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Let's Welcome Rebecca Abramovich!

Rebecca's story begins in Cleveland, but its roots stretch much farther. Raised in a Conservative congregation, she is the first American-born member of her family, and Russian was the first language she spoke. She celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in Israel at the family section of the Western Wall, a meaningful milestone in her life. She looks forward to returning to Israel in the future.

A standout student from an early age, Rebecca graduated from high school with an associate degree, thanks to an ambitious schedule of advanced placement courses. She went on to attend Full Sail University in Florida, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Animation and graduated as class valedictorian.

Rebecca moved to Dayton this July and looks forward to exploring the area and getting involved in the community. A creative spirit, she enjoys making art, attending theater performances, and baking. We're excited to have her here and hope you'll join us in giving her a warm welcome!

Bulletin Refresh

Terry Lieberman-Smith

Just when everything is running smoothly, technology likes to keep us on our toes. Microsoft has retired Publisher; the program we have long used to create the BAS Bulletin. As we transition to InDesign, we saw a wonderful opportunity not just to make a change, but to give the Bulletin a fresh look.

We know you will enjoy the updates. You will note the cleaner, easier-to-read design, larger fonts, and an inviting layout that makes finding information simpler and more enjoyable.

We have also taken your feedback to heart. Beginning with this issue, and continuing in future editions, you will find a monthly calendar on the back page. This page is perfect for posting on the refrigerator, giving you an at-a-glance view of everything happening at BAS during the month.

Another exciting addition is the introduction of guest contributors who will share their unique perspectives and insights about BAS. We are especially pleased to launch "A Window a Month," a new series by our own Renate Frydman, along with articles from other writers exploring timely and engaging topics.

A special thank you goes to the BA Communication Committee for envisioning and guiding this refresh, and to committee member Sarah Mabe, whose creativity and talent brought the contemporary design to life.

We are excited about this next chapter for the BAS Bulletin and hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy creating it for you.

HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

FOOD - MUSIC - DANCING - COMMUNITY

Candle Lighting
(bring your Hanukkiah & Candles)

Israeli Dancing/Live Band
with lessons by a professional instructor

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Sunday, December 6th 4:00 - 7:00 PM
RSVP by November 23rd

Members:		Non-Members:	
Adults	$18	Adults	$22
Children ages 5-12	$5	Children ages 5-12	$10
Family max	$40	Family max	$60

In conjunction with the Social Action Committee, we are taking donations for Brigid's Path, see page 11 for details.

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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

A Season of Thanksgiving, A Lifetime of Gratitude

Julie Liss-Katz, Beth Abraham President

As we prepare to gather with family and friends around our Thanksgiving tables, it is worth noting that the practice of giving thanks is at the very heart of Judaism. In fact, Judaism teaches us that gratitude is not something we should express just once a year, but something we should practice every day.

Each morning, we begin our day with *Modeh Ani*, a prayer thanking God for the gift of another day. Through our traditions and prayers, Judaism encourages us to recognize our blessings and never take them for granted.

But Jewish gratitude goes beyond acknowledging what we have. It calls upon us to share our blessings with others. The values of charity, acts of loving-kindness, and welcoming guests, teach us that gratitude should inspire action. When we appreciate the kindness of others, we are encouraged to extend that same kindness to someone else.

The Beth Abraham community has much to be thankful for. We are grateful for the friendships that sustain us, the volunteers who give generously of their time, and the shared traditions that bring us together.

This Thanksgiving, take a moment to count your blessings and consider how you can share them. Make a call to someone who may be lonely. Sit with someone who is alone at services. Ask someone to attend an upcoming event.

May we always find reasons to say thank you and may our gratitude inspire us to bring kindness, generosity, and joy to those around us.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and meaningful Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 13th

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.

Marcheshvan as the Month of Bittersweetness: Remembering Leonard Cohen Ten Years Later

Rav Aubrey Glazer

Every year, after a season of celebration, life grows unexpectedly quiet. What was anticipated now belongs to memory. Many of us know that mixture of gratitude and melancholy when something beautiful has ended and we are left holding both joy and loss. In her book Bittersweet, Susan Cain argues that this emotional state is not something to overcome but something deeply human. Beauty carries an awareness of impermanence. Love reminds us of vulnerability. Every reunion contains the shadow of future parting. Rather than seeing these feelings as weakness, Cain suggests that bittersweetness can become a source of wisdom, compassion, creativity, and spiritual depth.

Arguably the most bittersweet month on the Hebrew calendar is called *Marcheshvan*. Unlike *Tishrei*, it contains no major festivals. The shofar is silent. The sukkah has been dismantled. The intensity of the High Holy Days recedes into memory. Yet perhaps that ordinariness is its gift. We return to daily life carrying memories of sacred moments that can never be fully recreated. The sweetness lingers. So does the ache.

It is fitting that this year marks the tenth *yahrzeit* of Leonard Cohen, who died on November 7th, 2016, corresponding to 6th of *Marcheshvan* 5777. Throughout his life, Cohen gave voice to longing, beauty, sorrow, hope, faith, and their intertwining. Few artists captured this terrain more faithfully. His work explored the meeting place between brokenness and holiness. Cohen's lyrics refused simplistic optimism, yet he always remained a hopeful skeptic. Throughout his songbook, Cohen returned to questions many of us avoid:

- How do we live knowing everything is temporary?
- How do we love despite inevitable loss?
- How do we remain loyal when certainty disappears?

Jewish tradition has long understood that spiritual maturity emerges from precisely these questions. Qohelet reminds us that everything passes. The Psalms speak of tears that become wells of blessing. Jacob limps after wrestling with the angel, yet the limp itself becomes part of the blessing. The Jewish story does not eliminate heartbreak. It teaches us how to carry it.

That is why Cohen's songbook continues to resonate a decade after his death. He articulated something profoundly Jewish: cracks and fractures are not signs that life has failed. They are often the places where grace enters. Cain writes that bittersweetness begins with an awareness of longing. Jewish spirituality might add that longing itself can become a sacred path. Abraham longs for a homeland he cannot yet see. Moses longs to enter the Promised Land. The Psalmist longs for God as a deer thirsts for streams of water. Perhaps that is the hidden gift of Marcheshvan. After the exhilaration of the holidays, we are left longing. The emptiness itself becomes evidence of love.

As we mark Cohen's tenth *yahrzeit, Marcheshvan* invites us to stop treating bittersweetness as a problem to be solved. The ache we feel when the holidays end and the tenderness that accompanies memory and loss are not signs of spiritual failure. They are signs that our hearts remain awake. Cohen modeled the willingness to praise even in darkness, to love what is fleeting, and to find holiness within our wounds. Ten years after his passing, his voice still reminds us that the task of the soul is not to escape life's brokenness but to transform it into compassion, gratitude, and song.

In a culture that prizes certainty and constant satisfaction, both Judaism and Cohen point toward a deeper wisdom: the most meaningful parts of life are often touched by longing. We cherish our children because they grow. We treasure relationships because they are fragile. We hold sacred memories because moments pass. The sweetness does not erase the sorrow, nor does the sorrow diminish the sweetness. Together they enlarge the heart. May this month of *Marcheshvan* help us embrace both our joys and our sorrows. May we learn to welcome longing not as an enemy but as a reminder of what we love. And may we discover, in that mingling of absence and presence, gratitude and grief, memory and hope, the quiet presence of God who meets us not only in festival and triumph, but also in yearning, reflection, and the beautiful incompleteness of being human.

PrayerLab Shabbat

Are you curious about the choreography of prayer and ritual life in the synagogue services? Join us on Saturday, November 7th for the next installment of our interactive prayer lab service that will explore key sections of the Amidah prayer. Bring your questions and curiosities.

Saturday, November 7th 9:30 am

YAHRZEITS

This November (Cheshvan- Kislev) we remember

CHESHVAN

Aaron Rosenkrantz
Abe Wilks
Abraham Ellman
Abraham Gordon
Ada B Wolfe
Alan Michael Effron
Albert Rosenthal
Ann Moran
Anna Deutsch
Anna Fishkind
Belle Feldman
Bernard Gutmann
Bernard Precker
Bertha Cunix
Berthold Rothschild
Bobbie Kantor
Chayim Isaac Brauer
David Chesen
David Goldsmith
David Stern
David Weinstein
Donald Pinsky
Dorothy Rabinowitz
Frank Adelman
Fred Gertzman
George Foreman
George Gilmore
George Layton
Gerald Rubin
Henry Wahrman
Herbert Tomchin
Howard Fischbach
Howard Hillelson
Ida Appelblatt
Irvin Lieberman
Irving Miller
Irwin Reingold
Isabelle Stecker
Jacob Schneider
Jennie Cohen
Jennie Rich
Joseph Klausner
Judy Manzo
Lawrence Blumberg
Leo Pollack
Leonard Katz
Lester Myers
Libbie Shottenstein
Lillian Newhouse
Louis Dubro
Louis Fink
Louis Schriber
Manuel Freeman
Mary Deutsch
Miriam Schwartzman
Mollie Felman
Murray Borkan
Nathan Prigozen
Neil Zwelling
Orville Kuhr
Pearl Mason
Rachel Kaplan
Rebecca Center
Regina Krochmal
Robert E. Bernstein
Rose E. Wilks
Ruth Zwerner
Ruthe Dorfman
Sadie Joffe
Sam Fleat
Samuel Kramer
Samuel Miller
Sherman L. Saeks
Silvia Ellenbogen
Tessie Meyer
Tili Faiga Ellison
Walter Kurland
William Cohen
William Handler

KISLEV

Abe Coplan
Abe Jacobson
Abraham Hyman
Adrienne Lisa Abrams
Alan Konowitch
Anna Stoolman
Arlene Furst
Ben Hochhauser
Ben Kopelove
Benjamin Singer
Bernard Appel
Bertha Kahn
Bertha Sender
Betty Starkman
Blanche Kisch
Blanche Wyke
Carmen Appel
Carol Levitan
Charles R. Dorfman
Charles Robert Carlisle
Christopher Hayden
Clara Cohen
Danny Duberstein
David Cohen
David Garber
David Liberman
David Michaels
Deborah S. Rubenstein
DeNeal Feldman
Dora Horwitz
Dorothy Gordon
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Esther Reich
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Eva Summer
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Frances Weil
Frank Isack
Fred Weber
Frieda Appel
Frieda Blum
George Lewis
Gerald Jacobson
Goldie Lea Stein
Goldie Rabinowitz
Gunther I. Jacobson
Harold Bloom
Harry Friedman
Harry Gaffin
Harry Gilfer
Harry Kahn
Harry Rubin
Helen Abromowitz
Howard Liss
Hyman Saeks
Hyman Weinhaus
Irene Sachs
Irma Rosengarten
Isaac Mathews
Isador Kowalsky
Isadore Brown
Jack Arnovitz
Jacob Weinstein
Jacob Zukerman
Jake Hulman
Jennie Sachs
Jodi Lynn Abrahamson
Jordan Tilson
Joseph Balshone
Joseph Dreety
Joseph Ellison
Joseph Leibovich
Joseph Miller
Joseph Shutly
Kenneth Martin Speert
Leatrice Phillips
Leo Fox
Leo Koenigsberg
Lilli Kirchheim
Lillian Glasman
Lillian Liberman
Lillian Weinstein
Loretta Leven
Louis Klebanow
Mabel Tannen
Mardelle Friedberg
Marla Harlan
Mary Bessel
Mary Gutmann
Mary Zappin
Mat Grinker
Max Beloff
Max Zwelling
Melvin David Verson
Meyer Aronson
Michael Goldberg
Minnie Kaplan
Mitchell Blazar
Mollie G. Cohen
Morris Dumtschin
Morris Horwitz
Morris Kahn
Morris Sassov
Moses Kopelove
Murray Krueger
Myra Jean Lapinsky
Naomi Leven
Nathan Zimmerman
Oscar Scheuer
Pauline Brill
Philip Froikin
Ralph Kopelove
Raymond Zappin
Rebecca Friedman
Rev. Simon Rosenblum
Rhoda Miller
Robert Chernick
Roberta Zawatsky
Ronald Ross
Rose Halberstein
Rose Litt
Rose Mann
Rose Weinstein
Rosetta Aronson
Rubin Arnold
Ruth Fiddler
Ruth Frankowitz
Ruthe Stein
Sadie Auster
Sadie Levy
Sam Rosenbaum
Sandra Monblatt
Sarah Budnick
Sarah Chudde
Sarah Furst
Sarah Katz
Sarah Saeks
Sarah Schwartz
Selma Farnbacher
Sety Farache
Shirley Dunn
Shirley Sadow
Shlomo Rossow
Si Burick
Sylvia Cooper
Tillye Garlikov
Vernon Pavlofsky
William Bernie
William Nides

Congratulations to those Celebrating November Birthdays & Anniversaries

3	Lynn Goldenberg
4	Sandy Sloane-Brenner
4	Maya Liner
5	Penney Fraim
8	Stephen Levinson
8	Meredith Levinson
9	Jody Pollack Blazar
10	Michael Jaffe
11	Alan Moscowitz
11	Francine Shuchat Shaw
12	Ken Krochmal
12	Wanda-Lea Pilder
14	Eric Sussman
15	David Plotnick
16	Caitlin Freeman
18	Bernard Barsky
19	Diana Poole
19	Howard Michaels
20	Linda Brotkin
21	Judy Schwartzman
21	Lois Gross
22	Abraham Rubin
23	Patti Schear
23	Sanford Wolfe
24	Renate Frydman
24	Laurie Braverman
25	Randi Jo Rothman
25	Norm Lewis
26	Bella Freeman
28	Enrique Ellenbogen
29	Deborah Stayman
29	Brenda Rinzler
30	Roger Chudde
30	Richard Freeman

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

In the Beth Abraham Family

Kiddush Sponsors

October 10 - Linda & Steve Horenstein in honor of their 80th Birthdays

October 17 - Dena Briskin in honor of Olivia Jacob's marriage to Kevin Rosenthal and in honor of the birth of a new great-granddaughter June Louise Jacobs

October 24 - Sisterhood

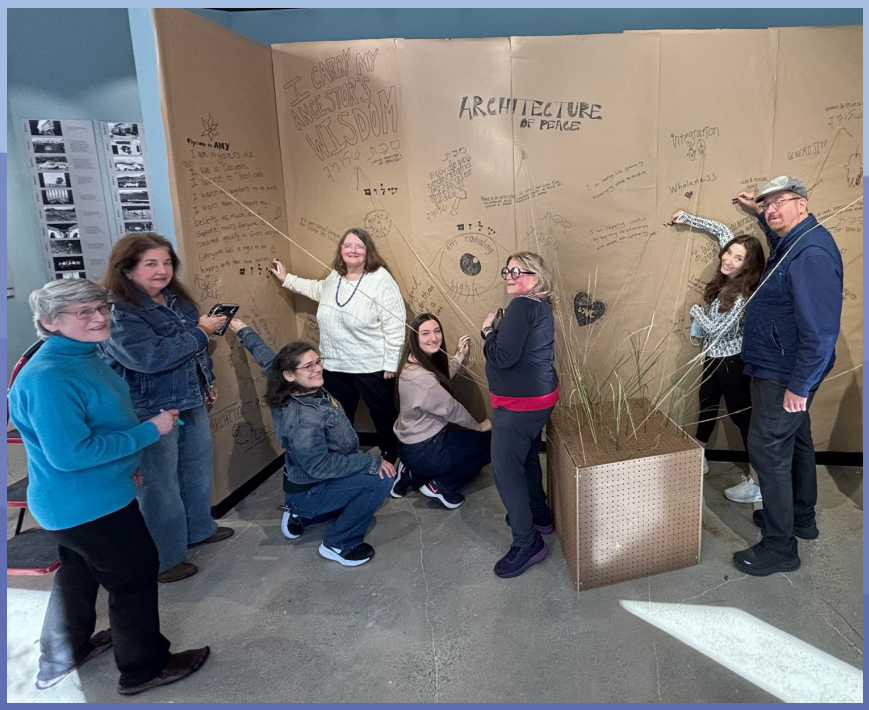
October 31 - Stephen, Michael & Jenn Arnovitz and Family in honor of Elaine's Retirement

Mazel Tov & Congratulations

Debbie Feldman and Bonnie Beaman Rice for being honored at the NCCJ 49th Annual Friendship Celebration.

Sharon Gitman on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Elianna Carolyn Castro, on October 1 to Haley Freels and Frank Castro of Dayton.

BA Members Attend Art Installation



BAS members created a community art installation at the International Peace Museum of Dayton exploring the Architecture of Peace in Jewish texts and the nexus between the liturgical embrace of a "shelter of peace" and the ritual booth of the sukkah. Visitors to the museum will have the opportunity to respond to our text on the "graffiti wall".

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:

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

Youth Services:
Sandy Sloane-Brenner
Mindi Wynne

Musical interlude:
Pam Schwartz

Ushers/Greeters:
Allan Katz, chair; Jody Blazar, Linda Brotkin, Doug Deutsch, Howard Ducker, Irene Fishbein, Steve Fraim, Gilda Gieske, Garry Greene, Hindy Gruber, Meryl Hattenbach, Linda Horenstein, Mike Jaffe, Linda Katz, Jerry Kuhr, Michael Leffak, Wendy Lipp, Abe Merdinger, Connie & Jeff Roberts, Judy Schwartzman, Joel Shapiro, Louise Tincher, Tobi Urzi, Chaya Vidal and Doug Wagner.

Thank you to Susie & Eddie Katz for sponsoring Cantor Kevin McIntyre, Renate Frydman for sponsoring the babysitter, and Andi Scher Rabiner for sponsoring the bimah flowers.

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

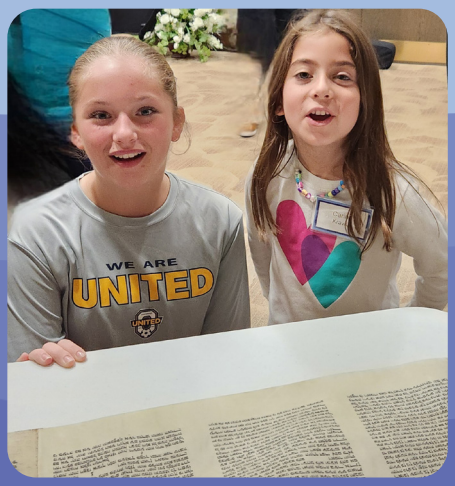
Beth Abraham is a wonderful family of volunteers working together to meet the synagogue's needs and those of our community.
THANK YOU!!

Religious School, Off to a Great Start!

Mindi Wynne

The 2026-2027 Religious School year has kicked off with a fantastic beginning. The first gathering of students was a Torah Party and *Hakafot* for Simchat Torah. We then began official classes on October 11th with the study of Bereshit, on the 18th with Parshat Noach, and on the 25th with Lech Lecha. We tied all of these parshiyot together by learning and discussing the concepts of *Betzelem Elohim* (Creation of life in G-d's image), Ba'ar *Tzaalei Chayim* (protection of animals) and *Achrayut* (accepting responsibility). In bringing all this to life for the students, we have incubated 9 chicken eggs that they are responsible to care for. They are keeping a journal and have really been involved with the process of creation and the responsibility necessary to care for the animals.

We are also working our way through the aleph-bet with worksheets, games, and songs to encourage learning. It has been a wonderful journey through our basic beginnings and everyone seems very enthusiastic for the rest of the year!



Who wants to be a Minyanaire?

Jeff Roberts

Beth Abraham has restarted Morning Minyan on Thursdays at 7:00 am in the Chapel, with plans to meet one morning a week. As we plant the seed, we are hoping this will grow into something larger to benefit the Beth Abraham family.

As I, and I am sure many of you discovered, attending an In person Minyan greatly assists during the mourning of a loved one.

If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please message or call Jeff Roberts at 937-520-4588. Please watch *News & Notes* for further information.

In the Beth Abraham Family

We Greatefully Acknowledge these thoughtful contributions

Bert Appel Fund

In Honor Of
Elaine Arnovitz, on her retirement, by Melinda & Bill Doner
Debbie Feldman, on receiving the NCCJ award, by Melinda & Bill Doner
Bonnie Beaman Rice, on receiving the NCCJ award, by Melinda & Bill Doner

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In Memory Of
Donald Marger, by Susan & David Joffe

Cemetery Fund

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Doris & Jule Hulman, by Bruce Hulman, Sonia Hulman & Jan Goldman

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In Memory Of
Beth Adelman, by Danette Danzig
Sadie & Charles Dorfman, by Charlotte & Timothy Johnson
Louis Hirsch, by Neil Katz & Karin Hirschkatz
Donald Marger, by Lisa & Ken Blum, Ellen Downer, John & Elaine Gaglione, Rachel Jacobs, Joan Knoll, Linda & Dennis Patterson, Steve Renas
Katherine Miller, by Jaime Miller
Greg Smith, by Lee Smith
LaVerne Smith, by Lee Smith
Marilyn Smith, by Lee Smith

In Honor Of
Elaine Arnovitz, on her retirement, by Matthew Koch, Nancy Sorkin

Joel Horenstein Fund

In Memory Of
Larry Briskin, by Dena Briskin

In Honor Of
Linda Horenstein, on her special birthday, by Alan & Judy Chesen
Steve Horenstein, on his special birthday, by Alan & Judy Chesen
Linda & Steve Horenstein, on their special birthdays, by Bari & Steve Blumhof, Beverly Farnbacher, Susan & David Joffe, Judy Schwartzman & Mike Jaffe
Bernie Rabinowitz, on his special birthday, by Steve & Linda Horenstein

Kiddush Fund

In Memory Of
Beth Adelman, by Allan & Linda Katz

In Honor Of
Alan Chesen, on receiving the Robert Shapiro Award, by Allan & Linda Katz

Renew. Rebuild. Rejoice. Campaign

In Memory Of
Barbara Guggenheimer, by Joel & Judy Guggenheimer
Henry Guggenheimer, by Joel & Judi Guggenheimer

In Honor Of
Elaine Arnovitz, on her retirement, by Alex & Rachel Green, Eliot & Marylyn Scheuer

Rick Pinsky Fund

In Memory Of
Charles Feldman, by Bari & Steve Blumhof
Ida Goodman, by Carole Marger
Henry Guggenheimer, by Dena Briskin

In Honor Of
Linda & Steve Horenstein, on their special birthdays, by Marlene & Terry Pinsky

Speedy Recovery
Terry Pinsky, by Linda & Steve Horenstein

Ritual Fund

In Memory Of
David Bernie, by Marianne Ellman
John Ellman, by Marianne Ellman
Lori Ellman, by Marianne Ellman
Charles Feldman, by Bari & Steve Blumhof
Michael Fishbein, by Mary Ann Oppenheimer
Lena Gaffin, by Michael Massimini
Donald Marger, by Marianne Ellman

In Honor of
Elaine Arnovitz, for her many contributions to the synagogue, by Susan & Martin Toher

Ruth & Fred Scheuer Life Enrichment Series Fund

In Honor of
Elaine Arnovitz, on her retirement, by Beth Abraham Sisterhood

Social Action Fund

In Memory of
Beth Adelman, by Grant & Patricia Hope, Bonnie Parish

In Honor of
Judge Walter Rice, on his retirement, by Bonnie Parish

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS TO RENEW. REBUILD. REJOICE. CAMPAIGN

PROGRAM SPONSOR ($5000 +)
Alex & Jane Briskin
Allan & Linda Katz
Janel Pequignot

BUILDERS CIRCLE ($1800+)
Dena Briskin

Sisterhood

Irene Fishbein, President of Beth Abraham Sisterhood

Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy Sunset in the Sukkah. 41 Women enjoyed great food, friendship, blessings, rituals and shopping! What more could we ask for? Great weather? Yes, we had that too! Thanks to Judy Chesen and her fellow chefs: Beverly Farnbacher, Caitlin Freeman, Ann Guthrie, Terry Lieberman-Smith, and Mashgiachim: Linda Brotkin and Hindy Gruber for all there help making sure we had plenty of tasty treats to enjoy in our beautiful newly redecorated lobby upstairs. Thanks to Theda Wagner for leading a beautiful program in Sukkah which everyone enjoyed. Also thank you to Helene Gordon and Dena Briskin who greeted all of our guests with their beautiful smiles. We hope our raffle winners enjoy their prizes. We also collected food items to support Daybreak and collected 165 items plus $100 in monetary contributions. Thank you for your generosity toward this worthy organization that helps at-risk youth in Montgomery County.

The Gift Shop has been a popular place in recent weeks beginning with Sunset in the Sukkah. Could it have something to do with our 40% off sale? Lots of early Hanukkah shopping activity has been happening. While many items have been flying off the “shelves,” we have so many more beautiful items in stock waiting for you. Please contact Connie Roberts if you’d like to pay us a visit. Especially if you’ll be at Beth Abraham for a brunch, Religious School, or another program.

MAHJShuganahs will meet again on Thursday, 11/12 this month. Clearly no game will be held on Thanksgiving Day. We will resume meeting in the pod across from the Chapel. Please RSVP to Theda Wagner by the Tuesday before the game.

Join us on the first Thursday of each month for our Sisterhood meetings on zoom at 10:00 am. Our next meeting is November 5th. You’ll find the link to the zoom meeting in News & Notes on Monday, 11/2.

Social Action

Mindi Wynne

Roll up your sleeves and do a Mitzvah!

The Social Action Committee has everything in place for our Blood Drive on November 10th! All you need to bring is your ID and your arm, then sit back and schmooze while saving a life. To schedule your appointment please call 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767) or visit http://www.RedCrossBlood.Org and enter the code BAS to schedule your 15 minute slot.

The Social Action Committee is planning some new and exciting projects for 2027 and we are looking for more people to help make them happen. Please reach out to Mindi Wynne to become a part of our committee!

Men's Club

Irwin Dumtschin, President of Beth Abraham Men's Club

MEN'S CLUB NIGHT OUT IN THE SUKKAH: The Men's Club held its third annual Brisket and Bourbon tasting event in the sukkah! All those who attended were treated to a brisket and beef ribs dinner while Rav Aubrey provided a learning session (and a few pointers on bourbon}. We then enjoyed a bourbon tasting lesson and cigars as our own bourbon experts Mark Gordon and Ron Wynne educated us on the various tastings of bourbon. Congratulations to Steve Horenstein, who won the raffle drawing for the $180 bottle of bourbon. A big thank you to Mark Gordon, for coordinating the bourbon tasting, providing the bottles of bourbon for the tasting and raffle, and obtaining the case of cigars, lighters, and cutters donated by Giant Liquor in Kettering. A big thank you to Ron Wynne and Linda Brotkin, for spending a good part of the day preparing and cooking/grilling the briskets and beef ribs that everyone enjoyed. A big thank you, again, to Mark and Ron for making this one of the biggest and best Men's Club events of the year!

RICK PINSKY SUNDAY BRUNCH SPEAKER SERIES: Men's Club season's Sunday Brunch Speaker series continues into November, with a special Veteran's Day speaker. Complete information on the brunches can be found below. Men's Club is now running a special deal for those who attend the entire season of brunches. If you pay for all the remaining season of brunches, you will receive a 15% discount. And to encourage the religious school student parents to stay for the brunch speaker programs while their kids are in school, the first one they come to will be free! So come stay and join us for breakfast! November 8th Veterans Day program is in conjunction with Temple Israel's Men's Club.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUB REGIONAL RETREAT: By the time you read this, your Men's Club president will have attended the regional retreat held at the Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, West Virginia, joining men from the clubs of the KIO and Tri-State regions to learn and share from each other's clubs experiences.

MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Our next monthly Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, November 16th, at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Look for the Zoom link in News and Notes that Monday.

Israel Affairs

Theda Wagner

Did you know?

In a medical world first, Israeli doctors have delivered gene therapy into the brain of an eight-month-old baby suffering from a rare, life-threatening form of genetic epilepsy. Children born with this severe genetic defect suffer from intractable epilepsy, profound developmental delays, and a high risk of premature death. While mutations of this gene (the WWOX gene) are found worldwide, the specific catastrophic mutation treated in this case is particularly prevalent among people of Yemeni Jewish ancestry.

The procedure, which replaced the missing critical gene, was performed at the Schneider Children's Medical Center in Petah Tikva.
Times of Israel June 8, 2026

Beth Abraham Men's Club
Presents:

The Rick Pinsky Sunday Brunch Speaker Series

November 8: Veteran's Day Program- The Plight of Veterans

Dr. Kathy Platoni is a practicing clinical psychologist for 42 years in Centerville. In service of her country and as an Army Reserve clinical psychologist, she has deployed on four occasions in time of war.

November 22: Bing Davis Local Art and What Inspires It

Bing Davis has created a legacy as an educator, artist, mentor, community builder, community leader and innovator.

10 am • $12 RSVP by calling or emailing the office

Join our

Food for F(all) Force

@ The Dayton Foodbank!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
1 – 3PM @ DAYTON FOODBANK
56 Armor Place, Dayton, 45417

RSVP by November 10 at jewishdayton.org/events
Questions? Contact Jeff Blumer at jblumer@jfgd.net.

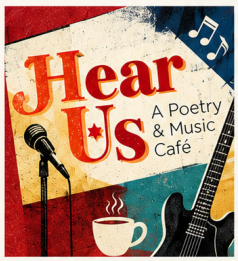
Volunteer to help with a variety of activities to support the local community with their food needs including packing boxes, sorting through food items for quality assurance, and loading pallets for storage and delivery. **Ages 16 and older. Closed-toe shoes required.**

This JCRC project is being held in collaboration with Beth Abraham Synagogue, Beth Jacob Congregation, Chabad, Temple Beth Or, and Temple Israel.

Jewish Community Relations Council OF GREATER DAYTON

The Foodbank
Solving Hunger In the Miami Valley

Cultural Arts & Book Series



NOVEMBER 7

Hear Us: A Poetry and Music Café

Saturday, November 7, 2026
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Boonshoft Center for Jewish Culture and Education
525 Versailles Drive, Centerville, OH 45459

$18/person *(includes food and one drink ticket).*

Join us for a unique evening of poetry and music at the "CJCE Café." Immerse yourself in the beatnik world, where we will delight your senses with performances by local Jewish poets and musicians.

In partnership with the Hear Us Committee.

NOVEMBER 15

Liz Hirsh Naftali

Saving Abigail: The True Story of the Abduction and Rescue of a Three-Year-Old Hostage

Sunday, November 15, 2026
9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Temple Israel
130 Riverside Drive, Dayton, OH 45405

$10/person *(includes brunch).*

Saving Abigail is a gripping true story of courage, resilience, and the extraordinary power of family in the face of unimaginable tragedy. On October 7, 2023, three-year-old Abigail Mor Edan's world was shattered when Hamas terrorists attacked her Israeli community, murdering her parents and abducting her into Gaza. Alone, vulnerable, and held hostage amid a rapidly escalating conflict, Abigail became one of the many innocent victims caught in a devastating geopolitical crisis. Refusing to accept the unthinkable, Abigail's great-aunt, Liz Hirsh Naftali, launched an urgent and relentless campaign to bring her home. With no diplomatic training, political influence, or blueprint to follow, Liz navigated the highest levels of government, rallied bipartisan support, and captured international attention with Abigail's heartbreaking story. Part thriller, part testament to human determination, *Saving Abigail* reveals how one woman's unwavering love and persistence helped rescue a child from captivity and inspired hope in the darkest of times.

In partnership with Temple Israel Brotherhood's Ryterband Lecture Series.

Beth Abraham Synagogue

The Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton

Sunday, November 15, 2026
4 - 6 pm
in the Beth Abraham Chapel

Develop and **Deepen** Understanding Through **Dialogue**

We invite you to explore stereotypes, foster respect and build bridges across faiths by listening and sharing our beliefs, our experiences and our traditions.

Opening presentation:
Judge Walter H. Rice

Dialogue to be guided by experienced facilitators:
Dianne Marx, Esq. and Walter Reynolds, Esq.

RSVP required by November 11, 2026

(A Social Action Committee program)

Beth Abraham Social Action Project supporting:

Brigid's Path

Ohio's first and only inpatient facility providing specialized medical care for newborns exposed to substances before birth as well as comprehensive support for moms and families through their recovery journey. Below is their wish list. As always, monetary contributions are always welcome as well. Thank you!

Wish List

*Muslin swaddle blankets
*Water wipes
*Pampers sensitive baby wipes
*Baby grooming kits "10 piece"
*Bottle brushes
*Thermometers "Safety 1st" brand
*Baby bath towels
*Desitin diaper cream (purple box)
*Aquaphor diaper ointment
*Johnson & Johnson baby wash, shampoo & lotion
*Aveeno baby wash or lotion
*Pacifiers
*Baby sleepers with snaps (0-3 month size)
*Liquid scent free laundry detergent
*4oz Dr. Brown's bottles
*8oz Dr. Brown's bottles
*Baby teethers

Please click the QR code to register for the Hanukkah event and bring your contributions to Beth Abraham. We are accepting donations from Dec 1-31

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LIVESTREAM LINK

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

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 9:30 am Religious School 11 am Elaine's Retirement Party	02	03	04 1 pm Israel Affairs Committee	05 10 am Sisterhood meeting	06 5:11 PM	07 9:30 am PrayerLab Shabbat Veteran's Day Shabbat 6:10 PM
08 9:30 am Religious school 10 am Men's Club Veteran's Day Brunch 12 pm Leadership Development Committee	09	10 10 am What Me a Hebrew Skeptic?!? 1 pm Foodbank 2 - 6 pm Blood Drive	11	12 1 pm Mahjong	13 5:30 pm Rhythm 'N' Ruach 5:04 PM	14 9:30 am Shabbat Service 6:04 PM
15 9:30 am Religious School 9:45 am CABS (Temple Israel) 4 pm Interfaith Forum-Host Program	16	17 10 am What Me a Hebrew Skeptic?!? 6 pm Board meeting	18	19	20 4:59 PM	21 9:30 am Shabbat Service 6:00 PM
22 9:30 Religious School 10 am Men's Brunch - Bing Davis	23	24 10 am What Me a Hebrew Skeptic?!?	25	26	27 4:56 PM	28 9:30 am Shabbat Service 5:57 PM
29	30	01 12 pm Executive Committee meeting 6 pm All Committee Chairs meeting	02	03 10 am Sisterhood meeting	04 4:54 PM	05 9:30 am New Member Shabbat 5:56 PM