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SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Join us on **Sunday, October 4th** when we'll chant the last verses of the Torah and start all over again!

- 9:30 am Service begins
- 11:00 am Singing and dancing with our Torahs featuring the Beth Abraham house band
- 12:00 pm ice cream to continue the Simcha!

No charge, open to all! Families encouraged.

RSVP by calling the office at 937-293-9520 or emailing BAS@bethabrahamdayton.org.



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Presents:

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October 11: John Davis, *Safety and Security*
John is Security Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton

October 18: Brian Kerstine, *Community Involvement*
Brian is Executive Director of Jewish Family Services

October 25: Stephen Levinson, *Jewish Humor and Comedy*
Stephen is a comedy writer who has written for Jim Henson Studios, Comedy Central, and NBC where he was a monologue writer for The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon.

10 am • \$12 RSVP by
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NOW HEAR THIS

Julie Liss-Katz, Beth Abraham Synagogue President

(This is Julie's Yom Kippur address to the congregation on Kol Nidre)



Good Yontif:

It should come as no surprise to anyone who has met me that I'm an outgoing, optimistic person. I like to see the good in people. I like to believe in people's potential. And I like to believe that, even when things are difficult, tomorrow can be better than today.

But no one has ever articulated that feeling better than my six-year-old grandson Ethan. The day after Michigan became the NCAA March Madness champion, Ethan was in the car on the way home from school with his 12-year-old brother, Noah, a huge Michigan fan. By the end of the school day, Noah was pretty tired and a bit grumpy. After all, he had stayed up pretty late watching the game. Go Blue! And Ethan, who apparently had

already figured out something about life that takes some of us many more years to learn, looked at Noah and said: "Just do what I do every day, Noah. Put a smile on your face and say, 'It's going to be a great day.'"

I love that.

And I, too, would like to think that every day holds the possibility of greatness. That people will be kind, generous, and helpful. That when we need one another, we will show up. That when we open our hearts, others will open theirs. And that God will hear our voices when we pray. Especially when we recite the Prayer for our Country and ask: "Uproot from our hearts hatred and malice, jealousy and strife. Plant love and companionship, peace and friendship, among the many peoples and faiths that dwell in our nation." Those are beautiful words. And on Yom Kippur, when we stand together and look honestly at ourselves and at the world around us, those words feel especially important. Because from last Yom Kippur to today, a lot has happened in our world. And a lot has happened within these walls.

Last Yom Kippur, I stood before you as president of Beth Abraham. I could not have imagined that just a few months later, I would receive a call while I was visiting my son Alex and his family in New York and hear the chaos in the background as Elaine explained flooding and water damage and wondering what the future would hold. Our building was suddenly no longer going to be our home. Our Torahs were being moved to safety. Our siddurim, chumashim, sacred texts and objects were all being packed up and taken away. Our office closed and routines disrupted. And for a long while, we didn't know when we would be back.

But there was something I didn't understand at that moment. I initially thought the flood had taken our synagogue away from us. What I came to realize was that it had only temporarily taken away our building. It could not take away Beth Abraham. Because Beth Abraham isn't the walls. It isn't the carpet. It isn't the sanctuary, or social hall, or offices. Beth Abraham is you, the people of this congregation. And during these past seven months, you have showed me exactly what that means. You showed up. You helped. You called. You volunteered. You opened your hearts. And when our doors were closed, other doors opened for us. Our friends, neighbors, and first responders were there when we needed them. The Jewish Federation cared for our Torahs. Beth Jacob welcomed us for Purim and other gatherings. The Art Institute hosted our Annual Meeting. Temple Israel welcomed us and gave us more than a place to hold Shabbat services. They gave us a place to call home. And all of you found ways to keep Beth Abraham alive and connected.

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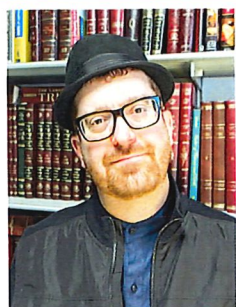
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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

Unvarnished Time: Reconstructing Reality in Marcheshvan

Rav Aubrey Glazer



Have you ever woken up from anesthesia?

בן אדם מה לך נרדם, קום קרא בתחנונים...
"Sleeper, awake! Arise and pour out your supplications..."

If you have ever woken up in a recovery room after major surgery under general anesthesia, you know that constructed reality does not return instantly. There is a disorienting,

weightless gap. First comes a faint awareness of breathing, then the cold ambient air, the steady beep of monitors, and finally the gradual, grounding realization of your own limbs, your own name, and the physical world waiting for you. You do not simply wake up; you reconstruct reality piece by piece.

In *Being You: A New Science of Consciousness*, neuroscientist Anil Seth—whose research at the University of Sussex maps the biological basis of human perception—explores this precise threshold of selfhood. Unlike deep sleep, anesthesia is a total, temporary suspension of consciousness—a complete pause in the brain's continuous, predictive construction of reality. Seth posits that our daily conscious experience is a form of "controlled hallucination," where our mind constantly projects models of reality based on incoming sensory signals. When we emerge from that void, we must slowly rebuild our presence from the ground up.

This neuroscientific dynamic mirrors a deep spiritual question on our calendar: How do we reconstruct our spiritual reality after months of heightened sacred drama? From the introspective accounting of Elul—where the haunting words of *Ben Adam Ma Lecha Nirdam* first shook us from our spiritual slumber—through the awe of Rosh Hashanah, the stillness of Yom Kippur, and the exuberant open-air dwelling of Sukkot, our spiritual senses have been set on high alert. Tishrei is an explosion of deliberate predictions and vivid symbols. Together, we construct a hyper-vivid spiritual reality: the piercing blast of the tekiah, the fragrant scent of the etrog, and the collective vibration of hundreds of voices singing *Avinu Malkeinu*.

This marathon culminates in Shemini Atzeret, a holiday whose name implies a holding back—a holy pause where God asks us to linger one moment longer before the grand machinery of the festival season grinds to a halt. Shemini Atzeret acts as our spiritual recovery room. It is the gentle transition between the ecstatic sensory overload of Simchat Torah and the quiet

awakening that follows. The Midrash compares Shemini Atzeret to a host who asks dear friends to stay just one more day before departing. It is the moment we linger in the doorway, letting our pulse slow down, allowing the spiritual high to settle, and preparing to open our eyes to the ordinary world.

And then, almost overnight, the floor drops out. We step directly into Marcheshvan. Historically nicknamed *Mar* (bitter) Cheshvan because it contains no holidays, no fasts, no shofars, and no specialized rituals, it is the quietest corridor on the Jewish calendar. The sukkah is dismantled, white garments return to storage, and sanctuary lights dim to their standard settings. We are thrown back into plain, unvarnished time.

How do we prevent this return to the everyday from collapsing back into spiritual unconsciousness? This was the central quest of Rabbi Aharon "Reb Arele" Roth (1894–1947), the Jerusalem-based Hasidic mystic and founder of the *Shomer Emunim* community renowned for his fiery devotion to spiritual authenticity. In his seminal work *Shomer Emunim*, Reb Arele articulated a radical framework for *hisorerus*—the state of active spiritual awakening. He taught that true wakefulness is not a passive state you find yourself in, but a deliberate, vigorous effort to pull oneself out of the soul's natural slumber (*shenah*). For Reb Arele, the greatest danger to spiritual life was spiritual numbness—living on "autopilot," where one performs rituals while asleep at the wheel.

Reb Arele insisted that the ultimate test of any spiritual awakening occurs not during moments of ecstatic inspiration, but in how one carries that awareness into ordinary, unadorned moments. Just as waking post-surgery requires us to accept the physical reality of our bodies—complete with our surgical scars and human limitations—Marcheshvan demands that we accept the reality of our daily lives without the external scaffolding of the holidays.

The holiness of Tishrei was sustained by collective ceremony; the holiness of Marcheshvan must be sustained by individual, quiet integrity, daily kindness, and steady practice. It is the month where we ask: Now that the sanctuary music has quieted and the room has cleared, who am I when I wake up?

As we enter this long, unadorned month, let us not view its silence as a void or a bitterness. Treat it as a clear, necessary awakening. The shofar has cleared away our numbness; the calendar has done its work. Now, in the crisp everyday air of Marcheshvan, we open our eyes to the world as it truly is—and begin the quiet, essential work of simply being awake.

COMMUNITY



- Join Hillel Academy of Greater Dayton for an evening of laughter, community, and support featuring acclaimed comedian Joel Chasnoff. **Sunday, October 18** at 6:30 PM
- Jewish Book Council Bonus Event- Bruce Feller in Conversation with Rabbi Buchdahl via Zoom
- Cultural Arts and Book Series Opening Event, in partnership with Miami Valley Jewish Genealogy & History- Author Michael Kimmel – Playmakers the Jewish Entrepreneurs Who Created the Toy Industry in America. Jewishdayton.org/events



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JORDAN SMITH

Terry Lieberman-Smith

Jordan Smith's family moved to Dayton when he was young, and it was here that he found his Jewish home. Jordan attended Beth Abraham and was bar mitzvahed by Rabbi Barsky. He later graduated from Wright State University with a degree in Communications, skills he now puts to work as Program Administrator for the Jewish Community Center.

Growing up, Jordan sometimes struggled with feeling fully connected to the Jewish community. Because of his Asian background, he did not feel he fit other people's expectations of what a Jewish person looks like. These experiences helped shape his desire to build more welcoming and inclusive Jewish spaces where everyone feels they belong.



Chances are you have seen Jordan at Jewish Film Festival events or at programs in the Cultural Arts and Books Series. He enjoys helping create opportunities for people to connect, learn, and engage with Jewish life.

One of Jordan's long-standing goals was to participate in a Birthright Israel trip. That dream faced several challenges along the way, including the COVID lockdown and the events of October 7, 2023. With the realization that he would soon age out of the program, and knowing there never seems to be a perfect time to visit the Middle East, Jordan decided to move forward and sign up.

In August 2026, he finally made the journey.

When his group landed in Israel, their guide greeted them with the words, "Welcome Home." Those two words had a profound impact on Jordan. As someone who had occasionally questioned where he fit within the broader Jewish community, hearing that message of belonging resonated deeply. Throughout his Israel travels, he found people to be warm and welcoming, and for the first time on such a large scale, he felt embraced simply as a Jew among fellow Jews.

His Birthright group included 27 young adults, along with staff members. Seven active members of the Israel Defense Forces joined the trip as part of a cultural exchange. Through honest and often lively conversations, the participants and IDF members shared their personal experiences, perspectives, and everyday realities. Discussions covered history, culture, and life in both Israel and the United States. Jordan noted that many conversations also centered on what participants viewed as inaccurate media coverage of events in Israel.

One of the most emotional moments of the trip came on the fourth day when the group visited the Nova Festival site near the Gaza Envelope. Standing in a place where so many people had been injured or lost their lives left a lasting impact on him.

As the days passed, the travelers grew close and became like one big family. Although saying goodbye at the end of the trip was emotional, they have remained connected through social media and continue to share their experiences with one another.

Jordan strongly encourages eligible young adults to participate in Birthright Israel. The experience deepened his connection to Israel, strengthened his Jewish identity, and inspired him to become more involved. He hopes to return to Israel in the future and would like to volunteer in support of future Birthright participants.

Since returning home, Jordan says he feels a greater sense of pride in being Jewish and a stronger connection to the Jewish people worldwide. His experience reinforced the idea that the Jewish community is made up of people from many backgrounds, cultures, and appearances. Because of his own experiences, he is enthusiastic about creating spaces where young Jewish adults feel welcomed, accepted, and valued exactly as they are.

Jordan believes that, even in today's challenging political climate, Jewish people should feel comfortable expressing their identity and building meaningful connections with one another. He would like to see more safe, welcoming spaces where Jews can simply gather, enjoy each other's company, and feel comfortable being themselves.

With that goal in mind, Jordan is participating in One Dinner at a Time: Building Jewish Community for Jewish Young Adults, a volunteer-led initiative supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton.

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Renew. Rebuild. Rejoice.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our congregation, friends, and supporters, we are close to raising \$500,000 – far surpassing our \$300,000 original goal. This remarkable response is a testament to the love and commitment of the Beth Abraham community. Every gift has helped us restore our building and strengthen our congregation. There is always an opportunity to lead us toward a brighter future. If you have not yet contributed, or would like to make an additional gift, we invite you to join us in this important effort. Please call or email the office for additional information.

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Looking ahead, Jordan would also like to see the Dayton community become more actively involved in activities supporting BBYO and other youth programs, while expanding Hillel opportunities at colleges and universities throughout the greater Dayton area. He believes these efforts can help strengthen Jewish identity, create lasting connections, and ensure a vibrant future for the next generation of Jewish young adults.

For more information:

BBYO: Contact Jennifer : jholman@jfgd.net

Birthright Israel: <https://www.birthrightisrael.com/>

One Dinner at a Time: Contact Lidia: izambilovici@jfgd.net

In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

September 5 - Janine Thomas in memory of her Parents

September 19 - David & Randi Fuchsman in honor of the birth of their first grandchild, Nathan Lev

September 26 - Cheryl Lewis in honor of Franklin's 87th Birthday

Congratulations to those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries In October

October Birthdays

1	Lynn Foster
2	Steven Horenstein
4	Shana Fishbein
5	Russell Urzi
5	Dale Schiff
6	Jay Wenig
6	Stephanie Goodstein
10	Bruce Hulman
10	Bernard Rabinowitz
11	Robert Bernstein
12	Alan Scherr
12	Harriet Samler
13	Michael Leffak
13	Linda Horenstein
20	Barbara Kessler
20	Claudia Birch
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

WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE PASSING OF:

Beth Adelman
Jerome "Jerry" Cohen
Donald Marger

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

Please join in for this fun Shabbat dinner at member's homes, on **Friday, October 30th**.

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!

Please sign up no later than **October 19th**.

Guest Sign up



Host Sign up



We Gratefully Acknowledge...these thoughtful contributions

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Donald Marger, by Beth Abraham Men's Club

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Meta Schoemann, by Carol Friedman
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Jacqueline Miner, on your 95th birthday, by Ronna & Michael Dubro
Minnette Weiss, on your 95th birthday, by Ronna & Michael Dubro

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Judge Walter Rice, on your retirement, by Lynn Foster

The family of Beth Adelman would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your kindness, love and support during Beth's illness. Your visits, phone calls, cards and donations reminded us how deeply Beth was loved and cherished. We are truly grateful for all your support.

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

Sam Adelson
Florence Anon
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Gift Shop Is Open!!

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



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At our Annual Meeting in May, we announced the Renew. Rebuild. Rejoice. Campaign. Our goal was \$300,000.

We knew we needed to cover our insurance deductibles and our lost revenue when Hillel decided to relocate. And as walls and ceilings were opened, we discovered additional repairs and expenses that we had not anticipated. Three hundred thousand dollars was a big number. But what happened next was something I never expected. You gave. And you gave in a way that overwhelmed me. Instead of raising \$300,000, this congregation raised more than \$477,000 so far. Think about that for a moment. More than \$477,000. But the number itself is not what moves me most. What moves me is what that number represents. It represents the people who believe in Beth Abraham. People who believe that this congregation matters. People who believe that our children and grandchildren deserve to have a Jewish home where they can pray, learn, celebrate, and grow. People who believe that the future of Beth Abraham is worth investing in.

And I discovered something else during these months. Something I never expected when I became president. I discovered the unexpected joy of being president. Not because of the meetings. Not because of our budget. Not because of the title or responsibilities. The joy came from watching people who care. It came from watching people step forward without being asked. It came from seeing people use their talents, time, and resources to help rebuild something that belongs to all of us. It came from seeing generosity in action. It came from discovering that when adversity arrived at our door, kindness arrived right behind it. And that has been one of the great gifts of this experience.

On Yom Kippur, we are asked to reflect on the year that has passed and think about the year we want to create. Rosh Hashanah began the New Year. Yom Kippur gives us the opportunity to begin again, to acknowledge what has been difficult, to ask forgiveness where we need it, and to think about who we want to be going forward. This year, we have experienced a new beginning in a very literal way. We have rebuilt. We have repaired. We have cleaned and painted and replaced and restored. And then, finally, we brought our Torahs home. We walked them back into this sanctuary together. And we rejoiced. But I think something else happened along the way.

We were renewed, too. The flood reminded us not to take our synagogue or one another for granted. It reminded us that a congregation is not simply a building where people come to services. It is a community of people who show up for one another. It is the person who makes the phone call. It is the person who brings the meal. It is the person who writes the check. It is the person who volunteers. It is the person who asks, "What can I do?" It is the person who sits beside you when you need someone there. That is what makes a synagogue a sacred place. And perhaps that is the lesson I will carry with me from this year. I started by telling you about Ethan and his simple advice to Noah. "Put a smile on your face and say, 'It's going to be a great day.'" He knows nothing about flood insurance, deductibles, construction delays, or occupancy permits. What he understands is something deeper. We get to decide how we meet the day. We can look for what is good. We can choose kindness. We can help one another. We can begin again. As I look around this sanctuary tonight, I see a congregation that has done exactly that. We began this journey with uncertainty. We end it with gratitude. We began it with a damaged building. We end it with renewed home. We began by asking whether we could raise \$300,000.

You answered our call by raising more than \$477,000. And we began this year not knowing what it would bring. Tonight I know one thing. Whatever the coming year brings, we will face it together. And so, as we enter this New Year, my wish for all of us is that we continue to see the good in one another. That we continue to be generous with our time, our resources, and our hearts. That we continue to open our doors to those who need us. That we continue to bring out the best in one another. And that when we say the words of our prayer, "Plant love and companionship, peace and friendship," we don't simply recite them. We live them. May this New Year be a year of renewal. A year of rebuilding – not just of buildings, but relationships, connections, and community.

And may each of us, in our own way, follow Ethan's advice: Put a smile on your face. Look for the good. And believe it is going to be a great day.

Shana Tova.



Hannukah Beats & Israeli Feast Dance! Dine! Create!

- Traditional Israeli food
- Latke bar & sufganiyot
- Live band & Israeli music
- Israeli dance lessons
- A special family craft project
- Chanukah Bingo
- Chanukah Corn Hole

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
4:00 - 7:00 PM**



Israel Affairs Committee

October is breast cancer awareness month! Israeli researchers make breast cancer breakthrough

Researchers at Israel's Ben-Gurion University have identified a protein that plays a central role in enabling aggressive breast cancer cells to spread to other parts of the body, offering hope to treating the aggressive disease. While medical advances have improved the ability to surgically remove primary tumours, the true danger lies in metastasis, which is the spread of cancer cells to vital organs like the lungs, liver, or brain. The research team has now identified a specific protein, PKC-eta (protein kinase C-eta), that drives this deadly cell migration.



In a breakthrough, scientists from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology have engineered nanoparticles that treat these aggressive "triple-negative" breast cancer tumors without chemotherapy or drugs, potentially paving the way for a chemical-free treatment for the deadly disease. In a peer-reviewed study published in the journal ACS Nano, the researchers' lab-engineered nanoparticles were able to halt the tumors in female mice. These studies published April-June of 2026.

The Matriarch Legacy Awards Honoring

ELAINE

**Join us for a celebration of Light, Laughter,
and Legacy as we honor Elaine Arnovitz
upon her retirement for her many years of
service to our community.**

RSVP by October 19

 Beth Abraham Synagogue
305 Sugar Camp Circle

 November 1, 2026
11:00 - 1:00 PM

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WHAT ME A HEBREW SKEPTIC?!?

LIFELONG LEARNING

What if doubt were not the enemy of faith but its most honest companion?

Join us on Zoom **Tuesday Oct. 13, 20, 27
and Nov. 10, 17, and 24 at 10:00 am** for this course inviting seekers into the Jewish tradition of sacred skepticism - from Qohelet's wind-chasing melancholy to the Kotzker Rebbe's fierce truth ethic - discovering doubt as a luminous threshold where faith matures through courage, clarity, and intellectual love.

Zoom registration required.
Scan the QR code or
email the office
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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

A huge thank you from the Men's Club and Sisterhood to our mobile mensches who once again helped us pack and deliver holiday bags to our in-town members for Rosh Hashanah. Among them are Elaine Arnovitz, Jack and Maryann Bernstein, Alan and Judy Chesen, Ted Cooper, Doug and Bonnie Deutsch, Melinda Doner, Irwin Dumtschin, Irene and Shana Fishbein, Caitlin Freeman, Ann Guthrie, Mindy Greene, Hindy Gruber, Linda Horenstein, Kristan Levy, Franklin and Cheryl Lewis, Ann Liberman, Terry Lieberman-Smith, Marc Smith, Wendy Lipp, Jeff and Connie Roberts, Dale Schiff, Allan Spetter and Claudia Birch, and Tobi Urzi. Thank you to Sandra, Jason, and Elaine for getting the holiday bags ready. It truly takes a village to get things done and our village is you.

Great news for MAHJShuganahs! Let the games resume! Join us on Thursday, 10/8 and 10/22. We will resume meeting in the pod across from the Chapel. Please RSVP to Theda Wagner by the Tuesday before each game.

More great news! After the flood comes the "sail" with a boat load of savings. Come visit the Gift Shop. 40% or more off many items. Please contact Connie Roberts for more information.

Join us on the first Thursday of each month for our Sisterhood meetings on ZOOM @ 10:00AM. Our next meeting is October 1st @ 10:00AM. You'll find the link to the ZOOM meeting in News and Notes on Monday, 9/28.

MEN'S CLUB

Irwin Dumtschin

Get ready! The Men's Club Fall Season is kicking into gear! First up: **Men's Club Night Out in the Sukkah**, which has become our signature evening of good bourbon, brisket, good company, and conversation worth savoring.

Thank you, Allan Katz, for once again coordinating the Men's Club's High Holiday ushering assignments for each of the services, as well as to our ushers who volunteered their time and effort to continue helping to maintain the dignity and sanctity of Beth Abraham Synagogue's High Holiday services that make these services so beautiful and enjoyable for the entire congregation.

RICK PINSKY SUNDAY BRUNCH SPEAKER SERIES:

We're thrilled to kick off a new season back on Sunday mornings with a fantastic lineup of speakers. This month's topics run the gamut; from security and community involvement to the lighter side of Jewish humor, so there's something for everyone. Come for the bagels, lox, and eggs, stay for the conversation. See information on front page.

We can't wait to see you there for a season full of good food, good friends, and good learning!

Men's Club Monthly Board Meeting: Our next virtual monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, October 19th, at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Look for the Zoom link in News & Notes on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Social Action

Mindi Wynne

As we begin the new year, the Social Action Committee looks forward to exploring fresh ideas and meaningful new projects.

We'll start our Jewish year with a **Blood Drive on November 10th**. Please plan ahead and watch for the sign-up link or contact the office to reserve your time. This is a wonderful opportunity to take part in the mitzvah of *Pikuach Nefesh* (*saving a life*).

In **January**, we'll begin discussions on four projects that serve individuals, families, our broader community, and the synagogue itself. Each project will reflect one of our core Jewish values: **Achrayut (Responsibility)**, **Tzedakah (Charity)**, **Kehillah (Community)**, and **Hachnasat Orchim (Welcoming Guests)**.

It promises to be a fun, fulfilling, and rewarding year. If you'd like to join the committee, please reach out to **Mindi Wynne**. We'd love to have you involved.

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LIVESTREAM LINK

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



Friday, October 9th
5:30 - 6:15 pm

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

Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

Online service links can be found at
www.bethabrahamdayton.org,

Facebook, and in your weekly News & Notes email

Friday, October 2 Erev Shemini Atzeret Candle Lighting 6:59 pm	Friday, October 9 Candle Lighting 6:48 pm	Friday, October 23 Candle Lighting 6:28 pm
Saturday, October 3 Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simchat Torah Morning Service 9:30 am Yizkor Service 11:00 am Candle Lighting 7:38 pm	Saturday, October 10 Morning Service 9:00 am Havdalah 7:45 pm	Saturday, October 24 Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah 7:25 pm
Sunday, October 4 Simchat Torah Morning Service 9:30 am w/Hakafot Havdalah 7:54 pm	Friday, October 16 Candle Lighting 6:38 pm	Friday, October 30 Candle Lighting 6:19 pm
	Saturday, October 17 Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah 7:35 pm	Sunday, October 31 Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah 7:17 pm