

## Why Were We Enslaved? Or, What's Judaism's Cardinal Transgression?

By Rav Shai Cherry



In the Hebrew Bible, Abraham went down to Egypt.

In the Christian Bible, Jesus' parents went down to Egypt.

In the Hebrew Bible, Pharaoh placed a death sentence on Israelite baby boys.

In the Christian Bible, King Herod placed a death sentence on Judean baby boys born in and around Bethlehem.

This recycling of motifs happens within the Jewish Bible, as well. Abraham passed his wife off as his sister, and so did Isaac. God "finished all his work" in creation, and the same language is used at the end of Exodus when Moses finishes all the work in creating the Tabernacle. This recycling is a literary convention that ancient authors used to highlight similarities and differences.

Ancient authors used other conventions, too, to preach to their audience. In the Hebrew Bible, the theology of "just deserts" infuses the narrative of the text. When people do bad things, they deserve bad stuff to happen to them. And vice-versa. The Hebrew for that convention is called *midah k'neged midah*, measure for measure. The Rabbis noted several examples (Mishnah, Sotah, Ch. 1, end):

*With the measure that a person measures, he is measured with it. Samson followed his eyes, therefore he was punished measure for measure, as the Philistines gouged out his eyes, as it is stated: "And the Philistines laid hold on him, and put out his eyes" (Judges 16:21). Absalom was proud of his hair, and therefore he was hanged by his hair (II Sam. 18:9).*

And the same is so with regard to the reward of good deeds; a person is rewarded measure for measure. Miriam waited for the baby Moses for one hour at the shore of the Nile, as it is stated: "And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him" (Exodus 2:4). Therefore the Jewish people delayed their travels in the desert for seven days to wait for her when she was smitten with leprosy, as it is

stated: "And Miriam was confined outside of the camp seven days; and the people journeyed not until Miriam was brought in again" (Numbers 12:15).

The Mishnah seems to be stretching things a bit for Miriam, but my point is that they recognized this literary device. Check out what RaMBaN, Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman (c. 1250, Barcelona), did. RaMBaN charged Abraham with causing the Israelites' slavery in Egypt because Abraham had gone to Egypt to avoid the famine. According to RaMBaN, Abraham should have just trusted God.

What RaMBaN did was to combine the intergenerational recycling convention with the principle of measure for measure to arrive at the following: the Israelites were punished with slavery in Egypt for Abraham's sin of leaving the Land of Israel for Egypt during the famine. The Israelites were punished for the sins of their ancestors.

Here's what it says in the Decalogue:

*For I, Adonai, your God am an impassioned God, visiting the guilt of the parents upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generations of those who reject Me.*

And it was Abraham's third and fourth generations who returned to Egypt to avoid yet another famine.

The psalm that we repeat beginning in the month before the high holidays concludes by telling us to "only put your trust in the Lord!" No thanks. The Talmud tells us not to rely on miracles — that's my mantra. The idea of relying on God, exclusively, to save us is Biblical, and that's what RaMBaN finds fault in Abraham for ignoring.

Not me. I think Abraham was absolutely correct in getting his household somewhere where there was food. Nevertheless, I do think RaMBaN was right that Abraham, and Sarah, did something that caused their children to become enslaved in Egypt. Our ancestors were enslaved because of how Abraham and Sarah abused their Egyptian slave, Hagar.

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# Service Schedule

## HANUKKAH, DAY VII NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2025 1 Tevet 5785  
WEDNESDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 9:00 AM  
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## HANUKKAH, DAY VIII

January 2, 2025 2 Tevet 5785  
THURSDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:10 AM  
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## SHABBAT VAYIGASH

January 3, 4, 2025 4 Tevet 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 4:29 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 4:30 PM  
*We would like to welcome our college and high school congregants to join us for a Havdalah service with a discussion to follow. Our focus is to provide support and resources to our valued students regarding how they may be encountering antisemitism and anti-Zionism in their classes, schools, and campuses. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. Pizza will be provided.*  
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## FAST OF ASARAH B'TEVET

January 10, 2025 10 Tevet 5785  
FRIDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:15 AM  
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## SHABBAT VAYEHI

January 10, 11, 2025 11 Tevet 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 4:36 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
SATURDAY EVENING  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 4:40 PM

## SHABBAT SHEMOT

January 17, 18, 2025 18 Tevet 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 4:44 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
SATURDAY EVENING  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 4:45 PM  
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## SHABBAT VAERA

January 24, 25, 2025 25 Tevet 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 4:52 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
SATURDAY EVENING  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 4:55 PM  
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## ROSH HODESH SHEVAT

January 30, 2025 1 Shevat 5785  
THURSDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:00 AM  
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## SHABBAT BO

January 31, February 1, 2025 3 Shevat 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 5:00 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
• Adult Ed Lunch 'n Learn\*: "Woke Antisemitism," with David Bernstein (see page 10 for more information)  
SATURDAY EVENING  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 5:00 PM  
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## SHABBAT BESHALAH

February 7, 8, 2025 10 Shevat 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 5:09 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached with Tu B'Shvat-Inspired Meal ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
SATURDAY EVENING  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 5:10 PM

## TU B'SHVAT

February 12, 13, 2025 15 Shevat 5785  
THURSDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:20 AM  
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## SHABBAT YITRO

February 14, 15, 2025 17 Shevat 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 5:17 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
*HIAS for Refugees Shabbat, followed by Luncheon (see page 13 for details)*  
SATURDAY EVENING  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 5:20 PM  
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## SHABBAT MISHPATIM

February 21, 22, 2025 24 Shevat 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 5:25 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
*Repro Shabbat, followed by a Lunch 'n Learn with Shirel Horovitz (see page 10 for details)*  
SATURDAY EVENING  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 5:25 PM  
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## ROSH HODESH ADAR

February 27, 28, 2025 30 Shevat 5785  
FRIDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:00 AM  
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## ROSH HODESH ADAR

## SHABBAT SHEKALIM | TERUMAH

February 28, March 1, 2025 1 Adar 5785  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 5:33 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 9:30 AM  
• Adult Ed Lunch 'n Learn\*: "Mussar Clinic," with Beulah Trey (see page 10 for details)  
SATURDAY EVENING  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 5:35 PM

Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz will be at Rydal Park at 4:00 PM for Kabbalat Shabbat services on **Friday, January 24**, and **Friday, February 28**. He will lead services at **Ann's Choice** at 4:00 PM on **Friday, February 21**.

**We have three Zoom links for all of our regular services:**

**For Friday evening and Saturday morning services:**

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/97054037610>  
Meeting ID#: 970 5403 7610 (Password required\*)

**For Saturday evening services:**

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/933131679>  
Meeting ID#: 933131679 (Password required\*)

**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.

**JANUARY**

**Friday/Saturday  
Service Sign-up Link**

<http://tinyurl.com/Services-Jan25>



**FEBRUARY**

**Friday/Saturday  
Service Sign-up Link**

<http://tinyurl.com/Services-Feb25>



**DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES**

Sunday.....9:00 AM  
Monday and Thursday\*.....7:20 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.....7:30 AM  
Rosh Hodesh Services (weekday).....7:00 AM

**EVENING SERVICES**

Sunday through Thursday (except where noted)....7:00 PM

\*On most Thursday mornings, we hold a breakfast after the morning service. Join us!

**Sponsor a Kiddush!**

We all have special dates on our calendars, but we're never quite sure what to do about them, so... sponsor a kiddush or co-sponsor a kiddush with friends!

For what occasions do people sponsor kiddush?

**ANYTHING!** Birthdays, weddings, graduations, new jobs, OR just because you love having a nosh and a schmooze after services.

Contact the office at 215.635.6611 for more information.

**Rav Shai continued from page 1**

When God tells Abraham about his children's future enslavement, this is God's language:

And [God] said to Abram, "Know well that your offspring shall be strangers [*ger*] in a land not theirs, and they shall be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

Fourteen verses later, we hear a chilling echo: Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave woman is in your hands. Deal with her as you think right." Then Sarai oppressed her, and she ran away from her (Gen. 16:6).


The Egyptian Hagar (the same letters as ha-ger), the quintessential stranger/other, was oppressed directly by Sarah who was enabled by Abraham; and the children of

Israel suffered the oppression of four hundred years of slavery in Hagar's Egypt because of it.

Once we were redeemed, this was the cardinal mitzvah:

When strangers (*gerim*) reside with you in your land, you shall not oppress them.

The strangers who reside with you shall be to you as your citizens; you shall love each one as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I, Adonai, am your God.

This is our opportunity to repair the deeds of our ancestors and protect the strangers in our midst. *Hineinu.* 

**Innovative Ways to Give to AJ**

Like all non-profits, AJ is looking for assistance. Various groups, committees and people who work in/for AJ could always use some more hands to make the tasks easier. Please consider reaching out and volunteering! Also, here are a few ways to donate to AJ using some products you may not have considered.

**Appreciated Securities.** As an example, if you purchased stock in a company for \$5,000 that is now worth \$8,000 you can donate that stock to AJ and take an income tax deduction for the charitable donation of \$8,000! If you sold the stock and gave AJ the \$8,000 cash donation, you'd pay capital gains tax on the \$3,000 appreciation. This is easy to do since your stock broker/financial planner can simply transfer the stock to AJ.

**Insurance Policy.** There are multiple ways that an insurance policy can benefit AJ and give you a tax deduction. You may choose to transfer a life insurance policy to AJ; you can name AJ as a policy beneficiary; or, you can pay premiums for an AJ-owned life insurance policy.

**Israel Bonds.** You can help both Israel and AJ when you buy an Israel bond and donate it to AJ. This may result in a tax deduction for you.

If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to call the synagogue at 215.635.6611. There is more information in the AJ Guide to Innovative Giving that has been mailed to congregants and is available at the synagogue. You also may want to consult your accountant, stockbroker, or financial planner.



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The date of the **167th Annual Meeting** has changed. It will be on **Monday, June 16.**

ONE HUNDRED  
AND SIXTY-SEVENTH  
**Annual Meeting**  
CONGREGATION  
ADATH JESHURUN 

**THANK YOU, ANN KALMANOR!**

To all congregants:  
There's a new fund in town  
and you can add to it with a tribute!

**The Kalmanor Endowment  
for Musical Enhancement of Tefillah**

Sincerely,  
Harry Lessig,  
President of AJ



# What's Happening at AJ

january

## 4 HAVDALAH SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION FOR TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS

We welcome our college and high school congregants to join us for a Havdalah service with a discussion to follow. Our focus is to provide support and resources to our valued students regarding how they may be encountering antisemitism and anti-Zionism in their classes, schools, and campuses. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. Pizza will be provided. 4:30 PM.

## 5 AJ GRANDPARENTS GROUP

Ever wonder what your grandchild is talking about when she or he asks you if you are on Snapchat, or "have you seen my dance on TikTok?" Come and find out what our grandkids are doing on social media, how AI has introduced even more challenges for us all, and some tips for keeping your grandkids safe with speaker Rob Levin. See details on page 8. 10:00 AM.

## 8 ADULT ED SERIES: "ABOUT ZION" WITH RAV SHAI CHERRY, PHD, PART 2

Jewish educators and rabbis have done a better job teaching Jewish values than Jewish history. This six-session course dives deep into the history of the relationship between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel. This session will focus on the Rabbinic Period. 7:30 PM. \*\*\*Note change of date.\*\*\*

## 15 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this monthly gathering designed to foster a secure, confidential, and non-judgmental environment that encourages individuals to freely express their emotions. See details on page 7. 7:30 PM.

## 20 MARTIN LUHER KING, JR. DAY PROGRAM: SCREENING OF "ORIGINS"

We'll screen the movie "Origins," directed by Ava Duvernay. It is based on Isabel Wilkerson's research and book and looks at antisemitism, African-American racism, and the treatment of the Untouchables in India through the prism of caste. After the movie, we'll discuss her ideas and its implications for us. See page 13 for details.

## 24 KABBALAT SHABBAT AT RYDAL PARK

Rav Hazzan Glantz will be leading Kabbalat Shabbat beginning at 4:00 PM.

## 24 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Rav Hazzan Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. An oneg (lite bites) will follow. For all ages, from babies to bobbies. 6:15 PM.

## 27 ROBYN ORODENKER AND SYLVIA C. COHEN BOOK CLUB

January's book is *The Confidante*, by Christopher Gorham. Please read the book before the meeting! See page 14 for details. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood. 8:00 PM.

february

## 28 JEWSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "AN OFFICER AND A SPY"

Join us at AJ to view the historical drama film, "An Officer and a Spy" (about the Dreyfus Affair), starring Jean Dujardin, Louis Garrel, Emmanuelle Seigner, and Grégory Gadebois, and directed by Roman Polanski. See the back cover for details. 7:45 PM.

## 1 ADULT ED LUNCH 'N LEARN: "WOKE ANTISEMITISM," WITH DAVID BERNSTEIN

David Bernstein is the Founder and CEO of the Jewish Institute for Liberal Values. Their mission is to support liberal principles of free thought and expression, advance viewpoint diversity, counter the imposition of the Critical Social Justice (CSJ) ideology in the Jewish community, and highlight and oppose novel forms of antisemitism emerging from this ideology. See page 10 for details. 12:15 PM.

## 6 ADULT ED SERIES: "ABOUT ZION" WITH RAV SHAI CHERRY, PHD, PART 3

See description of series on January 9. This session will focus on the Enlightenment. 7:30 PM

## 7 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED WITH A TU B'SHVAT-INSPIRED DINNER

Details coming soon!

## 9 ADULT ED BRUNCH 'N LEARN: "A CONSTANT TENSION: THE BUSINESS OF JOURNALISM CONFRONTS JOURNALISTIC ETHICS AND JEWISH ETHICS," WITH RABBI AND PROFESSOR DAVID TEUTSCH

The free press, one of the bedrock institutions in our American democracy, has been under unprecedented scrutiny and strain in our current political climate, and there is concern that serious, ethical and responsible journalism may be in decline. Rabbi David Teutsch will offer his insights into this difficult and controversial topic. See page 10 for details. 10:00 AM

## 12 L'OLAM FILM SCREENING FOR TU B'SHVAT: "FEEDING TOMORROW"

Up against a broken food system, a brave group of visionary leaders in agriculture, healthcare and education work to build a more just, regenerative, and resilient system in their local communities. See page 12 for details. 7:45 PM to 9:30 PM

## 15 HIAS FOR REFUGEES SHABBAT

Cathryn Miller-Wilson, Esq., Executive Director of HIAS Pennsylvania, will join us after services for a Lunch 'n Learn on the organization's history and how they address issues of immigration and refugee needs. Services, 9:30 AM; Lunch 'n Learn, 12:15 PM. See page 13 for details.



# february (cont.)

## 18 BOARD MEETING

Begins at 7:00 PM.

## 18 JEWSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "CROSSING DELANCEY"

Join us at AJ to view the comedy film, "Crossing Delancey," starring Amy Irving, Peter Riegert, Jeroen Krabbé, and Sylvia Miles, and directed by Joan Micklin Silver. See the back cover for details. 7:45 PM

## 19 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

See the description for January 15. 7:30 PM

## 21 KABBALAT SHABBAT AT ANN'S CHOICE

Rav Hazzan Glantz will be leading Kabbalat Shabbat beginning at 4:00 PM.

## 22 REPRO SHABBAT

We'll focus on the Jewish perspective of abortion rights, misconceptions about abortion, and the secondary health issues that have occurred because of abortion bans in states with limited or elimination of abortion access. 9:30 AM

## 22 LUNCH 'N LEARN WITH SHIREL HOROVITZ

Shirel Horovitz is a prolific Israeli artist and lecturer in the fine arts. She will be talking to us about Jewish art before Israeli Statehood. 12:15 PM. See page 10 for details.

## 23 ADULT ED BRUNCH 'N LEARN: "CELEBRATING FIDDLER ON THE ROOF," WITH MAESTRO KARL MIDDLEMAN," PART 1

*Fiddler on the Roof* has a special place in the hearts of Jews the world around, but there is much behind the scenes history of which most of us are unaware. In a two-part, Sunday morning series on February 23 and March 2, AJ is delighted to host Maestro Karl Middleman, Founder and former Music Director of the Philadelphia Classical Symphony and member of the faculty of Temple University, who will offer his keen insights into the quirks, difficulties, and raptures that the creators encountered. See page 10 for details. 10:00 AM

## 24 ROBYN ORODENKER AND SYLVIA C. COHEN BOOK CLUB

February's book is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, by James McBride. Please read the book before the meeting! 8:00 PM. If interested, please contact Liane Sher at 215.635.4613 or Idelle Wood at [eyewoodis@gmail.com](mailto:eyewoodis@gmail.com). Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood. 8:00 PM

## 28 KABBALAT SHABBAT AT RYDAL PARK

Rav Hazzan Glantz will be leading Kabbalat Shabbat beginning at 4:00 PM.

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](http://www.adathjeshurun.info)) and click on "RSVP" in the top menu.







## In Rav Hazzan's World

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

### Don't Let the Light Go Out!

Last month, my article was titled "Filled with an Attitude of Gratitude." Now, I am still feeling an immense sense of gratitude but far be it from me to deprive you of a new title! You may be familiar with the phrase "don't let the light go out" as it is the refrain of the song "Light One Candle" made popular by the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary. The song was written in 1982 by Jewish trio member Peter Yarrow. It was performed, for the very first time in public, at their concert that same year in Carnegie Hall.

I chose to use this refrain because of the bright warmth I still feel from November 17's full house at our concert titled, "A Tribute to Charles and Frances Davidson z"l: A Musical Legacy."

There were more people who contributed to making this event happen than can possibly be listed here so I think it's best to simply say, you know who you are and you are amazing! You are what makes AJ the kind of place that so many have called their spiritual home for over 166 years.

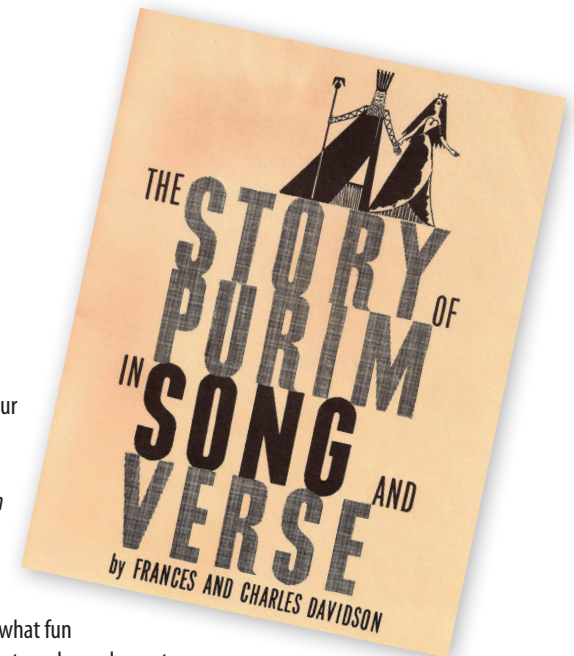
When I first arrived here in Elkins Park in 2004, Hazzan Davidson z"l shared a story about his own arrival. He said it felt as though he had been dropped from a spaceship onto an entirely different planet. But he quickly reassured me, promising that, over time, I would come to embrace the music and traditions so deeply that I'd miss them whenever I visited another shul. And he was right — especially about the "gradual" part. It took time.

I can track some of these new-found senses of appreciation to specific experiences. When my mother died in 2010, I visited other synagogues for Kaddish from time to time and while I felt welcomed, the services (usually on weekdays) were far longer and led with less of a commitment to *nusah hat'fillah*, (the traditional musical modes of worship) that Charles taught and inspired here at AJ.

When the first occurrence of Yizkor came at Shavuot, I better understood the value of Rabbi Max Klein's z"l use of the *tziduk hadin* prayers in the English hymn we sing, "Righteous Art Thou." Rabbi Klein arranged it into poetic form and set these verses to a simple yet lovely repeating sequence of melody (see pg. 451 in the 2008 edition of *Seder Avodah* or page 869 in the *Mahzor Seder Avodah*). Reading and chanting these words, or listening to the choir do so, continues to provide me with a sense of warmth and comfort that I cherish. I am reminded of my own good fortune when I read the line between the sung stanzas, "When blessings bring sunshine to our heart..."

I truly believed I was finished. I thought my gradual acclimation to AJ had finally reached its conclusion. But then, there I was, standing on our bimah, singing excerpts from the Charles and Frances Davidson z"l collaboration, *The Story of Purim in Song and Verse*, and something clicked. I got it. I might even confess that I regretted not understanding it sooner. Still, I wasn't entirely certain until I received these responses — and more — from the people I reached out to.

**From Pam Yohlin:** Drive him around (la la la), repeat, etc. I see Aunt Frances conducting with her glasses on the bridge of her nose, and can feel the warmth of having dear AJ friends singing along with me. That warmth I experienced was a constant throughout my childhood at AJ, and has persisted throughout the decades.



**From Marlena Kleit:** Memories of getting our three sons in costume for their participation in *The Story of Purim in Song and Verse* by dear Frances and Charles brings a smile to my face. And what fun we had — proud parents and grandparents — as the play added joy upon joy to the celebration of the holiday.

**From Ilana Davidson:** It's a Purim staple! I have wonderful memories of generations of children and adults revisiting the Purim play yearly — even before rehearsals started, children and parents alike were ready to sing, "What shall be done to the man?"

**From Susan Starr:** Frances made the most delicious hamantaschen. I remember helping her roll the dough on one of her last batches. They didn't look great, but oh, did they still have the taste.

**From Rabbi Rosenbloom:** *The Story of Purim in Song and Verse*, by Frances and Charles Davidson was a staple of AJ's Purim celebration for decades. We knew the songs by heart. It brought the story of Purim to life in a charming, musical, memorable way. It was delightful.

**From Barbara Shotz:** We looked forward every year to the Purim Shpiel. We all knew the words to all the songs so we all could participate. Of course we also kvelled as our children performed.

**From Debbie Isard (daughter of Joan Wohl):** "I was one of the conspirators at the gate...," "we'll steal into his chamber..." Charles rehearsed everyone until we were PRECISE.

**From Miriam Davidson:** Growing up with my parents' musicals was a big part of my childhood. The songs and stories made the holidays feel special, and I learned them all without even trying. It was great fun, connecting me with my friends and creating some great memories I still appreciate.

Thus, I came to the realization that performing this delightful Davidson Purim shpiel is the perfect way to keep the glimmering glow ablaze from the November 17 success. So I am pleased to announce the schedule of rehearsals for the Purim Shpiel 5785/2025. They will all be held after the 7:00 PM minyan on Wednesday evenings: February 5, 12, 19, and 26, plus March 5, and dress rehearsal on March 12, the night before the actual Shpiel.

So mark your calendars and set aside the time. All ages are welcomed and encouraged.



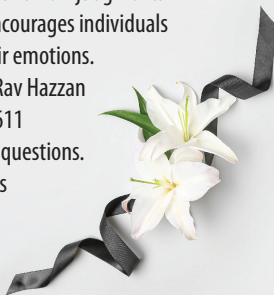


**November's Tribute to Charles and Frances Davidson z"l.** ABOVE, TOP: Back row, from left to right: Hazzan David Childs, Hazzan Elizabeth Shammash, Hazzan Rafi Frieder, Hazzan Eliot Vogel, and Elliot Roman (pianist). Front row: Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz, Ilana Davidson, and Shelly Skloff Fox. BOTTOM LEFT: From left to right: Alyssa Davidson, daughter Kaitlyn Arms, and husband David Arms. BOTTOM RIGHT: From left to right, Hazzan Elizabeth Shammash and Ilana Davidson.

### AJ Bereavement Support Group

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30 PM at AJ

Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this monthly gathering specifically designed to foster a secure, confidential, and non-judgmental environment that encourages individuals to freely express their emotions. Feel free to contact Rav Hazzan Glantz at 215.635.6611 in advance with any questions. February's meeting is on February 19.



### Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

Come to AJ or meet us on Zoom and sing along! Followed by an oneg!

Friday nights at 6:15 PM:  
January 24, February 7, and March 7



## Thank You

to the Generous Donors  
Who Made the Tribute  
to Cantor Charles z"l and  
Frances z"l Davidson  
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Steve Strauss  
Sima Sussman  
Idelle Wood  
Steven & Tamra Zebovitz







## Who Makes All of the AJ Magic Happen?

By *Beth Shapiro*,  
Director of Programming and New Initiatives

You do! Or rather you might. Are you rolling up your sleeves for AJ, giving of your time and your resources? That is the magic! And of course it doesn't "just happen"! Each week at AJ there are a variety of committee, board, staff, and planning meetings. I attend many of these meetings and I'm fortunate to hear firsthand what's important to all of you.


On Shabbat during services I get to listen and pray among you. At kiddush I get to schmooze and learn what is happening in your lives. During our events though, I'm generally busy and so have less time to hear what you are thinking about. When you call or email me after events and programs, it helps me fine-tune what we are doing and how we are serving you, our congregants. Whether it's during meetings, in passing, after a program, or during kiddush, I hear your ideas and you tell me about what you've really enjoyed here at AJ. Sometimes, I get to hear which specific service, sermon, or prayer spoke to you and why. These moments are the ones that are the most precious to me. Invariably, these conversations lead me to understand what matters most to you about the time you spend at AJ. I appreciate your direct criticism and your ideas for positive changes we can make. I've always been a planner, designer, and creator. We have done incredible things together in the less than two years that I have been here.

You've graciously shared your fondest memories of events at AJ with me. Shabbat, it turns out, is the weekly connection most important to you. Our traditional Shabbat service, Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached, and the Lunch 'n Learns all received accolades! Many of you have made a point to express gratitude for all AJ has done to keep the hostages in our hearts. Importantly, our community looks for social opportunities to be together. Seeing friends and bringing second- and third-generation AJers to a program or to a meal was the most frequently mentioned as what our congregants enjoy the most. The meals we packed with Rise Against Hunger last spring brought warmth to many of us. We will be doing that again this year. Universally, you all seem to

love seeing our AJ Early Learning Center children around campus and especially up on the *בִּימָה* (bimah)!

I understand now that anything we hold with ice cream will be well attended. . . an important fact that has been duly noted. Last year we served a Garden Salad dinner, Jules Pizza, Latke Bar, Barbeques, and Chinese food. We are trying to provide new and different options, new food, and new programming. All of our committee members work tirelessly to bring programs, speakers, and delicious meals to AJ for all of us. Some of this planning takes months, even years. I've been so impressed with the diligence, the determination, and the great care that these folks put into everything they do.

These committee members and their chair-people work hard, and they also have a lot of fun! It's so gratifying to see their plans unfold. It's an honor to support all of the work they do. They need your help. Your energy, your ideas, and your time are valuable. What you have to share will make a huge positive difference as we look forward to the next decade in Adath Jeshurun's rich history. Financially supporting Adath Jeshurun is critical, and so too is giving of your spirit, your *רוּחַ* (ruach)! The next time you attend a service, a Lunch 'n Learn, a program, or an event, take a moment to thank your committee people, your board chairs, your Executive Committee, Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz.

Take a moment today to think: How can I get more involved at AJ? In what way can I use my talents and abilities to make AJ stronger? When can I find more time for AJ programs? How can I bring this incredible synagogue closer to my life? Roll up your sleeves, come work side by side with your fellow AJers. Your committee members are giving of their time. What they get back is invaluable, it is precious, and it builds dearly needed Jewish community! 

## GRANDPARENTS GROUP PROGRAM AND BRUNCH

### A Grandparent's Guide to the Newest Trends in Social Media, Including the Impact of AI!


Sunday, January 5 at 10:00 AM

Ever wonder what your grandchild is talking about when she or he asks you if you are on Snapchat, or "have you seen my dance on TikTok?" Come and find out what our grandkids are doing on social media, how AI has introduced even more challenges for us all, and some tips for keeping your grandkids safe. Our speaker will be **Rob Levin**.

Rob is the founder and principal of Machine Age Digital, a boutique creative digital agency specializing in design, development, strategy, production, and communications. For over 25 years, Rob has excelled in a wide range of roles including audio engineer, video editor, photographer, producer, programmer, graphic designer, user experience

designer, project manager, program manager, copywriter, and strategist.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Invite your adult children — things are moving so fast that they may appreciate the chance to learn along with us! Feel free to bring your phone, iPad, or computer with you, and your questions and curiosity as we delve into this new millennium social media generation.

The cost of the event is \$5 per person. Please register for brunch and program at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/GPG-levin.html> or scan the QR code. 





## AJ Early Learning Center


By Tracey Perchick, Early Childhood Director

Did you know that all of the Adath Jeshurun Early Learning Center classes are named after colors? Colors are an important concept in early learning. They aid in cognitive development by creating a connection between visual perception and language. Colors also support memory and association by linking objects to specific colors (e.g., red/strawberry, yellow/rubber duck). Additionally, vibrant shades enhance sensory stimulation.

Teachers use colors as directional tools since children can easily discriminate between them as toddlers. "Stop on the blue line. Head to the orange cones!" echoes through the school hallways. We also use red stop signs on the exit doors to remind children that they cannot leave the door without a grown-up.

Our adorable one-year-olds are in the Yarov class, which is the Hebrew word for "green." Green is often associated with nature, and Kermit the Frog once famously sang, "It's not easy being green." In fact, Sheldon Low and Rick Recht also identified it as the color of broccoli in their "Rainbow Song," a Shabbat favorite. At this time of year, green is a key part of our celebration of Tu B'Shevat.

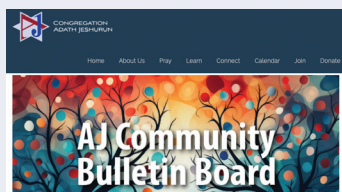
The teachers do a wonderful job of highlighting the importance of trees in our world. The older students learn about the parts of a tree and how to create a greener world, while our littlest learners celebrate the tree's birthday. This holiday also provides another connection to Israel. While the winter weather in Pennsylvania may not allow for the tree-planting custom, it is happening in Eretz Yisrael.

Whether you celebrate Tu B'Shevat with fruit from a tree or a birthday cupcake, may it be sweet! 



### Have You Seen the AJ Community Bulletin Board?

In March, we added a page to the AJ website—the AJ Community Bulletin Board! There, you'll find posted things that we think may be of interest to you... local Jewish events, items about Israel, etc.



Don't miss out! Go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/bulletinboard> or look for the link on the AJ home page (upper right). And if you hear of something that you think should be posted, send it to Marjorie Trager at [mtrager@adathjeshurun.info](mailto:mtrager@adathjeshurun.info).

### Midweek Mindfulness!

Thursday Mornings at 9:00 AM



#### Take a break from the noise and relax!

Sit and engage in a mindful meditation, deep, healing breathing or gentle movement for 30 minutes. Meet us in the Strauss Chapel immediately after minyan breakfast. Come as you are, come from home or work or from minyan. Join your friends or bring a friend for a moment of mindfulness, calm, and community! No registration is needed. Because each moment matters!



# AJ Adult Education Committee

By Co-Chair, Skip Atkins

**January, and particularly, February are great months for learning at AJ!**

Part 2 of the six-part series called **"About Zion"** led by Rav Shai will be on **Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30 PM** (note the change in date). The deep dive into the history of the relationship between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel will continue with a discussion of the **Rabbinic Period**. Remaining dates are February 6, March 23, April 27, and May 22. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/about-zion-part2.html> or scan the QR code.



On **Saturday, February 1, following Shabbat services**, Adult Ed will be holding a **Lunch 'n Learn with David Bernstein**, based on his book, **Woke Antisemitism: How a Progressive Ideology Harms Jews**. Bernstein is the Founder and CEO of the Jewish Institute for Liberal Values. Their mission is to support liberal principles of free thought and expression, advance viewpoint diversity, counter the imposition of the Critical Social Justice (CSJ) ideology in the Jewish community, and highlight and oppose novel forms of antisemitism emerging from this ideology. Bernstein is past President and CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and former executive director of the David Project. Please register using the February Online Services Registration Form or scan the QR code.



Part 3 of the six-part series called **"About Zion"** (see above) will be on **Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 PM** with a discussion of the **Enlightenment**. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/about-zion-part3.html> or scan the QR code. Remaining dates are March 23, April 27, and May 22.



On **Sunday, February 9, at 10:00 AM**, Adult Ed will be holding a **Brunch 'n Learn with Rabbi and Professor David Teutsch**. The topic will be **"A Constant Tension: The Business of Journalism Confronts Journal-istic Ethics and Jewish Ethics."** The free press, one of the bedrock institutions in our American democracy, has been under unprecedented scrutiny and strain in our current political climate, and there is concern that serious, ethical and responsible journalism may be in decline. Rabbi David Teutsch, Professor Emeritus and former President at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and subsequent Director of the Center for Jewish Ethics, will offer his insights into this difficult and controversial topic. He has published and lectured extensively in the areas of Jewish ethics and social responsibility, and he has a keen interest in the interplay between those topics and the standing of professional journalism in our society. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/bnl-teutsch.html> or scan the QR code.



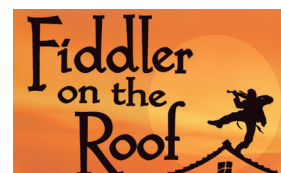
On **Saturday, February 22, following Shabbat services**, Adult Ed will be holding a **Lunch 'n Learn with Shirel Horovitz**. Horovitz is a prolific Israeli artist and lecturer in the fine arts. She will be talking to us about **Jewish art before Israeli Statehood**. She is a dynamic speaker who will be showing us artwork, talking about its meaning and answering question from the congregation! You may remember that she visited AJ via Zoom in January 2024 to talk about "Israeli Art after 10/7." Horovitz's personal artwork are both installations and performances. She creates "deliberate interruptions in the day to day life, proposing alternative rituals and spaces for reflection."



Horovitz received her BFA from Bezalel Academy of Art and Design and her MA from The Interdisciplinary Art Program in Tel Aviv University. She is a recipient numerous awards and her work has been exhibited in galleries, museums and art festivals in Israel and the US. Please register using the February Online Services Registration Form or scan the QR code.



In a two-part, Sunday morning series, **"Celebrating Fiddler on the Roof,"** AJ is delighted to host **Maestro Karl Middleman**, on **Sunday, February 23 and March 2, at 10:00 AM**. Last year marked the 60th anniversary of the original stage production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, one of the most venerated, beloved, and frequently performed musicals of all time. *Fiddler* has a special place in the hearts of Jews the world around, but there is much behind the scenes history of which most of us are unaware. Sholem Aleichem, Marc Chagall, Jerome Robbins, and Zero Mostel are just a few of the Jews who were central to the creation of *Fiddler*, and the trials and tribulations with which they coped in bringing it to reality form a fascinating look at the cultural and political history of its time. Middleman is founder and former Music Director of the Philadelphia Classical Symphony and a member of the faculty of Temple University, and he'll offer his keen insights into the quirks, difficulties, and raptures that the creators encountered. The series will include large dollops of memorable music, dance, and art mixed with a heavy helping of behind-the-scenes capers, and for those who register, brunch will be served! Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/bnl-fiddler.html> or scan the QR code. The cost is \$10 per person, per session. You may sign up for one or both sessions. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, February 18 for the first session and Tuesday, February 25 for the second session.



## Save the Date!

On **Saturday, March 1, following Shabbat services**, Adult Ed will be holding a **Lunch 'n Learn with Dr. Beulah Trey** called **"A Taste of Mussar."** Dr. Trey is a licensed psychologist specializing in transforming organizations, leaders, and teams to navigate the unpredictable, informal side of organizational life through a values-based approach. Her work consistently leads to stronger, more effective leaders, and more engaged employees with sophisticated relationship skills — who together are more effective at creating innovative approaches to achieving their goals. Dr. Trey is also a practitioner of Mussar, a Jewish discipline focused on improving one's virtues. Dr. Trey co-authored *In Search of the Holy Life: Rediscovering the Kabbalistic Roots of Mussar* with Rabbi Ira Stone.



To help defray the considerable costs involved in scheduling our speakers and associated expenses, beginning this year the committee will be charging for meals for those events that include them. The charge will be \$10 per person.

If you would like to make a voluntary contribution and become an Adult Ed Angel, we would greatly welcome donations of \$36. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/5785-AE-angels.html>.

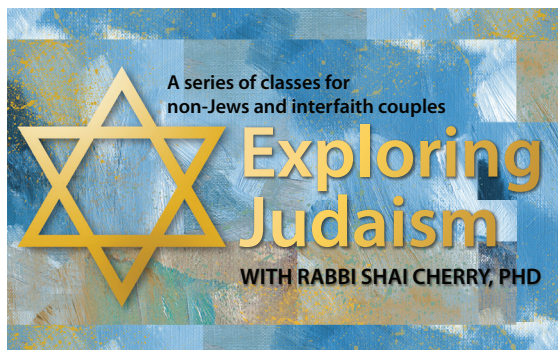




## Orange County Community Scholar Program



Each month, CSP offers a schedule of interesting and relevant classes. Go to <https://occsp.net/csp-online-zoom-events/> for more information and to register. Please note that times on CSP web pages are Pacific Time unless noted otherwise.



### Exploring Judaism, with Rabbi Shai Cherry, PhD

*Intended for non-Jews and/or interfaith couples. For those interested, these sessions will prepare such individuals for conversion to Judaism.*

So much of what non-Jews absorb about Judaism is from popular culture where the priority is not accuracy. If you or someone you know would like something holistic and comprehensive, taught by an expert, *Exploring Judaism* is for you. Whether you're thinking about Judaism as a way of life for yourself, or you're just interested in learning more, *Exploring Judaism* offers 21 sessions divided into three trimesters focusing on belonging, behaviors, and beliefs. You can begin at any point in the trimester cycle.

Should you wish to pursue becoming Jewish, this course satisfies the educational requirements of conversion.

The next two trimesters of *Exploring Judaism* are scheduled to begin on **January 22, 2025 (Behaviors)** and **March 26, 2025 (Beliefs)**. They will be held at **7:30 PM** at Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park and via Zoom.

The cost is \$100/trimester (free of charge for the Jewish spouse of an interfaith couple). Rabbi Shai Cherry, PhD, has spent over twenty years in universities and community education teaching about Judaism.

Anyone interested should call Rav Shai Cherry at 215.635.6611 or go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/exploring-judaism> to register.



**Please tell your non-Jewish friends or family members who may be interested in learning more about Judaism!**



Special thanks to Pam and Joe Yohlin for their generous support of Havdalkkah Rocks! in memory of Jeanette Yohlin. And thanks to everyone who helped make the night special and to all who attended!



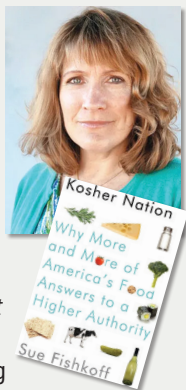
Saturday,  
December 14  
**HAVDALUKKAH  
ROCKED!**



## L'olam Committee

By Lorna Rosenberg, President

On November 10, 2024, author Sue Fishkoff spoke to an AJ audience about her book and research, *Kosher Nation — Why More and More of America's Food Answers to a Higher Authority*. Congregation Adath Jeshurun is spending 2024–2025 exploring our synagogue and personal *kashrut* policies and practices. For our work at AJ, we will be discussing and wrestling with many of the core themes covered in Sue's presentation. Please join our conversations as we consider the following:



### The Unique American Experience of *Kashrut*

- **Cultural Integration:** American Jews, more integrated into mainstream culture, have a unique approach to *kashrut*.
- **Selective *Kashrut*:** This includes practices like “kosher style” eating at home and adhering to dietary laws only on holidays.
- **The Bagel and Lox Jews:** A cultural identity tied to specific Jewish foods.
- **Return to Jewish Food:** A resurgence of interest in traditional Ashkenazi and Mizrahi cuisine.

Until the 21st century, *kashrut* has not changed. Now, the Modern *Kashrut* Movement is expanding the foundation of *kashrut* to include other ethical Jewish practices:

- **Ethical *Kashrut*:** A growing concern for ethical and sustainable food production.
- **Heksher Tzedek:** A movement promoting ethical and socially responsible kosher certification.
- **Eco-*Kashrut*:** A focus on environmentally-friendly food choices.

### The Three Pillars of Jewish Ethical Eating

1. **Baal Tashchit:** Avoiding waste and unnecessary consumption.
2. **Tza'ar Baale Chaim:** Kindness to animals, including humane slaughter practices.
3. **Shmirat HaGuf:** Caring for one's body through healthy and ethical food choices.

### The Future of *Kashrut*

- **Mindful Eating:** *Kashrut* as a comprehensive system of conscious food consumption.
- **Balancing Tradition and Modernity:** Navigating the tension between ancient laws and contemporary ethical concerns.
- **The Role of Organizations:** Groups like Hazon and Teva are leading the charge in promoting ethical and sustainable kosher practices.

### Discussion Points:

- **The Impact of Technology:** How do advancements in food technology and biotechnology affect *kashrut*?
- **Global Food Systems:** How can Jewish consumers make informed choices about the global impact of their food consumption?
- **The Role of Religious Leaders:** What is the responsibility of rabbis and other religious leaders in promoting ethical *kashrut*?
- **Consumer Power:** How can consumers influence the food industry through their purchasing decisions and activism?

By exploring these themes, we can gain a deeper understanding of the evolving nature of *kashrut* and its potential to shape a more just and sustainable future.


Would you like to delve deeper into any of these points or discuss a specific aspect of *kashrut*, please join AJ in the journey and leadership of creating food policies and practices to guide us in the 21st century.

A recording of Sue Fishkoff's presentation can be heard by scanning the QR code.



Sustainably-grown kosher meat can be ordered at:

- **Kol Foods:** <https://kolfoods.com/>
- **Grow and Behold:** <https://www.growandbehold.com/>

You can order Sue Fishkoff's book, *Kosher Nation*, at <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/49940/kosher-nation-by-sue-fishkoff/> or scan the QR code. 



### Special L'olam Tu B'Shvat Program: Screening of “Feeding Tomorrow”

Wednesday, February 12

Join us at AJ when we celebrate Tu B'Shvat by screening the film, “Feeding Tomorrow.” In this documentary, farmers, nutritionists, and educators work to transform a broken food system. Fighting ecosystem destruction, climate change, inequality and health epidemics, these innovators build a regenerative and resilient system in their local communities.

The film will be followed by a discussion about sustainable farming and eating led by Judith Rosenberg, Produce Manager and Manager of Farmer Relations at Riverwards Produce in the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia. All participants will leave with a Do-It-Yourself Tu B'Shvat Seder bag to conduct a Seder at home.

Please join us as we explore what *Kashrut* looks like in the 21 century! Come join us, learn, explore, and ask questions, leading to a new food policy at AJ in the spring of 2025).

You can register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/lolam-feeding-tomorrow.html>.



## AJ Social Action Committee

By Chair, Michele Rifkin

The AJ Social Action Committee continues to work for the good of our congregation and community at large. This fall, we collected toiletries for the Mitzvah Circle and sent approximately 60 postcards to bolster the vote prior to the election.

As we plan for 2025, we have renewed our participation with Kulanu, part of the ADL, with the emphasis on addressing antisemitism. Upcoming events include a **Lunch 'n Learn with Abby Krain, our local Kulanu representative in January**. The specific date has yet to be determined.

In 2023, Isabel Wilkerson of *The New York Times* published a provocative book with the title: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. Later that year, film director Ava Duvernay produced the movie "Origin" based on the book. Wilkerson looks at antisemitism, African-American racism, and the treatment of the Untouchables in India through the prism of caste. She identifies eight pillars of caste that illuminate the connections among those three prejudices. On **Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, we will screen the movie, and then we'll discuss her ideas and its implications for us. It is a powerful movie that shouldn't be missed. Stay tuned for details.

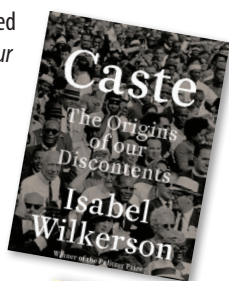
In addition, we hope to do a **follow-up with our teens and college students** about their experience of antisemitism on campus and the blurring of lines between anti-Zionism and antisemitism. We hope to tap into the resources available through **Project Shema**.

A coat drive was run in December with donations sent to **Cradles and Crayons**.

AJ Acts has a **new Facebook page** and congregants, their friends, and families are encouraged to follow. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569996514582>.

**Saturday, February 15 is Refugee Shabbat. Cathryn Miller-Wilson Esq., Executive Director of HIAS Pennsylvania**, will join us for a **Lunch 'n Learn** focusing on the organization's history and how they address issues of immigration and refugee needs. Cathryn is incredibly accomplished and a thoughtful speaker. This is a not-too-missed opportunity to learn what HIAS is doing to support refugees. She has taught the topics of civil justice and legal writing and has published several articles regarding legal ethics, disability law and policy, and legal education. You can learn more about Miller-Wilson and HIAS Pennsylvania at <https://hiaspa.org>. Please use the February Online Service Sign-up Form or call the office at 215.635.6611 to register for the Shabbat service and the Lunch 'n Learn.

**Saturday, February 22 is Repro Shabbat**. We'll focus on the Jewish perspective of abortion rights, misconceptions about abortion, and the secondary health issues that have occurred because of abortion bans in states with limited or elimination of abortion access. Please use the February Online Service Sign-up Form or call the office at 215.635.6611 to register. We welcome your participation and involvement.



**Mitzvah Circle** was created to fill the gaps, to provide items that are not covered by government assistance. Clothing, toothpaste, diapers, and deodorant are items that people need every single day, but not all can afford to buy. By individually assessing and building personal relationships, they remove barriers, eliminate bureaucracy, and invite people in crisis to contact us directly. After learning what people need to move forward, Mitzvah Circle Foundation delivers and distributes care packages containing clothing, shoes, diapers, period supplies, books, household goods, toiletries, and more. You can learn more at <https://mitzvahcircle.org>.



**Mitzvah Circle**

**Kulanu** means "all of us" in Hebrew. The Kulanu organization seeks to create an inclusive Jewish world. Founded in 1994, they support isolated, emerging, and returning Jewish communities around the world. Some are discovering Judaism for the first time, others reinvigorating a forgotten practice, but all have experienced some kind of disconnection from global Jewry. They raise awareness and support to assist these groups with their desire to learn more about Judaism and connect with Jews beyond their community. They say, "connections we forge — through education, research, networking, fundraising, sustainable development, and publications — help 'all of us' to enrich our Jewish lives." You can learn more about Kulanu at <https://kulanu.org>.



**Kulanu**  
-ALL OF US-

**Project Shema** is a training and support organization focused on addressing contemporary antisemitism with an emphasis on how anti-Jewish ideas and implicit biases can be carried alongside conversations about Israel and Palestine. Built by progressive Jews, our programs focus on depolarizing difficult conversations around anti-Jewish harm to strengthen allyship for and within the Jewish community. You can learn more about Project Shema at <https://www.projectshema.org>.



**Cradles to Crayons** provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive — at home, at school, and at play. They supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities. This enables them to engage communities that have, connecting them with communities that need. New and nearly new children's items are collected through grassroots community drives and corporate donations, which are then processed and packaged by volunteers in our warehouse, The Giving Factory®. Packages from The Giving Factory are distributed to local children — through a collaborative network of diverse service partners. You can learn more about Cradles to Crayons at <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org>.



**"HIAS"** stands for "Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society," and is an acronym that has been part of the organization's name since the early 20th century. HIAS Pennsylvania supports low-income immigrants of all backgrounds as they build new lives in our community. Through immigration legal services and an array of social services, they work to address their needs, defend their rights, and advocate for their equitable inclusion in American society. HIAS Pennsylvania's values are based on the core Jewish beliefs of "welcoming the stranger" and *tzedakah* (generosity, charity and fairness). HIAS Pennsylvania views newcomers as valuable resources, not burdens to the community. They believe in the dignity of the individual and in compassion, empathy, tolerance, and respect. All of this is embodied in their commitment to a multicultural society. You can learn more at <https://hiaspa.org>.






## AJWA Sisterhood

By Karen Moses, President

Looking ahead to AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat, I would like everyone to put March 15, 2025 on your calendars. That morning we will read Ki Tissa — the Golden Calf. It is particularly relevant to women, because the Mishnah says that women were granted Rosh Hodesh for refusing to give their gold and precious things to make that abomination.

Please contact Mindy Goldstein if you would like to take a part in the service.

We will be cooking on Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13 and will need help on those days and for the luncheon the day of the service. Please contact me if you would like to help. 

## STITCHERS!

The Stitchers group is the Masorot chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework. Our mission is to create community through *hiddur mitzvah*—beautifying the *mitzvah* with the works of our hands.



For further information, please contact Karen Moses by email at karedlon@aol.com and put "Pomegranate Info Request" in the subject line.

This program is lovingly sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.



## Robyn Orodener and Sylvia C. Cohen Book Club

The Robyn Orodener and Sylvia C. Cohen Book Club is a guided discussion group held on a designated night (usually Monday) at 8:00 PM via Zoom until further notice. Reading of the book is required! Attend one or more sessions. Here is the reading list for January, February, and March:

**The Confidante**, by Christopher Gorham  
January 27, 2025

**The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store**, by James McBride  
February 24, 2025

**Kantika**, by Elizabeth Graver  
March 24, 2025

### Questions?

Contact **Liane Sher** at 215.620.4429 or **Idelle Wood** at eyewoodis@gmail.com.



## AJWA SISTERHOOD DUES 2024–2025

Please mail this form and your \$50 dues contribution to:  
AJWA Sisterhood Dues, 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027.  
Make checks payable to "AJWA Sisterhood Dues".

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### It is not too late to pay!

☐ I would also like to get involved in the tiniest or grandest way!  
Contact me. (Feel free to explain on a separate note.)

☐ I have an idea for a program, event, outreach project, etc.  
Contact me. (Feel free to explain on a separate note.)



You can pay online now! Just go to the AJ website, click on "CONNECT," and scroll down to AJWA Sisterhood.

## PROZDOR (formerly College Connection)

We want to keep your high school graduate connected with AJ!

If you have a child who is within six years of their high school graduation—whether they are attending college, traveling the world, working, or still figuring it out—AJ wants to send them the bi-monthly *AJ News* newsletter and holiday greetings and gifts. Send your child's name, address, and email address, as well as your own email address to office@adathjeshurun.info.

This program is enthusiastically sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.



**TEAM BINGO**  
WLCJ Mid-Atlantic Region

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hosted By Sisterhood of  
Congregation Tifereth Israel of  
Lower Bucks County  
2909 Bristol Road, Ravitch Auditorium  
Bensalem, PA 19020

**Champion Team wins MATHILDE CUP**

Proceeds benefit Region programs and scholarships.

# 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 28 TO JANUARY 3, 2025

27 Kislev 5785 to 3 Tevet 5785

To be read on Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 28



Fannie Freed Alpern	Chane Huscher
Meyer Alpern	Regina Hyman
Anne G. Altman	Raymond Isser
Sgt. Morton Arinsberg	Ray Braude Jacobs
Toba Amowitz	Natalie Katz
Isadore Aronson	Fredric S. Krupnick
Rosa Bachenheimer	Michael Kuh
Benzion Berman	Anna Levinson
Clara (Claire) Blitz	Georgia Frances Levinson
David Blumberg	Ganessi Manduke
Adolph Bodine	Maurice Marmorn
Simon Breen	Rosalia Melgin
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## JANUARY 4 TO JANUARY 10, 2025

4 Tevet 5785 to 10 Tevet 5785

To be read on Friday, Jan. 3 and Saturday, Jan. 4



Doris Abrams	Jeanette Dishler
Joseph Abrams	Norman DuBois
Edith Freedman Abramson	Alan Eisen
Solomon Bacharach	Sholom Eskin
Herman Baylson	Louis Feldsher
Meyer Bayuk	Ida Fleisher
Benjamin Berg	Eva Friedman
Pauline F. Bergman	Otto Fleisher Friedman
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Annette W. Black	Minnie Goldberg
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Isadore Director	Svia Greis

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Terri J. Guth  
Jacob Hertzfeld  
Simon Muhr Hunn  
Henry Hyman  
Ruth L. Klein  
Max Koppelman  
Eli Lertzman  
Louis Loewenstein  
Florence R. Markowich  
Carl David Maybaum  
Ida L. Meyer  
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Sophia Oberfield  
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Meier Aaron Pasternack  
Milton Platowsky  
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Ida S. Rachmell  
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Lester Rosenberger

## JANUARY 11 TO JANUARY 17, 2025

11 Tevet 5785 to 17 Tevet 5785

To be read on Friday, Jan. 10 and Saturday, Jan. 11



Alice H. Alloy  
Pearl Elias Angel  
Bette Appel  
J. Jacob Baylson  
Samuel Berger  
Bella Bernstein  
Sarah Rachel Bernstein  
Albert Bloom  
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Joseph Brandschain  
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Henrietta Dannenberg  
Morton J. Dannenhirsch  
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Gertrude Weiss Hirsch  
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Bella Sipler  
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Jennie Sukonik  
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Carrie Wise  
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Raphael Levy  
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Rona Schnall  
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Nettie P. Shubert  
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Harry Weingast  
Albert M. Wolf  
Mr. Richard Zeitlin  
Perle Russ Zinman

## JANUARY 18 TO JANUARY 24, 2025

18 Tevet 5785 to 24 Tevet 5785

To be read on Friday, Jan. 17 and Saturday, Jan. 18



Joseph I. Abrams  
Sidney Abrams  
Abraham L. Alberson  
Stanley L. Ashe  
Jerome Back  
Eva F. Barenkopf  
Hannah Barenkopf  
Martin M. Burd  
William Chernow  
Rose Segal Cohen  
Isaac Domansky  
Moses Engel  
Samuel Fisher  
Jay S. Fuller  
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Max Kanoff  
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Sidney Raymond Krupnick  
Rose Laster  
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## JANUARY 25 TO JANUARY 31, 2025

25 Tevet 5785 to 2 Shevat 5785

To be read on Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25



Dr. Henry Abrams  
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Max Amster  
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Philip Selbst  
Paul Silverman  
Aida Simon  
Sarah Slonimsky  
Harry Smith  
Bella Politz Snyder  
Daniel E. Snyder

Daniel D. Solomon  
Mae Stillman  
Molly Tarshish  
Alexander Lyon Vogelsohn  
Carl H. Wolf  
Fannie Wolf  
Louis H. Young

**FEBRUARY 1 TO FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

**3 Shevat 5785 to 7 Shevat 5785**

*To be read on Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1*



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Hannah Ball  
Rachel E. Bregman  
Raymond Charles Brown  
Adele King Cohan  
Shirley Cohen  
Max Cohn  
Minnie Cooper  
Anna Feld  
Esther E. Forbes  
Harry Forbes  
Dr. Reuben Friedman  
Louis O. Fuhrman  
Charles C. Fuller  
Lena Gelberg  
Stanley Gershman  
Albert Gerstley  
Sima Ginn  
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Esther Meadow Goldberg  
Fannie Goldberg  
Dorothy Goldstein  
Ruth Goldstein  
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Julius A. Gross  
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Paul Jacobs  
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Sadona Katzen  
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Shlomo Kleit  
Joseph Kligman  
Tibie Gever Klinger  
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Lizzie Vederman  
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Harry William Wachstein  
Shep Waldman  
Miriam Wiesenthal  
Jennie Milder Wirtschaftfer  
Solomon Wise  
Yetta Wurzel

**FEBRUARY 8 TO FEBRUARY 14, 2025**

**10 Shevat 5785 to 14 Shevat 5785**

*To be read on Friday, Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 8*



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Seth Richard (Rick) Arkans  
Harris Arronson  
Simon Bacharach

Frank G. Barnett  
Ida Minnie Baskin  
Rebecca Baylson  
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Samuel Bernstein  
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Anna Brown  
Morris Burak  
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Leonard I. Drell  
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Morris Hyman  
Gail M. Katz  
Chaya Sarah Katzman

**FEBRUARY 15 TO FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

**17 Shevat 5785 to 21 Shevat 5785**

*To be read on Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15*



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Helen Aisenstein  
Israel E. Balka  
Julius Beck  
Leonard Bee  
Harry Beifield  
Joseph Bekoff  
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Clara Brandeis  
Stacey Beth Cohen  
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Max Needelman  
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Sophie Chffas Pasternack  
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Gerda Podel  
Jerome Portner  
Ruth Rosenbloom  
Gerald Harris Schwartz, D.O.  
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Marc Alan Shapiro  
Mary Sherman  
Pearle Siple  
Alan Slotkin  
Matilda Starr  
Milton M. Staub  
Herbert L. Steinberg  
Rosalind Steinberg  
Eliza Stern  
Fay Teblum  
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Sadye Shevlin  
Mary A. Silberman  
Catherine Sion  
Philip H. Skaler  
Michael M. Sklar  
Fannie Staub  
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**FEBRUARY 22 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

**24 Shevat 5785 to 28 Shevat 5785**

*To be read on Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 22*

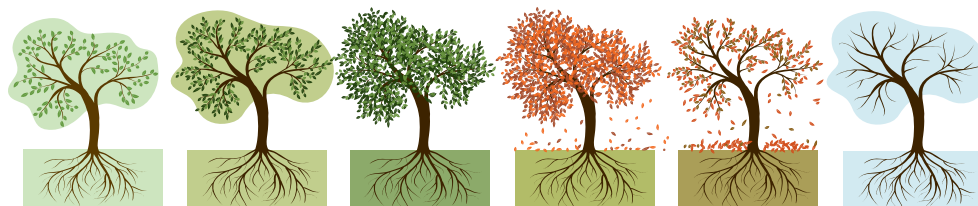


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## The Seasons of Our Lives

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 [office@adathjeshurun.info](mailto:office@adathjeshurun.info) with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Please include your phone number.

### Births

Josie Elaine Zlotnick, granddaughter of Suzanne Zlotnick and daughter of David Zlotnick and Baxter Townsend  
October 29, 2024

Micah Joelle Max, granddaughter of Jill and Steven Max  
December 4, 2024

Micah Isaac Arch, grandson of Leslie Sokolow, and great-nephew of Merrill Stup  
December 9, 2024

Noa Eden Goldstein, granddaughter of Mindy and Stephen Goldstein, daughter of Michal and Sarah Strigler-Goldstein  
November 22, 2024

### Deaths

Asna Rhode  
October 29, 2024

Michelle Steinbrecher, sister of Steven Beck  
November 22, 2024

Sylvan Eisman, father of Robin Eisman and Sherrie Eisman  
November 25, 2024

Joyce Brill

December 1, 2024

Paul Allen Friedman, brother of Adele Superfine  
December 3, 2024

Darlene Levin, mother of Howard Levin  
December 5, 2024

### January Milestone Anniversaries

#### 50 YEARS

• Mark and Gail Schwartz  
January 12, 1975

### Naches Nook

Jemma Bleu Greenbaum, daughter of Amy Blum and Robert M. Greenbaum, will be attending New York University next year!

*If you know of congregants who should be highlighted in the Naches Nook, please, let us know!*

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

Shalev Cherry  
Allan Freedman  
Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz  
Rabbi Carol Harris-Shapiro  
Mindy Goldstein  
Donna Levin

Susan Novack  
Shelley Schwartz  
Marjorie Shribman  
Meryl Sussman  
Idelle Wood  
Tammy Zebovitz

### Don't See Your Milestone Anniversary?

If we have missed your Milestone Anniversary this month, please call the office and provide us with your information for next year.

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Lillian Weilerstein

IN HONOR OF  
Mindy and Stephen Goldstein  
In honor of the birth of your  
grandson, Avi Manuel  
Bernice and Mark Schwartz

Lorna and Murray Rosenberg  
Mazel Tov on the birth of your  
first grandchild, Elyse Jules  
Rosenberg  
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### Leslie Sokolow

Mazel Tov on the birth of your  
grandson, Micah Isaac Arch  
Bonnie Kanefsky

### Seder Avodah Fund

IN MEMORY OF  
Kalman Edward Fine  
On our beloved father, grand-  
father, great grandfather's fifth  
yahrtzeit. Devoted husband to  
Suzan W. Fine, z"l. Truly a  
"Righteous Man" forever in our  
hearts and guiding our path.  
Missed every day!  
Pamela, Daniel, and Adam  
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## JEWSDAY NIGHT at the MOVIES

### **"An Officer and a Spy" (The Dreyfus Affair) (historical drama)**

**Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30 PM**

**2019 (France), directed by Roman Polanski**

In 1894, French Captain Alfred Dreyfus, a young promising officer, is degraded for spying for Germany, wrongfully convicted of treason and sentenced to life imprisonment at Devil's Island. Among the witnesses to his humiliation is Georges Picquart, who is promoted to run the military counter-intelligence unit that tracked him down. But when Picquart discovers that secrets are still being handed over to the Germans, he is drawn into a dangerous labyrinth of deceit and corruption that threatens not just his honor but his life. Starring Jean Dujardin, Louis Garrel, Emmanuelle Seigner, and Grégory Gadebois.

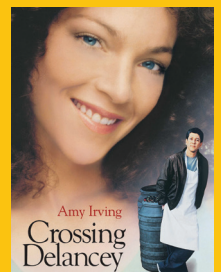


### **"Crossing Delancey" (comedy/love story)**

**Tuesday, February 18 at 7:45 PM**

**1988 (United States), directed by Joan Micklin Silver**

Thirty-something Isabelle "Izzy" Grossman spends her time going from her tiny, solitary West Side apartment to that of her grandmother on the Lower East Side. In between, Izzy builds a glowing reputation at the swank bookstore where she works. While her grandmother plots to find her a romantic match, Izzy is courted by a married, worldly author, Anton, yet can't seem to shake the down-to-earth appeal of Sam, a pickle vendor. Starring Amy Irving, Peter Riegert, Jeroen Krabbé, and Sylvia Miles.



### **"Exodus" (war/action)**

**Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 PM**

**1960 (United States), directed by Otto Preminger**

Based on Leon Uris' novel, this historical epic provides a dramatic backstory to the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, in the aftermath of World War II. Ari Ben Canaan, a passionate member of the Jewish paramilitary group Haganah, attempts to transport 600 Jewish refugees on a dangerous voyage from Cyprus to Palestine on a ship named the Exodus. He faces obstruction from British forces, who will not grant the ship passage to its destination. Starring Paul Newman, Eva Marie Saint, Ralph Richardson, Peter Lawford, Sal Mineo, Jill Haworth, Lee J. Cobb, and John Derek.

