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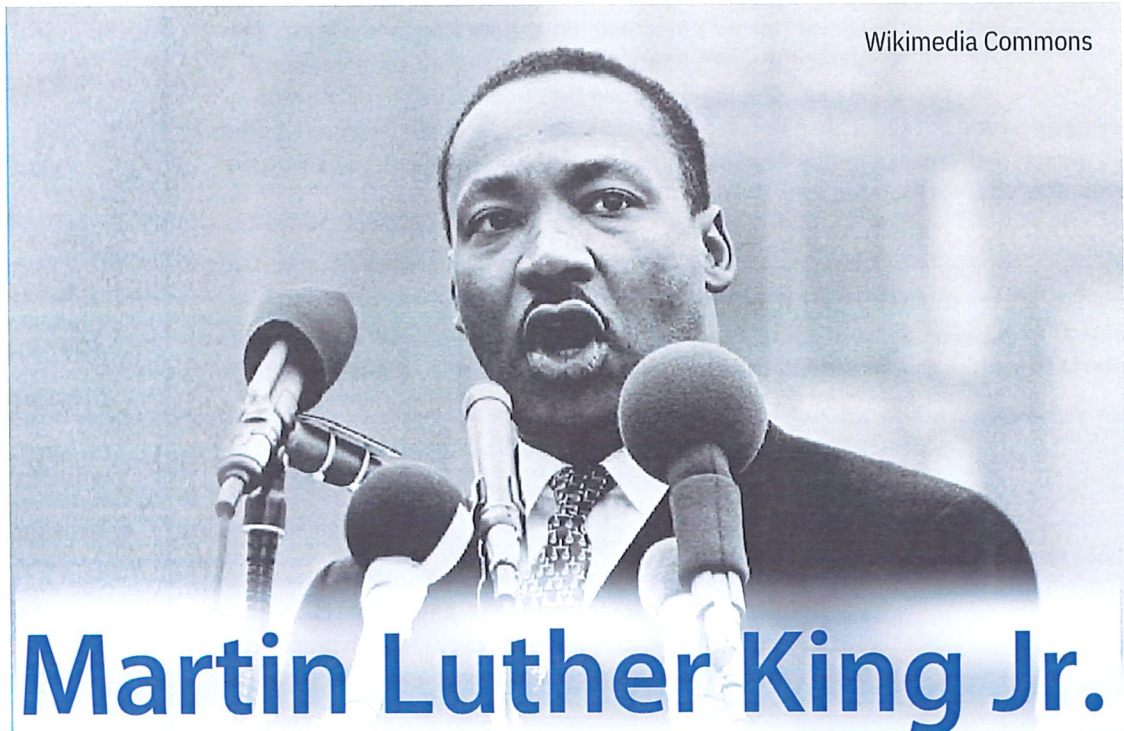
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Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat

Saturday, Jan. 18

"Leaning Into Our (Hidden) Greatness"



Pastor Moss

Join us for a bima dialogue with
Pastor Ken Moss from The Potter's
House and Rav Aubrey Glazer on the
enduring teachings of MLK today.



Rav Glazer

Kiddush lunch to follow.

*Youth from both communities will join together in a
workshop of sacred choreography led by Dr. Elyssa
Wortzman and Potter's House sacred dancers.*



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LOUISE & REX TINCHER

Julie Liss-Katz

Louise Tinchler's first Shabbat at Beth Abraham was the last service at which Rabbi Press served as our congregational leader. She fondly remembers how he began his sermon telling everyone not to feel bad if they fell asleep during his sermon because he often did as well. His sense of humor and the warmth of Beth Abraham members won her over. She's been a member ever since.

A native of Cincinnati, she moved to Dayton with her husband Rex from Virginia in the mid 90s, so Rex could be closer to his family. "Beth Abraham wasn't the first place we joined," said Louise. "I wasn't sure a conservative synagogue would be accepting of an interfaith couple. But I never felt the same warmth anywhere else. It just felt right."



After retiring as a technical writer at WPAFB in 2023, Louise decided she wanted to volunteer. "I like the people at Beth Abraham, and I want to see the congregation prosper," she said. "I can't sing well or read Hebrew fluently but am grateful for those who help lead services, read Torah, and chant Haftorah. But there are things I can do. I enjoy Kiddush prep, being the greeter on Shabbat morning, and helping out in the office."

There's a consistent theme in the volunteer choices she's made. It's the interaction with people she wants to get to know better. And with our new name tag system, she gets to put a name to every face.

"I am so happy to have found my Beth Abraham family," said Louise

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

Please join in for this fun Shabbat dinner at member's homes, on Friday, **January 24th**. 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! Please sign up no later than **Jan. 10th**. Links can be found in our weekly News & Notes.



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO
SHABBAS?
A Living Tribute to Bernie Albert

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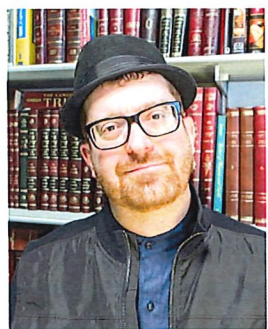
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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

The Times They Are a Changin' As We Still Spin the Cosmic Dreidel into 2025

RAV AUBREY GLAZER



While the original title for the recent Bob Dylan biopic was proposed to be "Going Electric," perhaps the choice of

"Complete Unknown" (2024) resonated stronger with us as we know the song from whence it comes—a real anthem. Following the legendary journey of 19 year old Robert Zimmerman, as played by Timothée Chalamet, we witness the topsy-turvy meteoric rise from folk singer to topping the charts with his electric sound that still mesmerizes us. Why? Perhaps it was the anthem of the times. Anthems are part and parcel of who we are as human beings in a world of nation-states and identity politics. They ground us and give us a stake in community. I recall growing up singing *O Canada* at hockey games, not really thinking through the verse "in all thy sons command" - and so, with my own daughter, and all women in mind, I was so excited that recently in January, 2018 Canada's Senate finally passed a bill making this anthem gender-neutral by replacing these words with "in all of us command." The anthem still grounds us, but the times have changed.

So too did something shift in Baby Boomer's collective consciousness in 1963, which would then culminate with the *Summer of Love* a few years later. I would argue that the seeds of expanded consciousness that shaped that generation were planted the very moment when Bob Dylan channeled a "righteous thought" and sang that song that included and transcended the protest of the folk scene like no other - the song was "*The Times They Are-A Changin'.*" This song was quickly

adopted as an anthem by causes wider than civil rights, or liberal and conservative politics: rebellious youth even heard it as a song about the generation gap! But Dylan continued pressing on for wider meanings, explaining in 1964 that his inspiration as an artist was to continually awaken us from our spiritual slumber to discover that "temporariness is itself a permanent condition." This is where Dylan illuminates a truth of the Chanukah *Dreidel*: "For the wheel's still in spin/And there's no tellin' who that it's naming." Is this the secret of the spinning top that captures our imagination, not only as children, but at all ages and stages of our lives?

To be able to see all of our life through the prism of the world unfolding, takes remarkable depth of field. Many musicians and most mystics are such visionaries. Mystics, like the Hasidic master, Reb Nahman of Bratzlav (1772-1811) had such depth of field, to envision the world as a rotating wheel. Reb Nahman could see in the spinning of the dreidel, that the "wheel's still in spin" because everything in life is moving, transforming. As Dylan sings, "For the loser now/will be later to win. The slow one now/Will later be fast." Everything goes in cycles, revolving and alternating. All things interchange, one from another and one to another, elevating the low and lowering the high.

But here's where Reb Nahman departs from Bob Dylan - even if "temporariness is itself a permanent condition," still all things have one root. There are transcendental beings, there is the celestial world, and there is the world below, which is completely physical. All three come from different realms but all have the same divine root. The brilliance of this vision that the "wheel's still in spin" because

everything in life goes in cycles is encapsulated again now in the very letters on the dreidel which are *Heh, Nun, Gimel, Shin*.

הHeh – Hiyuli – Primordial [from the Greek word *hyle*];

נNun – Nivdal – Transcendental [i.e. separate from the sensate world];

גGimel – Galgal– Celestial [i.e. angelic sphere, planetary constellations];

שShin – Shafal– Physical [i.e. embodied in the ground of our being].

The dreidel thus includes all creation. It goes in cycles, alternating and revolving, one thing becoming another as it is spun and lands on a different letter. Life, like the dreidel, is like a rotating wheel, sometimes taking it all, sometimes sitting with nothing, with all things emanating from one root. No matter how much things interchange, they all revolve around this root. That is the feeling that courses through us during the winter solstice, especially when we celebrate Chanukah. So, entering this Gregorian year of 2025 as the lights of the Chanukah candles fade into the background, they still shine bright inside each of us, inspiring us to peer deeper into luminal darkness, when we can still deepen our dreidel-awareness that: "...As the present now/ Will later be past/The order is rapidly fadin'/And the first one now will later be last/For the times they are a-changin'." Perhaps through this process of spinning around a common root we can see the way towards redemption in 2025—a gut jahr to us all!



CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY TO JUDAISM JANUARY 25TH SHABBAT

Please join us for Shabbat services on January 25th as we honor and celebrate the following individuals who have completed their conversion and are joining our Beth Abraham family. A special kiddush lunch will follow.

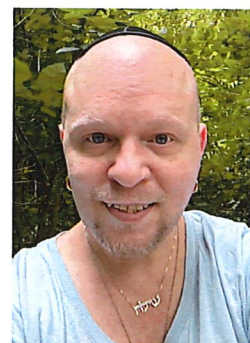
Kyle and Sam Perkins both grew up in Florida, and decided in 2018 to move to the Dayton area to start his business. Kyle learned a great deal about Judaism after becoming friends with Mike Jaffe and Judy Schwartzman, and realized he identifies with the spirituality, philosophy and practices of Judaism. After studying online and converting reform a few years ago, Kyle decided to start exploring the local synagogues in Dayton. He immediately connected with Rav Aubrey's teachings. Kyle, along with his wife, Sam, daughter, Emelia, and son Alaric, studied Conservative Judaism. The Perkins family loves to explore the local arts, festivals and geocaching. Emelia, 6, is enrolled in Hillel Academy and the Beth Abraham Religious School; Alaric, 4, currently attends public schools due to his special needs. Sam, who loves cooking, crafting, hiking and being a mom, said she enjoys the warm, welcoming environment at Beth Abraham.



Taylor Zennie is a true native Daytonian, raised here with her three siblings. In her spare time, Taylor enjoys hunting for vintage knick-knacks, reading, writing, and hands-on crafts such as making jewelry. She is employed by Sinclair Community College as an administrative assistant for the Tutoring and Learning Center department. She discovered Judaism seven years ago, and her journey has brought her to Beth Abraham, where "the whole congregation has been wonderful, and the services are beautiful." Taylor's journey began in 2019, when she was enrolled in the locally-offered 'Introduction to Judaism' course, but her studies were interrupted by the COVID pandemic. After the pandemic died down, Taylor renewed her Judaism studies within the Reform movement, however, after a year of studying, she realized she was more drawn to the guidelines within the Conservative movement. Taylor knows Beth Abraham is where she is supposed to be – it is home to her. No matter where life takes her, Taylor always will be connected with Beth Abraham and its congregation.

Walter "Walt" Woormer was raised in Pennsylvania before joining the Marine Corps, which led him to the greater Dayton area to be nearer to his mother who had relocated here. Having always had a connection with a higher power, he struggled to find the right place for himself. After exploring various options, he discovered that Conservative Judaism resonated more with his personal beliefs. Having worked just down the street from Beth Abraham, he began attending services here. Walt is a nurse, a volunteer firefighter, a Marine Corps veteran, and a father of four. In his spare time, he enjoys learning about and studying Judaism.

Tobias "Tobi" Urzi was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. Throughout his life, Judaism consistently emerged in various ways. His mother worked at an Orthodox community center during his childhood, providing him with opportunities to learn how to pray and develop a connection with God. Later in life, a DNA test revealed his Jewish ancestry. As he explored his faith further, Tobi realized that Conservative Judaism resonated with him the most. He discovered Beth Abraham and began studying with Rav Aubrey. Tobi is a huge Disney fan and has been with his husband, Russ, for 15 years. Together, they enjoy spending quality time with their French bulldogs and cooking delicious Italian food.



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Achinoam Betton, great niece of Sara Schuster, by Sara Schuster

Rav Aubrey Glazer, by Jay Rothman

Speedy Recovery

Chaya Vidal, by Jo-Ann & Mike Chambers



Special Congressional Meeting

Save the Date

Sunday, March 16, 2025 in the afternoon

For the purpose of a vote on a new governance structure and to hear summary updates from the Strategic Planning Task Forces: Engagement, Governance & Leadership Development, Sustainability, and Worship.

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

December 7— Bella Freeman in memory of MJ Freeman & Lillian Wolfe

December 14— Beth Abraham in Honor of Our New Members

December 21— The Schneider Family in honor of Eli's Bar Mitzvah

December 28— The Freed family in honor of Michael's birthday

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in January:

January Birthdays

1	Jay Rothman
1	Marianne Ellman
3	Peggy Schear
3	Mindy Chudde
3	Charlotte Johnson
5	Kim Goldenberg
5	Ruth Ellenbogen
7	Bonnie Rice
9	Ofir Ravin
13	Barbara Rothstein
14	Bert Pilder
15	Noah Levinson
15	Ann Berger
17	Bruce Feldman
19	Susan Chudde
19	Scott Liberman
21	Sue Ducker
24	Corrine Matusoff
24	Jim Nathanson
25	Barbara Mendelson
25	Steve Wagenfeld
25	Harvey Fiddler
31	Marilyn Klaben

January Anniversaries

1	Ron Bernard & Judith Woll
13	Steve & Penney Fraim
17	Enrique & Ruth Ellenbogen
19	Bruce Brenner & Sandy Sloane-Brenner

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

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Kyle, Sam, Alaric, & Emelia Perkins
 Jeremy, Lauren, Eli, & Samuel Schneider
 Susan & Marty Toher
 Tobias Urzi
 Taylor Zennie

WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Frieda Blum
 Rhoda Miller

Dr. Judith O'Connell was honored by the Grandview Foundation with the Distinguished Service Award for her expertise and dedication to advancing the field of osteopathic medicine.

Gary and Lisa Pavlofsky welcomed their first grandchild, Henry Feit Neuwirt on November 24. Proud parents are Brittany and Justin Neuwirt.

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CONGRATULATIONS!**



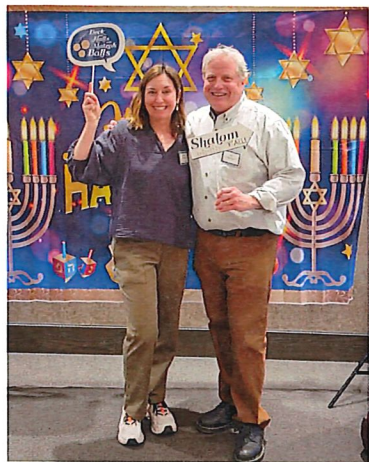
Second Seder

Beth Abraham will once again gather for a Second Seder on **Sunday, April 13th**. We wanted to let you know as you plan for Pesach. We will take reservations on a first come, first served basis as space may be limited. More information on timing and cost will follow.

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 January (Tevet - Shevat) we remember:

TEVET	David Felman	Mary Koff	Isador Press	Michael Sunray
Joseph Adelman	Elizabeth Fischbach	Jacob S. Kopell	Carole Rabinowitz	Carrie Sussman
Sam Aides	Richard Flagel	Bessie Kopelove	Rubin Rabinowitz	Max Tanis
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Joe Berger	Alan Froug	Edythe Lamden	Rachel Leah Rosen	Edward L. Weisbrod
Helen Bernie	Sidney L. Gable	Myra Land	Rose Rosen	Charles Weisman
Lois Blank	Minnie Gertzman	Eda Lederman	Arthur Rosenbaum	Edward Weiss
Sylvia Blazar	Samuel Golden	Florence Leffak	William Rosenberg	Isaac Weiss
Hyman Frank Blum	Edith Golden	Rudolph Lehman	Dr. Louis Rosenberg	Pearl Weiss
Naomi Brant	Adele Marie Goldstein	Rudolf Lehman	Robert Rosengarten	Gerald Wilks
Meilech Brill	Philip Goldstein	Leonard Leicht	Stuart Allen Rosenstein	Ryka Winter
Harry C. Brook	Celia Goodman	Albert Lerner	Evelyn Ross	Sarah Worly
Albert Brotkin	Harry Gordon	Morris Levin	Sondra Ross	Amanda Wynne
Isadore Brotkin	Sarah Govenar	Allen Levin	Jacob Roth	Alan D. Yaross
Rachel Burick	James Weston Green	Anna Levine	Jenny Rothschild	Kanee Zappin
Joyce Burick Swarzman	Rosalyn P Greene	Katie Levine	Jacob Rubin	Jean Zeifman
Mason Center	Etta Greenhouse	Jim Levinson	Jose Sales	Harry Zeifman
Claire Charme	Shiela Gullixson	James Levinson	Reesa B. Schachter	Harry H. Zimmerman
Phyllis Charme	Libbie Gurevitz	Bert Lieberman	Sarah Toba Schear	Rose Zwelling
Morris Cherny	Haini Hammerman	Maurice Lieberman	Ralph Schear	
Ada Cohen	David Hochstein	Richard Lieberman	Rose Schemensky	SHEVAT
Sam Cohen	Frances Horenstein	Ida Lieberman	Sidney Scher	Marvin L Alpert
Ruth Elaine Cohen	Myer Horowitz	Morris Liebman	Ida Schiffer	Arthur Carne
Virginia Cohen	Evelyn Horowitz	Abe J. Liff	Toby Schuman	Isidore Ducker
Irving S. Cohen	Eve Hurevitz	Benjamin Lifschitz	Erica Schwab	Mary Ellman
Isaac Cohen	Freeda Hurwitz	Lester Lind	Rosa Schwab	Harley Ellman
Gertrude Coit	Fannie Hyman	Morris Lubin	Morris Seman	Meyer Gurevitz
Joe Cunix	Fannie Jacobson	Samuel Maimon	Barry M. Serotkin	Edward R. Hattenbach
Yitzhak Czigler	Julius Jacobson	Oscar Mann	Sid Shane	Yetta Jacobson
Anne Dlott	Gertrude Jaffe	Sarah Mann	Shlomo Eliezer Shapiro	Dr. Irving Koretsky
Sidney Douglas	Max Jaffe	Freda Matusoff	Simon Sherer	Zimmel Miller
Meyer Dreety	Lawrence Jaffe	Bernard Maybruck	Ann Sherman	Rachael Pressman
Isaac Droz	Sam Jaffe	Isadore Metz	Sylvia Siegle	Anna Resler
Abe Duberstein	Beverly Jenefsky	Hannah Miller	Jake Simon	Rabbi Jacob Richman
Beatrice DuBro	Toby Jenefsky	Albert Miller	Robert Slavin	Nicholas Rubin
Harry Dworkin	Charles Jenefsky	Michael Miller	Sylvia Soifer	Edward Rubin
Rose Lillian Edelian	Carolyn Jenefsky	Abraham Miller	Fred Sokol	Leona C. Sachs
Julius Eisenstein	Theodore Kahn	Mary Miner	Abe Solomon	Anna Sanzon
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Herman Ellison	Milton Kantor	Minnie Myers	Yvette Stein	Ruth Spialter
Sam Engilman	Carolyn Katz	Irving Neiman	Leon Stein	Diana Stayman
John Farnbacher	Toby Katz	Leon Nizny	Leah G. Stein	Annie Tomchin
Bessie Faust	Manny Katz	Harold Odell	Bertha Stern	Frank Wallace
Frieda Feerer	Florence Katz	Kathryn Ostrov	Walter Stern	Sylvia Weinstein
Esther Feldman	Frederick Kessler	Rabbi Abraham Pollack	Joseph Stoler	
Mary Kling Feldman	Ella Kling	Yetta Papish Pomeranz	Morris Stone	
Mary Felman	Marvin Kobel	Ethel Pope	Meyer Sugarman	



EAT, PLAY, LIGHT!



From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



As we step into a new year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible spirit of our congregation. The past year has been filled with meaningful moments—from

uplifting services to engaging programs, from opportunities to learn and grow together to the simple joys of gathering as a community. All of this is possible because of you: your dedication, your energy, and your unwavering support.

This month, as the calendar turns, we also turn our focus to what lies ahead. January is a time of renewal, and at Beth Abraham, it's an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our shared mission of fostering a vibrant and inclusive Jewish community. Whether you're a lifelong member or a recent addition to our congregation, your presence and participation enrich our collective experience in countless ways.

We're thrilled to kick off the year with

several exciting events and initiatives. Potter's House will be joining us on Saturday, Jan. 18, with Rav Aubrey and Pastor Moss having a bimah dialogue on the enduring teachings of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On Saturday, Jan 25th we'll have our special Jewish Journey Shabbat for those who recently completed their conversion and have become members of our community. For those looking to deepen their connection through learning, our adult education programs are in full swing with Rav Aubrey continuing his *Making of A Mensch* class on Tuesday mornings. Cantor Raizen continues to lead our Rhythm 'N' Ruach program monthly for families on Jan. 10th. Finally, our popular Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? is happening Jan. 24th with sign-ups for hosts and guests going on now.

As we move forward, I encourage each of you to consider how you might contribute to the life of our congregation. Whether through volunteering your time, sharing your

talents, or supporting us financially, every contribution strengthens the foundation of Beth Abraham and ensures our ability to thrive for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of this incredible community. Together, we make Beth Abraham not just a synagogue, but a spiritual home. I look forward to seeing you soon and to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy, joyful, and fulfilling 2025.

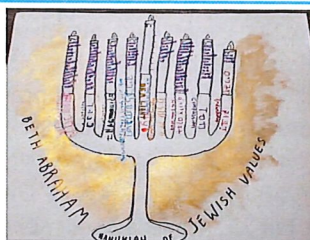


Beth Abraham members joined other local community members in helping with JCRC's "Miracle (Whip) Gang" at the Foodbank! This has been a wonderful collaborative effort among Beth Abraham, Beth Jacob, Chabad, Temple Israel, and Temple Beth Or. Thanks to each and every one of you for your time and energy!

Learning to Be the Light

Dr. Elyssa Wortzman

How do we learn to have values? We can study the values in texts to gain insight. But, the best way to learn how to live a life of Jewish values is to do it. For Hanukkah this year, the Religious School students created a **Hanukkiyah of Jewish Values**. Working in four multi-age groups, each team began by identifying two Jewish values. Each candle on the hanukkiyah would represent one of those values. Then I challenged them to come up with a specific action item for each candle: something that we, as a Religious School, could do to manifest each value. What resulted are eight commitments we will fulfill in the coming Religious School semester. I am really proud of the students for taking on these important and meaningful acts. As you read the list of commitments, you should know that our students came up with these ideas themselves, with only a little bit of practical advice from me. The **Hanukkiyah of Jewish Values** will be displayed outside the sanctuary, and as we complete our tasks, we will color in the respective candle. *In a time of darkness, let us learn to be the light.*



Our Eight Commitments:

Candle 1. *Dibuk Haverim* - Friendship. Set each student up with a pen pal in Israel and write to them.

Candle 2. *Chesed* - Compassion. Raise \$100 for displaced Israeli families for food/shelter.

Candle 3. *B'tzelem Elohim* - In the Image of the Divine. Recognize the inhumanity of people living with homelessness and collect 20 hats, gloves and scarves for St. Vincent's Shelter.

Candle 4. *Tikkun Olam* - Repairing the World. Participate in a park/waterway clean up.

Candle 5. *V'shanachtam l'vanecha* - Teach your children Torah. Invite Beth Abraham elders to visit us and

teach us their interpretation of the *parsha* (Torah portion for the week).

Candle 6. *Bikkur holim* - Visiting the sick. Create 20 get well cards for inpatient children at the Dayton Children's Hospital.

Candle 7. *Kavod* - Respect. For every time a student in Religious School doesn't listen to the teacher, all students need to donate any coin to *tzedakah* (charity). So, please start collecting small coins! Students who receive an allowance agreed to take the coins from that source.

Candle 8. *Hakarat Hatov* - Gratitude. Express gratitude for freedom of religion by visiting another faith community and discussing peace in our traditions.



We ate! We played! We lit!

Meryl Hattenbach



There's no other way I'd rather kick off the Hanukkah season than celebrating with over 100 Beth Abraham friends and guests! The evening started with our beautiful ritual of lighting dozens of hanukiahs and singing the blessings together. Our religious school students accompanied and led us in singing "Al Hanisim," a Hanukkah melody. We enjoyed a wonderful "traditional" Chinese dinner with eggrolls, tofu and vegetables, noodles, and, of course, latkes and donuts. Then the real fun began! Masha Kisel led us in a round of trivia. Kids and adults played dreidel and other games, and enjoyed visiting with one another. Finally, as we do during the holidays, everyone over-indulged in a hot chocolate bar!

The evening wouldn't have been successful without the planning and hard work of our dedicated committee. Linda Katz planned the dinner menu and led a crew of rock star cooks including Beth Adelman, SAM Berry, Barbara Blauman, Annie Chambers, Bonnie Deutsch, Irwin Dumtschin, Allan Katz and Theda & Doug Wagner. Our festive room was decorated by the Levy family: Paul, Kristan, Courtney, Caroline, Ellie, and Arthur. Thanks to the planning committee of Linda Katz, Elyssa Wortzman and Kristan Levy. And a big shout out to Sandra Kallenberg, Jason Archdeacon, and Elaine Arnovitz for working through the holidays to ensure this and every Beth Abraham program is a success!

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

All members are welcome to join us for our monthly Zoom meetings held the first Thursday of the month at 10:00am. The Zoom link is posted in News & Notes the Monday prior to the meeting. We'd love to hear your ideas for new programs and events, enhancing existing programs, and how you'd like to get involved.

The January dates for MAHJshuganahs will be 1/9 and 1/23. Please RSVP to Liz Musin.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Annual Raffle Fund Raiser Event: Men's Club is still looking for donations of retail merchandise or professional services as a raffle prize. Please contact Irwin Dumtschin to discuss. The raffle drawings will take place during the annual Deli-Dinner and Movie program on Sunday evening, March 23rd. Raffle tickets will be mailed soon!

Rick Pinsky Sunday Brunch Speaker Series: Brunches resume February 9th with Neal Gittleman as our guest speaker! That morning we will be joining with Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs across the country in the joy of putting on tefillin during the annual **World Wide Wrap**.



Men's Club Monthly Meeting: Our next monthly meeting is Monday, January 20th, at 7:30 PM on Zoom. The meetings are open to all, and we welcome newcomers to attend and let us know what your Men's Club can do for you. Look for the Zoom link in the weekly News & Notes.

WELCOME 2024 NEW MEMBERS!



Randi and Jay Rothman returned to Yellow Springs in 2020 after seven years in Israel and one year in San Diego. During that most recent residency in Israel, Jay held a position as Professor of Conflict Resolution at Bar Ilan University; Randi was a hospice social worker through Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Since their return to Ohio, Randi has been providing individual and couples therapy in person and online, and Jay has focused on interpersonal and family mediation. His intention for the coming year is to focus on Jewish family mediation. They are active members of the Yellow Springs Havurah and have rejoined the Beth Abraham community. They are grateful for the *hesed* and inspiration of Rav Aubrey and the warm embrace of the entire community.

Sabina and Dimitry Shtilman moved from Boston to Dayton a little over 7 years ago for work. Sabina immigrated to America in 1988 from Latvia with her family, and Dimitry emigrated in 2000 from Russia. They met in Boston and have three children - an 18 year old high school senior, Jonathan, and two 8 year olds, Elijah and Isabella. They were attracted to Beth Abraham for the religious school education program where the twins are enrolled.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 5:30 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. This month we meet on **Friday, January 10**. Join Cantor Raizen to usher in Shabbat with songs, prayers, instruments, movement, dance, yoga and more. Everyone is welcome!

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The link for all livestreamed services through StreamSpot is:

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Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

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 Facebook, or in your weekly News& Notes email

Friday, January 3

Candle Lighting 5:07 pm

Saturday, January 4

Morning Service 9:30 am

Candle Lighting 6:10 pm

Friday, January 10

Candle Lighting 5:14 pm

Saturday, January 11

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 6:17 pm

Friday, January 17

Candle Lighting 5:21 pm

Saturday, January 18

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 6:24 pm

Friday, January 24

Candle Lighting 5:29 pm

Saturday, January 25

Morning Service 9:30 am

Havdalah 6:31 pm

Friday, January 31

Candle Lighting 5:38 pm