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SUKKAH DECORATING AND PIZZA IN THE HUT Sunday, October 13

Come to decorate the synagogue sukkah on Sunday,
October 13. Children, and others young at heart, are
welcome to join our Religious School families that
morning at 11:15 to make and hang decorations to
beautify our sukkah. Following, we will enjoy a pizza lunch
compliments of our Men's Club.

Please RSVP for lunch by calling the office by Wednesday, Oct. 8.





THURSDAY, OCT. 24TH

5:30 pm: Pasta dinner and ice cream sundaes (RSVP needed)

6:15 pm: Singing and dancing with the Torahs

Our house band will provide the music! No charge.







Wading Through the Waves of Community Ray Aubrey Glazer



What do ripples, tides, shocks and strings all share? They are all some form of a wave. Take a moment and think: What kinds of

transformative waves have you experienced in your life? From the stillness of ripples forming on the surface of water after a stone is thrown in to the awesome waves disrupting solid ground in earthquakes.

The human experience of waves accentuates our journeys. Attuning to that spectrum is part of my calling as your spiritual leader. I'm interested in sound waves, coursing through the air, water and solid materials and ultimately through our souls.

We all know that Ultrasound waves are too high-pitched for the human ear to hear, while Infrasound waves are sound-like waves too low in frequency for the human ear. Some waves, like we hear on a guitar string are one-dimensional waves, spreading along a given direction only, while others, like ripples on the surface of water fill space. How interesting then that this same distinction is made by the Safed mystics of between the creative energy of linear light ('Or haYosher) versus that which is circular light ('Or halgul).

Wading through the sound waves of community can be a powerful experience. Especially in light of this wonderful Hasidic teaching of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Lyady (1745-1812): "The tongue is the pen of the heart, but melody is the quill of the soul." I love this teaching because it captures the power of sound waves both linear and circular—as experienced through the music that makes community. Whether I find myself swaying in leading prayers on Shabbat together, or teaching the cascading sounds of Hebrew poetry together, or singing the Leonard Cohen songbook for our inaugural BAS MirpesetFest with Rick Good, or collaborating with our new High Holidays prayer leader with Rabbi Aura it's all about letting those feelings translate into action. It is in riding these waves together that our communal journey continues to emerge through a shared experience I hope we will carry forward into the coming years, keeping us all more aligned to the clarion call of Conservative Judaism that is curious, compassionate, critical and more committed to covenantal living.

But what is a wave after all? The quantum approach is to see a wave as a disturbance spreading through space, usually carrying energy. Whereas a ray of light emanates through a single line, a sound wave fills a space. Our prayer lives need to be attuned to how we fill spaces and leave openings rather than seeing prayer as operating merely along single lines of emanation. I prefer to see these sound waves of community emerging from all the pathways like three

dimensional printers which help each of us to hear and see the soul of community at any given time.

Our kavvanah or "spiritual strategy" over the coming year is to deepen our wading in the waves of community by filling sonorous spaces through empowering lay leadership and their communal songs. We have already dived into these waters in singing more deeply with our monthly nigun circle as well as carrying that sonority forward with the DLC (Davennen Leaders Co-opreative) that will support Rabbi Aura in song on the bimah during our High Holiday journey—more pathways of opening the sonority of our collective communal soul together.

Wading through the waves of community is about listening, feeling, learning and acting. You will notice some small waves of change, especially in coming experiences and articulate a shared vision of more accessible, joyous Tefillah experiences, combined with exploratory Torah study and discussion that will reach its zenith when we chant and study Qohelet in the Sukkah — both as communal experiences that are welcoming and stimulating. Our sacred task together is to fine-tune linear energy experienced through the pens of our hearts and circular energy emerging from the guills of our souls to maximize the spiritual energy of communal journey through life this New Year 5785! May we all be re-energized to redeem the world!

-Ketivah v'hatimah tovah!

Three Lifelong Learning Opportunities with Rav Aubrey

- 1. Hitchhiker's Guide to the galaxy of Sukkot: Join us for an interactive chanted reading and discussion of Megillat Qohelet on the quotidian in the Sukkah (10/17 & 18 -brown bag your lunch; 10/19 kiddush lunch. We provide Qohelet and I'hayyim.
- 2. Kabbalah Curious? Explore how Jewish mysticism known as Kabbalah relates to our journeys to meaning-making inlight of contemporary reality maps in a world gone mad! Four Thursdays in person. 5:30PM minyan followed by class on10/31. 11/7, 14, 21 Pre-registration required, \$48 fee for member; \$64 non-members. Book included
- **3.** Making of a Mensch: Jewish Virtue Ethics at 10 AM on Tuesdays 10/15. 22. 29 and 11/12, 19 Pre-registration required, Free for members; \$36 fee for non-members.



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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 October (Elul-Tishrei) we remember:

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From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



As we gather together for the High Holidays services at Beth Abraham, we are excited to introduce a new initiative that will help foster a stronger sense of community and provide a welcoming environment for

everyone: name tags!

Why Name Tags?

1. Building Community

One of the cornerstones of our congregation is the sense of belonging that comes from knowing each other by name. In a congregation as dynamic and diverse as ours, it can be difficult to remember everyone's name—especially during large gatherings like the High Holidays. Name tags will help bridge that gap, allowing both long-time members and newcomers to engage in meaningful conversations with greater ease.

2. Creating a Welcoming Environment

For visitors and new members, walking into a service can feel overwhelming. By wearing name tags, we make it easier for everyone to feel included. It's an invitation for new faces to strike up conversations and get to know those who have been part of Beth Abraham for years. When we wear our name tags,

we're signaling that we are a community open to connection.

3. Enhancing Security

In today's world, security at our places of worship is of utmost importance. Wearing name tags allows us to easily identify who belongs within our sacred space, giving both congregants and security personnel peace of mind. It creates a safer and more accountable environment, ensuring that we can focus on prayer and reflection during these important days.

Building Connections: Name Tags at Beth Abraham for the High Holidays and Shabbat Services

4. Strengthening Bonds

Whether you've been a part of Beth Abraham for decades or are attending for the first time, name tags encourage interaction. In our fast-paced lives, it's easy to lose touch, even with familiar faces. Name tags help us pause, reconnect, and remind us of the personal relationships that make our congregation feel like home.

5. Personal Engagement

When you see a name tag, you're more likely to greet someone by name, and that personal engagement is vital to maintaining the warmth of our community. A simple greeting using someone's name can go a long way toward making our gatherings more intimate and inclusive.

How It Will Work

Name tags will be provided as you enter the synagogue for the High Holidays and Shabbat services. Please take a moment to pick up your name tag and wear it throughout the service. We ask that you leave your name tag at the door before exiting so that we can keep it for future services. For those attending the High Holidays for the first time, we will have name tags ready for you at the entrance. If you are bringing family or guests please notify the office so we can have a nametag available for them. For anyone wearing a pacemaker, we will have an alternate option. We will then begin using the name tags for our regular weekly Shabbat services.

We hope this initiative will help strengthen the bonds within our Beth Abraham family and make everyone feel at home, whether you're new to our congregation or have been with us for years.

Support MERCAZ USA

Jim Nathanson

After 10.7, many of us are asking, "How can we help shape and secure Israel's future? How can we bring Jews together? How can we fight antisemitism and connect the next generation with Israel?"

For just \$5 dollars and 5 minutes of your time next spring, you can help direct billions to rebuilding Israel after October 7th - an Israel that's Jewish and democratic, a welcoming home for every kind of Jew. You can also help bring \$25 million home to Conservative synagogues like ours: To our Men's Clubs and Sisterhoods, to Camp Ramah and USY.

The World Zionist Congress (WZC) is the only democratic body with representatives from all of world Jewry: all countries and all streams of our religion. Every five years we vote for a new Congress. The next election will run online next year from March 10th to May 4th.

The results of this election will decide who controls the Jewish Agency and KKL/JNF and how their billions of dollars are spent each year. To assure our values help shape these decisions, all you need do is pay \$5 dollars - a small administrative fee to cover the cost of the elections - and take 5 minutes to vote for Conservative Judaism's official party, MERCAZ USA.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, you will find in your Machzor a pledge card with information on our campaign. Not a pledge card for dollars but a pledge card for your vote, a promise that you will take the time to vote in the WZC elections next year.

After Rosh Hashanah, simply take 1 minute, go to the link on the card, and sign up to get a reminder to vote. Where it asks for a 'community code' enter the number on the back of the card and your signup will come back to me, the MERCAZ USA representative for Beth Abraham. I'll personally remind you to take five minutes and vote when polls open in March and answer any questions you might have about the MERCAZ USA slate.

Shanah Tova

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

Thank you for the huge support of our **Honey From the Heart** fundraiser! Orders far exceeded our expectations and we're receiving great feedback from those who received this special gift. We're looking forward to doing it again next year. Many thanks to Cheryl Lewis for chairing this program and for having already volunteered to chair it again!

Our social action project is supporting Crayons to Classrooms with collecting NEW winter accessories for children including hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. A collection table will be set up in the lobby through October.

The next Sisterhood meeting is on Thursday, October 10th at 10:00AM on Zoom. Please refer to the October 7th News & Notes email for the link.

The MAHJshuganahs game dates for October are the 10th and 24th from 1:00 – 4:00PM. Please RSVP to Liz Musin.

Shanah Tovah Umetukah



Sunset in the Sukkah is Tuesday, October 22nd from 6:00 to 7:30PM. Please remember to RSVP to the office by October 11th. During the program, Elyssa Wortzman will lead us in creating a sustainable craft to beautify the Sukkah that can be used year after year. To fulfill the mitzvah of inviting ushpitzin, or guests, into the sukkah, please bring a copy of a photograph of any ancestors you would like to invite in. Please collect other interesting natural items such as flowers or leaves that have fallen. You can press them if you're collecting them in advance. We will explore how we are both a link in the chain of our ancestors as well as a caretaker and intimate part of nature.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

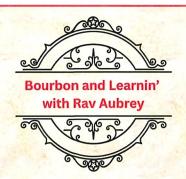
<u>Break-the-Fast</u>: Men's Club is sponsoring the Break-the-Fast meal after the conclusion of the Yom Kippur services. Please remember to **RSVP** to the office by **Oct. 7** to help us in our planning,

<u>Sukko</u>t: We will be **building the sukkah** on Sunday, **October 6th**, beginning at 9:30 am. If you can help, please come to the courtyard outside of the kitchen. Light refreshments will be served.

Sukkah decorating will take place on Sunday, **October 13**th. We'll need help at 9:00 AM to put the schach (roof) on the sukkah. After that, while the religious school students are decorating the sukkah, help is needed in the kitchen to prepare and provide a pizza lunch for all those participating in the sukkah decorating.

Men's Club Monthly Board Meeting: Our next monthly meeting is Monday, October 14th at 7:30 PM via Zoom. You can find the link in News & Notes,

Men's Club wishes you L'Shana Tova - a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year. May we all be inscribed into the Book of Life.



Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at 6:30 PM

Join with Men's Club and Rav Aubrey as we have a Men's Night get together in the sukkah to learn and schmooze with each other. We will have a bourbon tasting lesson with a bourbon aficionado as well as cigars available. Snacks will be provided and the charge is \$5 per person. **RSVP** to the office by **Oct. 21**.



