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BETH
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SYNAGOGUE

Beth Abraham Men's Club Invites You To Their Annual

MEN'S NIGHT OUT IN THE SUKKAH

Sunday, October 12, 6:00 PM

Men's Club Members \$25/Non-Members \$30



Your Ticket Includes:
Brisket and Beef Ribs Dinner,
Bourbon Tasting, and Cigars



AND

A Raffle Ticket for a Chance to Win a
\$200 Bottle of Bourbon

Space in the sukkah is limited
RSVP TODAY!

Call or email the synagogue office
(937-293-9520)
bas@bethabrahamdayton.org



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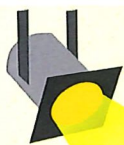
TUESDAY, OCT. 14TH

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.





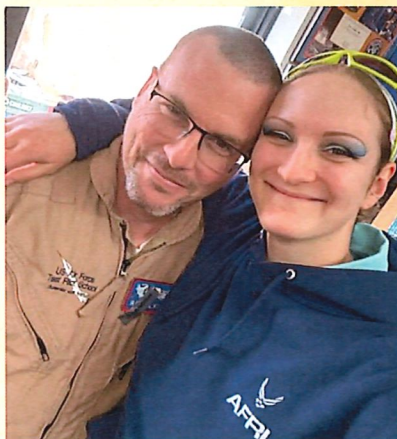
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: RACHEL KINARD

Terry Lieberman Smith

Rachel Kinard first discovered Beth Abraham Synagogue (BAS) in 2019 while interning at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. A native Texan, raised in a Modern Orthodox family, she had never attended a Conservative Synagogue before. A Google search led her to BAS, and she was immediately drawn in by the welcoming message of inclusion on the website, especially the open messaging of interfaith unions. Having a synagogue that would be welcoming to Rachel's own interfaith marriage to Brandon was a critical factor in becoming a member.

During her time in the Dayton area, Rachel quickly became an active and enthusiastic member of the BAS community. She participated in events such as Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas? and the Purim Carnival and frequently volunteered her time to support programs behind the scenes.

Now based in California, Rachel continues to be a dedicated supporter of BAS. Her



commitment led to an invitation to join the Strategic Planning Committee, where she brings both professional insight and heartfelt dedication to shaping the congregation's future. Today, she serves as the BAS Communications Chair, ensuring members stay connected through the monthly Bulletin, weekly emails, and online programs.

Rachel's recent move to a West Coast community offered her a new perspective on just how meaningful her connection to BAS truly is. While the transition brought exciting opportunities, it also highlighted

the irreplaceable sense of community she experienced at BAS - one that is deeply rooted in shared values, tradition, and belonging. As she navigates life in a new area, Rachel has found that maintaining a strong Jewish Dayton connection has become even more vital. The foundation built at BAS continues to ground her spiritually and emotionally, reminding her of the strength that comes from being part of a supportive, inclusive community.

Rachel believes that a thriving community is not sustained by dues alone, but by the passion, talents, and generosity of its members. She sees value in every person's ability to give - whether through time, energy, skills, or presence - and is inspired by how BAS recognizes and celebrates these unique contributions. Though she may now live hundreds of miles away, Rachel's connection to BAS remains strong. Her experience is a testament to the enduring impact of a community that nurtures not just Jewish identity, but also compassion, inclusion, and shared purpose. She hopes to stay involved from afar and encourages others to find their own ways to deepen their connection to this remarkable community. Rachel remains a firm believer in supporting and growing the BAS community, and she encourages others to contribute their talents in whatever way they can. Her ongoing commitment to BAS, despite the distance, is a testament to the power of meaningful connection, shared purpose, and serving the spirit.

BETH ABRAHAM



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Learning to live wisely together: Talmud Torah *keneged kulam*, lifelong learning, and your Jewish identity

Rav Aubrey Glazer



Talmud Torah *Keneged Kulam*: Lifelong Learning as the Heart of Jewish Growth

There is a famous line in the Mishnah (Peah 1:1) that lists the great *mitzvot* - honoring parents, acts of kindness, hospitality, visiting the sick, bringing peace between people - and concludes with a surprising claim: "Talmud Torah *keneged kulam*" - the study of Torah is equal to them all.

At first glance, this seems puzzling. How can study outweigh deeds of compassion, justice, and care? The rabbis explain that Torah study is not an escape from life, but the very practice that shapes all other *mitzvot*. Learning is what refines our vision, deepens our empathy, and equips us to act with wisdom. In other words, study is not the opposite of doing - it is the wellspring of doing.

Lifelong Learning as Inclusive Growth

One of the most radical aspects of Jewish tradition is that learning is not reserved for the elite. From the youngest child reciting Shema to the elder poring over a verse of Psalms, every Jew is invited into the circle of study. Unlike wealth, status, or physical strength, learning is available to all who are willing to listen, question, and wrestle with the text.

This makes lifelong learning the most inclusive path of Jewish identity. It does not depend on where you were born, how fluent your Hebrew is, or whether you can fast on Yom Kippur. It depends only on curiosity and openness. When we gather to learn, we sit as equals before the text - elders and teens, scholars and beginners, those who come with faith and those who come with doubt.

And as we age, learning becomes not only inclusive but also transformative. Psychologists speak of "wise aging" as the art of integrating experience, loss, and hope into a deeper sense of self. Torah study is one of Judaism's greatest tools for this work. Each time we return to a familiar verse, it meets us differently. The text has not changed, but we have.

Qohelet in the Sukkah: Fragility and Joy

This fall, our community will gather in the sukkah to study Qohelet (Ecclesiastes). There could hardly be a more fitting setting. The sukkah itself is fragile, temporary, open to the wind and rain. Qohelet too confronts us with impermanence: "*Hevel havalim*, vanity of vanities, all is fleeting."

Yet within that fragility, Qohelet also urges us to embrace joy: "Eat your bread with gladness, drink your wine with a merry heart." To study this text in the sukkah is to practice wise aging together - to acknowledge life's limits while savoring its gifts. It is

to learn that wisdom is not about denying mortality, but about living fully in its light.

Eshet Hayil: The Quest for Wisdom

Later this season, we will turn to *Eshet Hayil* (Proverbs 31), the poem traditionally sung on Friday nights. Too often it is read narrowly as a tribute to the "woman of valor" in the household. But the rabbis also understood *Eshet Hayil* as an allegory for Torah itself, for Wisdom personified.

In this reading, the "woman of valor" is not only a spouse, but the embodiment of a life lived in pursuit of wisdom - resilient, creative, generous, and strong. To study *Eshet Hayil* is to ask: what does it mean to live wisely, to build a life of integrity and care? How do we honor the wisdom of our ancestors while also cultivating our own?

Why Study Together

When we gather for these classes, we are not only learning texts. We are practicing community. Each voice adds a layer of meaning. Each question opens a new doorway. In a world that often prizes speed and certainty, Torah study invites us to slow down, to dwell in complexity, and to honor multiple truths.

This is why the rabbis insisted that Talmud Torah is equal to them all. Because study is not just about knowledge - it is about shaping the kind of people and communities we become. It is about cultivating humility, resilience, and joy. It is about learning how to live wisely, at every stage of life.

An Invitation

As the High Holiday season flows into Sukkot and beyond, I invite you to join us in the sukkah for Qohelet and later in our study of *Eshet Hayil*. Come with your questions, your stories, your laughter, and your doubts. Whether you are a seasoned learner or opening the text for the first time, your presence enriches us all.

Together, let us embody the truth of Talmud Torah *keneged kulam*: that study is not a luxury, but the beating heart of Jewish life, the most inclusive and transformative practice we share, and the path toward wise aging and enduring joy.





MAZEL TOV

Lana and Jonah Dorf, children of Sam Dorf and Masha Kisel, will be called to the Torah on October 18th for their Bnei Mitzvah at Beth Abraham Synagogue.

Jonah plays in the Oakwood Junior High orchestra and jazz band, rows crew and enjoys playing video games and Dungeons and Dragons.

Lana is on a tap dance competition team at Modern Elements studio, sings in the Oakwood Junior High acapella, plays oboe, and enjoys cooking, reading historical fiction and drawing.

Both kids love dancing, acting and singing in JCC musicals.

A Birthday Celebration for the Ages

The decade of the 1930's posed many questions:

To "bob" or to wave?

For whom will you vote: Franklin Delano Roosevelt or Alf Landon?

Will America's pastime be as popular without Babe Ruth?

Our own resident historians can provide the answers. They didn't study the period, they lived it.

Please join us on **November 1st** for a special Shabbat service and Kiddush as we honor our congregants who have already, or within the year, will reach their milestone 90th birthday.

Our honorees have had a front row seat to history. They have survived world wars and depressions; witnessed daring ventures into outer space; seen the advent of medical breakthroughs and observed politics at its worst and best. And the common thread that links them all is their communal tie to Beth Abraham. They have shared their wisdom, their anecdotes and their stories with us...and we will share them with you.

Please join us for this 90+ birthday celebration as we honor these cherished members of our community.

Much thanks to our Social Action Committee, chaired by Beth Adelman and Tobi Urzi, for their 'timeless' efforts in support of this program.



Friday, October 10th
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.



New Beginnings This Rosh Hashanah: Honoring Loss, Embracing Leadership

Julie Liss-Katz, Beth Abraham President



I have gone by many different names throughout my life. Julie. Mom. Safta. But I have always had a special place in my heart for my Hebrew name, Yafa Aliza. I love that name.

Names carry extraordinary weight in Jewish tradition. They are more than a label; they are an identity and offer a vision for the future. When Marc and I chose Rachel, Aviva, and Alex as our children's names, we gifted them a

connection both to their past and the potential of who they may become.

In Jewish thought, a name is bound to the essence of the soul. The Midrash teaches that names reflect a person's nature and destiny. We see this in the Torah: Avram becomes Avraham when God charges him with becoming the father of many nations, and Sarai becomes Sarah as she

steps into her role as mother of peoples. Their new names mark not only a change in status, but a transformation of purpose.

Many Jews have English and Hebrew names, honoring beloved relatives and linking one generation to the next. In doing this, we carry forward the values, stories, and blessings of those who came before us.

Knowing your Hebrew name is not merely a matter of record or ritual, but a practice that resonates through religious life and communal belonging. We use your Hebrew name when you are called to the Torah, when we include your name in the prayer for healing, at life cycle events like a bris, baby naming, bar/bat mitzvah, wedding, and even funerals. Often, we include your mother and/or father's Hebrew name.

If you don't know your Hebrew name, take time to discover it. Ask your family, look through synagogue records, or speak with Rav Aubrey. It is a simple but powerful way to deepen your connection to us, to your community, and to Judaism.

Sofer Visit Brings Torah Scrolls to Life

Mike Sherman



On September 7 and 8, Rabbi Moshe Druin from SoferOnSite came to Beth Abraham thanks to Men's Club generously sponsoring his visit and making this essential maintenance and educational opportunity possible. Rabbi Druin inspected and repaired our Torah scrolls, certifying four as kosher for ritual use.



Thirty community members attended a session titled, "The Magic of the Hebrew Letters through the Eyes of the Sofer," where Rabbi Druin shared stories and insights on Hebrew calligraphy as well as demonstrated live repairs.

We will follow up with SoferOnSite on a regular basis to ensure the ongoing preservation of our Torah scrolls. This visit reminded us of the living beauty of our Torahs and the importance of their care.



In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

September 6 - Janine Thomas in memory of her parents, Frank & Claire

September 13 - Douglas & Bonnie Deutsch in honor of their Anniversary

September 20 - Franklin & Cheryl Lewis in honor of Franklin's birthday and their anniversary

September 27 - Susan & David Joffe in honor of Becky's Engagement

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in October:

October Birthdays

1	Lynn Foster
2	Steve Horenstein
5	Russell Urzi
5	Dale Schiff
6	Jay Wenig
6	Stephanie Goodstein
10	Bruce Hulman
10	Bernie Rabinowitz
11	Robert Bernstein
12	Alan Scherr
12	Harriet Samler
13	Michael Leffak
13	Linda Horenstein
20	Claudia Birch
20	Barbara Kessler
22	Shelley Venick
25	Gayle Moscovitz
26	Stephanie Spetter
26	Marci Vandersluis
26	Michael Massimini
27	Rita Mendelson
29	Beau Shaw
31	Bethany Einstein

October Anniversaries

2	JoAnn & Mike Chambers
8	Joseph Beringer & Meryl Hattenbach
10	Garry & Mindy Greene
14	David & Susan Joffe
15	Micah & Shante Naziri
18	Marvin & Linda Roden

**** 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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Greg Dahl
Linda Shapiro
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Larry Wagenfeld, by Rick Bomstein, Stuart & Kimberly Brody, The Duberstein Family, Bruce & Debbie Feldman, Lynn Foster, Liz & Steve Musin, Alvin & Ellen Stein

In honor of

Elaine Arnovitz, for her work on the Bulletin, by Howard Michaels

Alex & Jane Briskin, for Leah Briskin's baby naming, by Martin & Marty Jacobs

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Connie Blum, induction into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

Doug & Bonnie Deutsch, 25th wedding anniversary, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

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In honor of

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Thank you Sisterhood and Men's Club for our Holiday Bags



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 October (Tishrei– Cheshvan) we remember:

TISHREI

Jenny Ableman
Harry Ableman
Sam Adelson
Florence Anon
Shifra Leah Apple
Sara Austrian
Anne Baume
Leah Becker
Alex Beerman
Jennifer Lynn Berks
Adolph M. Berks
Lawrence Victor
Berman
Malcolm Block
Dina Blum
Herman Brateman
Malkah Braver
Dora Brenner
Ruth Brizman
Barnett Brizman
Helen L. Brown
Dorothy Brown
Bernie Chesler
Nathan Chudde
Lynda A. Cohen
Jennie Cohen
Bennie Cohen
Samuel Davis
Mary Louise Dreety
Ernest Dryfus
Emma Esther Dryfus
Abraham Dubinsky
Miriam Dworkin

Tessie Eisenstein
David Elias
John Ellman
Florence Faierman
Ben Feldman
Charles Frank
Joseph Frankowitz
Max Friedman
Fannie Friedman
Belle Friedman
Chasey Froug
Charles Frydman
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Cecelia Garlikov
Alan Gitman
Edith Gitman
Ida Goodman
Harry Greenberg
Fannie Groban
Jacabed Gruber
Caroline Gruenebaum
William Hammerman
Pearl Harris
Lawrence Heller
Rose Hillelson
Ida Jacobson
Lena Jaffe
Raymond Kahn
Esther T. Kahn
Joseph Kanter
Ethel Klayman
Ida Kling
Samuel Kopelove
Albert Kravitz

Helga Landau
Shirley F. Larman
Sarah Lewis
Florence Liss
Hyman Louis
Henrietta Lubow
Howard Lynn
Max Mandel
Abraham Marcus
Gil Marvin
Linda S. Maslia
Harry Mason
Celia Minkin
Harry Moran
Rose Musselman
Frieda Oscherwitz
Howard Pavlofsky
John G. Petosky
Helen Pinkas
Harriet Pinkus
Richard Pinsky
Ruth Precker
Albert Rabiner
Adele Reingold
Annette Rennemann
Arye Riback
Henry Rich
Naftali Ritter
Ethel Symy Ritter
Eileen Rosenberg
Herbert Rosenberg
Philip Rothman
Jennie Beila Rubin
Lore Rubin
Menucha Pesl Rubin
Max Saeks
Mildred Sanderson
Richard Schear
Lillian Hirsch Schmidt
Boris Schneider
Robert Schreiber
Mary Schroeder
Morris Segall
Dorothy Shane
Pauline Shapiro
Albert Sherwat
Norman Slavin
Esther Kantor Slonim
Harold Smilack

Greg Smith
Freda Smith
Oscar Soifer
Tillie Solkov
Sarah F. Spector
Rose Stark
Leone Stern
Vivian Ruth Stoler
Helene Sureck
Benjamin Tannenbaum
Julius Teres
Jack Tilson
Mark Timmer
Sylvia Wall
Juanita Warner
Allan Wasserman
Sally Wasserman
Jake Weinstein
Eva Sachs Zimmerman
Irene Zwelling
Leon Zwerner

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It's fall, and we're

"exCIDERed"

to do a mitzvah

@ The Dayton Foodbank!

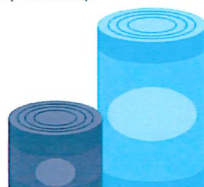
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
1 - 3PM @ DAYTON FOODBANK
56 Armor Place, Dayton, 45417
RSVP by October 13 at jewishdayton.org/events
Any questions may be directed to Jeff Blumer at jblumer@jfgd.net.

Volunteer to help with a variety of activities to support the local community with their food needs, including senior box building, filling backpacks packing boxes, sorting food items, etc.

Ages 16 and older. Closed-toe shoes required.

This JCRC project is being held in collaboration with:

Beth Abraham Synagogue, Beth Jacob Synagogue, Chabad, Temple Beth Or, and Temple Israel.



Cultural Arts & Book Series: The series opening program is "Carole King: She Made the Earth Move" with Jane Eisner on Sunday, October 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the University of Dayton's Roger Glass Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$10 and include a dessert reception. Register at jewishdayton.org.

Hillel Academy is bringing renowned illusionist Joshua Jay for an enchanting performance on Sunday, November 2nd for two shows at 2 pm and 7 pm at the Roger Glass Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit daytonhillel.org/events.

LIFELONG LEARNING WITH RAV AUBREY

1. Sitting in the Shade & Reflecting on the Flow of Life in Ecclesiastes: Lunch and Learn in the BAS sukkah

What is the meaning of life? Join us **October 7, 8, 11, & 14** for this lunch and learn following services as we allow for deeper questioning to emerge as we sit in the shade of the Sukkah and share in this powerful search for meaning together. Suggested donation for series: \$36 for members \$48 for nonmembers

2. Is Sacrifice still Binding: Re-Imagining Israel through the kaleidoscope of post-10/7 poetry

How can we re-imagine, re-inspire and deepen a more nuanced relationship to Israel today, especially in a time of war? Join Rav Aubrey on **November 3rd at 6:00 pm** for an interactive exploration of how the theme of the binding of Isaac, whether in times of war or peace, remains central in the Israeli ethos as expressed through emerging voices of contemporary Hebrew poets. Pre-registration required, free for BAS members; suggested donation for non-members \$18. Presented by the Israel Affairs & Lifelong Learning Committees.

3. Making of a Mensch: Jewish Virtue Ethics & Morality in Proverbs

Join this interactive learning in conversation with Rabbis Glazer & Cohen: Discover what it means to be a mensch, to live an ethical life and be wise in avoiding pitfalls in life. Pre-registration required. Suggested donation: \$36 for members; \$72 non-members. 4 sessions, Tuesdays at 10 am on Zoom **November 4, 11, 18, & 25**.



One Tree, Many Stories

Dr. Elyssa Wortzman

A few weeks ago, we had the honor of being invited to the sacred indigenous site of Fort Ancient to learn and collaborate with our Indigenous neighbors in relation to sacred space in nature. We began, as we often do, with a blessing: this time for the space we were inhabiting. I offered the Jewish blessing for appreciation of small wonders of nature:

**Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam,
shekacha lo beolamo.**

**We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the
universe, that such as these are in Your world.**



Shelly, my indigenous colleague (red skirt) offered the traditional indigenous smoke ceremony.

We then gathered around a massive tree, the adults in an outer circle, the children in an inner circle, to discuss our relationship with the tree. Each of us had the opportunity to teach something they felt about or knew about the tree to build shared understanding. We shared Jewish and Indigenous stories about trees. Shelly and I led the group in a collaborative ritual, combining



ritual aspects from both our traditions. Similar to Indigenous New Year's ceremonies, we brought water from sacred places in our communities (ours was collected at Hills and Dales park and from ground water around our synagogue), and poured the water in a wood bowl that was then poured onto the tree's base. The bowl holder is traditionally the youngest girl there, in this case 5 years old. We then all ate

apples for the Jewish New Year and offered the cores to the tree where the water just soaked the ground. We talked about how this ritual leaves memories of us in the sacred space, so the tree would recognize us upon our return and how we could participate in the continuity of life. For our group, it brought Jewish New Year rituals and intentions into greater clarity and meaningfulness.



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



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Sunset in the Sukkah on **Monday, October 6th at 6:00 pm**. We'll begin in the sukkah with a program to usher in the holiday followed by schmoozing with hors d'oeuvres, our annual raffle and browsing the Gift Shop. Sisterhood dues can be paid that evening. Please bring non-perishable food items to support the Food Bank.

Thank you to all of our Mobile Mensches for helping pack and deliver the Rosh Hashanah holiday bags to our local members. We appreciate our expanding number of volunteers: Beth Adelman, Elaine Arnovitz, Claudia Birch, Dena Briskin, Alan and Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug and Bonnie Deutsch, Melinda Doner, Irwin Dumtschin, Ruth Ellenbogen, Beverly Farnbacher, Irene Fishbein, Mindy Greene, Meryl Hattenbach, Karin Hirschkat, Linda Horenstein, Franklin and Cheryl Lewis, Ann Liberman, Terry Lieberman Smith, Jeff and Connie Roberts, Dale and Sharon Schiff, Allan Spetter, Suzanne Thum, Tobi Urzi, Ralph and Diane Williams, and Mindi Wynne.

MAHshuganahs will play on October 9th and 23rd from 1:00-4:00 pm Please RSVP to Theda Wagner. Our next Sisterhood meeting is Thursday, October 9th at 10:00am via Zoom. You'll find the link in News & Notes that Monday.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Thank you to Allan Katz for once again coordinating the Men's Club's High Holiday ushering assignments, and to our ushers who volunteered their time to help maintain the dignity and sanctity of our High Holiday services.

Break-the-Fast: Men's Club is sponsoring the Break-the-Fast meal after the conclusion of the Yom Kippur services. We would like to thank those who volunteer their time before the start of Yom Kippur to help prepare the delicious food we will all be enjoying after fasting for the day.

Sukkah Structure Construction and Sukkah Decorating: On Sunday, October 5th at 9:00 am, Men's Club will be putting up the sukkah and anyone is welcome to come and help. In addition, we are sponsoring a complimentary pizza lunch for the religious school and those who come to help decorate the sukkah.

Brisket, Bourbon & Learnin' with Rav Aubrey: Sunday at 6:00 pm: Join Men's Club and Rav Aubrey on Sunday, Oct. 12th at 6:00 pm in the sukkah for schmoozing, a brisket and beef ribs dinner, bourbon tasting, and cigars. RSVP early, as seating in the sukkah is limited!

Monthly Meeting: We'll meet Monday, October 20th, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Look for the Zoom link in News & Notes that Monday.

The Rick Pinsky Brunch Speaker Series

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Richelle Frabotta

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Sunday, October 26

10 am • \$9 • RSVP



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 Facebook, or in your weekly News & Notes email

Wednesday, October 1

Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha service 6:40 pm
 Musical Interlude 6:50 pm
 Kol Nidre 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:01 pm

Thursday, October 2

Yom Kippur

Morning Service 9:00 am
 Youth Service 10:00 am - noon
 Yizkor 11:00 am
 Mincha 5:45 pm
 Neilah 6:40 pm
 Havdalah & Concluding Shofar 7:57 pm

Friday, October 3

Candle Lighting 6:57 pm

Saturday, October 4

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 7:54 pm

Monday, October 6

Erev Sukkot

Candle Lighting 6:53 pm

Tuesday, October 7

Sukkot I

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Candle Lighting 7:49 pm

Wednesday, October 8

Sukkot II

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 7:47 pm

Friday, October 10

Candle Lighting 6:46 pm

Saturday, October 11

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 7:43 pm

Monday, October 13

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Candle Lighting 6:42 pm

Tuesday, October 14

Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Yizkor Service 11:00 am
 Ma'ariv w/Hakafot 6:30 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:38 pm

Wednesday, October 15

Simchat Torah

Morning Service 9:30 am
 w/Hakafot
 Havdalah 7:37 pm

Friday, October 17

Candle Lighting 6:36 pm

Saturday, October 18

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 7:33 pm

Friday, October 24

Candle Lighting 6:26 pm

Saturday, October 25

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 7:24 pm

Friday, October 31

Candle Lighting 6:17 pm