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Tammy Gottlieb Vice Chair of the Woman of the Wall Tuesday, April 22

Doors Open 6 pm Dinner Begins 6:30 pm

Join us for an inspiring evening, Voices of Strength: An Evening of Unity & Action". Event co-sponsored with Temple Israel and Temple Beth Or. A free Israeli-themed dinner will be served.

RSVP's Due by Thursday, April 17th Please call Beth Abraham at 937-293-9520 or email contact@bethabrahamdayton.org





On April 12th we will be gathering around our seders tables celebrating our ancestors' fight for freedom. As our Haggadah reminds us, every generation of Jews needs to join this fight. The battle is on-going.

Sometimes the threat comes from the outside, but at times it can be within our own community. The oranges that some of us put on our seder plates represents an aspect of this internal struggle, creating a Judaism that is truly egalitarian.

It is fitting that as we celebrate Pesach, we will be entering the final weeks of the balloting for the next World Zionist Congress. Much is at stake in these elections, including funding for our Men's Clubs, Sisterhoods and support for our youth camps. Real dollars that have real impact. But nothing may be more important than assuring that our homeland remains a welcoming refuge for all Jews regardless of what strand of our faith they adhere to. For Theodor Herzl's belief in a democratic and pluralistic homeland to remain alive, we cannot allow the extremists within our faith to shut the doors to all but their own kind.

A stark reminder of this fight involves the dispute over who can pray at the Kotel, the Western Wall, in Jerusalem, Judaism's most holy shrine. For years, one group has fought for the right of all Jews regardless of gender to pray at the Kotel: often being spat upon and harassed for trying to exercise that right. That group is Woman of the Wall.

On Tuesday, April 22nd, Tammy Gottlieb, Vice Chair of the Woman of the Wall, will be the speaker at Beth Abraham for an event co-sponsored with Temple Israel and Temple Beth Or. A free Israelithemed dinner will be served before she speaks. If you have yet to vote, you will have an opportunity to do so at the conclusion of her remarks.

As you sit at your seder table and contemplate the meaning of the story we recount, commit yourself to joining this fight. Come hear Tammy speak and vote for MERCAZUSA.















MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BEVERLY LOUIS

Julie Liss-Katz



Ever since she can remember, Beverly Louis thought of Beth Abraham as her spiritual home. Recalling her days in Hebrew and Religious School, she remembers when the building on Salem Ave. was the "new building." But the most memorable moment came in September 1956, when 14-year-old Beverly Appelblatt met 17-year-old Herb Louis at Yom Kippur services for teenagers held in Beth Abraham's chapel.

Six years later, they wed at Beth Abraham. As a young couple, Herb

taught confirmation classes and served on the Board of Directors, and important family life-cycle events were all held at the synagogue. When it came time for her daughter's Bat Mitzvah, Valerie wanted to know why she couldn't participate in the service like her brothers Harlan and Richard. So, Beverly and Herb took on the daunting task of fulfilling their daughter's wishes.

While the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Conservative Movement voted to allow women to be counted in a minyan in 1973, individual synagogues could still choose to maintain traditional practices. Under the leadership of synagogue president Sherman Vangrov, Rabbi Press, and a team of like-minded volunteers who became life-long friends, the Louis' strategically and diligently worked to change Beth Abraham's practices. At her Shabbat morning Bat Mitzvah, Valerie was called to the Torah by her Hebrew name, read from the Torah, and participated equally as her older brothers before her.

"I learned so much from that experience," said Beverly. "I truly found how to use my voice."

Eventually, she started going to services with her sister Carole Rabinowitz, was asked to serve on the Board of Directors, and the Executive Board. "The last decade is the most active I've ever been. My parents moved to Dayton in 1933 and joined Beth Abraham. Then I was fortunate to chair our 125th Anniversary Celebration. Clearly, no matter what building we're in, it's always been my home."

BETH ABRAHAM



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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

Co-Creating our Communal Journeying Together at PrayerLab Shabbat

Rav Aubrey Glazer



Often people share with me one of two remarks: "Rabbi, I'm religious but not spiritual." Or "Rabbi, I'm spiritual but not religious." I've always found this "either/or" mentality to be an interesting challenge— how can we use this tension to elevate our Judaism? First, why not join us as we collaborate and deepen our intergenerational connections on Saturday, April 26, as we will return

to what we began with Joey Weisenberg by sharing an interactive "PrayerLab" Shabbat service together with our religious school students and families? Each time we meet for "PrayerLab" Shabbat, we will have an opportunity to explore the "how's and why's" of a few key stations in the journey of traditional prayer. Bring your curiosity and questions. As with a good golf or tennis stroke, effective prayer benefits from how we fine tune our strategies for leaders and participants to create more moments of individual reflection and communal connectivity.

Second, why this enhanced offering? Nothing new here. Even a prominent Jewish philosopher like Martin Buber (1878–1965) made this distinction between what he called religion and religiositywhy? We can learn from Buber's distinction between religion that refers to organized systems of beliefs, rituals, and institutions that can sometimes feel rigid or dogmatic over time, whereas religiosity is a more personal, dynamic, and authentic connection to the divine or the transcendent. In our strategic planning, the Worship Care Task Force, co-chaired graciously by Andy Schwartz and Steve Carne, we have been exploring our worship experience at Beth Abraham and noticing this healthy, creative tension between the importance of direct, meaningful encounters with the divine, in conversation with the formalities of institutionalized religion. Conservative-Masorti Judaism is a powerful centrist vision of Jewish living that harnesses this interaction between religion and religiosity, and in prayer we call that kevah or the fixed forms of liturgy and tradition (=religion) and kavvanah or the dynamic, creative forms of inspiration (= religiosity).

Recall not that long ago we were all moved by the powerful Shabbaton of my installation as when Joey Weisenberg shared his approach strengthening and inspiring sacred communities. Those sparks of religiosity Joey infused into the fixed forms of religion of the synagogue service, are part of the visionary work that Joey began in the choir loft above his Brooklyn shul ending up decades later melding into the main service at Kane Street Synagogue. We have been regularly learning from Joey's work through Rising Song Institute that remains dedicated to transforming traditional prayer communities across the globe and its impact will continue to be felt through the years. In returning to Joey's practical guide called, Building Singing Communities, we see more clearly in our worship care that the aim is to be fostering vibrant, spiritual, and inclusive experiences of prayer within Jewish communities, first and foremost in the synagogue. Following that installation Shabbaton, we have organically continued to gather following Kiddush lunch as a nigun circle on the Sabbath preceding the new month, Mevarchim haHodesh with the intention of listening more deeply to a melody of prayer for the month, along with teachings relating to the theme and direction of the month ahead. Those attending have also been studying in advance of each session from Joey's "how-to" instructional videos that break down prayers into steps and stages in a very accessible manner. Joey has invited our Beth Abraham working group to consult on how we are learning and applying his approach to prayer to our emerging expressions of religion and religiosity. When we pay closer attention to how we pray and study together, it reminds us of the importance of leadership, teamwork, and the thoughtful use of space, sound, and silence to unlock the transformative power of music in prayer and community life. In this process of listening, learning and reflecting on how to strengthen our ties through worship, we are rediscovering what we call tefillah or avodah sh'balev, is truly a communal journey. Be part of that journey and join us for PrayerLab Shabbat in an interactive manner that fosters a deepening of communal connection through the artful balancing of the traditional kevah of religion and the dynamic kavvanah of religiosity in one space together. Bring your questions of the head and curiosity of the heart so we can grow together as a sacred communal family.



COUNTING THE OMER & ICE CREAM!

Judaism gives us a gift - the 7 week journey between the second night of Passover (April 13th) to Shavuot (June 2nd) - called Counting the Omer. Making this span of time count daily then empowers us to refine our lives, elevate our souls to be more prepared for receiving revelation at Shavuot, and fall in love with Judaism anew.

Join Rav Aubrey's Graeter's Omer challenge by downloading one of these Omer apps (scan QR code) or using the one inserted in this Bulletin. We'll celebrate the completion of counting the full 49 days at Graeter's in Oakwood on June 1 prior to the taste of Tikkun Leil Shavuot learning.



PURIM THANK YOUS

The Wizard of ShushOz was a hit!! We had 130 people for dinner and even more who came to the carnival and shpiel. Of course, the good food and fun wouldn't have happened without all our wonderful volunteers. A special thank you to our planning committee: Tara Feiner, Irene Fishbein, Janice Krochmal, Mike Sherman & Theda Wagner.

Today Rabah to the following:

- Shpiel: Janice Krochmal who was our director; Irene Fishbein who helped with all the logistics; Shana Fishbein for her hours of work with the musical score; Tara Feiner on tech; and Marlene Pinsky our shmata maven
- Dinner: Liz Musin, our Captain Cook, along with Julie Goldstein, Linda Brotkin, Steve Musin, and Wendy Lipp
- Carnival: Mike & Marcie Sherman for providing the carnival games; carnival helpers Alan Chesen, Rachel Estep, Tara Feiner, Penney Fraim, Micah Naziri, Kyle Perkins and Mike Sherman
- Centerpieces: Cheryl Lewis & Suzanne Thum
- Greeters: Steve Fraim and Matt Arnovitz
- Costume Parade Music: Sam Dorf, Moira Levant, Jonah Dorf, Lana Dorf & Noah Levinson
- Photography: Allan Katz
- Registration: Maryann Bernstein & Beverly Franbacher
- Mishloach Manot Helpers & Mobile Mensches (deliverers): Beth Adelman, Elaine Arnovitz, Jack & Maryann Bernstein, Alan & Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug & Bonnie Deutsch, Melinda Doner, Irwin Dumtschin, Ruth Ellenbogen, Irene Fishbein, Shana Fishbein, Mike Goldstein, Julie Goldstein, Mindy Greene, Hindy Gruber, Meryl Hattenbach, Marilyn Klaben, Kristan Levy, Franklin & Cheryl Lewis, Ann Liberman, Liz Musin, Jeff & Connie Roberts, Dale & Sharon Schiff, Allan Spetter & Claudia Birch, Bob & Suzanne Thum, Louise Tincher, and Ralph & Diane Williams.

We also appreciate all the time and support the staff provided: Jason Archdeacon, Sandra Kallenberg and Annie Potter.

Mechirat Hametz 5785 The Selling of Hametz

Given the command in Torah that prohibits one to eat or even possess *hametz* during the days of Pesach, we dispose of the *hametz* that is not actually destroyed or given to a foodbank by selling it to a non-Jew. Whatever *hametz* remains in the home should be gathered up and stored in cabinets or closets designated for the storage of *hametz*. These storage areas should be marked or sealed so that they are not inadvertently opened during Pesach. Then, through the agency of the rabbi, the *hametz* is sold, and the storage spaces rented for the duration of the festival, to a non-Jew. At the end of the festival the rabbi arranges for a reversion of ownership of the now-permitted *hametz*.

You can authorize Rav Aubrey to arrange this sale for you by filling out the form below and returning it to Beth Abraham Synagogue by **Friday, April 11 by 9AM**.

It is customary to accompany the sale with a donation of *Chai* (\$18) or more, known as *Ma'ot Hittim* to provide Passover food for needy Jews in our community and to contribute to organizations that fight hunger locally and in *Eretz Yisrael*.

Please cut/detach at the line and return to the office:

Dear Rav Aubrey:

I/We ________ hereby authorize you to dispose of and sell all *hametz*, according to the full traditional interpretation of that term, that may be in my/our possession wherever it may be, at home, place of

Signed: _____

business, or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law.

Return to Beth Abraham Synagogue 305 Sugar Camp Circle, Dayton, OH 45409.

Forms will also be available in the office.

From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



Beth Abraham Special Congregational Meeting Summary

On Sunday, March 13th, Beth Abraham congregants gathered for

a special meeting to discuss our synagogue's Strategic Plan and vote on proposed changes to our governance structure.

I opened the meeting with a reflection on the words *Chazak ve'ematz* - "Be strong and resolute" - from the Haftarah chanted on Simchat Torah. These words emphasize the importance of steadfastness and succession planning for our community. I found them fitting as Beth Abraham continues its journey into this next chapter of growth and stability.

The first part of the meeting focused on our Strategic Plan. By now, you should have received a link to the presentation. Tara Feiner, Norm Weissman, and Debbie Feldman shared the overarching vision for Beth Abraham's future, outlining goals to strengthen our community, enhance programming, and ensure long-term sustainability. Congregants were invited to offer feedback and ask clarifying questions, helping to shape the final written version of the plan. Those wishing to provide additional input or seek further clarification are welcome to contact the committee's cochairs, Tara Feiner and Norm Weissman.

The Strategic Plan Committee aims to finalize the plan into a written document for presentation to the Board of Directors at its May meeting. The goal is to have the plan approved by the Board in time for presentation at the Congregational Annual

Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Following the strategic plan discussion, we transitioned to a business meeting, where members voted on proposed changes to the Code of Regulations regarding our governance structure. These updates are designed to strengthen leadership succession planning, reinforcing Beth Abraham's foundation for future generations.

Those in attendance raised thoughtful questions and offered suggestions, some of which may come before the entire congregation at the Annual Meeting. While a full review and update of the Code of Regulations will be undertaken in the future, these initial changes were proposed to clarify and streamline our governance, allowing for more effective action regarding new officers and board members at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

I am pleased to announce that the congregation voted to approve the amendments to the Code of Regulations that were sent to you by mail. The key changes include:

- President-elect position: A new role created to serve as the presumptive successor to the president. The President-elect will oversee designated committees and take on tasks delegated by the president.
- Revised vice president designations: The role of Building and Maintenance VP was replaced with a Fundraising VP, emphasizing the synagogue's need to focus on our financial well-being.
- Smaller board size and revised quorum: The board was reduced by three

members, and the quorum requirement was adjusted to 50% of board members, making it easier to achieve a quorum with the smaller board.

During the meeting, members also raised questions about further reducing the board size, renaming elected board members as "atlarge" board members, and requiring board approval of the new Governance/Operational Manual. These suggestions may be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

We encourage all congregants to stay engaged as we move forward. Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 22, where we hope to present the final Strategic Plan and consider additional governance proposals. Your voice and participation are vital as we continue shaping Beth Abraham's future.

A special thank you to the Strategic Plan Committee, led by Tara Feiner and Norm Weissman, and to numerous congregants who contributed their time and expertise to this process. Your dedication is helping to strengthen and sustain our community for years to come.

Save the Date Annual Meeting Thursday, May 22 6:00pm

We are grateful to everyone who has participated in this process offering thoughtful insights and demonstrating a shared commitment to our congregation's vitality. *Chazak ve'ematz*! May we continue to move forward with strength and resolve.



FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

The Fast of the First Born/Siyyum will be held the morning of **Thursday, April 10th.** Depending on member availability, we will either have it on Zoom at 10:00 am or in person at 8:00 am with a hametz breakfast following. Please contact the office if you plan to attend.

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Service Sponsors:

March 1- Irwin Dumtschin in memory of Joyce Dumtschin

March 8 - Men's Club & Sisterhood

March 15 - Kristan & Paul Levy in memory of Nat Eisenberg

March 22 - Susan Joffe in honor of David's 80th Birthday

March 29- Felice Shane & Family in memory of Ray Furst

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in April:

April Birthdays

3	Lisa Braverman
3	Bonnie Deutsch
4	Doris J. Jaffe
7	Hindy Gruber
8	
	Abe Merdinger
8	Rachel Kinard
10	Wendi Pavlofsky
12	Susan Toher
13	Martin Nizny
14	Bob Kohn
14	Joan Marcus
16	Marvin Roden
19	Philip Sussman
19	Howard Ducker
20	Paul Levy
21	Linda Katz
21	Theodora Finn
21	Doug Einstein
25	Gary Fishbein
25	Gary Roden
20	Cary Nouell

26	Donald Marger
28	Steven Carne
28	Bill Doner
29	Jay Kelman
29	Jackson Berry
30	Sam Dorf

April Anniversaries

Rex & Louise Tincher
Lee & Patti Schear

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Sharon Gitman

Sarah, Chris, & Celeste Mabe



SECOND SEDER

Beth Abraham will once again gather for a Second Seder on Sunday, April 13, 6-9pm, for our members and their families. We will take reservations on a first come, first served basis as space may be limited. As needed, a waiting list will be established. Our kitchen will be kashered and Trish Clemons of Rosemary Garden will be catering. \$50 per person, \$25 ages 3-12, RSVP now to the office.

CALLING ALL GRADS!

In our May Bulletin we will be honoring both our high school and college graduates. If someone in your family is graduating, please provide the name of the school they are graduating from and their future plans. Either call the office at 937-293-9520 or email aporter@bethabrahamdayton.org by April 20th. We don't want to leave anyone out!



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



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Thank you to all who packed our Mishloach Manot bags!

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 April (Nissan – Iyar) we remember:

NISSAN Rosalie Abbott G. Frieda Abromowitz Evelyn Adelman Bert Appel Irving Bain Dinah Barr Bessie Bassel Rose Bearse Eleanor Bergsman Bertram Isaac Berman Sam Berman Louis Block Emma Block **August Blumhof** Solon Briskin Annie Bulasky Carol Callas **Shelly Charles** Donn Charme Ada Cohen Anna Cohen Harry Cohen **David Cohen** Joseph Colman Rose Cooper Jacob Cooper Agnes Czigler Tuvia Dinkin **Ruth Dorfman** Sarah Droz **Jacob Dulgas** Ronnie

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PURIM CELEBRATION 2025





































To Unplug or Not to Unplug: The Global Day of Unplugging 2025

Dr. Elyssa Wortzman



On March 2nd we celebrated the **Global Day of Unplugging** with 60 students and many parents from Hillel, Beth Or, Temple Israel, PJ Library and Beth

Abraham. How long do you go without checking your screen or phone? Did you know studies found that the average person struggles to go little more than 10 minutes without checking their phone? Well, we asked all our participants, parents and students, to deposit their devices at the door while we explored how living our Jewish values gives us reasons to set boundaries around screen time. We engaged multiple modalities, including yoga, storytelling, art making and dance. And, everyone made an individual commitment to

reducing their screen time on a daily basis.



Repairing the world. Too much screen time means indoor time, which means less time in nature.



Nature builds compassion, interconnection, responsibility, and humility: it reminds us we are a small part of the much larger eco-system: we can learn about watering plants, taking care of rivers, and picking up garbage in parks.

Community. What is a minyan? Judaism values being together because interconnection makes us stronger. Too much screen time means too much time alone. In Ecclesiastes, part of our wisdom tradition, we learn that being in community is necessary to be upstanders: to stand up for ourselves and others, and to pick others up when they are down. That being together, in a group of three or more, creates bonds not easily broken. So, unplugging can create stronger bonds between us and help relieve the widespread rise of depression and anxiety.

Creativity. We were created in the image of God, the ultimate Creator and therefore we are wired to create. Too much screen time can interfere with our responsibility to



be creators we need to be playing outside, gardening or art making, and flexing our imaginations. Creating our own games and exploring the world (or at least the backyard) fosters a confidence-building sense of power and independence.

Shalom Bayit. Judaism is centered around the family and one of its most important values shalom bayit, peace in the home. That means we need to learn to respect and listen to each other and compromise for the good of the family. We can't learn these things in isolation. When we create moments of unplugging we create moments for family thriving, for talking about our family values and living them.

No more slavery. On what holiday do we recount our exodus from being slaves in Egypt? Your phone is your tool, not your master. Being slaves to technology creates more isolation. We need to take control of our lives and take breaks from our screens. Texts can wait. Phones can be put aside during family time. You can create your own social media/device free day. Being mindful of these values, opens possibilities to plug in to refuel. Traditionally, Judaism sets aside Shabbat for turning off and resting. But SCREENS NEED RESTS TOO! And you can make any moment a "palace in time," as

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel calls Shabbat.

Remember less watching, means more being.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

What a wonderful Shabbat morning we had on March 8th. Men's Club and Sisterhood worked together to present a meaningful service and appreciated all those who participated. A special thank you to Cheryl Lewis and Alan Chesen for chairing the program again this year and ensuring its success.

Sisterhood's partnering with the Cultural Arts and Book Series event to bring in one of the authors of *Kugels and Collards: Stories of Food, Family, and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina* was also a great success. The many attendees enjoyed the recipes prepared from the book as well as hearing stories from the author who was engaging and a delight to listen to.



With Purim behind us, Pesach is upon us. Our Gift Shop is stocked with everything you need for your Seder table. Please contact Connie Roberts for your shopping needs.

Please join us for our next Sisterhood meeting on Thursday, April 3rd at 10:00AM on Zoom. The link will be in News & Notes the week of the meeting.

MAHJshuganahs will meet on April 10 and 24 from 1:00-4:00PM. Please RSVP to Liz Musin.

Happy Pesach!

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Men's Club Man of the Year: Congratulations to Stephen Musin who has been elected to be Beth Abraham Men's Club's 2025/2026 Man of the Year! This is a well-deserved recognition for all his hard work and contributions over many years. He will be recognized at the FJMC-KIO+ region's 8th biennial luncheon on Sunday, May 4th, at 11:00 am at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Columbus. Anyone interested in attending and supporting Stephen can RSVP directly (more information will be found in News & Notes) or let Irwin know.

Deli Dinner/Movie/Raffle Drawing Winners: We just concluded one of our most successfully attended annual Deli Dinner and Movie Night events. Attendees enjoyed one of the best kosher deli buffets in Dayton, as well as watched the featured classic movie "The Frisco Kid." A special thank you to Alan & Judy Chesen, and Michael Goldstein for shopping for the delicious meal. Congratulations to the following lucky raffle winners:

- Dayton Country Club Golf Package Marlene Pinsky
- \$100 VISA Gift Card Tal Glazer
- \$50 Dorothy Lane Market Gift Card Ted Cooper
- 2 Dayton Theatre Guild Tickets (any show) Rachel Estep
- 2 Dayton Theatre Guild Tickets (any show) Norm Lewis
- 2 Dayton Playhouse Tickets for The Unsinkable Molly Brown Ron & Mindi Wynne

Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Distribution: Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed on April 24th with the community event taking place at Beth Abraham on Sunday, April 27th beginning. As part of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs annual initiative, our Men's Club will provide our local congregants with materials for personal observance of Yom HaShoah along with a special FJMC Yellow Candle™ made in Israel. Join with members of Jewish communities all over America on Wednesday night, April 23rd, and light your Yellow Candle™ in memory of a victim of the Holocaust, to honor those in America's armed forces and the IDF, in memory of all victims of terrorism and in the wake of an increased rise in anti-Semitism. Put the candle in your window as a reminder that we should NEVER FOGET. The program responds to these forces of darkness



by shining light into our communities.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in the delivering of candles to congregants in your neighborhood, please call the synagogue office.

Men's Club Monthly Board Meeting: Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21st at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Look for the Zoom link in the upcoming News & Notes.

Men's Club wishes everyone a Chag Sameach, a happy and joyous Pesach!



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LIVESTREAM LINK

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

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Community Yom Hashoah Observance: Sunday, April 27 at Beth Abraham at 4:00 pm with art on display beginning at 3:00 pm. A teen and PJ Library event will also take place.

Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration: Thursday, May I from 6-8:30 pm at the CJCE with dinner, a speaker and music. \$15/person; \$36/family. RSVP by April 21

COMMUNITY

Registration and further information can be found at jewishdayton.org

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, April 4 Candle Lighting	7:46 pm	Sunday, April 13 Pesach I		Saturday, April 19 Pesach VII	
		Morning Service	9:30 am	Morning Service	9:30 am
Saturday, April 5		Candle Lighting	8:55 pm	Candle Lighting	9:02 pm
Morning Service	9:30 am			8	5.02 pm
Havdalah	8:46 pm	Monday, April 14		Sunday, April 20	
		Pesach II		Pesach VIII	
Thursday, April 10		Morning Service	8:30 am	Morning Service	9:30 am
Fast of the First Born/Siyyum		Candle Lighting	8:56 pm	Havdalah	9:03 pm
Friday, April 11		Friday, April 18		Friday, April 25	
Candle Lighting	7:53pm	Pesach VI		Candle Lighting	8:07 pm
		Candle Lighting	8:00 pm		,
Saturday, April 12				Saturday, April 26	
Erev Pesach				Morning Service	9:30 am
Morning Service	9:30 am			Havdalah	9:09 pm
Candle Lighting	8:54 pm				