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From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 22, 6:00 PM



The month of May is an important month for Beth Abraham. We continue to count the Omer towards the holiday of Shavuot (and our Graeter's ice cream treats); we welcome warmer weather; and we think about our next Beth Abraham fiscal year. Okay, so perhaps you are not thinking about our fiscal year, but your officers and Board are. Our Beth Abraham Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00pm in the social hall and I encourage everyone to attend this year. An in person minyan will proceed the meeting at 5:30.

Our Annual Meeting is an opportunity to update everyone on the past year, elect new board members, and answer questions about the upcoming year. This year, we have two main goals for the annual meeting. First, we would like to provide everyone with some of the results of the Congregational Survey and observations from the Community Conversations. This information, part of the strategic planning process, will be interesting for all of us to understand as we learn about the next steps in the process.

Second, we will discuss the financial status of Beth Abraham and what the future financial plan may look like. I welcome your questions and comments on this topic. We'll talk about how each of us can continue to give of our time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of Beth Abraham's future. Following the business meeting, we will end the evening with dessert and socializing.

As I have said numerous times, it has been my pleasure serving as your Beth Abraham President. As I move into my final year, I look forward to sharing with you what is coming in the future. Please join me on May 22nd and feel free to call or email me if you have any questions about Beth Abraham.

SHAVUOT - SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate Erev Shavuot with us on **Tuesday, June 11th** with the traditions of a dairy dinner, dessert and learning sessions. We'll commemorate the revelation of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai. More information to follow.



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The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*



These past several months I have been looking back at the Bulletin articles I have written through the years. As I pulled up a few of those I had

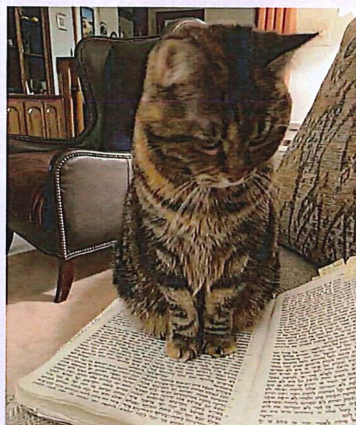
written for the month of May, they all spoke about the end of the school year. And suddenly it dawned on me. This is my last end-of-the-year wrap up. My 17 years of directing our Religious School have had their ups and downs. In terms of numbers, we have had as many as 21 students and as few as 5 enrolled in any given year. We have usually averaged about 10-12. In the thin years, I wondered what we would do if only one or two children remained on the roster the following year. Then somehow, a new family or two appeared at Beth Abraham and we were able to go on.

So much has changed in the realm of synagogue religious education since I entered the profession. I had returned to graduate school ten years after I finished college and entered the field exactly 35 years ago this month. At that time the school I ran had over 200 students and met 3 days a week. We had to expand that to 5 days to accommodate the numbers of children. But not long after that, synagogue schools began to shift to 2-day programs and curricula required tweaking to fit learning into fewer hours. Many of us implemented wonderful family education programs and some congregations shifted their Sunday classes to a Shabbat format. Searching other Conservative congregational school programs, I have noticed that several of those with smaller enrollment have chosen to gear down even further. They meet just one Sunday per month, one Shabbat and have a weekly midweek class for their students. Given our situation, I think that we have maintained a fairly consistent and

valuable program. However, I know that there are educators out there who are thinking outside of the box and are doing some exciting, innovative and engaging programming for students and their families. Although some of you comment on my high energy level, inside I know it is time to step back and put that energy elsewhere. I look forward to watching the program grow and flourish.

But, for now, Religious School will officially end on May 19. The week before that, we will celebrate Religious School Shabbat on May 11. Our younger students in grades K-3 will participate in a special prayer service in the chapel led by Sandy Sloane-Brenner and the older class will actively participate in the sanctuary service, beginning with the service to take out the Torah. A few of our 5th and 6th grade students will chant from the Torah wearing the *tallitot* that some of them made in class last year. I know that they are looking forward to that opportunity.

This was one of our biggest years enrollment-wise with 18 students. (A rather nice number to go out on!) The bump in numbers was due to the fact that we have 4 sets of twins enrolled. I think that will be our claim to fame for this school year. I want to thank all of the families for your support through the years and for sharing your children



"*Baruch-Cat-tah...*" Even Cantor Raizen's cat studies Torah.

with me. I have watched children grow from toddlers to high school graduates. I was blessed to officiate at a child's *brit milah* and later at his *Bar Mitzvah* and this summer I will attend the wedding of the first student that became a *Bar Mitzvah* in our present building. It is really all about the amazing students, as stated in the Talmud, Taanit 7a: Rabbi Hanina declared, "I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues and most from my students."

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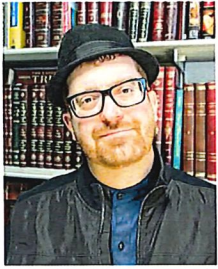
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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

WE ALL SCREAM FOR... JUDAISM WITH FLAVOR!

Rav Aubrey Glazer



When my daughter Tal was young, we used to take her to her favorite ice cream stand, called Friendly's on Fire Island, where she argued that

eating strawberry ice cream three times a day was a balanced diet because it contained fruit and protein! Having a balanced diet in all aspects of life is important, especially as we count all the wonderful Graeter's ice cream flavors in Rav's Omer Challenge.

I am reminded of the subtle flavor that I learned to appreciate after many crucial moments with Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, and remember how she urges us to balance our doom-scroll diet of news and blues to transform our *oy* to *joy*. She implores us not to let the fight against anti-Semitism become the sum total of our Jewish identity, but to make a conscious shift from perennial victimhood, which affords the haters control over our destiny, to perennial celebrant of Jewish tradition, be it religious, secular, intellectual or artistic. "In the decades since the Holocaust," says Lipstadt, "there has been an extraordinary resurgence of Jewish life in Europe. And Jewish life in the United

States flourishes in a way that would have been inconceivable to Jews living in America before World War II." Learn to look, see, listen, and taste what's so exciting about our Jewish tradition and cultural, literary and philanthropic accomplishments. "Appreciate that and build on it. And study Torah, and learn

Reb Nachman of Breslov has a teaching that essentially makes joy a mitzvah. If you don't feel it, he recommends "faking it till you make it."

positive influences." With Rav's Omer Challenge, let's put Lipstadt's philosophy of savoring Jewish culture to use, by creating and living our own unique Judaism.

By no means is this only applicable to North America. Look at our beloved Holy Land of Israel. David Leichman, who made aliyah to Israel, where he created Leich Creams, knows this savoring pursuit well. For his Bar Mitzvah, he dressed as an ice cream man and distributed frozen treats. He later trained as a chef, and with Leich Creams, he was inspired to expand the flavor palette of ice cream known in Israel. Rabbi Deborah Prinz, a fellow celebrant of Jewish culture, teaches world-wide about chocolate, including chocolate ice cream, and the Jewish

connection to cacao. So even ice cream can become a Jewish cultural tradition—so long as it has one main ingredient— the pursuit of joy. Reb Nachman of Breslov has a teaching that essentially makes joy a mitzvah. If you don't feel it, he recommends "faking it till you make it."

Start today with a smile, take a moment to count the Omer and become a better person through reflection in Hadar's Omer counter, or by using an app like MyOmer by The Meaningful Life Center. As I am writing this, for example, today's point of reflection on *gevurah* of *chesed* (discipline in lovingkindness) reminds us that "healthy love must always include an element of discipline and discernment." This reminds me that I only have 47 more days to decide what flavor I will order at our Omer challenge celebration at Graeter's!

We need you to count, reflect and join us for 2 meaningful scoops preceding Shavuot. Each day of the Omer can be a celebration of Jewish thought, mindfulness and tradition. We are counting up to receiving the Torah, a guiding book that has and will continue to inspire us as Jews for centuries.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Join us for Graduate Shabbat on May 18th, when we celebrate those graduating from high school.



Tal Glazer, daughter of Rav Aubrey Glazer and Elyssa Wortzman is graduating from Oakwood High School where she was captain of the Jr. Varsity Tennis Team and had the lead role in a student-written play. Her passion for marine life is taking her to the University of Dayton where she will study Biology. Her goal is to become a Marine Biologist or work for a non-profit in that field.

Judah Schwartz, son of Pamela and Andrew Schwartz, will graduate from Oakwood High School where he is a member of the Oakwood National Honors Society and a player on the Quiz Bowl team. He enjoys camping outdoors and has been an active member of Boy Scouts Troop 320 in Oakwood, with whom he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Judah will be attending Dickinson College in the fall.

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**Friday, May 10,
5:30 - 6:15 pm**

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

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April 20 – Felice Shane and family in memory of Michael Shane

April 27 – Terry and Marlene Pinsky in yahrzeit memory of Terry's brothers Bruce and Nelson Pinsky and grandmother Lena Pinsky

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in May:

May Birthdays

1	Ellen Leffak
2	Edward Sperber
4	Janel Pequignot
4	Irwin Dumtschin
5	Terry Pinsky
6	Elyssa Wortzman
6	Judith Kelman
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26	Rex Tincher
27	Ralph Williams
27	Judy Chesen

27	Walter Rice
27	Julie Liss-Katz
28	Cindy Smith
30	David Marcus
31	Zerla Stayman
31	Janine Thomas

May Anniversaries

5	Jack & Maryann Bernstein
8	Bob & Janice Kohn
16	Jeff & Connie Roberts
21	Marc Katz & Julie Liss-Katz
21	Bruce & Rita Mendelson
26	Andrew & Pamela Schwartz
27	Samuel Dorf & Masha Kisel
27	Ken & Janice Krochmal
27	Philip & Janis Sussman
31	William Winner & Diana Poole

** 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:

Florence Silberg Sobol, mother of Todd Sobol
Lois Unger
Ernest Wagner, brother of Doug Wagner

**MAZEL
TOV
&
CONGRATULATIONS!**

- Bruce & Debbie Feldman were honored with the 2024 Leadership, Character, Service award from the Boy Scouts of America Miami Valley Council at a breakfast on April 11.
- Allan & Linda Katz have a new granddaughter, Ziva Ruth Katz, born on April 13.

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 May (Nisan - Iyyar) we remember:

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Sam Berman
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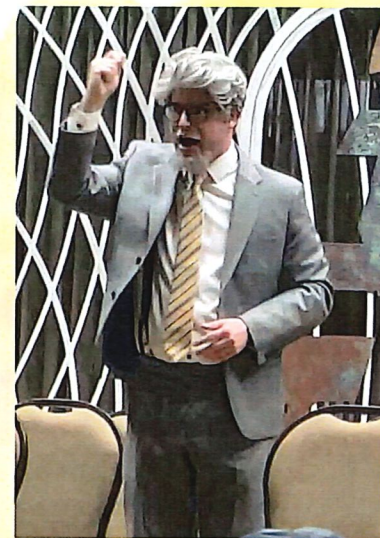
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Marian Aftergood
Rachel Aftergood
Ruth Altman
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Meyer Barnett
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Leah Riff
Elfrieda Ritter
Kenneth Rittner
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Celina Rosenthal
Aaron Harold Rosner
J. Kerry Rothstein
Mary Rubinett
Minnie Rudin
Alvin Saper
Lillian Scharoff
Paul Schriber
Doris Schwartz
Isaac Segall
Allen Seymour

Bette Sherman
Sam Shuchat
Dora Shutly
Naomi Slavin
Rosalie Spatz
Morris Speert
Charles Tanis
Sam Timmer
Larry Tomchin
Eleanor Wallace
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Arthur Lester Weinreich
Hymie Weinstein
Hyman L. Wilks
Rachell Wolfe
Rose Yaross
Harry Yolles
Stanley Zakem
Anna Zeifman
Eva Zeifman
Leah Zisenwine



Eric Berger portrayed Abraham Joshua Heschel in the play "Heschel's Passover Eve" at Beth Abraham on April 9th.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

The MAHJshuganahs will be playing on Thursday May 9th and 23rd from 1:00-4:00PM. Please RSVP to Liz Musin.

The next Sisterhood Meeting is Thursday, May 2nd at 10:00AM on Zoom. The April 29th News & Notes will have the Zoom link - join us!

Please contact Connie Roberts for your Gift Shop needs.



Members of the Northern Hills Synagogue in Cincinnati joined us for an Eclipse Spectacular. All together, around 80 people attended.

There was record attendance this year at the Men's Club Deli Dinner!



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Please join with members of Jewish communities all over America on Sunday night, May 5, to observe Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Local members will receive a Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle and associated materials.

Light the candle in memory of a victim of the Holocaust, to honor those in America's armed forces and the IDF, in memory of all victims of terrorism, and in the increased rise in anti-Semitism. Put the candle in your window as a reminder that we should never forget.

Our next monthly meeting is Monday, May 20 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. The link will be in the weekly News & Notes email.

Honoring Cantor Raizen
Save the Date!
Sunday, July 21, 2-4pm
Invitation to Follow!



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Friday, May 3 Candle Lighting 8:15 pm	Saturday, May 18 Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah 9:34 pm
Saturday, May 4 Morning Service 9:30 am Candle Lighting 9:19 pm	Friday, May 24 Candle Lighting 8:35 pm
Friday, May 10 Candle Lighting 8:22 pm	Saturday, May 25 Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah 9:41 pm
Saturday, May 11 Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah 9:27 pm	Friday, May 31 Candle Lighting 8:40 pm
Friday, May 17 Candle Lighting 8:29 pm	

COMMUNITY



- **The Greater Dayton Yom HaShoah Remembrance** will be held at Beth Jacob Congregation on **Sunday, May 5th**. The Max & Lydia May Holocaust Art & Writing contest entries will be on display beginning at 3:00 pm, with the memorial service at 4:00. There will be a Teen Program beginning at 3:15 pm, and a PJ Library/PJ Our Way program for younger children. **RSVP by May 1st** to (937) 610-1555.
- Celebrate Israel at 76 at the community **Yom Ha'Atzmaut program on Tuesday, May 14**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The program will include a dinner prepared by Chef Uri Arnon, restaurateur from the Western Galilee. He will speak following the meal about the food culture of the Western Galilee, followed by 2 special guests! The cost is \$10 per person, \$18 per family. **Reservations required by May 10th** at JewishDayton.org/events.