can see, your leadership team has been busy these past several months. I am proud of the team we have in place and look forward to the strategic planning process that will help strengthen our governance at Beth Abraham.

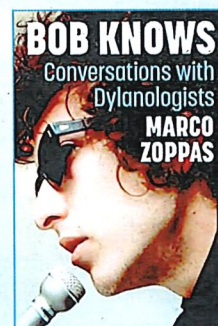
CALLING ALL DYLAN FANS (AND YES, EVEN DYLANOLOGISTS!)

There are 2 exciting opportunities for those who are interested:

Thursday, March 14 at 5:00 pm in UD's Sears Recital Hall, "Dylan's Jesus and the Impossibility of the Redemption in the Jewish American Imagination" with Rav Aubrey Glazer and Rick Good, Ohio Heritage Fellow and founder of Hotmud Family, Rhythm and Shoes, and renowned for his driving banjo, swinging guitar, heartfelt singing and crafty songwriting.

Monday, March 25th, 12:00-1:00 pm.

Italian author Marco Zoppas will present his book *Bob Knows: Conversations with Dylanologists* in person at Beth Abraham and on Zoom. Special conversation with Rav Aubrey celebrating the release of this new book that contains original interviews with 13 leading Dylanologists (including Rav Aubrey!) about why Dylan has remained such a compelling and important artist to the present day, from his spiritual wisdom, to his award-winning poetry.



Registration required at bethabrahamdayton.org

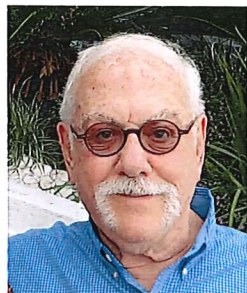
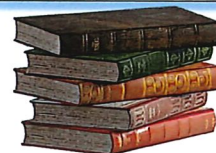


RHYTHM 'N' RUACH FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 5:30 PM

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, March 8**. 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



In a short but very fascinating book titled, *Destination Palestine: The Story of the Haganah Ship Exodus 1947*, author Ruth Gruber details one of the most memorable

episodes in modern Jewish history - the voyage of the Exodus. Gruber begins by affectionately dedicating the book to the people who made the voyage, and to the Haganah "boys" and the American crew who made it possible. A journalist, Gruber served as an eyewitness to the entire episode.

The story begins on July 17, 1947 in Haifa. The Haganah "boys" made it widely known that the "refugee" ship Exodus would be headed for Palestine with 4554 passengers: 1,600 men, 1,282 women, 1,017 young people, and 655 children. These fortunate few, very likely all survivors of the Holocaust, might be thought of as the future of Israel. Elements of the British navy actually intercepted the ship on July 18 about 20 miles off the coast of Palestine. That incident led to the outbreak of a resistance movement by the Jews in Palestine.

While the British made a show of force, they took control of the Exodus as the ship made its way into the port of Haifa flying what would be the Israeli flag. The British allowed the passengers to leave the ship, but they had every intention of sending them to Cyprus, as they did with all Jews considered illegal immigrants to Palestine. Gruber says that about 25,000 Jews arrived in Cyprus in one year.

Because of severe overcrowding in the camps, the British began to allow a mere 750 Jews a month to enter Palestine. Under increasing pressure, the British then allowed 500 orphaned children to enter Palestine. The British

decided, however, to make an example of the Exodus by sending it to a port in France. The passengers on the Exodus then took matters into their own hands. They refused to stay in France or to go back to Cyprus.

The passengers on the Exodus endured oppressive heat and a severe shortage of both food and water. In the midst of this hardship the passengers launched a hunger strike. Finally, on August 22, the British presented the survivors of the Holocaust with an impossible choice: leave the Exodus or be sent to Hamburg, Germany of all places, still occupied by the Americans, the British, the Russians and the French.

It did not seem possible that the British would actually follow through, but they did so in early September. Gruber says that as the Exodus sailed for Hamburg a young woman whispered to her, "Now you will see the birth of a Jewish State." Gruber says that when the British

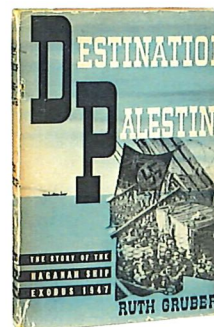
questioned the passengers in Hamburg, all of them answered the same way. Asked where they came from, they all said Palestine. Asked for their names, they all said Palestine.

In a brief two-page epilogue, Gruber says the passengers from the Exodus managed to get out of the camp in small groups, perhaps with the cooperation of the British authorities, over a period of a couple of

months. They made their way to ships waiting for them in French and Italian ports. They managed to arrive in Haifa just in time to celebrate Israel Independence Day on May 15, 1948.

With a Jewish population estimated at only 680,000 at the time of Israeli independence the passengers from the Exodus represented more than a symbolic increase. As Gruber puts it,

they became the soldiers, workers and farmers alongside other Israelis. They had indeed become part of the future of Israel. The Jewish population of



Israel today is more than seven million!

CELEBRATE SECOND NIGHT SEDER AT BA

On Tuesday evening, **April 23**, our Beth Abraham family will gather to celebrate a second night Seder led by Rav Aubrey and Cantor Raizen.

The kitchen will be steam cleaned and kashered to make it truly *kosher l'Pesach*. Trish Clemons of

Rosemary Garden will be catering the meal. The cost will be \$50 per person.



Please **RSVP** to the office. Bring your family to spend the second night of Pesach with your *other* family, your Beth Abraham family!

(No one should be without a seder. If you would like to attend a first seder, we will try to find you a seat at someone's table. Likewise, if you have space at your table, please let us know.)

MEN'S CLUB & SISTERHOOD NEWS

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



Our final two brunches for the year are this month. They begin at 10:00 am and the cost is \$8.00 per person.

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

March 17 - Dr. Neil Katz - *Work, Play, Live: Two Months in Yellowstone*

SISTERHOOD NEWS - UPCOMING PROJECT

Irene Fishbein

Sisterhood will be facilitating one of the shul's fall social action projects. Beth Abraham will once again be collecting school supplies this summer for Crayons to Classrooms, but we have learned that children's coats are on their wish list as well. So, "SuCoats" will be back for an encore for Sunset in the Sukkah this fall. Please keep this project in the front of your mind as lots of children's coats are or will be on clearance, with many good deals to be had. Let your family and friends know as well - spring cleaning season is coming soon!

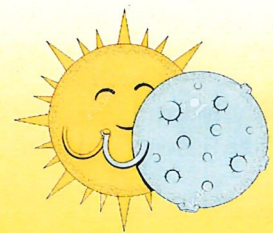
OTHER UPCOMING SISTERHOOD & MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

- Sisterhood Meeting: **March 7th, 10:00 am** via Zoom
- MAHJshuganahs (Mahjongg): **March 14, 1:00 pm** at the synagogue (RSVP to Liz Musin by the Sunday prior)
- Men's Club Meeting: **March 18th, 7:30 pm** via Zoom.
- MAHJshuganahs: **March 28th, 1:00 pm** at the synagogue (RSVP to Liz Musin by the Sunday prior)

Links for Zoom meetings can be found in your weekly News & Notes email the week of the meeting.

ECLIPSE SPECTACULAR!

Join Beth Abraham and Northern Hills Synagogues' Men's Clubs for indoor lunch and outdoor viewing of this upcoming rare total daytime eclipse. Open to all members of both synagogues.



WHEN - **Monday April 8th** 12:30 PM lunch start ; 2 to 4 PM eclipse viewing

WHERE - Beth Abraham Synagogue

INCLUDES -

- Deli - Make Your Own Sandwich and Drink (Corned Beef/Pastrami/Turkey/Salads/Dessert)
- Vegan sandwich/salad available by special request
- Luncheon talk about eclipse by Dr Jack Bernstein

Cost - \$13 per person (includes \$1 for viewing glasses). Eclipse Free!

RSVP FOR LUNCH IS REQUIRED – CALL THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1ST

ECLIPSE VIEWING FROM BETH ABRAHAM PARKING LOT – BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!

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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



Women's Seder, Thursday, April 4th from 6:00-9:30 pm at Beth Abraham. \$54 per person. RSVP by March 14 at jewishdayton.org.

2nd Annual Interfaith Community Concert, Sunday, March 10 at 7:00 PM at the Beavercreek High School Auditorium featuring community and regional choirs and other musical performances, including the Dayton Jewish Chorale.

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, March 1

Candle Lighting 6:11 pm

Saturday, March 2

Morning Service 9:30 am

Candle Lighting 7:11 pm

Friday, March 8

Candle Lighting 6:19 pm

Saturday, March 9

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 7:18 pm

Friday, March 15

Candle Lighting 7:26 pm

Saturday, March 16

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 8:25 pm

Friday, March 22

Candle Lighting 7:33 pm

Saturday, March 23

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 8:32 pm

Friday, March 29

Candle Lighting 7:40 pm

Saturday, March 30

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 8:40 pm



Brittany and Shani Sussman participate together in Rhythm 'N' Ruach. Check page 9 for information on this month's Rhythm 'N' Ruach.