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## Keeping You Informed

It began without warning. A burst sprinkler pipe. Water rushing where it should never be. Within minutes, rooms and spaces that held prayer, learning, celebrations, and memories, were filled with water. The damage it turns out, went far beyond what the eye could see.

In the days that followed, members stepped forward to help in ways large and small and when our building was no longer accessible, our partner organizations opened their doors. Services continued, first at the Federation and now continuing at Temple Israel. Purim and our Men's Club Deli Dinner were held at Beth Jacob. What could have been a moment of isolation became a powerful expression of connection. Like Israelites traveling through the desert, our congregants followed us wherever we went.

It reminded me that Beth Abraham is more than a building. It is a community bound by shared purpose, resilience, and care for one another.

Yet, our building matters.

Repair work continues throughout the building, and our current focus is on the second floor so we can return to our sanctuary. We are carefully monitoring moisture and humidity levels throughout the synagogue and ask that if you need to stop by for any reason, please contact the office in advance so they can coordinate access.

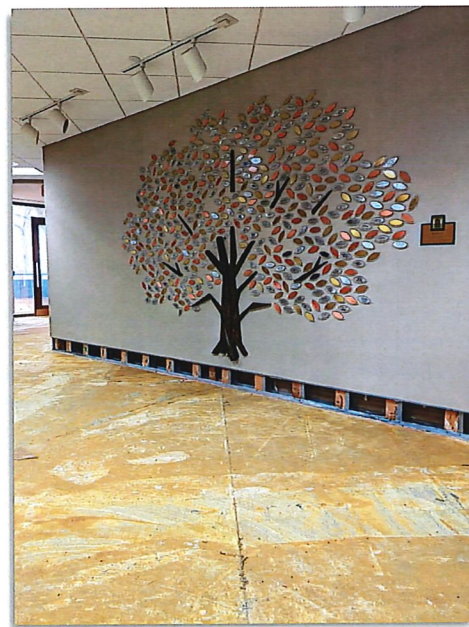
For continued updates, please refer to the **KEEPING YOU INFORMED** tab on the website.

Together we will ensure that Beth Abraham continues to be a place of warmth, welcome, and belonging.

Julie Liss-Katz  
President  
Board of Trustees



**SCAN FOR WEEKLY UPDATES**



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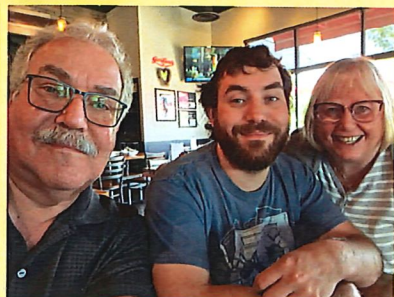




## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: THE ROBERTS

Terry Lieberman-Smith

Jeff and Connie Roberts are, in many ways, a living thread through the story of Beth Abraham Synagogue (BAS), two people whose personal histories, family milestones, and steady volunteer leadership have helped shape the congregation across generations.



*Jeff, Benjamin, and Connie Roberts*

Jeff's connection to BAS began in childhood. He grew up in the congregation, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah, and later stood under the chuppah there when he and Connie were married, at the Salem Avenue building. Connie grew up in a small town in Champaign County. After a year of dating Jeff, she started attending services with him. Under Rabbi Press' gentle guidance, he encouraged Jeff to quietly "talk her through" the service so she could feel at home. When she began her conversion by studying with Rabbi Press, she found herself drawn not only to Judaism but also to the warmth of the BAS community. Connie

often says that from the very beginning, she felt welcomed, supported, and comfortable.

That sense of belonging quickly grew into deep involvement. Connie served for many years as Secretary on the BAS Board, including during the pivotal period when the congregation made the decision to leave the Salem Avenue building. Their son Benjamin became part of that history as well. He was the very last Bar Mitzvah celebrated at the Salem location. During Ben's school years, Connie also served on the DJS Board, the joint religious school with Beth Jacob, helping guide the program until each congregation eventually returned to its own classes.

When BAS moved to the Sugar Camp campus, the Sisterhood entered a period of renewal, launching programs such as Women of Valor. Connie was right there in the middle of the activity. After years as Sisterhood Secretary, she stepped into a new role managing the Sisterhood Gift Shop, something she has now done with care and creativity for more than eleven years.

Jeff's contributions have been just as steady and wide-ranging. Over the years he has served on the Board, helped shape leadership through the Nominating Committee, and today remains an active Gabbai. He is a reliable presence in Men's Club projects volunteering his time to build the Sukkah, pack Rosh Hashanah holiday bags, and lend a hand wherever needed. For Jeff, the rhythm of synagogue life is grounding; he finds spiritual focus and peace in the prayers and in the familiar cadence of services.

Together, Connie and Jeff have built lasting friendships through their involvement in BAS. They have experienced the leadership of Rabbi Reimer, Rev. Adler, Rabbi Press, Rabbi Barsky, Rabbi Ginsburg, and now Rav Aubrey, each offering their own voice and perspective, each shaping the community in diverse ways. They have also embraced the joyful side of synagogue life: the Purim Spiel, the Hanukkah Party, the Second Night Passover Seder. Connie still fondly remembers the Christmas Eve Chinese dinners organized by Cantor Raizen, festive evenings filled with laughter, good food, and the unmistakable warmth of community.

For the Roberts family, BAS has never been just a place to show up on the High Holy Days. It has been a home. Connie has always believed that being part of a community means sharing your skills, meeting new people, and helping create the kind of environment where others feel the same welcome she felt years ago. Jeff finds meaning in the spiritual grounding of services and volunteerism; Connie finds joy in connection and contribution. Together, they embody the heart of Beth Abraham: a community strengthened by the people who show up, give generously, and help weave the next chapter of its story.

## BETH ABRAHAM



### GIVING SOCIETIES

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NORM & MARY RITA WEISSMAN

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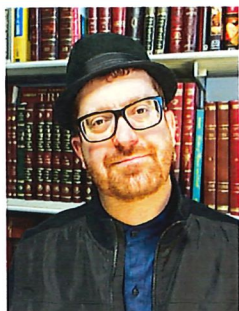
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\*OF BLESSED MEMORY

## Living Our 'Mattering Map' (One Scoop at a Time): Tasting Each Day Journeying Through the *Omer*

Rav Aubrey Glazer



Every year, just as we're brushing the last crumbs of *matzah* off the table and rediscovering the *chametz* we were certain we cleaned, the Jewish calendar hands us a spiritual practice that is both beautifully simple and surprisingly slippery: count the days. One by one. All forty-nine of them. It sounds easy enough—after all, we can track our steps, our screen time, and the exact number of minutes until Shabbat—but the *Omer* has a way of

humbling even the most organized among us. Miss one night, and suddenly you're negotiating with yourself about whether "I definitely meant to count" counts.

But maybe that's the secret. The *Omer* isn't about perfection; it's about presence. It's about learning to make time count—not by squeezing more into our days, but by becoming more receptive to the life already unfolding within them. And this year, as our community takes on the *Omer* Challenge, we're adding a Dayton twist: count each night with your favorite flavor of Graeter's ice cream in mind, and mark your progress on the *Omer* Chart. Because nothing says "spiritual discipline" quite like a scoop of Black Raspberry Chocolate Chip—which you can taste together with your Beth Abraham family if you count all the way to *Shavuot*, when we'll meet at Graeter's on Far Hills on Thursday, May 21 at 5 PM, just before our *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*.

This invitation to make time sweet is more than a cute gimmick. It's actually a doorway into two very different but surprisingly complementary thinkers: Rabbi Yehuda Ashlag, the 20th-century Kabbalist who reimagined Jewish mysticism as a psychology of receptivity, and Dr. Rebecca Newberger Goldstein, the contemporary American philosopher-novelist who argues that each of us carries a "mattering map"—an inner landscape of significance that shapes how we move through the world.

R. Ashlag, born in Warsaw in 1884, was a prodigy who devoured Talmud and Kabbalah with equal hunger. In the 1920s, sensing both spiritual yearning and rising danger in Europe, he emigrated to *Eretz Yisrael* and settled in Jerusalem. There he wrote prolifically, translating the Zohar and offering a bold reinterpretation of Kabbalah centered on *ratzon l'kabel*, "the will to receive." For Ashlag, divine energy—*orot*, the lights—flows constantly, but the real spiritual work lies in expanding the *kli*, "the vessel of the heart," so we can receive more light with

humility, generosity, and courage. The lights are always shining; the question is whether we have made room for them.

Dr. Goldstein, born in 1950 and raised in an Orthodox Jewish home before earning her PhD specializing in philosophy of science, and becoming an award-winning novelist, approaches the inner life from a different angle. In *The Mattering Instinct*, she argues that human beings navigate the world through a "mattering map"—a shifting, evolving sense of what counts, what pulls at us, what we believe is worth our time and attention. Unlike R. Ashlag's mystical vessels, Goldstein's map is psychological and existential, but both thinkers insist that meaning is not static. It expands when we do. Which brings us back to the *Omer* Chart. What if the *Omer* Chart is not just a checklist but a miniature 'mattering map'? Each day we mark is a point of significance, a moment we choose to matter. Each count is a small act of receptivity, a willingness to let the day's light—its *or*—enter the vessel of our awareness. Each evening becomes a chance to redraw the map, to notice where our attention flows easily and where it resists, to see which qualities of the *sefirot* feel familiar and which stretch us. And yes, imagining your favorite Graeter's flavor each night doesn't hurt. A mental scoop of Buckeye Blitz can be a surprisingly effective reminder that spiritual work can be sweet, playful, and something you look forward to.

By the time we reach *Shavuot*, we will not only have counted forty-nine days—we will have cultivated forty-nine opportunities for receptivity. We will have stretched our capacity to receive wisdom, connection, and joy. And yes, we will have earned our community celebration at Graeter's, where we'll gather to honor the simple, profound truth that spiritual growth can be both meaningful and delicious.

In the end, the *Omer* leads us not only to ice cream but to Sinai itself. Our tradition teaches that when the Torah was given, its words flowed into the world like *chalav*—mother's milk—nourishing, comforting, and perfectly suited to the soul's capacity to receive. Ice cream may not be milk straight from Sinai, but it's a delightful reminder that revelation is meant to be tasted, savored, and shared. When we gather at Graeter's on May 21, gifted scoop in hand, we'll be practicing the very thing R. Ashlag and Dr. Goldstein both gesture toward: expanding our vessels, refining our mattering maps, and preparing ourselves to receive the Torah again—with sweetness, with openness, and with the joy of a community ready to be nourished by something larger than ourselves. Sometimes the path to revelation really does run through the sweetness of ice cream as our mini-mattering map for meaningful living.



### PrayerLab Shabbat

Are you curious about the choreography of prayer and ritual life in the synagogue services? Join us on Saturday, April 11th for the next installments of our interactive prayer lab service.

Bring your questions and curiosities.

Saturday, April 11 @ 9:30 am

# I Guess That's Why They Call It a Shpiel



## NOW HEAR THIS

Julie Liss-Katz, Beth Abraham Synagogue President

### Finding Enough in a Time of More



Each year at the Seder table, we come upon the joyful moment in the Haggadah when even the youngest children around the table can join in the chorus of Dayenu. With its familiar refrain, "It would have been enough," the song walks us through a series of gifts: liberation from Egypt, the splitting of the Red Sea, the gift

of the Torah, and much more. After each verse comes the beloved response, Dayenu.

Yet, in today's world, "enough" can feel like a foreign concept.

We live in a culture that constantly urges us toward more – more productivity, more success, more possessions, more certainty about what should come next. Life has definitely taught me to pause and say this moment, this achievement, this simple act of kindness is enough. Dayenu.

This year, as we gather for Passover, the message of Dayenu feels especially resonant. Our synagogue is facing challenges and disruptions. However, step by step, we have witnessed extraordinary resilience.

- *If we only had the immediate response of those who showed up in our time of need – Dayenu*
- *If we only had the hands that helped, the calls that checked in, the spaces that welcomed us – Dayenu*
- *If we only had the strength to continue gathering, praying, and supporting one another – Dayenu.*



We continue rebuilding and moving forward, and like the Israelites before us, we will honor the journey, not just the destination.

May you all have a joyous and meaningful Passover.



Happy passover

## Social Action

Tobi Urzi

Our recent Purim donation drive was a success! This year, we were proud to team up with Beth Jacob Synagogue in a joint effort to support our local community. Thanks to your generosity, a **total of 133 items** were collected. A special thank you to Irene Fishbein, who coordinated the collection and personally delivered the donations to the Foodbank.

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 3rd**. We will be meeting with Alex Pearl and members of the Jewish War Veterans Dayton Post #587 at the Beth Abraham Cemetery. Together, we will spend the morning honoring our fallen heroes by placing flags on the graves of our War Veterans. It is a meaningful tradition, and we would love to have a strong turnout.

We are thrilled to spotlight the newest members of our Social Action team! Please join us in welcoming Mindi Wynne and Judy Chesen. We are grateful for their commitment and the fresh energy they bring to our mission.

Social Action is always looking for new voices and fresh ideas. If you are interested in joining the committee or have a suggestion for a future project, please don't hesitate to reach out.

[SocialAction@bethabrahamdayton.org](mailto:SocialAction@bethabrahamdayton.org)

## In the Beth Abraham Family

### Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

**March 7** - Beth Abraham Synagogue

**March 14** - Felice Shane in memory of her Father Rafael Furst

**March 21** - The Jewish War Veterans Post 587 in honor of War Vets

**March 28**- Franklin Lewis in honor of Cheryl's birthday

### Congratulations to those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries in April

#### April Birthdays

3	Lisa Braverman	21	Doug Einstein
3	Bonnie Deutsch	25	Gary Fishbein
4	Doris J. Jaffe	26	Donald Marger
5	Martin Toher	28	Steven Carne
7	Hindy Gruber	28	Bill Doner
8	Rachel Kinard	29	Jay Kelman
8	Abe Merdinger	29	Jackson Berry
10	Wendi Pavlofsky	30	Samuel Dorf
12	Susan Toher		
13	Marty Nizny		
14	Bob Kohn		
14	Joan Marcus		
16	Marvin Roden		
19	Philip Sussman		
19	Howard Ducker		
20	Paul Levy		
21	Linda Katz		
21	Theodora Finn		

#### April Anniversaries

2	Rex & Louise Tincer
17	Lee & Patti Schear

\*\* 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:**

Phil Sureck, brother of Dena Briskin

### FAST OF THE FIRST BORN SIYYUM



On Erev Pesach, firstborn Jews observe Ta'anit Bechorot, a fast turned joyful through a siyyum—a celebration of learning that allows eating. This transforms the fasting into a moment of learning and connection. Join us on Zoom, **Wednesday, April 1 at 8 am**. Contact the office for the link and bring your own bagels for the final taste of hametz and to sell your hametz to Rav Aubrey.

### CALLING ALL GRADS!

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



# IN THE BETH ABRAHAM FAMILY

## We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

### General Fund

#### **In Memory Of**

- Bea Burke, by Aaron Burke
- Jack Burke, by Aaron Burke
- Bob Feldman, by Toba Feldman
- Gertrude Lang, by Ken & Lisa Blum
- Ruth Temple, by Andy & Pam Schwartz, Irvin & Gayle Moscovitz, Ann & Scott Liberman, Renate Frydman
- Edward Zawatsky, by Sheryl Zawatsky & family

#### **In Honor Of**

- Elaine Arnovitz's Retirement, by Beverly Saeks, Amy Munich
- Elaine Arnovitz for making us feel so welcome, by Richard Freeman, Ann Guthrie, Caitlin Freeman

### Joel Horenstein Fund

#### **In Memory Of**

- Edward Jacobs, by Dena Briskin
- Bill Kibbel, by Linda & Steve Horenstein
- Ruth Temple, by Linda & Steve Horenstein
- Chad Trabitz, by Bari & Steve Blumhof

#### **Speedy Recovery**

- Beth Adelman, by Dena Briskin

### Kiddush Kitty

#### **In Memory Of**

- Agnes Czigler, by Ellie Schaffer
- Morris & Shirley Frankowitz, by Adele Krug
- Mervin Lewis, by Norm & Kay Lewis

#### **In Honor of**

- Howard & Sue Ducker's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by Mike Jaffe & Judy Schwartzman
- Noah Levinson's Bar Mitzvah, by Mike Jaffe & Judy Schwartzman

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

#### **In Honor of**

- Rav Aubrey for your concern & kindness, by Beth Adelman

### Ritual Fund

#### **In Memory Of**

- Julius Chudde, by Roger Chudde
- Nat Eisenberg, by the Levy Family
- Edward Feldman, by Bari & Steve Blumhof
- Elliott Heller, by Brian & Renee Heller
- Edward Jacobs, by Judy & Alan Chesen
- Julius Sender, by Sharon & Bob Burick & family
- Shelly Sherman, by Susie & Eddie Katz
- Trina Shuchat, by Francine Shuchat Shaw & Marc Shaw
- Sara Topper, by Judy Schwartzman
- Lois Unger, by Susie & Eddie Katz

#### **In Honor Of**

- Joan Marcus's Special Birthday, by Mike Jaffe & Judy Schwartzman

### Social Action Fund

#### **In Honor Of**

- Beverly Louis' Special Birthday, by Harlan Louis

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



Please join in for this fun Shabbat dinner at member's homes, on **Friday, May 1st**. 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 April 17th.



## 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 April (Nisan-Iyyar) we remember:***

#### **NISAN**

Rosalie Abbott  
Evelyn Adelman  
Bert Appel  
Eleanor Bergsman  
Sam Berman  
Emma Block  
August Blumhof  
Carol Callas  
Shelly Charles  
Anna Cohen  
Ada Cohen  
Harry Cohen  
David Cohen  
Joseph Colman  
Rose Cooper  
Jacob Cooper  
Agnes Czigler  
Barry Dorfman  
Sarah Droz  
Jacob Dulgus  
Jacob Faust  
Betty Feldman  
Abraham  
Fleischman  
Delbert Footer  
Isaac Friedman  
Murray Friedman  
Bernard D.  
Friedman  
Dena Bluma  
Friedman  
Ira Fritz  
Lewis Froikin  
Adele Froug  
Jake Froug  
Celia Gable  
Melanie Gaffin  
Sam Gassman  
Sarah Geisenfeld  
Solomon Gettleman  
Benjamin Getzel  
Shirlee Gilbert  
Harry Gisser  
Joseph Glatteman  
Francis Goldberg  
Rayzel Golden  
Morris Goldflies  
Curt Goodman

Yale Gressel  
Ida Haeckel  
Beatrice Harris  
William Harris  
Sarah Harris  
Jim Hassen  
Joseph Hochman  
Herman Hoffman  
Morris Hurevitz  
Harold Isenberg  
Ralph Jacobson  
Wilbur Jaffe  
Joseph Jarvis  
Henrietta Jenevsky  
Abraham Kanter  
Isaac Kaplan  
Philip Karpel  
Irene Klaben  
Florine Kohn  
Estelle Kress  
Milton Krochman  
Judith Lapedes  
Jacqueline Lapidus  
Alice Levine  
Charles Levy  
Marianna Levy  
Esther Louis  
Frieda Magilvy  
Harvey Mann  
Max May  
Leo H. Merdinger  
Allan Michelson  
Jacqueline Joy  
Miller  
Mayer Naiman  
David Nemkovsky  
Mildred Nizny  
Max Oltusky  
Nelson Pinsky  
Bruce Pinsky  
Lena Pinsky  
Ruth Polasky  
Rabbi Samuel Press  
Pearl Press  
Elsie Pretekin  
Rose Rinsky  
Wendy Ritter  
Dorothy L. Robbins  
Francine Roberts

Sophia Robins  
Nathan Rosen  
Arthur Rosenthal  
Louis Roth  
Esther Rothman  
Rolf Rothschild  
Lisa Rubin  
Rhoda Ryan  
Samuel Sable  
Henry Sacolick  
George Saiger  
Isabel Sylvia  
Schriber  
Rose Schwartz  
Louis B. Schwartz  
Michael Shane  
Terry Sherman  
Adele Shokler  
Jennifer Short  
Joseph Shuchat  
Julius Sloboff  
Esther Smith  
Ben Smith  
Ruth Sokol  
Thelma Sokol  
Larry Stein  
Milton Tomchin  
Esther Vandersluis  
Gershon Wall  
Leon Weinstein  
Hank Weinstein  
Sarah Weinstein  
Gerda Whitman  
Alice Woll  
Alvin Worley  
William Zappin  
George Zappin  
Mollie Ziskin  
Rev. Louis Zusman  
Joseph Zusman

#### **IYYAR**

Charles Abramovitz  
Marian Aftergood  
Rachel Aftergood  
Ruth Altman  
Moses L. Arnovitz  
Sol Arnovitz  
Agusta Bearman

Jennie Beckman  
William Bernstein  
Emily Bruck  
Rae Byer  
Maryan Caplan  
Leland Charles  
Linwood Coates  
Nellie Cohen  
Miller M.D.F. Dial  
Edith Duberstein  
Arthur H. Ehrenberg  
Stanley Freedman  
Nathan Friedman  
Ann Friedman  
Sophie Froikin  
Elaine Froikin  
Max Gaffin  
Sadie Galpern  
Ida Gassman  
Ron Gilbert  
Eugene Goldflies  
Max Goodman  
Faye Goodman  
Charles Groban  
Samuil Grutman  
Sophia Haber  
Dolores Hassen  
Rose Hochman  
Clara Hochstein  
Minnie Horwitz  
Harold B. Jacobson  
Aaron Jacobson  
Selma Joslin  
Adolf Kahn  
Lawrence Katz  
Nathan Katz  
Molly Katz  
Anna Kitain  
Esther Kotler  
Rose Kravetz  
Marshall Kreitman  
Bertha Krumholz  
Louis Kutash  
Bess C. Lapinsky  
Jack Leffak  
Hyman Levine  
Ruth Lindenbaum  
Sylvia Marcus  
Louis Mark

Jake Matusoff  
Joseph Morozovsky  
Rosalyn Moss  
Berniece Ruth  
Musin  
Jacob Naiman  
David Perlmutter  
Mary Perlmutter  
Aaron Polster  
Craig Rabiner  
Sam Raizen  
Leah Riff  
Elfrieda Ritter  
Celina Rosenthal  
Aaron Harold  
Rosner  
Alvin Saper  
Paul Schriber  
Doris Schwartz  
Allen Seymour  
Sam Shuchat  
Dora Shutly  
Naomi Slavin  
Charles Tanis  
Sam Timmer  
Eleanor Wallace  
Hymie Weinstein  
Rachell Wolfe  
Rose Yaross  
Harry Yolles  
Stanley Zakem  
Anna Zeifman  
Leah Zisenwine



## PURIM THANK YOU

Another Shpiel is officially in the books. *I Guess That's Why They Call It A Shpiel* closed to thunderous applause and rave reviews. More than 100 people joined together for dinner plus more who enjoyed the carnival and shpiel. Of course, none of the delicious food or festive fun would have been possible without our wonderful volunteers. A special thank you to our Planning Committee: Irene Fishbein, Janice Krochmal, Mike Sherman & Tobi Urzi. Todah Rabah to the following:

**Shpiel:** Janice Krochmal who was our director and Irene Fishbein who helped with all the logistics; Shana Fishbein for her hours of work with the musical score; Terry Lieberman-Smith on tech, Irene Fishbein, Wendy Lipp, and Mike Kimmel on set design.

**Shpielers:** Elaine Arnovitz, SAM Barry, Alan & Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Irwin Dumtschin, Irene & Shana Fishbein, Caitlin Freeman, Paul Levy, Wendy Lipp, Cantor Raizen

**Dinner:** Tobi Uri, our Captain Cook, along with Maryann Bernstein, Helene Gordon, Hindy Gruber, Terry Lieberman-Smith, Wendy Lipp, Louise Tincher, Judy Woll, and Mindi Wynne.

**Bartenders:** Matt Arnovitz & Mike Freed

**Carnival:** Mike & Marcie Sherman for providing the carnival games; carnival helpers Kristan & Caroline Levy on facepainting, Marc Smith, Dr. Elyssa Wortzman, Micah & Shante Naziri as bouncy castle chaperones.

**Centerpieces:** Claudia Birch, Cheryl Lewis, Suzanne Thum

**Greeter:** Steve Fraim

**Photography & Videography:** Craig & Tamar Fishbein, Mike Kimmel, Michael Osborne, Marc Smith

**Registration:** Maryann Bernstein, Beverly Franbacher, Helene Gordon, Marlene Pinsky

We extend our sincere appreciation to **Jason Archdeacon, Elaine Arnovitz, Sandra Kallenberg, and Annie Potter** for the time, energy, and professionalism they have devoted to ensuring this event was enjoyed by all attendees.

We also wish to express our gratitude to **Beth Jacob Synagogue, Rabbi Agar, and Helen Halcomb** for their exceptional hospitality. Their generosity and steadfast support embody the spirit of *tzedakah*, offering meaningful reassurance to our community during this time of our building closure.



- **Jody Pollack Blazar, and Andrew Blazar & Stephanie Weber** on the birth of their grandchild, Levi Blazar Voronov, on March 13th to Myah and Mike Voronov of Deerfield, IL
- **Bonnie Beaman Rice** on being named a Dangerous Dame of Dayton by the League of Women Voters.
- **Walter Rice & Bonnie Beaman Rice** on their daughter, Courtney Rice, who was among 50 women being honored by The Hill as part of its inaugural Top Women Shaping Policy.

**Community Yom Hashoah Observance:** Sunday, April 19 at Temple Israel at 4:00 pm with art on display beginning at 3:00 pm. A teen and PJ Library event will also take place.

**Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration:** Wednesday, April 22 from 6-8:30 pm at the CJCE with dinner, a speaker and music. \$18/person; \$45/family. RSVP by April 17

Registration and further information can be found at [jewishdayton.org](http://jewishdayton.org)

### COMMUNITY



## MAASEH

Dr. Elyssa Wortzman

Dressing up for Purim lets us try on different persona and explore ways to express our authentic selves (and it's fun!). The Purim *mitzvot* – commandments – allow us to penetrate more deeply into the realm of the soul, to learn what it needs. In particular, the mitzvah of *matanot l'evyonim* – gifts to the needy – requires us to pause, to think beyond the self and become aware of the needs of others.

Teaching our students about helping others has been a key aspect of this year's school curriculum, with its prime ethical value of *chesed* – lovingkindness. So, for Purim, we decorated bags with greetings for Purim (*chag sameach, chag urim sameach*) in fun colors and loaded them up with sweet treats. The bags were delivered to women in need. Each student created a bag and was asked to imbue it with their intention towards the receiver – their *kavvana*. May all of us, friends, family and all in need, experience God's open hand, through human action or divine, to, as we say in the Ashrei the students are learning, sustain all living creatures - *poteach et yadecha, u'mazbeah l'chol chai ratzon*.



### Men's Club Deli Dinner



### From Narrowness to Renewing Light: A Spring Journey Through the Healing Psalms

As the world thaws and the first green shoots push their way through the soil, our tradition invites us into its own season of renewal. This is a journey for anyone seeking steadiness, renewal, or a way to feel the season's promise from the inside out—a pilgrimage from Egypt's tight places toward the open, listening heart of Sinai. From the liberation of Passover to the slow, attentive counting of the Omer, we walk a path that widens the heart day by day, preparing us for the moment of deep receptivity at Sinai. Along this springtime arc, when the soul is already leaning toward possibility, we will turn to the healing psalms cherished by Rebbe Nachman—texts he understood as companions for those navigating anxiety, dislocation, and the shadowed valleys of the spirit.

Tuesday April 7, 14, 21, & 28

10am on Zoom

Call or email the office to register

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

*Irene Fishbeln*

The Men's Club and Sisterhood led our Annual Shabbat service on February 21st at the CJCE. Many thanks to Cathy Gardner and the staff at the JFGD for coming to our aid and preparing the multipurpose room so quickly so we were able to worship without missing a beat. Many thanks to our chairpeople, Alan Chesen & Cheryl Lewis for putting together a wonderful service.

In addition to Alan & Cheryl, many thanks to all of our service participants: Beth Adelman, SAM Barry, Claudia Birch, Alex & Dena Briskin, Linda Brotkin, Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug Deutsch, Irwin Dumtschin, Bruce & Debbie Feldman, Irene Fishbein, Steve and Penney Fraim, Mike Freed, Renate Frydman, Helene Gordon, Hindy Gruber, Scott Liberman, Marlene & Terry Pinsky, Bonnie Rice, Connie Roberts, Andy Schwartz, Louise Tincer, Tobi Urzi, Doug Wagner, and Judy Woll. Special thanks to Penney Friam, Terry Lieberman-Smith, and Connie Roberts for setting up a beautiful table of sweets for after the service.

Mahjshuganahs are cancelled for April, and there will be no April Sisterhood meeting. The Gift Shop will remain closed until repairs are completed at Beth Abraham. Please watch News & Notes for updates.

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

*Irwin Dumtschin*

**DELI DINNER, MOVIE, & RAFFLE WINNERS:** The Men's Club recently hosted another successful Deli Dinner and Movie Night. Over 100 guests enjoyed Dayton's finest kosher deli buffet followed by a screening of *A Serious Man*. Special thanks to **Helen Halcomb** and **Beth Jacob Synagogue** for their gracious hosting. We also appreciate **Alan and Judy Chesen, Marc Smith and Terry Lieberman-Smith**, and **Michael Kimmel** for handling the deli shopping that made the evening so memorable.

Congratulations to our annual fundraising raffle winners:

- **Dayton Country Club Golf Package:** Brenda Rinzler
- **DeLonghi Dedic Duo Espresso Machine:** Bret and Charlotte Golden
- **55" Insignia 4K Fire TV:** Steve Wyke
- **\$100 VISA Gift Card:** Claudia Birch
- **2 Dayton Playhouse Tickets (*The Full Monty*):**  
*Helene Gordon*
- **\$50 All The Best Delicatessen Gift Card:** Sis Litvin
- **\$25 All The Best Delicatessen Gift Card:** Neil Katz and Karin Hirschkatz

**YOM HASHOAH YELLOW CANDLE DISTRIBUTION:** Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed this year on 27 Nisan (April 14, 2026). The Dayton community ceremony will take place at Temple Israel on **Sunday, April 19** at 4:00 PM.

As part of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs initiative, our Men's Club will again provide materials for personal observance. A **Yellow Candle™**, made in Israel, will be delivered to each home in our community. We invite you to join Jewish communities across America by lighting your candle on **Wednesday evening, April 23**, in memory of a victim of the Holocaust. Please contact the office if you need additional candles. Light the candle in memory of a victim of the Holocaust, to honor those in America's armed forces and the IDF, in memory of all victims of terrorism and in the increased rise in anti-Semitism.

Place your candle in a window as a reminder that we must never forget. In a time of rising antisemitism, the Yellow Candle program shines light against darkness and keeps memory alive. We are grateful to all who are helping to distribute this year.

**MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:** Our next meeting is **Monday, April 20th**, at 7:30 PM. Our meetings are open to all, and we especially welcome all newcomers to attend and let us know what your Men's Club can do for you. Look for the Zoom link in the upcoming News & Notes.

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

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**Friday, April 10th 5:30 - 6:15 pm**  
**NEW LOCATION: TEMPLE ISRAEL**

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



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**Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services**

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 Facebook, or in your weekly News & Notes email

<b>Wednesday, April 1</b> <b>Erev Pesach</b> Fast of the First Born/ Siyyum Candle Lighting	8:00 am 7:43 pm	<b>Tuesday, April 7</b> Candle Lighting	7:49 pm	<b>Friday, April 17</b> Candle Lighting	7:59 pm
<b>Thursday, April 2</b> <b>Pesach I</b> Morning Service Candle Lighting	9:30 am 8:43 pm	<b>Wednesday, April 8</b> <b>Pesach VII</b> Morning Service Candle Lighting	9:30 am 8:49 pm	<b>Saturday, April 18</b> Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 9:00 pm
<b>Friday, April 3</b> <b>Pesach II</b> Morning Service Candle Lighting	9:30 am 7:45 pm	<b>Thursday, April 9</b> <b>Pesach VIII</b> Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 8:50 pm	<b>Friday, April 24</b> Candle Lighting	8:06 pm
<b>Saturday, April 4</b> Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 8:45 pm	<b>Friday, April 10</b> Candle Lighting	7:52 pm	<b>Saturday, April 25</b> Morning Service Havdalah	9:30 am 9:08 pm
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