

Sweet Speech/*Lashon Ha-Arev*

Translated and Annotated by Rav Shai Cherry



While excavating an archeological site in Jerusalem last summer, I came across a sealed, clay vessel containing several fragments of late antique texts. The fragment which I present below is a curious example of a Talmudic *sugya*, or unit, focusing on the theme of speech. It is curious because there is a parallel *sugya* in

the Babylonian Talmud (Arakhin 15b) which is concerned with *lashon ha-ra*, evil speech, the obverse of this text's concern. Perhaps this recently discovered fragment further justifies the Babylonian Talmud's claim that scholars from the Land of Israel treated each other graciously and with respect, while scholars from Babylonia treated each other harshly and with derision (Sanhedrin 24a). The pernicious effects of *lashon ha-ra* justify the punitive measures legislated by our sages. The equally efficacious force of sweet speech, however, supplements Judaism's understanding that words so affect reality that God is described as speaking the world into existence. May the publication of this text help all of Israel reclaim the legacy of *lashon ha-arev*, sweet speech.

Come and hear: Why does the giving of the Torah happen in the portion of Jethro? Rabbi Yossi ben David says: The Torah was cut the way the Torah was cut! It just so happened that the first words of this portion included the name of the righteous gentile, Jethro.

An objection is raised by Rabba Shulamit bat Chaya: If so, why not cut eight verses earlier where it is written: "*Amalek came and fought with Israel at Refidim?*" (Ex. 17:8) God forbid we should name our portion after the cursed Amalek — may his name be blotted out!

Says Rabbah Rachel: It is a case of measure for measure. Just as Jethro blessed the Holy One, so did the Holy One bless Jethro by giving his righteous name to this portion, as it says, "*Blessed be the LORD who delivered you from the Egyptians and from Pharaoh.*" (Ex. 18:10)

Rivka the Righteous refutes: *If so, why did not Malkitzedek get a portion named for him? For he said, "Blessed be God most high!"* (Gen. 14:20)

Further, lest you think that everyone who blesses the LORD receives a Torah portion as a reward, doesn't Eliezer say, "*Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master, Abraham?*" (Gen. 24:27) Yet, Eliezer has no portion of the Torah in his name.

Shaye ben Shira, suggests in the name of Rav Rachmuna: The portion in which the Holy One, the Bounty of All Blessings, reveals the Torah is named after Jethro because he accentuates the positive, eliminates the negative, latches on to the affirmative, and doesn't mess around with Mr. Inbetween.

Rabbi Tuvia responds: It is fine that Jethro accentuates the positive, for it is written, "*And Jethro rejoiced over all the kindness that the LORD had shown Israel.*" (Ex. 18:9) But, from where do you know that Jethro eliminated the negative?

Is it not written, "*Moses then recounted to his father-in-law everything that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardships that had befallen them on the way, and how the LORD had delivered them?*" (Ex. 18:8) What are hardships if not negative? And, yet, Jethro only rejoiced!

But when did Jethro latch on to the affirmative?

The verse says, "*And he kissed him.*" (Ex. 18-7) Wherever there is kissing, there must be hugging, as it is written about Jacob, "*He kissed them and hugged them.*" (Gen. 48:10) So Jethro latched on to Moses who answered in the affirmative when God called to him out of the burning bush (Ex. 3:4).

And what of Jethro's dealings with Mr. Inbetween?

That is not a difficulty. It is written, "*And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices for God.*" (Ex. 18:12) Jethro himself brought the sacrifice and not a priestly intermediary.

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There's so much going on at AJ in November and December!

In particular, don't miss the **Tribute to Charles and Frances Davidson z"l: A Musical Legacy**, on Sunday, November 17 (see page 5) and **Havdalukkah Rocks!** on Saturday, December 14 (see the back cover). See all of what we have planned on page 4!

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Service Schedule

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

November 1, 2024 30 Tishri 5785

FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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ROSH HODESH HESHVAN SHABBAT NOAH

November 1, 2, 2024 1 Heshvan 5785

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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SHABBAT LECH-LECHA

November 8, 9, 2024 8 Heshvan 5785

Light Shabbat Candles..... 4:31 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
- Adult Ed Lunch 'n Learn*: "Update on the Jewish Community's Relationship to Israel," with Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt (see page 10 for more information)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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SHABBAT VAYERA

November 15, 16, 2024 15 Heshvan 5785

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

SHABBAT HAYE SARAH

November 22, 23, 2024 22 Heshvan 5785

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

FRIDAY EVENING

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

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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THANKSGIVING

November 28, 2024 27 Heshvan 5785

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE: Evening service will be via Zoom only.

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SHABBAT TOLDOT

November 29, 30, 2024 29 Heshvan 5785

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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ROSH HODESH KISLEV

December 1, 2, 2024 30 Heshvan, 1 Kislev 5785

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT VAYETZE

December 6, 7, 2024 6 Kislev 5785

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

SHABBAT VAYISHLAH

December 13, 14, 2024 13 Kislev 5785

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv, followed by Havdalukkah Rocks!

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SHABBAT VAYESHEV

December 20, 21, 2024 20 Kislev 5785

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

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SATURDAY MORNING

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

Hanukkah Bowl!, followed by a Luncheon

SATURDAY EVENING

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

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EREV HANUKKAH CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2024 24 Kislev 5785

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAYS I AND II

December 26, 2024 25 Kislev 5785

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS

- Morning Service 7:10 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY III SHABBAT MIKETZ

December 27, 28, 2024 27 Kislev 5785

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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*Adult Education Lunch 'n Learns

You must pre-register to attend these luncheons.
The cost is \$18 per person.

HANUKKAH, DAY IV THROUGH DAY V

December 29, 30, 2024 28, 29 Kislev 5785

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:10 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY VI ROSH HODESH TEVET

December 31, 2024 30 Kislev 5785

TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY VII NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2025 1 Tevet 5785

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY VIII

January 2, 2025 2 Tevet 5785

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:10 AM

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SHABBAT VAYIGASH

January 3, 4, 2025 4 Tevet 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 4:29 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:30 PM

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FAST OF ASARAH B'TEVET

January 10, 2025 10 Tevet 5785

FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:15 AM

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SHABBAT VAYEHI

January 10, 11, 2025 11 Tevet 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 4:36 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:40 PM

SHABBAT SHEMOT

January 17, 18, 2025 18 Tevet 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 4:44 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:45 PM

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SHABBAT VAERA

January 24, 25, 2025 25 Tevet 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 4:52 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:55 PM

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ROSH HODESH SHEVAT

January 30, 2025 1 Shevat 5785

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT BO

January 31, February 1, 2025 3 Shevat 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 5:00 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

- Adult Ed Lunch 'n Learn*: "Woke Antisemitism," with David Bernstein (see page 10 for more information)

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 5:00 PM

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

For Friday evening and Saturday morning services:

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

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

For Saturday evening services:

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

Meeting ID#: 933131679 (Password required*)

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

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

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592

Meeting ID#: 109428724

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

NOVEMBER

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

<http://tinyurl.com/Services-Nov24>



DECEMBER

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

<http://tinyurl.com/Services-Dec24>



DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday and Thursday* 7:20 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 AM

Rosh Hodesh Services (weekday) 7:00 AM

EVENING SERVICES

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

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

Sponsor a Kiddush!

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

For what occasions do people sponsor kiddush?

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

Contact the office at 215.635.6611 for more information.

What's Happening at AJ

november

3 AJWA SISTERHOOD: BAGELS AND BROADWAY BRUNCH

Come to our second chapter of a brunch featuring the history and songs of Jewish composers and lyricists performed by our own AJWA Sisterhood members and guests. We will also have a singalong portion of the event. This will be followed by a short meeting. 9:30 AM

6 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this monthly gathering designed to foster a secure, confidential, and non-judgmental environment that encourages individuals to freely express their emotions. See details on page 10.

7 AJWA SISTERHOOD: CHALLAH BAKING

Come to AJ at 5:00 PM to watch the dough being made! Learn to make perfectly scrumptious challah! Do you love a sweet raisin challah, a savory garlicky challah, a fluffy round challah? If you are already a challah baker, come perfect your skills or help others learn! See details on page 10.

9 ADULT ED LUNCH 'N LEARN: "UPDATE ON THE JEWISH COMMUNITY'S RELATIONSHIP TO ISRAEL" WITH RABBI STUART WEINBLATT

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt will give us an update on the successes and challenges facing the Jewish community's relationship to Israel. 12:15 PM. \$18 per person. See details on page 10.

10 L'OLAM KOSHER 2.0: KOSHER NATION

Join us via Zoom for a conversation with Sue Fishkoff, author of *Kosher Nation: Why More and More of America's Food Answers to a Higher Authority*. 11:30 AM

17 A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES AND FRANCES DAVIDSON Z"l: A MUSICAL LEGACY

We invite you to join us on November 17 as we celebrate the musical legacies of Dr. Hazzan Charles S. Davidson and his beloved wife, Frances S. Davidson. Experience the beautiful sounds of various choruses, musicians, soloists, and personal tributes that will evoke cherished memories and moments of heartfelt joy in our community. A reception will follow the event. 3:00 PM

21 ADULT ED SERIES: "ABOUT ZION," WITH RAV SHAI CHERRY, PhD; SESSION 1

Jewish educators and rabbis have done a better job teaching Jewish values than Jewish history. This six-session course dives deep into the history of the relationship between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel. This session will focus on the biblical period. 7:30 PM. See page 10 for details.

december

22 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

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

25 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

November's book is *Hotel Cuba*, by Aaron Hamburger. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

4 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

See the description for November 6.

8 ADULT ED: TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE, IN WASHINGTON, DC

The Museum of the Bible is Washington, DC's newest museum. Although the Museum has Christian and evangelical exhibits, their treatment of what they respectfully refer to as the "Hebrew Bible," as opposed to the Old Testament, is excellent. We have timed the trip to coincide with the corresponding classes in Rav Shai's "About Zion" series.

10 L'OLAM KOSHER 2.0: WHY WOULD AN ORTHODOX RABBI SWEAR OFF KOSHER MEAT?

Join us via Zoom for a conversation with Rabbi Doctor Shumuly Yanklowitz. You can learn more about him at <https://www.rabbishumuly.com/>. 7:45 PM to 9:00 PM

14 HAVDALUKKAH ROCKS!

Join your fellow AJers as we nosh, dance and sing along with Joanie Leeds! We will also have a hot Latke bar with the absolutely best toppings ever. Minhah-Ma'ariv begins at 4:20 PM; Havdallukkah begins at 5:30 PM. See details on the back cover.

20 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

See the description for November 22.

21 HANUKKAH BOWL

How much do you know about Hanukkah? Show your knowledge and win prizes! Services begin at 9:30 AM. There will be an extended Kiddush luncheon.

23 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

December's book is *Cradles of the Reich*, by Jennifer Coburn. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

24 CHINESE FOOD AND JEWSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Come have fun with us at AJ as we enjoy Chinese food and view "You Are So Not Invited To My Bat Mitzvah," (a comedy), directed by Sammi Cohen. Stacy and Lydia are BFFs who've always dreamed about having epic bat mitzvahs. However, things start to go comically awry when a popular boy and middle school drama threatens their friendship and their rite of passage. Starring Adam and Jackie Sandler. 7:45 PM

Did you know you can now find RSVP links to most scheduled events in one place on our website? Go to AJ's home page (www.adatheshurun.info) and click on "RSVP" in the top menu.


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Rav Aryeh Dov wonders: Does accentuating the positive, eliminating the negative, latching on to the affirmative, and not messing around with Mr. Inbetween really cause the Divine Presence to dwell upon you, as was the case with Jethro?

Batya bat Kol responds in the name of Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai: *"Just as a man is punished for the evil word that he utters, so is he punished also for the good word that he has the opportunity to speak but does not speak."* (Zohar 3:47a) If one is punished for the good word that one does not speak, all the more is one rewarded for the good word that one does speak!

Three commandments bring the Divine Presence near and guarantee one a portion in the world that is coming: faithfully loving the LORD, faithfully loving your spouse, and enhancing life. Sweet speech is equal to them all. (cf. B. Arakhin 15b)

All those who engage in sweet speech with another, the Divine Presence dwells between them. (cf. Avot 3:3) The only difference between sweet speech and sycophancy is the intention. Sweet speech is for the benefit of the listener. Sycophancy is for the benefit of the speaker.

Kol Yisrael arevim zeh l'zeh (B. Shevuot 39a). All of Israel are responsible for one another. But arevim can also be read as "sweeten," hence: All of Israel shall sweeten one another. 

OC-JCC Angels

We're very grateful for our generous congregants who contributed to the OC-JCC's 25th Anniversary Shabbat and luncheon!

Edith Brooks	Sandra Nadel
Leigh and Deborah Carasso	Mark and Susan Novack
Shai and Rebecca Cherry	Frank Platt
Sheva Cohen and Marshall Kornblatt	Mark and Gail Schwartz
Lester Duman and Mona Gold	David and Shari Seltzer
Joanne Feierman	Carol Shackmaster
Randi Freeman and Marlene Markowitz	Jeffrey Shender and Sandra Berkowitz
Sonia Gendin	Sheldon and Rene Smith
Howard and Dayna Glantz	Leslie Sokolow
Paul and Judith Izes	Mort and Rene Stein
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Gail Klein	Steven Strauss
Harry and Wendy Lessig	Merril Stup
David Levin	Gloria Sulman
Donna Levin	Sima Sussman
Barry and Marty Manson	Joan Wohl
Maxine Marlowe	Stuart and Karen Wohl
Allan and Vivien Marmon	Idelle Wood
Edward and Karen Moses	Steven and Tamra Zebovitz
	Violet Zeitlin

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES AND FRANCES DAVIDSON z"l A MUSICAL LEGACY



NOVEMBER 17, 2024

3:00 PM

Reception to follow.

CONGREGATION
ADATH JESHURUN

7763 OLD YORK ROAD
ELKINS PARK, PA 19027

Please register at
<https://tinyurl.com/davidson-tribute>
by Friday, November 8.

On November 17 at 3:00 PM, we will honor the musical legacies of Dr. Hazzan Charles S. Davidson z"l and his beloved wife, Frances S. Davidson z"l.

Charles Davidson served as hazzan of Congregation Adath Jeshurun from 1966 to 2004. He was one of the most frequently commissioned composers by synagogues, cantors, and Jewish organizations, as well as secular choruses across America. His acclaimed song cycle, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, has been performed more than 4,500 times and is featured on at least ten commercial recordings. It is also the subject of two award-winning PBS documentaries: "The Journey of Butterfly" and "Butterfly Revisited."

Hazzan Davidson distinguished himself on the Milken Archive of Jewish Music editorial board. He was one of the first graduates of the Jewish Theological Seminary's Cantors Institute (now the H. L. Miller Cantorial School), where he received his doctorate in sacred music and joined the faculty in 1977.

Hazzan Charles Davidson's influence in his home congregation, Adath Jeshurun, was unique. His musically sophisticated and yet accessible Shabbat services and Chagim became integral parts of the community's spiritual life and are regularly sung by the congregation today.

Charles and his beloved Frances were dedicated musical partners whose never-ending commitment enriched the musical culture of their AJ community. Together, they curated nearly 50 years of concerts, including adult and children's choirs, a professional choir, fully orchestrated oratorios, operas, services, children's musicals, and chamber concerts.

Please join us in honoring Charles and Frances as we bring together choirs, cantors, soloists, and speakers to celebrate their legacies and lives. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/davidson-tribute> to register by Friday, December 8.



In Rav Hazzan's World

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Filled with an Attitude of Gratitude

Yamim Nora'im. That is how we refer to the High Holy Days in Hebrew.

Yamim are indisputably days and *nora'im*, in this context, describes the days as being filled with awe. It is not universally the case that this can be said of every Hebrew and English word pair, but just as the word "awe" is closely related to the word "awesome," so it is to the word awful. Thus, it is perfectly reasonable that *Yamim Nora'im* could be mistranslated or jokingly referred to (perhaps by synagogue workers dreading the season) as "the awful days."

I want to thank everyone who contributed to these holidays at AJ, some of which are yet to even take place as I am writing. From taking reservations, ordering food, identifying the spaces, and simply listening to your needs, our office and housekeeping staffs do it all. What's more, they make it appear so easy that perhaps we neglect expressing just how important they are to the *Yamim Nora'im*. We are indebted to them and, in no small measure, they define the High Holy Days, augmenting the way they can inspire that sense of awe.

The Hush of Midnight was a wonderful way to bring in the mood for the season. Working together with our corridor partner Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, their cantor Amy Levy, and their conductor (AJ raised) Alyssa Davidson. I was so glad to have Hazzan Tilman participating as well, having expressed much admiration for the monumental and defining work of our beloved Hazzan emeritus Charles S. Davidson z"l and the poetry of Ruth F. Brin z"l.

I am thankful to the largely unsung heroes of our daily minyan who make AJ the dependable minyan to attend and place to be on Old York Road. Whether looking to say Kaddish in person or online, marking a *yahrzeit* or partaking in our Thursday morning breakfast followed by the session of mindfulness, our twice daily services would not happen without their dedication and hard work. I am personally in their debt for them making it possible for me to take a bit of vacation this summer and even covering my usual duties during my unfortunate bout with the dreaded coronavirus.

I am grateful to the many shofar blowers who made the "big blast" ending the Yom Kippur fast. Many of you came to the pop-up shofar blowing event that was held on the Sunday evening before Rosh HaShanah. There we learned some of the sources for blowing one's horn, what horns are and are not kosher to use, and several attained a new shofar that fit you.



We had a lovely turnout of AJers help bring a feeling of the AJ High Holy Day service to the residents of the Delaware Valley Veterans home the day before Yom Kippur on October 10. This group, Dr. Harry Lessig, Valerie Leiberman, Debbie Klinger, Karen Moses, and Ed Moses, and many other devoted congregants have joined me on *Hanukkah* and *Passover* over the years at this particular home. It was so meaningful to see their faces light up from the shofar, singing the familiar tunes, and beating our breast admitting our shortcomings. (See photo above.)

Thus far, my attitude of gratitude has described that which has already taken place. I am however tremendously grateful to the family of our beloved Charles and Frances Davidson z"l. They have been working diligently for months to create an afternoon of warm memories and fine music carefully curated by Ilana Davidson. I am blessed and feel truly fortunate and honored to be part of this celebration of their lives and the musical and leadership gifts they gave to our precious Congregation Adath Jeshurun over many decades. The afternoon program will feature many fine voices and musicians including yours! Yes, we will invite the congregation to participate as that was so often the *raison d'être* to Charles' composing.

Finally, looking a little farther out... Are the holidays early? Are they late? Which holidays? Aren't they over now? Okay, enough questions! For some, *Hanukkah* may fall on the perfect date — the first candle is lit on the evening of December 25. We thought we would celebrate *Hanukkah* early and set the mood for the actual dates when many of you might be otherwise busy.

If you came to or heard about Havdalah Rocks just a few weeks ago October 26, then you already know that Havdalah can really rock! On Saturday, December 14, the sun sets pretty early, allowing us to offer a fun early evening Havdalah and *Hanukkah* (Let's go with *Havdalukkah*!) Rocks program beginning at 5:15 PM. It promises to be another fun AJ event for all ages.

My attitude of gratitude is not without its moments of longing. I pause now, thinking perhaps it is inappropriate, given all of our challenges as a Jewish people, to close this article without a recognition that not all is right in the world. Just as we break a glass at the end of a wedding to acknowledge a very similar idea, there is this caveat. We have now for over a year, fervently prayed with resolve for peace, for the release of captives and a better way forward for our people.

We can celebrate what we have accomplished, look forward to all that is planned and be committed each one of us, to our own brand of Zionism, finding our way to repair and strengthen our challenging world. [aj](#)

Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

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

Friday nights at 6:15 PM:
November 22, December 20, and January 24





AJ Early Learning Center


By Tracey Perchick, Early Childhood Director

As we reflect on the journey we've embarked on this year in our Early Learning Center, it's important to pause and express our heartfelt gratitude. William Arthur Ward stated, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." This sentiment resonates deeply as we recognize the incredible contributions of our teaching staff and the unwavering support of our families.

To our dedicated teachers, thank you for your passion, creativity, and commitment to nurturing our students. Your efforts extend far beyond the classroom; you inspire curiosity, foster resilience, and create a safe space where each child can thrive. Your hard work makes a lasting impact on the lives of our students and their families, and we are truly grateful for everything you do.

To our wonderful parents, thank you for choosing our Early Learning Center as your partner in your child's education. Your trust and involvement enrich our community and help us create an environment where every child can flourish. We appreciate your support and collaboration in making our center a place of growth, learning, and joy.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let's carry this spirit of gratitude with us. Together, we are building a brighter future for our children, and it's the collective effort of our dedicated staff and supportive families that makes this possible.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Your contributions do not go unnoticed, and we look forward to continuing this journey together. Happy Thanksgiving and may the light of the menorah shine peace on all of us and the land of Israel. 

AJELC Upcoming Events:

November

12 Milk and Cookies PJ Night

15 Kabbalat Shabbat featuring Adom

28–29 Thanksgiving Break

December

18 Hanukkah Happening Event, 9:00–10:30 AM



From The New Year to New Years

By Beth Shapiro,
Director of Programming and New Initiatives

Here we are. Another year ahead of us... or is it another year behind us? That depends on one's perspective.

Our world is unsettled, the news unnerving. This past year we were wedged between joy and hardship, light and darkness. These are not the easiest of times. There is, however, great strength and solace in our Jewish community. Looking ahead, there is great potential to create more light in our world.

We've just passed through the days of Awe, a time of reflection, of תשובה (*teshuvah*) and compassion. During this time we begin again with clarity. We make space in our hearts and minds for self-reflection and forgiveness. We listen to our inner voice. There are times when a quiet moment can go a long way. Whether we sit in the synagogue or walk outside, simply sitting with ourselves to breathe deeply and relax can provide some calm and peace.

During the secular holiday of Thanksgiving, we take time to notice the abundance in our lives. We focus on others. We celebrate joyfully, often bringing a lot of emotion to the table! Common advice says: if you want a peaceful holiday celebration, stay away from political conversations. At this moment in time, with the truth being purposefully obscured, it would be nearly impossible for my family to avoid "talking politics." Humanity is struggling mightily. There is massive and judgmental divisiveness in our world and it's created terrible disharmony.

We are drawn together for a common purpose with true concern for how we choose to move forward. To seek justice in this world, we do have to pursue it. When we make the time to volunteer, if we sit patiently with an ill friend or when we engage in dialogue there is a chance for a bond to form. I appreciate sitting among you, walking with all of my fellow AJers, and doing what is right even when we are emotionally exhausted. I admire your wisdom and appreciate what we share. As neuroscience

has proven, "just showing up" can have a positive effect on our brain chemistry. Certainly gathering together and doing good deeds is a powerful tool for healthy living!

Keep showing up! Together we are a strong, positive and powerful community! As many of you have told me, "look antisemitism and hate in all its forms right in the eye." Stand up for what you know to be right. Keep promoting goodness and kindness in our world! I'll continue to do everything in my power to help AJ move gracefully and with strength into the next chapter of our long and rich history.

I have been told that the antidote to divisiveness, hate, and disillusionment is community. The secular new year comes soon. Celebrate life, act with kindness, and live passionately. Come to synagogue — it can be a respite, we build together!

Be Safe and Well.



AJWA Sisterhood

By Karen Moses, President

As we move into the month of Heshvan we need to keep our spirits nourished. Please join us on November 3 for our second chapter of Bagels and Broadway — a brunch with the history and songs of Jewish composers and lyricists performed by our own AJWA Sisterhood members and guests. We will also have a singalong portion of the event. This will be followed by a short meeting.

We will continue on November 7 with a Challah baking project led by our members and Beth Shapiro. Please watch your emails for details.

Please continue to support our programs and check your weekly newsletter for times and dates.

May we all have a peaceful November and December and may Israel see peace and security.



Robyn Orodener Book Club

The Robyn Orodener Book Club is a guided discussion group held on a designated night (usually Monday) at 7:30 PM via Zoom until further notice. Reading of the book is required! Attend one or more sessions. Here is the reading list for this year:

Hotel Cuba, by Aaron Hamburger
November 25, 2024

Cradles of the Reich, by Jennifer Coburn
December 23, 2024

The Confidante, by Christopher Gorham
January 27, 2025



Questions?

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

Am Yisrael Chai Torah Fund

Dear AJ Family,

Our Torah Fund Campaign is off to a wonderful start. It is fitting that the theme this year is **Am Yisrael Chai**.

"Israel has taken a barren land and made it bloom again. It's taken an ancient language, the Hebrew of the Bible, and made it speak again. It's taken the West's oldest faith and made it young again. It's taken a tattered, shattered nation and made it live again. Israel is the country whose national anthem, "Hatikvah," means "hope." Israel is the home of hope. — Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

This year we will be honoring AJWA Sisterhood's president — the diligent, multi-talented Karen Moses. Our Torah Fund brunch will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Kindly remember to make your pledge or write your check to "Torah Fund." Contributions of \$180 or above will receive a meaningful Am Yisrael Chai pin, which can be worn on a chain or as a brooch.

As you light your Hanukkah candles, remember "the spirit of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights is shared by all people who love freedom." May we all be blessed with miracles big and small as we watch the candles flicker.

Merril Stup



STITCHERS

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

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

This program is lovingly sponsored by
AJWA Sisterhood.



AJWA SISTERHOOD OPENING BRUNCH

Bagels & Broadway Sunday, November 3 at 9:30 AM

the history and songs of Jewish composers
and lyricists performed by our own
AJWA Sisterhood members and guests



AJWA SISTERHOOD DUES 2024–2025

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

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Address _____

The deadline for 2024–2025 dues is December 31, 2024.

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

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



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

Challah Baking with the AJWA Sisterhood

Thursday, November 7
from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

On November 7, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, join us in baking challah at AJ with our resident expert AJWA Sisterhood Karen Moses.

Come to AJ at 5:00 PM to watch the dough being made! Learn to make perfectly scrumptious challah! Do you love a sweet raisin challah, a savory garlicky challah, a fluffy round challah? If you are already a challah baker, come perfect your skills or help others learn!



After we braid, we will be making challah covers and hamsas.

We'll break for those who want to attend minyan and the challah or dough will be ready to take home after services!

When you register on the AJ website you are welcome to include your favorite recipe! We will share all of your recipes during the event! Please register here: <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/ajwa-sis-challah-baking.html> or scan the QR code.



PROZDOR

(formerly College Connection)

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

If you have a child that is within six years of their high school graduation—whether they are attending, traveling the world, working, or still figuring it out—AJ wants to send them the bi-monthly *AJ News* newsletter and holiday greetings and gifts.

This program is enthusiastically sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

Name

Address

Email Address

Parent Email Address

AJ Bereavement Support Group

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 PM at AJ

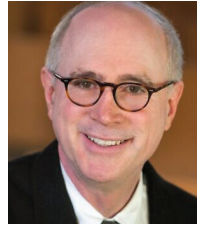
Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this monthly gathering specifically designed to foster a secure, confidential, and non-judgmental environment that encourages individuals to freely express their emotions. Feel free to contact Rav Hazzan Glantz at 215.635.6611 in advance with any questions. December's meeting is on December 4.



AJ Adult Education Committee

By Co-Chair, Skip Atkins

On **Saturday, November 9** following Shabbat services, Adult Ed will be holding a **Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt**. He will give us an update on the successes and challenges facing the Jewish community's relationship to Israel. Rabbi Weinblatt is the Founder and Chair of the Zionist Rabbinic Coalition. The Zionist Rabbinic Coalition fosters love and dedication to Zionism and Israel among generations of American Jews. Their mission is to promote unity, understanding, and cooperation among the Jewish communities of Israel and the Diaspora.



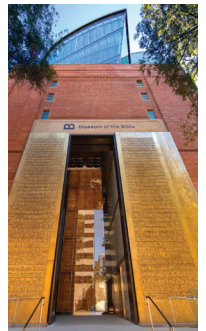
On **Thursday, November 21 at 7:30 PM**, Rav Shai will present the first session of a **six-part series called "About Zion."** Jewish educators and rabbis have done a better job teaching Jewish values than Jewish history. This six-session course dives deep into the history of the relationship between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel. The first session will focus on the biblical period, with subsequent sessions on the rabbinic period, the Enlightenment, the Harbingers of Political Zionism, the pre-State period, and the War of Independence. Several of our movies in "Jewsday Night at the Movies" will correspond to our curriculum. Remaining dates are January 12†, February 6*, March 23†, April 27†, and May 22*.



On **Sunday, December 8**, Rav Shai will lead a trip to Washington, DC's newest museum, the **Museum of the Bible**. Although the Museum has Christian and evangelical exhibits, their treatment of what they respectfully refer to as the "Hebrew Bible," as opposed to the Old Testament, is excellent. We have timed the trip to coincide with the corresponding classes in Rav Shai's "About Zion" series.

*Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM

†Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM (Sunday morning sessions will include brunch.)



To help defray the considerable costs involved in scheduling our speakers and associated expenses, beginning this year the committee will be charging for meals for those events that include them. The charge will be \$18 per person.

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



Orange County Community Scholar Program



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

L'olam Committee

By Lorna Rosenberg, President

Field Trip to Kneehigh Produce and Flax Farm

To begin the AJ journey on "Kosher 2.0 — Is Traditional Kashrut Enough?," fifteen AJers with friends and family visited Kneehigh Farm in Pottstown, PA to meet and learn about sustainable agriculture and eating from Farmer Emma DeLong. Kneehigh Farm is seven-acre vegetable/ women-run farm that is co-located on the Pickering Land Trust site which includes several other farmers and their operations raising flowers and poultry.

Emma's farming philosophy is to not use pesticides or herbicides. She rotates her crops and composts in the field to replenish the soil health and balance the soil chemistry for the next season. Her fields are minimally tilled to reduce carbon dioxide escaping from the soil into the atmosphere. Crops such as salad mix are delicate and require shading under tarps to reduce heat and sun until they are fully established. Other crops are tarped or netted to reduce insect infestations. Emma tries to use as little petroleum-based plastic as possible and opts for biodegradable plastic to protect plants in the field when biodegradable products are affordable. All the vegetables are grown from seed, started at the farm, then field planted.

Kneehigh Farm sells through Red Dog Market, close to the farm, and hosts a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. CSA is when a community of individuals pays in advance of the growing season to support a farm operation; then contributors receive a share in the harvest throughout the growing season. Emma has over 100 contributors to her CSA and sells her local products to private retail stores like Riverwards in Fishtown.


The array of field crops at Kneehigh is varied, including okra, broccolini, lettuce, squash, and tomatoes and potatoes. They grow products that their customers want, including flowers and honey from their own beehives.

BELOW: AJ visitors to Kneehigh Farm had a beautiful day to explore the fields and the farmers' market.



Did you know that there is no linen fabric produced in the United States at this time? Farmer Emma is changing that through the Pennsylvania Flax project. PA Flax is bringing flax for linen production back to Pennsylvania through organizing farmers, creating infrastructure for processing, and making American linen possible again. Flax is a climate-positive plant that's easy to grow. It requires little-to-no chemical inputs or irrigation. It protects waterways, remediates soil, and provides pollinator habitat. Flax's most valuable use is for linen production. Demand for linen grows as consumers turn away from synthetics and demand natural fibers. Flax can also be

turned into dozens of other products, making it a versatile and high-value crop. Find out how you can grow linen and be a part of the change at <https://paflaxproject.com/square-yard-project/>

Supporting Farmer Emma by eating products which are grown chemical-free within one hour of Elkins Park is a way of using our buying power to support local farmers producing fresh, seasonal foods and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. 

Coming Up in November and December:

Sunday, November 10: Sue Fishkoff, author and writer, will present "**Kosher Nation — The Ins and Outs of Eating Kosher in America.**" 11:30 AM via Zoom and in person at AJ. Register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/kosher-nation.html> or scan the QR code.



Tuesday, December 10: Join us via Zoom at 7:45 PM for a conversation with **Rabbi Doctor Shmuly Yanklowitz** on **Why Would an Orthodox Rabbi Swear Off Kosher Meat?** You can learn more about him at <https://www.rabbishmuly.com/>. Stay tuned for registration information.



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:

OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2024

24 Tishri 5785 to 30 Tishri 5785

To be read on Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Oct. 26



Hulda Burger Abrahams
Esther Schlein Appelbaum
Isaac Beildeck
Robert M. Bernstein
Samuel M. Bernstein
Harry Bloch
Edward Blumberg
Marcus Buschel
Gita Cherner
Louis Daroff
Fay Davis
Rabbi Moses Eckstein
Abe Epstein
Samuel Feigenbaum
Anna E. Goldman
Alexander Ziskind Goldstein
Morris Goldstein
Isaac E. Goodman
Morton Goren
Israel C. Green
Leon O. Halin
Charles (Chuck) E. Harris
Gabriel Harris
Moritz Heidelberger
Joseph Herbach
Hannah Jacobs
Gertrude C. (Trudy) Jacobs
Jacob Kahn
Frances S. Kane
Ricka Kauffman
Edward Langerman

Ruth Lecoff
Nathan S. Lepoff
Edith L. Loeb
Ida Platowsky Lowther
Clara Meyers
Nathan Neff
Fannie Nicetude
Reba Novack
Anna Paller
Harry J. Pasternak
Edythe Plato
Elizabeth L. Price
Rosa Rosenberger
Celia Rudolph
Samuel Sachs
Solomon Sacks
Yani Samsky
Edis Schwartz
Dr. Sophie Klein Seligman
Luba Shnaper
Joseph Leib Snyder
Samuel Sobel
Maurice Spector
Rose Stone
Harry Sukol
Abraham J. Trifeld
Sadie G. Warshaw
Samuel Weinroth
Naomi Whiteman
Reba Wise
Lillian L. Woldow

NOVEMBER 2 TO NOVEMBER 8, 2024

1 Heshvan 5785 to 7 Heshvan 5785

To be read on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3



Sophia Aarons
Louis Abrams
Amelia Mollie Album
Leon H. Anthony
Elaine S. Baker
Isadore H. Bandler
Robert Berger
David Bernstein
Edwin I. Black
Allen B. Blankfield
Rose Blumberg
Ralph Tandlich Buchsbaum
Sara Bucks
Joseph Caplan
Beatrice Feinstein
Aaron L. Feld
Rose Fierstien
Rebecca Fingles
Ruth Anopol Ford
William Freeman
Celia G. Friedland
Frederick M. Friedman

Robert Gerson
Bella Ginn
Mollie Glick
Dina Greenhouse
Svi Greis
Herbert H. Grossman
Philip Grosswald
Caroline Hess
Ignatz Huscher
Max Jasner
Freda Joseph
Lilly Joseph Kamin
Carl Katz
Jeanette S. Kline
Jack Kramer
Dr. Albert H. Kreda
Robert A. Krevitz
Ray Lazaroff
Rose P. Lipschutz
Samuel Markowitz
Henry Mitchell
Anna P. Moldawer

Dr. Jacob P. Morrison
Harry Nemir
Doris Pashman
Julius L. Popowich
Ida S. Reisman
Herman Rosenberg
Martha Gorchov Rosenberger
Stephen D. Rudman
William Salvin
Samuel Schwartz
Ida Segal

Edward Shapiro
Morris Silk
Joyce V. Skaler
Dorie Solomon
Michael Wasserman
Hyman Max Weigman
Philip Weiss
Ida Wexler
Frank Zinman

NOVEMBER 9 TO NOVEMBER 15, 2024

8 Heshvan 5785 to 14 Heshvan 5785

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



Anna Altman
Pearl Ann Arost
Harold A. Bolen
Minerva D. Braemer
Joseph Braverman
Pearl Caplan
Edward H. Casper
Bernice Shambelan S. Dyschel
Jonah Fabricant
Sam Finder
Roslyn Fineman
Sadie Hoffman Finestone
Isadore Jacob Freedman
Ann O. Fuller
Reba Fuller
Hyman Gettlin
Blanch Turoff Goffman
Robert D. Goldblum
Elizabeth Goldfarb
Minnie Grossman
Irving Isdamer
Sylvia Ruth Koff
Sylvia Krevitz
Dr. Lila Stein Kroser
Harry Lamb

Max Largman
A. Alfred Lipschutz
Sophie London
Louis C. Luber
Murray H. Mellman
Anna D. Metz
Minnie Metzger
Nellie Nicholson
Freda Ostrum
Irwin A. Parnis
Ruben Perl
Brad K. Robbins
Mrs. Marilynn Schnall
Goldie B. Schwartz
Flora Seligman
Max Slotnick
Harry Snader
Anne Steerman
I. Jerome Stern
Benjamin Van Collen
David A. Vigderman
Louise E. Weiner
Saul Willig
Lillian Wurzel

NOVEMBER 16 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2024

15 Heshvan 5785 to 21 Heshvan 5785

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



Sidney Abrams
Joseph I. Abrams
Abraham L. Albertson
Stanley L. Ashe
Jerome Back
Hannah Barenkopf
Eva F. Barenkopf
Martin M. Burd
William Chernow
Rose Segal Cohen
Isaac Domansky
Moses Engel
Samuel Fisher
Jay S. Fuller
Terry M. German, MD
Max Glauser
Cantor Morris Goldstein
Lillian Hartman

Max Kanoff
Harry Kattelman
Henrietta Klein
Sidney Raymond Krupnick
Rose Laster
Isaac Lessem Levi
Dr. Israel Levin
Sophia D. Levyn
Cecelia Lewis
Frances T. Mann
Mortimer H. Menaker
Bernice B. Oswald
Sylvan J. Oswald
Jennie Perl
Katie Piwosky
Jennie Rachel Reinhart
Hermann Rosenberger
Albert Boomie Rubin

Mary Siegel
Herman Siplet
Goldie Sklar
Ida L. Smith
Yetta Spiegel
Isadore M. Spiller

Goldie Steinberg
Paul Steiner
Daniel R. Udell
Mirjam Vorenberg
Fannie Wachstein
Betty Weiss

NOVEMBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 29, 2024

22 Heshvan 5785 to 28 Heshvan 5785

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



Rosa S. Adams
Loretta Arost
Simon Arronson
Carrie Bacharach
Stanley Bee
Samuel Beilan
Bessie Berkowitz
David Berkowitz
Leah Blumberg
Harry Brandschain
Hannah Brav
Charlotte Hannah Britchkow
Rushell Broder
Pina Brooks
Rachel Brown
Lester Claster
Morris Coverman
Rae Cowan
Pearl Dean
Reuben Donsky
John Ellis
Sarah M. Engel
Anne K. Fidelman
Ella Fingles
Eva Fox
William L. Fox
Anna Goldfine
Dana Beth Goldsborough
Dr. Leonard F. Greenberg, MD
Samuel Heilbron
Minnie Hoffman
Max Israel
Benjamin Jacobson
Harry Jaffe
Josef Joseph
Bertha Bandler Katz
Sadie Katz

William Krevitz
Charlotte Lavin
Fannie Leshnick
Sophie Levy
Milton H. Lipshutz
Rose Lockstanow
Jerome M. Marcus
Alfred P. Orleans
Robyn W. Orodenker
Louis Oswald
Samuel M. Parker
Helen Halpern Parnis
Leonard J. Pasternak
Morris Piwosky
Norman Platowsky
Arthur David Pollock
Fannie Protas
Dr. Morris Rudolph
Daniel Allen Schmerling
Jennie Schneeberg
Emma Schweriner
Rose Senet
Nissan Sher
Bessie Sherman
Rebecca Sherman
Fannie Sigel
Marie Silk
Dr. Claire Goodis Sopenoff
Simon Spector
Sidonie Stern
Sarah Rebecca Trifield
Benjamin F. Weiss
Harry Wilf
Lizzie Wise
Lehman Wollenberger
Dr. Eli Warren Zucker, MD

NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 6, 2024

29 Heshvan 5785 to 5 Kislev 5785

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



Helen Abrams
Tillie Balis
Samuel Balter
Edna W. Baylson
Ida Beilan
Cantor Arnold H. Bloch
Sarah Block
Max David Chalphon
Harry Aaron Clair
Lena Cohn
Louis Feldenkreis

Joseph C. Fleisher
Louis J. Fox
Frances Goodman
Pinchas Gorinstein
Lola Apothaker Green
Dora Greenberg
Aaron S. Grossman
Anna S. Grossman
Herman Heilbron
Morris Hoffman
Clara Isaacman

לזכר עולם In Remembrance

Cecelia Frieder Kahn
Leopold Kahn
Annie Klein
Sarah Freedman Klein
Florence Budin Krosner
Lyllan Langerman
William Lockstanow
Bernard H. Love
Louis Mann
Joseph Marcus
Rose Tolen McKenna
Fritzie S. Meyer
Julius Pashman
Eve R. Plotnick
Sonya Podell

Aaron Pressman
C. Willard Robinson
Henrietta Rosenbaum
Rose Rosenstein
Herman Rosenthal
Judy Schwartz
Elaine Beverly Seidman
Eli Shaffer
Jack Shorr
Solomon Sickles
Jennie Stern
Mrs. Maxine Stutman
Samuel Unterberger
Max H. Vigderman
D. Leonard Vigderman

DECEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 13, 2024 6 Kislev 5785 to 12 Kislev 5785

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

Edel Aronson
Mamie G. Ashe
Benjamin Barenkopf
Phyllis Wolff Baylson
Bernard H. Berger
Pincus W. Blitstein
Benjamin E. Block
Mary Bodine
Joel Claster
Sheva Cohen
Hazzan Charles S. Davidson
Mordecai Dean
Phillip S. Eisman
Miriam Epstein
Rose Farber
Mr. Kalman Edward Fine
Rose Freedman
Myer Friedman
Dr. Frank Glauser
Rae Goldfarb
Freda Gorinstein
Robert Gross
Morris Haber
Saly Hirsch
Mary Hoffman
Elias Jacobson
Louis Jaffe
Lillian Jawer
Felix Max Katar
Rabbi Max D. Klein
Bessie Kornstein
Helen Kotzin

Harry Leidner
Ruth S. Lessig
Gertrude S. Levi
Nathan Levy
Hymen Nitzberg
Gertrude Odza
Samuel J. Parness
Abraham Joseph Plone
Mr. Robert Robbins
Gussie Thierman Rosen
Jay Harry Rubenstein
Raye Neiman Sacks
Fanny Samuel
Solomon Schechter
Jenny Schiff
Anna Schlossberg
Benjamin Schnapp
Tessie Schwartz
Bessie Sher
Max Smith
Beatrice L. Solis
Lippman R. Steinberg
Oscar Tarshish
Arlene Treegoob
Eva Weingast
John H. Wertheimer
Edgar Wise
Louis Aaron Wise
Esther Yarish
Ida Jaffe Zaslow
Irving Zucker

DECEMBER 14 TO DECEMBER 20, 2024 13 Kislev 5785 to 19 Kislev 5785

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

Rose Back
Charles S. Barsh
Ford Meyer Bayuk
Roseline Bloch
Moshe M. Bloshstein
Gustav Bonnem
David Boorstein
Ruth L. Brister
Arthur M. Brody
Elsie Butler
Harris Claster
Abraham Constantine
Max Dannenhirsch
Alvin D. Davidson
Isadore Farber
Rosalind Berman Feinstein
Gussie Fine
Solomon Fisher
Anna Foreman
Abraham Freedman
Joseph Gainer
Clara Gerstley
Samuel Goldstien
Bessie Goodis
Pauline Gradwohl
Frances S. Gross
Jim Guggenheim
Hersh Haber
Rosy F. Hammerschlag
Harry Hoffman

Albert Joseph
Ernest Katz
Matthew Kramer
Philip G. Krause
Henrietta Levi
Ann Levin
Anna Elka Levine
Bessie Levy
Bertha Wiernick Lewkowicz
Johanna Loeb
Morris Lowenstein
Abram P. Piwosky
Rachel Rabinowitz
Herman L. Scheibman
Caroline Scheuer
Louis H. Schnall
Bernard K. Shapiro
Joseph Spiegel
Sarah Stapler
Herman Stern
Bessie Strauss
Selma Vogel
Lewis Beryl Wagman
Abraham G. Weisman
Harold Wertheim
Theresa Witz
Miriam Wohlberg
Cilda B. Young

DECEMBER 21 TO DECEMBER 27, 2024 20 Kislev 5785 to 26 Kislev 5785

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

Rosa Abrahams
Lena Abrams
Dr. Edward Arnpol
John M. Ashe
Fanny Sickles Ayres
Cantor Madeline Berman
Rose Bernheim
Rachael Grueman Bernstein
Benjamin Bernstein
Alexander Elias Bless
Rose Cohen Brandschain
Carrie Breen
Suzanne Brest
Harry Brooks
Diana Cohen

Meyer E. Cooper
Mildred H. Damsker
Eli N. Donsky
Martin Eckdich
Benjamin Fine
Edith S. Finkel
Lowell Howard Fishman
Fannie Flaxman
Irwin Charles Fox
David Friedmann
Dr. Leonard D. Fuller
Benjamin Fyne
Irving S. Gelber
Esther Getzow
Theodore Goldblum

Philip Goldsman
Harry Goldsmith
Morris Goodman
Minnie Mindal Green
Elihu Greenhouse
Simon Gross
David Hoffman
Joseph Hoffman
Dr. M. David Hoffman
Isidor Jacobi
Laban Jacobs
Maurice M. Jacobs
Moses Klein
Morton J. Kravitz
Bertha Rosenbaum Lamb
Bernard Laster
Samuel David Lindeman
Daniel Lowenstein
Rose Lyons
Jacob L. Metzger

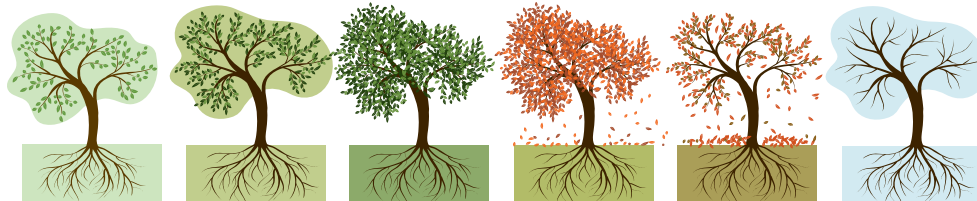
Louis Metzger
Gussie Miller
Jay D Moss
Mrs. Carolyn Platt
Max Rosenbloom
Benjamin Rotko
Edith Silberman Samuel
Albert Schwartz
Berta Rosenblatt Schwartz
Maxwell M. Schwartz
Jack Sitron
Rebecca Smolever
Edith Snyder
Evelyn Miller Snyder
S. Ty Steinberg
Rose Stevens
Dorothy Hollander Titman
Roland Turk
Pearl Wernick
Sarah Zager

DECEMBER 28 TO JANUARY 3, 2025 27 Kislev 5785 to 3 Tevet 5785

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

Fannie Freed Alpern
Meyer Alpern
Anne G. Altman
Sgt. Morton Arinsberg
Toba Arnowitz
Isadore Aronson
Rosa Bachenheimer
Benzion Berman
Clara (Claire) Blitz
David Blumberg
Adolph Bodine
Simon Breen
Dorothy Saltzburg Brenner
Anna Willig Brody
Ida Brody
Lillian D. Brownstein
Sylvia Burg
Father of Philip Cohn
Mother of Philip Cohn
Philip Cohn
Gabriel Elias
Jacob S. Engel
Miriam Epstein
Rosalie Fabricant
Shirley K. Garfinkel
Dr. Abraham Ginsburg
Yaakov Sholom Goldberg
Leonard Goldfine
Morris H. Goldman
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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 office@adathjeshurun.info with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Please include your phone number.

Births

Easton Jacobs Superfine, great-grandson of Adele and Joseph Superfine August 27, 2024

Lilah Piper Baill, granddaughter of Pam and Joe Yohlin August 28, 2024

Ella Mae Wohl, great-granddaughter of Joan Wohl September 18, 2024

Becca Shai Sussman, granddaughter of Karen and Mark Cuker, daughter of Judy and Gregg Sussman October 15, 2024

Elyse Jules Rosenberg, granddaughter of Lorna and Murray Rosenberg, daughter of Ari Rosenberg and Jillian Luks October 18, 2024

Deaths

Dr. Herschel Russell, father of Mitch (Amy) Russell August 25, 2024

Marvin Black, father of Mickey (Barbara) Black August 30, 2024

Howard Weinstein, brother of Gail (Mark) Schwartz September 6, 2024

Doris Greenberg September 27, 2024

Marvin Weilerstein, husband of Lillian, and father of Kenny Weilerstein October 17, 2024

Roslyn Pasternack, mother of Lisa Pasternack, Sondra Pasternack, and Marla Sones October 24, 2024

November Milestone Anniversaries

60 YEARS
• Melvyn and Aileen Rothbard November 22, 1964

45 YEARS
• Rabbi Sandra and Roy Berliner November 4, 1979
• Kenneth and Lorna Schwartz November 24, 1979

40 YEARS
• Marcia Bronstein and Eric Salmansohn November 18, 1984

10 YEARS
• Joshua Siegel and Julianne Remus November 15, 2014

December Milestone Anniversaries

55 YEARS
• Ed and Sheila Chacker December 27, 1969

Kol HaKavod to our August and September Torah and Haftarah Readers

Rabbi Sandi Berliner	Susan Novack
Joanne Feierman	Gail Schwartz
Allan Freedman	Elaine Stewart
Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz	Steven Strauss
Mindy Goldstein	Meryl Sussman
Judy Stutman Izes	Marcy Webber
Donna Levin	Idelle Wood
Karen Moses	Tammy Zebovitz

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For a speedy recovery!
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Allan and Vivien Marmon
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Merril Stup
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marriage to Brett
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Avi Manuel Richter, Our New Grandson

Mazel tov on Avi's birth!
Mindy and Stephen Goldstein

Mindy and Stephen Goldstein

Mazel tov on the birth
of Avi Richter
Shelley and Roy Schwartz
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Thank you for making
this Yom Tov special
Shelley and Roy Schwartz

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Mazel tov on your
anniversary celebration!
Steve and Tammy Zebovitz

Shelley and Roy Schwartz

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Mazel tov to on the birth
of your great-grandson
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of Noah and Sabrina!
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Happy Birthday!
Barbara and Mickey Black

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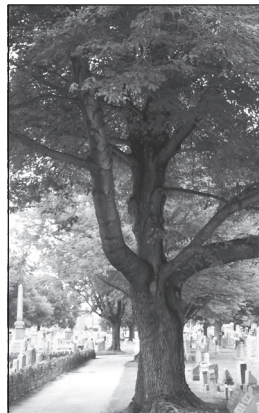
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- Sing-Along with Joanie Leeds
- Dancing
- Refreshments
- Hot Latke Bar

Join your fellow AJers as we nosh, dance, and sing along with Joanie Leeds! We will also have a hot latke bar with the absolutely best toppings ever. The warmth of Havdalah and the lights of Hanukkah will bring joyful celebration and togetherness into our synagogue this December! This is sure to be a wonderful upbeat event!

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