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Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Sunday, June 1

6 p.m.: Dairy Dinner
RSVP by May 27

6:45 p.m.: Learning Sessions
& Dairy Dessert

Practical Spirituality from Malkah of Belz

with Dr. Elyssa Wortzman

Receiving the Holy Spirit from Safed's Francesca Sarah

with Rav Aubrey

Join us as we open our hearts and minds for receiving
"Holy Inspiration" (*Ruach haKodesh*) through Torah.
Meet feminine wisdom archetypes of the *Esheth Hayyil*
heroine of Shavuot, Ruth and others whose wisdom is
still meaningful today.

Evening Service to Follow



For those who participated in the Omer Challenge,
join us at Graeter's at 5pm.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JULIE LISS-KATZ

A long-standing tradition in journalism is that the reporter must not be the story. Which is why I have used this space to write about other congregants in an effort for us all to know each other a little better. However, I anticipate I will soon be writing a monthly President's

Column, so I'm taking liberties with journalistic ethics and writing about me.

Belonging to a Conservative synagogue has always been a defining part of my life. My parents were charter members of Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park, Michigan, where I regularly attended Shabbat services, religious school, and was an active member and president of USY.

It was no surprise that I married Marc, whose background was identical, with he and his family's involvement at T'fereth Israel in Columbus. We even met at USY camp.



We got involved at Beth Abraham as newlyweds when, because of our history with USY, Marc and I were asked to serve as Youth Directors in 1978.

My love for the people of Beth Abraham was cemented when my mother suddenly died five months after I got married. When I returned to Dayton after a week of shiva, I began attending our daily minyan to say Kaddish. The men of the daily minyan were my saving grace. They provided comfort, community, family,

companionship, and humor.

They did the same when my father died in 1991 and my brother in 2007. And while our minyan is now on Zoom, we are still a community providing comfort to each other.

However, nothing prepared me for the outpouring of love and support I have received since Marc's death. You showed up at his funeral and at our home during shiva. You fed my soul and my family. You supported me and our synagogue. More importantly, our children found comfort in hearing new stories about their dad and went back to their families knowing how well I would be cared for.

You have shown me that my Beth Abraham family truly understands the fundamental principle of Kehilla, collective responsibility. So, to everyone who has stood by my side, put their arm around me, and let me know that I'm not alone, thank you. I look forward to working with you for the next two years.

With my deepest gratitude,
Julie

Elaine to Retire

After many years of dedicated service to Beth Abraham, Elaine has announced her upcoming retirement. We are deeply grateful for all she has contributed to our community. A search is now underway for her replacement. Any inquiries or resumes should be sent to Mary Rita Weissman, our Personnel Committee Chair at mrweissman@weissmangroup.com.

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Attention, Intention, Kindling: How God Becomes Real

Rav Aubrey Glazer



What is real and why does it matter in our quest for meaning in life? Moreover, how can we discern what is really real and of lasting value in our lives, especially when it comes to taking that leap from the mundane to the magical, from the ordinary to the extraordinary? Let me share two places I turn to for polishing that touchstone of the real. First and most recently, there is T.M.

Luhrmann's fascinating new book,

How God Becomes Real: Kindling the Presence of Invisible Others (Princeton University Press, 2020), which explores how individuals make the divine and spirits feel vividly present in their lives. She argues that this process requires active effort, including storytelling, prayer, sensory experiences, and cultivating inner senses. These practices transform belief into a tangible experience, making convictions resilient and impactful. Luhrmann draws on ethnographic studies of various religious traditions, showing that these inner states are not just about belief, but about creating a world where invisible others matter. I find inspiration in her work in that it highlights the psychological and social benefits of engaging with the divine, offering insights into the enduring power of religious practices. Luhrmann's approach is respectful and nuanced, avoiding dismissive attitudes so common by the village atheists today toward religion. Her use of ethnographic evidence provides a rich, detailed understanding of how religious practices shape experiences. I am especially inspired by her innovative reframing of the cognitive and emotional dimensions of a life journeying toward the divine as follows:

Attention: This first stage involves focusing on the presence of the divine. Believers actively direct their thoughts and awareness toward gods or spirits, often through practices like prayer, meditation, or storytelling. This focus helps to create a mental framework where the divine becomes a meaningful part of their reality.

Intention: This next stage describes how believers engage with the divine through purposeful actions and rituals. These acts are not passive, but involve a deliberate effort to connect with the divine, reinforcing the sense of its presence and significance in their lives.

Kindling: This final stage refers to the emotional and sensory experiences that make the divine feel tangible. Through rituals,

music, or communal worship, believers kindle a sense of connection, often experiencing feelings of love, awe, or even hearing voices or seeing visions.

Surely there are critics who will argue that Luhrmann's focus on human practices may overlook theological or metaphysical aspects of divine agency. Additionally, her emphasis on Western and charismatic traditions might limit the applicability of her findings to other cultural contexts. Yet Luhrmann's work invites reflection on the interplay between belief, practice, and experience, making it a valuable contribution to the study of religion in general, and our Jewish living in particular.

Second, there is my well-worn, dog-eared copy of my spiritual mentor, the late, great, Rabbi Alan Lew's *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation* (Back Bay Books/Little, Brown and Company 2018) which is a profound exploration of the Jewish High Holy Days that I return to re-read every Elul, in that it continues to offer something surprising to me each reading. It outlines the spiritual journey through re/turn, transformation, and renewal. Rabbi Lew uses the metaphor of the Exodus story to illustrate life's transitions, emphasizing the importance of confronting vulnerability and embracing change. He guides readers through the stages of the High Holy Days, including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, highlighting themes of self-reflection, atonement, and awe. Rabbi Lew focuses here on the next step following Luhrmann's kindling, which is integration of Jewish teachings and contemplative practices along with personal anecdotes that create a rich tapestry of spiritual insight. I have always remained inspired by Rabbi Lew's ability to weave together diverse traditions and personal stories that make his work accessible and relatable, especially as a Conservative Jew and rabbi. Rabbi Lew's emphasis on broken-heartedness as a path to spiritual growth resonates deeply, offering a unique perspective on the transformative power of vulnerability. No doubt there are those who will find Rabbi Lew's approach overly introspective, potentially neglecting communal aspects of the High Holy Days and balk at his openness and curiosity in blending of Jewish and Buddhist teachings WHICH might not appeal to readers seeking a purely traditional Jewish perspective. Yet Rabbi Lew's little book has become a cult classic in many worlds, Jewish and beyond - why? It touches the broken heart and teaches us how to elevate it by embracing the unpreparedness of life as an opportunity for profound spiritual growth. For us all, we can benefit no matter where we find ourselves on the journey Godward, to reconsider how these stages of attention, intention, kindling, and integration can attune us to what is really real in our lives.



PrayerLab Shabbat

Are you curious about the choreography of prayer and ritual life in the synagogue services? Join us on Saturday, May 24th for the next installment of our interactive prayer lab service that will explore key sections of the Amidah prayer. Bring your questions and curiosities.

Saturday, May 24th @ 9:30 Am

BETH ABRAHAM ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING SOON!

The month of May is an important month for Beth Abraham. We continue to count the Omer towards the holiday of Shavuot (and our Graeter's ice cream treats); we welcome warmer weather; and we think about our next Beth Abraham fiscal year. Okay, so perhaps you are not thinking about our fiscal year, but your officers and Board are. And more than ever, I am thinking about my last month as your president.

Our Beth Abraham Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00pm** in the social hall and I encourage everyone to attend this year. An in person minyan will proceed the meeting at 5:30.

This year's Annual Meeting is an opportunity to update everyone on the past year, elect new officers and board members, vote on small changes to the Code of Regulations, and answer questions about the upcoming year. This year we have a new slate of officers and board members, including a new president and new president-elect position.

Additionally, as requested at March's congregational meeting, there are some clarifying amendments to the Code of Regulations for adoption.

Also at this meeting, John Davis, the Security Director for the Jewish Federation, will be here to discuss communications regarding security incidents in general and will be available to answer your security questions. Following the business meeting, we will end the evening with dessert and socializing.

I have greatly enjoyed my four years as president and have been honored that you chose me for the position, but it is time for me to move on and for a new president to take over. It has been my pleasure serving as your Beth Abraham President. Please join us on May 22nd.

MERCAZ USA Event

We welcomed Tammy Gottlieb, Vice Chair of the Women of the Wall, and enjoyed an Israeli-themed dinner sponsored by an anonymous donor.



Shabbat Under the Stars

Mark your calendar for **Friday, June 13th** for our first Shabbat Under the Stars this summer. If you would like to host Shabbat Under the Stars in June or July, please contact Elaine.

From the President's Desk...

Scott Liberman, Beth Abraham President



Looking Back with Gratitude

As I come to the end of my term as President of Beth Abraham, I've found myself reflecting on the journey we've taken together over the past four years. It's difficult to put into words just how meaningful this experience has been. But one thing is absolutely clear: I am profoundly grateful - for the people, the

purpose, and the privilege of serving this extraordinary community.

Four years ago, we were emerging from the isolation of the pandemic and reopening our synagogue doors. We had to relearn how to pray, learn, and simply be together - in person, in spirit, and in community. At the same time, we said goodbye to one rabbi, embraced the leadership of an interim rabbi, celebrated the retirements of Cantor Raizen and longtime employee Dennis Day, and ultimately welcomed Rav Aubrey. I never imagined that my presidency would also include navigating the complexities of immigration law - but here we are!

Beth Abraham has always been more than just a synagogue to me. It is a spiritual home - a place where we show up for one another, celebrate life's joys, support each other through its challenges, and strive to live lives grounded in meaning, connection, and tradition.

Over these four years, I've had the honor of delivering four Yom Kippur Appeals - each one a moment to reflect on our collective values and invite deeper commitment to this community. I'm proud that we've not only sustained our momentum, but found new ways to grow and evolve. We introduced new ideas such as name tags to foster connection. We invested in new weekly prayer books that reflect both tradition and accessibility. We encouraged broader participation - on the bimah, in learning, and in leadership - and you responded with enthusiasm and generosity.

This is just a sampling of what we've accomplished together. As I typically announce on Shabbat, this is national Better Sleep Month, so I hope this message helps you rest a little easier knowing how far we've come. It's a reflection of the care, commitment, and collaboration that make Beth Abraham the strong, spirited community it is today.

To our dedicated Board of Directors: thank you for being true partners on this journey. Your wisdom, care, and generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure have shaped so much of what we've accomplished. Together, we undertook a comprehensive strategic planning process - work that will continue to guide Beth Abraham into the future with clarity and purpose. I take great pride in leaving behind a thoughtful, actionable plan that reflects who we are and who we aspire to be.

We are blessed to be in a new and vibrant chapter with Rav Aubrey. His intellect, creativity, and spiritual depth have already begun to enrich our community in profound ways. Welcoming him to Beth Abraham has been both a joyful and hopeful milestone - one that will forever stand out as a highlight of my presidency.

To our synagogue staff: thank you for the countless, often unseen ways you keep this building running and thriving. Your dedication and heart make all the difference. I want to extend a special thank you to Elaine Arnovitz - for being a voice of wisdom, a calm presence, and an unwavering support to me throughout these past four years.

To my family: thank you for being my foundation - for your patience, encouragement, and the gentle nudges that helped me stay grounded and present. I could not have done this without you, especially my mom checking on my announcements every Shabbat on the livestream. Most especially, I want to thank my wife, Ann, for her extraordinary support and many quiet sacrifices she has made along the way. This has been our journey, too.

And to every member of Beth Abraham: thank you. Thank you for your warmth, your trust, and your belief in what this community can be. Over the past four years, we've experienced change, growth, and renewal - together. You've stepped forward time and again to make Beth Abraham stronger - through your participation, your generosity, and your unwavering spirit. It's been humbling and inspiring to witness the resilience and heart that live in this congregation.

As I step out of this role, I do so with a full and grateful heart. I'm proud of what we've built together, and I'll carry these years with me always. I look forward to continuing the journey - not as president, but as a fellow member of this extraordinary community that we all cherish.

With heartfelt thanks.

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

April 5 - Hindy Gruber in honor of her Birthday

April 12 - No Kiddush due to Passover

April 19 - Beth Abraham Synagogue

April 26 - Felice Shane & Family in memory of Michael Shane

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in May:

May Birthdays

1	Ellen Leffak
2	Saundra Mendelson
3	N'Diris SAM Barry
4	Janel Pequignot
4	Irwin Dumtschin
5	Terry Pinsky
6	Marcia Kress
6	Elyssa Wortzman
6	Judith Kelman
7	Stanley Katz
8	JoAnn Chambers
9	Sarah Moore Leventhal
10	Myrnie Moscovitz
11	Jeff Lubow
11	Ervin Pavlofsky
12	Norm Weissman
13	Bill Cohen
15	Larry Burick
15	Alvin Charme
17	Myron Stayman
18	Linda Roden
18	Gary Goodman
19	Timothy Johnson
21	Samantha Perkins
21	Jay Kaplan
22	Evelyn Fritz
23	Lisa Pavlofsky
23	Jeff Gordon
23	Pam Schwartz

24	Debra Rosichan
24	Elaine Rothstein
26	Rex Tinch
27	Judy Chesen
27	Walter Rice
27	Julie Liss-Katz
27	Ralph Williams
28	Cindy Smith
30	David Marcus
31	Zerla Stayman
31	Janine Thomas

May Anniversaries

5	Jack & Maryann Bernstein
8	Bob & Janice Kohn
16	Jeff & Connie Roberts
21	Bruce & Rita Mendelson
26	Andy & Pam Schwartz
27	Samuel Dorf & Masha Kisel
27	Ken & Janice Krochmal
27	Philip & Janis Sussman
31	William Winner & Diana Poole

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

WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE PASSING OF:
Gerda Whitman, sister of Walter Rice



Meredith Levinson, Bonnie Beaman Rice & Mindi Wynne for being honored at Beth Jacob's Jewish Women Inspiring Jewish Women luncheon.

Jay & Randi Rothman on the birth of their granddaughter Beila Meira, born April 20th in Los Gatos, CA to parents, Liana Rothman and Rav Eli Weinbach.

We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

Cantor Raizen Educational Fund

In memory of

Irene Kogut-Laster, by Tara & Adam Feiner
Joseph Shuchat, by Francine Shuchat Shaw

General Fund

In memory of

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Marc Katz, by Alan & Judy Chesen, Allan & Linda Katz
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Max Schoemann, by Carol Friedman
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Meredith Moss Levinson, Dayton Art Champion Award, by Allan & Linda Katz
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In memory

Sophie Froikin, by Howard & Sue Ducker
Theodore I. Jacobus, by Howard & Sue Ducker

In honor of

Bonnie Deutsch, special birthday, by Howard & Sue Ducker

Joel Horenstein Fund

In honor of

Sue Ducker, conversion to Judaism, by Doug & Bonnie Deutsch
John Glaser, grandson's bar mitzvah, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

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Kiddush Kitty

In memory of

Carol Callas, by Norm & Kay Lewis
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Wilfred Williams, by Ralph & Diane Williams & Family

In honor of

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In memory of

Ken Elbaum, by Donald & Carole Marger

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Reva Hillelson, by Clara Hochstein

Leo Merdinger, by Abe & Maria Merdinger

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Elfrieda Ritter, by Susan & Nathaniel Ritter

Rhoda Ryan, by Charlotte Johnson

Lois Unger, by Susie & Eddie Katz

Fred Weiss, by Minnette Weiss

Alice Woll, by Judy Woll

Edward Zawatsky, by Michael Zawatsky, Roberta Zawatsky

Social Action Fund

In memory of

Evelyn Adelman, by Beth Adelman
Sarah Adelman, by Beth Adelman
Esther Louis, by Beverly Louis
Max Stern, by Beth Adelman



SECOND SEDER THANK YOU!

When the caterer woke up and tested positive for Covid the day she was to come to Beth Abraham to cook, Linda Brotkin jumped into gear! She immediately called kitchen crew helpers who came to the synagogue to help prepare the Second Seder meal.

A HUGE thank you to Linda, as well as Beth Adelman, Linda Katz, Debby Oppenheimer, Annie Chambers, Claudia Birch, Karin Hirschkatze and Louise Tischer. Jason also was there the whole time assisting with everything. Their help on Friday and Sunday ensured the meal was a success!

We are grateful to all our wonderful volunteers who jumped into action and offered to help out in an emergency.

Today Rabah!

YAHREZITS

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 May (Iyar–Sivan) we remember:

IYAR

Charles Abramovitz
Marian Aftergood
Rachel Aftergood
Ruth Altman
Moses L. Arnovitz
Sol Arnovitz
Margarethe Baer
Meyer Barnett
Agusta Bearman
Jennie Beckman
Helena Benjamin
Sam Berman
William Bernstein
Idah Bernstein
Emma Block
Emily Bruck
Jacob Budnick
Rae Byer
Maryan Caplan
Leland Charles
Evelyn Chudde
Linwood Coates
Harry Cohen
David Cohen
Nellie Cohen
Max Cohen
Joseph Colman
Jacob Cooper
Irene Cooper
Agnes Czigler
Miller M.D.F. Dial
Ruthe Dorfman
Barry Dorfman
Jack Dorfman
Sarah Droz
Edith Duberstein
David Duberstein
Arthur H. Ehrenberg
Cissy Ellison
Carl Fasano
Betty Feldman
Barnett Feldman
Margaret Feldman
Thelma Feldman
Max Feldman
Sylvia Foreman
Stanley Freedman
Bernard D. Friedman
Dena Bluma Friedman
Nathan Friedman
Ann Friedman
Lewis Froikin

Sophie Froikin
Elaine Froikin
Adele Froug
Jake Froug
Celia Gable
Sadie Galpern
Charles Galpern
Joseph Garber
Sam Gassman
Ida Gassman
Solomon Gettleman
Benjamin Getzel
Shirlee Gilbert
Ron Gilbert
Harry Gisser
Joseph Glatteman
Francis Goldberg
Rayzel Golden
Eugene Goldflies
Curt Goodman
Max Goodman
Faye Goodman
Yale Gressel
Charles Groban
Samuil Grutman
Margarethe
Guggenheimer Baer
Sophia Haber
Ida Haeckel
Annabelle Haegel
William Harris
Sarah Harris
Jim Hassen
Dolores Hassen
Joseph Hochman
Rose Hochman
Herman Hoffman
Minnie Horwitz
Morris Hurevitz
Ralph Jacobson
Harold B. Jacobson
Aaron Jacobson
Eli Ryan Jacobson
Shiloh Reese Jacobson
Henrietta Jenefsky
David Jenefsky
Max Jenefsky
Selma Joslin
Adolf Kahn
Harriett Kaplan
Lawrence Katz
Nathan Katz
Molly Katz

Anna Kitain
Irene Klaben
Beyla Komsky
Esther Kotler
Rose Kravetz
Marshall Kreitman
Milton Krochman
Bertha Krumholz
Louis Kutash
Judith Lapedes
Bess C. Lapinsky
Jack Leffak
Hyman Levine
Marianna Levy
Ruth Lindenbaum
Esther Louis
Barnet Lubens
Sylvia Marcus
Louis Mark
Jake Matusoff
Leo H. Merdinger
Mary Merdinger
Arthur David Mink
Joseph Morozovsky
Rosalyn Moss
Berniece Ruth Musin
Max Myers
Mayer Naiman
Jacob Naiman
Sarah Naiman
David Nemkovsky
David Perlmutter
Mary Perlmutter
Breindl Perlmutter
Nelson Pinsky
Bruce Pinsky
Lena Pinsky
Aaron Polster
Pearl Press
Elsie Pretekin
Craig Rabiner
Sam Raizen
David Remick
Jennie Rich
Leah Riff
Rose Rinsky
Elfrieda Ritter
Kenneth Rittner
Dorothy L. Robbins
Joseph Robbins
Francine Roberts
Celina Rosenthal
Aaron Harold Rosner

Esther Rothman
J. Kerry Rothstein
Mary Rubinett
Rhoda Ryan
Samuel Sable
Henry Sacolick
Alvin Saper
Paul Schriber
Rose Schwartz
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Harry Yolles
Stanley Zakem
William Zappin
George Zappin

Anna Zeifman
Eva Zeifman
Leah Zisenwine

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Samuel Abrahamson
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Joel Alter
Martha Berman
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Irven Goodman
Helen Gordon
Nettie Ingberg
Mary Ruth Jacobus
William Levin
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Thank you to our Kiddush Crew!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Natalie Erickson, daughter-in-law of Theda and Doug Wagner, is graduating from the University of Western States in Portland, Oregon with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree. She will continue there working on her Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine.

Devorah Schwartz, daughter of Andy and Pam Schwartz, will graduate from the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University on May 16. She will be working at the American Apparel and Footwear Association this summer while pursuing a permanent position with a manufacturing business. Her future plans include attending business school.

Jordan Vandersluis, daughter of Joel and Marci Vandersluis, graduated this past December cum laude from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She plans to attend Rush University in Chicago this fall where she will study Speech Pathology.

JWV Press Release May 18, 2025

The Jewish War Veterans Post 587, in honor of the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge and Holocaust Remembrance Day, invites us to attend their Memorial Day event, "Buffalo Soldiers and the Holocaust" as presented by a representative from the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument located in Wilberforce, Ohio.

During World War II, as the Allied Forces pushed into German controlled areas, they encountered and liberated survivors held in concentration camps. The Allied Forces included American Army segregated all-Black units, nicknamed the Buffalo Soldiers. This connection built on shared experiences culminated in the fight against injustice abroad and at home. The theme highlights the questions "What are the causes and consequences of prejudice and injustice," and "How does an individual's response to them reveal his/her true character?"

Join them on **Sunday May 18 at 10 am** in the Levin Social Hall of Temple Beth Or. Jewish War Veteran members and their partners are free. All other attendees are \$10 per person. RSVP to JWVPost587@gmail.com

Community Yom Hashoah



Living Up To Our Commitments

Dr. Elyssa Wortzman

You may recall that over Chanukah, the religious school students created a **Hanukkiyah of Jewish Values**. We also made a commitment to manifesting each value. (You can see the hanukkiyah poster outside the main sanctuary doors.) So, how have we done so far?

Candle 2. Chesed - Compassion. We raised money to plant trees for Tu B'shevat in the areas decimated by the October 7th attack along the Israel border.

Candle 4. Tikkun Olam - Repairing the World. On Sunday, April 6th we volunteered at Cox Arboretum helping with gardening to prepare the beds for the upcoming season.

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).

So far, we have had many visitors sharing their wisdom with our religious school community. Over two Shabbat classes, Janice Krochmal and Marvin and Gary Roden joined us to discuss their interpretation of the *parsha* of the day and their approach to Torah. During our discussions together, we re-examined the critical approach to Torah in the Conservative Movement: We believe that the Torah was inspired by God but written by man, so we are open to ongoing interpretation and adaptation to today's world. We discussed how

science has impacted our understanding of Torah, and how that might impact our belief in miracles. We were joined by Jim Nathanson for a wonderful exploration of the Temple, the Western Wall, and the *minhag* or custom of putting prayers or notes in the wall. We had the opportunity to write our own prayer on tiny pieces of paper, which Jim will be putting into the wall for us during his upcoming trip to Jerusalem. Throughout all, the students were engaged and asked thoughtful questions.

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). As you can imagine, the *tzedakah* box is full of coins! We will be using those funds toward achieving another of our goals: Raise \$100 for displaced Israeli families for food/shelter.

Candle 8. Hakarat Hatov - Gratitude. We expressed gratitude for freedom of religion by engaging in *hevruta* study, pairing a Beth Abraham student with a Potter's House student for MLK Day. We discussed peace in our traditions.

Kol Ha Kavod to the students (and parents) of the Religious School for taking on these obligations and seeing them through!

Tikkun Olam

Planting trees at Cox Arboretum with the Religious School.



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

Please join in for this fun Shabbat dinner at member's homes, on **Friday, June 6th**. Enjoy meeting other Beth Abraham members while having Shabbat dinner together.

You can choose whether you want to be a guest or a host.

Remember, there are only two expectations for our hosts:

1. to provide a pareve or dairy dinner; and,
2. to recite the brachot for the candle lighting, the wine, and the challah.

As always, we need many more guests than hosts to make the program successful, so don't be shy...Be our guest! Links to sign up will be in our weekly News & Notes email.

Please sign up no later than May 16th.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle Program: Men's Club thanks all our volunteers who helped to bag, sort, and deliver the Yom Hashoah candles to make sure each of our local congregants received one in time for this special observance: Beth Adelman, Elaine Arnovitz, Alan Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug & Bonnie Deutsch, Melinda Doner, Enrique & Ruth Ellenbogen, Irene Fishbein, Mike Goldstein, Helene Gordon, Garry & Mindy Greene, Meryl Hattenbach, Paul & Kristan Levy, Franklin & Cheryl Lewis, Scott & Ann Liberman, Jeff & Connie Roberts, Allan Spetter & Claudia Spetter, Bob & Suzanne Thum, Doug & Theda Wagner, and Ralph & Diane Williams.

All those who have contributed to honor or memorialize loved ones will be recognized in next month's Bulletin.

Men's Club Board Meeting: Our next monthly meeting is Monday, May 19, at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Our meetings are open to all, so join us and share your ideas! The Zoom link will be found in the weekly News & Notes.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

Please join us for our next Sisterhood meeting on Thursday, May 1st at 10:00AM on Zoom. The link will be in News & Notes the week of the meeting.

MAHJshuganahs will meet on May 9th and 23rd from 1:00-4:00PM. Please RSVP to Liz Musin.

Need a wedding or B'nai Mitzvah gift, or a new mezuzah for a housewarming gift? The gift shop is stocked and Connie Roberts is happy to help. Gift Certificates are also available! Just give her a call.



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LIVESTREAM LINK

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

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**Friday, May 9,
5:30 - 6:15 pm**

Rhythm 'N' Ruach is our upbeat music-filled Shabbat experience for families with young children, held from 5:30-6:15 PM the second Friday of each month. Join Cantor Raizen to usher in Shabbat with songs, prayers, instruments, movement, dance, yoga and more.



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, May 2		Friday, May 16		Friday, May 30	
Candle Lighting	8:14 pm	Candle Lighting	8:28 pm	Candle Lighting	8:39 pm
Saturday, May 3		Saturday, May 17		Saturday, May 31	
Morning Service	9:30 am	Morning Service	9:30 am	Morning Service	9:30 am
Havdalah	9:17 pm	Havdalah	9:33 pm	Havdalah	9:46 pm
Friday, May 9		Friday, May 23			
Candle Lighting	8:21pm	Candle Lighting	8:34 pm		
Saturday, May 10		Saturday, May 24			
Morning Service	9:30 am	Morning Service	9:30 am		
Havdalah	9:25 pm	Havdalah	9:40 pm		