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SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS

To the sounds of Leonard Cohen

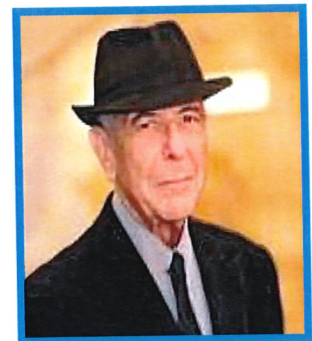
Friday, August 23rd

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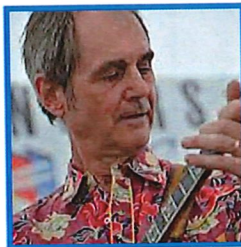
A dessert oneg will follow.

RSVP by August 20th



Leonard Cohen

**Join us for a special concert featuring local musicians
Rick Good and Sam King.**



Rick Good

Rick Good is recognized and respected for his driving banjo, swinging guitar, heartfelt singing and crafty songwriting. With his wife and long-time collaborator, Sharon Leahy, Rick has made a life of creating critically-acclaimed performance art rooted in American traditions. An Ohio Heritage Fellow since 2010, he's written original music for dance, film and theater and his discography includes fifteen published recordings from 1974 to 2020.

Sam King is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist and songwriter. Performing primarily in the Dayton area, both solo and with her band Sam King + The Suspects, her powerhouse voice and original songs have established her as a vital part of the local music scene.



Sam King

"Raizen" Our Voices...

Marlene Pinsky



On Sunday, July 21, 180 people attended the "Raizen" Our Voices Tribute Event in honor of Cantor Raizen's retirement. After partaking in delicious food prepared by Trish Clemmons, a beautiful program of appreciation and adoration began.

The program started with a clever ode by emcee, Larry Burick, and was then followed by a beautiful montage video which included comments by some of Cantor Raizen's former students. We then enjoyed the amazing voice of Courtney Cummings performing "For Good," which brought tears to everyone's eyes. An original dialogue from people who have been impacted by Cantor Raizen representing the Dayton Jewish Chorale, our religious school, the B'nai Mitzvah class, the Dayton Jewish Film Festival, haftarah and Torah readers, Purim sheplers and Kabba-Locked-in Shabbat attendees read brief comments and then each presented Cantor with a rose.

Four members of the Trope Troupe Group performed an original song written by Norm Lewis and Karin Hirschkatz in trope. Eight of our religious school students sang an adapted version of "So Long Farewell" and received a standing ovation. The final performance was hearing the members of the Dayton Jewish

Chorale sing.

Larry Burick then gave the report of the Cantor Raizen Education Fund which was established to sustain her legacy for the religious school and programming for our youth. He reported that an amazing sum of over \$81,000 was raised.

Special presentations followed with Janice Krochmal calling Cantor Raizen to the stage saying, "Cantor, you have left a piece of yourself here at Beth Abraham over the past 17 years, and we want to give you a piece of Beth Abraham in return." She then presented Cantor with an absolutely gorgeous mirror made with glass from our stained glass windows.

Finally, the Tribute Committee performed a medley of songs which preceded the final gift - a cruise of her choice to anywhere on the seven seas. When given the opportunity to say a few words, Cantor sang a beautiful blessing that was written by Cantor Jerome B. Kopmar when we moved into Sugar Camp to honor the members of our congregation.

I thank the wonderful committee and many volunteers who made it a special afternoon to honor a very special person.



Cantor Raizen and her mother, Barbara

BETH ABRAHAM



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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

Transforming Loss into Love: Counting the Omer in Reverse!

Rav Aubrey Glazer



By now, many of us have tasted the sweetness of Rav's Grater Omer Challenge by counting in solidarity the fullness of the seven weeks

between Passover and the Feast of Weeks. (Even though I ran out of favorite Grater's flavors of the month, we still managed to make time count!) This journey from subjugation to redemption is a powerful global expression of Jewish peoplehood that yearns to embrace the renewal of one side of the year - but what about the other side?

For those who see patterns in time, have you noticed that there are seven weeks between Tisha B'Av and Rosh Hashanah as well? These 49 days between the spiritual nadir of our year, and the apex of its renewal, mirror the 49 days of the Omer between Pesach and Shavuot. Now more than ever, I truly see with new eyes this pattern within a practice as articulated by my teacher, Reb Zalman Schacter-Shalomi, z"l, who taught that in the spring we move from liberation (Pesach) to revelation (Shavuot), whereas in the summer Tisha B'Av calls on each of us to refocus and reveal what remains buried deep in darkness (revelation) by traversing a seven week journey to Rosh Hashanah that holds out the promise of opening wide the gateways of *teshuvah* as spiritual renewal (liberation). This process of counting Omer in reverse in this summer/fall journey mirrors our spring journey in reverse: we count time again to return to our beginnings and renew them as in ancient days.

Many of us have become familiar with the charts and applications that make the Omer count doable, and we have learning (are learning or have learned) how to refocus on seven spiritual qualia

that are shared between the human and the divine on the journey to our encounter. These spiritual and ethical qualia, aka *middot*, are also referred to oftentimes as the seven "lower" spheres of consciousness, aka *sefirot*, namely, those channels through which the divine flow is felt and is modulated into different forms. As white light is revealed through a prism to contain all of the colors of the rainbow, so too the divine unity is refracted and revealed through this prism to contain these seven colors, these seven qualities, in which we too partake. This is seen as many love to wear Reb Zalman's Rainbow tallit which has these seven spheres as seven bands of color. Imagine what our lives might look like if we wore these bands of heartmind-awareness on our sleeves?!?

Remember that Tisha B'Av falls this year on Monday night August 12th and Tuesday, August 13th. Soon we shall be entering together the first of the seven weeks between Tisha B'Av and the Days of Awe. In our first week, we will start by refocusing and scouring for traces of the indwelling divine feminine Presence (*malchut*) - so we might ask: where are those holy sparks with us, within us, among us and those yet to be discovered? As we open ourselves to rediscover this indwelling divine feminine presence that surrounds us always, we also notice that this coincides with the first of the seven weeks of consolation that will be reflected in the *Haftarot of Consolation* from Isaiah. After facing brokenness on Tisha B'Av, now we open ourselves to healing, to comfort, to finding out what is the balm each of us need in our wounded places as the Days of Awe approach.

By now, we are aware that the spring Omer count begins with a week of Lovingkindness (*Chesed*), and then we work our way all the way to the immanent divine Presence (*Malchut*). This reverse summer Omer count begins with a week of the immanent divine

Presence (*Malchut*), and then work our way climbing back up the ladder to Lovingkindness (*Chesed*):

WEEK 1: **Malchut – Sovereignty.** In practice: rising to do what we have been appointed by God to do.

WEEK 2: **Yesod – Foundation.** In practice: the moral commitment that is the foundation for human social life.

WEEK 3: **Hod – Splendor.** In practice: pursuing peace in every situation.

WEEK 4: **Netzach – Endurance.** In practice: discerning what is of enduring importance in life.

WEEK 5: **Tiferet – Glory.** In practice: acting without ulterior motives.

WEEK 6: **Gevurah – Integrity.** In practice: the personal resolve to make necessary personal sacrifices without faltering.

WEEK 7: **Chesed – Lovingkindness.** In practice: the ability to love others in a way that enables them to draw close to the Divine.

This is an opportunity once again to make time count and ask myself honestly, just what do I need to do this week to begin preparing myself for renewing my journey into the New Year marked by Rosh Hashanah? What do I need to cultivate in my heart of hearts, what do I need to feel? What do I need to ruminate and reflect on? What would best feed my soul and uplift my spirit? What do I need – what do you need; what do we all need – to do and feel and think and be during these next 49 days in order to reach the new year with an open heartmind that is open to be renewed and transformed? As we gather in solidarity with Beth Jacob for Tisha B'Av services together at Beth Abraham, let us make time count and renew our spirit in the process.

TISHA B'AV OBSERVANCE

Services marking the observance of Tisha B'Av are scheduled for Monday evening, **August 12 at 8:30 PM** and Tuesday morning, **August 13 at 8:30 AM**. This year we will once again join together with members of Beth Jacob. The services will be held at Beth Abraham.



This holiday, named for the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. It is observed with a sunset to sunset fast, mourning customs like those practiced during *shiva*, and the chanting of the Book of Lamentations in its traditional, haunting melody by candlelight. Join Rav Glazer and Rabbi Agar for these solemn, yet inspiring services.

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

Please join in for this fun Shabbat dinner at member's homes, on **Friday, Sept. 6th**. 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 Aug. 23.**



VOLUNTEERING AT THE FOODBANK

Due to a conflict, we are **canceling** going to the Foodbank on Tuesday morning, **August 13th** with our friends from the Potter's House. Please save the date for **September 12th from 8:45-11:00** when we'll join the other community synagogues and JCRC for our next opportunity to help out at the Foodbank. More information to follow.

Please remember to continue to bring in cans of food and place them in the Foodbank barrels at the Synagogue.



SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES

Beth Adelman

Our Social Action project supporting Crayons to Classrooms is off to a great start. Thanks to those who have already brought school supplies into Beth Abraham. We will be continuing this project through the 2nd week of August. If you would like to support this project but can't get out to shop, let the office know and we will be happy to shop for you.

The dead batteries recycling project is going great! We have collected over 65 lbs of batteries to be recycled! Thanks to Annie Chambers for chairing this project and to her husband Mike for taking them to the recycling locations.

If you are interested in joining the Social Action committee, or have ideas for projects, we are interested in hearing from you.

COMMUNITY



Museum Field Trip

JCC Adults has planned a lunch & tour at the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center Union Terminal in Cincinnati for Tuesday, **August 20 from 11 AM – 3 PM**. The cost for the tour is \$10 and carpooling will be available. For more information and to **RSVP by August 16th** go to jewishdayton.org.

We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

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Shirley Gotlieb Frankowitz, by Renate Frydman

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Speedy recovery

Rav Aubrey Glazer, by Beverly Saeks

Diane Williams by Susan & David Joffe, Lawrence Wagenfeld & family, Judy Woll

Ida Pinsky Fund

In memory of

Ethel Chesen, by Marlene & Terry Pinsky

Don Gable, by Dr. & Mrs. Donald Marger

Bernard Marger, by Dr. & Mrs. Donald Marger

Minnie & George Rudin, by Natalie Cohn

In honor of

Judy Woll's Special Birthday, by Marlene & Terry Pinsky

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In memory of

Yale Ducker, by Sue & Howard Ducker

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Morris Sureck, by Dena Briskin

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Shirley Gotlieb Frankowitz, by Henry Guggenheimer

Julius Guggenheimer, by Henry Guggenheimer

Rabbi Samuel Press, by Steven & Bari Blumhof, Henry Guggenheimer

In honor of

Tal Glazer's Graduation, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

Steve & Linda Horenstein's Anniversary, by Doug & Bonnie Deutsch

Judah Schwartz's Graduation, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

Judy Woll's Special Birthday, by Dena Briskin

Speedy recovery

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In memory of

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Ethel Chesen, by Maryann & Jack Bernstein

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In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

June 1 - Bert and Wanda Pilder in memory of Rabbi Samuel Press
June 8 - Annie & Mike Chambers in memory of Annie's brother Jim Hassen
June 15 - Beth Abraham Synagogue
June 22 - Steve and Linda Horenstein in honor of their 54th anniversary
June 29 - Janine Thomas in memory of Frank and Claire Thomas

July 6 - Paul & Kristan Levy - to celebrate Caroline & Courtney's birthday
July 13 - Gary & Irene Fishbein in honor of their 40th anniversary
July 20 - Beth Adelman in memory of her parents Evelyn & Sidney Adelman; and Sandy Sloane-Brenner & Bruce Brenner in honor of Bruce's birthday
July 27 - Dale and Sharon Schiff in honor of their newest grandson, Graham Henry Beren

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August:

August Birthdays

1 Megan Shaw
 1 Kristan Levy
 2 Carol Bernstein
 4 Elijah Shtilman
 4 Isabella Shtilman
 4 Theda Wagner
 5 Andrew Schwartz
 6 Connie Roberts
 6 Larry Klaben
 7 Suzanne Thum
 8 Stephanie Levin
 8 Karen Wolfe
 9 Sabina Shtilman
 11 Martin Schear
 11 Stephen Musin
 11 Bernie Sherman
 13 Ben Goodstein
 13 Sharon Burick
 13 Sharon Kuhr
 13 David Goldenberg
 15 Cherie Rosenstein
 17 Barbara Mandle
 17 Miriamne Krummel
 18 Susan Joffe

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Susie Katz

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Shirley Wahrman

Darah Sherman

Andrew Blazar

Steven Blumhof

Maureen Barasch

Delainey Goodstein

Alex Briskin

Melinda Doner

Mindy Greene

Irvin Moscovitz

Irene Fishbein

14 Jay & Randee Kaplan

15 Larry & Marilyn Klaben

16 Steven Carne & Judith

O'Connell

17 Franklin & Cheryl Lewis

18 Kim & Shelley Goldenberg

23 Michael & Ellen Leffak

24 Ralph & Diane Rubin Williams

31 Robert & Eleanor Bernstein

31 Larry & Cindy Buric

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

August Anniversaries

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Jay & Judith Kelman

Edward & Marcia Kress

Ervin & Wendi Pavlofsky

Terry & Marlene Pinsky

Beau & Megan Shaw

Edwin & Susie Katz

Norm & Kay Lewis

Stanley & Connie Blum

WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Ethel Chesen, mother of Alan Chesen
 Harvey Tuck, brother of Audrey Tuck
 Shirley Wahrman
 Harold "Fred" Wilson



- **Connie Blum** was named the 2024 Outstanding SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) Volunteer of the Year. She received this national award for her Medicare work in Ohio.
- **Rachel Kinard** received a Department of Defense SMART Scholar & Mentor of the Year award with her student.
- **Judith O'Connell** received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Osteopathic Association.
- **Marci & Joel Vandersluis** on the birth of their grandson Max Zander Kaplan born on July 22nd.



Yahrzeits

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 August (Tammuz-AV) we remember:

TAMMUZ

Tillye Antman
Gitl Barnett
Clara Chudde
Simon Cohen
William Fritz
Albert Gibbs
Harry Krakoff
Rose G. Lapinsky
Todd Jared Mendelson
Hortense Metz
Toba Mikelson
Gittel Posner
Lillian Rubin
Eda M. Saeks
Leonard Sanderow
Blanche Schear
Murray Raymond Segal
Nathan Spiegler

AV

Fannie Abramson
Hyman Abromowitz
Pinchas Adler
Lenka Adler
Deborah Almaleh
Dan Altman
Brian Appel
Ronald Baim
Ida Barnett
Herman Bassel
Rose Baygel/Fox
Meyer R. Bernstein
Jennie Zeifman Birnbaum
Chaya Rachel Block
Minnie Block
Arnold Blum
Rachel Bodenstein
Shirley Brenner
Rebecca Brod
Isidor Brotkin
Rose Brotkin
Adeline Brown
Reda Saeks Burick

Doris Burick
Chaika Burke
Helen Canter
Bella Chaet
Barrie Ellen Chaet
Theodore Cohen
Hyman Cohen
Joseph Cohen
Mary Cohn
Morris Deutsch
Isadore Deutsch
Dolores Droz
Edna Dumtschin
Francine Ehrenberg
Gail Eisenberg
Betty Elpern
Jack Feldman
Rose Feldman
Miriam Felsenfeld
Norman Feuer
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Benjamin Fiddler
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Millie Fox
John H Fraim
Rose Frankowitz
Joanne Freed
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Minnie Fritz
Abner Fritz
Henry Frydman
Frieda Furth
Martha Gable
Manuel Garlikov
Ansil Garlikov
Anna Gaskowitz
Mabel Gelman
Maurice S. Goldberg
Esther Goldman
Faye Goldman
Ben Goldman

Shirley Greenberg
Frieda Greenfield
Rose Groban
Max Gruber
Donald Guten
Jeanette Handler
Frances Hanken
Ben Harris
Sammye Harrison
Ralph Heller
William Hellman
Sharon Ringer Hensel
Max Hirsch
Mildred Jane Hoffman
Lois Ann Hoffman
Joel Scott Horenstein
Phillip Horn
Jack S. Ingberg
Samuel Julius Jaffe
Roy L. Jenefsky
Anna Jenefsky
Fanny Kaplan
Jacob Kasten
Benjamin Katz
Leah Kelman
Irving Klass
Abe Kuhr
Elizabeth Label
Esther V. Lapedes
Norman Lapidus
Abe Lapinsky
Herbert Larman
Leon Lehrner
Ethel D. Leven
Elijah Levine
Abraham Levy
Sam Lichtman
Harry Light
Stewart Lipp
Marilyn Lipp
Hyman Marcus
Jean Marger
Pearle Mayerson
Herman Meyer

Harold S Mintz
Harriet Moscovitz
Abe Munich
Kalman Musin
Eleanor Myers
Dov Nissenholz
Ida Nissenholz
Meyer Oscherwitz
Irma Panzer
Susan Lynn Panzer
Margie Pausman
Morris Pavlovsky
Benjamin Perlowin
Roy Pinsky
Alter Rafner
Morris Jacob Rafner
Fannie Raizen
Alan Raphael
Irving Rauchman
Evelyn Reiser
Harry Rinzler
Israel Roden
Joseph Rosen
Alan Rosen
Alton Rosenblatt
Tillie Rosengarten
Eileen Rosichan
Norman Rosichan
Sarah Rothberg
Fannie Rubin
Arthur I. Salzberg
Benjamin Scharff
Max Schear
Max Schindler
Clara Schneider
Sylvia Schneider
Simon Schneider
Meta Schoemann
Marvin Schorr
Shirley Schulman
Rosanne Schwartz
Jon Steven Schwartzman
Sam Seldon
Evelyn Sherman

William Sherman
Harvey Sherman
Malcolm Sherwat
Sarah Shirer
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Moshe Yitzhak Silverblatt
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Morris Solkov
Hyman Spiegel
Sylvia Speigel
Leonard Spialter
Eva Spiegler
Herbert Starkman
Israel Stein
Dennis Stoler
Pauline Stoolman
Philip Tanis
Mildred Tannebaum
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Joseph Tilson
Lewis H Tinianow
Samuel Topper
Gussie Unger
Stanley Vangrov
Robert Vigder
Abelyn Wein
Simon Weinberger
Leona Weinreich
Fred Zakem
Gertrude Zimmerman
Lurie Ethel Zuckerman
Walter Zuckerwise
Larry Zusman



FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 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.

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Ritual Fund

In memory of

Edward Arnold, by James Nathanson
Meyer & Stanley Barnett, by George & Ruth Barnett
Lee Burick, by Bob & Sharon Burick & family
Ethel Chesen, by Felix Garfunkel, Stanley & Connie Blum
Dolly & Robert Droz, by Jackie & Jay Dorman, Myron Stayman
Ruth Erkes, by Michael Goldstein
Sally Farnbacher, by Beverly Farnbacher
Myron Freed, by Michael Freed
Linda Furman, by Judy Woll
Alan Gales, by Lawrence Wagenfeld
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Faye & Irven Goodman, by Richard Goodman
Richard Gruber, by Hindy, Rachel & Elliot Gruber

Shiloh & Eli Jacobson, by Susie & Eddie

Katz

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Cheryl Lewis, by Morris Margolis
Yette Lewis, by Franklin Lewis
Sally Litvak, by Marc & Jan Litvak
Phyllis Meyer, by Steven Meyer
Florence Nathanson, by James Nathanson
Ruth Schriber, by Dolly & Steve Simmons
Helmut Schwab, by Sharon Schwab
Jacob Stayman, by Myron Stayman
Adele Tilson, by Myron Stayman
Adele & Barry Tilson, by Dr. Jeff Tilson
Bertha Wolfe, by Sanford Wolfe
Harry Wolfe, by Sanford Wolfe
Misha Woll, by Judy Woll

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In memory of

Sam Berman, by Clara Hochstein

Sanderow-Tannebaum College Fund

In memory of

Mollie Sanderow, by Barbara Sanderow

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Jacob S. Louis, by Beverly Louis
Aaron H. Rosner, by Dan & Patti Rosner
Harriett Kaplan, by Marcie Linder
Abe Jack Pretekin, by Marcie Linder

In honor of

Cantor Raizen's Retirement, by Walter & Bonnie Rice

Judy Woll's Special Birthday, by Walter & Bonnie Rice

Beverly Louis & Rabbi Barsky for their many kindnesses, by Walter & Bonnie Rice

Speedy recovery

Rav Aubrey Glazer, by Walter & Bonnie Rice

Marc Katz, by Walter & Bonnie Rice

Diane Williams, by Walter & Bonnie Rice



Look at Us shares works of artists and artisans with a Dayton connection. Starting **August 7th** at jewishdayton.org you can view their works including Cathy Gardner, calligraphy; Elyssa Wortzman, Brian Appel (z"l), and Ray Must (z"l), fine arts; Gayle Moscovitz and Caryl Segalewitz, glass art; Mike Jaffe, Stephen Goldberg, Bruce Soifer, and Sam Lauber (z"l), photography; Marlene Pinsky, quilting; and Burt Saidel, Scott Segalewitz and Steve Markman (z"l), woodworking.

On **Wednesday, August 21, 5:30 – 7 PM** there is a special event at the Dayton Art Institute that is free of charge featuring an artist talk by Hannah Kasper Levinson. **RSVP at jewishdayton.org by Friday, August 16th.**

Beth Abraham is a partner for this event funded by an Innovation Grant of the JFGD.



Shabbat Under the stars



From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



UPDATES FOR BETH ABRAHAM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

As summer winds down and the new school year approaches, I am excited

to share some important staffing updates for our Beth Abraham Religious School! Upon learning the news that Cantor Raizen planned to retire, the process immediately began to determine how to best proceed with educating our Beth Abraham children. We were blessed to have seventeen wonderful years of Cantor Raizen's direction for the school.

I had refocused the Religious School Committee, comprised of Janice Krochmal, Mindy Greene, and Meryl Hattenbach, to assist in establishing a process for finding a new educator. They first interviewed Cantor Raizen to assist in creating a job description. A Religious School Task Force, made up of the committee and several parents, then assisted in finalizing the advertisement and posting the job. Unfortunately, the pool of candidates was not large, but there was interest in the Education Director position.

The committee interviewed candidates and identified a great candidate who had experience and qualifications to become the Education Director of our Beth Abraham Religious School. The Committee made its recommendation, which was accepted by the Executive Committee.

I am excited to announce that we have hired **Dr. Elyssa Wortzman** as the Education Director of the Religious School.

Elyssa brings a wealth of experience to this position. She has a Doctorate in Ministry in Jewish Spiritual Education from the Graduate Theological Foundation, where she received the Rabbi Samuel Sandmel Prize in Jewish Studies. She has been both a director of Jewish education and an educator in congregational religious schools in Montreal, San Francisco and White Plains, NY. She also served as artist-educator at Camp Ramah in Ontario and the Berkshires.

Elyssa believes that in order to develop a meaningful Jewish life, our children need to develop a "spiritual tool box," giving each child the resources to enable them to develop their Jewish identities, make critical decisions, become more resilient,

self-aware and whole. She envisions incorporating traditional and experiential learning approaches like *hevruta* (peer to peer learning), an intergenerational pairing of students with community members, and field trips.

Additionally, we welcome Jese Shell as an assistant teacher in the Religious School. Some congregants may already know Jese from his time as a camp counselor and assistant camp director at the JCC Day Camp. Jese has also been a religious school teacher. He has a state of Ohio teaching license and is currently teaching middle schoolers in Springfield.

Beth Abraham Synagogue continues to value educating our children and has put together a team that will have our Religious School in place ready for the start of a new school year in September. Parents were informed of the new hires and there will be additional information to be shared with them when they get a chance to meet with Elyssa and learn more about the school year.

So, please join me in welcoming both Elyssa and Jese to our Beth Abraham Religious School.

Prayer Leader for the High Holidays

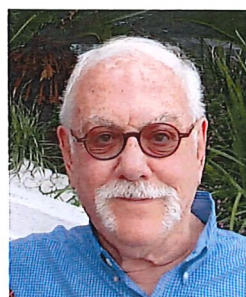
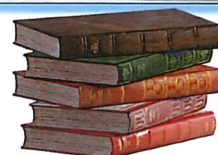
We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rabbi Aura Ahuvia as our prayer leader for the upcoming High Holy days. Rabbi Aura was ordained in 2014 and currently serves in a part-time role as prayer leader for Congregation Beth Israel, a conservative synagogue in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She has previously served congregations in California, New York and Michigan where she has used her significant musical experience and skills to enhance prayer services. Prior to her ordination, she served congregations in Southwestern Michigan in various roles including prayer leader, program leader and educator while also earning a Master's Degree in Judaic Studies from the University of Michigan. Rabbi Aura will be contributing articles in upcoming Bulletins to better introduce herself to the Beth Abraham congregation. We look forward to Rabbi Aura joining us for the High Holy Days.

We are grateful to Susie and Eddie Katz for their generous sponsorship of bringing Rabbi Aura to Beth Abraham Synagogue.



Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



Jenna Weissman Joselit has produced a fascinating book titled, *The Wonders of*

America: Reinventing Jewish Culture, 1880-1950. Joselit examines in detail what it really meant for Jews to be liberated in the United States for the first time in maybe 1,900 years. Liberation meant Jews could make their contributions to society, but it also meant they would experience an almost complete change in their way of life.

One result of liberation meant young men and women would no longer accept arranged marriages. At the same time, while discrimination still existed, Jews could participate in the national economy on a scale unprecedented in any other nation. Those who prospered displayed their wealth by arranging more and more elaborate weddings - and bar mitzvahs.

How the Jews prospered is a fundamental theme of the book. There are numerous family portraits which display middle class or even upper middle class status. The bar mitzvah, which had been a simple religious ceremony in Europe, turned into a spectacular event for those who could afford it. (This may have reached its peak in the late 1970s

when a Florida millionaire rented the Orange Bowl for his son's bar mitzvah. At that point, rabbis all across the country criticized the extravagance and said the money could be better used for philanthropy).

Joselit demonstrates at length how food became a central part of life for Jews in the United States, not just at weddings, bar mitzvahs, holidays and other special occasions, but in everyday life. Some two and a half million Jews left Eastern Europe for the United States between 1881 and 1920, leaving discrimination and poverty behind. They might never have had enough food, particularly healthy food.

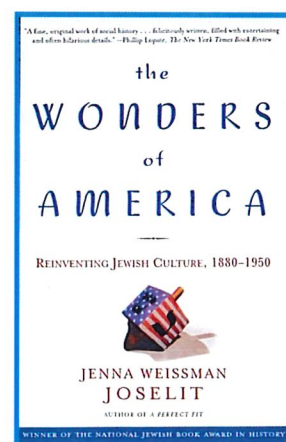
As with every other immigrant group in the modern era, the Jews would be astonished by the abundance and variety of food available. Even as many of the immigrant Jews became more secular, they became what Joselit says some called "bagel and lox" Jews. The number of Jews who ate only kosher food experienced a significant decline. Many Jews could afford to eat in restaurants and they found places that served "kosher style" food, especially in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston.

Jews in the United States experienced a widespread effort to "modernize" the various Jewish holidays, especially Passover. The message: don't stick to matzoh for Passover week. Eat your vegetables." Various indications

that the Jews had "arrived" involved advertising aimed directly at the Jewish community. As early as 1900, the upscale department store Bloomingdale's advertised "We supply everything for the Passover season."

Macy's, which catered to more middle class customers, announced that it had turned part of its fifth floor into a Passover Department. Can you imagine? Macy's advertised a formal dinner service for 12 for \$27.95. Jews in the United States put more emphasis on Chanukah as a sort of competition with Christmas. They actually did the same with almost every holiday.

Over a period of about 40 years the center of Judaism in the world shifted from Eastern Europe to the United States. The massive immigration would end when Congress established a quota system for immigrants in the 1920s. Then, with the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, the center of Judaism began to shift to where it belongs and where it is today in Israel.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

Have you ordered your honey from "**Honey from the Heart**"? It's the perfect gift to wish your friends and family a Sweet, Happy and Healthy New Year. Your gift includes a delicious 8-ounce jar of honey with a decorative label, bracha for the apples and honey, and a personalized card. The card lets recipients know that a donation has been made in their honor to **Beth Abraham** Sisterhood.

Your cost is **\$14.00** per jar with orders received by **August 8th** receiving **FREE SHIPPING**. Orders will be taken through **September 12th** for guaranteed delivery by **Rosh Hashanah**. However, a shipping charge of **\$8.00** per jar will be added to orders received after **August 8th**. To order, go to WWW.ORTHONEY.COM/BAO and follow the step-by-step instructions. Information and the link is also available in News & Notes and on our Facebook page. Please contact Cheryl Lewis with questions or assistance with placing your orders online. Thank you for your support!

The next Sisterhood meeting is on **Thursday, August 1st at 10:00AM** on Zoom. Please refer to the July 29th edition of News & Notes for the link.

This month's MAHJshuganahs game dates are **August 11th and 25th from 1:00-4:00PM**. Please RSVP to Liz Musin.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Men's Club is currently planning programs for the upcoming year and welcome any input of events or ideas congregants would like us to consider. Please contact Irwin Dumtschin or attend their monthly meeting.

KIO-FJMC Biennial Regional Retreat: The KIO Region's Biennial Retreat will be held the weekend of **September 13th – 15th** in Chardon, OH (near Cleveland) at Camp Wise. We attend this each year to meet others in the region and look for new ideas to bring back to Dayton. More information to follow.

Meetings: Our next monthly meeting is Monday, **August 19th, at 7:30 PM** via Zoom. Look for the link in News & Notes.



Greater's Omer Challenge - Enjoying Ice Cream

Yom Hashoah Candle Project 2024

The Men's Club has completed their annual Yom Hashoah program. Thanks to all who delivered candles to our local members. We appreciate the following contributions:

-Ken & Lisa Blum, for all Jews, past and present
 -Sylvia Blum
 -Steven & Bari Blumhof, in memory of the brothers and sisters of August Blumhof
 -Dena Briskin, in memory of Larry Briskin
 -Dan & Katelyn Brown
 -Alan & Judy Chesen, in memory of Jonah Chesen
 -Howard Ducker
 -Enrique & Ruth Ellenbogen, for Diane William's recovery
 -Gary & Irene Fishbein, in memory of the six million who perished
 -Bella Freeman, in memory of all who have fought and died
 -Renate Frydman, in loving memory of all family members who were killed in the Holocaust

-David & Lynn Goldenberg, in memory of the victims of October 7th
 -Mike Goldstein, in memory of the latest victims of the continuing Holocaust
 -Henry Guggenheimer, in memory of aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins
 -Clara Hochstein, in memory of David Hochstein
 -Steve & Linda Horenstein, in memory of the six million
 -Martin Jacobs & Martha Moody Jacobs
 -David & Susan Joffe, in memory of Susan's family who died in the Shoah
 -Neil Katz & Karin Hirschkat, in memory of Lou & Edith Hirsch and Manny & Sylvia Katz
 -Miriamne Krummel, in memory of Rifka Krummel
 -Paul & Kristan Levy
 -Franklin & Cheryl Lewis

-Scott & Ann Liberman
 -Don & Carole Marger, in memory of the six million
 -Edie Pequignot
 -Jeff & Connie Roberts
 -Judy Schwartzman & Mike Jaffe
 -Allan Spetter & Claudia Birch
 -Zerla Stayman
 -Audrey Tuck, in memory of Anne Frank and the six million
 -Chaya Vidal, in memory of the Israeli hostages who lost their lives and in honor of the Israel hostages who continue to survive
 -Larry Wagenfeld, in memory of Sheila Wagenfeld
 -Sanford & Karen Wolfe
 -Steve & Patty Wyke
 -Don and Sue Zulanch, in memory of Mac & Eva Zulanch and Irv & Bea Adler

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LIVESTREAM LINK

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

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SAVE THE DATE

In preparation for Rosh Hashanah, Beth Abraham is partnering with PJ Library to go apple picking on
Sunday September 22nd from 3:00-5:00.

Mark your calendar and look for more information to come!



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, August 2		Tuesday, August 13		Friday, August 30	
Candle Lighting	8:30 pm	Tishah B'Av Service	8:30am	Candle Lighting	7:52 pm
		Fast Ends	9:04 pm		
Saturday, August 3		Friday, August 16		Saturday, August 31	
Morning Service	9:30 am	Candle Lighting	8:13 pm	Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	9:32 pm			Havdalah	8:50 pm
Friday, August 9		Saturday, August 17			
Candle Lighting	8:22 pm	Morning Service	9:30 am		
		Havdalah	9:12 pm		
Saturday, August 10		Friday, August 23			
Morning Service	9:30 am	Candle Lighting	8:03 pm		
Havdalah	9:22 pm				
Monday, August 12		Saturday, August 24			
Tishah B'Av Service	8:30pm	Morning Service	9:30 am		
Fast Begins	8:36 pm	Havdalah	9:01 pm		

2024/5784 Reverse Omer Counting Calendar

Journeying Through 50 days from *Tisha B'Av* to *Rosh Hashanah*

Counting the Omer is a Jewish practice that marks the spiritual journey between Passover and the celebration of Shavuot 50 days later, when we receive Torah. The Jewish calendar gives us another 50 day span, from the nadir of the year, *Tisha B'Av* which marks the destruction of the two Temples in Jerusalem, to the apex of the New Year, *Rosh Hashanah*. Below you will find kavvanot as quotes and put them into a reverse calendar in the hope that they will guide, enlighten, and perhaps amuse you during this transition period. Keep track of your thoughts and feelings in a spiritual journal and be ready to share in our communal journey to 5785. --Rav Aubrey (*adapted from Rabbi Jennifer Singer*)

Day	Date	Omer Count	Daily <i>Kavvanah</i>
Week One			
Mon.	8/12	50	In the midst of winter I found within me an invincible summer. <i>Albert Camus</i>
Tues.	8/13	49	You're mad, bonkers, completely off your head. But I'll tell you a secret; All the best people are. <i>Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll</i>
Wed.	8/14	48	the most wasted of days is one without laughter. <i>ee cummings</i>
Thurs.	8/15	47	I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in darkness the astonishing light of your being. <i>Hafiz</i>
Fri.	8/16	46	Smell the sea and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly. <i>Van Morrison</i>
Sat.	8/17	45	Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Do not become bitter or hostile. Be hopeful, be optimistic. <i>Rep. John Lewis</i>
Sun.	8/18	44	Look for me in the most unlikely places. Perhaps nestled in your heart. <i>God</i>
Week Two			
Mon.	8/19	43	Do not separate yourself from the community. <i>Mishne Avot 2:5</i>
Tues.	8/20	42	A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say, 'we did it ourselves.' <i>Lao Tzu</i>
Wed.	8/21	41	Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may live and inherit the land that Adonai your God gave you. <i>Deuteronomy 16:20</i>
Thurs.	8/22	40	Make for yourself a teacher, get for yourself a companion, and judge all people charitably. <i>Mishne Avot 1:6</i>
Fri.	8/23	39	I am often struck by the dangerous narcissism fostered by spiritual rhetoric that pays so much attention to individual self-improvement and so little to the practice of love within the context of community. <i>bell hooks</i>
Sat.	8/24	38	The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. <i>Alice Walker</i>
Sun.	8/25	37	Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are. <i>Rabbi Harold Kushner</i>

Week Three			
Mon.	8/26	36	And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. <i>Roald Dahl</i>
Tues.	8/27	35	The world stands on three things: on Torah, on Divine service, and on deeds of lovingkindness. <i>Mishne Avot 1:2</i>
Wed.	8/28	34	The whole world is a series of miracles, but we're so used to them we call them ordinary things. <i>Hans Christian Anderson</i>
Thurs.	8/29	33	Darkness cannot drive out darkness Only light can do that. <i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i>
Fri.	8/30	32	Floating takes faith. <i>Rabbi David Wolpe</i>
Sat.	8/31	31	Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble. <i>John Lewis</i>
Sun.	9/1	30	Do not be wise in words. Be wise in deeds. <i>Jewish proverb</i>

Week Four			
Mon.	9/2	29	One thing I ask of the LORD, only that do I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life. <i>Psalms 27</i>
Tues.	9/3	28	When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to the Lord your God for the good land which God has given you. <i>Deuteronomy 8:10</i>
Wed.	9/4	27	As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest form of appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. <i>John F. Kennedy</i>
Thurs.	9/5	26	You are never too old to try something new.
Fri.	9/6	25	One's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions. <i>Fortune cookie</i>
Sat.	9/7	24	Who is wise? The one who learns from all people. <i>Mishne Avot 4:1</i>
Sun.	9/8	23	Please do not desecrate Shabbat by failing to delight in Shabbat. <i>b.Shabbat 119b</i>
Week Five			
Mon.	9/9	22	Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try. <i>John F. Kennedy</i>
Tues.	9/10	21	Do not try to be a person of success, but try to become a person of value. <i>Albert Einstein</i>
Wed.	9/11	20	Not to have felt pain is not to have been human. <i>Jewish proverb</i>
Thurs.	9/12	19	I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. <i>Maya Angelou</i>
Fri.	9/13	18	When you light a lantern for someone else, you cannot help but light up your own path. <i>Big Panda and Tiny Dragon (by James Norbury)</i>
Sat.	9/14	17	Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted. <i>Ralph Waldo Emerson</i>
Sun.	9/15	16	If you want to be happy, be. <i>Leo Tolstoy</i>
Week Six			
Mon.	9/16	15	Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere. <i>Elie Weisel</i>
Tues.	9/17	14	The idea behind a kaleidoscope is that it's a structure that's filled with broken bits and pieces, and somehow if you can look through them, you still see something beautiful. And I feel like we are all that way a little bit. <i>Sara Bareilles</i>
Wed.	9/18	13	'How do you keep going?' asked Tiny Dragon. 'Sometimes,' said Big Panda, 'even the smallest step is better than no step.' <i>Big Panda and Tiny Dragon</i>
Thurs.	9/19	12	There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice but there must never be a time when we fail to protest. <i>Elie Weisel</i>
Fri.	9/20	11	Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>
Sat.	9/21	10	Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions <i>Dalai Lama</i>
Sun.	9/22	9	Who is respected? The one who respects other human beings. <i>Mishne Avot 4:1</i>
Week Seven			
Mon.	9/23	8	If not now, when? <i>Hillel, Pirkei Avot 1:14</i>
Tues.	9/24	7	One of our greatest freedoms is how we react to things. <i>Charlie Mackesy</i>
Wed.	9/25	6	I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that; then I realized I was somebody. <i>Lily Tomlin</i>
Thurs.	9/26	5	'What do you think is the biggest waste of time?' 'Comparing yourself to others.' <i>Charlie Mackesy</i>
Fri.	9/27	4	It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it. <i>Mishne Avot 2:16</i>
Sat.	9/28	3	My cup runneth over. <i>Psalms 23</i>
Sun.	9/29	2	Suddenly you may know it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.
Approaching Erev Rosh Hashanah			
Mon.	9/30	1	Asked why at age 93 he still practiced cello for three hours a day, Pablo Casals said, 'I am beginning to notice some improvement.'