

Trends and Our Future

By Rav Shai Cherry



Many people whom I’ve met, both current AJ members and former AJ members, tell me that their mug shot hangs on our preschool walls in the Confirmation Class of (fill in the blank.) After hearing the claim to fame so many times, I went downstairs to tour our past.

The photos begin in 1902 with Rabbi Ehrenreich. There were 10 students in that class. By 1944, AJ hit its peak with 58 students!

But for the next twenty years, there was a steady decline. By 1964, AJ was back down to 10 students.

Rabbi Rosenberg, z”l, had come on board in 1960 after Rebbe Klein, z”l, retired. The next five years were ones of transition for AJ during which the shul relocated from Broad and Diamond Streets to our current location and hired Cantor Charles Davidson, z”l.

Those changes brought about a dramatic improvement in the numbers of our confirmation students, quickly reaching a high point in 1970 of 47 students. But demographics began working against the shuls on the Old York Road corridor. By 1982, enrollment began to steadily decline. Last year, there were six students in our Confirmation Class and this year we have none.

There’s another trend, however, that is important to recognize and accommodate. At the end of February 2025, the Pew Research Center published its 2023–2024 Religious Landscape Study. The Study focused on American Christians but offered insights into American patterns of religiosity in general. Here are a few to consider.

Seventy-five percent of all Americans born since 1980 attend services a few times a year at most. The percentage of those who attend monthly has dropped from 54% in 2007 to 45% in 2018. “Jewish Americans are among the most likely of the religiously affiliated groups studied to say religion is not too important or not at all important in their lives — though 27% say it is very important” (p. 159). Even though 43% of American Jews say that religion isn’t so important to them, they are still affiliating with Judaism. On the other hand, 24% of American-born Jews say they no longer consider themselves Jewish.

As we saw at AJ in the 1960s, trends can be reversed, but it involved both changes in geography and personnel. What is it that keeps 43% of American Jews Jewish if it’s not religion? And whatever it is, can we promote it at AJ to attract them to our community? Or would it be mission creep because we are, ostensibly, a religious institution?



While we mull over these questions, I’m trying to resuscitate our confirmation program. Can you help? If you know of any teenagers, regardless of their affiliation with AJ, who want to spend a year learning about Jewish ethics while getting college credit, send them my way. And what did the Pew Religious Landscape Study say about how Jews make decisions about right and wrong? By a depressingly wide margin, Jews are the least likely of all religious Americans to consult our rich tradition of ethics when making decisions (p. 282).

I leave you with a parable from the Talmud (*Brachot 61b*).

The Sages taught: One time, after the Bar Kokhva rebellion, the evil empire of Rome decreed that Israel may not engage in the study and practice of Torah. Pappos ben Yehuda came and found Rabbi Akiva who was convening assemblies in public and engaging in Torah study. Pappos said to him: Akiva, are you not afraid of the empire? Rabbi Akiva answered him: I will relate a parable. To what can this be compared? It is like a fox walking along a riverbank when he sees fish gathering and fleeing from place to place.

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CELEBRATION OF THE COVENANT

Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat services (May 9 and 10) to celebrate students of Rav Shai’s “Exploring Judaism” classes as they complete their conversion to the Jewish faith! See details on page 5. 6:15 PM and 9:30 AM.

Then join us on Sunday, June 1, for Tikkun Leil Shavuot when we’ll welcome Rachel Korazim via Zoom from Israel.

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Service Schedule

YOM HAATZMAUT (ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY)

May 1, 2025 3 Iyar 5785

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT TAZRIA | METZORA

May 2, 3, 2025 5 Iyar 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 7:38 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

Followed by a luncheon sponsored by the
AJ Men's Association

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:40 PM

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SHABBAT AHAREI | KEDOSHIM

May 9, 10, 2025 12 Iyar 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 7:45 PM

FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY MORNING:

*The Celebration of the Covenant: Welcoming the Newest
Additions to the Jewish People*

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

Followed by a luncheon to celebrate the converts

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:45 PM

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LAG BAOMER

May 16, 2025 18 Iyar 5785

FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:30 AM

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SHABBAT EMOR

May 16, 17, 2025 19 Adar 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 7:52 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached . 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

B' Mitzvah of

ARIELLE GILLEN

Daughter of

Marlie Robbins and Kevin Gillen

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:55 PM

SHABBAT BEHAR | BEHUKOTAI

May 23, 24, 2025 26 Iyar 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 7:58 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:00 PM

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YOM YERUSHALAYIM (JERUSALEM DAY) MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED)

May 26, 2025 28 Iyar 5785

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

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ROSH HODESH SIVAN

May 28, 2025 1 Sivan 5785

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT BAMIDBAR

May 30, 31, 2025 4 Sivan 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 8:04 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

*Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat
(see description below)*

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:05 PM

EREV SHAVUOT

June 1, 2025 5 Sivan 5785

Light Yom Tov Candles 8:05 PM

SUNDAY EVENING

- Minhah TBD

- Evening Service TBD

- Learning Session with Rav Shai:

"Judaism After the Shoah and Zionism" TBD

- Learning Session with Rachel Korazim via Zoom:

"Israeli Poetry" TBD

For more information, see the back cover.

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SHAVUOT

June 2, 2025 6 Sivan 5785

MONDAY MORNING

- Shavuot Service, including Yizkor 9:30 AM

Followed by a luncheon

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SHABBAT NASO

June 6, 7, 2025 11 Sivan 5785

Light Shabbat Candles 8:09 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

Followed by a luncheon prepared by

the L'olam Committee and speaker from ADL,
Abbey Krain

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:10 PM

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SHABBAT BEHAALOTEKHA

June 13, 14, 2025 18 Sivan 5785

FRIDAY EVENING

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

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:15 PM

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SHABBAT SHELAH

June 20, 21, 2025 25 Sivan 5785

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:15 PM

May 31: AJ Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat

AJ is hosting a lunch in honor of our amazing and gracious volunteers. Your help throughout the year is essential and helps to make us the warm and welcoming community that we are. The lunch is for the entire congregation in honor of all of the volunteers. You must RSVP! Please use the May Online Service Registration Form and let us know which committees and for what events you have been a volunteer. Everything you do matters — from the garden to the minyan and everything in between — we celebrate your commitment to AJ! Also, let us know if you will attend services and/or the lunch. We want to be certain to include you in an aliyah.

ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

June 26, 27, 2025 30 Sivan, 1 Tammuz 5785

THURSDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 7:00 AM

FRIDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT KORAH

June 27, 28, 2025 2 Tammuz 5785

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:15 PM

Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz will be at **Rydal Park and Waters** at 4:00 PM for Kabbalat Shabbat services on **Friday, May 23**, and **Friday, June 27**.

If you or a loved one are sick, in the hospital, or a rehab, please contact the office to let us know. We can only be of assistance if we are aware of the situation. As our members, we would like to support you with prayer, by visiting, and with meals if needed.

Thank you.

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.



The President's Corner

By *Dr. Harry Lessig*,
President of Congregation Adath Jeshurun

I hope you and your families had a joyful and meaningful Passover season. My family and I enjoyed celebrating in Chicago and reflected on the blessings of our community.

I also hope you had the opportunity to attend the outstanding special event honoring Robert Friedman for his dedicated service to Congregation Adath Jeshurun and the broader Jewish community. It was a truly memorable evening, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make it a success.

Our adult education programs continue to thrive, featuring engaging lectures, informative speakers, and enriching luncheons. A heartfelt thank-you to all who helped plan and execute these valuable learning experiences.

Looking ahead to the fall, we are excited to introduce a Sunday morning kindergarten class at AJ — a wonderful opportunity for young children to begin their academic journey in a fun and nurturing environment, just as many of us did. We are currently seeking at least ten children for the class. If you are

a parent or grandparent interested in enrolling a child, please contact me by email, harrylessig@gmail.com, or call me at 215.605.9932 with the child's name, phone number, and address.

Lastly, I want to assure you that we are actively moving forward with plans for the future of our synagogue. This is a complex and time-intensive process, requiring careful consideration from all angles. While we initially anticipated completing it within a year, it has become clear that this effort will extend into a second year. We appreciate your patience and support as we work diligently to ensure a strong and sustainable future for our congregation.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our community. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and continuing to grow together.

Warmly,

Harry Lessig



MAY
Friday/Saturday
Service Sign-up Link

<http://tinyurl.com/Services-may25>



JUNE
Friday/Saturday
Service Sign-up Link

<http://tinyurl.com/Services-june25>



DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

Sunday9:00 AM

Monday and Thursday*7:20 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday7:30 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!

Rav Shai continued from page 1

The fox said to them: From what are you fleeing?

They said to him: We are fleeing from the nets that people cast upon us.

He said to them: Do you wish to come up onto dry land, and we will reside together just as my ancestors resided with your ancestors?

The fish said to him: You are the one of whom they say he is the cleverest of animals? You are not clever; you are a fool. If we are afraid in the water, our natural habitat which gives us life, then in a habitat that causes our death, all the more so.

The moral is: So too, we Jews, now that we sit and engage in Torah study, about which it is written: "For that is your life, and the length of your days" (Deuteronomy 30:20), thus if we proceed to sit idle from its study, which is our life, all the more so will we fear death.

What's Happening at AJ

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8 AJ ADULT ED: RABBI SHARON BROUS VIA ZOOM
Rabbi Sharon Brous is a well-known author, educator, commentator, and senior and founding rabbi of IKAR, a leading-edge synagogue and Jewish community in Los Angeles. She will be joining us for a conversation with Rav Shai about the themes in her recent book, *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World*. See details on page 9. 8:00 PM.

9/10 CELEBRATION FOR CONVERSION STUDENTS
Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat services to celebrate students of Rav Shai's "Exploring Judaism" classes as they complete their conversion to the Jewish faith! See details on page 5. 6:15 PM and 9:30 AM.

13 L'OLAM SCREENING OF "FEEDING TOMORROW"
Up against a broken food system, a brave group of visionary leaders in agriculture, healthcare and education work to build a more just, regenerative, and resilient system in their local communities. See page 7 for details. 7:45 PM to 9:30 PM

16 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.

18 TORAH FUND BRUNCH
The AJWA Sisterhood will honor Karen Moses as their Woman of Achievement. She will join a list of esteemed women and men whom we have celebrated in the past. 10:30 AM. See page 10 for more information.

21 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
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 in advance with any questions. Following evening minyan at 7:30 PM at AJ.

22 ADULT ED SERIES: "ABOUT ZION" WITH RAV SHAI CHERRY, PHD, PART 6
This final session of "About Zion" will focus on Israel's War of Independence. 7:30 PM.

23 KABBALAT SHABBAT AT RYDAL PARK AND WATERS
Rav Hazzan Glantz will be leading Kabbalat Shabbat beginning at 4:00 PM.

27 JEWSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: INCITEMENT
Israeli film *Incitement* details the year leading to the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin (1922–1995), from the point of view of the assassin. See back cover for details. 7:30 PM.

31 VOLUNTEER SHABBAT
Join us on Shabbat morning to honor the lifeblood of AJ, our volunteers! See details on page 2. 9:30 AM

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1 SUNDAES FOR SARA'S CASTLE
Buy an ice cream sundae to benefit the upkeep of Sara's Castle on the AJ Playground. See details on page 3. 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

1 TIKKUN Leil SHAVUOT
Following evening services, Rav Shai will speak on "Judaism After the Shoah and Zionism," and Rachel Korazim will speak about Israeli poetry via Zoom. Stay tuned for details.

2 SHAVUOT
Our Shavuot service will begin at 9:30 AM and will include Yizkor. A luncheon will follow.

3 ROBYN ORODENKER AND SYLVIA C. COHEN BOOK CLUB
June's book is *My Life in Recipes*, by Joan Nathan. We'll celebrate the year with our annual dinner. See page 10 for details. 8:00 PM.

4 L'OLAM KOSHER 2.0: AJ KASHRUT POLICY
Our AJ community will be drafting a policy to determine our ethics toward what food is made and served at AJ, regarding kosher, local, and organic considerations. Join us via Zoom. See details on page 7. 7:30 PM

7 SHABBAT LUNCH 'N LEARN WITH ABBEY KRAIN
Abbey Krain is the new senior associate regional director at Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Philadelphia. Lunch will be prepared by the L'olam Committee. See details on page 9. 12:15 PM.

13 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED
See description for May 16. 6:15 PM.

14 LGBTQAI+ GAME NIGHT
Please bring your favorite new or traditional game to share and play with others or enjoy the games we have to share! 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Stay tuned for details.

16 167TH ANNUAL MEETING
Join us as we celebrate the past synagogue year! We'll also be celebrating the ambulance that AJ purchased for Israel after October 7, 2023. Beginning with evening services at 7:00 PM.

17 LGBTQAI+ PANEL EVENT
AJ will be hosting a panel event interviewing LGBTQAI+ individuals from our community about their experiences in the current social landscape and how others can provide support and connection. Stay tuned for details.

25 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
See the description for May 21. Following evening minyan at 7:30 PM at AJ.

27 KABBALAT SHABBAT AT RYDAL PARK AND WATERS
Rav Hazzan Glantz will be leading Kabbalat Shabbat beginning at 4:00 PM.



A Celebration of the Covenant

From where do I derive that people who will join the Jewish people in the future were also included in the original covenant? The verses (Dt. 29) state:

“You are positioned today, all of you, before the presence of YHWH your God: all the men of Israel, your little-ones, your wives, your sojourner who is amid your encampments, from your woodchopper to your water hauler, for you to cross over into the covenant of YHWH your God, and into this oath-of-fealty that YHWH your God is cutting with you today— in order that God may establish you today as a people, with him being for you as a god.

Not with you, you-alone do I cut this covenant and this oath, but with the one who is here, standing with us today before the presence of YHWH our God, and with the one who is not here with us today.”

Babylonian Talmud, Shavuot 39a

Please join Congregation Adath Jeshurun on Shabbat Aharei Mot/ Kedoshim, Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10, 2025, as we celebrate and recognize the newest additions to the Jewish people.

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| Theo Fisher | Elior Tsurriel ben Avraham v’Sarah |
| Yudy Lantigua | Yehudit bat Avraham v’Sarah |
| Vance Ragland | Yitro ben Avraham v’Sarah |
| Julianne Remus | Eliana bat Avraham v’Sarah |

Services begin Friday evening at 6:15 PM and Saturday morning at 9:30 AM. Following services Friday night, there will be a celebratory dinner for the converts and their families only. Following services on Saturday morning, there will be a congregational lunch open to everyone for which we request you register. Please use the May Online Service Registration Form or call the office at 215.635.6611.

AJ Bereavement Support Group

Wednesday, May 21 and Wednesday, June 25, 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.



Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

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

Friday nights at 6:15 PM:
May 16 and June 13



Save the Date!

Sunday, June 1 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

16TH ANNUAL Sundaes for Sara’s Castle



Sara was a vibrant, fun-loving little girl who attended Adath Jeshurun Early Learning Center. At age five she was diagnosed with brain cancer. Sara fought bravely for her life but lost her battle on May 12, 2008. Her family and our wonderful school community wanted to remember Sara’s short but beautiful life. She had an artistic talent that was seen in one of her masterpieces she created when learning about the holiday of Purim in Lavan A. She drew a castle adorned with beautiful flags. It came as no surprise to use this creation, as one that signifies her creativity and love of play, to remember her.

Please join the staff at Adath Jeshurun Early Learning Center as we scoop ice cream in honor of Sara and the 16th anniversary of her castle on Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM outside the castle playground. (\$5 sundae donation) All proceeds go towards the maintenance of the castle structure.

WANT TO BECOME A SPECIAL SPONSOR OF SARA’S CASTLE?

- One Scoop** \$18.00
- Two Scoops** \$36.00
- Three Scoops** \$54.00
- Four Scoops** \$72.00
- Five Scoops** \$90.00
- Six Scoops** \$108.00

Please send a check madeout to “Adath Jeshurun” to:

AJ Early Learning Center

7763 Old York Road,
Elkins Park, PA 19027



ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH Annual Meeting

OF CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN

Monday, June 16 • Please note the date change!
Stay tuned for details!



In Rav Hazzan's World

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Let's Get Started!

Early in the Purim Shpiel, co-written by Frances and Charles Davidson ז"ל, the chorus sings about the impending beauty contest. It ends with the exclamation, "Let's Get Started!" After we sang that snippet at the November tribute to the memory of Charles and Frances, I just knew that it was high time we perform the whole cantata on Purim itself.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to Soyeon Bin who served brilliantly as director and accompanist. With each Wednesday night rehearsal, the excitement grew and all the pieces fell into place. Soyeon truly got the spirit of this work and her dedication and patience with all of us helped produce a wonderful staging (bimah-ing?) of *The Story of Purim in Song and Verse*.

The cast included Abby Auerbach, Amy Blum, Jemma Bleu Greenbaum, Betsy Braun, Ariana Burrows, Wendy Fein Cooper, Randi Freeman, Robert Friedman, Howard Goldman, Debbie Klinger, Catalina Kurschner, Pamela Maman, Ed Moses, Karen Moses, Shari Neidich, Gail Schwartz, and Elizabeth Turk Karan. Much appreciation is also due to our Megillah readers Randi Freeman, Robert Friedman, Mindy Goldstein, Elon Kaplan, Donna Levin, Lorna Rosenberg, Morey Smerling, Leilah Spina, Meryl Sussman, Elissa Waldstein, and Richard Zeises.

It is always nice to hear from former students and so I was delighted when, just a year ago, I received such an email from Daniel Livingston. Daniel attended AJ with his parents regularly and contributed greatly to our USY chapter and at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Upon graduating the University of Rochester, he made aliyah and rose to the rank of commander in the artillery corps of the IDF. He wrote,

I'm reaching out today in my role as Director of External Relations for Yizhar Hess, Vice Chairman of the WZO in Jerusalem regarding MERCAZ's ongoing work and the forthcoming elections for the World Zionist Congress in the Spring of 2025.

After stressing that Mercaz advocates for Conservative/Masorti Jews seeking every opportunity for equality, democracy, and pluralism in Israel, Daniel urged me to appoint captains from AJ. That very morning I discussed the project at the minyan breakfast and I immediately had my captains. Steve Strauss and Morey Smerling jumped at the opportunity and attended many training sessions. They arranged for two special events at AJ with guest speakers promoting Mercaz; Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization, Yitzhar Hess and Associate Dean of the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem, Rabbi Arie Hasit.

BELOW: Daniel Livingston (raised at AJ) and Rabbi Arie Hasit speak to congregants at AJ.



AT RIGHT: AJ's own Steve Zebovitz plays viola in the Independence Sinfonia, an orchestra founded in 1995 by musicians from the Delaware Valley. A group of AJers went to dinner after their March concert. Back row, from left to right: Skip and Naomi Atkins, Wendy Fein Cooper, Tammy Zebovitz, Leslie Sokolow, and Kobi Cooper. Front row: Ed Moses, Violet Zeitlin, Steve Zebovitz, Merril Stup, and Dayna and Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz.

When voting in these important elections closes on May 4, I am sure that the review will show a large turnout from our corridor. I cannot stress enough the inspiration brought by Daniel Livingston, Yitzhar Hess, and Arie Hasit, and the pavement pounding efforts of co-captains Steve Strauss and Morey Smerling. Thank you!


And Let's Get Started converting! In just a few days we celebrate our current conversion students. They have been working diligently toward marking their new status. I am so happy to know each one of them and I hope you will come to any or all three of the Shabbat services in which they will participate on May 9 and 10.

I love my regular sessions with these conversion candidates. Each has come to their decision to convert to Judaism by way of a unique path. It brings meaning to their path by acquiring the liturgical vocabulary to participate in an authentically Jewish manner. Thus, our immediate goal is to work on their execution of some of the nuts and bolts of our Jewish liturgy.

We started with Shema, the proclamation of Gd's Oneness which appears early in the morning Shacharit service, as well as the evening Ma'ariv service, reflecting the injunction in its continuation commanding us that these very words we must have in our hearts and teach our children should be on our lips when we lie down at night and when we rise up in the morning. They have also mastered the aliyah blessings, so that they can take hold of the Torah poles, the *atzei chaim*, the branches or trees of life attached to which are the Torah scroll parchments so carefully hand-scribed. They physically take hold as they spiritually grasp and accept the commandments therein.

It is a tall order and we have much to review. Still, it isn't unusual for our conversations to veer from 'tachlis' to more broad and reflective territory. In a recent conversation, one of my students shared the overwhelming feeling they had with the vast diversity within our Jewish umbrella. The student listed the many movements, organizations and perspectives within our community, each with their own passions and unique positions and yet, they expressed quizzically, they are all considered Jewish?? It is especially this aspect of the Jewish community that is an adjustment to the newcomer and it is often described as K'lal Yisrael — כלל ישראל.

This not only distinguishes us as Jews — it is also a source of deep pride. Of course, the picture is far from perfect. Significant divides exist between different groups, and at times, these rifts are so deep they suppress open dialogue, discourage collaboration, and make even the thought of praying together feel impossible.

I'm reminded of the vision Carole King evokes in her song "Tapestry" — "of rich and royal hue," an "everlasting vision of the ever-changing view." Similarly, while the tensions within the Jewish world are real and must not be overlooked, the vast majority of Jews remain united by a shared loyalty to foundational principles of Jewish and Zionist identity. Together, we form a beautiful, complex, and ever-evolving quilted whole. 

Rav Hazzan Glantz will be leading the Ma'ariv service at the Cantors Assembly Convention in Galloway, NJ on Tuesday, May 20. You can purchase tickets for the preceding concert at <https://tinyurl.com/cantors2025>.



L'olam Committee

By Chair, Lorna Rosenberg

L'olam is supporting Friends of the Arava Institute to recruit participation in the Israel Ride fundraiser to support the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies and Peace. Jon Harris Shapiro and Lorna Rosenberg hosted a gathering on March 30, 2025 at AJ. The Ride invites you to bike across Israel for the environment and peace in the region. The Israel Ride is designed for ages 12–75+, catering to recreational riders, experienced cyclists, and experienced E-bikers. Whether you're a solo traveler, a couple, a family, or part of a team, there's a route tailored for you: a ~30-mile daily route with a mix of cycling and touring, a ~55-mile daily route, and for those seeking a challenge, a ~70-mile daily route. There are also fantastic touring options for guests who prefer a more leisurely experience.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jon Harris-Shapiro at jhs@navigatingrisk.com, Lorna Rosenberg at LSRosenberg28@gmail.com, or visit <https://arava.org/join-us/israel-ride/>. The QR code for Arava.org is at the right.



On **Tuesday, April 22**, to commemorate Earth Day, L'olam hosted **Rise Against Hunger**. Our community packed thousands of meals for families in need around the world.

Coming up on **Tuesday, May 13**, at **7:30 PM**, we will show the film **Feeding Tomorrow** which was originally scheduled for February 12. In this documentary, farmers, nutritionists, and educators work to transform a broken food system. Fighting ecosystem destruction, climate change, inequality and health epidemics, these innovators build a regenerative and resilient system in their local communities. The film will be followed by a discussion about sustainable farming and eating led by Judith Rosenberg, Produce Manager and Manager of Farmer Relations at Riverwards Produce in the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia. You can register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/lolam-feeding-tomorrow-051325.html>.



On **Wednesday, June 4** at **7:30 PM**, we'll have a **Food Policy discussion** via Zoom. Over this year we have visited a local sustainable farm, heard from Sue Fishkoff about the Kosher industry in America, learned how we are commanded to reduce violence in the world from Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz by consuming a vegetarian diet, and how to feed our tomorrow by changing how we farm and what we eat. L'olam and anyone else from our AJ community will be drafting a policy to determine our ethics toward what food is made and served at AJ, regarding kosher, local, and organic considerations. A policy will be drafted after this date and presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. To register, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/AJ-food-policy.html> or scan the QR code at the right.



After Shabbat services on Saturday, June 7, L'olam will serve Shabbat lunch — **Your Bubbie's Kitchen 2025** — with all your favorite traditional Jewish dishes, with a vegetarian twist! The L'olam-prepared lunch may include veggie chopped liver, chickpea tuna salad, kishke, sweet and sour meatballs, and eggless salad! Sign up using the June Online Service Registration Form. There will also be a speaker during lunch; see page 9 for details.

Parim!

AT RIGHT: Top, Art and Beryl Rosoff-Verbit with Rav Hazzan Glantz. Middle, Steve and Tammy Zebovitz and Merrill Stup. Bottom, from left to right, Robert Friedman, Rav Hazzan Glantz, Ed Moses (hidden in the back!), and Ariana Burrows.



BELOW: A grogger handmade by Rav Hazzan Glantz's father z"l.





Balancing Our Health and Welfare at AJ

By Beth Shapiro,
Director of Programming and New Initiatives

We gather at synagogue, we run into one another at the market, or in line to pick up a friend at the train. We schmooze with friends about what brings us joy, pride, and hope. We also share about the things that bring us anxiety, sadness, or stress. Sometimes, that part can be a bit more difficult to do. Honoring and understanding all of these conflicting emotions can help us live balanced lives. Some days it can be easier to notice the things that are difficult in our lives than to notice the things that are going well. This is where our friendships make the difference.

We've learned that by remembering, sharing, and revisiting the good in our lives, we strengthen the memories. We know from research that revisiting pleasant memories releases dopamine, serotonin, and oxytocin. These are known as "happy hormones" because they are associated with feeling pleasure and a sense of well-being and can help us make social connections. Over the past 25 years of research, it has become clear that strong bonds of friendship and family are so important to our sense of safety and security. People who have life partners and good friends they see regularly live longer and suffer less from sickness.

The past six years have been particularly tumultuous. Ongoing stress can accumulate, causing the immune system to work overtime. It can also increase the risk of a host of ailments. Trauma and chaos, including the pandemic, global conflict, racism and racial injustice, inflation, climate-related disasters, and 10/7 are weighing on our collective consciousness. This is where the place you choose to make social connections matters.

Spending time at Adath Jeshurun can provide excitement, joy, curiosity, connection, and even solace. We can't totally ignore or hide from stressors. However, sharing our concerns over coffee after Havdalah, in the kitchen while cleaning up, or before a speaker begins can lighten our burdens. Think about what you can do to create more joy in your life and in the lives of those you love! AJ is a warm space. A heartfelt conversation with Rav might remind us of what we have to be grateful for. Rav Hazzan's beautiful praying can help us feel the connection as we daven with our fellow AJers. Numerous experts agree that making time to engage in activities that divert your attention and bring you joy can not be underrated! At this chaotic time in history, the benefit of connection to AJ and to your fellow AJers is a gift of calm in the storm.

MIDWEEK MINDFULNESS!

Thursdays at 9:00 AM



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

We read and we listen to the news to stay informed. Reducing anxiety involves balancing all of the information coming at us every day. Our brains are wired to pay attention to potential threats, so when we're constantly exposed to distressing news, it can trigger our stress response. All of this can weigh on our hearts and minds. If you are feeling powerless to change the negative situations reported, you may be experiencing meta anxiety, which is anxiety about having anxiety. Creating boundaries around your news consumption or talking about the chaos you are experiencing might help your frame of mind. You don't have to totally ignore the reality of these times. As I said earlier, that would be nearly impossible to do. Instead, put parameters around what you choose to listen to or read when you consume your social media, and schedule in social time, mindfulness time, and family/friend time. Ensure you get sufficient doses of what brings you joy, safety and pleasure.

In our last newsletter, I suggested getting involved in a committee or helping out at AJ. Today, I am asking you to bring a friend with you to share the AJ experience. Increase your joy, and share the comfort that walking through our doors brings you. If you have an idea for an activity, a trip, or an event, call me. I will do everything I can to make it happen! I sincerely believe in community as an antidote to loneliness and despair. Come dwell in this warm place with deep roots and wide arms. Adath Jeshurun is a place of welcoming and care. I hope to see you and a friend at AJ soon.

May You Have Joy, **יְהִי לָךְ שִׂמְחָה!**

P.S. Enjoy some calm and community at our Mindfulness Moment held every Thursday at 9:00 AM; come join the group! Drop-ins welcome, no sign-up, no fee.

Dear AJ Minyannaires:

Please forgive us for the tardiness of this note.

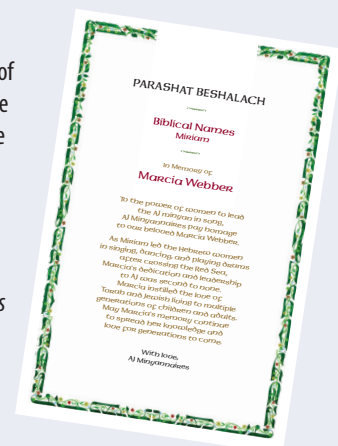
We want to thank you all for the outpouring of support during the time that our dear mom was in the hospital and since her passing. It has been remarkable. You supported us not only by providing food during the Shiva period, but also emotionally in ways that feel like a communal hug. And the donations that so many of you sent to AJ, an institution that our mom has attended and loved for nearly 60 years, are such a wonderful way to honor her memory. How lucky she was to have such a wonderful, supportive community. We're so grateful that your love of our mom has been extended to us during this difficult time.

Paying homage to our mom this past Shabbat and symbolically bestowing upon her the biblical name of Miriam from Parashat Beshalach was such an unexpected but

wonderful surprise. She truly was a leader of women, and this surely will help give us the strength to hold our Seders this year for the first time without the leadership of our beloved mom, bubbie, and aunt.

With much gratitude,

Sharon Webber, Rachel Flamini, and Families



AJ Adult Education Committee

By Co-Chair, Skip Atkins

Join us on **Thursday evening, May 8 at 8:00 PM** when we'll welcome **Rabbi Sharon Brous via Zoom**. Acclaimed as one of the most influential rabbis in America by *Newsweek*/*The Daily Beast* and the *Jerusalem Post*, Rabbi Brous is a well-known author, educator, commentator, and senior and founding rabbi of IKAR, a leading-edge synagogue and Jewish community in Los Angeles. Rabbi Brous will be joining us for a conversation with Rav Shai about the themes in her recent book, *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World*. Expanded from one of her most impactful sermons, her book delves into the power of community in an era marked by loneliness, social alienation and ideological extremism, and makes the case that our deepest spiritual work is finding our way to one other — in celebration, sorrow, and solidarity. Rabbi Brous's programs are extremely popular and highly sought-after, and we're proud and excited to host her at AJ. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/brous.html> or scan the QR code.



The final part of the six-part series called **"About Zion"** led by Rav Shai will be on **Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 PM**. The deep dive into the history of the relationship between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel will continue with a discussion of the **War of Independence**. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/about-zion-part6.html> or scan the QR code.



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.

Shabbat Lunch 'n Learn with Abbey Krain, Senior Associate Regional Director at the Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia

Saturday, June 7 at 12:15 PM

On Saturday, June 7, we have invited a speaker to join us during Shabbat lunch. Abbey Krain is the new senior associate regional director at Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Philadelphia. Her role includes speaking at synagogues and other organizations, advocacy in the state capital of Harrisburg, and talking to the media.

Krain's resume features numerous stops at Jewish community organizations. Before taking the job at ADL, Krain served as executive director of two different synagogues in the area: Temple Sholom in Broomall (2011–2022) and Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel (1998–2002) in Philadelphia. She also worked as the registrar for Habonim Dror Camp Galil (2006–2011).

Krain grew up at AJ. She called Cantor Charles Davidson z"l a huge influence on her life. "My Judaism has always been the most important thing in my life," said Krain, a member of Tiferet Bet Israel, the Conservative synagogue in her hometown of Blue Bell.

Krain believes in the ADL's mission. "It's protecting the Jewish community against antisemitism. At the same time, it allows me to use my desire for *tikkun olam* and reaching out to other groups. Any community that is experiencing hate at any time and needs protection. It's the old *Pirkei Avot* statement: If I'm not for myself, who is for me? If I'm only for myself, who am I? And if not now, when? Those are words that I live by, aspire to and want to live by every day."

Please register for the Shabbat service and the luncheon by using the June Online Service Registration Form. The L'olam Committee will be preparing Shabbat lunch — Your Bubbie's Kitchen 2025 — with all your favorite traditional Jewish dishes, with a vegetarian twist!

The lunch may include veggie chopped liver, chickpea tuna salad, kishke, sweet and sour meatballs, and eggless salad!



Celebrating LGBTQ+ Pride in June

Join us for a celebration of LGBTQ+ diversity!

Congregation Adath Jeshurun and Jewish Family and Children's Service would like to share three excellent upcoming opportunities to connect with and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. Galia Godel from JFCS/Pride Philly has incredible topical information to share, and we have put together a program for Pride month in June 2025.

1) The LGBTQ+ Pride March in Philadelphia will be held on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**. We invite you and your community to march behind the J.Proud banner to show that the Jewish community supports LGBTQ+ rights. For

dates and times, please go to <https://phillypride365.org/pride-weekend>.

2) LGBTQAI+ Game Night ("Spicy Games and Spicy Snacks") will be held at AJ on **Saturday, June 14 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM**. Come play at AJ. Please bring your favorite new or traditional game to share and play with others or enjoy the games we have to share! Stay tuned for registration details.

3) On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, Adath Jeshurun will be hosting a **panel event interviewing LGBTQ individuals from our community** about their experiences in the

current social landscape and how others can provide support and connection. Light refreshments will be served. Stay tuned for registration details.

For questions and suggestions, contact:

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Pronouns: she/he
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia
cell 267.273.6006 | ggodel@jfcspilly.org

Beth Shapiro | AJ Director of Programming and New Initiatives
Pronouns: she/her
AJ office 215.635.6611 | bsapiro@adathjeshurun.info

AJWA Sisterhood

By Merrill Stup, Torah Fund Chair

When you support Torah Fund you help to educate Jewish students all over the world—and you align yourself with those who value knowledge, learning—and provide future generations with skills to enrich our people.

Your generosity helps provide scholarships and programs to train future leaders of our communities. Torah Fund helps develop future rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers, lay leaders, and others.

Please mark Sunday, May 18 on your calendar.

At that time we will honor Karen Moses as our Woman of Achievement. She will join a list of esteemed women and men whom we have celebrated in the past.

Kindly take some time and make your contribution (or pledge) to our 2024–25 *Am Yisrael Chai* campaign. You may send a check payable to “Torah Fund.”

Please consider a contribution of Benefactor, Guardian, or higher. Contributions of \$180 and up will receive the pin in recognition of your generous support. The pin represents *Am Yisrael Chai* which has become an expression of Jewish solidarity for both Israel and the continuity of the Jewish people. Through Torah Fund, we back these important efforts and demonstrate our support as we help ensure the future of worldwide Jewish communities. *Am Yisrael Chai* represents our strength and endurance as a people.

The costs of everything continue to rise. In addition to showing support of the Torah Fund mission, your minimum donation of \$18 will help maintain excellence and resources at the five global Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher education. Your steadfast commitment to Torah Fund inspires and ensures another successful 80 years!

Questions? Call Merrill Stup at 215.782.3735.



Am Yisrael Chai The People of Israel Live

The Torah Fund Theme for 2024–2025 is Am Yisrael Chai — The People of Israel Live.

Am Yisrael Chai has become an expression of Jewish solidarity for both Israel and the continuity of the Jewish people. Through Torah Fund, we back these important efforts and demonstrate our support as we help ensure the future of worldwide Jewish communities. Am Yisrael Chai represents our strength and endurance as a people.

Robyn Orodener and Sylvia C. Cohen Book Club

The Robyn Orodener and Sylvia C. Cohen Book Club is a guided discussion group held on a designated night (usually Monday) at 8:00 PM via Zoom until further notice. Reading of the book is required! Attend one or more sessions. This is the final meeting this year:

My Life in Recipes, by Joan Nathan
and Annual Dinner
June 3, 2025

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



AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat Angels 2025

WE WANT TO
thank you
VERY MUCH

Tremendous Warmth and Heartfelt Gratitude to our
2025 AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat Angels!

Your generous donations helped make possible the day's wonderful Shabbat service and luncheon. The entire AJ community thanks you!

Rhea Applebaum	Marlena Kleit	Beth Shapiro
Lois Armon	Catalina Kurschner	Barbara Shotz
Naomi Atkins	Barbara Lerner	Marjorie Shribman
Betsy Braun	Harry & Wendy Lessig	Terry Smerling
Beth Brooks	David Levin	Rene Smith
Eadie Brooks	Donna Levin	Leslie Sokolow
Sheva Cohen	Pamela Maman	Susie Sommovilla
Wendy Fein Cooper	Marty Manson	Susan Starr
Maxine Croul	Marlene Markowitz	Steve Strauss
Karen Cuker	Jill Max	Merril Stup
Lana Dishler	Karen Moses	Meryl Sussman
Sherrie Eisman	Sandy Nadel	Simma Sussman
Joy Fish	Claire Newman	Helen Victor Turk
Randi Freeman	Susan Novack	Bunny Verbit
Mona Gold & Les Duman	Frank Platt	Elissa Waldstein
Mindy Goldstein	Julianna Remus	Sharon Webber
Ethy Gross	Lorna Rosenberg	Lillian Weilerstein
Judy Stutman Izes	Cindy & Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom	Joan Wohl
Ann Kalmanor	Beryl Rosoff-Verbit	Karen Wohl
Bonnie Kanefsky	Gail Schwartz	Idelle Wood
Sharon Katz	Shelley Schwartz	Tammy Zebovitz
Judi & Rabbi Barry Kenter	Carol Shackmaster	Violet Zeitlin
Gail Klein		Nancy Zucker

Did you enjoy the food at this year's AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat? Scan the QR code to get the recipes!



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.



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:

APRIL 26 TO MAY 2, 2025

28 Nisan 5785 to 4 Iyar 5785

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



Abraham Abramowitz
Elizabeth Balter
Fannie Baruch
Sayde Bayuk
Selig L. Belber
Leonard Samuel Bernstein
Sarah Bernstein
Louis Blitstein
Morton E. Brenner
Rose Brest
Rose Burak
David Carmosin
Harold M. Carson
David Solomon Cohen
Ethel Cramer
Fannie Cushman
David J. Dean
Bertha Dordick
Solomon A. Epstein
David Harris Fineman
Dorothy F. Fischer
Ray Fleishman
Meyer Ginsberg
Jennie Goldstein
Mrs. Lynda Gross
Harold Hoffman
Frances Isdaner
Rose B. Jaffe
Goldie Kartoz
Samuel Kornfeld
Sophie Lederer
Gertrude J. Levi

William A. Levick
Hannah Loewenstein
Augusta Merow
Anne W. Moskowitz
Sarah Engle Moskowitz
Mr. Stanton S. Oswald
Harry Perlstein
Irene Rosenberger
Dr. David Alan Russell
Louis Saller
Harry Schlesinger
May Schneeberg
Bertha Schultz
Gustave Schultz
Maurice Sherman
Abram Shnaper
Abraham Silverman
Arthur M. Smuckler
Anna Rachel Spiller
Sadie Staub
Tanchen Steiman
Gimbel Steinberg
Matilda Steiner
Arthur D. Strauss
Stephen C. Sussman
Matilda C. Tubis
Larry Jay Vogel
Solomon Weitzenkorn
Florence G. Wise
Dr. Milton A. Wohl
Max Wohlberg
Beatrice F. Young

MAY 3 TO MAY 9, 2025

5 Iyar 5785 to 11 Iyar 5785

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



Fannie Abrams
Morris Bergman
Minnie H. Berkowitz
Moses L. Bloch
Herman B. Bogis
Sigmund Buchsbaum
Carrie Burger
Ida Chipin
Max Chipin
Isabella Nathans Coleman
Louis Davidoff
Isaac Feldman
Isador Fleekop
Lester L. Freedman
David Gever
Dr. Robert Ginns
Helene Glantz
Louis Goldberg
Joseph M. Goldfarb
Bune Gottlieb
Sidney B. Graboyes

Dr. Stanley Green
Anna B. Greenberg
Cecelia Gross
Rosa Haber
Flora Metzger Heimerling
David B. Herrin
Benjamin F. Hertz
Jeffrey S. Hofberg
Cantor Albert M. Hunn
Rebecca Feige Hunn
Freda Jacobson
Rosa Jacobson
Dr. David Jaeger
Rose Jeck
Esther Kibrick
Pauline G. Klein
Paulina Klinger
Jennie Kurtzberg
Lillian Landesman
Jenny Levy
Clark Lustig

Lilla Markovitz
Jacob Israel Maxman
Martin O. Mechanic
Julia Meyerhoff
Jack Mishkin
Sarah Moskowitz
Joseph Mossheim
Gertrude J. Neff
Minnie Newmann
Ruth Korff Pitkow
William P. Plato
Helen Menin Riegner
David M. Robinson
Mark Saltzman
Rose Schiff
Joseph Schnapp
Dr. Ralph Schrager

Jules Leonard Seidman
Bessie Selbst
Maas Seligman
Jacob L. Silberman
Isadore Simon
Lillian Simon
Henry Sitron
Ned N. Spiegel
Harry I. Stern
Julius Stern
Eleanor Miller Strauss
Josef Strauss
Louis Sugarbread
Solomon Wolf
Irving Wolinsky
Lena W. Wolowitz

MAY 10 TO MAY 16, 2025

12 Iyar 5785 to 18 Iyar 5785

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



Lee R. Aaronson
Sarah Alkus
Melvin Atlin
Joseph Barg
Julius Bergman
Samuel Bernheim
Bernard Bernstein
Edith Levinson Bernstein
Goodman Bernstein
Mr. Stephen Donald Blumenfeld
Harold L. Croul
Joseph R. Dietz
Samuel Dubin
Gladys Eilberg
Hanna Einhorn
Reba Falkenstein
Arlene Federman
Harriet Lavine Garson
Roslyn Goldberg
Elizabeth Goldhammer
Pauline Gottlieb
Samuel G. Gross
Martin Hirsh
Wilfred A. Jacobi
Lilly Kramer
Reba Levin
Hans Loeb
Rose Loewenstein
Morris Marmor
Capt. Irvin Milton Melgin

Joseph Melgin
Bernard Louis Moskowitz
Cecelia G. Moss
Dr. A. E. Oliensis
Charles Ostrow
Melvin Polak
Dr. Milton J. Poulshock
Augusta Pressman
Mollie Rechtman
Sadie Sternberg Reiss
Cecelia E. Rosenberg
Jacob Ross
Gabriel Rothbard
Rose Rotko
Samuel Schiff
Alexander J. Schmerling
Bernard Schmerling
David Schneeberg
Dr. Alvin J. Schrager
Jonas Schwartz
Ethel Silberg
Minnie Starr
Meyer Stern
Minnie Goldenberg Straus
Violet Teitelbaum
Abraham Waxman
Sol Whiteman
David Wise
Moses Wise
Edward Worker

MAY 17 TO MAY 23, 2025

19 Iyar 5785 to 25 Iyar 5785

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



Misu Aizic
William Alkus
Maurice Asher
Hattie Bachenheimer
Morton Ephraim Baker
John Balis

Lester M. Block
Betty Marjorie Brodsky
Seligman Burger
Bessie Caplan
Golda Caplan
Irwin Cohen

Harry Davis
Mark Paul Dwell
Arthur Dyshel
Cherna Eskin
Henry Reeves Fisher
Abraham Fleishman
Anna Frank
Millie Gelber
Israel Gross
Rose Jacobi
Betty Prusack Kleit
Allan Edward Koff
Anna Kwass
Harvey B. Levin
Fanny Levy
Dorothy A. Lipschutz
Joseph W. Loeb
Joseph Manusov
Joseph A. Metzger
Jacob Moog
Leopold Neiman
Dr. Morris Novik
Celia Cooper Parkins

Marvin Aaron Pasternack
Louis Pincus
Fannie Rayman
Ida Rosen
Rebecca Rubin
Norman I. Saltzman
Samuel Snyder
Harry Solomon
Abram Louis Spector
Lena Starr
Evelyn Fleishman Stockler
Hannah Strouse
Lena Stup
Reva Tobotnsnik
Nathan Tollin
Vitelia Ginn's Topkis
Freda Torrens
Ethel Udell
Arthur Wallach
Nathan Weisfeld
Norman Weiss
Mary Wilder

MAY 24 TO MAY 30, 2025

26 Iyar 5785 to 3 Sivan 5785

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



Philip Abrams
Miriam Address
Eugene S. Anathan
Samuel Bee
Beatrice Resnick Benditt
Ben Zion Bernstein
Joseph Levi Bloch
Edith E. Brenner
Regie Tandlich Buchsbaum
Samuel F. Charen
Mollie Chiffas
Adele Fisher Cohen
Fannie Coverman
Samuel Hyman DeWolf
Jacob Fein
Suzan Fine
Zelda V. Freeman
Sadie Z. Friedman
Hyman Garfield
Irene Dora Goldblum
William Jay Goldner
Maurice W. Gordon
Shiva Green
Harry Gross
Perch P. Hankin
Jerry Herman, MD
Celia Holstein
Charles Isenberg
Florence F. Kendall
Fannie Kieserman
Mollie Kins
Sarah Koppelman
R. Samuel Lam
Milton S. Leidner
Jacob Harry Levick

Eva S. Levine
Rabbi Abraham J. Levy
Hannah P. Levy
Roy H. Levy
Mildred Lichtenstein
Rebecca Lisan
Goldie Mechanic
Rhoda Nadel
Eugene Paller
Barbara Pfeffer
Elizabeth T. Piwosky
Barry Plasky
Louis Pleat
Dr. Abraham Morton Rechtman
David Rubin
Harry A. Rubin
Benjamin Schepp
Hyman Schinfeld
Elias Schlein
Dr. Nathan Schnall
Sylvia Vivian Shaffran
Rose Bacharach Sickles
Florence Singer
Harriet Slotkin
Dr. Harry S. Snyderman
Blanche M. Solis
Irene P. Staller
Clara Sternberg
Martin Tarken
Albert H. Taylor
Pauline Traurig
B. Jayne Whiteman
Harry Yohlin
Milton Young

לזכר עולם In Remembrance

MAY 31 TO JUNE 6, 2025

4 Sivan 5785 to 10 Sivan 5785

To be read on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31



Harry A. Altman
Gittel Baron
Minnie Beilan
Claire Berger
Sylvia Blankfield
Clara Braverman
Anna B. Bregman
Sylvia Bayuk Caplan
Bella Chacker
Benjamin Chalfin
Nathan Alexander Cohen
Charles Sigismund Cohen
Dr. Jeffrey Ian Damsker
Claire Eskin Daroff
Dr. Stephen Harry Davidoff
Judith Kornstein Dinerman
Dr. William Steven Dinerman
Mollie Dubin
Frank Egendorf
Pearl F. Eisen
Myer Feinstein
Anna Freedman
Lottie Freeman
Sada U. Fuhrman
Annie Garfield
Hyman H. Ginsburg
Jerome (Jerry) Goldberg
Moses P. Hamberg
Wolf Heimerling
Leokadia Hejnar
Joseph Hoffman
Alexander Holstein
Ida E. Hunn
Anna Freeman Jacoby
Harry Rome Jaspán
Julius Keller
Samuel Klein
Samuel Bernard Kogen
Regina Koppelman

William Krieger
Albert M. Lam
Joseph B. Leeb
Margaret Leidner
Herman D. Levinson
Nathan Lipshutz
Rachel Markel
Bernard P. Metzman
Jacob Mintzer
Edward Naide
William Nones
Samuel D. Oberfeld
Bertha Ostroff
Rose D. Ostrum
Mathilda Peyser
Augusta B. Price
Sophie Remstein
Frank Robinson
Ellis Rudman
Bernice Yetta Satler
Ida L. Schneeberg
Dr. Myron Schneeberg
Herman I. Shaffran
Sarah Sherman
Saul Shubert
Morton David Smerling
Rebecca Solo
Manashe Steinberg
Chaye Golde Sugarbread
Leonard R. Sussman
Mildred Sussman
Morris Tracy
Cecelia H. Washer
Jennie Waxman
Muriel Weiss
Sadie Weiss
Frank L. Young
Jennie Zerden

JUNE 7 TO JUNE 13, 2025

11 Sivan 5785 to 17 Sivan 5785

To be read on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7



Ruth L. Aaron
Joseph Aarons
Gustav Beerwald
Mindel Belber
Molly Bender
Dr. Israel Binder
Fannie Blum
Herman Brandschain
Joseph Brint
Samuel A. Dion
Dr. Isadore Louis Dubin
Robert Feld
Joseph Fleischer
Louis Getzik
Sallie Aarons Gillum
Chaim Goldmann
Moses Hirschberg
Lillian S. Hirsh
Emilie Kahn
Warren J. Kalmanor

Henry M. Karloff
Katie Gittel Kleinman
Jack Jakob Klinger
Leon Koppelman
Dorothy F. Kotin
Henrietta Varbalow Kravitz
Samuel Landesman
Seena Marcus
Nathan Marks
Sidney Marmer
Minnie Maslin
Rochelle M. Mason
Bertha B. Mass
Morris Mayer
Miriam G. Menaker
Edwin D. Messing
Flora Oppenheimer
Harry Panitch
Max Perkal
Edith Poulshock

Adolph Reichman
Rae C. Rosen
Stanley Rosenberg
Sadie Rosenblatt
Isadore Rosenstein
Etta Ellis Saltzburg
Nettie Jeanette Schnapp
Anna Schulman
Joshua G. Schwartz
Rami Shevelov

Zipa Spector
Herman M. Steinberg
Faith Sunshine
Isadore K. Switt
Moses Venetzky
Jennie Waldman
B. Jennie Weinberg
Sigmund M. Witz
Dr. Michael G. Wohl

JUNE 14 TO JUNE 20, 2025

18 Sivan 5785 to 24 Sivan 5785

To be read on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14



Samuel Allanoff
Abe Altman
Julius Back
Birdie P. Bauman
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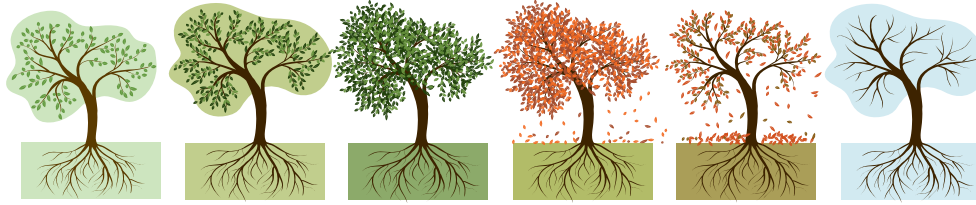
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Births

Estelle Grace Landman, great-granddaughter of Carole Ozeroff *March 31, 2025*

Stevie Morgen Padasak, granddaughter of Barbara Wertheimer and Ira Grindlinger *April 1, 2025*

Emma Louise Guthmann-Steinfeld, niece of Julian and granddaughter of Sandy and Paul Steinfeld *April 1, 2025*

Henry Jacob Black, grandson of Drs. David and Elissa Waldstein *April 11, 2025*

Graduations

Sage Krupnick, granddaughter of Howard Goldman, is graduating from Lower Moreland High School and going to Jefferson University in the fall.

Hani Fish-Bieler, granddaughter of Joy Fish, is graduating from the Cardozo School of Law with a degree in Law.

Alisa Golden, granddaughter of Sylvia Golden, is graduating from Tulane University.

May Milestone Anniversaries

45 YEARS
• Susan and Mark Novack *May 5, 1980*

40 YEARS

- Sherrie Eisman and Michael Freeman *May 19, 1985*
- Julie Slavet and John Walber *May 19, 1985*
- Jill and Steven Max *May 19, 1985*

5 YEARS

- Ellen Rosenberg and Stephen Orens *May 30, 2020*

June Milestone Anniversaries

70 YEARS

- Marcus and Carol Kaplan *June 16, 1955*

60 YEARS

- Stephan and Rochelle Perchick *June 26, 1965*

55 YEARS

- Robert and Marsha Fischer *June 7, 1970*

45 YEARS

- Paul and Sandra Steinfeld *June 28, 1980*

40 YEARS

- Jon and Carol Harris-Shapiro *June 16, 1985*
- Sion Segal and Susan Ansil *June 30, 1985*

35 YEARS

- Sharon and Mitchell Sussman *June 17, 1990*

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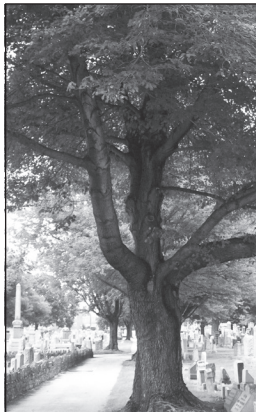
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Incitement (psychological thriller)

Tuesday, May 27 at 7:30 PM

2019 (Israel), directed by Yaron Zilberman

Incitement details the year leading to the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin (1922–1995), from the point of view of the assassin. In September 1993, Rabin announces the Oslo Accords, which aim to achieve a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians after decades of violence. Yigal Amir, a law student and a devoted Orthodox Jew, cannot believe that his country's leader will cede territory that he and many others believe is rightfully — by the word of God — theirs. As the prospect of a peaceful compromise approaches, Amir turns from a political activist to an extremist. He recruits fighters and steals weapons to form an underground militia intent on killing Palestinians. He soon learns of an ancient Jewish law, the Law of the Pursuer, that he believes gives him the right to murder Yitzhak Rabin. Convinced he must stop the signing of the peace treaty in order to fulfill his destiny and bring salvation to his people, Amir's warped mind sees only one way forward.



Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Sunday, June 1

On Sunday evening, we'll learn with **Rav Shai**, who will speak on **"Judaism After the Shoah and Zionism,"** and **Rachel Korazim** who will speak about **Israeli poetry**, via Zoom. Rachel is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. She engages audiences worldwide through innovative presentations built around the stories, poems and songs of Israel's best writers. Her thought-provoking talks open a window onto Israeli society, inviting listeners to engage with the country and its history in new ways.

Shavuot
Monday, June 2

Services will include Yizkor and will be followed by a luncheon.

Stay tuned for details.