

Janus to Janice

by Rav Shai Cherry



In eighth grade, we had a unit on Greek mythology. I loved it. When Tehila, my oldest, started reading the Percy Jackson books, I was delighted. (“Percy” is short for Perseus, the god who beheaded Medusa.) Tehila’s endorsement made them must-reads for my other two kids, Rina and Shalev. My favorite stories explained something about the world. Arachne, for instance, was a supremely talented weaver who, depending on the version, ticked off the wrong goddess and got zapped into a spider. Spiders spin webs because they are descendants of Arachne.

Judeans were under the influence of Greece since 333 BCE when Alexander the Great and his army surged across Asia. The spread of Greek culture is called Hellenism, and the Maccabees fought against extreme forms of Hellenization. That means that the Greek myths I learned about in eighth grade were known to the authors of the Talmud and midrash. Every so often, there’s a story that sounds familiar. Plato’s cave, the fire from Prometheus, and Procustes’ bed all have versions in Jewish literature.

Remember Janus? Janus, the eponym of January, has two faces, one looking back at the year past and the other looking forward to the coming year. Midrash is characterized both by exaggeration and one-upmanship. Here’s our midrash on Janus:

Because God appeared to them at the Red Sea as a mighty warrior, at Sinai as a sage teaching Torah, in the days of Solomon (in *Song of Songs*) as a handsome lad, and in the times of Daniel as a compassionate old man, God said to them: Just because you perceive Me in many guises, do not think that there are many gods; rather, it is I who was at the sea, I who was at Sinai, I who is in every place — “I YHWH am your G d” (Exodus 20:2) (*Midrash Tanchuma*)

God’s introduction at Mount Sinai uses the singular — your God, *Elohekha*, not the plural, *Eloheikhem*. God is speaking to each of us, even during the communal experience of revelation at Sinai, in the singular. We each experience God according to our idiosyncratic

needs of the moment. What our midrash emphasizes is that not only does God appear to each of us differently, but God appears differently to the same person at different moments in her life.

A few weeks ago, the *New York Times Magazine* had a cover story of Suzanne Simard, a forest ecologist working at the University of British Columbia. (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/12/02/magazine/tree-communication-mycorrhiza.html>)

I featured Simard’s work in my latest book, and I wish I would’ve been able to use this quotation from the magazine article:

For her doctoral thesis, Simard decided to investigate fungal links between Douglas fir and paper birch in the forests of British Columbia. Apart from her supervisor, she didn’t receive much encouragement from her mostly male peers. “The old foresters were like, Why don’t you just study growth and yield?” Simard told me. “I was more interested in how these plants interact. They thought it was all very girlie.”

Growth and yield are technical terms for size and strength, the preoccupations of teenage boys. Since the late 1970s, gender has made its way into science and theology. One of the realizations I had in writing *Coherent Judaism* is just how influenced I have been by feminist thought. One of the thinkers I’ve cited in my sermons is Laurie Zoloth who wrote a great essay entitled, “Reading like a Girl: Gender and Text in Jewish Bioethics.”

Here’s a prominent Holocaust theologian who looks less at strength and size and more at relationships. The name of Melissa Raphael’s book is *The Female Face of God in Auschwitz*.

There has been too much asking “where was God in Auschwitz?” and not enough “who was God in Auschwitz?” . . . While the conditions in Auschwitz were wholly non-ordinary, God-She may have been so “ordinarily” present among women whose personhood was getting ever less perceptible that she herself was

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Brighten your winter months by participating in some of the many events we have planned for January and February. Then, we’ll celebrate Purim! For more information on that, see the back cover!



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NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2021 17 Tevet 5781
 FRIDAY MORNING
 • Morning Service via Zoom9:00 AM

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SHABBAT VAYEHI

January 1, 2, 2021 18 Tevet 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:26 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:30 PM

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SHABBAT SHEMOT

January 8, 9, 2021 25 Tevet 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:32 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:35 PM

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SHABBAT VAERA

January 15, 16, 2021 3 Shevat 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:39 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:40 PM

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ROSH HODESH SHEVAT

January 13, 14, 2021 1 Shevat 5781
 THURSDAY MORNING
 • Morning Service via Zoom7:00 AM

SHABBAT BO

January 22, 23, 2021 10 Shevat 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:47 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:50 PM

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TU B'SHEVAT

January 27, 28, 2021 15 Shevat 5781
 THURSDAY MORNING
 • Morning Service via Zoom7:20 AM

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SHABBAT BESHALAH

January 29, 30, 2021 17 Shevat 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....4:55 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached
 via Zoom6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom5:00 PM

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SHABBAT YITRO

February 5, 6, 2021 24 Shevat 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....5:03 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom5:05 PM

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ROSH HODESH ADAR

February 12, 2021 30 Shevat 5781
 FRIDAY MORNING
 • Morning Service via Zoom7:00 AM

ROSH HODESH ADAR

MISHPATIM | SHABBAT SHEKALIM

February 12, 13, 2021 1 Adar 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....5:11 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
Presentation about KAVOD—see below for details.
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom5:15 PM

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TERUMAH | SHABBAT ZACHOR

February 19, 20, 2021 8 Adar 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....5:19 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom5:20 PM

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FAST OF ESTHER

February 25, 2021 13 Adar 5781
 THURSDAY MORNING
 • Morning Service via Zoom7:15 PM

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PURIM

February 25, 26, 2021 14 Adar 5781
 THURSDAY EVENING
 • Minhah, Purim Shpiel and Reading of
 Megillat Esther5:45 PM
 FRIDAY MORNING
 • Morning Service and Full Reading of
Megillat Esther via Zoom7:00 AM

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SHABBAT TETZAVEH

February 26, 27, 2021 15 Adar 5781
Light Shabbat Candles.....5:27 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM
 SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom5:30 PM

Learn About KAVOD

Saturday, February 13, during Shabbat Services

KAVOD was founded in November 2015 by John and Amy Israel Pregulman with the mission of providing emergency aid to Holocaust survivors in need in the United States. John Pregulman has been photographing Holocaust survivors since 2012 and has done 1,174 photos so far across the world. John and Amy will be joining us on Zoom during services to talk about the journey that brought them from doing photos to founding KAVOD. They will also show us the things the organization does to aid Holocaust survivors living in the United States so that they can live out their lives with dignity and honor.



Wishing You Strength in 2021

By *Judy Stutman Izes*,
President of Adath Jeshurun



DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

Sunday9:00 AM
Monday and Thursday7:20 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday7:30 AM
Rosh Hodesh Services (weekday)7:00 AM

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday through Thursday7:00 PM

Until further notice, all services will be conducted via Zoom.

SHABBAT HAVURAH SERVICE

In "normal" times, the Havurah meets weekly on Saturday mornings in the AJ Library at 10:00 AM, finishing about the same time as the main congregational service. Until the building opens, the Havurah will join the Zoom service.

We now have three links for all of our services via Zoom:

For Friday evening and Saturday morning services:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/97054037610>

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 970 5403 7610 (Password required*)

For Saturday evening services:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/933131679>

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 933131679

For all other services (Sunday through Friday morning and evening services, and Shabbat services):

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/109428724>

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 109428724

*The password for Friday evening and Saturday morning services is distributed to congregants via email each week.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

Meet us on Zoom and sing along!

**Friday nights at 6:15 PM:
January 29,
February 12, and
March 12.**



Before Paul and I were married, we met with Rabbi Elliott Perlstein of Ohev Shalom in Richboro, Pennsylvania. We were to celebrate our *auf ruf* at Ohev and although my soon to be in-laws, Bernie and Selma Izes, were members of the shul, Rabbi Perlstein wanted to get to know Paul and me better. During our meeting, Rabbi Perlstein asked whether we had "weathered any storms" together in our relationship. He explained that marriage comes with many challenges and stressed the importance of being able to rely on each other during uncertain, tumultuous, and stormy times. Paul and I have been fortunate to have been able to lean on each other for more than thirty years.

I often wonder about the ways in which Rabbi Perlstein's wisdom can be applied to communities as well as couples. As we turn the calendar and say goodbye to 2020, we are left with memories of storms we have weathered this past year. Sadly, this was a year of great loss. Many of us lost a beloved relative or friend. We have all experienced or witnessed suffering and each of us has had something taken from us — the ability to visit with friends and family, to work or attend school, or to gather together to daven in person as a community. At its core, COVID -19 is a thief. While not conforming to the understanding of theft in the strict legal sense, the object of the malfeasance of COVID-19 is more precious than being deprived of any tangible object — COVID-19 has stolen our peace of mind.

The question I have wrestled with is whether COVID-19 has given us anything. Do the COVID storm clouds hold any silver linings? In considering this question, I recounted the many ways in which our AJ community responded to the events of the year. How did we as a community weather the storm that was 2020?

In the first few weeks of the pandemic, many of our members placed calls to check in on those who were unable to leave home — to help with shopping or technology set-up — or simply to provide a familiar voice and a connection to AJ. Although we remained unable to gather in person, the ability to do so "virtually" — a concept unknown to most of us before this year — gave us the opportunity to continue to see each other and to be, and pray, together. Daily minyan, Shabbat services, a Passover seder, classes, religious school, and healing services were quickly adapted and offered via Zoom. Congregants and guests from Florida, Israel, California, and other remote locations who would have been unable to attend an AJ service signed on to Zoom and davened with the AJ community.

As the pandemic raged on, as a nation we were confronted by other challenges we could barely have predicted. In June of 2020, following the death of George Floyd and the nationwide protests that followed, the AJ Social Action Committee launched the Signs of Solidarity Campaign. This was the beginning of a series of planned programs by the AJ Adult Education and Social Action Committees designed to raise awareness about racism and to build a stronger connection with the Black community. In September, during the Selihot service on Zoom, AJ congregants **Naomi Housman** and **Chad Womack**, along with Maureen O'Connell, Professor of Religion at La Salle University, continued the discussion regarding racism, white supremacy, and the issues confronting a mixed-race couple in our own community. Professor O'Connell has engaged in extensive research in the area of racial identity formation, systemic racism, and racial justice in Catholic institutions of higher education. We look forward to continuing this conversation, facilitated by Professor O'Connell, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors in January. Our goal is to formulate a plan which will allow for more open dialogue and a deeper understanding of ways in which we may partner with our Black brothers and sisters to help make a positive difference.

With innovation, creativity, and compassion, we adapted other ways to cope with our isolation from one another. With strict protocols in place, **Dayna Glantz** and **Merril Stup** lovingly organized outdoor Shabbat and Havdalah events allowing members of the AJ community the ability to see each other in person for the first time in many months. **Rabbi Sandra Berliner** and **Rabbi Yaacov Kravitz** led us on Zoom as we shared COVID experiences and learned to meditate to find inner peace and strength. **Sandra Goldberg** created delightful packages for Passover, the High Holidays, and Hanukkah for our members in college. **Dr. Rebecca Cherry** shared her expertise and helped us find a sense of calm through guided meditations. Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz along with Amy Devine-Stretch, Marjorie Trager, Beryl Rosoff-Verbit, Anita Block (and all of the staff of the AJ Preschool and Infant Center), Calvin Thompson, Rachel Palitto, Ossi Nussbaum, and Larry Kaplan have continued to conduct the business of AJ seamlessly — offering services and courses on Zoom, conducting learning and events for our youth, responding to the questions and

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What's Happening at AJ

january

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- 4 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB**
On Division, A Novel, by Goldie Goldberg. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM via Zoom. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.
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- 5 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Class 8 of 12.
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- 6 PURIM CELEBRATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING #1**
Help Hazzan plan this year's online Purim blast! See the back cover for more information!
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- 10 PURIM CELEBRATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING #2**
If you didn't attend Meeting #1 (above), attend this one!
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- 12 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Class 9 of 12.
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- 14 GRANDPARENTS GROUP EVENT**
Guest speaker David Seltzer. Topic: Stop Pacing the Floor and "Save Your Sole": Seeking "Sh'lom Bayit." 7:45 PM. See page 7 for details.
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- 19 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Class 10 of 12.
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- 24 VIRTUAL TOUR OF SATAF IN ISRAEL WITH KOBI COOPER**
Take a virtual tour of ancient Sataf, Israel with tour guide Kobi Cooper! See page 7 for details.
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- 26 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Class 11 of 12.
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- 28 AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
Perform a potentially life-saving mitzvah by donating blood at AJ between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
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- 29 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"**
Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. For all ages, from babies to bobbies. Zoom in with your friends for this relaxed, casual, and enjoyable service! Please plan to join us! 6:15 PM
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- 30 SISTERHOOD SHABBAT**
Join us for this annual event during which the women of AJ plan and officiate the Saturday service. They'll also welcome a guest speaker for the Annette W. Black Memorial Lecture.
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- 31 AJWA SISTERHOOD: "HIGH TEA AND HISTORY"**
Please join the AJWA Sisterhood for an afternoon of tea and treats in your home and stories we will share. See page 9 for details.
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february

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- 2 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Semester 1, Class 12 of 12.
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- 8 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB**
The Dream Stitcher, by Debora Gaal. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM via Zoom. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.
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- 12 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"**
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- 13 KAVOD PRESENTATION: ENSURING DIGNITY OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**
Join us on Shabbat morning and learn about this important organization. See page 2 for details.
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- 13 AJMA PRESENTS SHIREI—AHAVA (SONGS OF LOVE)**
Don't miss this virtual concert with singer and guitarist Phyllis Chapell. Phyllis Chapell has spent her life developing a universal musical style singing "world songs". See page 10 for details.
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- 14 AJWA SISTERHOOD — FOR LOVE OF SHOCOLAD (CHOCOLATE)**
Celebrate the Jewish history of chocolate with love and an illustrated talk and recipe demo by Chef-Author Aliza Green. See page 9 for details.
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- 18 GRANDPARENTS GROUP EVENT**
Guest speaker, Ruth Nemzoff, Ed.D. 7:45 PM
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- 21 NEW CLASS FROM RAV SHAI!**
Rav Shai will begin a 3-session series called "Hasidism: Mysticism for the Masses." The three Sunday sessions will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. See page 10 for details.
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- 24 PURIM SHPIEL**
See the back cover for more information!
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Did you know you can now find RSVP links to most scheduled events in one place on our website? Go to AJ's home page (www.adathjeshurun.info) and click on "RSVP" in the top menu.

If you need help with Zoom during most AJ online events, contact Rachel Palitto at rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info.



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Davening with the Jetsons

In the 1970s of my childhood, a close second to the triumvirate of afternoon programming in "Leave It to Beaver," "The Flintstones," and "Bewitched" was the animated series that peered into the future, "The Jetsons." Flying cars have not taken off (pun intended) but many of the show's other technology-related depictions are commonplace today including the smart watch, many AI (artificial intelligence) products, and most of all, the visiphone.

Perhaps it comes as a surprise, but the technology needed for audio/visual communication was initiated in the late 19th century. That is, before many possessed running water, automobiles, or telephones, what we view today as cutting edge was already possible. Possible, but not necessary. Oh, and let me plant a little seed here. Did you know that these towns actually exist?: China, TX; Truth or Consequences, NM; Whynot, NC; Last Chance, IA; Halfmoon, NY; or my personal favorite, California, PA? Now back to our regularly scheduled newsletter column!

Where was I? Right—the Jetsons' visiphone. Several companies attempted to create a demand for their versions of the visiphone by demonstrating their products at trade shows in hopes they held the 'must-have' product of that season. Quality was poor, adoption was low, and the cost was high. But in the latest years of the 20th century, carrying into the earliest years of our 21st century, everything changed. It changed with the advent of the internet, followed by VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol), and the tremendous increase of internet speed that came with broadband technology. While improvements are still needed, the quality is far better, adoption is nearing universal, and the cost is free for most.

It can seem insensitive to point out "silver linings" to tragic circumstances. By the time this newsletter is outdated by a new issue, a full year of COVID-19

"enhanced" life will have passed. It hasn't been easy for anyone. Some of you have lost loved ones and friends. A debt of gratitude is owed to those on the various front lines. It is difficult for many, and rightfully so, to see anything positive whatsoever.

Taking away nothing from the above, I do perceive benefits with the increased percentage of our population capable of virtual connections. Maybe everyone has a cell phone (fun fact—referred to as "bricks" in the industry). Still, I would bet that before the pandemic, many were not aware of just how much that expensive brick can do. Between the expansion of telemedicine and online shopping alone, lives have been saved and improved without risking exposure by expanding our understanding of our "smartphones." These changes haven't worked for everyone and it's worth noting negative effects on many smaller businesses which are suffering or have already become casualties.

Moreover, with an increase of online savviness, loneliness is not eliminated. It is, however, at the very least, mitigated. For us, as a congregation of people devoted to AJ and each other, connecting virtually is largely the way we continue to thrive and even develop as a shul. These benefits and more will serve us well on an ongoing basis well after this crisis. Why shouldn't the board member who is on a business trip be able to weigh in from China, TX; Truth or Consequences, NM; or Whynot, NC? I am glad our members will know that they can mark *yahrzeit* between visiting friends in Last Chance, IA; Halfmoon, NY; or you guessed it... California, PA.

Our most frequent function as a house of worship is providing a space, an atmosphere, for communal prayers. I was delighted when, right away, Rav Shai made the wise judgement that very little would change in the structure and contents to our AJ davening ways.



In contrast and sadly (I feel), many Conservative synagogues reduced services by eliminating certain prayers and using substitutes for mourner's kaddish.

I am a big proponent of live and let live and, of course, each shul needed in March to do what they felt best for their constituents. I am simply expressing, as we near the one-year mark in this terrible crisis, that I am glad our service is largely unchanged.

Part of every text-based debate on this issue must include the words of Rabbi Yehoshua Ben Levi. It is his words on a related topic in the Babylonian Talmud, Pesachim 85b, that prevent anyone from completely ruling out any method of reaching Gd. He expressed such intimacy and bold inclusivity that his words will live on, I pray, forever.

"Not even a wall of iron could separate the people of Israel from their Father in heaven."

Please note: Parts of this column were adapted from his much longer and more detailed and footnoted essay and teshuvah Hazzan will share on our website.

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imperceptible. But that is not to say that she had deliberately hidden herself. If she seemed hidden it was by virtue of the non-numinousness of the medium of her presence, the depth of evil into which she was plunged, and her very soft tread.

The stories of women's support, concern, tenderness, and sacrifice are where we sense God's presence. A scene of women, during an hours-long roll call, huddling together

to prevent any of their ranks from collapsing — and thus becoming an immediate target for murder — is a scene of divinity. "A tree can only be as strong as the forest that surrounds it." (Peter Wohlleben, *The Secret Life of Trees*)

Chevre, there is a paradigm shift happening in how we see ourselves, our world, and God. We are, haltingly, emerging from the dominant paradigm of rugged individualism and awakening to the mystical perception of interdependence.

For those of us who are older or temperamentally more conservative, these changes are disorienting. For the others, be patient and gentle as we struggle to adjust and to restore the feminine face of God. Gentiles may call her Janice, but for Jews, she is *Shekhinah*.



The Jewish Teen Collaborative



Ossi Nussbaum, Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative

The one thing many people agree about lately is that disagreement — both social and political — is becoming more and more conflictual and toxic. The polarization in America, in Israel, and in many other countries in the world seems to be on the increase, and people from one political camp treat people from another political camp as true enemies. One camp sees the other as a traitor, while the other sees the first as immoral. Civil discourse is becoming less and less civil, and it looks as if no one is trying to actually listen and understand those with opposing views.

This is not something that happens out there, far from us or our community. People lose their sense of belonging or feel alienated within their neighborhood, workplace, classroom, congregation, and even family, and the rifts are not just theoretical, they are real, personal and painful.


As an educator, I believe that one of the best ways to study is through a dialectic process. Debates are a great tool for learning, and being in an uncomfortable place is so important and necessary for growth. However, in today's climate it is not an easy task, and when the tension exists to begin with, it is a bit scary to encourage even more disagreements. This is why I became really excited when I heard about an educational program created by Pardes Center for Jewish Educators, named "*Mahloket Matters* — navigating inner challenges and societal discord through Jewish text and social emotional learning". Pardes adapted their "How to disagree constructively" program especially for high school students and was looking for schools to participate in a pilot of teaching their curriculum.

Both 9th and 10th graders in JTC have been enjoying this program over the past weeks, in different capacities, and I believe that all of us — students and teachers — are learning and benefiting so much from it. We began by learning that disagreements and debates are fundamental to Judaism. Through reading selected Jewish texts, we understood that talking to others, and actually hearing them, can reveal things that you cannot see by yourself. We are wiser if we recognize the limits of our knowledge; therefore, we should always seek to learn more. Intellectual humility (understanding that we can never possess total knowledge) and intellectual curiosity (always seeking to get more informed) are two necessary ingredients for an authentic conversation and a constructive debate. We do not have to change our minds while engaged in it, but when each side understands where the other is coming from, it has a humanizing effect which is crucial for having conversations with people with whom we disagree.

Mishnah Avot, 5:17 taught us about the difference between "*Mahloket le-shem shamayim*" (a disagreement for the sake of heaven) and "*Mahloket lo le-shem shamayim*" (a disagreement not for the sake of heaven). What differentiates them is the motivation behind the disagreement. If one engages in a debate in pursuit of truth or in order to solve a problem, learn and grow — this is for the sake of heaven. If one engages in a debate out of a desire to be right or to prove the other wrong, motivated by jealousy or power — this is not for the sake of heaven. We further learned from Hillel and Shammai some tips for a constructive disagreement: debate the issue without personal attacks and try to maintain good relationships; listen to the other and be open to admitting you might be wrong; consider that both you and the other might be right, despite holding opposite positions; and of course, always check your motivation.

Mahloket le-shem shamayim is not so easy to achieve! Unfortunately, many disagreements are destructive and not very productive, especially lately it seems. In class we dove into the field of social psychology and tried to understand the mental mechanisms in our brains

that make us react in certain ways, those that are not so helpful for our disputes with others. By understanding, scientifically, why it is so difficult for people to engage in a constructive conversation, we can be more open to controlling it. If we understand where other people are coming from, we might be able to accept their opinions and not feel threatened by them.

We have a few more units ahead of us, during which we will try to provide our teens with tools to manage their emotions and navigate challenges effectively. We will work more on "how to" have a good debate; and we will practice through the Sanhedrin way (well, mini-Sanhedrin). If we can teach the next generation to always listen, respect, get more informed, and not be afraid of expressing what they believe, we are on the path toward a less divisive society, where people with different views can only benefit from this diversity. Judaism encourages us to keep asking, to listen, to argue and to grow. We are embracing it! 

Coffee, Anyone?

Do you know that there's a coffee cart at AJ? You'll find it outside of the Preschool entrance from about 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM, and for a \$2 donation, you can get a delicious cup of organic, fair-trade coffee!

The coffee comes from Moka Origins and their mission is to empower farmers and restore the environment. They do this by ethically sourcing coffee and cacao, creating jobs on their farm in Cameroon, and planting a tree for every product sold. Whether grown at their farm or ethically sourced from their partners around the world, their beans generate real social change. You can find out more about Moka Origins at <https://mokaorigins.com>. 



Two New Pages on the AJ Website!

Shop Local Page

When we had to cancel the Hanukkah Palooza, we didn't want to let down the vendors and craftspeople who had committed to selling their items there. We have created a page on the AJ website with links to their businesses so that you can see what they have to offer and maybe make a purchase!

To these businesses, we have also added links for other "AJ swag" that includes Rav Shai's books and Introduction to Judaism course DVDs, Israeli olive oil, and AJ Acts magnets.

The link to the Shop Local page is at www.CongregationAJ.org, in the top menu bar. Check back occasionally to see what's new.



RSVP Page

We have created a new page on the AJ website where you can RSVP for any upcoming AJ event! You can get to it by clicking on RSVP in the row of links at the top of our website. The RSVP page has links for every event that requires registration. Clicking on the event name will take you to the registration form and clicking on the accompanying graphic will take you to the calendar page for the event so you can see event details. Here is the direct link to the page: <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/rsvp.html>.

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Kudos to Karen Moses!

Ahead of the election in November, Karen Moses offered to make "RBG" masks in support of a good cause. After being advertised in the weekly email, orders came in fast and furious. In the end, she sewed, sold, and delivered or mailed over 60 masks in three different Ruth Bader Ginsberg fabrics! As part of AJ Acts, Karen raised over \$1,500 for the League of Women Voters. Kol hakavod!

Judy Stutman Izes *Continued from page 3*

needs of our members, and delivering a taste of AJ to the homes of congregants. AJ volunteers have continued to plan enriching programs including Adult Education classes and lectures, Women's and Men's Association Zoom speakers and events, book club meetings, teen events, and presentations and discussions for AJ's Grandparents Group.

The common cord connecting all of the above is the dedication and strength of the people of AJ. We are made up of remarkable individuals who come together to create an institution that is even greater than the sum of its parts. We provide strength for those facing adversity and we know that we will find support when needed. We pray for a better year in 2021 and for continued strength to weather any storm that comes our way.

AJ Grandparents Group

Sheva Cohen and Barbara Shotz, Co-Leaders

We have an exciting roster of speakers planned for this winter and spring!

David Seltzer, our "in-house" guest lecturer, will speak on the topic, Stop Pacing the Floor and "Save Your Sole": Seeking "Sh'lom Bayit" on **Thursday, January 14** at 7:45 PM. David has many great insights to share with us about his experiences working with interfaith couples and families over the years. Along with these experiences, he has served as an advisor to clergy of many faiths throughout our community. We know that all in our AJ family will find this an informative and helpful talk.



Ruth Nemzoff, Ed.D., author and speaker on relationships with adult children and grandchildren, will be back by popular demand on **Thursday, February 18** at 7:45 PM.



Then we'll have two sessions with **Dvora Entin, MSW**, who specializes in women's mental health. The dates are **Thursday, March 11** at 7:45 PM and **Thursday, April 22** at 7:45 PM.



Finally, we'll welcome **Elaine Rotenberg, Ph.D.**, a licensed psychologist and clinical director of the Alpert Jewish Family Service of Palm Beach County, Florida on **Thursday, June 3** at 7:45 PM.

Please look for details about these programs and registration in the AJ weekly email, and plan to join us!

ABOVE, Top to bottom: David Seltzer; Ruth Nemzoff, Ed.D.; and Dvora Entin, MSW

Virtual Tour of Sataf, Israel with Kobi Cooper

Kobi Cooper (son of **Wendy and Leonard Cooper!**) is a tour guide in Israel and will be giving AJ an exclusive tour of Sataf, an ancient village only 10 minutes outside of Jerusalem. Sataf is full of agricultural terraces, springs, and caves, and is famous for its hiking trails and natural beauty. Kobi will also teach about the Seven Species (...*a land of wheat and barley, of vines, figs, and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey...* Deuteronomy 8:8), as Sataf is home to five of the seven! 10:00 AM.





AJ Preschool and Infant Center

Anita Block, Early Childhood Director


As we all know, COVID-19 has had a big impact on everything in our lives. We have had to quickly make many adjustments in order to sustain ourselves until this is all over.

While no one knows for sure exactly when things will go back to normal, what we consider “normal” will likely not look exactly the same as pre-pandemic times. As the months have gone by and we have adapted to new tools and processes, we have gotten used to the new way of doing things.

In the 2020 Child Care Benchmark Report, child care providers indicated that there are several ways that the sector will likely be impacted even after COVID-19 is over. For us at Adath Jeshurun Preschool and Infant Center, this report gave me an opportunity to look at the positive aspects of the changes.

- While families have not been able to enter the building to escort children to their class, our staff has greeted families at the door each morning and then escorted the children back to their families at the end of the day. We miss having the families in the building, but our staff has become acquainted with many families they would not have met until the children were in their class.
- During the original closure of the school in March, our staff remained connected to families through virtual learning, socially distanced home visits, and Zoom gatherings. Once we returned in June and began following the new protocols, we increased our communication through social media posts on our own AJPSIC Facebook Families, phone calls, and Zoom conferences.
- We certainly miss our school-wide Shabbat and holiday celebrations, but each teacher and assistant have found more creative ways to bring their classroom community together to celebrate in their own room. They have added rituals, songs, and activities that have enhanced the learning and community feel of the classroom. We continue to engage, albeit virtually, with our music specialist, Amy Jo Rosenthal; our storyteller, Sue Jacobs; and yoga class leaders at Cosmic Kids Yoga. Hazzan Glantz has continued to lead us virtually in Mesibat Shabbat each month.

At the writing of this article, we don't know the status of the newly created vaccine and I truly hope that its manufacturing and distribution will help bring us back to a life of hugs, kisses, and family gatherings. In the meantime, let's continue to practice safe ways to live our lives and education our children.

Enjoy the pictures of our smiling, happy, engaged children. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe new year. 

PHOTOS AT RIGHT:

1. Young toddler loves showing off his artistic talents.
2. Kindergarten friends working together to wrap a present for Hanukkah.
3. Toddlers create a pillow train.
- 4, 5. Preparing for the Thanksgiving feast.
6. He does this all on his own... so cute. He is just chill-laxing!



AJWA Sisterhood

Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg, Co-Presidents



The AJWA Sisterhood 2020–21 season is off to a great start! Our season was launched on October 25 with an informative and fun program presented by Dr. Myra Gutin (on Zoom, of course) who discussed “Ten Defining Moments in the History of Our First Ladies,” with more than 50 attendees and interesting audience questions. It was a valuable pre-election program.

On November 8, many AJers joined the Kehillah of Old York Road for a trip to Jewish Rome with tour guide Michaela Provecello. The history of Jews in Rome from the time of the Romans until the present day were covered. Michaela also peppered her excellent presentations with personal stories and recipes unique to the Jews of Rome.

AJers who sew created over 150 facemasks (mostly credited to **Karen Moses** and **Ariel Stein**) which were donated to the Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Cheltenham Public Schools, and Philadelphia Public Schools. Kudos to all who participated!

The AJWA Robyn Ordenker Book Club meets every six weeks or so and will meet on Monday, January 4 to discuss *On Division: A Novel* by Goldie Goldbloom, and again on February 8 to discuss *Braided: A Journey of a Thousand Challahs* by Beth Ricanati.

The last weekend of January will be a busy one for AJWA Sisterhood! Join us for **Sisterhood Shabbat** on **Saturday, January 30** as the women of AJ conduct the Shabbat service and welcome a guest speaker. Then on **Sunday, January 31**, we'll have **High Tea and History**, as we tiptoe through the china cabinet of our congregant **Judy Szekely** and the interesting stories of stunning tableware, much of it from her native Hungary and each with a story. Congregants will be invited to share their own stories of a precious item from their own collections. Both events will take place via Zoom.

Finally, February will bring us **For Love of Shocolad (Chocolate)** from **Chef-Author Aliza Green**. On Sunday, February 14, we'll celebrate the Jewish history of chocolate with love and an illustrated talk and recipe demo. Learn about the surprising history of the Sephardim who first brought chocolate from the New World to Old World places like Antwerp, Belgium; Bayonne, France; and Livorno, Italy. Green will demonstrate how to make a moist, rich Dark Chocolate Bundt Cake with Whiskey-Soaked Figs along with Cinnamon-Orange Scented Hot Chocolate, a perfect cold weather treat perhaps spiked with rum.

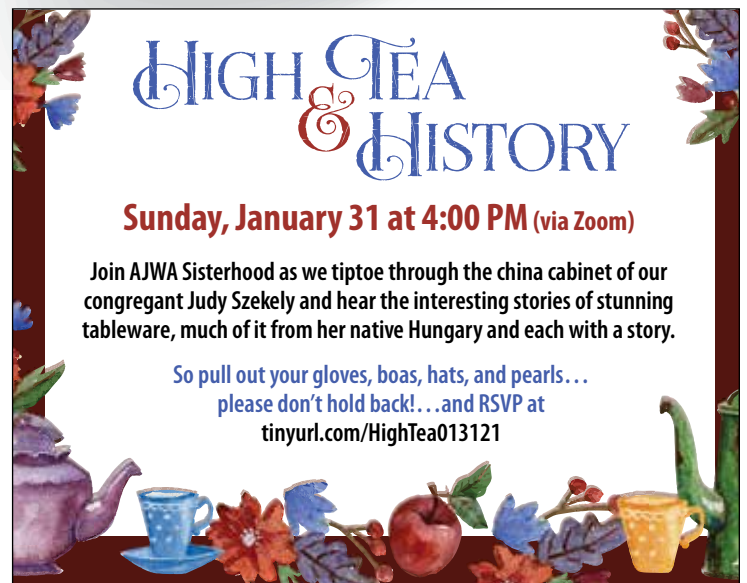


Please consult the AJ weekly email to register for any of these upcoming events and plan to join us!

B'Shalom,

Lorna Rosenberg and Amy Blum

Please reach out to us with your AJWA Sisterhood questions or comment at any time: Lorna (LSRosenberg28@gmail.com) and Amy (ablum99@gmail.com).



RIGHT: This is what Robyn Ordenker Book Club meetings look like during COVID-19!

AJ Men's Association

Ed Moses and Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents



Adath Jeshurun Men's Association

AJ Men's Association presents:

"SHIREI AHAVA...Songs of Love"

a virtual concert with singer, guitarist

PHYLLIS CHAPELL

Saturday, February 13 at 8:00 PM (via Zoom)




Phyllis Chapell has spent her life developing a universal musical style singing "world songs". Her repertoire includes songs in 13 languages from Brazil, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, as well as American folk, jazz, originals, and popular music. Phyllis has been named as one of the top 500 jazz vocalists of all time by Scott Yanow (*Down Beat*, *Jazz Times*, and *AllMusicGuide*). She has also won competitions for her original music, and was chosen to be one of Indie-Music's Top 25.

Be sure to consult weekly AJ email announcements for program registration information.

AJ Men's Association is proud to announce their Middle Atlantic Region Man of the Year:

DR. HARRY LESSIG




Harry served four years as President of AJMA, multiple terms as a Congregation Vice President, and is currently serving as Secretary of the Congregation.

He has been part of a multi-generational AJ family and deeply committed member of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

This year's event is scheduled in a virtual format for:

Sunday Evening, March 14, 2021

Be sure to consult weekly AJ e-mail announcements to learn how you can show your support for Harry, AJMA's most deserving honoree.



Into Africa

It started with a request made to Rav Shai by Eliana Saks. Eliana was looking for a variety of Jewish religious items for a synagogue in Abuja, Nigeria. Rav Shai forward her contact information to **Beryl Rosoff-Verbit**: AJ congregant and its administrative assistant, "social worker," and collector of all good things dropped off at the synagogue. Beryl was able to find tefillin, a couple of tallitot, a few kippot, and some prayer books within her stash of good things. Eliana picked them up from AJ and hand-delivered them to members of Tikvat Yisrael Synagogue Abuja during a trip to Africa. Here are pictures from a grateful community!



New Class from Rav Shai:

Hasidism: Mysticism for the Masses

Starting Sunday, February 21



Hasidism was the reform movement of Eastern Europe that remained within the halakic framework. They flipped medieval Kabbalah on its head and made it accessible to the masses of Jews who were not part of the intellectual elites studying Talmud and halakhah. This Sunday series will look at the origins, tenets, and

personalities of several Hasidic masters. The dates of classes are **February 21, February 28, and March 7**, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, via Zoom. You can find the registration link in the weekly email or you can go to the AJ home page (www.adathjeshurun.info) and click on "RSVP" in the top menu. Alternatively, call the AJ office at 215.635.6611.

לזכר עולם In Remembrance

Anyone interested in perpetuating the memory of a loved one at AJ should contact the office for information at 215.635.6611. Yahrzeits of the following individuals will be observed as follows:

DECEMBER 27, 2020 to JANUARY 2, 2021

12 Tevet 5781 to 18 Tevet 5781

To be read on Friday, Jan. 1 and Saturday, Jan. 2



Rosa Abrahams
Alice H. Alloy
Fannie Freed Alpern
Anne G. Altman
Sgt. Morton Arinsberg
Isadore Aronson
John M. Ashe
Rosa Bachenheimer
Rebecca Barnett
Samuel Bekoff
Bella Bernstein
Ken Bloom
Adolph Bodine
Dorothy Saltzburg Brenner
Anna Willig Brody
Bennett Brown
Elaine Brown
Milton Bugay
Dr. Robert Charny
Father of Philip Cohn
Mother of Philip Cohn
Philip Cohn
Rose Corn
Mollie Donsky
Rosalie Fabricant
Edith S. Finkel
Lillian Forbes
Sophie Frankel
Louis Freedman
Hannah G. Friedmann
Shirley K. Garfinkel
Pearl Ginsberg
Harry Goldsmith
Samuel Gross
Yetta Grossman
Alan G. Hunn
Regina Hyman
Isidor Jacobi
Maurice M. Jacobs
Ray Braude Jacobs
Harry Jack

Pauline Kasser
Samuel Katz
Terrence H. Klasky
Nathan Kornstein
Marcia Krestal
Michael Kuh
Isadore Kushner
Bertha Rosenbaum Lamb
Rose Leventhal
Georgia Frances Levinson
Lenore London
Rosalia Melgin
Benjamin Moss
Matilda Muchnick
Bertha Neff
Henry Odenheimer
Frank M. Papish
Milton Richard Pasternack
Israel S. Promisloff
Caroline Rider
Blanche Rosenberger
Sophie Rosenblum
Helene L. Rosenzweig
Ann Rothman
Bessie Tessler-Rothstein
Benjamin Rotko
Roman A. Rubinstein
Harry A. Schnapp
Beatrice Sherman
Dr. Maurice C. Sillman
David C. Sonenfeld
Robert Stanek, MD
David Starr
Abraham Strauss
Helene Strauss
Nathan Suzmer
Theodore Tenor
Anna M. Ulitsky
Abraham Weiner
Samuel Weiner
Jack Wellenbach

JANUARY 3, 2021 to JANUARY 9, 2021

19 Tevet 5781 to 25 Tevet 5781

To be read on Friday, Jan. 8 and Saturday, Jan. 9



Joseph Abrams
Wolf Alkus
Herbert Axelrad
Charles S. Axelrod
Solomon Bacharach
Rose B. Baron
Benjamin Berg
Annette W. Black
Julius C. Blankfield
Samuel H. Bortner
Joel Cohen
Pauline Deitch
Norman DuBois
Samuel Eisenberg

Abraham Feldman
Edna Feldman
Zigmund Feldman
Ida Fleisher
Clara Gastman Friedman
Caroline Friedmann
Abraham Garfield
Benjamin Glass
Lillian Goldstein
Samuel Hyman Goldstein
Fannie Wise Goodman
Aaron Green
Svia Greis
Henry Gross

Karl Gruenwald
Abraham Gusoff
Terri J. Guth
Morris Katz
Carrye Gradwohl Lam
Lea Landes
Sadye Lewis
Martha S. Maybaum
Pauline Metzman
Sanders Newmayer
Sophia Oberfield
Ida S. Rachmell
Mortimer Rifkin
Zipporah Rosenberg
Lester Rosenberger
Jacob D. Saltzman
Max Schader

Celia Schlein
Louis Schlossberg
Jerome Schwartz
Marvin R. Shackmaster
Wolf Silberman
Bess Siple
Rose Slotnick
Daniel D. Solomon
William Spiegel
Molly Tarshish
Irving Teplitz
David Treatner
Emanuel Wirtschafter
Theresa Wise
August Wise II
Carri Wise
Theresa Wise

JANUARY 10, 2021 to JANUARY 16, 2021

26 Tevet 5781 to 2 Shevat 5781

To be read on Friday, Jan. 15 and Saturday, Jan. 16



Max Amster
Pearl Elias Angel
Bette Appel
Hannah Ball
Sarah Rachel Bernstein
Albert Bloom
Abraham Bolen
Betty Brody
Hilda Ceasar
A. Louis Charny
Dr. Maxwell Cherner
Henrietta Dannenberg
Joseph A. Daroff
Stanton Lewis A. Einhorn
Simon Faerstein
Alice Feigenbaum
Abraham Freeman
Millie F. Friedman
Theresa Garfinkel
Ida Rose Gassel
Albert Gelberg
Martin T. Glass
Julius H. Goldberg
George Goldstein
Gussie Goldstein
Sophie Gross
Yetta Anna Halpern
Carrie Loeb Harris
Benjamin Heimerling
Gertrude Weiss Hirsch
Henry Hyman
Helen W. Jacobs
Laibesh Katzner
Richard V. Kirsh
Dora Kutner
James Kutsobos
Melina Frechie Lam
Adolph Levy

Samuel Levyn
Dora Lipman
Joseph London
Mina Marcus
Jacob Poons Newman
Harry Platt
Fay Riegner
Rachel Robinson
Wolf Robinson
Ralph Bernard Roseman
Max Rosen
Berthold Rosenberger
Blanche H. Rosenfelt
Anna Rosenthal
Doris G. Rosenthal
Goldie Reinhart Rosenthal
Tillie Rudolph
Irving M. Schepp
Louis Harry Schinfeld
Rebecca Schlesinger
Samuel Sebotnick
Arthur E. Shore
Nettie P. Shubert
Paul Silverman
Aida Simon
Maurice T. Sloane
Sarah Slonimsky
Harry Smith
Vera Mandel Stein
Louis Stern
Mae Stillman
Regina Bacharach Strouse
Phyllis P. Sussman
Jerome Udell
Alexander Lyon Vogelsohn
Albert M. Wolf
Perle Russ Zinman

JANUARY 17, 2021 to JANUARY 23, 2021

4 Shevat 5781 to 10 Shevat 5781

To be read on Friday, Jan. 22 and Saturday, Jan. 23



Noah Aarons
Allen Aisenstein
Edith Aronson
Harris Aronson
Nelson Berger
Pauline Bloch
Nathan Blumenthal
Frances Copelin Bolno
Kreney Brodsky
Raymond Charles Brown
Minnie Cooper
Morton J. Dannenhirsch
Ruth Davis
Milton Falkenstein
Louis Friedman
Charles C. Fuller
Brenda (Bunny) Gekoski
Lena Gelberg
Sima Ginns
Stanley Charles Glauser, MD, PhD
Louis Gluck
Bessie Goldberg
Esther Meadow Goldberg
Dorothy Goldstein
Ruth Goldstein
Sarah Goldstein
Jack Greenbaum
Ellen J. Greenfield
Dora A. Gross
Julius A. Gross
Herbert F. Hertz
Chana Hirsch
Sarah Hyman
Paul Jacobs
Emil Jaffe
Dr. Leon Kacher
Fannie Kadane
Sarah Karashoff

Sadona Katzen
Joseph Kligman
Adolph Koppelman
Fanette Kornfeld
Samuel Kretchman
Stanton M. Kroungold
Jacob Loewenstein
Fannie Pollack Marcus
Anna Margolis
Samuel N. Markowich
Fannie Marmer
Rebecca N. M. Nathans
Gerson Oppenheimer
Jean Bertha Orgieffsky
Ellis Pecarsky
Asia Podolsky
Jerome Portner
Arnold Raynor
Lillian Reichman
Herman Robbins
Reuben Rosenthal
Rose Rurin
Bertrand Schneeberg
Caroline Esther Schneeberg
Paul Sheffler
Mary Sherman
Samuel (Shmuel) Sussman
Harry T. Titman
Thomas Torech
Joseph Turoff
Philip Veit
Samuel P. Verstein
Mollie Victor
Ruth R. Vigderman
Harry William Wachstein
Shep Waldman
Harry Weingast

JANUARY 24, 2021 to JANUARY 30, 2021

11 Shevat 5781 to 17 Shevat 5781

To be read on Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30



Frank G. Barnett
Ida Minnie Baskin
Clara Bloch
Emanuel M. Block
Samuel Block
Daniel B. Brandschain
Anna Brown
Nathan Brown
Michael Brylawski
Dr. Fred Carmosin
Eugene Cornez
Hanna Samuel Dektor
Leah Dektor
Carrie V. Ellis
Fay Fein
Fannie Frank
Bernice Florence Friedmann

Isadore Geller
Abraham Ginns
Rebecca Brylawski Goetz
Raphael Goldbacher
Matilda Goodman
Samuel Green
Rose Greenberg
Beatrice Hoffman
Sydney Joseph
Gail M. Katz
Chaya Sarah Katzman
Laura Schwartz Kooperman
Sophie Krivitsky
Fannie Lazar
Morris Love
Menachem Mendel Mandel
Balbina Mann

Moritz Marcus
Samuel Margolis
Norman Martin
Alice Mayer
Julius Michel
Martha Moldawer
Eric Nahan
Max Needelman
Gerda Podel
Herman Prager
Charlotte B. Richter
Solomon Rogasner
Eleanor Sands
Anna Schlesinger
Ida Cecilia Schwartz
Philip Selbst
Marc Alan Shapiro
Lena Sharp

Miriam Shigon
Fannie Silow
Pearle Siple
Bella Politz Snyder
Daniel E. Snyder
Matilda Starr
Sally Steinberg
Benjamin Steining
Dora Stern
Eleanor Steuer
Fay Teblum
Victor Temkin
Tillie Vizak
Lottie Weiner
Fannie Wirtschafter
Carl H. Wolf
Fannie Wolf

JANUARY 31, 2021 to FEBRUARY 6, 2021

18 Shevat 5781 to 24 Shevat 5781

To be read on Friday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, Feb. 6



Max Abrams
Helen Aisenstein
Fannie Berger
Rachel E. Bregman
Adele King Cohan
Shirley Cohen
Max Cohn
Selma Corn
Rebecca Dion
Michael Barak Drill
Anna Feld
Esther E. Forbes
Harry Forbes
Eugene Freedman
Dr. Reuben Friedman
Louis O. Fuhrman
Lillian Salkovitz Gardner
Albert Gerstley
Yetta Glashofer
Fannie Goldberg
Beatrice Goldfine
Samuel H. Goldstein
Benjamin Greenbaum
Goldie Greenbaum
Ruth Gross
Tobias Horwitz
Joseph Jacobs
Abraham Kaplan
Frances Katz
Louise Reinhart Katz
Max David Kendall
Ida Kirschbaum
Samuel S. Klein
Tibie Gever Klinger
Dora Levinson Kramer
Rebecca Leonard
Monroe Levin

Mary Liedman
Fannie Goldenberg Lyon
Lewis Medoff
Michael Moldawer
Morri Mustokoff
Alex Neiman
Sigmund Neubauer
Henry Newman
Harry Novey
Samuel Rapp
Bertha Reyes
Frances Robbins
Geraldine Rudman
Marie I. Saltzman
Louis Schweriner
Rolf Shuster
Edith Silver
Milton Singer
Michael M. Sklar
Anna K. Snyderman
Rebecca F. Steinberg
Richard Stern
Leo Strauss
S. Stefan Strauss
Anna K. Sugarman
Ruth Sukol
Katherine Uknis
Lizzie Vederman
Ada Vigderman
Estella Alkus Weil
Morris Weinstein
Saly Weiss
Louis Weiss
Miriam Wiesenthal
Jennie Milder Wirtschafter
Solomon Wise
Charles Wisneski

FEBRUARY 7, 2021 to FEBRUARY 13, 2021

25 Shevat 5781 to 1 Adar 5781

To be read on Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13



Mark Robert Allanoff
Frances Alpern
Seymour Leon Barash
Julia Mann Bayuk
Jacob Bender
Samuel Bernstein
Sarah Bernstein

Myron H. Block
Joseph M. Bodine
Leah Borgenski
Sophie Brown
Morris Burak
Johanna Buschel
Rubin Chacker

Ruth Wiser Chamow
Max E. Cohen
Seymour Cohen
Norman Dissin
Ethel Dogole
Leonard I. Drell
Isadore Dresnin
Reuben Gordon Frechie
Louis Isaac Freedman
Louis Friedman
Dr. S. Gerald Gever
Richard Gingold
Etta Gold
Edward Goldberg
Kenneth Golden
Mary Goldsmith
Freida Goldstein
Stanley Goren
Lena Heilbron
Sara Haas Herz
Sima Hollander
Morris Hyman
Simon Kabler
Freda Kramer
Abe Landis
Ida Levy
Sara Ann Makransky
Jacob Marbin
Sarah Miller

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 to FEBRUARY 20, 2021

2 Adar 5781 to 8 Adar 5781

To be read on Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20



Sarah Abramson
Jules Altman
Esther Aronson
Simon Bacharach
Franklin G. Banks
Julius Beck
Harry Beifield
Joseph Bekoff
Max Bisk
Selma Sussman Black
Jean Blatt
Gail Ann Blumberg
Molli Blumberg
Charles Blumstein
Dr. Leon Brenner
Mollie Butler
Natalie S. Chamow
Samuel Cohen
Florence Bacharach
David Derewitz
Sophie Elfman
Sarah Ellman
Louis Entine
Joseph Fine
Dr. Albert A. Fingles
Betty First
Grace Spicheckler Fisher
Ida Flecker
Lucille Walker Frank
Ann Gelfont
Katie Gold
Freda Goldhirsh
Maxine Gordon
Nathan Grossman
Jacob Harris
Hannah Hirschberg
Bessie Hoffman
Bernard L. Izes
Dorothy Jacobson

Sallie Goldenberg Nathan
Morris B. Oberfield
Robert Pasternak
Harry S. Platowsky
Henrietta Schiff Pollackcheck
Philip Rachman
Shirley Rosenthal
Lt. David C. Rudolph
Jackie Jo Rudolph
Audrey Schmerling
Barney Schulman
Gerald Harris Schwartz, D.O.
Morris Shrager
Louis Silverman
Mary Silverman
Raymond J. Sklar
Lillian Sklarow
Abraham Slotnick
Ruth Bruner Soll
Sophie Solomon
Milton M. Staub
Herbert L. Steinberg
Eliza Stern
Fannie Markoff Sussman
Harry G. Teller
Abraham Trifield
Fanny Trilling
Merv Tuckman
Yetta Wurzel

Fannie Staub
Joseph Stein
Louis Stein
Mary Stein
Rosalind Steinberg
Rose Stern
Martin J. Vigderman
Jeffrey Scott Vizak

Benjamin Wagman
Bertha Weiner
Fannie Teller Weiner
Stella R. Weisfeld
Simon Weiss
Dr. Rose B. Wohl
Henrietta E. Wolfe

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 to FEBRUARY 27, 2021

9 Adar 5781 to 15 Adar 5781

To be read on Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27



Jacob Abrams
Jennie Abrams
John Joseph Allen
Rebecca Disenhof Arkow
Herman Louis Axe
Carrye Barenkopf
Hannah Beildeck
Minnie Blankfield
Renee Blitstein
Miriam Blitz
Eva Loewenstein Bloch
Joseph H. Braemer
Friedrich Brassloff
Pearl B. Cohen
Fannie Constantine
Miriam Copperman
Lewis Coren
Bertha Demp
Albert Drell
Bernhard Feigenbaum
Minnie Bernstein Feingold
Rose H. Fox
Lillian Freeman
Minnie Friedman
Regina Friedman
David Gaber
Sophie Galperin
Marion Gershman
Beckie Gettlin
Louis Gilbert
Abraham Green
Albert R. Gross
Joseph Gross
Lewis Gumpel
Hilda I. Huttman
Rose E. Katzenstein
Ida D. Kirkel
Minna Daniel Klein

Alek Klinman
Samuel Krieger
Yetta Leback
Rose Leidner
Anna Levin
Edward M. Levin
Samuel Levy
Michael Loeb
Salem Harris Lumish
Mary Lyon
Esther Mayer
Benjamin Merow
Gertrude Metzger
Jacob Parent
Dora Prager
Manly Rider
Arthur S. Rifkin
Esther Krelloff Roth
Joseph Rothbard
David Rotman
Beatrice D. Rubenstein
Rose Maisel Rubenstein
Jennie Saft
Belle Salvin
Abraham Schulman
Frances Grayev Schwartz
Hilda P. Shapiro
Isabella Shapiro
Jennie Sickles
Leon M. Siegel
Louise Stern Simpson
Betty Slotnick
Sylvia Stein
Arnold M. Stern
Philip Frank Tapper
Rifka Weinroth
Jennie Wildman
Lena Worker

**Kol HaKavod
to our October and November
Torah and Haftarah Readers**

Roy Berliner
Rabbi Sandi Berliner
Marissa Bluestine
Miriam Bluestine
Michelle Britchkow
Debbie Seltzer Cohen
Allan Freedman
Robert Friedman
Hazzan Howard Glantz
Mindy Goldstein
Robert Hartman

Judy Stutman Izes
Pamela Fine Maman
Larry McAfoos
Lorna Rosenberg
Gail Schwartz
Ed Strauss
Marcia Webber
Sara Zebovitz
Saul Zebovitz
Richard Zeises

The Seasons of Our Lives

Adath Jeshurun looks forward to acknowledging significant milestones in the lives of our members. Announcements for *The Seasons of Our Lives* should be sent to the synagogue office in writing or by email to brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Please include your phone number.

Births

Jackson Henry Spiegel, great-grandson of Gladys Steinslofer *September 30, 2020*

Emilia Malka Meir, great-granddaughter of Richard and Violet Zeitlin *October 26, 2020*

Emery Max Szwedzszarf, daughter of Holly and Nathan Szwedzszarf, granddaughter of Jill and Steve Max *December 2, 2020*

Bennett Myles Isard, son of Phillip and Erika Isard, great-grandson of Joan Wohl *December 8, 2020*

Zachary Kalman Werner, son of Benjamin and Michal Werner, brother of Gabriel Levi Werner, grandson of Leslie Fine, great-grandson of Suzan Fine, great-nephew of Pam Maman *December 8, 2020*

Vera Mae Gleason, daughter of Ted and Danielle (AJ Preschool teacher), sister to Lucy (Adom B) *December 13, 2020*

Deaths

Norman Lawson, father of Sue Lawson (Dr. Robert Rosen) *October 28, 2020*

Marillyn (Dolly) Schnall, wife of Dr. Nathan Schnall and mother of Jane (Steven) Segal *October 29, 2020*

Mary Block, mother of Ronald Block (Anita Block, our Preschool Director) *November 3, 2020*

Maxine Stutman, mother of Judy Stutman Izes (Paul) *November 17, 2020*

Robert (Robbie) Robbins, husband of Sandra Robbins, and father of Marlie Robbins *December 10, 2020*

Theodore Mann, father of Julie Mann (Ernie Cohen) *December 12, 2020*

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