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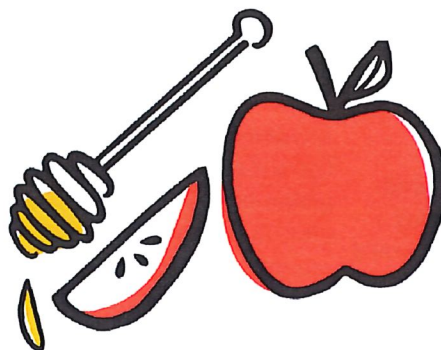
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Rosh Hashanah Apple Picking

Sunday, September 22nd 3 – 5PM

Tuken's Orchard & Farm Market

(15725 Eaton Pike, West Alexandria, 45381)



PJ is joining Beth Abraham to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Learn about the holiday and pick your favorite apples to dip in honey! Additional treat for those attending.

No charge. RSVP by September 20 to jewishdayton.org/events.

PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY.

COMMUNITY SELICHOT

The Dayton Jewish community will come together to kick off the High Holidays with a joint Selichot service on **Saturday, September 28** at Beth Jacob. The evening will begin with a dessert reception at 8:15pm followed by Havdalah and the service at 8:30pm. Our community rabbis will lead the service along with the Dayton Jewish Chorale.

Opening Up to Prayer

Rabbi Aura Ahuvia



When I was a kid, I have to confess that I found services quite boring. In part, this was because I had no role there besides

that of passive listener. And I found listening to someone speak or sing in a foreign language to be excruciatingly dull. The English wasn't much better; all that verbiage, seemingly expressing the same idea over and over again: G-d is great. Yeah yeah yeah, I get it. When's lunch?

If grown-up me could have whispered into child-me's ear, saying "someday you're going to become a rabbi," I would have thought them insane.

What changed?

Two of the biggest changes involved G-d and Music. First, G-d.

Shortly after my first son was born, 30 years ago, I cried out to the god I didn't believe in.

"It's not fair!" I cried, lamenting lingering pain from childhood.

Mysteriously, something opened in my heart that night, like a portal to another universe. Thus my relationship with G-d was born. Ever since, my prayers have felt alive in me. I'm able to touch that point of connection whose birth took me by surprise that night, helping me remember that I'm part of this terribly beautiful universe.

The other change was Music. As a teenager, I loved going to Friday night youth group services, especially when our song leader, a skinny man who played a 12-string guitar, would form us into a circle in a darkened room facing Shabbos candles, and lead us in some of the most exquisite, heart-opening melodies you can imagine. "Where

there is song, there is prayer," our ancient Talmud teaches us. That was certainly true for me then, as it is today.

I bring the spirit of heart-felt music and G-d-connection with me whenever I step into the role of *Shaliach Tzibbur*, prayer-leader. I think about all of us, gathered together under one roof. *How are we feeling, spiritually?* I wonder. As we stand and sit together, our hearts and souls become intertwined with each other. We are here to become ennobled, inspired, and empowered: In other words, we are here to pray.

Arriving is the crucial first step, but there is more to be done. When we gather in prayer, we each have a role to play—a role more active than I was capable of envisioning as a child. Our task is to get *present*...not merely physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well. This is because prayer works best on us when we're open to its influence. The more open we can be, the more we benefit from the blessings, as it were, of prayer.

How do we get our thoughts and feelings into the present moment? And once we succeed, how do we keep them there? Ah, that is the THE question!

For some of us, the words on the page whisper to our hearts. For others of us, simply being in a room together touches our souls, especially when remembering loved ones, or even imagining generations prior. And for some of us, music softens our hearts, making room for more love to flow. As Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi put it, music is the carrier wave of our soul.

I'm looking forward to meeting you, to praying with you, and to singing with you at our upcoming High Holy Day services. Blessings for a sweet, sustaining New Year!

BETH ABRAHAM



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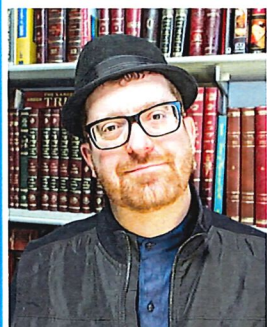
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Do Jews “Bury the Hatchet?” The High Holiday Preparation Challenge

Rav Aubrey Glazer



What does it mean “to bury the hatchet” and why does it exemplify the High Holiday Preparation Challenge?

Some say this expression “to bury the hatchet” comes from a centuries-old Native American custom of burying weapons to symbolize peace between warring tribes. Chiefs would meet and bury their hatchets or other weapons, such as tomahawks, under a tree or cache them away. There is an Iroquois legend that tells of two leaders who convinced five nations to stop fighting and bury their weapons under a white pine tree to celebrate.

Others claim the phrase entered the English language in 1754 as “to lay aside instruments of war, forget injuries and make peace.” In 1759, Shawnee orator, Missiweakiwa used the phrase to describe the Shawnees' decision to “bury the bloody Hatchet” with the English during the Seven Years' War. Settlers later adopted the phrase as a figurative call for peace.

It makes me wonder: is there an approach even more ancient that is indigenous to the Jewish path? These aforementioned legends made me appreciate anew the renowned scriptural challenge:

“You shall not take vengeance nor bear any grudge against the members of your people. Love your fellow as yourself.” (Leviticus 19:18)
The first part of the verse challenges each of us not to bear a grudge, and “burying the hatchet” in any interpersonal disagreements that have

accumulated over this year is clear enough even though a major challenge. But the expression has deeper roots as expressed in this fascinating Talmudic teaching:

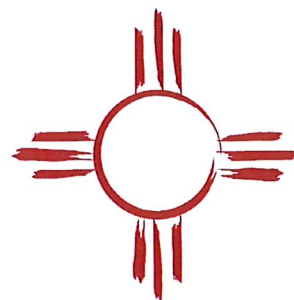
What is revenge and what is bearing a grudge? Revenge is illustrated by the following example: One said to their fellow: Lend me your sickle, and he said: No. The next day he, the one who had refused to lend the sickle, said to the other person: Lend me your ax. If he said to him: I will not lend to you, just as you did not lend to me, that is revenge. (bYoma 23a)

Before we can really open our hearts into the process of forgiveness - which we know demands asking minimally three times - one has to let go of the grudge and “bury the hatchet.” How does this relate to our journey into the High Holidays? I share all these approaches intrinsic to the Jewish path because I’m suggesting that we all need to take time to prepare. The month of Elul precedes the Tishrai holiday cycle including Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur and culminates with Sukkot. And as we will learn on Sukkot when we read Qohelet together in the Sukkah: “If the axe is dull, and one has not honed its edge, one will exert great effort” (Qohelet 10:10). This ancient Hebrew wisdom reminds us all that initiative and effort are necessary to achieve maximum benefit from an open mind and expansive heart. A dull tool requires more power to be exerted in using it to compensate for its dullness. Given we are renowned for being a stiff-necked people, so it is unsurprising if there is an obstinacy of mind blocking the process of forgiveness. Nonetheless each of us must strive to compensate for this obstructing mind-state. Sharpening the mind is a practice that requires serious preparation through constant initiative by continuous effort

so that true forgiveness can take place by Yom Kippur.

Our challenge to prepare for these High Holidays is to keep sharpening the mind and opening the heart to be ready to forgive and for forgiveness. That is the purpose of this entire verse:

“You shall not take vengeance nor bear any grudge against the members of your people. Love your fellow as yourself.” (Leviticus 19:18)
One can only truly be open to “love your fellow as yourself” once that grudge is no longer dominating our minds so that our hearts can expand once again to give and receive the forgiveness. This year let us each find ways to have the courage to “bury the hatchet” in our interpersonal relationships. This renews the meaning undergirding our blessed sages’ teaching that “for transgressions between a person and God, Yom Kippur atones; however, for transgressions between a person and another, Yom Kippur does not atone until s/he appeases the other person. (Mishnah Yomah 8:9). This is the challenge before each of us as we prepare to take stock of this year’s chapter in our individual journeys that are all part of the Book of Life. May we find the courage to open our hearts and minds in this Jewish wisdom.



IMPORTANT HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION!

Entering the Building: The chapel door entrance will be the only door open for security purposes. Please use these doors for dropping off and entering the building. The lower level doors in the circular drive will be locked.

Youth Services are available for school age children in grades K-7 for both days of Rosh Hashanah, October 3 & 4, and on Yom Kippur Day, October 12, from 10:00 – 12:00. Please RSVP to the office by **October 25** so we can plan accordingly.

High Holiday Baby Sitting will be available this year on both days of Rosh Hashanah, Oct. 3 & 4, and on Yom Kippur day, October 12, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. **RSVPs are required by October 25**, as we have a very limited number of spaces available. Due to this limitation, may be unable to accommodate children without an RSVP.

Decorum: Please note that all school age children should be in the youth service or with their parent in the sanctuary during the High Holy Day services. We also ask that you please refrain from wearing cologne or perfume out of respect for those sitting around you or who may be allergic.

Streaming will be available for all services. Please find the link on our website, in News & Notes or on the back page of this Bulletin.

Parking is available in the tiered portion of our parking lot on the upper two levels, but please enter through the upper level chapel doors. There are handicapped spaces available, however we ask that on Rosh Hashanah that falls during the week, you be respectful of the professional buildings around us and their need for handicapped spaces as well. Please do not park in front of the chapel doors so they are accessible for those who need assistance.

Break-The-Fast will follow the Neilah service on Saturday, October 12. This yearly tradition is prepared by our Beth Abraham kitchen volunteers and sponsored by the Men's Club. Please call the office to **RSVP by October 4**.

Reciprocity Letters can be arranged with Sandra in the office. Please call or email (sandra@bethabrahamdayton.org) with the name of the congregation you will be visiting, their address, phone and fax number and email address if available. We will also need to know what holiday(s) you will be attending and with whom you will be sitting.

Community Shabbat: A Celebration with Family and Friends

Friday, September 13; 5:45
pm - 8:00 pm at the CJCE

Join with the community for a Shabbat celebration with family and friends of all ages. Experience tradition, community, and joy during a Kabbalat Shabbat program. Enjoy a family-style kosher meal while participating in a camp-style song session. \$18/individual; \$36/family. RSVP at jewishdayton.org by September 6, 2024.

JCC Trip to the Air Force Museum

Tuesday, September 10th from 10:30-1:30

JCC adults will meet for a docent-led tour by Renate Frydman of Prejudice and Memory: A Holocaust Exhibit at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. After the tour the group will stop at a nearby restaurant for lunch (cost on your own). This museum tour is to honor the 25th Anniversary of the Exhibit. RSVP by September 5th to jewishdayton.org. No cost.

COMMUNITY



Remember the Fast of Isaiah! It is our tradition to bring donations of food on the evening of Kol Nidre for the hungry. Please make a stop at the food barrels before you proceed to the sanctuary.



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Franklin Lewis, by Brenda & Rick Bornstein

Tashlich -

Time to Toss Your Sins Away



The origins of the custom of *Tashlich* are uncertain; it does not appear in the Talmud and it seems to have begun in the Middle Ages. We call it *Tashlich*, meaning "you shall cast." Traditionally, we go to a body of running water, preferably one containing fish, and symbolically cast off our sins. Bring some bread crumbs, dogs and the entire family to **Island Metro Park** on the **first day of Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, October 4 at 5:30pm** and join Rabbi Aura for prayers and singing on the riverbank.

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

August 3 - Doug Wagner in honor of Theda Wagner's 70th birthday; and Terry & Marlene Pinsky in honor of their 58th anniversary

August 10 - Mike Freed and family in memory of Joanne Freed

August 17 - Irwin Dumtschin in memory of his mother, Edna Dumtchin; and Men's Club

August 24 - Myron Stayman: In memory of Dolly Droz

August 31 - Mike Goldstein in memory of Rochelle Goldstein

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August:

September Birthdays

2 Steve Wyke
4 Barbara Sanderow
4 Jacqueline Miner
4 Minnette Weiss
5 Maryann Bernstein
6 Neil Katz
10 Franklin Lewis
11 Janis Sussman
11 Michael Sherman
12 Lucien Gabbe
16 Masha Kisel
16 Jules Sherman
17 Elena Rosner
18 Zoharah Naziri
19 Marc Shaw
21 Shoshana Krummel-Adkins
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21 Jerome Kopmar
22 Beverly Saeks
23 Matthew Arnovitz
25 Lana Dorf
25 Jonah Dorf
26 Henry Guggenheimer

28 Barbara Miller
28 Clara Hochstein

September Anniversaries

2 Joel & Angela Frydman
2 Marc & Francine Shuchat Shaw
2 Sheldon & Ann Berger
5 Alex & Jane Briskin
5 Abe & Marla Merdinger
5 Stephen & Liz Musin
5 Michael & Harriet Massimini
10 Scott & Ann Liberman
15 William & Sharon Cohen
17 Douglas & Bonnie Deutsch

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



- **Ben & Stephanie Goodstein** on their Jewish wedding August 18th with Rav Aubrey officiating.
- **Clara Hochstein** on her 100th birthday on Sept. 28th!

Awards at the Federation Annual Meeting:

- **Wendy Lipp** for receiving the JCC Volunteer of the Year Award
- **Lee Schear** and All the Best Deli for receiving the Jack Moss Creativity Award
- **Jese Shell** for receiving the Allan L. Wasserman Award



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 September (Av-Elul) we remember:

AV	Lilian Bernstein	Anna Guralnik	Ruth Lieberman	Sophie Roth
Norman Aftergood	Rebecca Bodenstein	Anna Gurin	Irene Mandel	Liesel Rothschild
Rita Bloom	Helen Borkan	Ida Gutmann	Louis Mann	Ruth Salomon
Harold Brown	Louis Braverman	Diane Handler	Jack Mann	Agnes Schetz
Sadie Bustow	Beatrice Brook	David Hanken	Aaron Mark	Irving Schiffer
Sam Cohen	Jeffrey Chesen	Stanley M. Harrison	I. M. Marks	Bertha Schriber
Grace Fisher	R. Lee Chodos	Sidney Hertz	Harriet Levy Marwil	Max Schriber
Fanny Ingberg	Samuel Chudde	Ann Hoffman	Samuel Maslow	Ervin Schriber
Janet Kravitz	Harry Cohen	Charlotte Horowitz	Sadie Matusoff	Claire Shapiro
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A. J. Mintz	Max Ehrenberg	Belle Jenevsky	Norman Miller	John Silberman
Goldie Ornstein	Cecile Fand	Pearl Joffe	Herman E. Miner	Nellie Sivitz
Marcia Rosichan	Otto Farnbacher	Mollie Kahn	Reva Munich	Anna Slavin
Ben Slavin	Kurt Farnbacher	Herman Kahn	Joseph Nides	Maxine Slone
Boris Sokol	Leane Felman	Sally Kantor	Herman Nides	Henriette Smilack
Alan Solkov	Kurt Fish	Joseph Katz	Louis Niren	Harry Soifer
Sherman Vangrov	Jack Fishbein	Rose Aides Kaufman	Herbert Jerome Oppenheimer	Eliyahu Sokol
Mollie Wool	Pearl Freemas	Lorraine Kobel	Frances Oxman	Myra Stack
	Ronny Friedberg	Aaron Koretzky	Glenn Pequignot	Justin Stoler
ELUL	Elizabeth Friedman	Louis Kotler	Isaac Perlmutter	Ann Moskowitz Stone
Robert Abrams	Matilda Valens Friedman	Beatrice Kuhr	Isadore Posner	Dorothy Suson
Louis Abromovich	Sol Friedman	Lillian Kuraner	Rose Rauchman	Melanie Tayloe
Abraham Aftergood	George Friedman	Martin Land	Sidney F. Resler	Gilbert Unger
Jane Aides	Miriam Gehatia	Phil Lang	Allan Rinzler	Abraham Waldman
Jacob Harry Auster	Isadore Goldberg	David Larman	Dr. Sidney Robby	Sarah Wall
Joan Azen	Rose Goldrich	Meyer Larrison	Bessie Cameros Rockoff	Rev. Joseph Wasserman
Emil Barsky	Frieda Goldsmith	Helen Leopold	Goldie Roden	Lena Valensky Weinhaus
Rose Bashner	Rochelle Goldstein	Louis M Lerner	Bea Rosen	Anna Weintroob
Edward Baume	Rose Goodman	Michael Leventhal	Ida Rosenthal	Gladys Yaross
Ethel Benjamin	David Goodman	Joseph Levin	Mrs. Moshe Ross	Sam Zimmerman
May Berkowitz	Israel Goodwin	Molly Levin	Perry Ross	Augusta Zimmerman
Sadie Berman	Anna Gordon	May Levine	Phyllis Ross	Victor Zwelling
David Bernie	Ronald Grinker	Anne Levy		

Shabbat Under the Stars



Strategic Plan Update

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

We asked you to participate in our Strategic Planning process and YOU DID! Between January and February, 143 people participated in the survey. Every voice counted, whether you submitted your survey online or by mail. Between April and May, 90 people participated in one of the 11 Community Conversations. Because of you - your time, thoughtfulness, insights, and passion - this will be a Strategic Plan created not only for us, but by us.

Our Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work reviewing and analyzing your feedback and other data. Just recently, the committee completed our SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis. And, based on your feedback and the SWOT analysis, created four task forces: Sustainability, Engagement, Worship, and Governance & Leadership Development. The committee set the charges for each Task Force, and we are in the process of populating the Task Forces. The next step will be for the Task Forces to analyze data, consider their charges, and make recommendations for our Strategic Plan.

Soon, we will share additional information with you. Please keep an eye out for this information in future Bulletins and in the News & Notes.



Apple (Dumpling) Gang at the Foodbank



**Thursday, September 12
8:45 – 11AM @ the Dayton Foodbank
in conjunction with JCRC**

**RSVP by September 9 at jewishdayton.org
Any questions may be directed to
Jeff Blumer at jblumer@jfgd.net.**



Hillel students helped us show off some of the many school supplies donated to Crayons to Classrooms.

From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



My dear congregants, please allow me this month to take a moment to discuss something important to us for our spiritual journey at Beth Abraham as part of our strategic planning for the future of our community.

Did you know that the religious and cultural evolution of the Yom Kippur Appeal in North America has its original links to the bible? Parshat Shekalim is read on the Shabbat before the month of Adar to commemorate the half shekel that all adult Jews were required to contribute to the upkeep of the Holy Temple. The half shekel that was collected annually for as long as the Beit HaMikdash stood was used for three purposes: the census, a tax, and for maintenance.

Annually, the donation was used to take a census of the Jewish people. Second, this collection was an affordable tax to

unify all Jews towards a concerted effort. And finally, the funds were used to maintain the Beit HaMikdash.

With the above biblical context in mind, I also learned, from an article written by Jenna Weissman Joselit in the October 7, 2005 edition of the Forward, that the first systematic use of an Erev Yom Kippur appeal dates back to World War I when Rabbis throughout the country appealed directly to their congregants for funds with which to support their European cousins whose homes were destroyed by war. From there, appeals were made for all kinds of different causes, including the more mundane maintenance of the synagogue building. So, I continue this annual ritual and address the mundane.

I must thank Rav Glazer for educating me on the above biblical context. Also, thanks for his willingness to share a moment during the Yom Kippur service to allow me to use one of the holiest days of the year to address our

members and make an appeal for funds to help support Beth Abraham's efforts.

What I most take away from that biblical history is that we are always concerned with synagogue upkeep, both physically and emotionally, so that the spiritual work we do as a community is possible in our own sacred synagogue. While I defer to Rav Aubrey to guide us on our spiritual journey, I hope to be able to help guide us on our physical journey, which is sometimes the mundane.

With all this history of the Yom Kippur Appeal, it is no wonder why your lay leadership has begun preparing the congregation for this time of year. Please be on the look-out for your Yom Kippur Appeal letter. Additionally, I hope that my words at Kol Nidre, which will include personal stories and memories from our congregants, will inspire you to think about why we should continue to unify as a community towards the future of our beloved congregation.

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

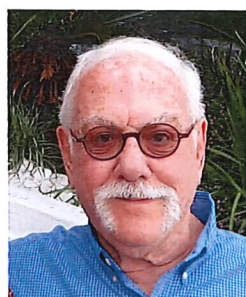
Rav Aubrey has two offerings in September:

Got Prayer? Get Prayer! High Holiday Boot Camp: Saturday Sept. 7, a Kiddush Lunch & Learn following services. Activities for children will be provided. The machzor, our High Holiday prayer book, guides the entire community through the holiest days of the Jewish year. It, along with our siddur, have long served as sources of personal reflection. Join Rav Aubrey as we (re)introduce the idea of the machzor, and liturgy in general, as a source of personal meaning-making and self-reflection, and then dive into specific examples based on your Q&A of how we find inspiration in the High Holiday liturgy—considering themes such as regret and hope; forgiveness and renewal; the relationship between God and humanity as well as human frailty and renewal.

Making of a Mensch: Jewish Virtue Ethics & Morality in Proverbs: Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10am via Zoom. What is good character? What are the traits of a good, ethical and righteously oriented person? How should virtues be cultivated? How should vices be avoided? The book of Proverbs is a unique ancient manual that has something to say to each of us today in the search for self-refinement and self-acceptance to be becoming a Mensch—a truly good and ethical person. Join this interactive learning in conversation with Rabbis Glazer & Cohen: What does it mean to be a mensch or what we refer to as an ethical person? We will explore relevant ideas in virtue ethics to Judaism defined by the particulars of bein adam la-havero ("interpersonal norms"), and appreciate its inclusion in the larger term derekh erez ("etiquette"). We will discuss the nuggets of wisdom for living an ethical life in the biblical book of Proverbs that is concerned with Divine justice in an unjust world and the need to cultivate moderation. Discover what it means to be a mensch to live an ethical life and be wise in avoiding pitfalls in life. Registration required. Call or email the office. Free for members; \$36 non-members. Zoom link will be sent after registration is received.

Library News — Off the Shelf

Allan Spetter



I am entering the home stretch with my book reviews and plan to continue my column through the

end of the year. The supply of books that might be of interest has been exhausted and I have made an effort to save the best for last. To begin with, I have chosen a book of particular interest to me. The title is *Brownsville: The Birth, Development and Passing of a Jewish Community in New York*, written by Rabbi Dr. Alter Landesman, who lived in Brownsville for many years.

The book is so detailed that it will require a two part review. I lived in the Brownsville neighborhood in Brooklyn until I turned 12 years old and my parents, like many others at the time, moved to another neighborhood in Brooklyn. Some moved to Queens or to Long Island, both largely undeveloped at the time.

As some two million Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe came to the United States, beginning in the 1880s, most settled on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Only when New York City completed three bridges between Manhattan and Brooklyn, at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, could the Jewish immigrants escape the terrible overcrowding in the slums on the Lower East Side.

Trains made it easy to commute from work in Manhattan, particularly in the garment industry, to new housing in Brooklyn. Jews began to move into Brownsville, still almost completely undeveloped farm land, in 1886. Between 1890 and 1900 the Jewish population increased from 3,000 to 15,000. As early as 1899 one newspaper described Brownsville as a ghetto.

The Jews of Brownsville, along with the rest of the nation, suffered through the second worst depression in American history beginning in 1893. The unemployment rate reached an unbelievable 25 percent which had a devastating effect on the garment industry. The economy did not even begin to recover until the late 1890s.

Then the Jews of Brownsville, along with the rest of the nation, enjoyed the unprecedented prosperity at the beginning of the 20th century as the United States began to industrialize at an amazing pace. New York City led the nation in providing services for its citizens. That included almost certainly the most progressive school system in the country.

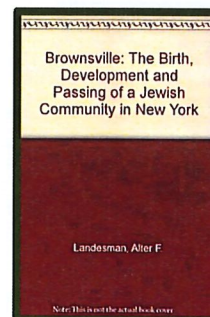
Brownsville had four public schools by the end of the 1890s. The children of immigrants could assimilate while their parents spoke Yiddish and read Yiddish newspaper such as the radical *Forward* and the more conservative *"Day."* At the same time, Brownsville became a unique Jewish neighborhood. The Hebrew Free School of Brownsville opened

in 1892 and eventually became the Stone Avenue Talmud Torah. A yeshivah opened in Brownsville in 1912.

The Jews of Brownsville built their first synagogue before the end of the 1890s at a cost of about \$5,000! Pitkin Avenue, the commercial heart of Brownsville, stretched for about a mile or 14 blocks. A study done in 1942, during World War II and as it turned out the peak of Brownsville as a prosperous community, revealed some unbelievable numbers.

372 stores lined Pitkin Avenue including 46 men's clothing stores, 23 women's clothing stores, 44 shoe stores, and a glamorous movie theater, the Loews Pitkin, which had 3,600 seats and cost three million dollars to build. The Jewish population of Brownsville grew by leaps and bounds in the first quarter of the 20th century.

Fueled by an ever increasing migration of Jews from Eastern Europe, the Jewish population of Brownsville reached about 50,000 by 1905. Brownsville had the largest Jewish population of any neighborhood in New York City by 1925, when Brooklyn contained an unbelievable 800,000 Jews. The "great migration" would begin,



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

There's still time to order your honey from "**Honey from the Heart**". It's the perfect treat to bring as a gift for your Rosh Hashanah dinner host or to send to your friends and family to wish them a sweet, Happy and Healthy New Year. The cost per order is **\$14.00**. Here's a new offer: **Shipping is FREE for orders of 8 or more jars - all going to the same address!** To get free shipping BEFORE CHECKOUT, request a shipping voucher. Simply email the order number to support@orthoney.com. Shipping charges cannot be refunded after checkout. The order deadline for guaranteed delivery in time for Rosh Hashanah is **September 12th**. A shipping charge of **\$8.00** will be added to individual orders. Please go to WWW.ORTHONEY.COM/BAO to order. Please contact Cheryl Lewis for assistance. Thank you for your support!

It's almost fall and the school year has begun. With the cold weather months approaching, please help Sisterhood help kids stay warm by supporting our Sunset in the Sukkah Social Action Project. Please start collecting hats, scarves, and gloves for children and teens. We will be collecting these items throughout the month of October. These items will be donated to **Crayons to Classrooms**. They collect more than just school supplies! Save the date for **Sunset in the Sukkah on Tuesday, October 22nd from 6:00 – 7:30PM**.

The next Sisterhood meeting is on Thursday, September 5th at 10:00AM on Zoom. Please refer to the September 2nd News & Notes for the link.

The MAHJshuganahs game dates for September are the 12th and 26th from 1:00 – 4:00PM. Please RSVP to Irene Fishbein for September 12th and Liz Musin for September 26th.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. Men's Club is now planning for a new year of events and programs.

High Holiday Volunteers: Men's Club is once again coordinating the usher corps for the High Holiday services with Allan Katz coordinating this effort. Allan will be reaching out this month to congregants to sign up for an hour time slot. With your help we can continue to maintain the dignity and sanctity that our High Holiday services are known for.

The Men's Club will again co-sponsor with Sisterhood the distribution of High Holiday hospitality gift bags to our local congregants, sharing in the expenses and with the deliveries.

Rick Pinsky Sunday Brunch Speaker Series: Brunches will begin following the holidays and we are coordinating with Temple Israel's Brotherhood for joint brunch speaker programs.

Regional and National Meetings: Consider attending with us the KIO Region's Biennial Retreat September 13th – 15th at Camp Wise, near Cleveland or the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs 2025 biennial international convention July 3 - 6, 2025 in Chicago. Both are a great opportunity to share with other club members their successes and challenges in programming, fundraising, leadership skills, and membership. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Irwin Dumtschin.

Men's Club Monthly Board Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16th at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Look for the Zoom link in upcoming News & Notes. Again, we encourage you to join us to share your ideas.



Welcome Sandra Kallenberg

Meet Sandra Kallenberg, our new Administrative Assistant at Beth Abraham Synagogue! San-

dra is a dedicated mom and a committed advocate for the Q+ community. She brings a wealth of passion, creativity, and dedication to her roles, showcasing her natural leadership and

organizational skills. As displayed by her role as interim President of PFLAG Dayton, Sandra knows how to inspire and motivate others to achieve their best.

Originally from New Jersey, Sandra's commitment to service is reflected in her life-changing experiences working with marginalized communities at a homeless shelter in Chicago and on a reservation in South Dakota. Her diverse background and unwavering dedication make her a valuable addi-

tion to our community.

Sandra resides in Oakwood, but proudly identifies as a Peruvian Jersey Girl. She has been happily married for 17 years and is the loving mother of two teenage children. While her family is mentioned last in this bio, they remain at the heart of everything she does. We are thrilled to have Sandra on board and look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly make at Beth Abraham Synagogue!

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LIVESTREAM LINK

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

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Jewish War Veterans Post 587

Upcoming Event

In honor of Labor Day, JWV post 587 will be hosting a Veterans brunch event on Sunday September 15 at 10:30 am at Temple Beth Or. Veterans, partners of veterans, family members of veterans and individuals who have an interest in Jewish Veterans affairs are invited to attend. The speaker, Ehud Borovoy, will be discussing the war in Israel, a soldier/citizen perspective. Reservation required. RSVP to Ira Segalewitz at isegalewitz@gmail.com or 937-287-2948 Cost is \$10 a person.

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, September 6

Candle Lighting 7:41 pm

Saturday, September 7

Morning Service 9:30 am
Havdalah 8:38 pm

Friday, September 13

Candle Lighting 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 14

Morning Service 9:30 am
Havdalah 8:26 pm

Friday, September 20

Candle Lighting 7:18pm

Saturday, September 21

Morning Service 9:30am
Havdalah 8:14 pm

Friday, September 27

Candle Lighting 7:07 pm

Saturday, September 28

Morning Service 9:30 am
Havdalah 8:03 pm



Can you hear the future calling?

This New Year, answer the call by making a legacy gift, ensuring a strong Jewish community for future generations.



Be remembered forever with a gift to Beth Abraham Synagogue in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.

To learn more about leaving a legacy, contact Elaine Aronovitz, 937-293-9520.

HIGH HOLY DAYS – 2024/5785

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 28, 2024 – Leil Selichot

Community Selichot Program with Dayton Jewish Chorale at Beth Jacob

Havdalah time	8:03 PM
Dessert Reception	8:15 PM
Service	8:30 PM

ANNUAL CEMETERY VISITATION

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Rav Aubrey will be present for graveside prayers	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
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ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

Ma'ariv Service	5:30 – 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting	6:59 PM

Thursday, October 3, 2024 - Rosh Hashanah (First Day)

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Youth Service	10:00 AM – NOON
Tashlich Service & Mincha/Ma'ariv (Island MetroPark)	5:30 PM
Candle Lighting	7:55 PM

Friday, October 4, 2024 - Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Youth Service	10:00 AM – NOON
Candle Lighting	6:55 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Friday, October 11, 2024 - Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha Service	6:20 PM
Musical Interlude	6:30 PM
Kol Nidre	6:40 PM
Candle Lighting	6:45 PM

Saturday, October 12, 2024 - Yom Kippur

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Youth Service	10:00 AM - NOON
Yizkor	11:00 AM
Mincha	5:30 PM
Neilah	6:30 PM
Havdalah and Concluding Shofar	7:41 PM

Break-the-Fast following services

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SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 - Erev Sukkot

Candle Lighting

6:37 PM

Thursday, October 17, 2024 - Sukkot (First Day)

Morning Service

9:30 AM

Candle Lighting

7:34 PM

Friday, October 18, 2024 - Sukkot (Second Day)

Morning Service

9:30 AM

Havdalah

6:34 PM

Monday -Tuesday, October 21 & 22, 2024 - Hol HaMoed Sukkot

Mincha/Ma'ariv (On Zoom)

5:30 PM

SHEMINI ATZERET

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 – Erev Shemini Atzeret

Candle Lighting

6:27 PM

Thursday, October 24, 2024 - Shemini Atzeret

Morning Service

9:30 AM

Yizkor Service

11:00 AM

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, October 24, 2024 – Erev Simchat Torah

Dinner & Make a Sundae Dessert

5:30 -6:15 PM

Ma'ariv with Hakafot

6:15 PM

Candle Lighting

7:25 PM

Friday, October 25, 2024 - Simchat Torah

Morning Service with Hakafot

9:30 AM

Havdalah

6:25 PM

Services are also livestreamed. The link is in our weekly News & Notes email and on our website.

