

Sunsetting the Second Day of Holidays

Rav Shai's Philosophy of Halakhah, Part II

by Rav Shai Cherry



A Hasidic *tzaddik*, the Ishbitzer Rebbe (1802–1854), warned us against turning *mitzvot* (commandments) into idols. *Mitzvot* are designed to be vehicles to serve God. Some *mitzvot*, over time, lose that function, but we preserve them for the sake of tradition. But, what about when those *mitzvot* become obstacles to serving God, and yet we preserve them because they were once effective vehicles to serving God? For the Ishbitzer, that's an example of making an idol from a *mitzvah*.

My primary teacher for Rabbinic Judaism (the Judaism of the Talmud and the Midrash) was Rabbi David Hartman z"l (1931–2013). One of his earliest books was entitled *A Living Covenant: The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism* (1985). He had little patience for his colleagues in the rabbinic world who would respond to his innovative spirit by citing "what is written" as if that alone precluded any change. His argument was that such an attitude turns the living covenant into a dead letter and our tree of life into petrified wood. Preventing rigor mortis, Hartman taught, was one of the primary functions of the rabbi.

Rabbi Hartman's final book, *The God Who Hates Lies*, was published posthumously. It's a tragic book that reveals, with first-hand knowledge and intellectual rigor, where Modern Orthodoxy went wrong. One of the absurdities Rabbi Hartman exposes is the observance of the second day of holidays in the diaspora. Such observance began because of potential confusion as to the start of the lunar month. Yet, already in the Talmudic period, the calendar was mathematically determined to eliminate any possible confusion. Nevertheless, the tradition of a two-day observance in the diaspora was continued because, in the language of the Talmud, it was a custom of our ancestors. Rabbi Hartman laments, "Reality lacks the ability to alter long-standing tradition. . . . We have no doubt, yet live as those who did."


It's past time to sunset the second day, but not only because of the reason my beloved rabbi laid out. The vast majority of us live in a world where taking off five extra days a year constitutes a burden. (Every legal system legislates for the majority.) Our legal tradition forbids us from unnecessarily

burdening the community. One example the Talmud gives us of "burdening the community" is adding several extra verses in the morning prayer! This prohibition on burdening the community was then codified in our standard *halakhic* texts.

In 1969, the Conservative Movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards issued the following statement:

"Our proposed declaration on the Second Day of Festivals will also help restore some semblance of confidence in the machinery of halakhah, in the operation of our Law Committee, and in the realism of our approach to Judaism. Yom Tov Shenai [the Second Day of Festivals], more than anything we can pinpoint, is a severe case of an enactment which the community cannot live with, which the Rabbis of old had the good grace to remove. . . . A declaration on the Second Day of Festivals should be offered because the second day is halakhically indefensible. It is not crucial if the declaration utterly fails to increase piety or Jewish observance among those of little devotion. We should act for the sake of those who enjoy and observe one day, but regard the second day as repetitious and burdensome, although they observe it because of their loyalty to halakhah."

There is a small but growing number of Conservative congregations that have sunset the second day. My sermon this past Simhat Torah proposed doing the same. After study and discussion, the Religious Practices Committee is ready to move forward with a congregational discussion to lay out the implications for AJ. **Details explaining the rationale and consequences of the proposed shift can be found at www.adathjeshurun.info/second_day.html. If you'd like to comment, there is a link at the bottom of the page or go to www.ravshai.com/blog.**

Like Rabbi Hartman, I believe Judaism is a living covenant. Like Avraham, we sometimes need to shatter our ancestors' idols that conflict with that covenant. Other times, just as our ancestors initially instituted a second day of holidays because of communal need, we too will need to take on additional burdens and responsibilities to maintain the relevance and vibrancy of our covenant. May God grace us with the wisdom to keep our covenant alive and thriving. 

It's been a full year since the AJ building was closed due to COVID-19, but the lack of a physical gathering space hasn't stopped AJ congregants from gathering, albeit on Zoom. There are lots of activities planned for March and April!

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KI TISA | SHABBAT PARAH

March 5, 6, 2021 22 Adar 5781

Light Shabbat Candles 5:38 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 Zoom 5:40 PM

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VAYEKHEL | PEKUDEI SHABBAT HaHODESH

March 12, 13, 2021 29 Adar 5781

Light Shabbat Candles 5:46 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached via Zoom 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom 9:30 AM
Men's Shabbat

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom 5:50 PM

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ROSH HODESH NISAN

March 13, 14, 2021 1 Nisan 5781

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 9:00 AM

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SHABBAT VAYIKRA

March 19, 20, 2021 7 Nisan 5781

Light Shabbat Candles 6:53 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom 9:30 AM
Pesah Bowl for Adults!

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom 6:55 PM

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EREV PESAH

SHABBAT HaGADOL | TZAV

March 26, 27, 2021 14 Nisan 5781

Light Shabbat Candles 7:01 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom 9:30 AM
Pesah Bowl for Children!

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom 7:05 PM

FIRST DAY OF PESAH

March 27, 28, 2021 15 Nisan 5781

Light Yom Tov Candles Saturday Evening 8:10 PM

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 9:30 AM

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SECOND DAY OF PESAH

March 28, 29, 2021 16 Nisan 5781

Light Yom Tov Candles Sunday Evening 8:11 PM

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 9:30 AM

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HOL HaMOED PESAH

March 30, 31, and April 1, 2, 2021

17, 18, 19, 20 Nisan 5781

Light Yom Tov Candles 8:11 PM

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY

MORNINGS

- Morning Service via Zoom 7:00 AM

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SEVENTH DAY OF PESAH

April 2, 3, 2021 21 Nisan 5781

Light Shabbat/Yom Tov Candles 7:08 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service and Yizkor Service via Zoom 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom 7:10 PM

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EIGHTH DAY OF PESAH

April 3, 4, 2021 22 Nisan 5781

Light Yom Tov Candles Saturday Evening 8:17 PM

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 9:30 AM

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Please note: AJ will not be holding minyan on Tuesday evening, April 6. There will be a community minyan prior to the Kehillah of Old York Road Yom HaShoah program. See page 8 for more details on the program.

We will commemorate Yom HaShoah during Wednesday evening's service.

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YOM HaSHOAH

April 7, 8, 2021 26 Nisan 5781

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 7:20 AM

SHABBAT SHEMINI

April 9, 10, 2021 28 Nisan 5781

Light Shabbat Candles 7:15 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached via Zoom 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom 9:30 AM

Bat Mitzvah of

GALI NUSSBAUM

Daughter of

Shay and Ossi Nussbaum

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom 7:15 PM

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ROSH HODESH IYAR

April 12, 13, 2021 30 Nisan, 1 Iyar 5781

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 7:00 AM

TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 7:00 AM

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YOM HaZIKARON

April 13, 14, 2021 2 Iyar 5781

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 7:30 AM

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YOM Ha'ATZMAUT

April 14, 15, 2021 3 Iyar 5781

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT TAZRIA | METZORA

April 16, 17, 2021 5 Iyar 5781

Light Shabbat Candles 7:22 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 Zoom 7:25 PM

Do you have feedback on the proposed shift to sunset the observance of the second day of holidays? (See Rav Shai's article on page 1.) You can share them at www.ravshai.com/blog.

SHABBAT AHAREI MOT | KEDOSHIM

April 23, 24, 2021 12 Iyar 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:29 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 Zoom7:30 PM

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SHABBAT EMOR

April 30, May 1, 2021 19 Iyar 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:36 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 Zoom7:40 PM

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.....7:00 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 have three Zoom links for all of our 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

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

By phone for all services: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592 and use the Meeting ID#.

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



Spring!

By Judy Stutman Izes,
President of Adatah Jeshurun

How do we know that spring is around the corner? Do we put our faith in the prognosticating ability of an adorable, furry mammal who begrudgingly pokes his head out of a hole in Central Pennsylvania? Or is it the appearance of farfel and coconut macaroons on the shelves of the Acme before we have even heard the *megillah* read? It must be the *bon voyage* offered by a large, green, flightless bird hailing from the Galapagos Islands as a tractor-trailer heads from South Philadelphia to Clearwater carrying, among other items, 2,400 baseballs, 450 pairs of socks, a half pallet of POWERADE mix, one hotdog launcher, and tons of hope and promise.

On March 21 we will officially welcome spring, and on Saturday evening, March 27 we will participate in a seder. A year ago, we were busy planning Pesah U and a slate of engaging, educational events to usher in Passover. We were to come together in the Orleans, Strauss Chapel, kitchen, and lobby on a Shabbat afternoon in late March to learn, sing, share, and taste. Unfortunately, this version of Pesah U has taken a couple of gap years, but there is hope that an in-person Pesah U will return next year.

As our Pesah celebration takes on a different flavor again this year, Rav Shai, Hazzan Glantz, the AJ staff, and AJ members have created virtual programs so we can share in the joy of Pesah preparation and observance. This AJ News and the Pesah mailing provide all you need to know about the times of the virtual offerings and opportunities for learning, singing, cooking, and connecting. You are invited to bring both Hametz (as you clean for Pesah) and Kosher for Passover food to AJ for collection from Monday, February 22 through Wednesday, March 17. Collection bins will be located outside AJ, next to the front

doors (along Old York Road). The food will be donated to the Mitzvah Food Pantry housed at Beth Shalom.

On the evening of Wednesday, March 31, during *hol hamoed Pesah*, we will join virtually with our neighbors from St. Paul's Episcopal Church for an innovative seder. We will come together to break matzah and begin to build a coalition of faith-based organizations and neighbors seeking to better understand one another and further our common goals.


While spring offers a renewed sense of hope, it is also a time of remembrance. Many will be remembering loved ones lost since last Pesah. We will come together virtually for the Yizkor service to honor and remember on Saturday, April 3.

As we welcome spring, Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson reminds us that:

Judaism recognizes the elevated spirituality of springtime blooms. There is a blessing the Talmud instructs us to recite not more than once a year, in the season when flowers bloom.

We praise you, Holy One our God, Majesty of Space/Time, Who withholds nothing from the world, and who created goodly creations and beautiful trees in order to provide pleasure to humanity.

What a wondrous tradition that bids us to notice the resurgence of life and light in the spring!

Wishing you and your loved ones a Zissen Pesah and a spring filled with renewed joy and promise. 



Nashirah, The Jewish Chorale of Greater Philadelphia
presents
SINGING THROUGH STRUGGLE
A Virtual Festival
Featuring special guests
Dr. Joshua R. Jacobson, Dr. J. Donald Dumpson,
Cantor Natasha J. Hirschhorn, Wisam Gibran & Suzzette Ortiz
SUNDAY, MARCH 7
Registration: www.nashirah.org
An online event!

What's Happening at AJ

All events will be held over Zoom, except where noted.

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- 3 ADULT EDUCATION: THE MUSIC OF AJ**
Hazzan Glantz will be presenting a special four-week series on three Wednesday evenings and one Sunday afternoon devoted to the music of AJ. The first two sessions will explore the history of our musical liturgy, and will feature most special guest, our own Cantor Davidson. The latter two weeks will feature a lead-up to Passover, in song. 7:30 PM. See page 11 for details.
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- 7 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
Hasidism: Mysticism for the Masses. Class 3 of 3.
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- 10 ADULT EDUCATION: THE MUSIC OF AJ**
See description for March 3. 7:30 PM.
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- 11 HEALING SERVICE WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ**
Hazzan Glantz offers a healing service on selected Thursdays, at 6:15 PM. (Via Zoom)
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- 11 GRANDPARENTS GROUP EVENT**
Guest speaker Dvora Entin, LCSW, PMH-C. Part 1 of 2. 7:45 PM. See page 11 for details.
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- 12 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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- 13 MEN'S SHABBAT**
Join us for this annual service organized by AJ Men's Association. 9:30 AM.
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- 14 FJMC-AJMA MAN OF THE YEAR EVENT**
We are excited to announce that Dr. Harry Lessig has been chosen as the AJ's Man of the Year! He will be honored at the first-ever virtual FJMC-Middle Atlantic Region Man of the Year Event. See page 14 for details.
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- 17 AJWA SISTERHOOD PRESENTS VAL ARKOOSH**
Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, Dr. Val Arkoosh, will join us on Zoom to discuss COVID-19 and what's ahead. 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. See page 13 for details.
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- 17 MITZVAH FOOD DRIVE ENDS**
See page 8 for details.
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- 20 PESAH BOWL FOR ADULTS**
Test your knowledge of Passover for prizes during morning Shabbat service! 9:30 AM.
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- 21 BARE BONES SEDER**
Rabbi Dov Lerner reviews the basics of the Passover Seder. 10:30 AM. See page 7 for details.
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- 21 ADULT EDUCATION: THE MUSIC OF AJ**
See description for March 3. 4:30 PM.

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- 23 GUIDED IMAGERY FOR PESAH WITH DR. REBECCA CHERRY**
Prepare your mind along with your home in the lead up to Passover! Dr. Rebecca Cherry will lead a guided imagery session following evening Minyan. 7:45 PM.
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- 24 ADULT EDUCATION: THE MUSIC OF AJ**
See description for March 3. 7:30 PM.
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- 25 CHAROSET AROUND THE WORLD**
Which *charoset* is right for you? Ossi Nussbaum and Rachel Palitto will demonstrate *charoset* recipes from different Jewish communities around the world 7:45 PM. See page 7 for details.
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- 27 PESAH BOWL FOR CHILDREN**
Test your knowledge of Passover for prizes during morning Shabbat service! 9:30 AM.
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- 28 SEDER 2.2**
Join Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz on Zoom for the second half of the second seder at 9:00 PM. We'll finish the Haggadah together with song, cheer, and community. 9:00 PM
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- 31 SEDER WITH ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
We're beginning a social action partnership with St. Paul's Episcopal Church by sharing a Freedom Seder that highlights aspects of Jewish, Christian, African-American, and American history. 7:30 PM–9:00 PM. See page 7 for details.
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- 5 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB**
The Dream Stitcher, by Debora Gaal. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.
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- 9 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"**
See description for March 12. 6:15 PM
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- 18 AJWA SISTERHOOD/AJ MEN'S ASSOCIATION DISCUSSION WITH A LOCAL BIRDWATCHER**
Please join Ruth Pfeffer, bird enthusiast, for a fun and informative program on our avian friends. 2:00 PM. See pages 13 or 14 for details.
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- 20 DAYENU WORKSHOP**
Dayenu offers AJ members a new workshop, "A Jewish Call to Climate Action: Confronting the Climate Crisis and Cultivating Spiritual Courage." Workshop 1 of 2. See page 10 for details.
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- 22 GRANDPARENTS GROUP EVENT**
Guest speaker Dvora Entin, LCSW, PMH-C. Part 2 of 2. 7:45 PM. See page 11 for details.
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- 27 DAYENU WORKSHOP**
Workshop 2 of 2. See description for April 20. 7:30 PM.
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- 30 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"**
See description for March 12. 6:15 PM



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz



When the package finally arrived 13 months ago, Dayna was justifiably weary of my daily, "Did anything come for me from Israel?" I tore it open and tried it on with the rest of my Purim costume. I was pleased that I had achieved the look of Elton John at his famous Dodgers Stadium in October of 1975. There WAS one big difference. While the colors were the same as those of the Dodgers, mine was an official jersey of the Summer Olympics-bound Team Israel!

While I did get to show off my costume proudly at the Purim carnival, as you may recall, the Elton John Shpiel was postponed due to the fast-spreading coronavirus. Few at the time predicted the duration or understood the seriousness of COVID-19, so I announced we would kick that shpiel down the yellow brick road and perform it as "Purim in July." We all know what happened. July came and went as did all the months since and we did what humans do well. . . we adapted. We endured one full round of months filled with upheaval: spiritually, politically, and emotionally. Still, I prefer to spend the time for this article — rounding the bases of a ballpark.

I've never been an intense or avid sports fan. I don't usually recall the important stats and tidbits of sports history, but who doesn't love a "rags to riches" story? I enjoy baseball being unique among sports in several ways. Players can be successful whether they are short and thin, tall and broad, or anything in between. Speed helps but physical attributes alone don't guarantee success competing in the American pastime. Likely because there are so many games in a normal season (162), it isn't unusual to witness the worst team in the league having a great day, solidly beating the best team in baseball.

My interest in baseball has been admittedly spotty. In Detroit, in April of 2000, Rafi and Remy were with me and 39,168 other fans at the sold-out season opener for the Tigers, and the first game in a new stadium, Comerica Park. In the fall of 2003, after many other games attended, we made it down Woodward Avenue for what was our team's 119th loss. This distinction is only topped in baseball history by the 1899 Cleveland Spiders and the '62 Mets.

No, I won't risk neglecting Philadelphia baseball. We arrived here in 2004 — the first season the Phils played Citizens Bank Park. It may have taken my departure from Detroit for the Tigers to win it all in 2006, but it was just two years later that all 4R's joined me and the masses downtown for the parade of the World Champion Phillies. And while both of these MLB teams made it to the top, neither of their stories compares to the uphill battle for the gold that Team Israel began just a few years ago.

BELOW: Left, Cody Decker embraces Israel team mascot, the Mensch. Center, Israel players line up for the national anthem. Right, Hazzan Glantz models his cherished official jersey of the Summer Olympics-bound Team Israel.



Did you know that baseball was played in the Holy Land before Israel even became a state? No, I am not claiming baseball is Gd's sport because the Bible starts with "In the Big Inning!" It is actually verified that baseball was played regularly in 1927 at a Sephardic orphanage in Jerusalem. That said, it wasn't until the 1970s that the sport began to grow in the land of milk and honey. In 1979, at Kibbutz Gezer, members plowed and seeded what became the first regulation baseball field in Israel, 10 years before Kevin Costner's blockbuster *Field of Dreams*.

Israeli baseball gained traction very gradually — fast-forward now to November 2007. It was announced that a new six-team league was taking shape — the Israel Professional Baseball League. The teams played their first full season in 2008 and that formed the spark that was ignited in Peter Kurz who set his sights on the since-postponed 2020 Olympics in Japan. Peter is a freelancer in marketing and exports who made aliyah in 1980. He is the Team Israel General Manager, President of the Israel Association of Baseball (IAB), and he loves to play, follow, and promote baseball.

His story, and the amazing climb ultimately qualifying Team Israel for the Summer Olympics, is told with great warmth and in detail on the terrific podcast, *Israel Story*. When I happened to hear it last week, I was transported to that day when my package arrived with the blue and white jersey I still cherish. Check it out and hear for yourself about Sam Fuld, Ty Kelly, Jason Marquis, Ike Davis, Ryan Lavanway, Josh Zeid, and their life-changing experiences. Go to <https://www.israelstory.org/episode/game-changer/> or scan the QR code at the right.



If you don't 'do' podcasts, I encourage you to try them. They are free! *Israel Story* is a podcast with its own success story from humble beginnings in 2014. Just a few years ago, we at AJ, in a Hebraic Arts evening, were fortunate to have members of their staff recreate parts of their very moving episode, "Herzl 48." *Israel Story's* episode was entirely devoted to Peter, his teammates and the incredible story of Team Israel as well as their pause in momentum for the Olympics due, of course, to the coronavirus.

As I write, more participants are scheduling Zoom meetings, lending their talents to the online extravaganza we planned for **One Hit Wonderful Purim 2021**. Watch for the full list of credits and pictures in the next issue. Borrowing that great Curtis Mayfield lyric, we at AJ "Keep on Keeping On" — ever-striving to bring you COVID-safe options for worship, learning, and socialization. While we pray that we never see another crisis like this one, we also keep on by stirring up lemonade from the COVID-19 lemons. Thanks for listening to me and thanks in advance for checking out the podcast and hearing much more about baseball's Team Israel.

Passover Reminders

PESAH BOWL!

This year, Pesah Bowl will be twice as nice!

FOR ADULTS:

March 20 at 9:30 AM

FOR CHILDREN:

March 27 at 9:30 AM



Support the AJ Wine Room!

- Many varieties available — all are certified kosher
- Cash or checks made out to "Congregation Adath Jeshurun."
- To order, please call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611.
- Supplies of the wines marked with an asterisk are limited; please order as soon as possible.
- When you call the office, we'll let you know when the wine will be available for pick-up.

Bartenura Pinot Grigio	\$17.00
Bartenura Moscato	\$16.50
Segal's Fusion Chardonnay	\$15.00
Ramon Cordova Rioja	\$18.00
Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc	\$11.00
Barkan Merlot Reserve	\$20.00
Baron Herzog Red Zinfadel	\$13.00
Segal's Fusion Merlot/Cabernet	\$15.00
Barkan Classic Shiraz	\$13.00
Baron Herzog Red Zinfadel	\$13.00
Baron Herzog Chardonnay	\$13.00
Hagafen Nappa Valley Brut Cuvee Sparkling Wine*	\$39.00
Gamla Merlot 2016 Galilee*	\$17.00
Gilgal Rose – Galilee 2016*	\$15.00
Rosat Peraj Petita 2017*	\$21.00

*Supplies are limited

Annual Ma'ot Hittim Fund Drive

This Pesah, please remember, through your contributions, families around the world who are in need of food. Contributions should be made by check payable to the "Adath Jeshurun Ma'ot Hittim Fund" and sent to the office. This year contributions will be used to support Rise Against Hunger.

By filling in this form, you will be delegating Rav Shai Cherry your agent for the sale of hametz.

Delegation of Power of Attorney for Sale of Hametz

KNOW EVERYONE BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned, do hereby make, constitute and appoint Rav Shai Cherry (hereafter, Rav Shai), my true and lawful attorney to act in my place and stead, for me and in my name and in my behalf to sell all HAMETZ owned and possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as stated in the TORAH and defined and interpreted by the SAGES OF ISRAEL (e.g., HAMETZ that tends to harden and to adhere to a surface of inside of pans, pots, or other cooking or eating utensils, of whatsoever nature, and all kinds of live animals that have been eating HAMETZ or mixtures thereof, and to lease all places wherein the aforementioned HAMETZ owned or possessed by me may be found), especially in the premises located at the following address(es): [PLEASE WRITE OUT]

This authorization includes the sale of any and all HAMETZ that is in my possession on the morning of March 27 of this year at the time of sale, and transit goods that may be delivered to me during the period of March 27 to April 4 of this year, whether owned by me wholly or in part, or through shares of stock in corporations which own or deal in HAMETZ. All the aforesaid HAMETZ is to be sold to a non-Jew of Rav Shai's choosing, at any time during the time legally allotted for the sale of HAMETZ. The buyer has free access to the HAMETZ acquired by him. The place where the HAMETZ is located may be rented to the buyer for the period from 10:00 AM, March 27 to April 4, 2021 after sunset, and the rabbi is authorized to act as the agent for such rental.

The exact assessment of quantity and value will take place at any time agreed upon between Rav Shai and the purchaser, even after the Passover holiday. The buyer's deposit is to be paid to Rav Shai with the balance due on April 4, 2021. Should the buyer not remit the balance of the purchase price by sunset on April 4, the sale will be deemed null and void.

RAV SHAI CHERRY has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute or substitutes to act in his place and stead with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in him, and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that my said attorney, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

This authorization is effected by my signature to this document.

Done this _____ day of _____ of the Common Era, in the City of _____ in good faith, and with no reservation at all.

(Signature)

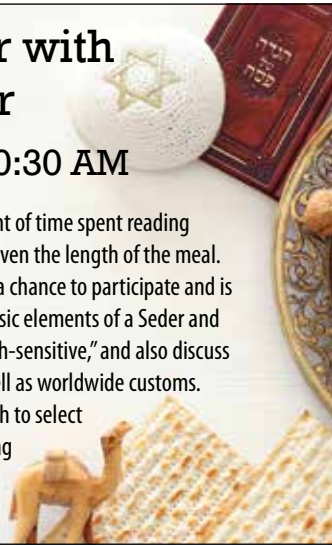
This form must be returned no later than Saturday morning, March 27, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

Passover Reminders (All events below will be on Zoom.)

Bare Bones Seder with Rabbi Dov Lerner

Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 AM

A "good" Seder is not measured by the amount of time spent reading the Haggadah and discussing the Exodus or even the length of the meal. A "great" Seder is one in which everyone has a chance to participate and is meaningful to all ages. We will review the basic elements of a Seder and answer questions so that your Seder is "length-sensitive," and also discuss both modern and traditional elements, as well as worldwide customs. And, we will have online resources from which to select and download for your seder. Feel free to bring any questions you have! To register, go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html.



Guided Imagery for Pesah with Dr. Rebecca Cherry

Tuesday, March 23 at 7:45 PM

Prepare your mind along with your home in the lead up to Passover! Dr. Rebecca Cherry will lead a guided imagery session following evening minyan.

Charoset Around the World

Thursday, March 25 at 7:45 PM

Find your *Shidduch* — which *charoset* is right for you? Join Ossi Fink Nussbaum and Rachel Palitto as they demonstrate *charoset* recipes from different Jewish communities around the world. Choose the recipe you like best to make during the event, or just observe to make later, to have a new *charoset* recipe ready for the Passover Seder! To register, go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html.



Seder 2.2

Sunday, March 28 at 9:00 PM

Join Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz on Zoom for the second half of the second seder at 9:00 PM. We'll finish the Haggadah together with song, cheer, and community. To register, go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html.



The Bible Players

Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00 PM

The Bible Players are back for another virtual event at AJ! This time, they'll be doing a special program for kids for Passover including the story of Motzi the Matzah and Moses facing down Pharaoh along with interactive games. We will learn about inclusion and community/קהילה/*kehillah*, and laugh until maror is coming out of our noses. Using virtual backgrounds, costumes, and special effects, the Zoom experience will be exciting for everyone. To register, go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html.

Seder with St. Paul Episcopal Church

Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 PM

After the Tree of Life massacre, the Jewish community was supported by many Christians of good will. After the murder of George Floyd, the Jewish community sought different ways to respond. AJ extended a hand to our neighbors at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We look forward to partnering with their congregants for social action work when COVID-19 abates, but we're beginning our partnership with a seder that highlights aspects of Jewish, Christian, African-American, and American history. Although our *haggadah* will be a familiar template for the seder, congregants from both communities will be working together to prepare our first joint seder. To register, go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html.



Mitzvah Opportunity!

Mizvah Food Drive

AJ will be collecting food at the synagogue from Monday, February 22 through Wednesday, March 17. Collection boxes will be outside the Sanctuary and Preschool entrances from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, from Monday through Friday.

Beryl Rosoff-Verbit has graciously offered to deliver all of the foods collected to Beth Sholom's Mitzvah Food Pantry on March 18.

Requested items include:

Kosher-For-Passover Foods

Gefilte fish; grape juice; horseradish; matzo meal; matzo; kosher-for-Passover cereals, crackers, and snacks, etc.

Not Kosher-For-Passover Foods

Non-perishable kosher peanut butter, pasta sauce, tuna, and canned fruit/vegetables. Remember this as you are cleaning your home of hametz!

Personal Needs

Diapers and women's feminine hygiene products (pads/tampons)

Thanks in advance for helping neighbors in need.

Let All Who are Hungry. . .

Are you in need of a seder to join for Pesah? Do you have a seat to offer at your table? Or a space on your Zoom?

We would like to pair people who otherwise would not have a seder to attend with people who have an extra seat or two. For in-person arrangements, **both hosts and all guests MUST have already had BOTH DOSES of the COVID-19 vaccine shots.** Call the office at 215.635.6611 and we'll make the matches!

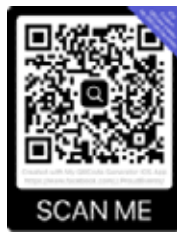
AJ's Keshet Connection

On Thursday, January 28, Rav Shai and **Carra Minkoff** represented AJ/AJ Keshet Connection at the Branching Out—LGBTQIA+ Happy Hour, sponsored by the J.Proud Consortium, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia, Tribe 12, and Kol Tzedek Synagogue. We enjoyed schmoozing during the Zoom Happy Hour and sharing a bit about AJ's Keshet Connection (Facebook Group: The AJ Keshet Connection) and learning about several groups in Philadelphia and beyond that are vibrant, supportive, and community-oriented spaces for Jews of all genders and orientations. If you want to find more resources in the community, feel free to reach out to Carra via The AJ Keshet Connection Facebook Group or email: ajkeshetconnection@gmail.com. For folks on Facebook, you can also keep apprised of J.Proud Consortium events via the Facebook J.Proud Consortium Events page. 📱

Visit AJ Keshet Connection Facebook Group:



Visit J.Proud Consortium Event:



PLAYBILL

**Congregation Adath Jeshurun
Presents**

• **SETH RUDETSKY** •

**Join Us for
AJ's 2021 Annual Fundraiser (SPEC) Event**

**OPENING NIGHT
Sunday, May 2, 2021**

• CAST •

Seth Rudetsky

Seth Rudetsky* is an American musician, actor, writer, and radio host. He currently is the host of "Seth's Big Fat Broadway" and "Seth Speaks" on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio's "On Broadway." Seth shares stories, backstage secrets, and songs from his renowned Broadway career. In March 2020, as early COVID-19 fears grew and Broadway was shuttered, Seth Rudetsky and his husband, James Wesley, hosted their first livestream of "Stars in the House," a combination fund-raiser, variety hour, talk show, class reunion, endurance test, public service announcement, and community drop-in center. Many months later, hundreds of guests and tens of thousands of audience members have joined in. During each show, hosted from their home an hour north of Manhattan, Rudetsky and Wesley solicit donations for the Actors Fund, which benefits entertainment industry workers.

• VENUE •

On-line performance in the comfort of your home

• DETAILS •

Full details will be provided at a later date

• ENCORE •

Stay tuned for details regarding a chance to bid on co-hosting a show with Seth!

Executive Producers and Directors

The SPEC Committee

*Understudies never substitute for listed players unless a specific announcement is made in advance.



The Jewish Teen Collaborative



Ossi Nussbaum, Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative

Rabbi Heschel, in the speech he gave at the White House, in 1963, said: "In several ways man is set apart from all beings created in six days. The Bible does not say, God created the plant or the animal; it says, God created different kinds of plants, different kinds of animals (Genesis 1: 11 12, 21-25). In striking contrast, it does not say, God created different kinds of man, men of different colors and races; it proclaims, God created one single man. From one single man all men are descended." And yet, racism, hate and fear of those we view as different from us, is, unfortunately, everywhere and throughout history. Instead of trying to find what unites us as human beings, we search for the differences; we mark the borderlines between us and others; we sometimes like to feel superior. . . .

The discussion about racial justice is not a new topic in the United States, but the related incidents last summer have brought up a heated and profound debate over systematic racism. At JTC, we wanted to touch the topic with our older students, and provide a safe and comfortable space to speak about it. We were happy to learn about an opportunity for our 9th and 10th graders to participate in an interactive online experience focusing on systematic racism in the U.S., organized by JTS, Repair The World, and The Workers Circle. Through this three-session program, our teens got to meet with activists from Alabama, Arkansas, New York, and Washington, DC, and hear their personal journeys touching on Jim Crow, poverty, mass incarceration, and the criminal justice system.

In the first session we met father and daughter, Curtis and Michelle Browder. Curtis Browder grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and as a child was a neighbor of the four girls who were killed in the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. He vowed to kill the people responsible if he encountered them and he left for New York hoping never to return. In New York he had some rough experiences that would have probably put him behind bars if not "for the grace of God," as he simply explained. There he found hope and the power to bring a change through his belief. Almost a decade later he returned to Alabama to serve as the state's first Black prison chaplain. In 1978, one of his first tasks led him to sit beside the bed of one of those bombers who was now dying from cancer, and pray with him for peace. In the nearly five decades since Browder dedicated his life to the service of others, he had many inmates kneeling next to him in regret for their sins, and he had placed the burden of forgiveness in God's hands.

Michelle Browder, Curtis Browder's daughter, believes art can change world views. She founded the non-profit "I Am More Than" where she uses her artist talents to create restorative justice programs in juvenile detention centers, failing school systems, and after-school programs for underserved youth. Through art, she tries to help young people channel their anger in non-violent ways.

In the second session, the teens met Kuntrell Jackson from Arkansas, who was 14 years old when he was arrested and 17 years old when he was sentenced to life without parole. On the night of the incident that caused him to spend 16 years behind bars, he was walking with an older cousin and friend when the boys began discussing the idea of robbing a video store. Kuntrell, who initially chose to stay outside the store, decided to enter just as another boy shot and killed the clerk. His presence at the scene caused him to be tried as an adult and convicted of capital murder, receiving a mandatory life sentence without the chance of parole. Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) challenged his sentence as cruel and unusual punishment and won the right to a

new sentencing in the U.S. Supreme Court. Kuntrell was released 16 years after he was sentenced, at the age of 33. Since then, he remains involved in the fight for prison and sentence reform. He speaks to young audiences about the systematic abuse, neglect, domestic and community violence, and poverty leading to mass incarceration. His mission is to help lost kids find themselves, believe in themselves, and change their future even if they find themselves in the worst places.

In the third session we were introduced to Free Minds book club and writing workshop, an organization that uses books, creative writing, and peer support to awaken incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youths and adults to their own potential. Through creative expression, job readiness training, and violence prevention outreach, these young adults work to achieve their education and career goals and become powerful voices for change in the community. We were offered the opportunity to meet some of the young poets who went through the program, hear their stories and how this program has made a huge difference in their lives. We were able to read poems written by incarcerated youths and to respond to them with messages of support. Our teens wrote touching notes and expressed their emotions beautifully! I was very proud!

These three sessions opened a very necessary continuing discussion about racism. We wanted to look at the topic of racism through a Jewish lens and explore what our sacred texts and great rabbis and commentators have to say about it. We learned about the Black-Jewish Alliance formed in the '60s and explored the basis for this alliance and the close relationship between Martin Luther King and Jewish leaders such as Rabbi Joachim Prinz and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. We explored the similarities between antisemitism, racism, and hatred to "others" who are not part of our defined group. We presented the students with the speech Rabbi Heschel gave at the White House in 1963, and we analyzed his ideas and explored his references. We read his words stating: "To think of man in terms of white, black, or yellow is more than an error. It is an eye disease, a cancer of the soul" and we learned that "*Kavod Habriyot*" (human dignity) is so important that it may supersede rabbinic law.

Our discussion heated up when we talked about Black Lives Matter! Some Jewish organizations and individuals criticize the movement's platform for using language describing Israel as committing genocide or calling for support for BDS. We wanted to allow space to debate whether this is a reason not to support the movement or whether their cause is important enough for Jews to ignore such problematic messages. We also talked about the connection BLM activists made between the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis policeman, and the killing of Iyad Halak, an unarmed Palestinian, by the Israeli border police. We touched on racism in Israel and learned about the Ethiopian Jews there and whether color plays a factor there as well. We talked about implicit bias—something that makes it hard sometimes to achieve empathy towards others.

At JTC we believe that we can deal with it all—even things that are hard and challenging to our minds and to our beliefs. We do not want to always stay in our comfort zones! We want to teach our teens to seek knowledge, think things through, speak their minds freely, and come to their own conclusions. As long as we communicate honestly and with respect for one another, we can face any challenges.

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Dayenu

Dayenu is a movement of American Jews confronting the climate crisis with spiritual audacity and bold political action. We care deeply about equity and justice in our world and about the future we create for our children and future generations. We believe that together, drawing from our Jewish tradition, experience, and faith, we have the power to create real and lasting change.

Mission

To secure a livable and sustainable world for all people for generations to come by building a multi-generational Jewish movement that confronts the climate crisis with spiritual audacity and bold political action.

Dayenu: we have had enough!

But we also have enough.

**We have what we need
to transform our world.**



WORKSHOP

A Jewish Call to Climate Action: Confronting the Climate Crisis and Cultivating Spiritual Courage

Congregation Adath Jeshurun members have been invited to join Dayenu for a new workshop, "A Jewish Call to Climate Action: Confronting the Climate Crisis and Cultivating Spiritual Courage."

In this workshop, led by the staff from Dayenu, we will explore how we are contending with the climate crisis on a personal and spiritual level. If you feel anxious, fearful, or sad about the climate crisis, or worried about how it might impact you, your family, or community, you are not alone. If you haven't made space in a busy and ever-changing world to sit with the reality of a changing climate, you are not the only one.

This will be an engaging workshop in which we will begin to explore some of our concerns and questions the climate crisis raises, in a supportive community, rooted in Jewish wisdom and tradition, and building on an emerging body of thought focused on meeting the climate crisis with resilience. We will provide pathways for people to confront and move through feelings of fear, anxiety, and powerlessness and offer other pathways towards meaningful and bold action. If you are ready to move from fear, overwhelm, or numbness into courageous action on climate — or even, like many of us, you are not sure you are ready — please join us!

**WHEN: Tuesday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 27,
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM** (participation at both
sessions is required)

WHERE:

This will be a virtual workshop on Zoom,
link provided upon registration.

HOW TO REGISTER: Go to tinyurl.com/ea1oealp



Ossi Nussbaum *Continued from page 9*

Zoom B'Shvat

On Friday, January 29, JTC and OYR USY came together, via Zoom, to celebrate Tu B'Shvat. We created a fun and meaningful Tu B'Shvat Seder, inspired by the 16th century Kabbalists of Tzfat (Safed), with prayers, reading, wine (well, only juice...), food, songs, and some good discussions. The Seder was organized into four sections, each reflecting a season in the year, and symbolizing different aspects of fruit trees and different levels of our own beings. Prior to our get-together, the participants came to pick up a bag filled with all they needed for the Seder—the Tu B'Shvat *hagaddah*, juices, fresh and dried fruits, nuts, and challah. After the Seder, we played a Tu B'Shvat Kahoot, and we ended with hope that next year we can celebrate in person! 🍷

Community Corner

Upcoming Kehillah of Old York Road Events

Women's Health Forum: Prevention, Empowerment, Self-Care, and Advocacy Sunday, March 7, 2021 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (via Zoom)

Let's feel empowered about our health. During this virtual forum, you will learn from experts in women's health and feel rejuvenated through guided meditation and yoga. As a participant, you will be able to choose two of the following topics for breakout workshops: Nutrition, Menopause & Beyond, and Ritual & Healing. The keynote speaker is Melissa K. Rosen, MA. Melissa is the Director of Training and Education of Sharsheret, a national non-profit organization that improves the lives of Jewish women and families living with or at increased genetic risk for breast or ovarian cancer. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/lgd57s1y>.

Travel (Virtually) to Morocco Sunday, March 21 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Join Rabbi Robert Leib for a virtual adventure, where we will learn more about the Jewish culture in Morocco. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/tygg7b8l>.

Holocaust Program with the Groen Family Violin Tuesday, April 6 (via Zoom)

The Kehillah will be presenting a Yom HaShoah program that highlights a local family (Groen) that went to Holland to retrieve a violin that was owned by a family member who died in the Holocaust. It is a beautiful and moving story. Many teens in our community know the teens that are a part of this family and went on the trip to Holland to discover their family heritage. There's a lot for our teens to connect to because it is not only relevant but seen through the eyes of their peers. Community minyan will start at 7:00 PM with the program following at 7:30 PM.

AJ Adult Education Committee

AJ Adult Education Forges Ahead with More Programming

Co-Chair: Skip Atkins

It's been a busy winter for the Adult Education Committee, and it promises to be a busy spring as well. Rav Shai's 12-session weekly class on "The 6 Ws of Judaism" wrapped at the beginning of February. Exploring such topics as "What and Where is Judaism?," "Who is a Jew?," and "Why Be Jewish?," the course provided for a lot of thoughtful, provocative, and often personal give-and-take and had a very enthusiastic following. Wasting no time, Rav Shai followed with his ongoing, weekly Sunday morning course entitled "Hasidism: Mysticism for the Masses." Examining Hasidism from its roots in eastern Europe, Rav Shai describes it as a reform movement that remained within the *halakhic* framework, flipping medieval Kabbalah on its head and making it accessible to the masses. The course is engrossing and, typical of a Rav Shai offering, very popular.

December saw a discussion by Gratz Professor Reena Sigman Friedman of the life and work of Lillian Wald, a pioneer in public health nursing during the 1918 influenza pandemic and a committed activist in the cause of social and racial justice. This was followed soon thereafter by the first-ever major book launch at AJ, celebrating the publication of Rav Shai's *Coherent Judaism: Constructive Theology, Creation, and Halakhah*. The work has been enthusiastically reviewed in academic circles and the event itself generated a lot of "AJ buzz."

Furthering AJ's commitment to the cause of anti-racism that began with our Signs of Solidarity campaign in the aftermath of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis last summer, AJ conducted a Board of Directors Development program in January designed to promote increasing awareness of manifold issues arising from the long history of institutional racism and antisemitism in America and the complex historic relationship between the Jewish and Black communities. Co-sponsored by the Adult Education and Social Action committees, the program was very sensitively and thoughtfully facilitated by Maureen O'Connell, Professor of Religion and Theology at La Salle, whose research, writing, and personal activism in the area of racial justice are highly respected. Professor O'Connell had previously been introduced to AJ's last September through her involvement in our *Selihot* service, which also featured AJ members **Chad Womack** and **Naomi Housman**, who spoke movingly about their experiences in the local community and at AJ as an interfaith, mixed-race couple.

We plan to continue our exploration of this compelling social issue in the months to come, especially through efforts to engage the local Black faith community. Our immediate neighbor, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which proudly and visibly supported our Signs of Solidarity campaign, has committed to working on joint programming with AJ, and we are gratified to partner with them in this effort going forward.

Finally, in March, Hazzan Howard Glantz initiates a series of special musical programs on Wednesdays throughout the month. For the first two, he will be joined by our beloved **Cantor Emeritus, Charles Davidson**, for a long-awaited exploration of the history of AJ's musical liturgy—what makes it progressive and unique, what makes it traditional, and the innovations that both Cantor Davidson and Hazzan Glantz have brought to AJ over the past decades. The second two programs will be "Passover Tune-ups." See more details at the right; you won't want to miss it! 


AJ Grandparents Group

Sheva Cohen and Barbara Shotz, Co-Leaders

On Thursday, March 11, we are pleased to have **Dvora Entin** as our guest speaker for a program called "What Are These Feelings I'm Feeling: Navigating Changed Relationships in Our COVID World." We know you will find this a delightful and informative program.



Dvora Entin, LCSW, PMH-C has advanced training in perinatal and reproductive mental health from PSI, ASRM, and the MISS Foundation. With a private practice in Maternal Mental Health, Dvora consults nationally and is an adjunct professor at Wurzweiler School of Social Work in New York. She directs the Safety Kid Initiative for child sexual abuse in all Philadelphia Jewish Day Schools.

Please submit any questions you have for Dvora ahead of time, if you would like anonymity, to Rachel Palitto, Director of Programming at AJ, rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info. To RSVP, go to www.adathjeshurun.info/RSVP.html. 

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

The Music of AJ, with Hazzan Howard Glantz and Cantor Charles Davidson

The musical liturgy of AJ is one of its most compelling qualities. Unique in many ways, traditional in others, there's no doubt that AJ members regard it as an integral part of what defines us as a congregation. Lifelong members who grew up at AJ have often known little else; to more recent members, it may have required some "getting used to," but eventually becomes adopted as one's own.



Part of what makes our musical liturgy special is its rich history, and much of that is the product of the innovation and creativity of our Cantor Emeritus, Charles Davidson. During his current tenure, Hazzan Howard Glantz has sought to preserve its rich historical tradition while adding his own innovations — all meant to maintain our musical liturgy as living and vital.



Beginning on March 3, Hazzan Glantz will be presenting a special four-week series on three Wednesday evenings and one Sunday afternoon devoted to the music of AJ. The first two sessions will explore the history of our musical liturgy, and will feature most special guest, our own Cantor Davidson. The latter two weeks will feature a lead-up to Passover, in song.

The sessions will be as follows:

Wednesday, March 3: The AJ service: Shabbat with Hazzanim Glantz and Davidson (7:30 PM)

Wednesday, March 10: The AJ service: The Festivals (Shalosh Regalim) and High Holidays (Yamim Noraim) with Hazzanim Glantz and Davidson (7:30 PM)

Sunday, March 21: A Passover Tune-up: "When do we get to eat?" with Hazzan Glantz (4:30 PM)

Wednesday, March 24: A Passover Tune-up: "I am so full. Wait! There's more seder?" with Hazzan Glantz (7:30 PM)

This series promises to be fascinating, informative, and a lot of fun. The sessions are free of charge but we ask that you register in advance. Once registered, you'll receive information for how to log on. Please register at www.adathjeshurun.info/RSVP.html. See you there!



AJ Preschool and Infant Center

Anita Block, Early Childhood Director

I am so proud of the children and staff of the Adath Jeshurun Preschool and Infant Center, as well as our kindergarten, for their fantastic community service project commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 18. Each class, older toddlers through kindergarten, assembled Five Bean Vegetable Soup Mix in a Jar packages for delivery to KleinLife Pantry in Northeast Philadelphia. **Calvin Thompson** delivered the 76 packages that will ultimately feed 228 people. The children were thoroughly engaged in the process and proud to help feed the people in need. Dr. King's message of peace and tolerance was the theme of the unit and each class heard stories and discussed ways in which we can live and treat each other with kindness and respect.

Happy Birthday to the Trees. Yes, we celebrated Tu B'Shvat in each class with a *seder* filled with wonderfully tasty and attractive fruits. We had the usual variety of apples, oranges, apricots, mangoes, and pears. This year, we also had dates, figs, passion fruit, dragon fruit, star fruit, and pineapple. There was also a touch of mint and wheat. All the children planted parsley so we can have it ready for our Passover *sedarim*. Hopefully, we can all be together to partake in the Passover *seder*, but we'll have to wait to see the status of COVID-19. Children also planted seeds of a variety of flowers that will be transplanted into boxes to decorate the tops of the cement barriers that surround the playground areas.

Although it's still the middle of winter, our thoughts are racing ahead to the summer and next fall. The annual summer/fall survey has been sent to families so we can plan appropriately for staffing and programs. Once we gather this information, families can begin completing registration. Onit Zisserman will once again direct the summer program.

This year's kindergarten program was a fantastic success with Onit Zisserman as the lead teacher and Nava Lask as the Assistant Teacher. The dual language curriculum engaged the children and enhanced their Hebrew language skills. Depending on continued interest, we may be able to offer it again. In addition, we are investigating the concept of a Hebrew language enrichment program to compliment our current curriculum. In the past, we have offered Hebrew enrichment only to preschool students for part of the day but may be able to expand the program to include our younger students.

The challenge in this COVID environment has been to foster the social and emotional growth of the children while keeping them safe from the spread of the virus. We truly missed gathering as a school for our weekly Shabbat celebration but each class celebrated in its own room. Specialists were unable to enter the building so we met with them weekly via Facebook for music, storytelling, yoga, and Mesibat Shabbat. It was all fun, but not quite the same as our face-to-face experiences. Classrooms looked different because of the restrictions on certain toys and materials that could easily be contaminated with the virus. We reached into our creative selves and found ways to play, teach, and care for (y)our children and I feel blessed to work with a fantastic staff supported by a community of exceptional families. 🌱

PHOTOS AT RIGHT:

1. Getting ready for Tu B'Shvat in Lavan (three-year-olds);
2. Thumbs up for Tu B'Shvat;
3. Older toddlers enjoy the fruits of Tu B'Shvat;
4. Yummy fruits and four cups of wine (juice);
5. Planting seeds for Tu B'Shvat — flowers and parsley for Passover;
6. Packages of five-bean vegetarian soup mix in a jar, plus diced tomatoes, were delivered to KleinLife Pantry as part of the MLK Jr. community service project;
7. Assembling five-bean vegetarian soup mix in a jar for KleinLife Pantry.



AJWA Sisterhood

Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg, Co-Presidents



Please save the date of

Sunday, June 6

for AJWA Sisterhood's Torah Fund Brunch when we'll honor
AJ President Judy Stutman Izes
with the 5781 Torah Fund Woman of Achievement Award



AJWA SISTERHOOD PRESENTS

**Montgomery County Commissioner
Dr. Val Arkoosh**

Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 PM

Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, Dr. Val Arkoosh, will join us on Zoom to discuss "MONTCO Leadership in the Time of COVID — Challenges and Successes." To register, go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Discussion with a
Local Birdwatcher**

Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 PM

Please join Ruth Pfeffer, bird enthusiast, for a fun and informative program on our avian friends. Stay tuned for registration information. Jointly sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood and AJ Men's Association.



ABOVE: Top, from left to right, AJWA Sisterhood Co-President Lorna Rosenberg, host Judy Szeleky, and Merril Stup at Judy's home; Center: A beautiful table set for high tea. Bottom: Lorna pours tea during the Zoom session.

AJWA SISTERHOOD DUES 2020-2021

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 _____

Address _____

I would also like to get involved in the tiniest or grandest way! Contact me.*

I have an idea for a program, event, outreach project, etc. Contact me.*

*Feel free to explain on a separate note.

AJ Men's Association

Ed Moses and Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents



Adath Jeshurun Men's Association

AJ MEN'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

Men's Shabbat

Saturday, March 13 at 9:30 AM)

Join us for our annual Men's Shabbat service organized by AJ Men's Association.



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Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program™

Light a Candle, Preserve a Memory

Yom Hashoah.....Starting Sundown, April 7, 2021 | 25 Nisan 5781

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program is a creation of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC). Information concerning the distribution of Yom HaShoah candles will be forthcoming in Congregation weekly email announcements starting in mid-March.

Are you a member of AJMA?

Please consider joining or re-joining!



Adath Jeshurun Men's Association

Despite the challenging and unusual times we live in, the AJ Men's Association continues to provide meaningful programming for all congregants. Please support the AJMA in its endeavors by checking off the optional line item on your membership dues statement or by submitting a check for \$50.00 payable to the Adath Jeshurun Men's Association to the synagogue office (7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027). Your generous donation is deeply appreciated.

Ed Moses and Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents; Sam Rosenberg, Treasurer

AJMA DUES 2020-2021

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Address _____

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.



ABOVE: On Sunday, January 10, the AJMA welcomed, via Zoom, Ruben Amaro Jr., a former Philadelphia Phillies outfielder and General Manager. Just a very few of the many attendees, from upper left, going clockwise: Ruben Amaro, Jr., Mark Schwartz, Ed Moses, and Skip Atkins (great background, Skip!).

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:

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 to MARCH 6, 2021

16 Adar 5781 to 22 Adar 5781

To be read on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6



Avram G. Adler
Marvin Alloy
Sylvia Alloy
Alexander A. Aron
William Bass
Jennie Benjamin
Milton Berger
Gerson Blankfield
Morris J. Blitz
Margaret Boehm
Fred Braemer
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Mottie Buten
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Harry E. Chamov
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Moses Cohen
Lena G. Dean
Herbert A. Demchick
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Dr. Nettie Solomon Edeiken
Susan Elaine Edelman
David Emas
Saul Finestone
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Rabbi Judah Leon Fish
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Albert Joseph Fuller
Bessie Garfield
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Zelda Glauser
Mitchell Glick
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Lewis Gordon
Ida Green
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Rose Heimerling
Esther Hertzfeld
Bessie Hunn
Carrie Isenberg
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Annie Maxman
Louis Meyerhoff
Sima Mirrow
Harvey Nevler
Rose Nitzberg
Harry Norvick
Charles N. Oberfield
Florence Oberfield
Harriet Panitch
Frances S. Pincus
Florence Platt
Shirley Price
Florence F. Rabinowitz
Samuel Rosenbaum
Sarah Rosenthal
Dr. Robert W. Rubin
Bernard Sacks
Carrie Blumenthal Saltzman
Sarah Schiff
Golda Schwartz
Dorothy Katz Seidel
Herman Senet
Anna Shalevitz
Jeannette Sams Shapiro
Edward Shore
Sol Shore
Nathan Smith
Anna R. Sobel
Samuel A. Sopenoff
Barbara M. Steinberg
Howard Stern
Moses Stern
Selma Strauss
Claire B. Stup
Anna Temkin
Howard Mitchell Tracer
Dora Warren
Nelson Wax
Rose Waxman
Samuel Weber
J. Irving Weinberg
Pauline Weinberg
Bertha Weiner
Pauline Weitzenkorn
Isadore Witkin
Rachel Worker

MARCH 7, 2021 to MARCH 13, 2021

23 Adar 5781 to 29 Adar 5781

To be read on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13



Cyrus Adler
Rabbi Leon Album
Jennie Baruch
Laurie Hope Beechman
Dr. Donald Berkowitz
Philip Blum
Dr. George I. Blumstein
Isadore M. Brody
Rebecca Charny
Milton Abraham Dauber
Oscar Feinstein
Ethel Feldman
Abe Felix
Maurice Fisher
Barbara Widman Freedman
Simon L. Garfinkel
Emanuel Gases
Antonie Goldstein
Nettie Goodman
Mollie Grant
Alexander Green
Leonard A. Green
Benjamin Greenstein
Cantor Alexander Gross
Ida Haber
Mildred F. Halin
Isadore Heifetz
Frances Hirsch
Nathan Hoffman
Hyman Hopen
William Hunn
David Jaffe
Mary Jaffe
Gertrude Kancher
William Karsif
Fred Kaufmann
Bena Strauss Kellert
Simon Klein
Samuel Krelloff
Helene Kretzman
Matilda B. Krupnick
Sandor Lederer
Frank Leon
Gustav Levi

Isadore Levinson
Stella Levy
David E. Lewis
Mussie Love
Jettchen Lowenstein
Marcus M. Lyons
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Max Wurzel

MARCH 14, 2021 to MARCH 20, 2021

1 Nisan 5781 to 7 Nisan 5781

To be read on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20



Jennie Arronson
Mollie Arronson
Dr. Sheldon G. Bahoff
Herman Barash
Solomon Baruch
Lewis H. Bergman
Marshall A. Bernstein
Minnie A. Bilker
Isadore Blum
Eva Bortnick
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Frank Chackler
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Abraham Dordick
Milton Robert Edelman

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Jack Forman
Ida Freeman
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Edward Ginsburg
John Goldberg
Rose Gorchov
Herbert Gross
Richard Gross
Stephanie Gitlow Hanly
Nathan Herman
Samuel Hirsch
Flora Hyman
Minnie Price Jaffe
Masha Kanoff
Yetta Katzner
Lena Klein
Lesser Kohn
Fedor A. Kuritzkes
Leon Landes
Fan Lapping
Jesse LeCoff
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Milton W. Lipschutz
Tillie Loeb
Clara Lowenstein
Paul B. Lurch
Isaac Nathans
Jay Oberfield

Dora Wolff Orlick
Mary S. Pensyl
Seymour Piwoz
Sarah Jane Price
Abraham Rabinowitz
Samuel Robinson
Pauline Rosenberger
Celia Rosenthal
Pauline Green Rubin
Abraham Saltzman
Leah Schepp
Arthur Schneeburg
William Schreiber
Celia Seligman
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Israel Weiner
Frances Slikfin Weisman
Rabbi David Tovia Whiteman
William Wilder
Anne Rothberg Wildstein
Herman Zerden

MARCH 21, 2021 to MARCH 27, 2021

8 Nisan 5781 to 14 Nisan 5781

To be read on Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27



Nancy Sivitz Albertson
Isaac Alkus
Helen Atkins
Adeline Berger
Marshall A. Bernstein
Rubin Bernstein
Ruth H. Bernstein
Fleurette Blum
Harry Blum
Carolina Blumenthal
Fred Brod
Sidney H. Damsker
Morris Derewitz
Ethyl Druznowski
Rose Dreyer
Jennie Rosen Drill
Gussie Engel
Harry Farber
Lewis Feld
Lionel Felzer
Harry I. Fingles
David Gelberg
Dr. Louis Gershenfeld
Elka Gitlow
Harry Goldfarb
Allan H Goldstein
Ruth B. Goren
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George Grant
Harry H. Green
Sarah Greenberg
Abraham J. Hirsch
Albert Hollin
Joy C. Horman
Dr. Daniel M. Isaacman
Rose Jacobs
Irene Jaffe
Ida Karabell
Dr. Joseph W. Kauffman
Anna Kaufman
Ted Kellern
Sarah Lande
Paul Leibovitz
Bella Leidner
Abraham L. Levi
Carl Liebowitz
Mary Longer
Dina Moog Love
Habibi Yehudah Marthan
Ethel Malke Metzger
David C. Miller
Isadore Neumann
Myer Oberst
Moses Price
Abraham I. Raphael
Sandra Raynor

Jack Abraham Richman
Morris D. Rose
Mina Rosenblatt
Michael Rosenfelt
Dorothy G. Salus
Meyer Samson
Helen Schneeberg
Samuel Schwartz
Sarah Shaffer
Jack Harris Shapiro
Harry Silin
Sharon J. Silver
Marcus Sonnenfeld
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Edwin Starr
Minnie Malka Stein
Evelyn R. S. Steinberg
Sarah Steinig
Lucien M. Stern
Charles Stone
Mildred K. Strauss
Harry Subin
Esther R. Suzmer
Irving Turner
Rae Z. Weinberg
Jack Weinstein
Emanuel Zerden
Anna Zitin

MARCH 28, 2021 to APRIL 3, 2021

15 Nisan 5781 to 21 Nisan 5781

To be read on Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3



Richard Adelson
Daniel Aisenstein
Morris Alkus
Louis F. Anathan
Clara Lemisch Auerbach
Herman Barash
Elizabeth Barcus
Doris Dannenhirsh Beshunsky
Lisa Bomstein
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Rachel Newmayer
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Rosa Rosenberg
Emil Rosenthal
Bertha Rothberg
Martin Rubin
Isaac Samuel
Hortense Schepp
Sara Schwartz
Samuel Segal
Abe Sherman
Clara E. Shrager
Anne Silberman
Sydney L. Sklar
Jenny Slotnick
Annie Kass Spector
Marie Stern
Stanley L. Stern
Francis Stup
Dr. Garry P. Sussman
Nathan Ubfal
Max M. Waxman
Lena Werner
Samuel Wertheimer
A. Simon Zemble

APRIL 4, 2021 to APRIL 10, 2021

22 Nisan 5781 to 28 Nisan 5781

To be read on Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10



Martin Aaron
Dr. Paul Abramson
Max S. Appel
Edward S. Arkow
Esther Bacharach
Abram L. Ball
Morris Bender
Clara B. Block
Simon E. Block

Harry Blumberg
Wendy Brandschajn
Luise Landau Briffel
Harry Brodsky
Louis Brody
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Rose Dresnin
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Myer C. Emerson
Benjamin Fox
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Mathilda Frank
Anna Freedman
Ruth Feigenbaum Freedman
Albert E. Goodman
Rose A. Greenbaum
Fanny Hollander
Rose B. Jaffe
Leon Katz
Joseph Q. Klein
Herman Koppelman
Dr. Sol J. Kornblum
Harry Kurtzberg
Albert Abraham Kutner
Jean Lackman
Leonard Lane
Joseph W. Layman
Bernard J. Leidner
Hannah Levick
Anne Liebowitz

APRIL 11, 2021 to APRIL 17, 2021

29 Nisan 5781 to 5 Iyar 5781

To be read on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17



Abraham Abramowitz
Fannie Abrams
Harry Balen
Elizabeth Balter
Anna Baylson
Selig L. Belber
Michael Barry Bender
Sarah Bernstein
Louis Blitstein
Sarah Block
Herman B. Bogis
Judith P. Brister
Abe Buzgon
Harold M. Carson
Richard Charny
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Meyer Ginsberg
Helene Glantz
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Louise Rosenthal Karp
Cindy Keller
Esther Kibrick
William A. Levick
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Myer Muchnick
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May Schneeberg
Edith Omanoff Schwartz
Isaac Shapiro
Esther Sherman
Bertha M. Sichel
Henry S. Sichel
William H. Singer
Anna Rachel Spiller
Lillian Stark
Harry Vizak
Mary B. Wallfield
Harry Wildman
Leonard Wolf
Alice Zamarin

APRIL 18, 2021 to APRIL 24, 2021

6 Iyar 5781 to 12 Iyar 5781

To be read on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24



Steven Asher
Lena Bekoff
Ruth Koppenheim Berger
Morris Bergman
Jacob Blume
Donald Klein Bortner
Sigmund Buchsbaum
Isadore I. Butler
Louis Davidoff
Fannie Durst
Martin J. Feld
Lester L. Freedman
David Gever
Joseph M. Goldfarb
Sidney B. Graboyes
Rosa Haber
Minnie Harris
David B. Herrin
Aaron D. Hockstein
Jeffrey S. Hofberg
Rebecca Feige Hunn
Rosa Jacobson
Dr. David Jaeger
Rose Jeck
Maurice Kline
Leopold Kushner
Koppel Lamb
Lillian Landesman
Agnes Levinson
Jenny Levy
David Lowenstein
Clark Lustig

Jacob Israel Maxman
Martin O. Mechanic
Harry Abraham Metz
Joseph Mossheim
Olga Myers
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APRIL 25, 2021 to MAY 1, 2021

13 Iyar 5781 to 19 Iyar 5781

To be read on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1



Lee R. Aaronson
Sarah Alkus
Rhea Asher
Melvin Atlin
Joseph Barg
Fannie Baruch
Sayde Bayuk
Julius Bergman
Edith Levinson Bernstein
Goodman Bernstein
Rose Brest
Rose Burak
Adaline Buzgon
Sophie Caplin
David Carmosin
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Joseph Cohen
Harold L. Croul
Fannie Cushman
Joseph R. Dietz
Samuel Dubin
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Irene Rosenberger
Rebecca Rubin
Helen Salamon
Theresa Janice Salkin
Louis Saller

The Seasons of Our Lives

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Samuel Schiff
Alexander J. Schmerling
Bernard Schmerling
Alvin Schragar
Bertha Schultz
Gustave Schultz
Jonas Schwartz
Nettie Schwartz
Maurice Sherman
Matilda Steiner

Frank Stern
Evelyn Fleishman Stockler
Bernard Victor
Larry Jay Vogel
Ralph Charles Weiner
Sophie Weiner
Solomon Weitzenkorn
Sol Whiteman
Florence G. Wise
Edward Worker

Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

Meet us on Zoom and sing along!

Friday nights at 6:15 PM:

March 12, April 9, April 30, and May 7



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.

Kol HaKavod to our December and January Torah and Haftarah Readers

Rabbi Sandi Berliner	Lorna Rosenberg
Betsy Braun	Dana Schwartz Rosner
Michelle Britchkow	Gail Schwartz
Debbie Seltzer Cohen	David Seltzer
Anne Fassler	Terry Smerling
Allan Freedman	Meryl Sussman
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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

Isla Scarlett Seaver, daughter of Erika and Matt Seaver, granddaughter of Mitchell and Karen Meyer, and great-granddaughter of Simmy Meyer

December 14, 2020

Brody Ezra Beck, son of Corey and Sammi Beck, and grandson of Joan and Steven Beck

January 4, 2021

Rishi Micah Badrinarayan Gershman, son of Daniel J. Gershman and Aneesha Badrinarayan, grandson of Howard Gershman and Marion Gershman z'l and Nina Bonderow

January 22, 2021

Simchas

Morey and Terry Smerling's grandson, Yossef-Haymin Roemi became a Bar Mitzvah in Ashdod, Israel, on January 30, 2021.

Deaths

Yosef Nussbaum, father of Shay Nussbaum (Ossi)

December 20, 2020

Ruth (Cissie) (Levin) Vizak Frantz, sister-in-law of Stefani Levin

December 21, 2020

Rona Schnall, daughter of Dr. Nathan Schnall and Dolly Schnall z'l

December 28, 2020

Eleanor Reibstein, mother of Saul (Shelley) Reibstein, and grandmother of David (Mindy) Reibstein

January 28, 2021

Lee Black, husband of Molly, son of Barbara and Mickey Black, and grandson of Marvin and Annette z'l Black

February 14, 2021

March Milestone Anniversaries

25 YEARS

• Philip and Bonnie Witman March 24, 1996

April Milestone Anniversaries

55 YEARS

• Frank and Carolyn Platt April 3, 1966

25 YEARS

• Frank and Sherri Feinberg April 20, 1996

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In appreciation for the kindness you bestow upon me regularly
David Levin

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Mazel Tov to you on your special birthday
Brenda and Mike Kaufman

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Max Fine <i>Suzan Fine and Family</i>	Frances Kleinman <i>Natalie Isser</i>	Anna Paller <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Pearl Saperstein <i>Sharon Masarsky</i>	Helen Strauss <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Berkowitz Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Joseph Philip Gladys Steinslofer
Saul Finestone <i>Judy Erdberg</i>	Maximilian J. Klinger <i>Estar Weiss</i>	Eugene Paller <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Louis H. Schinfeld, M.D. <i>Donnie Richman</i>	Henry Strauss <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Check Family Mazel Tov on Simon's Bar Mitzvah <i>Baruch Schwartz and Family</i>
Samuel Fisher <i>Alice, Eric, and Amanda; Suzanne and Benjamin Fisher</i>	Tibie Klinger <i>Star Weiss</i>	Jack Paller <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Samuel Schleifer <i>Fran Schleifer</i>	Josef Strauss <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Leslie Fine Mazel Tov on becoming a grandmother <i>Sima Sussman</i>
Solomon Fisher <i>Alice, Eric, and Amanda; Suzanne and Benjamin Fisher</i>	Florence Kogen <i>Arthur and Neile Davis</i>	Sarah Paller <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Rona Schnell <i>Joan Wohl</i>	S. Stefan Strauss <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Suzan Fine Mazel Tov on the birth of your great-grandson, Zachary Kalman Werner <i>Debbie Seltzer Cohen Sima Sussman</i>
Joseph Fuhrman <i>Elise Miller</i>	Morton Kravitz <i>Eleanor Kravitz</i>	Harriet Panitch <i>Mary and Howard Panitch</i>	Shirley Shrager In commemoration of her 5th Yahrzeit <i>Joe Shrager, Debbie Miner, and Wendy Greenberg</i>	Evelyn Strongin <i>Ruth Strauss</i>	Robert Friedman Mazel Tov to Robbie in honor of Robert Friedman Day <i>Viki and David Pashman</i>
Cissie Vizak Frantz <i>Joan Pivosky Wohl</i>	Fredric S. Krupnick <i>L.A. Krupnick</i>	Milton Richard Pasternack <i>Roslyn Pasternack</i>	Eric Schwartz <i>Baruch Schwartz and Family</i>	Maxine Stutman <i>Rachel, Andy, Sam, and Dan Black</i>	Howard Gershman and Nina Bonderow Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Rishi Micah Chellie and Lisa Davidoff <i>Amy Devine-Stretch Margie Green Judy and Paul Izes and Family Brenda and Mike Kaufman Karen and Ed Moses Al and Sandy Nadel</i>
Bernice Friedman <i>Jo Mancinelli</i>	Norman Lawson <i>Karen and Ed Moses</i>	Sarah Pasternack and Sondra Pasternack	Frances Grayer Schwartz <i>Bettyruth Aisenstein</i>	Hal and Barbara Cobert <i>Joy Fish Wendy and Harry Lessig Baruch Schwartz and Family</i>	Ann Kalmanor Best wishes in your new home <i>Baruch Schwartz and Family</i>
Louis Friedman <i>Elmer and Lillian Friedman</i>	Rose Lerner <i>Cindy and Seymour Rosenbloom</i>	Sophie Chffas Pasternack <i>Roslyn Pasternack</i>	Roslyn Schwartz <i>Mark and Gail Schwartz</i>	Phyllis P. Sussman <i>Nona and Leonard Egan Nan Sussman</i>	Fred Liedman Wishing you a quick and complete recovery <i>Steve Strauss</i>
Regina Friedman <i>Elise Miller</i>	Mayer Levin <i>Gerry Schneeberg</i>	Lisa Pasternack and Sondra Pasternack	Mary Sherman <i>Morrissa Peisach</i>	Charles Trobman <i>Marvin R. Huttman</i>	Pamela Maman Mazel Tov for becoming a great-aunt <i>Sima Sussman</i>
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A Bea-u-ti-ful Day for the Purim CARnival!

On Sunday, February 21, the 2021 Community Purim CARnival looked a little different than in previous years, but it was no less fun! Rachel Palitto festooned the AJ booth with balloons and gave away a goodie bag to each child. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped us make the day special!

BELOW: From left to right: Iris Winegrad mans the AJ booth; Rachel Palitto holds up gift bags; Erica and Iris Winegrad wait for the caravan of kids; Hazzan Glantz sings Purim songs.

