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BETH
ABRAHAM
SYNAGOGUE



The Rick Pinsky Brunch Speaker Series

Sponsored by Men's Club

November 2: Mr. Shaun Yu, Dayton Public Radio: *Classical Music and Public Radio with an Emphasis on Dayton Public Radio "Discover Classical"*

November 9: Rav Aubrey Glazer: *Writing an Ethical Will*

November 16: Veteran's Day Brunch - Hear and share firsthand stories from our veterans



10:00 am, \$9 per person
RSVP by calling or emailing the office



HANUKKAH MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

Sunday, Dec. 14th at 5:30pm

RSVP by 12/4

This program is made possible with the support of
the Esther & DeNeal Feldman Jewish Experience Fund

Presented by: Mayhem & Mystery Interactive Theater



NEW MEMBER SHABBAT SAVE THE DATE

We'll be honoring all those
who have joined Beth Abra-
ham this year at our annual
New Member Shabbat on
Saturday, **December 6th.**

Please join us for this mean-
ingful service as we welcome
them to our Beth Abraham
community. Kiddush lunch
following



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: STEPHEN LEVINSON

Terry Lieberman Smith

Stephen Levinson's journey is a testament to the power of returning home and rediscovering community.

As native Daytonian, Stephen grew up immersed in Jewish life: attending Hillel Academy, spending time at the JCC when it was located on Denlinger Road, and celebrating his bar mitzvah at Temple Israel. After many years of living in New York and Los Angeles, Stephen and his wife, Hannah, moved back to Dayton about four and a half years ago.

They joined Beth Abraham Synagogue for its location, familiar faces, and the warm welcome the family felt when attending services. Rav Aubrey's support during the loss of Stephen's father was especially meaningful, reinforcing the synagogue's role as a source of comfort and strength.

Since then, Stephen and his family have become active participants in synagogue life by attending Shabbat services and lunches, Purim Party, and attending other family-centered programming. Stephen volunteered on the Strategic Planning Committee and currently serves on the Communications Committee, helping shape the synagogue's future. His children attend Camp Shalom and love performing in JCC plays, further deepening their connection to Jewish life in Dayton.



Noah, Hannah, Rosie, Dahlia, Stephen

Stephen's mother, a Temple Israel member, holds a dual membership with BAS. The families enjoy attending services at both congregations throughout the year, embracing the richness of Jewish expression in the area.

Stephen has found that Beth Abraham defies the stereotype that Conservative congregations are less welcoming. Instead, he has experienced a vibrant, inclusive community filled with people from diverse backgrounds. Through volunteering and meaningful interactions, he has built lasting relationships and a renewed sense of belonging.

He believes that everyone has something valuable to offer, and that by sharing our skills and experiences, we can build a thriving, resilient Jewish community for generations to come.

DIRECTORY TIME!

Have you moved in the last year? Changed your phone number or added a cell number? Please check your listing in last year's directory and make sure it is correct.

Let us know if you have changes by **December 10th** - we'll be getting set to roll out the latest edition of the Beth Abraham Directory in January, and we want to make sure we have your correct information.

Just give the office a call or send us an email!



BETH ABRAHAM



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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

Writing for the Heart: The Jewish Tradition of Ethical Wills

Rav Aubrey Glazer



"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

For centuries, Jews have passed down not only property and possessions, but also values, wisdom, and blessings. This transmission has often taken the form of what our tradition calls a "tzava'ah" - an ethical will. Unlike

a legal will, which distributes material assets, an ethical will conveys the spiritual, moral, and emotional legacy of a life. It is a letter across generations, a bridge between ancestors and descendants, and a way of saying: This is what I have learned, this is what I cherish, and this is what I hope you will carry forward.

The roots of ethical wills stretch deep into Jewish history. Recall for example how in Genesis, Jacob gathers his children to bless them before his death, offering words of guidance and prophecy. Moses, too, delivers a farewell address in Deuteronomy, urging the people to choose life and remain faithful to the covenant. These are not legal documents, but spiritual testaments. Then by the 11th century, Jews in Europe and the Middle East were writing formal ethical wills. Rabbi Judah ben Saul ibn Tibbon (12th c., Spain) left his son a remarkable letter urging him to study Torah, cultivate humility, and care for books as sacred companions. These documents often blended practical advice with heartfelt exhortation: "Guard your tongue from evil speech," "Be generous to the poor," "Remember the dignity of every person." Fast forward to the 19th and 20th centuries when ethical wills became more personal and intimate. Immigrants wrote them to children who would grow up in new lands. Survivors of the Shoah left them as acts of memory and resilience. Today, ethical wills are being rediscovered as a practice not only for the end of life, but also for moments of transition - retirement, marriage, becoming a grandparent, or simply pausing to reflect on what matters most.

In a world overflowing with information but often starved of wisdom, ethical wills remind us that our deepest inheritance is not wealth but values. They answer questions like:

- What do I stand for?
- What stories shaped me?
- What blessings do I want to give my children, my community, or even my future self?

Writing an ethical will is not only a gift to others - it is also a spiritual practice for the writer. It clarifies priorities, heals relationships, and transforms memory into meaning. In the words of one contemporary rabbi, "An ethical will is less about what you leave behind and more about how you live right now."

Our upcoming Ethical Wills Workshop on November 9th for the Rick Pinsky Brunch Speaker Series is designed to guide you through this sacred and creative process. Whether you are a seasoned writer or someone who has never put pen to paper, you will find a welcoming space to explore your voice. Here's what you can expect:

- **Learning the tradition:** We will study classic examples of ethical wills, from medieval sages to modern Jewish thinkers, discovering how each generation shaped the form to meet its needs.
- **Practical guidance:** Through structured prompts and gentle facilitation, you will begin drafting your own ethical will. You don't need to finish it in one sitting - the workshop is about beginning the journey.
- **Sharing and community:** Participants will have the option to share excerpts in small groups, creating a circle of listening and support. Often, hearing others' words sparks new insights into our own.
- **Creative flexibility:** Your ethical will can take many forms - letter, poem, story, or even a blessing. There is no "right way," only your way.

Many of us sense that life moves too quickly, that our days are filled with tasks but not always with reflection. Writing an ethical will is a way of slowing down, of naming what endures. It is also a way of strengthening bonds across generations. Imagine your children or grandchildren, years from now, opening a letter in your handwriting, hearing your voice, and feeling your presence. That is a gift beyond measure.

And you don't need to wait until the end of life. In fact, writing an ethical will now can shape how you live. It can inspire you to align your daily choices with your deepest values. It can remind you of the blessings you already carry, and the blessings you still wish to give.

We invite you to join us for this meaningful workshop. Come with your stories, your questions, and your heart. You will leave not only with words on a page, but with a renewed sense of purpose and connection.

As the Psalmist teaches, **"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom"** (Psalm 90:12). Writing an ethical will is one way of numbering our days - not in fear, but in gratitude, courage, and love for generations to come... Let us gather to write, to share, and to bless the generations.

PrayerLab Shabbat

Are you curious about the choreography of prayer and ritual life in the synagogue services? Join us as we continue our interactive prayer lab service. Bring your questions and curiosities.

Saturday, November 15 @ 9:30 am

MAZEL TOV, BAR MITZVAH!

Lucien Johannes Gabbe, son of Myrna Gabbe and Dorian Borbonus will be called to the Torah on November 8, Shabbat Vayeira, for his Bar Mitzvah at Beth Abraham Synagogue.



Lucien is in the 8th grade at Oakwood Junior High School (OJH). His favorite subjects are gateway, robotics, math, and French. He loves to participate in math competitions and aspires to be an engineer. Outside of school, Lucien is in the Ohio Galaxies soccer club. He also has an artistic side! He has been participating in the JCC theatre for five years, and he plays cello in the OJH orchestra and honors orchestra.

Lucien is bilingual and has family in far-away places: his grandfather, David Gabbe, grew up in New York City and his grandmother, Marie-Louise Gabbe, is from Saigon, Vietnam. His grandparents Theodor and Monika Borbonus are from Germany.

Caring about... Caring for...

Doug Wagner, Treasurer

Rav Aubrey's beautiful D'var Torah during Rosh Hashanah services offered an outline for thoughtful action one should consider in order to recognize and help others. Caring about is the recognition of others in need; Caring for is taking action to assist those in need.

I'm pleased to share that over the past year, Beth Abraham Synagogue (BAS) has expanded its giving options to now allow - and encourage - all friends of the Congregation to make charitable donations directly to BAS through the transfer of investment securities, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.

These personal gifts may be general in purpose or designated specifically for membership dues, membership society obligations, family celebrations, or memorial contributions. Gifts can be made in any amount, and importantly, there are **no fees or commissions** associated with the transfer or subsequent transactions within our BAS account.

This new opportunity enables members and supporters to make **tax-deductible contributions directly from their investment brokerage accounts** - without needing to sell the asset first. The key advantage is the ability to **avoid capital gains taxes** to make a gift to the Synagogue.

Additionally, BAS can now also accept **direct transfers from retirement accounts**, including Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plans. This option is especially beneficial for those who are required to take **Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)** or who wish to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCDs)**.

With year-end approaching, this benefit is particularly timely for those considering a year-end gift to the synagogue as transferring appreciated assets may offer greater financial efficiency than using a credit card or writing a check.

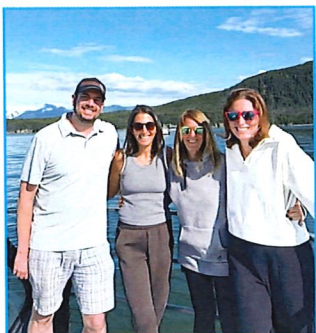
For more information, please contact the office or reach out to our Treasurer, Doug Wagner, to request our personalized instruction sheet to guide your transfer.

Thank you for being part of a community that not only cares about others, but takes meaningful steps to care for them. Your generosity helps sustain the values and vitality of Beth Abraham, and we're deeply grateful for your continued support.

NOTE: All members should discuss these ideas with their Tax Advisor as Beth Abraham does not and can not offer tax advice to anyone.

NOW HEAR THIS

Julie Liss-Katz, Beth Abraham President



(This is Julie's Yom Kippur Appeal delivered on Kol Nidre)

I want to let you in on a little secret. I really never thought about being president of the synagogue. I was happy coming to services on Shabbat, always sitting in the same seats, whether on Salem Ave. or at Sugar Camp,

surrounded by my Beth Abraham community.

I apologize for the analogy, but I really didn't want to know how the sausage was made. For the past 46 years, I was content being a member, taking advantage of educational opportunities, religious observances, holiday celebrations, social activities, and cultural events. And to be honest, I also enjoyed occasionally passing judgement on decisions that were made for which I did not have all the inside information.

Salem Ave. is where my kids grew up, coming to shul every Shabbat morning with Marc and me. I loved how comfortable they felt in the synagogue. I loved how Aviva would run down the aisle and climb up the stairs to hug Rabbi Adler as the torahs were being marched around the sanctuary. I loved how Rabbi Adler would hold Rachel's hand as he sang Kiddush in the chapel at Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evening. I loved how Rabbi Barsky convinced Alex to wear red high heel shoes and a gingham dress to play Dorothy in a Purim shpeil when he was in high school. And I loved how my kids were the only ones of their friends to receive letters from their rabbi when they were away at Camp Ramah. Thank you, Rabbi Press.

My daughters had their baby naming ceremonies, Bat Mitzvahs and weddings at Beth Abraham. And Alex, with a quick nod of a head from Cantor Dorman, would join him on the Bimah to lead services and became a beloved member of Cantor Raizen's Yad Squad.

But Beth Abraham hasn't always been a place of joy for me. It's also been a place of solace and comfort.

As a young 23-year-old bride, I moved to Dayton in June 1978, after marrying Marc. Five months later, my mother died suddenly and unexpectedly. Feeling alone, isolated, sad, yet committed to ritual observance, I began attending daily minyan. It's where a group of men, who I thought were old but were probably younger than I am now, took me under their wing and welcomed this newcomer into their club. What they really did was solidify my love for this synagogue. Leon Nizny. Harold Brown. Ray Zappin. Irv Zipperstein. Harold Odell. Irv Merdinger. They were the best. Thirteen years later, when my father died, after the Board had voted to

allow women to be counted in a minyan, Leon Nizny, somewhat reluctantly, moved aside and let me be the first woman to lead daily minyan. That was not easy for him, but the trust and love they showed me had no bounds. Every time I lead Mincha services now, I think of Mr. Nizny and how he would slam his hand down on the shtender in the chapel and start with Ashrei. When he eventually moved into Covenant House, our family would visit him every Shabbat after services.

Again in 2007, when my brother Howard passed away in Israel, the Beth Abraham family came to my rescue. Shiva minyans, meals, comfort, support, and friendship.

And earlier this year, when Marc died, Rachel, Aviva, Alex, and I saw the best of Beth Abraham. You filled the sanctuary and our home for his funeral and shiva to honor him and support us. You filled our hearts, our souls, and our stomachs. We pride ourselves at Beth Abraham on being a warm and welcoming congregation, and it is clearly not hyperbole.

So, I finally caved.

I joined the Beth Abraham Board around the time Rav Aubrey was hired. I wanted to secure a future for the synagogue that had given me so much.

Soon I was on the executive board and then the call came. At first, I said no. The timing really wasn't right. Then my situation changed, and, in all honesty, I probably said yes to honor Marc.

He loved synagogue life. He was president of Hillel at Ohio University, we met through USY. During his years in the Army Reserve, they even asked him to join the Chaplaincy Program.

If I screw this up, it's all his fault.

So, do you want to know how the sausage is made? I can't tell you everything or share our secret handshake, but you should find comfort in knowing that you have a group of dedicated members who have agreed to serve on the Board. It is not a simple task. It is time away from their families, aggravation they didn't ask for, and calls, texts, and emails from me asking just one more question.

It is a group of diverse thinkers who share their opinions freely. They are people who may come to services and programs regularly or sporadically, come from homes at all levels of Jewish observance, have young children or grandchildren, and geographically live in multiple counties and states. The unifying factor is our commitment to Beth Abraham and its future.

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Nothing is as easy as it seems. Sometimes it's messy. Sometimes it's hard. Sometimes it's expensive. Sometimes, we scramble for resources.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Men's Club for underwriting the Sofer-on-Site. Their support enabled us to evaluate, asses, repair, and accurately insure our sacred Torahs. They made the insurmountable, possible.

Each month the Board reviews our financial statements. We always hope our income is greater than our expenses, but regretfully, that isn't always the case. This year we are projecting a \$120,000 deficit. Which leads to why I am standing here tonight. We need your support to ensure Beth Abraham remains a place of connection and meaning for all of us.

In the display case in the lobby outside of the sanctuary, you will see an exhibit of meaningful tzedakah boxes from our members. These multi-shaped, sentimental boxes represent our responsibility to help others, to do justice, and respond to our moral and spiritual obligation.

Our greatest source of income is from our Giving Society members. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to the plate when it mattered. Because of your continued generosity, we've been able to sustain our synagogue, support our families, and uplift our congregation.

Each Society level brings its own set of benefits, but best of all, you won't receive annoying requests for money throughout

the year. Please consider meeting with me, Rav Aubrey, or anyone from our team to discuss the different levels of

membership and their benefits.

Our second major source of income is dues. Surprisingly, dues only account for 30% of our budgeted income. Combined with the Giving Societies, we still have only reached 75% of our necessary income.

For this Yom Kippur Appeal, I invite you to give from the heart. For some, that may mean giving for the first time. For others, it may mean increasing your gift. Our goal is for 100% participation. No gift is too small or too large. Because when everyone gives, we embody the communal commitment to responsibility.

I've told you my story and what Beth Abraham means to me. I know you each have your own story to what brought you here tonight. I want to guarantee a future where Beth Abraham is here for all of us, regardless of how our stories change throughout the years.

On this holy day, we are reminded that we are all responsible for one another. Please give generously, so that our synagogue may continue to be a source of strength, hope, and Jewish life for generations to come.

Thank you for your commitment, your generosity, and your presence here tonight.

May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life. Shana Tova.

High Holiday Thank Yous

Beth Abraham is grateful for all our members who volunteer during the High Holidays to make our services meaningful and ensure all the preparations go smoothly. A big Todah Rabah to the following:

Youth Services: Marcie and Mike Sherman

Lay Participants at Services: Elaine Arnovitz, Ted Cooper, Irwin Dumtschin, Mike Freed, Norm Lewis, Steve Horenstein, Bruce Feldman, Doug Einstein, Penney Fraim, Jeff Roberts, Marshall Weiss and Ralph Williams

Break the Fast Meal Preparation: Linda Katz-Captain Cook, Claudia Birch, Linda Brotkin, Hindy Gruber, Debby Oppenheimer and Tobi Urzi

Musical interlude: Pam Schwartz

Ushers/Greeters: Allan Katz, chair; Beth Adelman, Alan & Judy Chesen, Doug Deutsch, Irene Fishbein, Steve Fraim, Gilda Gieske, Garry Greene, Hindy Gruber, Karin Hirschkat, Linda Horenstein, Linda Katz, Jerry Kuhr, Wendy Lipp, Beverly Louis, Abe Merdinger, Connie Roberts, Joel Shapiro, Mike Sherman, Janine Thomas, Louise Tincher, Tobi Urzi, Chaya Vidal and Doug Wagner.

Simchat Torah Celebration Meal Preparation: Linda Katz-Captain Cook, SAM Barry, Linda Brotkin, and Tobi Urzi

And, of course, Sandra and Jason for all their time and dedication to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Beth Abraham is a wonderful family of volunteers working together to meet the synagogue's needs and those of our community. THANK YOU!!

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

October 4 - Janine Thomas in memory of her parents, Frank & Claire

October 11 - Douglas & Bonnie Deutsch in honor of their anniversary

October 18 - Franklin & Cheryl Lewis in honor of Franklin's birthday and their anniversary

October 25 - Susan & David Joffe in honor of Becky's engagement

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in November:

November Birthdays

3	Lynn Goldenberg
4	Maya Liner
4	Sandy Sloane-Brenner
5	Penney Fraim
7	Dahlia Levinson
8	Stephen Levinson
8	Meredith Levinson
9	Jody Pollack Blazar
10	Michael Jaffe
11	Francine Shuchat Shaw
11	Alan Moscovitz
12	Wanda-Lea Pilder
12	Ken Krochmal
14	Benji Goorskey
14	Eric Sussman
15	David Plotnick
18	Rabbi Bernard Barsky
19	Howard Michaels
19	Diana Poole
20	Linda Brotkin
21	Anna Trakhter
21	Judy Schwartzman
21	Lois Gross
22	Abraham Rubin
23	Patti Schear
23	Sanford Wolfe
24	Laurie Braverman

24	Renate Frydman
25	Norm Lewis
25	Randi Jo Rothman
26	Bella Freeman
28	Enrique Ellenbogen
28	Levi Schubert
29	Deborah Stayman
29	Brenda Rinzler
30	Roger Chudde

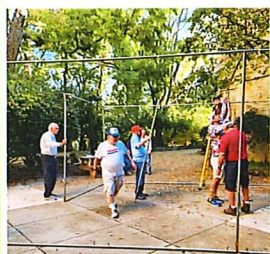
November Anniversaries

7	Richard & Erika Zawatsky
10	Mike & Marcie Sherman
18	Steve & Taryn Wagenfeld
26	Todd & Jody Sobol
29	Howard & Sue Ducker
29	Timothy & Charlotte Johnson
30	Adam & Tara Feiner

** 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:

Felix Weil



Thank you to everyone
who helped set up our
Sukkah!

Sunset in the Sukkah



We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

Cantor Raizen's Education Fund

In memory of

Barbara Guggenheimer, by Joel & Judi Guggenheimer
Beatrice Merdinger, by Abe & Marla Merdinger

General Fund

In memory of

Abe & Edith Duberstein, by Jeffrey Cohen
Ruby Pilder, by Bert & Wanda-Lea Pilder
Linda Shapiro, by Joe & Linda Beaman, Linda & Dennis Patterson
Sandy Zipperstein, by Sheryl & Scott Mattis

In honor of

Elaine Arnovitz, for helping me transition to the Dayton community, by Gail Brody
Matt Arnovitz, for his birthday, by Beverly Saeks
Julie Liss-Katz, on her presidency at Beth Abraham Synagogue, by Harlan Louis

Speedy Recovery

Chaya Vidal, by Annie & Mike Chambers

Joel Horenstein Fund

In memory of

Helene Sureck, by Dena Briskin
Joseph Y. Tuck, by Audrey Tuck

In honor of

Bruce & Debbie Feldman, in appreciation for their hospitality, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

Kiddush Kitty

In memory of

Sarah Muchnick Lewis, by Norm & Kay Lewis

Rav Glazer's Discretionary Fund

In memory of

Marcia Kuhr Russakow, by Debby Oppenheimer,
 Robin Davis & Judi Kuhr

Sandy Zipperstein, by Jeanie & Steve Messer

In honor of

Rav Aubrey Glazer, Elyssa Wortzman & Tal,
 wishing a happy new year, by Melinda & Bill Doner

Rick Pinsky Memorial Fund

In memory of

Linda Shapiro, by Beth Abraham Men's Club
Religious School

In memory of

Richard Gruber, by Hindy Gruber

Ritual Fund

In memory of

Malcom Block, by Janet & Barry Block & family
Nathan Chudde, by Carol & Susan Chudde
Lynda A. Cohen, by Janice & Ken Krochmal
Dr. Samuel Davis, by Anne Davis
Alan Gitman, by Sharon Gitman
Edith Gitman M.D., by Sharon Gitman
Dr. Raymond Kahn, by Beverly Saeks
Rifke Esther Pomeranz Krummel, by Miriamne Krummel
Ruby Pilder, by Marlene Dori & family
Annette Rennemann, by Ann & Scott Liberman
Beth Weinman, by Barbara & David Shon

Social Action Fund

In memory of

Alvin Charme, by Larry Charme
Phyllis Charme, by Larry Charme

In honor of

Judy Chesen, for becoming JCC Volunteer of the Year,
 by Diane & Ralph Williams
Beverly Saeks, for her special birthday, by Roger Schoenfeld



Mazel Tov & Congratulations

Angela & Joel Frydman on the birth of their granddaughter, Alexandra Myla Frydman, in Brooklyn, NYC, to parents David & Reenie Frydman. Welcoming her were older sister Olivia and great-grandmother, **Renate Frydman** (her 19th great-grandchild!).

Marilyn & Larry Klaben on the birth of their grandson in Israel, Yarden Oz Avrahami, to parents Sara Klaben and Amit Avrahami. Welcoming him are big brothers Idan and Matan.

Friday, November 14
5:30 - 6:15 pm

Join Cantor Raizen to usher in Shabbat with songs, prayers, instruments, movement, dance, yoga and more.



YAHREZEITS

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 November (Cheshvan - Kislev) we remember:

CHESHVAN

Frank Adelman
 Ida Appelblatt
 Max Arnovitz
 Gladys Atkins
 Robert E. Bernstein
 Elaine Bialer
 Louise Blake
 Lawrence Blumberg
 Murray Borkan
 Chayim Isaac Brauer
 Bernice Brown
 Herman C. Burke
 Esther Lefkowitz
 Burstein
 Rebecca Center
 Saul Layb Chodos
 Sarah Cohen
 William Cohen
 Jennie Cohen
 Terry Coit
 Beatrice Cowan
 Bertha Cunix
 Mary Deutsch
 Anna Deutsch
 Sadie Dorfman
 Jack Dorfman
 Ruthe Dorfman
 Norma Dreety
 Louis Dubro
 Alan Michael Effron
 Silvia Ellenbogen
 Tili Faiga Ellison
 Abraham Ellman
 Lilian Epstein
 Alissa Fein
 Hal Feldman
 Belle Feldman
 Mollie Felman
 Louis Fink
 Howard Fischbach
 Michael Fishbein
 Anna Fishkind
 Sam Fleat
 George Foreman
 Sarah B. Fred
 Manuel Freeman
 James Froug
 Rebecca Frydman
 Lena Gaffin
 Jules Garlikov
 Fred Gertzman
 George Gilmore
 David Goldsmith
 Louis Goldstein
 Abraham Gordon
 Bernard Gutmann
 William Handler

Howard Hillelson
 Doris Hulman
 Eva Jaffe
 Sadie Joffe
 Vincent Johnson
 Bess Kanter
 Gertrude Kanter
 Bobbie Kantor
 Rachel Kaplan
 Esther Katz
 Sylvia Katz
 Leonard Katz
 Clara Klass
 Joseph Klausner
 M. Zlata Kramer
 Samuel Kramer
 Jerome Krochmal
 Regina Krochmal
 Orville Kuhr
 Walter Kurland
 George Layton
 Frieda Leet
 Nathaniel Leff
 Gertrude Lefkowitz
 Isabel Lerner
 Irvin Lieberman
 Herman Liss
 Dorothy Liss
 George Lubin
 Judy Manzo
 Sarah Marks
 Ilene Marshall
 Pearl Mason
 Chaya Bluma
 Maybruck
 Tessie Meyer
 Hyman Michaels
 Ida Miller
 Samuel Miller
 Irving Miller
 Elsie Mintz
 Ann Moran
 Lester Myers
 Eve Naiman
 Lillian Newhouse
 Abraham Parker
 Donald Pinsky
 Leo Pollack
 Bernard Precker
 Nathan Prigozen
 Dorothy Rabinowitz
 Louis Rauchman
 Irwin Reingold
 Sholom Riback
 Joseph Riback
 Daniel Riback
 Jennie Rich
 Lee Robins

Stanford Rosen
 Aaron Rosenkrantz
 Abraham Rosenthal
 Albert Rosenthal
 Berthold Rothschild
 Gerald Rubin
 Sherman L. Saeks
 Eugene Schear
 Freada Scheller
 Jacob Schneider
 Maurice Schoenfeld
 Kenneth Schriber
 Louis Schriber
 Eva Schultz
 Lillian Schurr
 Ted Schwartz
 Miriam Schwartzman
 Paul Shapiro
 Ben Shirer
 Sadie Shokler
 Libbie Shottenstein
 Mary Ann Shuster
 Benhamin Siegel
 Tillie Singer
 Harry Solkov
 Michael Soyfer
 Isabelle Stecker
 David Stern
 Melvin Sumner
 Temple
 Herbert Tomchin
 Edith Tracht
 Abe Unger
 Henry Wahrman
 David Weinstein
 Gittle Weiss
 Ethel Wilks
 Rose E. Wilks
 Abe Wilks
 Ada B. Wolfe
 Louis Wool
 Neil Zwelling
 Ruth Zwerner

KISLEV

Helen Abromowitz
 Bernard Appel
 Frieda Appel
 Rubin Arnold
 Rosetta Aronson
 Sadie Auster
 Joseph Balshone
 Max Beloff
 William Bernie
 Mitchell Blazar
 Harold Bloom
 Pauline Brill
 Isadore Brown

Si Burick
 Charles Robert
 Carlisle
 David Chesen
 Sarah Chudde
 Clara Cohen
 Mollie G. Cohen
 Joseph Dreety
 Shirley Dunn
 Joseph Ellison
 Sety Farache
 Selma Farnbacher
 Ruth Frankowitz
 Arlene Furst
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Sukkah Decorating & Pizza

Dayton Boys and Girls Club Comes to BAS

Dr. Elyssa Wortzman

On Sunday, October 26th, MAASEH students hosted kids from the Dayton Boys and Girls Club for a special arts workshop exploring the apparent dichotomy between two Jewish ideas: that each person is unique and that we are all created in the Divine image and therefore equal. Our first activity focused on the Chasidic idea that, just as each blade of grass has its own song, each person's soul has a unique song/ *niggun meyuchad*. How do we know what that *niggun* sounds like? To determine that students were led in a meditation asking them to allow the attention in the mind to drop into the heart. Using a type of awareness practice based on a 2000 year-old Jewish tradition, they were taught about attuning the heart, just like an instrument, to become aware of the emotions and unique qualities present at any moment. In pairs/*hevruta*, one partner from BAS and one from DBGCC, they shared what that sound might be. We recorded the sounds and created a compilation that represented the sounds of our souls coming together in community. Students reflected how they heard that they were not alone in the world.

Then we explored the idea kindness, singing one of MAASEH's theme songs this year, *Olam Chesed Yibaneh*, which means "we build this world on acts of kindness". Again, in partners, the students were asked to imagine what the world

would look like if they had the power to build it on acts of loving-kindness. They worked as a pair on a single sheet representing this idea in color and form. Then we shared as a group and each art work was cut in half, each partner sharing one half of the drawing with the other. We spoke about putting these images up in our rooms and how amazing it would be to know that someone in Dayton was another person we were connected to in the work of repairing the world through half of a whole drawing. The students understood that together they could reimagine and rebuild the world based on kindness.



Dreidel Display

Julie Liss-Katz

As we prepare to celebrate the Festival of Lights (December 14-22), Beth Abraham is creating a special Hanukkah Dreidel Display - a joyful showcase of our spirit and creativity.

We invite every member, young and old, to bring a dreidel from home to be part of this exhibit. Whether it's a classic wooden dreidel, one picked up on a trip to Israel, a handmade creation from Hebrew school, or a family heirloom passed down through generations, each one "spins a tale."

Our display will be featured in the gift shop display case throughout December, reminding us that while every dreidel spins on its own, together they create a celebration of shared tradition and light.

Please label your dreidel with your name and a short note about where it came from or why it's meaningful to you. Dreidels can be dropped off in the synagogue office by **November 26**, and will be available for pick up the last week of December.

Let's fill our synagogue with the joy, color, and stories of Hanukkah.



Is Sacrifice still Binding:

RE-IMAGINING ISRAEL THROUGH THE
KALEIDOSCOPE OF POST-10/7 POETRY

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Making of a Mensch

Tuesdays at 10 AM

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

On October 6th, 36 women came together to celebrate Sukkot at our annual Sunset in the Sukkah event. While in the sukkah, we shook the lulav and etrog, enjoyed the warmth of the candles, wine, and challah, and shared the holiday blessings together. Afterward we enjoyed delicious food, conversation, and a good time was had by all. Many volunteers came together to make it a success, led by our event chairs, Judy Chesen and Theda Wagner. They joined additional chefs in the kitchen to prepare all the food: Claudia Birch, Celia Diamond, Hindy Gruber, Ann Liberman, Connie Roberts (also for managing the Gift Shop), and Terry Lieberman-Smith. Thank you Beverly Farnbacher and Dena Briskin for helping at the registration table as well as Jason, Sandra, and Elaine for providing guidance and help. Lastly, thank you to Rav Aubrey for his inspiring words and prayers for the now former hostages in Israel. We continue to keep them in our thoughts as they recover from the horrific ordeal they endured, as well as all the families who mourn those they've lost.

Due to Thanksgiving, we will only have MAHshuganahs on Thursday, November 13th from 1:00-4:00PM. Please RSVP to Theda Wagner if you'd like to attend.

Please join us for our next Sisterhood Meeting on Zoom on Thursday, November 13th at 10:00AM. You'll find the link in News & Notes on that Monday.

Please contact Connie Roberts for Gift Shop assistance. Hanukkah is around the corner!



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

The Men's Club had its second annual event in the sukkah, and what an event it turned out to be! Over 40 men and women attended, and were treated to a brisket and beef ribs dinner while Rav Aubrey provided a learning session on the holiday of Sukkot (as well as a few pointers on bourbon). A bourbon tasting lesson and cigars followed with our guest bourbon aficionado, Tom Isaacs whose knowledge on whiskey and bourbon was amazing. Congratulations to Andy Schwartz who won the raffle drawing for the bottle of bourbon. A big thank you to Mark Gordon who coordinated the bourbon tasting event by bringing in Tom, providing the bottles of whiskey and bourbon for the bourbon tasting and raffle, and getting the case of cigars, lighters, and cutters donated by Giant Liquor in Kettering. Thanks also to Ron Wynne, as well as Linda Brotkin and Tobi Urzi, for spending a good part of the day preparing and cooking/grilling the briskets and beef ribs that everyone enjoyed. Ron also provided the bourbon flight boards that each attendee could take home.

Men's Club Monthly Board Meeting: Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17th at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Look for the Zoom link in News & Notes that Monday.

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Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

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Saturday, November 1

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 7:16 pm

Friday, November 7

Candle Lighting 5:10 pm

Saturday, November 8

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:09 pm

Friday, November 14

Candle Lighting 5:03 pm

Saturday, November 15

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 6:03 pm

Friday, November 21

Candle Lighting 4:59 pm

Saturday, November 22

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 5:59 pm

Friday, November 28

Candle Lighting 4:55 pm

Saturday, November 29

Morning Service 9:30 am
 Havdalah 5:57 pm