

## Building with a Purpose

by Rav Shai Cherry



In the Tower of Babel story, the crime of their generation is unclear. Many commentators assume it was their hubris in wanting to build such a tall tower in order to storm the heavenly gates. That seems plausible, but something else bothers me. The people set about making bricks before they had decided what to do with them. That's backwards. It's like searching for nails since the only tool you have is a hammer.

We've done it the right way. We've spent a year working on the AJ New Way Forward. We've compiled our thoughts and organized our dreams. We've established working committees to realize those dreams. And we've spent the past three months getting to know one another, learning how best to work with one another, and experiencing the peaks of our ritual year together. I am feeling energized and exhilarated.

On Kol Nidre, I introduced two sets for scholarships to engage our teenagers. If you are/have a teenager in high school or college who would like to join AJ's delegation to the AIPAC Policy Conference from March 1–3 in Washington, DC, please have them be in touch with me. Very generous donors have enabled us to seriously defray the cost of attendance. I do hope you'll all consider joining us. For those of you who have inside the Beltway knowledge, if you'd like to help plan our trip, please be in touch.

For those teens who want to take their Israel interests to the Land, AJ is proud to be able to help. For any of our teens who would like to participate in a 4-week program, or longer, please be in touch with me. This scholarship for

Israel experiences also includes a high school semester with Alexander Muss or Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim.

My adult education class is off to a strong start. It's such a delight to see folks so curious about how we got to where we are. The Adult Education committee is also working on bringing in outside teachers for both ongoing classes and single lectures. But we don't want to overlook the wealth of talent that we have within our own ranks. If you are an expert on something you find absolutely fascinating — and you think there's a chance someone else will, too — please consider giving a talk to our community after Shabbat lunch one week. It'll be a great way to get to know one another and learn from one another. Be in touch with me, and I'll connect with you with our Adult Education committee.

With our return to the sanctuary in September, many congregants expressed that they felt like they were "coming home." The motto of the Conservative movement for many decades was "Tradition and Change." So, in honor of tradition, we'll be scheduling sanctuary services that will include organ music. On those Shabbatot, for those who would like change, I'll be leading a Learners' Minyan.

And I haven't even begun to share with you what's happening on the environmental and social action fronts. Come and see for yourselves!

With abounding blessings,

Rav Shai



### Join Rav Shai at Gratz College for a Lunch and Learn!

Thursday, December 5

On Thursday, December 5, Rav Shai will reveal "The Hidden Maccabee Sister." Judah Maccabee may have been the leader of the brothers, but he had a sister, Judith, who took matters into her own hands! This presentation combines art, history, and Jewish text. Judith has been marginalized and misunderstood for centuries. It is time to celebrate her story alongside her brothers. At Gratz College, from 12:15 PM to 1:45 PM. \$20 by November 20; \$23 starting November 21 (includes lunch). For more information, please contact Mindy Cohen at 215.635.7300 x155 or mcohen@gratz.edu.

### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

We need to update our records! Please see the form on page 7, fill it out, and mail it to AJ. Alternatively, you can use the digital form in the weekly email and email it to brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info.

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# Service Schedule

## SHABBAT NOAH

November 1, 2, 2019 4 Heshvan 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....5:39 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:40 PM
- In-Town Shabbat .....6:30 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- Havurah Service.....10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....5:40 PM

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## SHABBAT LEKH-LEKHA

November 8, 9, 2019 11 Heshvan 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:32 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:30 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- Havurah Service.....10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:35 PM

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## SHABBAT VAYERA

November 15, 16, 2019 18 Heshvan 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:25 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:30 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- The Men's Ensemble will join the service.

- Havurah Service.....10:00 AM
- Tot Service.....11:00 AM

An extended Kiddush luncheon will follow services.

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:25 PM

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## SHABBAT HAYE SARA

November 22, 23, 2019 25 Heshvan 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:21 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:30 PM
- Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?.....

..... start time determined by hosts

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- Havurah Service.....10:00 AM

- The Tish.....following services
- An extended Kiddush luncheon will follow services.

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:25 PM

## ROSH HODESH KISLEV

### THANKSGIVING

November 27, 28, 2019 30 Heshvan 5780

### THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service .....9:00 AM

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## ROSH HODESH KISLEV

November 28, 29, 2019 1 Kislev 5780

### FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service .....7:00 AM

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## SHABBAT TOLDOT

November 29, 30, 2019 1, 2 Kislev 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:30 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached ..6:15 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- The Havurah will join the Chapel service.

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:20 PM

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## SHABBAT VAYETZE

December 6, 7, 2019 9 Kislev 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:16 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:30 PM
- In-Town Shabbat .....7:30 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- The Men's Ensemble will join the service.

- Havurah Service.....10:00 AM
- An extended Kiddush luncheon will follow services.

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:20 PM

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## SHABBAT VALISHLAH

December 13, 14, 2019 16 Kislev 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:17 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:30 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- Hanukkah Bowl

- Havurah Service.....10:00 AM
- Etgar Service ..... TBD

- Tot Service.....11:00 AM
- An extended Kiddush luncheon will follow services.

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:20 PM

## SHABBAT VAYESHEV

December 13, 14, 2019 16 Kislev 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:20 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:30 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- Havurah Service.....10:00 AM

- The Tisch .....following services
- An extended Kiddush luncheon will follow services.

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:20 PM

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## HANUKKAH, DAYS I, II

December 22–24, 2019 25–26 Kislev 5780

### MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS

- Morning Service .....7:10 AM

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## HANUKKAH, DAY III

### CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2019 27 Kislev 5780

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service .....9:00 AM

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## HANUKKAH, DAYS IV, V

December 25–27, 2019 28–29 Kislev 5780

### THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS

- Morning Service .....7:10 AM

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## HANUKKAH, DAY VI

### ROSH HODESH TEVET

## SHABBAT MIKETZ

December 27, 28, 2019 30 Kislev 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:24 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:30 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service.....9:30 AM
- The Havurah will join the Chapel service.

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:25 PM

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## HANUKKAH, DAY VII

### ROSH HODESH TEVET

December 28, 29, 2019 1 Tevet 5780

### SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service .....9:00 AM

**HANUKKAH, DAY VIII**

December 29, 30, 2019 2 Tevet 5780

**MONDAY MORNING**

• Morning Service .....7:10 AM

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**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

January 1, 2020 4 Tevet 5780

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

• Morning Service .....9:00 AM

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**SHABBAT VAYIGASH**

January 3, 4, 2020 7 Tevet 5780

Light Shabbat Candles .....4:29 PM

**FRIDAY EVENING**

• Kabbalat Shabbat .....5:30 PM

**SATURDAY MORNING**

• Shabbat Service .....9:30 AM

• Havurah Service .....10:00 AM

**SATURDAY EVENING**

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah .....4:30 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**

Monday through Thursday .....7:00 PM

In the month of November, Monday through Thursday evening, services will be at AJ at 7:00 PM. In the month of December, Monday through Thursday, evening services will be at Beth Sholom (BSC) at 7:00 PM.

**SUNDAY EVENING MINYAN**

In November .....at AJ at 7:00 PM

In December .....at Beth Sholom at 7:00 PM

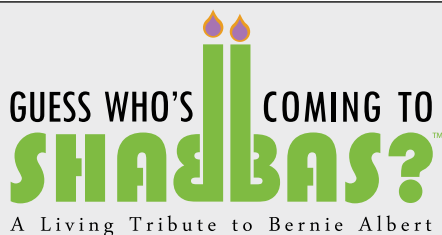
In January .....at AJ at 7:00 PM

**SHABBAT HAVURAH SERVICE**

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. Everyone is welcome! Participation in the service is welcomed, but not required. The Havurah meets sporadically during the summer months. Call the synagogue for more information.



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and join our community page!**



**HAVE SHABBAT DINNER IN YOUR HOME!  
Or, tired of cooking? Be a guest!**

- Hosts receive a Shabbat goodie bag •
- Get to know other congregants •
- Make new friends—  
we can provide you with guests •

**Questions?**

Contact the committee at  
AJGuessWhoShabbas@gmail.com  
or Sandy Nadel, at 215.808.5048 (cell)

**Our next  
"Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas"  
is November 22.**

Let us know if you would like to **host a dinner**  
or would like to **be a guest at a dinner!**

**There are three dates  
to choose from:**

- November 22, 2019
- February 21, 2020
- May 15, 2020

BELOW: On Friday, October 11, AJ co-chairs of "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?" hosted a kickoff dinner at AJ. Left: (from left to right) Merrill Stup, Judy Herman, Sandy Nadel, (co-chairs) and Dana Glantz.



**Sponsor a Kiddush!**

We all have special dates on our calendars, but we're never quite sure how to celebrate them. Share your joy by sponsoring a kiddush or co-sponsor a kiddush with friends or family!

*For what occasions do people sponsor kiddush?*

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

Contact the synagogue office at 215.635.6611 for more information.

Catering **בבית**  
Babayit In-House Catering  
Congregation Adath Jeshurun  
"Stay Home with Us"

# What's Happening at AJ

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- 1 IN-TOWN SHABBAT**  
Shabbat services in center city Philadelphia for our members who live there. Call the synagogue at 215.635.6611 for more info. 6:30 PM
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- 3 AJWA SISTERHOOD COOKING AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**  
Join us to prepare dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. See page 12 for details.
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- 4 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB**  
*The Dark Room*, by Rachel Seifert. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.
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- 7 ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WITH RAV SHAI**  
The Biblical Period (Unit #1), Class #3 of 4. 7:30 PM
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- 10 VETERAN'S TRIBUTE BREAKFAST PROGRAM**  
Adath Jeshurun Men's Association will host a breakfast for all AJ veterans of the U.S. armed forces and the IDF. See page 11 for details.
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- 17 REVIEW OF RAV SHAI'S ADULT ED CLASS**  
Rav Shai will teach a review of Unit #1 of his Adult Ed class for people who cannot drive at night. From 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.
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- 17 SCONES AND STITCHING**  
Help the Stitchers with a Tikkun Olam project. See page 13 for details.
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- 17 TORAH FUND FOUNDER'S DAY EVENT**  
Join your AJWA Sisterhood friends at this year's event. See page 12 for details.
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- 20 AJ FALL BLOOD DRIVE**  
Perform a potentially life-saving mitzvah by donating blood at AJ between 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Open slots are still available. Please consider being a donor; the supplies are low while the need remains high. To schedule an appointment, go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>.
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- 21 ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WITH RAV SHAI**  
The Rabbinic Period (Unit #2), Class #1 of 4. 7:30 PM
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- 22 GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SHABBAS?**  
Would you like to have guests for Shabbat dinner? Or would you like to be a guest at another family's Shabbat table? See page 3 for details.
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- 30 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT "ONE WORD" STORIES**  
See Judy Izes' article (opposite) and page 8 for her challenge! If you want you AJ Story to be published in the January/February *AJ News*, submit by November 30.
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- 23 THE TISH**  
Singing, more singing, and a little nosh. Sit at the table (tish) with Rav Shai, Hazzan Glantz, and friends, and sing and enjoy the melodies of Shabbat. Following Shabbat morning services in the Orleans Auditorium.
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- 29 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"**  
Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. Oneg Shabbat follows. 6:15 PM
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- 2 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB**  
*My Mother's Son*, by David Hirschberg. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.
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- 5 LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RAV SHAI AT GRATZ**  
Join Rav Shai as he reveals "The Hidden Maccabee Sister." At Gratz College, from 12:15 PM to 1:45 PM. See page 1 for details.
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- 5 ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WITH RAV SHAI**  
The Rabbinic Period (Unit #2), Class #2 of 4. 7:30 PM
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- 8 TORAH FUND BRUNCH**  
Join the AJWA Sisterhood to honor Marcia Webber! See details on page 13.
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- 12 ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WITH RAV SHAI**  
The Rabbinic Period (Unit #2), Class #3 of 4. 7:30 PM
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- 14 HANUKKAH BOWL**  
How much do you know about Hanukkah? Show your knowledge and win prizes!
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- 14 TOT SHABBAT**  
Bring your little ones for a fun service!
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- 19 ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WITH RAV SHAI**  
The Rabbinic Period (Unit #2), Class #4 of 4. 7:30 PM
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- 20 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. Oneg Shabbat follows. 6:15 PM
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- 21 THE TISH**  
Singing, more singing, and a little nosh. Sit at the table (tish) with Rav Shai, Hazzan Glantz, and friends, and sing and enjoy the melodies of Shabbat. Following Shabbat morning services in the Orleans Auditorium.
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- 28 HANUKKAH CELEBRATION**  
Stay tuned for details!
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## My AJ Story

By Judy Stutman Izes,  
President of Adath Jeshurun

Who doesn't love a good book? Or perhaps five? Each week, as we read and study a different portion from the book of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, or Deuteronomy, the story of our People unfolds. Characters encounter challenges, laws are conveyed, and *mitzvot* are enumerated. *Midrashim* provide additional interpretations and commentary regarding the text. Our story is enhanced with accounts of triumphant heroes as set forth in additional books which are not part of the Torah. On Purim our heroine appears in the Scroll of Esther. In a few weeks, we will celebrate Hanukkah, and the victory which is recounted in the Books of the Maccabees.

Storytelling is an integral part of Judaism. At Pesah, we fulfill a mitzvah by retelling the story of the Exodus from Egypt. (More on that in a couple of months.) The retelling is an interactive experience with hosts and seder guests participating in readings, songs, and prayers. The story comes alive through sight, sound, and taste as traditions are carried out and memories are made.

The podcast world is filled with programs containing storytelling. The Moth Radio Hour offers moving and thought-provoking tales told by individuals in front of a live audience without the use of notes. The mission of The Moth is to "promote the art and craft of storytelling and to honor and celebrate the diversity and commonality of human experience." Each story provides a window into the soul of the speaker through which speaker and listener connect.

A few years ago, Bruce Armon asked each of us to express our feelings about AJ in one word. The challenge literally was to make a long story very, very short; to synthesize our experiences, sentiments, and thoughts about AJ into just a single word. The meaningful and heartfelt responses were compiled and are now displayed on banners that grace the stairs on both sides of the lobby. They serve as a reminder of the deep connection we all have with our beloved community and shul.

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# Jewish Genetic Diseases are Preventable

## Make Informed Health Decisions

**1 in 2 Jews** is at risk of being a carrier for more than **100 preventable** Jewish genetic diseases.

Einstein Victor Center offers young adults access to affordable counseling and screening using the most advanced tools.

As a member of the Einstein Victor Center team, Dr. Chani Yondorf, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Einstein Healthcare Network, provides women's healthcare that honors the traditions of the Jewish community, while advocating for preconception screening of Jewish genetic diseases for young adults.



*Chani Yondorf, MD and Joshua Stone, MS, LCGC counsel a patient.*



EinsteinVictorCenter.org





## In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Semantics, Shmemantics, they might be delicious!

I owe much to the Camps Ramah, not the least of which is the anchor they provided in Hebrew language and vocabulary. At Ramah, Hebrew is used for the names of activities (*Nagarut* = woodworking, *Schiyah* = swimming, etc.); areas (*Tzad Alef* = Side A, *Ha-Agam* = The Lake); and rooms (*Tz'rif* = Bunk, *Moadon* = clubhouse or meeting room). Especially in the dining hall, er-r-r, I mean the *Chadar Ochel*, English was used only when necessary or at least mixed in with the Hebrew we increasingly absorbed.

I think we learned the names for foods quickest, that is, if we wanted to eat! Even if we didn't know the name of the food, we learned how to say "please pass the..." with "*Na La'avir et ha...*"

So until one knew the "proper" Hebrew way of referring to french fries is cheeps, one heard phrases like, "*Na La'avir et ha french fries.*"

Hebrew is a language with feminine and masculine tenses and verb conjugations much like many other languages other than English. *Na la'avir* is a generic way of addressing anyone of any gender or even a group of people to *Na* (please) *la'avir* (to pass) and while it may sound wrong in English to say "Please to pass", in Hebrew it is perfectly acceptable albeit formal. The same formulation can be used for other verbs.

This brings me to the Torah Service. Huh? Yes, you will see soon enough. The Torah service.

Our movement adopted a motto "Tradition and Change" when Rabbi Waxman wrote his same-titled book in 1968, but the combination rings true still today. Many of the changes that define our shuls came out of sensitivity to the Jews in the pews as well as those only potentially there.

When we call people to an Aliyah honor at the Torah, we have a choice in Hebrew language based on gender and number. In other words, we say,

*Ya'amod* for a male

*Ta'amod* for a female

*Ya'amdu* for two or more men or any mixture of men and women

*Ta'amodna* for a group of two or more women


Which brings me to the delicious solution to the dilemma of our evolving society.

*Na la'amod*, much like *na la'avir*, can be employed as a way of calling any person or persons of any gender. At one of our earliest gatherings of the AJ Religious Practices committee upon Rav Shai's arrival this past summer, a question was brought and the suggestion was raised by the committee chair, **Tammy Zebovitz**. *Na La'amod* eliminates the need to determine a person's gender based on appearance. It struck me recently that using *Na La'amod* means that a child called to the Torah will be called the same way as an adult, even after a gender transition.

One can say, as I openly admit, I thought at first, this is simply semantics. That may be true, but it is a semantic, a convention, that allows us to fulfill the motto, tradition and change, in a 21st century manner.

At first, it was difficult. I poked fun by calling it a delicious new way of calling people to the Torah because it sounded like the way one orders pie, a la mode. I err still, despite the little labels I put on our Torah table that sport the phrase, but I'm almost there. And... I am truly inspired by this seemingly minor adjustment to our practice.

This simple rework has the potential not only to be more inclusive and less assumptive, but it also provides a lifelong way of being and feeling "called." A person transitioning from one gender to the other need not ask the *gabbai* to treat them differently because of their status.

*Kol hatchalot kashot*, All beginnings are difficult. This is an oft-quoted principle from the *Mechilta Shemot*. Difficult? Yes, but so worth it. 

## Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

followed by an Oneg Shabbat  
(lite dinner bites with friends)

Friday Nights at 6:15 pm:  
November 29, December 20,  
January 20, February 14



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for a convenient time to visit.

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Boy Scout Troop 185 and Cub Pack 185 are looking for boys who are ready for adventure, fun, making new friends and learning new skills.

Boys ages 6-10, contact Dan Robbins at  
robbinsdb@gmail.com, or 215.782.8931;  
boys ages 11-17, contact Neil Schmerling  
at taxscout@aol.com or 215.742.1758.



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# AJ Has It All . . . Except for your updated information!



Dear Congregant:

We are updating our records and want to make sure we have current information for you and your family! Please review BOTH PARTS below and provide the information requested. Then, mail it to AJ (7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027). Alternatively, you can download the digital form from the weekly email and email it to brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info. Thank you!

## PART 1: GENERAL FAMILY INFORMATION. Please provide the general information requested below for your household.

Name as you would like mail addressed \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Primary Phone Number (Land Line) \_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status (circle) Single Married Divorced Widowed Other If Married, Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 2: ADULT AND CHILD INFORMATION. Please provide the information requested below for the adults in your household.

	Adult #1	Adult #2
Full Name (first and last)	_____	_____
Hebrew Name	_____	_____
Date of Birth	_____	_____
Email Address	_____	_____
Cell Phone Number	_____	_____
Occupation	_____	_____
Daytime Phone Number	_____	_____

### Please provide the information requested below for your children, if applicable.

**Child's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Lives at home (circle) Yes No Gender (circle) M F Other \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, if not living at home (do not list a separate address for students living at school)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Married? (circle) Yes No If yes, Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Names and Birthdates of Any Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Child's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Lives at home (circle) Yes No Gender (circle) M F Other \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, if not living at home (do not list a separate address for students living at school)  
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Married? (circle) Yes No If yes, Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Names and Birthdates of Any Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Child's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Lives at home (circle) Yes No Gender (circle) M F Other \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, if not living at home (do not list a separate address for students living at school)  
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Married? (circle) Yes No If yes, Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Names and Birthdates of Any Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Is there any additional information you feel we should have about you or your family? Please provide it here.

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# Celebrating the Havurah-at-AJ

By The Havurah

The Havurah at Adath Jeshurun celebrated its 43rd anniversary on the shabbat of Parshat Noach, November 2. Our Havurah is multi-faceted with lay-led, egalitarian, and participatory Shabbat services following a traditional Conservative structure. Each Shabbat morning, after the triennial cycle Torah reading, we join in a lively Torah discussion led by a volunteer. Our setting in the AJ library is small, informal, and intimate. The Havurah creates a multitude of opportunities for anyone, child or adult, to learn, participate, or lead within a warm, supportive atmosphere.

The Havurah-at-AJ has the distinction of being one of the longest established *havurot* in the Philadelphia area. It was created in 1976 by ten AJ families, and some of the original members still attend. Small in number, but dedicated in purpose, these pioneering families sought to introduce a new yet traditional approach to prayer and fellowship through personal involvement, egalitarianism, intimacy, and religious growth in a warm and welcoming environment.

## We Welcome You to Give the Havurah a Try

Those interested in starting their Shabbat davening with *Birchot Hashachar/Pesukei D'zimrah* begin at 9:30 AM, leading into the main *Shachrit* davening at 10:00 AM. Immediately after services, a small kiddush provides an opportunity to schmooze and catch up with each other, usually finishing about the same time as the main congregational service. Everyone is welcome, no matter what your educational background or Hebrew/davening abilities. If you are looking for a warm, intimate prayer setting, the Havurah is for you! Come join us anytime!

Here is what some Havuraniks say about participating:



President Judy Stutman Izes *Continued from page 5*

I clearly remember receiving the assignment. Only one word? I thought about my family and the various words we would each use to respond to Bruce's request. I believe that I may have submitted more than one entry. Since there are four people in my family, I rationalized that I was stretching rather than breaking the rules. Below are two of my words, along with a bit of explanation.

For my husband, Paul, AJ represents support. In the days and months after my father-in-law, Bernie, passed away, Paul found great comfort and support at evening minyan. He, **Marcia Cohen** (whose mother had passed away a few months earlier), **Ozzie, Ted Radinsky, Les Duman**, Uncle Hershel, and others would daven, reminisce, joke, commiserate, cry, and listen. Gentle words of wisdom and encouragement from those who had experienced the grieving process were instrumental to Paul as he mourned the loss of his father.

For my daughter, Jessica, AJ represents dedication. Jessica became a bat mitzvah on December 19, 2009 — 2 Tevet 5770 — the eighth day of Hanukkah and the second Shabbat during Hanukkah. Some thought we were taking a risk by having a bat mitzvah at that time of year. We concluded that Philadelphia never experiences snow in early Tevet. On the day of Jessica's bat mitzvah, however, twenty-three inches of snow created a beautiful Hanukkah Wonderland. The dedicated AJ staff, with **Calvin Thompson** at the helm, worked to clear the parking lot and sidewalk for guests who were able to venture out in the storm. **Robert Friedman, Rabbi Rosenbloom**, and **Hazzan Glantz** all greeted us with a reassuring smiles and hugs. The choir and organ were ready to begin at 9:30 AM. **Deb Strauss** and **Ed Chacker** graced the bima. **Steve Sussman** read what seemed to be a never-ending *maftir* portion. The **Goldbergs** and **Slobotkins** opened their homes to friends unable to drive home. How fitting that all of these acts of dedication occurred on Hanukkah, a time when we celebrate the rededication of the Temple.

A few years have passed since Bruce's one word request was made. Clearly, this means that it is now time for a new challenge. **My request is that AJers submit stories (to be published in upcoming editions of the AJ News) to elaborate on the meaning of the word they selected. In so doing, we will create a new feature — My AJ Story — to be shared with the community to add enhanced meaning to the words and preserve the memories recounted in the stories.\***

With best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Hanukkah, and all the best in 2020.

\*The deadline for submissions for the January/February 2020 *AJ News* is November 30, 2019. 🕒

## AJ Caring Community Committee

**We all experience times of need.** For many of us, family and friends step in to provide support. For others, those resources are less present, less apparent and asking for help can be embarrassing and complicated. This is where the AJ Caring Community Committee (AJCCC) comes in with varying levels of support, anything from a phone call to a meal.

Should you know of someone who has such a need or if you find yourself in a difficult situation please get in touch with us. You can leave a message with Beryl in the office (215.635.6611), or with Rav Shai at [ravshai@adathjeshurun.info](mailto:ravshai@adathjeshurun.info), or with Naomi Atkins, the chair of the AJCCC, at [nrsa@comcast.net](mailto:nrsa@comcast.net).

Your AJ family is here to help you.



# My Summer in Israel: Through the Eyes of a 17-Year-Old

Speech Given by Ross Armon, on Rosh Hashanah, Day 1

As some of you may know, this summer I spent eight weeks in Israel, five of which were with a program called the Bronfman Fellowship. The Bronfman Fellowship brings twenty-six 11th graders from across North America on a five-week all-expenses-paid trip to Israel the summer after their junior year of high school. All twenty-six of us came from different religious backgrounds, from Orthodox to post-denominational, and everything in between. And somehow, over five weeks, we were able to build a Jewish Community that is truly special.

I had never been to Israel before and for years I had struggled to make a connection to a place where I had never been. At Hebrew School, we were told about all the great things that Israel does, yet it had never really stuck. At Camp Ramah, the stories told by the Israelis on staff did not seem real. I guess I just never felt a real connection to Israel despite everyone's best efforts and my desire to form one.

So last fall, when I was looking for an opportunity to go to Israel, I kept looking up different summer programs that would take me to Israel. I wanted a program where I would, in essence, live in Israel; I did not want to go on a two-week program where I would travel the country and then return home. I felt it was best for me to experience Israel in a non-traditional way. And that is how I found Bronfman.

Through Bronfman, I was challenged to explore my own identity, both within a Jewish Community and within the greater world. I could go on for hours about all the different things that I learned about myself and learned from the other people on my program about Judaism and the world.

I could talk to you all about Mossada, or how modern and cutting-edge Tel Aviv is, or how spiritual the Kotel is for Kabbalat Shabbat. But instead, I want to talk about one particular afternoon that exemplifies why I feel Israel is so special.

On Bronfman, I spent every Shabbat at a different synagogue in Jerusalem and then at a faculty member's house for lunch. I prayed at reform synagogues that were lively and full of music and in Orthodox synagogues separated from my friends by a *mechitza*. Shabbat in Jerusalem is a unique experience; the entire city sleeps. But what makes it even more incredible is the people you meet and the stories you hear.

One Shabbat, some of my friends and I went to Rabbi Yehuda Sarna's house for lunch. Rabbi Yehuda was one of the educators on Bronfman and during the year he was the Rabbi at New York University. He had hinted to us the evening prior that he would be having a few guests at lunch the following day, yet he did not let on to who it would be. When we arrived at his house, he informed us that his neighbor had invited us over for kiddush. His neighbor, Eli Avihud, happened to be one of the paratroopers who helped reclaim Jerusalem during the Six-Day War. He explained to us his role in helping to recapture Jerusalem. His unit was on the Temple Mount when the ceasefire was called. While he was on the Temple Mount, to signify the reclamation of Jerusalem, he decided to do one of the most infamous deeds in Israeli history.

The Temple Mount is controlled by the Waqf, the religious authority in Jordan. However, the Waqf is not a fighting force. They are a religious body whose only duty is to protect the Dome of the Rock. Yet during the previous battles, Jerusalem was riddled with bullet holes and dust. So Eli approached the one of the Waqf members and asked where the door to the roof of the Dome of the Rock was, so he could help clean the Golden Dome that forms a central part of Jerusalem's skyline. The man was flattered that an Israeli soldier would be willing to help clean a monument that signified a fracture in Jerusalem's religious history. So he gave Eli the key to the stairs that led to the roof. Little did he

know, Eli had an Israeli flag folded in his backpack and when he reached the top, he unfurled the flag and planted it on the top of the Dome. However, the flag only flew for about 20 minutes before Eli received an angry order from Moshe Dayan to remove the flag immediately.

After we left Eli's house and walked back to Rabbi Yehuda's for lunch, he introduced us to another neighbor, a man named David Margoles. Yehuda casually mentioned that Mr. Margoles was the person responsible for creating Sirius XM radio. Don't worry, Dad, I made sure to thank him for providing a platform for you to listen to Howard Stern. Here was a man who could have lived anywhere in the world, yet he chose to live in Jerusalem. I think that says something pretty remarkable.

As we continued our walk back to Rabbi Yehuda's, he told us he had one more guest waiting for us to meet. A few weeks earlier, Rabbi Yehuda had mentioned that he was in the process of becoming the Chief Rabbi of the United Arab Emirates. To be completely honest, I did not even know that Jews were even allowed in the UAE, much less to the point where they would be able to have a Chief Rabbi. Rabbi Yehuda told us that the founding family of the Jewish Community from Dubai happened to be staying with him that week. When we entered his apartment, we were greeted by five people. Ross Kriel, a former energy lawyer and Orthodox Jew from South Africa, had moved to Dubai a few years ago and began to establish the Jewish community there. He was joined by his wife and two young kids, and his nephew, David, a *meshgich*, or someone who certifies kosher food. Rabbi Yehuda told us about how he became involved with the Jewish community in Dubai during one of his yearly visits to the NYU campus in the UAE. The growth of the community that was described to us was incredible. The first child recently became bar mitzvah at their synagogue, which is housed in a multicultural building. It was fascinating to hear about a

community that was being created from scratch before our eyes. The community was doing so well that Ross was also recently asked by the UAE to be their representative at a United Nations meeting on religious tolerance. It was incredible to learn about Judaism that seemed as if it should be practiced so differently, yet sounded remarkably similar to what I have experienced at AJ.

Now that I am back in the States, I can honestly say that the way I think about Israel is completely different than before. That afternoon, I was able to experience Israel's past and see the foundations of the future of the Jewish people in just four hours. On just that one day, I met so many incredible people with whom I had no connection with other than being Jewish, yet there was still that connection that is almost indescribable. They are visionaries who had helped form the international Jewish community that we see today and I was a 17-year-old kid from outside of Philadelphia. But that connection was almost instantaneous and felt deeper than just a regular conversation.

AJ is as much an imaginative Jewish community as Dubai's. We share that responsibility of forging a path for the Jewish people outside of Israel. And while we may not always feel that sense of connection when we are within Elkins Park, it is always there. The way that we practice our Judaism, while unique to AJ, is also the foundation of a relationship that is greater than ourselves. When I was in Israel, the distances that seemed so far and the wartime stories that I had heard when I was younger seemed to resonate differently. Israel challenged the way I think about my Judaism and I encourage you all to explore your own Judaism in Israel and bring what you learn back to our community. Thank you and *L'shana Tova!*

If you would like to learn more about the Bronfman Fellowship, go to [www.bronfman.org](http://www.bronfman.org). 

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# Meet Our Recent Bar Mitzvah

This month we would like to highlight **Jacob Reibstein** who became a bar mitzvah on the 14th of Elul this past year (September 14, 2019). Jacob, like his father, David, has grown up at Adath Jeshurun and continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to his community, both within and beyond our synagogue. Additionally, Jacob enjoys playing baseball for the Abington Junior High team as well as Huntingdon Valley Athletics Association and D1 Baseball Academy.

On behalf of the entire congregation we would like to wish Jacob and his family, a warm Mazel Tov on this tremendous accomplishment.

## **Below is Jacob's bar mitzvah speech.**

Good morning, Shabbat shalom, thank you all for coming today.

Today's parsha is Ki Tetze. It comes from the Book of Deuteronomy — the last of the five books of the Torah.

Ki Tetze doesn't tell a story, like Noah, or Adam and Eve, from the Book of Genesis, or how Moses led the people out of slavery from Egypt (as in the Book of Exodus). Nonetheless, it is a very important Torah portion because it contains 74 commandments — more than any other parsha in the Bible. But don't worry — I'll only talk about a few of them.

First, here's a bit of background information. The Israelites have been wandering in the desert for 40 years. They are about to enter the promised land — the land that God promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the land that we now know to be the land of Israel. Moses calls the people together to instruct them about how to behave when they enter the land and when they are living there. Basically, Moses is laying out an ethical code for our relationship with each other, nature, the world around us — and with God. He tells us to be good to each other, and to all of his creations — both plants and animals.

**God wants us to be respectful.** For example, with animals, Moses tells us when a mother bird is sitting on her nest, you must chase her away if you are taking her young. One explanation for this is out of respect for the mother bird. This part is very complicated. Other scholars explained that we do this so that we are not cruel to the animals. If we are not cruel to animals, that behavior should transfer to how we treat each other — with kindness and compassion. I have learned that approaching different situations with kindness and compassion can help someone tremendously. For example, when one of my teammates strikes out, I try to lift up his spirits and help him realize there will always be other chances at bat.

**In business: we are always to be honest and fair.** For example: Making sure that weights and measurements are balanced evenly. When people are working for you, always

let them eat on the job, always pay day workers at the end of the day, because they need the money immediately to feed and support their families. God tells us, through Moses, not to charge interest on a loan to your countryman, who is your brother — meaning fellow Jews. If your fellow Jew is borrowing money or food, they are already in a hardship situation. We don't want to increase their burden by having them worry about paying back more than they needed to borrow in the first place. Furthermore, it's a moral obligation to lend money to your fellow Jews, if you can afford to. And it's to be done without further increasing the borrower's hardship.

If we find something that someone else has lost, we are obligated to do our best to find the owner and give it back. The Torah doesn't believe in "finders keepers, losers weepers."

**Here in Ki Tetze we also find the laws about Jewish burial.** We have to bury the deceased as soon as possible in order to respect the body. In Israel, they bury the person before sunset on the same day. When we build a house, we must be sure to build a fence around the roof, so no one will fall off and get hurt. Nowadays, most people don't hang out on the roof. However, this teaches us to make sure there are no dangerous obstacles that might cause harm to another person.

For example: When I was a younger boy digging holes in the sand on the beach, I was taught to always fill the hole up so that no one walking along could fall in and get hurt. Another example is when I help my sister walk the dog when it's dark out. I carry a flashlight so that cars can see us and she feels safer with me by her side.

**Another commandment in Ki Tetze is about making promises.** Promises are very important, so God wants us to do whatever we can to keep the promises we make.

My bar mitzvah project is helping a Holocaust survivor share his personal experience on video. The video will be archived in the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center at KleinLife. I promise to contribute a portion of my bar mitzvah gifts to this museum in order to help continue Holocaust education that provides first-hand accounts of survivors' experiences.

My haftorah is from the Book of Isaiah. After a long period of exile in Babylonia, the Israelites felt as if God had abandoned them. Isaiah tells them that 'God still loves them, even though God looked away for what seemed like a short period of time... to God.'

But, during that time, Jerusalem and the first temple were destroyed and the Jews were dispersed. Now they are living in Babylonia. God makes this promise: "In slight anger and for a brief moment, I hid my face from you; but with kindness everlasting... I will take you back in love" (Isaiah 54:8)

Jerusalem will once again be filled with Jewish people. God promises the growth of the population will be so great that it will lead to the city of Jerusalem expanding far beyond its present borders. All the other abandoned cities in the land will be populated too. God strengthens his promise by comparing it to his covenant with Noah in the Book of Genesis. Back then, God promised that he would never again flood the earth — now he pledges never again to be angry with Israel. Even if the "mountains move and the hills are shaken," God's covenant will not be broken.

Being called to the Torah today as a bar mitzvah is symbolic of my taking responsibility to follow the *mitzvot*. God made it clear in Ki Tetze that we are responsible for our own actions both as Jews and as citizens of the world. Being mature means taking responsibly and following God's commandments.

With my becoming a bar mitzvah, I take my place amongst the Jewish people and I'm obligated to follow the laws of the Torah.

A big message in Ki Tetze is to do the right thing... 613 commandments are contained in the bible, 74 of them are in my portion — that's a lot of rules!

Many of you might know how much I like baseball. Baseball also has a lot of rules that we need to follow, and like all of the *mitzvot*, it's very complicated. I play third base. When the ball is hit to me I have to stop and think, where do I throw it? Depending on the situation, I have to make the right decision. I think God is telling us in Ki Tetze to do the right thing and make the right decisions.

As a Jewish baseball player, I see Sandy Koufax as a great influence in my life. He stood up for our Jewish values, and in my opinion, Sandy Koufax did the right thing. He was scheduled to pitch in the opening game of the 1965 World Series. That's a very big deal. Sandy had a big decision to make... because in 1965, the first game of the world series fell on the day of atonement, Yom Kippur. Does he follow his lifelong dream and pitch? Or does he follow God's commandment of not doing any kind of work on Yom Kippur? He had the choice, and he decided to be true to his Jewish identity. It was a very big moment in sports history and a very big moment for the Jewish people — it set a good example to all of us that Jewish values and God's *mitzvot* come first. He did the right thing — people all over the world, both Jews and non-Jews alike, learned from it. It made Jews proud. Sandy Koufax stood up for himself and said, 'I'm Jewish, and my Jewish values and my belief in God come first.'

This is a good example for me to follow for the rest of my life — and I will! 🕊️

# AJ Men's Association

President: Ed Moses



Adath Jeshurun Men's Association

## FJMC Middle Atlantic Region 22nd Annual Man of the Year Dinner



Brian opened AJMA's fall season in 2018 with a riveting description of his unique career in law enforcement. He captivated the attention of our breakfast program attendees detailing his experiences as a patrolman, hostage negotiator, and a member of the dignitary protection detail. In 2019, Brian was featured in a two-person, AJMA-produced, highly dramatic play reading in connection with the AJMA annual Yom Hashoah observance. Also, for the Adath Jeshurun major fundraising event, honoring Hazzan Glantz, Brian stepped up at the last moment to provide dramatic narration for the appearance of the Clergy Boys. He has appeared in several productions with the Beth Sholom and Adath Jeshurun Players. Brian

serves the congregation as a member of the ever more important Security Committee. He and his son Aaron participated in last spring's festive Men's Shabbat. Highly respected by everyone, Brian is undoubtedly one of the friendliest people you'll meet at AJ.

**Interested in placing a congratulatory ad in the Tribute Journal?**  
Go to [www.MARFJMC.org](http://www.MARFJMC.org) for more information and to submit one!

We congratulate

## Michael Leventhal AJMA MAN OF THE YEAR

**Join the AJ Men's Association as we celebrate at the  
Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Middle Atlantic Region  
21st Annual Man of the Year Dinner**

**Date:** Sunday, December 8, at 4:30 PM

**Location:** Temple Beth Sholom, 1901 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ

**Cost:** \$80 per person

Lavish Buffet Reception with Culinary Stations, Hot and Cold Hors d'Oeuvres,  
Wine Bar, and Gourmet Desserts catered by Prestige Caterers

Black tie optional.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP, provide payment, and submit an ad for the Tribute Journal  
by **November 22** at [www.MARFJMC.org](http://www.MARFJMC.org).

**Questions?** Contact Ed Moses at [karedlon@aol.com](mailto:karedlon@aol.com).

ADATH JESHURUN MEN'S ASSOCIATION

# VETERANS DAY

★★★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★★★

**VETERANS TRIBUTE BREAKFAST PROGRAM:**  
Sunday, November 10 • 9:00 AM

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**RABBI JON CUTLER**

**Spiritual leader of Beth Israel of Chester County**

### **Are you a member of AJMA? Please consider joining or re-joining!**

Gifts for our Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants; support for our Man of the Year; advertisements in support of other synagogue special events, honorariums and donations in honor of our speakers; and assistance to keep costs of our programs reasonable: These are all great reasons for you to consider becoming a member of the Adath Jeshurun Men's Association. THANK YOU!

#### **To become a member:**

Either check off the box for AJMA on your synagogue bill or if the box does not appear, kindly write a check for \$50.00 payable to the AJMA and bring it or mail it to the synagogue office: Adath Jeshurun Men's Association, 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

#### **AJMA DUES 2019-2020**

*Please send your payment before December 31, 2019.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# AJWA Sisterhood

Co-Presidents: Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg

## Torah Fund Founder's Day Event

### Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Mid-Atlantic Region

This year's Founder's Day event will be on **Sunday, November 17, from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM**. It will be held at Temple Har Zion, 255 High Street, in Mt. Holly, NJ. It will feature Rabbi Raysh Weiss from Congregation Beth El, in Yardley, PA, speaking on "L-Dor V'Dor—Putting Chesed in WoMentorship—The Power of Intergeneration Mentorship."

The AJWA Sisterhood will be receiving an Achievement Award.

RSVP by Friday, November 8, using the form below. Your check is your RSVP. No payment will be accepted at the door.

Compassion  
Heart  
Empathy  
Soul  
Ethics  
Doing acts of lovingkindness

### TORAH FUND FOUNDER'S DAY

Cost: \$36/person (includes program and hors d'oeuvres and dessert buffet)  
\$54/sponsor (includes the above + 2 raffle tickets)

**Make checks payable to Mid-Atlantic Region and send with this completed portion to: Ariana Burrows, 406 Shoemaker Road, Elkins Park, PA, 19027**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sisterhood \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call Ariana at 215.266.1722.

### AJWA SISTERHOOD DUES 2019–2020

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

*The deadline for 2019–2020 dues is December 31, 2019.*

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.

## AJWA Sisterhood Ongoing Events and Causes



Join us for one or all of these AJWA Sisterhood-sponsored activities!

### Yoga

For all levels of ability! Taught by Esther Goldberg, Certified Yoga Instructor. **Friday morning class NEW TIME!** 9:00 to 10:00 AM \$12 per class. For more information on yoga, contact Esther Goldberg at zymesther@gmail.com or 215.676.8685. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Robyn Orodener Book Club

November's book is *The Dark Room* by Rachel Seifert and we'll meet on **November 4**. Get a start on December's book: *My Mother's Son* by David Hirschberg, so you're ready for our meeting on December 2. **We meet on selected Monday evenings, AJ Library, 7:45 PM**



### Stitchers

If you are interested in learning about creating Judaic hand crafts, come be a part of "Stitchers." We are primarily stitchers, practitioners of the needle arts. No special experience is necessary. New learners are welcome. For more information, contact Karen Moses at 215.676.8542 or karedlon@aol.com (please include AJ Stitchers in the subject line). **Wednesday mornings, AJ Library, 10:00 AM to noon**

### Cook For A Friend

Cook For A Friend, a unique program that prepares meals for those in need, is in search of volunteers (a.k.a. friends) to cook. Cook For A Friend meets once a month on a weekday evening and once a month on a weekday morning. **Evening sessions:** Sandy Basickes (215.782.8586). **Daytime sessions:** Sue Lawson (215.680.7112)

### Laurel House Shelter and Domestic Violence Services for Abused Women and Their Children

For a list of needed items, go to laurel-house.org. Only new, requested items, please! NO gift-wrapped items, clothing, shoes or accessories. Please bring NEW items to the Braemer Auditorium coat closet and place in the box marked "Laurel House" or bring to any AJWA Sisterhood event.

### Cooking at Ronald McDonald House

Join us to prepare meals for families staying at the House at Front and Erie Sts. Contact Judy Stutman Izes at 267.254.6633 or jpsizes@aol.com for more information. Our next event is on **November 3 at 4:30 PM**.



### AJ College Connection Program

Surprise your college student with a taste of home! College students enrolled in the AJ College Connection Program will receive the monthly *AJ News* and enjoy holiday packages sent to school. Open to children of member families only. Please send the following information to Sandra Goldberg at saglpt@aol.com or call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611: Student Name, School Address, Student Email Address, Parent Email Address, and Expected Year of Graduation.

COLLEGE CONNECTION



# Torah Fund Brunch Honoree: Marcia Webber



*By Violet Zeitlin and Merrill Stup*

Please join us on **Sunday, December 8, at 10:30 AM**, for the Torah Fund Brunch honoring **Marcia Webber**. The theme of this year's campaign is *Chesed*—lovingkindness. What better person could we have chosen to represent *chesed*?

Marcia was born in Strawberry Mansion. Her love of education began at an early age. She attended the Hebrew Sunday school Society at the age of eight. She lived across the street from the Talmud Torah and started there in grade 9. Marcia is a graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, the Normal Department of Gratz College, and Temple University.

*"For Jews, education is not just what we know; it's who we are." – Rabbi Sacks*

For forty-seven years, Marcia was married to Burton. They were the proud parents of Sharon and Rachel. Sharon is married to Hillel and they are the parents of Marcia's favorite oldest grandson, Sam. Rachel is married to Nicholas and they are the parents of Marcia's favorite youngest grandson, Julian.

Our honoree was the principal of the Bernstein Torah Reading Academy for 14 years. She organized the first-year classes in which the AJ children learn the skill of reading Torah. She also works diligently to assure readers are available whenever Torah is read in our shul.

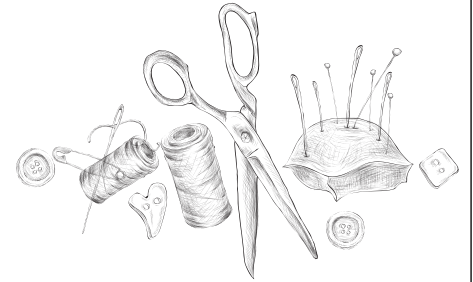
Marcia is a dedicated, innovative educator. She has left her mark on countless students—some young, and others not so young. She is the kind of teacher and friend that one can never forget! She displays *chesed*—she is warm-hearted, considerate, and sympathetic.

Please come to honor our dear Marcia Webber—outspoken, charitable, and committed to our faith. There will be a box where students can place their "memories" of Marcia. Rabbi Rosenbloom will be the speaker.

## Attention! Students of Marcia Webber

As part of honoring Marcia, we are collecting notes from her students... young, and older!

Please send your note to the AJWA Sisterhood, c/o AJ, or email it to [ajwasisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:ajwasisterhood@gmail.com).



## Scones and Stitching

Come join us on **Sunday, November 17**, for an AJWA Sisterhood/Stitchers Tikkun Olam project as we create lap blankets for the Abramson Center and preemie hats for Abington Hospital. No experience needed...if you can sew a button you can do this!

RSVP to Karen Moses by email at [karedlon@aol.com](mailto:karedlon@aol.com). Please put "Stitchers" in the subject line. We'll meet from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, in the AJ Library.

## Sukkah Decorating!

On Sunday, October 13, the AJWA Sisterhood sponsored their annual Sukkah Decorating and Pizza Party. Judging by the pictures below, it was a bright, sunny fall day with lots of participants!





# Preschool Sukkot Celebration

The rain may have drowned out a sukkah party in the AJ sukkah, but it didn't put a damper on the fun. On Thursday, October 17, Rav Shai, Hazzan Glantz, and Interim Preschool Director Anita Block entertained the preschoolers and their families.



## Etgar Experience

*Julie Atchick, Director of Etgar Experience*

Etgar, Adath Jeshurun and Beth Sholom's Conservative Sunday religious school program, is amazing!

We've had a great opening with interactive and engaging learning, and school-wide celebrations for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot.

For Rosh Hashanah, we incorporated our Hebrew word of the day, *rosh*, into all of the activities: a *rosh* poster, a drawing of each child's head; cards for soldiers in Israel; the sounds of Rosh Hashanah with each child getting a shofar; making the world sweet by decorating cookies to look like the Earth; a review of the *brachot* and a tasting of different honeys and apples; and the story of creation since Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of God's creation of the world.

For our Yom Kippur activity, students took turns telling the story of Jonah, and we decorated a gigantic whale with words to tell the story. For Sukkot, the Etgar students had a chance to help the Beth Sholom Sisterhood decorate the sukkah [and our high school students from the Jewish Teen Collaborative (JTC) helped decorate the AJ sukkah].

We've incorporated a Hebrew word of the day each week, starting with *shalom*, *rosh*, *yom*, and *s'lichah*, and each of our wonderful teachers shares their love of Judaism and their creativity to inspire our children to be involved and to learn in each classroom.

We look forward to the next few months as we offer the children opportunities for Israeli dancing, an Etgar newspaper, art, a book club, and a student council. We're so excited to continue the year!



**Etgar Experience**

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*Challenging hearts, minds, and souls.*

## ***Come play Mah Jongg and meet new friends!***

We meet Wednesday mornings in the AJ Library from 9:00 AM–12:00 noon.

**November dates:**  
6, 13, 20, and 27

**December dates:**  
4, 11, and 18

For more information, contact Judy Szekely at 215.635.8812 or [gszekely3@comcast.net](mailto:gszekely3@comcast.net).

**ALL LEVELS WELCOME!**

# לזכר עולם In Remembrance

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**OCTOBER 27, 2019 to NOVEMBER 2, 2019**  
**28 Tishri 5780 to 4 Heshvan 5780**  
*To be read on Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2*

David Aaron  
 Samuel Robert Beckett  
 Lillian Berger  
 Katie Bergman  
 Benjamin Berison  
 Jean Blankfield  
 Paul Breen  
 Alexander Z. Brister  
 Jacob Leon Brown  
 Morris Chalphon  
 Hannah Dannenberg  
 Fay Dash  
 Stanley Davidoff  
 Mildred D. Edelman  
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 Celia B. Elkins  
 Nellie F. Essrig  
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 Anne S. Harris  
 Max Hirsch  
 Harry Hirschberg  
 Esther Leah Jacobson  
 Eric Kamin  
 Rose Katz  
 Lewis Klein  
 Hyman Lashinsky  
 Dr. Richard Allen Lazar  
 Abraham Leonard



Harry I. Levine  
 Jack Lisman  
 Liesl Joseph Loeb  
 Josephine R. Lyons  
 Harry Markowitz  
 Esther G. Metz  
 Regina B. Metzger  
 Jacob Y. Orlick  
 Fanny Pfeffer  
 Abraham Pleet  
 Esther L. Podolyn  
 Esther Popowich  
 Louis L. Raskow  
 Tillie Rednor  
 N. Allan Reuben  
 Ethel Sarner Romain  
 Morris Rosenbaum  
 Joseph Henry Schoenfeld  
 Dusha Schwartz  
 Iris Lee Schwartz  
 Rose Scolnick  
 Sara Belle Spector  
 Emanuel Speier  
 Jacob Stern  
 Carole Ellen Strug  
 Max Stup  
 Joseph Tapper  
 Reba Thomas  
 Bella Viner  
 Sadie Weinstein  
 Irving Woldow

**NOVEMBER 3, 2019 to NOVEMBER 9, 2019**  
**5 Heshvan 5780 to 11 Heshvan 5780**  
*To be read on Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9*



Sophia Aarons  
 Leon H. Anthony  
 Pearl Ann Arost  
 Elaine S. Baker  
 David Bernstein  
 Edwin I. Black  
 Allen B. Blankfield  
 Harold A. Bolen  
 Ralph Tandlic Buchsbaum  
 Sara Bucks  
 Joseph Caplan  
 Roberta Cherry  
 Beatrice Cohen  
 Bernice Shambelan S. Dyshel  
 Beatrice Feinstein  
 Aaron L. Feld  
 Roslyn Fineman  
 Phillip Fingerman  
 Ruth Arnopol Ford  
 Isadore Jacob Freedman  
 William Freeman  
 Reba Fuller

Ann O. Fuller  
 Robert Gerson  
 Clara Gill  
 Mollye Glick  
 Dina Greenhouse  
 Svi Greis  
 Herbert H. Grossman  
 Caroline Hess  
 Max Jasner  
 Freda Joseph  
 Lilly Joseph Kamin  
 Marc Kaplan  
 Carl Katz  
 Jeanette S. Kline  
 Jack Kramer  
 Sylvia Krevitz  
 Robert A. Krevitz  
 Dr. Lila Stein Kroser  
 Meyer Lichtig  
 Isadore Liedman  
 Sophie London  
 Louis C. Luber

Samuel Markowitz  
 Minnie Metzger  
 Henry Mitchell  
 Anna P. Moldawer  
 Dr. Jacob P. Morrison  
 Doris Pashman  
 Alexander Pollack  
 Ida S. Reisman

William Salvin  
 Edward Shapiro  
 Joyce V. Skaler  
 Dorie Solomon  
 David A. Vigdeman  
 Michael Wasserman  
 Hyman Max Weigman  
 Philip Weiss

**NOVEMBER 10, 2019 to NOVEMBER 16, 2019**  
**12 Heshvan 5780 to 18 Heshvan 5780**  
*To be read on Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16*



Anna Altman  
 Stanley L. Ashe  
 Hannah Barenkopf  
 Lena Barow  
 Minerva Braemer  
 Joseph Braverman  
 Pearl Caplan  
 Edward H. Casper  
 William Chernow  
 Rose Segal Cohen  
 Chana Epstein  
 Jonah Fabricant  
 Edyth Feldman  
 Sam Finder  
 Sadye Hoffman Finestone  
 Jay S. Fuller  
 Hyman Gettlin  
 Max Glauser  
 Blanch Turoff Goffman  
 Robert D. Goldblum  
 Elizabeth Goldfarb  
 Minnie Grossman  
 Irving Isdamer  
 Sylvia Jaffe  
 Max Kanoff  
 Sylvia Ruth Koff  
 Sidney Raymond Krupnick  
 Jean Labiner  
 Harry Lamb  
 Max Largman

Isaac Lessem Levi  
 Edith Lichtenstein  
 A. Alfred Lipschutz  
 Murray H. Mellman  
 Mortimer H. Menaker  
 Anna D. Metz  
 Nellie Nicholson  
 Freda Ostrum  
 Bernice B. Oswald  
 Irwin A. Parnis  
 Ruben Perl  
 Albert Boomie Rubin  
 Goldie B. Schwartz  
 Flora Seligman  
 Max Sherman  
 Mary Siegel  
 Herman Sipler  
 Harry Snader  
 Adolph Steiger  
 Goldie Steinberg  
 Miriam Stepper  
 I. Jerome Stern  
 Benjamin Van Collen  
 Fannie Wachstein  
 Herman Wiener  
 Saul Willig  
 Bertha Witkin  
 Lillian Wurzel  
 Ethel Zanan

**NOVEMBER 17, 2019 to NOVEMBER 23, 2019**  
**19 Heshvan 5780 to 25 Heshvan 5780**  
*To be read on Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23*



Joseph I. Abrams  
 Sidney Abrams  
 Abraham L. Albertson  
 Meyer Antwarg  
 Molly Arkans  
 Simon Arronson  
 Carrie Bacharach  
 Jerome Back  
 Eva F. Barenkopf  
 Stanley Bee  
 Samuel Beilan  
 Leah Blumberg  
 Charlotte Britchkow  
 Martin M. Burd

Concetta Clendaniel  
 Rae Cowan  
 Pearl Dean  
 Isaac Domansky  
 Reuben Donsky  
 Moses Engel  
 Anne K. Fidelman  
 Samuel Fisher  
 Samuel Freedman  
 Terry M. German, MD  
 Anna Goldfine  
 Dana Beth Goldsborough  
 Cantor Morris Goldstein  
 Enid Gottenberg

## Do you know someone with Parkinson's disease who needs a little extra support?

A Parkinson's disease support group meets the first Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in the AJ library. This support group is a way for people to help Parkinson's disease patients cope with problems they all share. The group offers social and emotional support to patients and their care partners, education and information from peers and professionals and a chance to be active for oneself and for others in the community. Members give and receive information and encouragement through the mail, phone calls, and group meetings. The remaining dates are **November 7** and **December 5**. (There are no meetings in January, February, and March due to the possibility of bad weather.) Contact Suzanne Reichwein at 215.829.7273 or sreichwein@pahosp.com for more information.

## LUNCH AND LEARN NOONTIME TORAH Tuesdays, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

The Rabbinical Assembly—Mid-Atlantic Region invites you to join us weekly at noon in AJ's Library for the study of Torah. A rabbi and other like-minded individuals await you to engage in exciting discussion and thoughtful analysis of the weekly Torah portion or other stimulating topic. Each class is self-contained so you can plug in at any given week. Bring a dairy lunch and a Bible; drinks will be provided. All are welcome. For more information or a list of other locations, call AJ at 215.635.6611.

## How's Your Hebrew reading?

Interested in learning to read Torah? Over the last year, I have had the privilege of volunteering with several adult congregants, and I think we have learned a lot and laughed a lot. I have been tutoring students individually, moving at their pace, accommodating schedules and reaching individual goals: Learning the letters from scratch, filling in knowledge where it is missing, being more comfortable with the Hebrew of the service, right on through reading Torah. It is my belief that every adult can learn to read Hebrew. You can do as much or as little as you choose. If it "doesn't work for you," we can always stop. How about giving it a try? Contact the synagogue office at 215.635.6611 if you are interested. — Susan Novack

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Leonard Greenberg, MD  
Nathan Greenberg  
Lillian Hartman  
Minnie Hoffman  
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H.A. Perlmutter  
Katie Piwosky  
Arthur David Pollock  
Fannie Protas  
Jennie Rachel Reinhart  
Hermann Rosenberger  
Jennie Schneeberg  
Rose L. Schwartz  
Fannie Sigel  
Goldie Sklar  
Ida L. Smith  
Yetta Spiegel  
Isadore M. Spiller  
Paul Steiner  
Daniel R. Udell  
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Betty Weiss  
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## NOVEMBER 24, 2019 to NOVEMBER 30, 2019

26 Heshvan 5780 to 2 Kislev 5780

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



Rosa S. Adams  
Loretta Arost  
Edna W. Baylson  
Ida Beilan  
Bessie Berkowitz  
David Berkowitz  
Etta Spector Bloom  
Harry Brandschain  
Hannah Brav  
Rushell Broder  
Pina Brooks  
Rachel Brown  
Max David Chalphon  
Lester Cluster  
Benjamin R. Cohen  
Lena Cohn  
Morris Coverman  
John Ellis  
Sarah M. Engel  
Michael Fassler  
Ella Fingles  
Eva Fox  
William L. Fox  
Joyce Freedlander  
Beverly Eve Goldstein  
Frances Goodman  
Dora Greenberg  
Merrill Hakim  
Samuel Heilbron  
Clara Isaacman  
Max Israel  
Harry Jaffe  
Leopold Kahn  
Anna Kassel  
Bertha Bandler Katz  
Max Katz  
Sadie Katz

Emma Kaufmann  
Sarah Freedman Klein  
Lyllan Langerman  
Charlotte Lavin  
Fannie Leshnick  
Minnie Levin  
Rose Lockstanow  
Bernard H. Love  
Louis Mann  
Jerome M. Marcus  
Alfred P. Orleans  
Louis Oswald  
Morris Piwosky  
Norman Platowsky  
Eve R. Plotnick  
Aaron Pressman  
Sadie Racusin  
Dr. Morris Rudolph  
Daniel Allen Schmerling  
Judy Schwartz  
Emma Schweriner  
Elaine Beverly Seidman  
Rose Senet  
Nissan Sher  
Bessie Sherman  
Joseph Sherman  
Rebecca Sherman  
Emanuel Shuster  
Marie Silk  
Simon Spector  
Martin Steiner  
Sidonie Stern  
Sarah Rebecca Trifield  
Max H. Vigderman  
Lizzie Wise  
Lehman Wollenberger  
Katie Zimring

## DECEMBER 1, 2019 to DECEMBER 7, 2019

3 Kislev 5780 to 9 Kislev 5780

To be read on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7



Helen Abrams  
Mamie G. Ashe  
Tillie Balis  
Samuel Balter  
Benjamin Barenkopf  
Phyllis Wolff Baylson  
Arnold H. Bloch  
Sarah Block  
Sarah Bonnem  
Dorothy Brown  
Harry Aaron Clair  
Minnie Constantine  
Mordecai Dean  
Miriam Epstein  
Louis Feldenkreis  
Dr. Frank Feldman  
Louis J. Fox  
Rose Freedman  
Myer Friedman  
Sidney Freilich  
Joseph C. Fleisher  
Dr. Frank Glauser  
Abraham Gorfain  
Freda Gorinstein  
Pinchas Gorinstein  
Lola Green  
Aaron S. Grossman  
Anna S. Grossman  
Herman Heilbron  
Saly Hirsch  
Morris Hoffman  
Louis Jaffe  
Cecelia Frieder Kahn  
Max Kassel  
Felix Max Katar  
Rabbi Max D. Klein

Bessie Kornstein  
Florence Budin Kroser  
Ruth S. Lessig  
Libby Levin  
Nathan Levy  
William Lockstanow  
Joseph Marcus  
Fritzie S. Meyer  
Rose Tolen McKenna  
Fannie Nemez  
Samuel J. Parness  
Julius Pashman  
Sonya Podell  
C. Willard Robinson  
Gussie Thierman Rosen  
Henrietta Rosenbaum  
Jacob E. Rosenblatt  
Rose Rosenfeld  
Rose Rosenstein  
Herman Rosenthal  
Jay Harry Rubenstein  
Eli Shaffer  
Bessie Sher  
Jack Shorr  
Solomon Suckles  
Morris Slotnick  
Jennie Stern  
Samuel Sulkes  
Oscar Tarshish  
Stephen H. Taylor  
Mary Triebwasser  
Samuel Unterberger  
D. Leonard Vigderman  
Louis Aaron Wise  
Ida Jaffe Zaslav  
Irving Zucker

## DECEMBER 8, 2019 to DECEMBER 14, 2019

10 Kislev 5780 to 16 Kislev 5780

To be read on Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14



Stella Amsterdam  
Edel Aronson  
Rose Back  
Ford Meyer Bayuk  
Bernard H. Berger  
Pincus W. Blitstein  
Benjamin E. Block  
Moshe M. Blotshtein  
Mary Bodine  
Joel Cluster  
Sheva Cohen  
Alvin D. Davidson  
Philip S. Eiseman  
Rose Farber  
Rosalind Berman Feinstein  
Solomon Fisher  
Anna Foreman

Donald Freedlander  
Abraham Freedman  
Betty Freedman  
Rae Goldfarb  
Samuel Goldstien  
Robert Gross  
Morris Haber  
Rosy F. Hammerschlag  
Mary Hoffman  
Harry Hoffman  
Elias Jacobson  
Lillian Jawer  
Helen Kotzin  
Matthew Kramer  
Harry Leidner  
Dr. Calvin Leifer  
Gertrude S. Levi

Anna Elka Levine  
Jerome Markowitz  
Herman Masarsky  
Maxwell Montague  
Hyman Nitzberg  
Gertrude Odza  
Abram P. Piwosky  
Abraham Joseph Plone  
Kenneth Rossman  
Raye Neiman Sacks  
Fanny Samuel  
Solomon Schechter  
Herman L. Scheibman  
Caroline Scheuer  
Jenny Schiff  
Anna Schlossberg  
Louis H. Schnell  
Benjamin Schnapp

Tessie Schwartz  
Eleanor Share  
Louis Sloan  
Max Smith  
Beatrice L. Solis  
Tillie Raisa Sperling  
Joseph Spiegel  
Lippman R. Steinberg  
Blondine Strauss  
Marcia Tabby  
Arlene Treegoob  
Selma Vogel  
Eva Weingast  
John H. Wertheimer  
Edgar Wise  
Miriam Wohlberg  
Esther Yarish  
Bernard Zanan

## DECEMBER 15, 2019 to DECEMBER 21, 2019

17 Kislev 5780 to 23 Kislev 5780

To be read on Friday, Dec. 20 and Saturday, Dec. 21



Claire Altman  
Fanny Sickles Ayres  
Charles S. Barsh  
Madeline Berman  
Rachael Grueman Bernstein  
Roseline Bloch  
Gustav Bonnem  
David Boorstein  
Rose Cohen Brandschain  
Carrie Breen  
Ruth L. Brister  
Arthur M. Brody  
Elsie Butler  
Harris Cluster  
Esther Cohen  
Abraham Constantine  
Meyer E. Cooper  
Max Dannenhirsch  
Isadore Farber  
Benjamin Fine  
Gussie Fine  
Lowell Howard Fishman  
David Friedmann  
Dr. Leonard D. Fuller  
Benjamin Fyne  
Joseph Gainor  
Clara Gerstley  
Esther Getzow  
Thelma Godfrey  
Bessie Goodis  
Morris Goodman  
Pauline Gradwohl  
Frances S. Gross  
Arthur Guggenheim  
Hersh Haber  
Dora Hirsch  
David Hoffman

Joseph Hoffman  
Dr. M. David Hoffman  
Albert Joseph  
Ernest Katz  
Philip G. Krause  
Henrietta Levi  
Ann Levin  
Bessie Levy  
Bertha Wiernick Lewkowicz  
Samuel David Lindeman  
Johanna Loeb  
Morris Lowenstein  
Gussie Miller  
Jay Moss  
Reuben Poritsky  
Rachel Rabinowitz  
Bernard K. Shapiro  
Freda Shragar  
Sarah Singer  
Jack Sitron  
Rebecca Smolover  
Edith Snyder  
Sarah Stapler  
Blanche Steiger  
Richard Steinfeld  
Herman Stern  
Rose Stevens  
Bessie Strauss  
Jerome Sulman  
Lewis Beryl Wagman  
Abraham G. Weisman  
Pearl Wiernick  
Harold Wertheim  
Theresa Witz  
Cilda B. Young  
Sarah Zager

DECEMBER 22, 2019 to DECEMBER 28, 2019

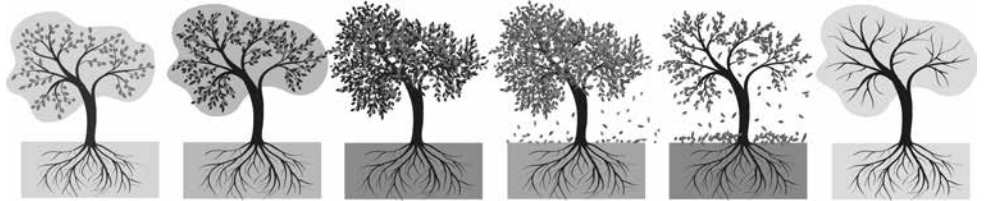
24 Kislev 5780 to 30 Kislev 5780

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



Rosa Abrahams  
Lena Abrams  
Anne G. Altman  
Dr. Edward Arnopol  
Toba Arnowitz  
John M. Ashe  
Benzion Berman  
Rose Bernheim  
Benjamin Bernstein  
Alexander Elias Bless  
Clara (Claire) Blitz  
David Blumberg  
Simon Breen  
Suzanne Brest  
Ida Brody  
Harry Brooks  
Isadore Brown  
Lillian D. Brownstein  
Adelina Ciotti  
Diana Cohen  
Mildred H. Damsker  
Eli N. Donsky  
Martin Eckdich  
Jacob S. Engel  
Miriam Epstein  
Edith S. Finkel  
Ruth M. Fisher  
Fannie Flaxman  
Irwin Charles Fox  
Irving S. Gelber  
Dr. Abraham Ginsburg  
Leonard Goldfine  
Morris H. Goldman  
Philip Goldsman  
Harry Goldsmith  
Minnie Mindal Green  
Elihu Greenhouse

Samuel Gross  
Simon Gross  
Jules Grosswald  
Samuel Handler  
Chane Huscher  
Isidor Jacobi  
Laban Jacobs  
Maurice M. Jacobs  
Isadore Jaffe  
Moses Klein  
Morton J. Kravitz  
Fredric S. Krupnick  
Bertha Rosenbaum Lamb  
Bernard Laster  
Anna Levinson  
Georgia Frances Levinson  
Daniel Lowenstein  
Rose Lyons  
Maurice Marmon  
Louis Metzger  
Jacob L. Metzger  
Milton Richard Pasternack  
Linda Rosenblatt-Liss  
Max Rosenbloom  
Benjamin Rotko  
Edith Silberman Samuel  
Morris L. Schneeberg  
Albert Schwartz  
Maxwell M. Schwartz  
Jules Share  
Evelyn Miller Snyder  
Philip Sopinsky  
Charles Steinlauf  
Dorothy Hollander Titman  
Dorothy Weiss  
Lester Wurtele, Sr.



## The Seasons of Our Lives

Adath Jeshurun looks forward to acknowledging significant milestones in the lives of our members. Announcements for *The Seasons of Our Lives* should be sent to the synagogue office in writing or by email to [brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info](mailto:brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info) with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Information received by the first of the month will appear in the following month's issue. Please include your phone number.

### Births

**Gabriel Paul Blumenfeld, son of Jill and Jason Blumenfeld, grandson of Irene and Steve Blumenfeld, and great-grandson of Sophie and Paul Frankel z"l**  
September 4, 2019

**Madelyn Eve Cobert, granddaughter of Barbara and Hal Cobert**  
October 12, 2019

### Engagements

**Andrew Green, son of Margie Green and Aaron Green z"l** became engaged to **Tori Heffler** on August 31, 2019.

### Deaths

**Sharon Rosenthal, mother of Rabbi Sandra Berliner**  
September 10, 2019

**E. David First, brother of Marti Kahn**  
September 10, 2019

**Stanley Fingerman, brother of Ann Kalmanor**  
September 11, 2019

### November Milestone Anniversaries

- 50 YEARS**
- Melvyn and Aileen Rothbard November 22, 1969
- 40 YEARS**
- Roy and Sandra Berliner November 4, 1979
  - Kenneth and Lorna Schwartz November 24, 1979
- 30 YEARS**
- Marc and Arline Freilich November 8, 1989

### December Milestone Anniversaries

- 60 YEARS**
- Alan and Edith Brooks December 6, 1959
- 50 YEARS**
- Edward and Sheila Chacker December 27, 1969

### 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 September and October Torah and Haftarah Readers

Aaron Attermann	Drew Levin
David Axelrod	Jordan Lieberman
Dr. Rebecca Cherry	Mike Markowich
Debbie Seltzer Cohen	Michael Montague
Judy Cuker	Ed Moses
Leah Cuker	Karen Moses
Mark Cuker	Shari Neidich
Bob Dromboski	Sam Nejberger
Phillip Duarte	Rebecca Newman
Nancy Fox	Susan Novack
Allan Freedman	David Reibstein
Michael Freeman	Jacob Reibstein
Robert Friedman	J.B. Reibstein
Howard Gershman	Jeff Shender
Hazzan Glantz	Rabbi Murray Silberman
Mindy Goldstein	Morey Smerling
Judy Izes	Susan Starr
Rebecca Izes	Edward Strauss
Harry Lessig	Cantor Buzzy Walters

## Attention Readers!

*Do you plan to visit an interesting city, museum or event?*

*Have you read a great book that you'd like to share with others?*

*Did a recent experience help you to see things in a different way?*

*Have you found a great web site that you find valuable in your Jewish life?*

### We'd like to hear about it!

If you have a topic that you think would be of interest to other congregants, let us know. We'll ask you to write a short article (emphasis on short!) about your experience for possible insertion into the *AJ News*. Provide pictures if relevant. Writing should be conversational in tone. If you mention other congregants in your article, please confirm their approval in advance.

Contact Marjorie Trager at 215.635.6611 or [mtrager@adathjeshurun.info](mailto:mtrager@adathjeshurun.info) if you would like to submit an article.

**Note:** All articles will be edited for grammar and clarity, and their use will be dependent on space. Please, no shoutouts for local businesses. Any photographs should be high resolution (300 dpi at 3" x 4"); color photos will be reproduced in black and white.



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Diana Kanoff and Family

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Diana Kanoff

#### Stanley Lipton

Mark and Bernice Schwartz

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Congratulations on the new baby  
Diana Kanoff and Family

##### Mr. and Mrs. Borden

Congratulations on your wedding  
Diana Kanoff and Family

##### Dr. and Mrs. Mark Kauffman

Mazel tov on your anniversary  
Diana Kanoff

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For my aliyah honor

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Shotz Family

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Joan Wohl

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##### Paul Frankel

Irene and Steve Blumenfeld

##### E. David First

Carol Shackmaster

##### Ralph Friedberg

Alan Liss

##### Elaine Friedman

Elise Miller

##### Harry David Friedman

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Al and Sandy will discuss and answer questions about their trip.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020**

Starting with minyan at 9:00 AM  
Breakfast at approximately 9:35 AM  
Program at approximately 10:10 AM

No charge for the breakfast but **KINDLY RSVP**  
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Lorna (LSRosenberg28@gmail.com)  
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**Notice a New Web Address?**

**If you think you've spotted a new address for the AJ website, you're right!**

We are excited to announce that we have purchased the domain name **www.CongregationAJ.org** to make it easier to find us on the web! You can still find us using our current address, **www.adathjeshurun.info**, but in the near future, we will transition over to the new URL. At that time we will update our email addresses, but for right now, our email addresses still end in "@adathjeshurun.info." So, nothing new to remember now — both **www.adathjeshurun.info** and **www.CongregationAJ.org** will take you to the same great place — **AJ! It's a New Way Forward!**

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# AJ Has It All . . . Except for your updated information!

Dear Congregant:

We are updating our records and want to make sure we have current information for you and your family! Please review BOTH PARTS below and provide the information requested. You can fill out this form digitally and email it to [bros-off-verbit@adathjeshurun.info](mailto:bros-off-verbit@adathjeshurun.info). Alternatively, you can print it out and mail the completed form to AJ (7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027). Thank you!

## **PART 1: GENERAL FAMILY INFORMATION. Please provide the general information requested below for your household.**

Name as you would like mail addressed

Home Address

Home or Primary Phone Number (Land Line)

Marital Status (check)

Single

Married

Divorced

Widowed

Other

If Married, Date

## **PART 2: ADULT AND CHILD INFORMATION. Please provide the information requested below for the adults in your household.**

Adult #1

Adult #2

Full Name (first and last)

Hebrew Name

Date of Birth

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

Occupation

Daytime Phone Number

### **Please provide the information requested below for your children, if applicable.**

**Child's Full Name**

Hebrew Name

Lives at home (check) Yes No Gender (check) M F Other

Date of Birth

Address, if not living at home (do not list a separate address for students living at school)

Married? (check) Yes No If yes, Spouse's Name

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**Is there any additional information you feel we should have about you or your family? Please provide it here.**