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"RAIZEN" OUR VOICES!

by Jordan Smith

Join Beth Abraham Synagogue on

SUNDAY, JULY 21
FROM 2 - 4 PM

as we celebrate the retirement of our beloved Cantor Andrea Raizen! For over 17 years, she has provided our congregation with joyful melodies and memories that will last a lifetime. She's been the forefront of our children's Jewish education and a beacon of light in our Dayton community.

Come and enjoy food and drinks along with a very special program to honor Cantor Raizen.



- \$18 per person (no charge for children)
- **RSVP by Monday, July 8th**
- Phone: 937-293-9520 or email: bas@bethabrahamdayton.org

Please help make this very special occasion one to remember!



BETH ABRAHAM
SYNAGOGUE



The Cantor's Corner *Cantor Andrea Raizen*



It is almost a year since I announced my upcoming retirement. Over the months many of you have asked me what I plan to do. My

immediate response has been, "Absolutely nothing!" Don't get me wrong, I do have a list of things that I intend to do that should keep me more than occupied. However, for at least the first month or so, I hope to simply enjoy not having to be anywhere or do anything in particular.

But another question a few of you have posed is, "What do we call you after you retire?" This got me thinking about all the names by which I have been known throughout my life. When I was born my parents almost named me Linda, an obviously popular name at the time. Just think of how many Linda's we have in our congregation. They changed their minds and picked Andrea. They also gave me my Hebrew names, Chava Taibel, for two of my great-grandmothers. Growing up I was Andrea in school (except by my gym teacher of two years who insisted on calling me Adrienne!) and Andy to my family and friends. It wasn't until I headed to California for graduate school that I made the conscious decision to go by Andrea in all aspects of my life. I'm not exactly sure what prompted that change. Perhaps it seemed more professional than Andy. In Hebrew class I started signing my name as Chava Tzimuki. *Tzimuk* is Hebrew for raisin. For years when I called an old classmate from those days she would gleefully shout in the phone, "Chava Tzimuki!" As I began my career in Jewish education I was called Ms. Raizen and had a kippah custom made with that appellation and the dancing California Raisins on it.

Along the way I collected various letters

to place after my name such as RDH (Registered Dental Hygienist), MAEd (Masters in Education) and CJE (Conservative Jewish Educator). I also legally changed my last name when I got married and then changed it back ten years later. Not something that I recommend doing. It's entirely too much red tape. But perhaps one of the biggest and most significant changes to my name came in the form of the title Hazzan which was bestowed to me by the Cantors Assembly. I was accepted in 2001 and received my official commission in 2004. It has been humbling to use that title in serving three different congregations, but most significantly here at Beth Abraham.

A funny thing happened on the last day of religious school as we were doing Havdalah for the last time together. When I asked the students what things we were separating that week, one student raised her hand and said, "We are separating from calling you Cantor Raizen to Ms. Raizen." I quickly responded that I am not giving up the hard earned title and that I would remain a cantor. I then realized that it has become such a part of me that most people simply call me Cantor as if that is my name. I have asked to append the title slightly as I step down and enter my new chapter in life, and the congregation has graciously agreed to grant me the title of Cantor Emerita. In this way I will officially retain my connection to the congregation that has become not only my home, but my family as well.

So, to get back to the question of what do you call the cantor who retires from Beth Abraham Synagogue? My answer is: lucky!



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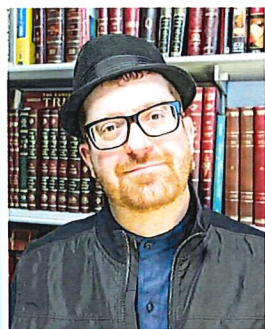
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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

“CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?” HEARING THE CALL THROUGH THE CLUTTER

Rav Aubrey Glazer

Remember those commercials for



wireless phones, where the “Test Man” would be paddling under a bridge, traipsing through a

forest, asking in each location: “Can you hear me now?” His task was to ensure that any subscriber to his wireless phone would be guaranteed the best receptivity possible, whether under a bridge or in the woods. But honestly, how do we hear anything clearly in our lives through all the clutter? Can we still hear the clear voice of our conscience? Is it possible to hear the ultimate calling of God for each of us to take hold of Torah? *Shavuot* is that time of year when the “Test Man” is asking about the project of Jewish learning and living we fulfill through Torah: “Can you hear me now?”

If, as our Sages teach, that: “a divine voice calls out from Mount Horeb every day” (mAvot 6:2) then every Shavuot I hear that “Test Man” of Torah and really wonder: *Will we ever be able to listen and hear this voice anew?* It all depends on our ability to return to a measure of openness to radical amazement, such as existed in the past. I learned this lesson from a great spiritual master in our tradition, named R. Tzadok ha-Cohen of Lublin (1823–1900), who claimed that as prophecy terminated at the end of the First Temple period, the appeal of paganism also vanished during

that same period. Something important is going on here, can you hear it? Every great deficiency, for R. Tzadok, has the potential for a parallel benefit. Whatever has in it a great deficiency is also a vehicle for far-reaching change. As paradigms change, we need to hear the calling of the moment. Precisely the pristine emotional fervor found in primitive religions, that is not bound up with sophisticated moral ideas, makes it easier to directly communicate with the divine. (*Resisei Lailah* sect. 13). The challenges we have been facing as a

“Can we still hear the truth of Torah through all the clutter of life?”

human species in the age of the sovereign self that leads to so much alienation presents us with great deficiencies—but these deficiencies are also a vehicle for far-reaching change. How will each of us transform the darkness of alienation and disconnection into a more sensitized, spiritual life worth taking hold of? Through an intimate relationship with curious questions emerging from Torah upon our life’s journey with each other.

After all, have you ever wondered just why it took the Israelites forty more years in the desert to reach Sinai and experience revelation? The desert is but another landscape of isolation, a spiritual boot-camp that prepares us for receiving something greater than ourselves by being ownerless, to be *hefker k’midbar*. This expression points to a need to be emptied of all distractions to make a space for the

light of Torah to seep in. As we gather on *Erev Shavuot* to receive the light of Torah’s revelation, we are each committed to cultivating the best “receptivity” possible. *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* is a collective re-enactment of what was received at Sinai. *Shavuot* is that receptivity time of year when the “Test Man” is asking about the project of Jewish learning and living received at Sinai being fulfilled right through this moment in our lives. Can we still hear the truth of Torah through all the clutter of life? Torah is sending out that signal: “Can you hear me now?” Come and join our communal family as we discover anew and ensure that signal of Torah is being heard loud and clear to guide our journey home.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Dayton Jewish Film Festival takes place throughout the month of June with many film choices available. To see a full listing and to purchase tickets, go to jewishdayton.org.



Hindy Gruber and Louise Tincer helped to prepare the meal for the community Yom HaAtzmaut celebration at the JCC.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

At Shavuot we commemorate the revelation of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai. We traditionally celebrate this holiday with dairy foods and Torah study.

Celebrate Erev Shavuot on **Tuesday, June 11th** at Beth Abraham.

6:00PM – Dairy dinner of vegetable lasagna, salad and bread. **Please RSVP by June 6**

6:45PM – Learning Session #1 with Rav Aubrey
Is Reincarnation Jewish? A Brief Secret History of Souls Rolling Over, aka Gilgul

7:30PM – Dairy Dessert

7:45PM – Learning Session #2 with Cantor Raizen
Hava Nashira, Come & Sing - Learn a new tune or two & sing along

8:30PM Evening Service

Shavuot services take place at 9:30 am on Wednesday and Thursday, June 12 & 13, with Yizkor around 11:00 on Thursday.



ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF A NEW GROUP... THE BETH ABRAHAM ADVENTURERS!

Do you enjoy actively exploring the fun our Dayton community has to offer? Go jumping, hiking, skating, and more with this fun crew of Beth Abraham congregants. Jewish or "Jewish-adjacent" family & friends of all ages are welcome! The only requirement is your sense of fun and adventure. The first event is Monday, June 17, at 6:30 pm at the Trampoline Park. Keep an eye out for announcements about our monthly events. To let us know if you are attending an event, or if you have questions, call or text Dr. Rachel Kinard (432) 210-2954.

BRING YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS! EVERYONE WELCOME!
QUESTIONS? TEXT RACHEL KINARD (432) 210-2954

TRAMPOLINE PARK!

MONDAY
17-June

We counted up to Shavuot... keep counting up-up-and-away! Join the Beth Abraham Adventurers for a Summer Trampoline Jump!

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COST PER PERSON

6:30pm

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6:30PM JUMP TIME!
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In honor of

Judy Woll's special birthday, by Bella Freeman & family

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Rav Glazer, for his kindness to the family of Lois Unger, by Susie & Eddie Katz

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Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

May 4 – The Levy Family in honor of Paul's birthday

May 11 – Religious School Families in honor of Cantor Raizen

May 18 – The Schwartz & Glazer Families in honor of Graduate Shabbat

May 25 – Beth Abraham Sisterhood

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in June & July:

June Birthdays

1 Marshall Weiss
2 Karin Hirschkatz
6 Felice Shane
6 Marc Katz
7 Beverly Farnbacher
8 Goldye Kopmar
8 Wendy Lipp
8 Louise Tincer
10 Randee Kaplan
11 Debbie Feldman
12 Ronald Wynne
15 Joel Vandersluis
16 Larry Charne
17 Talya Glazer
18 Judith Woll
19 Shante Naziri
19 Dmitri Liner
20 Allan Katz
20 Caroline Levy
20 Courtney Levy
21 Stanley Blum
24 Janice Krochmal
25 Myrna Gabbe
26 Elaine Arnovitz
26 Dorian Borbonus
27 Rhoda Miller
28 Rosanne Parks
29 Judith O'Connell
30 Connie Blum

July Birthdays

2 Linda Blum
2 Marcie Sherman
3 Doug Wagner
4 Jerome Cohen
7 Randi Fuchsman
7 David Rothschild
7 Deborah S. Rubenstein
8 Marni Flagel
10 Amy Munich

10 Shelley Goldenberg
11 Ryan Lechich
12 Taryn Wagenfeld
13 Beth Adelman
14 Sheldon Berger
15 Linda Frydman
17 Ava Sherman
18 Richard Zawatsky
18 Jody Sobol
20 Bruce Brenner
21 Taliyah Naziri
22 Edward Kress
24 Steven Fraim
26 Sharon Schiff
26 Mindy Duberstein
27 David Duberstein
27 Todd Sobol
28 Roberta Zawatsky
29 Hannah Levinson

June Anniversaries

1 Stephen & Hannah Levinson
11 Steven & Bari Blumhof
11 Joel & Linda Shapiro
13 Miriamne Krummel & Matt Adkins
15 Robert & Sharon Burick
17 Alan & Judy Chesen
17 Sanford & Karen Wolfe
18 Bert & Wanda-Lea Pilder
19 Ben & Stephanie Goodstein
22 David & Joan Marcus
22 Philip & Julie Goldstein
26 Allan & Linda Katz
28 Bruce & Debbie Feldman
28 Steve & Linda Horenstein

July Anniversaries

1 Bill & Melinda Doner
1 Doug & Bethany Einstein
2 Donald & Carole Marger
4 Norm & Mary Rita Weissman
15 Gary & Irene Fishbein
18 Gary & Lisa Pavlofsky
21 James & Peggy Schear
27 Ken & Lisa Blum
27 Martin & Susan Schear
31 Matt & Elaine Arnovitz

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

WE WELCOME THIS NEW MEMBER:
Megan Hart

WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE PASSING OF:

James Hassen, brother of Annie Chambers
Mark Heller
Rabbi Samuel Press
Francine Roberts



Enthusiastic participants at a Community Conversation.



FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 5:30 - 6:15 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. Join Cantor Raizen to usher in Shabbat with songs, prayers, instruments, movement, dance, yoga and more. Everyone is welcome!

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 June & July (Iyyar/Sivan/Tammuz) we remember:

IYYAR	Rubin Spiegel	Ida Davis	Gerhard Joseph	Anne Oscherwitz
Lillian Abramovitz	Sadie Tanis	Harry Dorin	Alice Kahn	Esther Oscherwitz
Beatrice Aftergood	Celia Tinianow	David Dubro	Rubin Karlsberg	Carol Pavlofsky
Sara L. Arnovitz	Beatrice Tucker	Else Eichel	Miriam Karlsberg	David Pope
Stanley Barnett	Rose Weber	Ida Ellman	Harry Katz	David Pritzker
Alan Bishow	Irving Winner	Esther Eslow	Carl Kelman	Russell Remick
Marvin Brown	Leonard Zakem	Claire Feinhor	Rollana Kiseleva	Ester Ribak
Benjamin Eisenstein		Morris Felman	Ed Klaben	Sadie B. Rich
William H. Ellison	SIVAN	Nettie Felman	Meyer Kling	Sonia Richman
Ruth Erkes	Samuel Abrahamson	Sam Fiddler	Olga Kohn	Jacob Rinsky
Claudia Feuer	Ida Adelson	Philip Fisher	Ida Konowitch	Eva Robbins
Jack Fox	Emanuel Adler	Emily Fogel	Fannie Kopelove	Joseph B. Rosen
Ben Friedman	Joel Alter	Miriam Fraim	Sophie Kopmar	Saul Rosenblum
Marian Glatteman	Louis J. Anon	Hyman Frank	Anna Kovnat	Miriam Rosenblum
Julius Guggenheimer	Jennie G. Arnovitz	Myron Freed	Manuel Krumholz	Esther Rosenstein
Stanley Hillelson	Maurice Aronson	Norman Friedman	Gordon Neil Kuhr	Edith Rosenthal
Yehuda Kahn	Ann F. Bassler	Rose Friedman	Robert Dana Leff	Sylvia Rosenthal
Mair David Katz	Bertha Beloff	Donald Friedman	Rose Lefkowitz	Samuel Rosenthal
Samuel Labovitch	Howard Bender	Aaron Froug	Sylvia Lehman	Jacqueline E.
Harry Leventhal	Albert Lizar Benjamin	Sylvia Froug	Max Lehrner	Routman
Seymour Levine	Alexander Bergsman	Max Gaffin	Evelyn Leibovich	Sarah Rubenstein
Frances Light	Bernard L. Berks	Marcia Garber	Hy Lev	Maurice Rubenstein
Wolfe Marcus	Martha Berman	Lenore Ginsberg	William Levin	Ann Rubin
Emma Miller	Abe Berman	Jacob Goldman	Yetta Lewis	George Rudin
David Miller	Louise Berman	Louis Goldsmith	Louis Lieberman	Bessie Sacolick
Mollie Muchnick	Abraham Beyer	Irvn Goodman	Mary Liebowitz	Anna Sadow
Jennie Myers	Sadie F. Bittker	Charles Goodman	Rose Liff	Dorothea Rebec
Sarah Pitkowsky	Jack Irvin Blaustein	Helen Gordon	Sally Litvak	Saeks
Pamela Marcia	Davida Block	Sarah Gordon	Esther Groban	Morris E. Saeks
Pollack	Avraham Block	Randall Gossett	Litwack	Leo Salzberg
Esther Pollak	Constance Block	Stanley Greenberg	Jacob Louis	Sarah Salzberg
Abe J. Pretekin	Morris Blum	Anne Greenberg	Sylvia Lyon	Morris Samuels
Jacob Rauchman	Inge Blumhof	Gerald A. Greene	Sumner Lyon	David Samuels
Arthur Roberts	Abraham Bodenstein	Sheila Groban	Benjamin Mandel	Mollie Sanderow
Max Rockoff	Jennie Braustein	Nathan Groban	Bernard Marger	Irving Sanderson
Joy Rosen	Mona Briskin	Joseph Gross	Morris Margolis	Roslyn Schear
Shirley Rosenberg	Joseph Briskin	Herbert Gross	Lydia May	Sylvia Schear
Barbara Rothschild	Esther Brotkin	Gertrude Halpern	Alfred Mayer	Harry Schear
Harlan Saeks	Lee Burick	Ben Hammerman	Joseph Henry Miller	Abe Schear
Doris Schear	Esther S. Chernick	Norman Harlan	Ethel Ann Mink	Philip Schneider
Edith Esther	Minnie Chodos	Judith Horowitz	Nellie Moskowitz	Henry Schneiderman
Schneidman	Eta Devora Chodos	Nettie Ingberg	John Moskowitz	Paul Schreibman
Phillip Schwartz	Dora Cohen	David Jacobs	Joseph Muchnick	Jacob P. Schreibman
Yetta Schwartz	Rosalind Cohen	Irene H. Jacobson	Florence Nathanson	Hyman Schriber
William Shirer	Steven Cohen	Edith Jacobson	Frieda Nemkovsky	Stanley Schulman
Myra Sklaroff	Fred Coit	Mary Ruth Jacobus	Ben Newhouse	Helmut Schwab
Dora Sloboff	Minnie Cunix	Adele Jaffe	Abe Nisenholz	Ethel Schwartz
Marilyn Smith	Jacob Cunix	Joseph Jeneffsky	Jacob Odell	

Debra Lapedes	TAMMUZ	Hy Elpern	Elsie Lapinsky	Isadore Rosen
Schwartz	Eli Ableman	Connie Fasano	Isaac Leet	Fanny Rosenberg
Pauline Scott	Anna Abromovich	Steve Fishbein	Jack Leet	Robert N. Rosichan
Harold Shane	Sidney Adelman	Marshall Fisher	Ann Lehrner	Samuel J. Rosner
Paula Sherman	Lillian Aftergood	Ella Fox	David Levin	Frederic Ross
Elsie Sherman	Sidney Alter	John M Fraim	Leah Levin	Sam Rubin
Dora Shuchat	Edward L. Arnold	Paul Frank	Samuel Levine	Dora Rubin
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Irving Spetter	Dorothy Berger	William Ganzer	Fred Locke	Bertha Schreiber
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Sidney Stein	Vitaly Bevkovich	Samuel Gisser	Mark Joseph Lupton	Hinda Seldon
Gertrude Stermer	Bebe Blum	Nettie Goldflies	Max Mann	Sarah Serelson
Martin Stermer	Richard Blum	Fannie Goodwin	Anna Maybruck	Fruma Shapiro
Peggy Stoler	Morris Blum	Helen Goodwin	Sanford Mendelson	Harry Sherman
Philip H. Stoolman	Roberta Blumenthal	Edward Greenberg	Phyllis Meyer	Beulah Shershow
Isidore Tannenbaum	Jacob Bremen	Israel Groban	Bella Mindlin	Harry Sholiton
Marilyn Teman	Hyman A. Brenner	Ann Grossman	Louis Minkin	Rose Shulman
Adele Tilson	Batya Briskin	Richard Gruber	Terry Mitzman	Sam Shulman
Michael Tobin	Morris Brown	Sadie Handler	Milton J. Moscowitz	Louis Silverblatt
Betty Tomchin	Bertha Bruchfeld	Ralph Heller	Libby Moskowitz	Pauline Simon
Elias Vandersluis	Max Canter	Leu'ka Iglow	Mary Moskowitz	Philip Sokol
Isabelle Venick	Jonah Chesen	Anna Isenberg	Carol Nathanson	Jacob Stayman
Shirley Weiner	Hymie Chodos	Lena Jacobson	Morris Neiman	Grace Stern
Robert Weinman	Ruth Coben	Helen Jacobson	Abe Neiman	Ben Stoolman
Benjamin Weinstein	Max Cohen	Dora Jacobson	Sophie Nides	Morris Sureck
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Harry Wolfe	Myer Douglas	Maurice Katz	Louis Pinkus	Marion Weinstein
Bertha Wolfe	Robert Droz	Dora Kizner	Kalman Pomeranz	Eleanor Weisman
Misha Woll	Dora Duberstein	Gertrude Kohn	Mae R. Prigozen	Lena Weisman
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M. A. Zeff	Mort Einstein	Jacob Kozen	Elliott Ribak	Norman Wilks
Louis Zeifman	Edith Eisenberg	Bea Kuhr	Marilyn Rittner	Irving Yanisheksky
	Gertrude Ellison	Herman S. Kuhr	Lillian Roberts	Harry Zappin
	I. Charles Elman	Anna Lapinsky	Israel Rosen	

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

*Norm Weissman & Tara Feiner, Co-Chairs
Strategic Planning Steering Committee*

Did you miss the Annual Meeting? Here are the highlights from our Strategic Plan update.

The Strategic Plan will be a plan created for us, our Beth Abraham congregation, by us. How? The diversity of our congregation, including: all ages and stages of life from young adults to nonagenarians and everything in between; new members through legacy members; different configurations of households; members of interfaith households; those with children in our religious school; out-of-town members; diverse skillsets and more, is represented on our hardworking Steering Committee, our survey responses, and Community Conversations!

What have we done?

The congregational survey had a FANTASTIC response - 40%! (A good response rate for a survey is around 20 - 30%.) 91 people participated in our 11 Community Conversations. Those who participated in these conversations were just as diverse as those who participated in the survey!!

Where are we now?

The Steering Committee is currently analyzing *all* data from the surveys and the Community Conversations. At the Annual Meeting, our own Dr. Rachel Kinard provided an example of how the Steering Committee is looking at data. She took the responses to whether or not Beth Abraham has a Religious School as an important factor in membership, and showed how the committee can look at this and many other survey items through the lens of the entire congregation as well as through the different demographic groups who participated and responded. In addition, all open-ended responses in the survey and all data collected at the Community Conversations, including those items on the questionnaires that were not debriefed, are being themed.

What's next?

In June through August, the Steering Committee will be: conducting interviews of staff, clergy and key community members; reviewing *all* data from the surveys, Community Conversations, interviews, financial data, membership data, and more and conducting a Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats analysis; drafting a vision and mission statement, and identifying task forces and chairs. However, we will be launching the Financial Task Force over the summer and not in the fall.

In August through November, the task forces will be reviewing data and making recommendations to the Steering Committee.

In December through March 2025, the Steering Committee will prioritize recommendations and draft the Strategic Plan to present to the Board and the congregation.

Throughout the entire process, we will continue to communicate, educate, and engage you! Please watch your email, mail, and Bulletin for updates and opportunities.

New board members were installed at the Annual Meeting.

Pictured (from left to right): Steve Fraim, Ben Goodstein, Rav Glazer, Masha Kisel, Mike Sherman, and Meryl Hattenbach



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Lois Unger, by Brenda Rinzler

Ritual Fund

In memory of

Francine Roberts, by Connie & Stanley Blum, Cheryl & Franklin Lewis, Bari & Steve Blumhof, Susie & Eddie Katz

Abraham Fleischman, by Abe & Marla Merdinger

Leo Merdinger, by Abe & Marla Merdinger

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Arthur Pollack, by Jody Pollack Blazar & family

Pamela Pollack, by Jody Pollack Blazar & family

Sarah Droz, by Myron Stayman

Curt Goodman, by Myron Stayman

Scott Goldstein, by Liz & Steve Musin

Berniece Musin, by Liz & Steve Musin

William Rabinowitz, by Bernard Rabinowitz

Gertrude Bashman, by Bernard Rabinowitz

Elfrieda Ritter, by Susan & Nat Ritter

Marvin Metz, by Mindy Metz, Heather Metz

Aaron H. Rosner, by Elena Rosner

Sam Raizen, by Cantor Andrea Raizen

Religious School Fund

In memory of

Joseph J. Shuchat, by Francine Shuchat Shaw & Marc Shaw

H. Ira Fritz, by Evelyn Fritz

Sanderow/Tannebaum Fund

In memory of

Lois Unger, by Barbara Sanderow

Social Action Fund

In memory of

Lois Unger, by Linda & Jeff Albert, Philip & Louisa Dreety, Judy Schwartzman & Mike Jaffe

Speedy recovery

Diane Williams, by Judy Schwartzman & Mike Jaffe

CALLING ALL BETH ABRAHAM ACTORS!

Marilyn Klaben

Beth Abraham will be performing an informal Reader's Theatre sharing of the one act play: WE CALL IT WHISKEY written by Rabbi Chuck Simon on **Wednesday, July 31st at 7:00 PM** at Beth Abraham. A light nosh will follow.

Summary of the play: A simple e-mail goes viral and results in an international boycott of Scottish Whiskey.

Auditions will be held on Friday, June 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the Beth Abraham chapel. Copies of the script are available in the office.

Male and Female Roles:

- Rabbi Miller
- Julie, his assistant
- Israeli Ambassador
- Scottish Ambassador
- U.S. Ambassador

Rehearsals will be held on selected Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, you can email Marilyn Klaben, the director, at marilynklaben@gmail.com.

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH
ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!



MAZEL TOV & CONGRATULATIONS!

- Angela and Joel Frydman on the marriage of their daughter, Melissa, to Sebastian Strauss on May 18th in New York.
- Matt & Elaine Arnovitz on the birth of their grandson, George Frederick Arnovitz on April 28th.
- Martin Foster on being recognized by the Dayton Business Journal as a 40 Under 40 honoree.

From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



UPDATE FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

As we welcome summer to the Dayton area, the Beth Abraham Board, clergy, and staff are continuing to look ahead to our next fiscal year. Beth Abraham's Annual Meeting occurred on May 22nd and was well attended by close to seventy members. For those unable to attend, I want to take this opportunity to provide a short summary of the highlights of the evening.

We began with my welcoming our members, expressing thanks to those who have dedicated their time and efforts, and to discuss the year ahead. Rav Aubrey was present and provided an inspiring D'Var Torah tying it to the importance of the times and the continued counting of the Omer. It was wonderful to have Rav Aubrey appear at the meeting and we continue to hope for his speedy recovery.

I recapped many of the accomplishments of this past year. Through pictures, I reminded everyone of some of our key events and identified key accomplishments of the Board. During the year, we had many opportunities to worship, celebrate, learn, schmooze, and eat together.

I shared information on our summer programming including Shabbat under the Stars at the Bernstein and Blazar households in June and July. On August 23rd our Friday night Shabbat Service will be outside with a special musical program. Additionally, I reminded everyone of the upcoming Shavuot observance, including the Rav Aubrey Graeter's Counting the Omer Challenge and the dinner and learning sessions on Tuesday, June 11th. Finally, we look forward to Cantor Raizen's Retirement Celebration on Sunday, July 21.

Mike Freed provided the Nominating Committee report, and Rav Aubrey installed the following newly elected Board Directors: Steve Fraim, Meryl Hattenbach, Ben Goodstein, Masha Kisel, and Mike Sherman. I must thank all of the current officers and Board members as well as outgoing board member, Debbie Feldman, for their ongoing commitment to Beth Abraham.

Following the Installation, our Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs, Tara Feiner and Norm Weissman, presented an update on the Strategic Plan process including a glimpse of the survey results.

Thank you to Rachel Kinard for her time in explaining the details surrounding the survey data process and how the data collected will be carefully analyzed. This analysis will assist us in developing a vision and mission for Beth Abraham, establishing task forces, and drafting a plan. Finally, Tara and Norm shared the current timeline, which envisions the final plan by March 2025.

Our treasurer, Alan Chesen, provided a financial update, which pointed out the need for future sources of income due to our running a deficit. Alan's presentation was just an overview of the larger topic regarding the Beth Abraham budget, leading to my attempt to answer many of the questions regarding the synagogue current financial situation.

I explained the history of the budget deficits and how with increased deficit amounts, we have to look to one of three resources to cover the annual deficit. To fill the gap, we often have been able to rely on bequests. While we can never budget for bequests, a commitment to the Life & Legacy Campaign will help ensure the future of Beth Abraham.

Another source of revenue includes our generous donors who have stepped up to assist with particular events or needs

of the synagogue. For example, we have already received a generous donation to fund our High Holiday prayer leader. More information on that is soon to come. Our last source of funds to meet any shortfall comes from our Beth Abraham Foundation Fund, a portion of which is maintained by the Federation Foundation and the remaining amount maintained and invested by our own Beth Abraham Foundation Board, chaired by Garry Greene.

It is from these sources that our budget deficit must be paid. It is through the strategic planning process that we will determine our priorities and ultimate goals for the future, both in operations and finances, as we envision how Beth Abraham will be prepared for the future.

So, with this factual information what options do we have looking forward? I discussed the importance of the Giving Societies and encouraged more participation and current members moving to a higher level. Looking at our dues structure and the possibility of increasing dues will also be discussed by the board since it has been 10 years since our last increase.

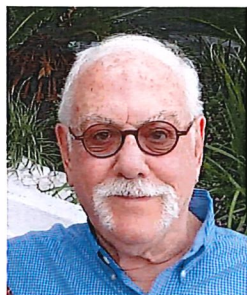
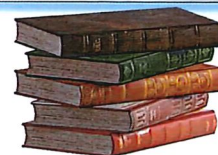
Finally, during the Q & A, there was healthy discussion of our current situation and the strategic planning process. For those who want more detailed explanations or have questions, I welcome your calls. Please stay informed and involved in the upcoming months.

Again, thank you not only to everyone who attended the annual meeting, but to our officers, board members, staff, and all members of our Beth Abraham community for your participation. Have a great summer and stay involved!



Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



Winston Churchill is almost certainly the most important single figure of the 20th century. He lived from 1874 to 1965 and had a response to every important issue in memorable

speeches or in award winning writings. Author Oskar Rabinowicz produced a book dealing with one of those issues of particular interest titled, *Winston Churchill on Jewish Problems: A Half-Century Survey*.

Rabinowicz says "for Churchill, Judaism was the spiritual foundation of Christianity and of western civilization." In his usually eloquent style Churchill elaborated: "the thought, the inspiration and the culture of the Jews has been one of the vital dominants in world history. There are none of the arts or sciences which have not been enriched by Jewish achievements."

Churchill wrote at length in an essay about Moses and called him "one of the greatest human beings with the most decisive leap-forward ever discernible in the human story." Jews had been expelled from England in 1290 and only a very small number managed to remain over the next 600 years. When Russian and Romanian Jews began to leave their countries of origin in the 1880s, many decided to settle in Great Britain rather than cross the Atlantic to the United States and be that much further from those they left behind.

By the beginning of the 20th century, a growing movement demanded control of the number of Jews allowed to enter Great Britain. Parliament first proposed the Aliens Act in 1904. Churchill, then

only 30 years old with no real political power, opposed the bill. He made the first important decision of his political life, switching from the majority Conservative Party to the minority Liberal Party which opposed the bill.

After a very long continuing debate, the bill became law in August, 1905 to go into effect on January 1, 1906.

Except for two years in the early 1920s, Churchill served continuously in Parliament for more than 60 years from 1900 to 1964. He held various cabinet posts along the way, but made enemies with his outspoken views on various issues and when he switched back to the Conservative Party in 1924. Finally, Churchill entered a self-described political "wilderness" between 1929 and 1939.

He was, however, about to enter his "finest hour." Churchill emerged as a lone wolf warning of the threat from Germany beginning in 1933 and increasing day by day, month by month, and year by year. The British government, still traumatized by the horror of World War I and dealing with the Great Depression, chose to ignore the threat. World War II began on September 1, 1939 with the German invasion of Poland.

The so called phony war followed for about eight months, with the British government launching only a feeble landing in Norway which failed to achieve any goals. Britain had only one advantage - the most powerful navy in the world by far - and almost immediately the government called on Churchill to serve as First Lord of the Admiralty. He alone would give the government some backbone and rally the British people.

On May 10, 1940 the British government collapsed as Germany

attacked France. Over the objections of those who thought Churchill would be reckless, he finally became Prime Minister. From the beginning, there was little Churchill could do for the Jews of continental Europe, but he made one thing clear: there would be retribution after the war for German atrocities.

Several historians and scholars in other disciplines have insisted that neither Churchill nor President Roosevelt did enough for the Jews of Europe during World War II. Other scholars have insisted that both Churchill and Roosevelt had to confront a bureaucracy working at cross purposes. When Churchill came to office, he found he could not change the terms of the so called White Paper of 1939.

The British government had given into pressure from the Arab world, and at the worst possible time, had limited Jewish immigration to Palestine to just 75,000 people over five years. At a conference in Bermuda in April, 1943, it became clear that neither Britain nor the United States would welcome large numbers of Jewish refugees. So some scholars have reached the conclusion that even Churchill and Roosevelt could not have comprehended the enormity of the tragedy that befell Europe's Jews.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

There will not be a Sisterhood meeting in June. Our July meeting will be on Thursday, July 11th at 10:00AM on Zoom. Watch for the link in News & Notes July 8th.

MAHJshuganahs will continue playing throughout the summer. In June we will play on the 13th and 27th. In July, we will play on the 11th and the 25th. All games will be from 1:00-4:00PM. Please RSVP to Liz Musin.

Please support Sisterhood with **HONEY FROM THE HEART!** There's no better way to wish family, friends, and business associates near and far a Sweet and Happy New Year! Your gift includes an 8oz jar of honey with a festive, decorative label, the blessing for the apples and honey, and a personalized card reading "Shana Tova – Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year." This card will also let the recipients know that a donation has been made in their honor to Beth Abraham Sisterhood.

Your cost is **\$14.00 per jar** which includes shipping and handling within the United States if you order **BY AUGUST 8TH**! To order, go to **www.orthoney.com/bao** and follow the step-by-step instructions. They only accept online orders, but please contact Cheryl Lewis if you need assistance placing an order.

An **\$8.00 shipping charge** will be added to orders received **after August 8th**. Orders will be accepted until Rosh Hashanah., but order by **September 12th** for guaranteed delivery in time for Rosh Hashanah.



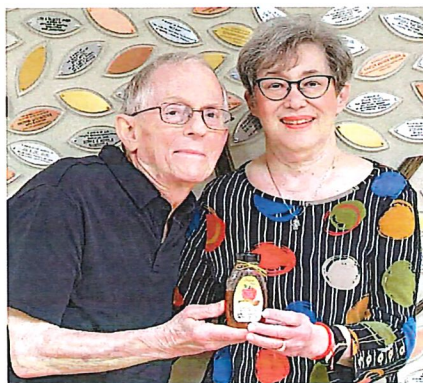
MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

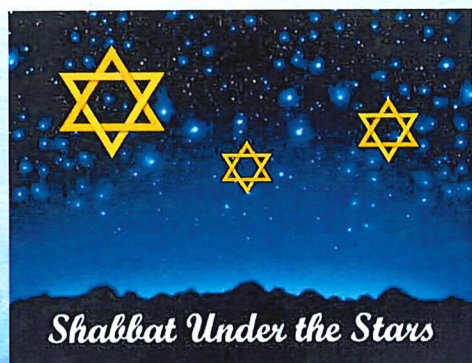
As the year comes to an end, we now look toward planning next year's programming. Do you have any new ideas for Men's Club events? You are welcome to attend our meetings or give Irwin Dumtschin a call to share your thoughts.

Thank you to those who participated in our Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program with special thanks to Irene Fishbein and Alan Chesen for coordinating the delivery of the candles.

Our next virtual meeting is Monday, June 17th at 7:30 PM. The Zoom link will be available in News & Notes. We thank everyone for another successful year and wish you a great and safe summer!



"Every year before the High Holidays, Franklin and I receive a special gift box from Honey From the Heart from my brother and sister-in-law. No High Holiday dinner is complete for us without this special jar of honey! We look forward to its arrival every year!" This year, we're sharing this lovely gift with many friends and family members.



It's time for our annual outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat services in congregants' back yards. Cantor Raizen, along with our band, will lead us in song amid the beauty of nature. All services will begin at 7:30 pm, followed by a dessert Oneg Shabbat. Our hosts are:

June 21 – Jack & Maryann Bernstein

July 26 – Jody Blazar

August 23 – Beth Abraham with a special musical program

We look forward to bringing in Shabbat together!

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Saturday, June 1		Friday, June 14		Saturday, July 6	
Morning Service	9:30 am	Candle Lighting	8:48 pm	Morning Service	9:30 am
Candle Lighting	9:47 pm			Havdalah	9:56 pm
Friday, June 7		Saturday, June 15		Friday, July 12	
Candle Lighting	8:45 pm	Morning Service	9:30 am	Candle Lighting	8:47 pm
		Havdalah	9:56 pm		
Saturday, June 8		Friday, June 21		Saturday, July 13	
Morning Service	9:30 am	Shabbat Under the Stars	7:30 pm	Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	9:52 pm	Candle Lighting	8:50 pm	Havdalah	9:52 pm
Tuesday, June 11		Saturday, June 22		Friday, July 19	
Erev Shavuot		Morning Service	9:30 am	Candle Lighting	8:43 pm
Evening Service	8:45 pm	Havdalah	9:58 pm		
(approx.)				Saturday, July 20	
Candle Lighting	8:47 pm	Friday, June 28		Morning Service	9:30 am
		Candle Lighting	8:51 pm	Havdalah	9:47 pm
Wednesday, June 12		Saturday, June 29		Friday, July 26	
Shavuot I		Morning Service	9:30 am	Shabbat Under The Stars	7:30 pm
Morning Service	9:30 am	Havdalah	9:58 pm	Candle Lighting	8:37 pm
Candle Lighting	9:55 pm				
Thursday, June 13		Friday, July 5		Saturday, July 27	
Shavuot II		Candle Lighting	8:50 pm	Morning Service	9:30 am
Morning Service	9:30 am			Havdalah	9:40 pm
Yizkor	11:00 am (approx.)				
Havdalah	9:55 pm				