

There's lots to look forward to in March and April! In March, we'll experience **Musical Awe**, with Jamie Clark. Then celebrate **Purim**, in bellbottoms and headbands, with peace, love, and understanding! We'll also welcome three notable scholars for our **Scholars-in-Residence program**: **Maureen O'Connell, PhD**; **Prof. Philip A. Cunningham, PhD**; and **Prof. Susannah Heschel**. In April, the Adult Ed Committee will continue the **Crime and Consequences series** with two Lunch and Learns, we'll explore **Visual Awe at the Rodin Museum**, with Beth Shapiro, and celebrate Pesah. Make sure you don't miss any of it!

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Israel: Help Wanted

by Rav Shai Cherry



The weeks since October 7 have been exhausting. It seems that fires flare up constantly demanding our intervention.

There is a piece of Talmudic Aggadah that has been in my head of late. It deals with our very first war once we crossed the Sea. Amalek, may their name be blotted out, attacked our

stragglers—the elderly and the women with children. Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of the nearest hill, and Moses raised his hands to the heavens. When he did so, Israel prevailed. But his arms became heavy and he had to lower his hands—that's when the Amalekites turned the tables and began winning the war.

One of them had an idea to seat Moses on a rock and then Aaron and Hur could each hold up one of Moses's hands. Here's the Aggadah:

But didn't Moses have one pillow or one cushion to sit upon the rock while holding his hands aloft during the war with Amalek? Of course, he did! But Moses said to himself: Since the Jewish people are immersed in suffering while fighting Amalek, I too will be with them in suffering in the way I can be. The sages said: Anyone who is distressed together with the community will merit seeing the consolation of the community.

Only when we share the pain of our Israeli family will we share the joy.

Thirty-nine years later, the tribes of Dan, Reuven, and half of Menashe requested from Moses to settle on the east side of the Jordan River. They explained to Moses they could earn a better living there. Moses acquiesced with the following stipulations: build schools for your children and fight on the frontlines of our battles to secure the land. Just because they didn't live in the Land of Israel didn't mean they could avoid joining the fight.

As we most recently heard from the survivors of the Kfar Aza pogrom, so much remains to be done on the ground and so much trauma needs to be borne. If you

have not yet contributed to Kibbutz Kfar Aza, you can use this link:
<https://donate.meirpanim.org/kfar-aza/>.



Here is a brief recap of what we've done here at AJ. We have purchased an ambulance through Magen David Adom. We have educated ourselves through the 10/7 Resilience series featuring General Shimshoni and Kobi Cooper. We have witnessed Israeli art since 10/7 with Shirel Horovitz and held a community vigil. Yet so many of us want to do more. Here are a few suggestions.

Sar-El is a volunteer program with the Israel Defense Forces. They run 2- and 3-week programs for adults of all ages. If you're interested in volunteering on a military base, consider this. Get more information at <https://www.sar-el.org>.



Emergency Volunteers Project (EVP) is staffing the EVP Mass-Feeding Unit, working with Israel's Home Front Command. It trains volunteers to prepare fresh, healthy meals for IDF units and needy populations using a fleet of mobile kitchens. You can learn more about their efforts at <https://www.evp.org.il>.



Israel Food Rescue Mission is a joint effort of HaShomer HaChadash, Kol Israel and Brothers in Arms, in response to a war-related manpower crisis on Israeli farms. Volunteers may sign up for five or more days (paying their own way) or for a year-long stint doing agricultural work and sleeping on the farm. Find out more at <https://israelfoodrescue.com>.



Consider **Masa Israel Journey's** new 6-week Israel volunteer program, designed in response to the ongoing conflict. During your six weeks in Israel, you will engage in impactful volunteer work. Choose your volunteer initiative and be part of Israel's story of resilience:

- Food packaging
- Tutoring students
- Agricultural work

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Service Schedule

SHABBAT KI TISA

March 1, 2, 2024 22 Adar I 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....5:34 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbal-Tot Shabbat
- Dinner for children and parents..... 5:00 PM
- Service 5:30 PM
- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service, followed by Shabbat luncheon 9:30 AM

AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 5:35 PM

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SHABBAT SHEKALIM | VAYEKHEL

March 8, 9, 2024 29 Adar I 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....5:42 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
- On this International Women's Talmud Day, join Rav Shai for a relevant discussion.*

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service, followed by Shabbat luncheon 9:30 AM
- PB&J Family Shabbat Service 10:45 AM
- As part of AJ Adult Ed's Crime and Consequences series, Marissa Boyers Bluestine will join us during lunch for a discussion about The Innocence Project.*

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 5:45 PM

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ROSH HODESH ADAR II

March 10, 11, 2024 30 Adar I, 1 Adar II 5784

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT PEKUDEI

March 15, 16, 2024 6 Adar II 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....6:49 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

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

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service, followed by Shabbat luncheon 9:30 AM

Men's Shabbat

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 6:50 PM

FAST OF ESTHER

March 21, 2024 11 Adar II 5784

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service..... 7:15 AM

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EREV PURIM

SHABBAT ZACHOR | VAYIKRA

March 22, 23, 2024 13 Adar II 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....6:57 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

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

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:00 PM
- Purim Shpiel to follow.

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PURIM

March 24, 2024 14 Adar II 5784

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service and Full Reading of Megillat Esther 9:00 AM
- Purim Service for Preschoolers and Their Families 10:30 AM

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SHABBAT TZAV

March 29, 30, 2024 20 Adar II 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:04 PM

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
- Shabbat Dinner and Discussion with Maureen O'Connell, PhD, "Undoing the Knots"

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 9:30 AM
- Shabbat Luncheon with Prof. Philip A. Cunningham, PhD, "Expressing in Art the New Jewish-Catholic Relationship"

SATURDAY EVENING

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

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM
- Brunch with Prof. Susannah Heschel, "Antisemitism at the Crossroads"

SHABBAT HaHODESH | SHEMINI

April 5, 6, 2024 27 Adar II 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:11 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbal-Tot Shabbat
- Dinner for children and parents..... 5:00 PM
- Service 5:30 PM
- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service, followed by Shabbat luncheon 9:30 AM

As part of AJ Adult Ed's Crime and Consequences series, Robert Lankin will join us during lunch for a discussion about mass incarceration.

SATURDAY EVENING

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

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ROSH HODESH NISAN

April 9, 2024 1 Nisan 5784

TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT TAZRIA

April 12, 13, 2024 5 Nisan 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:11 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

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

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service, followed by Shabbat luncheon..... 9:30 AM

B' Mitzvah of

HANNAH SILVERSTEIN

Daughter of

Joseph Silverstein and Felice LePar

SATURDAY EVENING

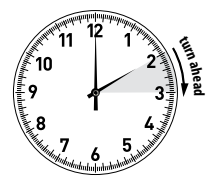
- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:20 PM



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and join our community page!

DON'T FORGET!

Sunday,
March 10
2:00 AM



SHABBAT HaGADOL | METZORA

April 19, 20, 2024 12 Nisan 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:25 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service, followed by Shabbat luncheon
..... 9:30 AM

• Pesah Bowl

• As part of AJ Adult Ed's Anti-Judaism series,
Prof. Ayal Feinberg, PhD, will join us during lunch
for a discussion: "10/7's Empirical Insights:
Blame, Responsibility, Conspiracy and the
Future of Antisemitism"

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah7:25 PM

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EREV PESAH

April 22, 2024 14 Nisan 5784

MONDAY MORNING

• Siyum Bechorot and LeCoff Breakfast..... 7:15 AM
No evening service.

Light Yom Tov Candles Monday Evening.....7:28 PM

FIRST DAY OF PESAH

April 23, 2024 15 Nisan 5784

TUESDAY MORNING

• Morning Service..... 9:30 AM
No evening service.

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HOL HaMOED PESAH

April 24, 25, 26, 2024 16, 17, 18 Nisan 5784

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY MORNINGS

• Morning Service..... 7:00 AM

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PESAH SHABBAT

April 26, 27, 2024 19 Nisan 5784

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service with Choir and Organ 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:20 PM

HOL HaMOED PESAH

April 28, 2024 20 Nisan 5784

SUNDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 9:00 AM
Light Yom Tov Candles Sunday Evening.....8:38 PM

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SEVENTH DAY OF PESAH

April 29, 2024 21 Nisan 5784

MONDAY MORNING

• Morning Service..... 9:30 AM
Yizkor Service

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.

MARCH

Friday/Saturday
Service Sign-up Link
tinyurl.com/Services-Mar24



APRIL

Friday/Saturday
Service Sign-up Link
[http://tinyurl.com/Services-Apr24](https://tinyurl.com/Services-Apr24)



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

Rav Shai continued from page 1

- Assisting displaced families
- Contributing to rehabilitation efforts in southern and northern Israel

The program also includes leadership seminars and certifications of leadership upon completion of the program. Masa Volunteers is open to individuals aged 18–40 and has cohorts running through July 2024. Find out more at <https://www.masaisrael.org>.



And, especially for attorneys, there is **Stand With Humanity: Israeli Law Firms Support Platform**.

Members of Israel's leading law firms and the Israel Bar Association feel a duty to help their country and fellow citizens in need in any way they can. Israeli law firms are seeking to make contact with colleagues outside of Israel who may be in a position to assist in the international arena. This is an attempt to put together a group of representatives of major law firms and leading lawyers throughout the world, thus establishing a platform of individuals and firms that may be in a position to help and who are willing to be called on when needed for assistance with matters in their expertise or jurisdiction. If interested, register with this initiative at <https://tinyurl.com/ywvyunsb>.




The Masorti Foundation supports our Conservative communities in Israel as they celebrate Purim during the ongoing war.

We have two very special opportunities for Purim. The first is to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *Mishloach Manot* (food gifts) and you can designate your donation to send a gift to IDF lone soldiers, those brave men and women who made *aliyah* and don't have family locally.

The second is to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *Matanot L'Evyonim*, giving gifts to those in need. Our Masorti congregation *Ma'ayanot* is distributing these gifts to families who remain evacuated from southern Israel after the terror attacks of October 7.

Please go to <https://masorti.org/support-masorti-war-campaign/> to participate in these *mitzvot* of Purim and to send love and support to Israel to help strengthen our Masorti communities during these difficult days.



We are not Moses on top of the hill, and we're not Joshua leading the battle. We're Aaron and Hur supporting from a distance. *Hizku v'imzu*—be strong and resolved! 

What's Happening at AJ

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1 KABBAL-TOT SHABBAT

Rav Hazzan Glantz facilitates a new Friday night service geared toward young families. 5:00 PM. See details on page 7.

2 AJWA SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

You are invited to join us for Sisterhood Shabbat featuring a beautiful, multi-generational service led by the women of AJWA Sisterhood, followed by a wonderful luncheon. See details on page 18.

3 ADULT ED SERIES: CRIME AND CONSEQUENCES

Session #1: Tour of Eastern State Penitentiary (ESP). ESP was once the most famous prison in the world. 10:00 AM. Rescheduled from January 21.

3 AJ GRANDPARENTS GROUP: DASEE BERKOWITZ

Tentative date for the second presentation by Dasee Berkowitz. Time TBD. Stay tuned!

3 PURIM SHPIEL INFO SESSION #1

Be part of AJ's Purim love- and peace-fest! Find out how on Sunday evening after minyan, at 7:30 PM.

6 PURIM SHPIEL INFO SESSION #2

See March 3 for description.

9 PB&J FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this PB&J (Prayer, Blessings, and Judaism) Shabbat service for young families (preschool, K, 1, and 2). 10:45 AM.

9 CONTINUATION OF ADULT ED SERIES: CRIME AND CONSEQUENCES

Session #2: Lunch and Learn: The Innocence Project, with Marissa Boyers Bluestine. During Shabbat lunch, congregant Marissa Boyers Bluestine will discuss her work with The Innocence Project. Shabbat service: 9:30 AM; Lunch and Learn: 12:30 PM. See details on page 16.

10 CONTINUATION OF ADULT ED SERIES: AWE

Session 2: Musical Awe, with Jamie Clark. Our own Jamie Clark will perform for us. Come ready to be amazed and soothed by Jamie's musical expertise. The resonant warm sounds of his cello will provide a beautiful program certain to inspire awe in all of us. 10:30 AM. See page 14 for registration information.

15 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. 6:15 PM.

16 MEN'S SHABBAT

Join the men of AJ as they lead the Shabbat service. The service will be followed by a luncheon as only the AJMA can do it! 9:30 AM.

17 COMMUNITY-WIDE PURIM CARNIVAL

Get your graggers ready for our annual Purim Carnival! Join the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Old York Road Kehillah for a family-friendly holiday extravaganza. Come in your best costume, and enjoy hamantaschen, prizes, inflatables and more. See details on page 10.

23 PURIM SHPIEL

It's a Hippie Dippie Purim! There will be a live band, songs of peace and love, and Megillah reading! See details on page 8.

25 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

March's book is *The Matchmaker's Gift: A Novel*, by Lynda Cohen Loigman. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM. If interested, please contact Judy Szekely at 215.834.1711 or Liane Sher at 215.635.4613. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

27 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. Following evening minyan at 7:30 PM at AJ. See details on page 6.

29 SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Shabbat dinner and discussion with Maureen O'Connell, PhD: "Undoing the Knots." See details on page 16.

30 SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Shabbat lunch talk with Prof. Philip A. Cunningham, PhD: "Expressing in Art the New Jewish-Catholic Relationship." Following Shabbat morning services. See details on page 16.

31 SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Brunch with Prof. Susannah Heschel: "Antisemitism at the Crossroads." See details on page 16.

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

5 KABBAL-TOT SHABBAT

See details for March 1 or go to page 7.

6 PB&J FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this PB&J (Prayer, Blessings, and Judaism) Shabbat service for young families (preschool, K, 1, and 2). 10:45 AM.

6 CONTINUATION OF ADULT ED SERIES: CRIME AND CONSEQUENCES

Session #2: Lunch and Learn: Mass Incarceration, with Robert Lankin. During Shabbat lunch, mass incarceration expert Robert Lankin will discuss Pennsylvania's prison system. Shabbat service: 9:30 AM; Lunch and Learn: 12:30 PM. See details on page 16.

7 CONTINUATION OF ADULT ED SERIES: AWE

Session 2: Visual Awe, with Beth Shapiro. With an eye on awe, we'll be inspired by the masterpieces and maquettes of the French sculptor Auguste Rodin at the Rodin Museum. 10:30 AM. See details on page 14.

9 THE FIFTH QUESTION: PASSOVER AND PALESTINE

Professor Jonathan Zimmerman, a professor of the history of education at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Sion Segal, a psychologist specializing in conflict resolution, will focus on the dynamics around the seder table. Were the plagues against Egypt collective punishment? Was God's slaying of the firstborn genocide? What should we learn from our common texts, how can we apply those lessons today, and how can we engage one another in a spirit of compassion that avoids the plague of darkness where, according to the Torah, "no one could see his brother"? See page 14 for details.

12 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

See details for March 15.

17 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

See description for March 27.

20 CONTINUATION OF ADULT ED SERIES: ANTI-JUDAISM FROM THE GOSPEL TO TODAY

Session #4: Lunch and Learn: 10/7's Empirical Insights: Blame, Responsibility, Conspiracy and the Future of Antisemitism. During Shabbat lunch, Prof. Ayal Feinberg will discuss a topic very relevant to today. Shabbat service: 9:30 AM; Lunch and Learn: 12:30 PM. See details on page 16.

27 SHABBAT WITH CHOIR AND ORGAN

There will be a choir and organ accompaniment to Shabbat during Pesah. Please register using the April online services form.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars to join us at AJ for our annual fundraiser ("SPEC") on Sunday, June 2.

AJ will be bubbling over with gratitude to celebrate David and Shari Seltzer!

A special internationally-acclaimed entertainer will be announced soon...

Until then, keep a cork in it!

Thank you to our Shabbat Luncheon Heroes!

Rebecca Cherry
Howard Goldman
Wendy Lessig
Marlene Markowitz
Maxine Marlowe
Vivien Marmon
Ed Moses
Karen Moses
Susan Novack
Gail Schwartz
Carol Shackmaster

Morey Smerling
Terry Smerling

Rene and Sheldon Smith
Leslie Sokolow
Merril Stup
Helen Victor Turk

A special Thank You to Les Duman and Mona Gold for donating flowers!

We love having visitors at AJ but please note:

The AJ parking lot is a **cell phone-free zone**. For the safety of our children, parents, and congregants, please do not use your cell phone while driving in the AJ parking lot. Thank you!





In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Elections Will Be Held in January 2025

My title has you questioning, Is this a typo? Has there been a policy change in American elections that I missed?

Well, allow me to answer a question with a question. Are you aware of the *deep-rooted* history of our elections that always take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November? My italicizing of “deep-rooted” was actually a clue.

The choice of election day in the U.S. began as an effort to maximize participation by avoiding the Midwest farming seasons. Travel to the polls took longer, thus Monday was off-limits due to Sunday being the Christian Sabbath, and Wednesday was market day. Ah, but what about when November begins on a Tuesday? In this case, elections would take place on the following Tuesday to avoid conflicts with the first day of the month, when merchants were particularly busy closing their previous month's accounts.

The age-old tradition of American elections hasn't been altered, so allow me to begin again.

I recently received an email from Daniel Livingston, a young man who was raised here at AJ. Aside from Facebook, we had lost touch with each other, so it was a delight to catch up. After graduation from Rochester University with a degree in International Relations, Daniel made *aliyah* and joined the Artillery Corps, rising to the rank of Squad Commander. Since October 7, Daniel remains on reserve duty.

As a civilian, Daniel serves as the Director of External Relations for Yizhar Hess, Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) in Jerusalem. Officials within the WZO represent perspectives across the political map, immeasurably influencing Israeli politics. The future for religious pluralism depends on our support. Access to the Kotel for women and gender-mixed groups wishing to pray together wearing *tallitot* and reading Torah, conversions, marriages, and divorces performed by non-Orthodox rabbis, and the recent efforts toward judicial reform are but a few reasons this is important to us as affiliated Jews within the Conservative Movement. The results of these elections not only play a major role in how our values are expressed in Israel—pluralism, democracy, and more—but impact how billions of dollars a year are spent, including funding for the Conservative programs and institutions we love.

Your vote is needed. Yizhar Hess represents Mercaz, the Zionist slate of the global Masorti/Conservative Movement. He and Daniel are spearheading efforts to increase voting in the next elections by our congregation and others. This is NOT a fundraiser. “*Mercaz*” is the Hebrew word for “center,” and “*olami*” means “worldwide” or “global.” Mercaz Olami is a Zionist political organization representing the global Masorti/Conservative Movement of Judaism at the World Zionist Organization, Jewish Agency for Israel, Keren Kayemeth Leyisrael, and Keren HaYesod. As one of the many organizations running for election to this democratically-elected parliament of the Jewish people, Mercaz works year-round to advance the Conservative Movement's values and interests in Israel. This includes but is in no way limited to: recognition of Conservative and Reform conversions, equal funding for Masorti/Conservative institutions, protecting the Law of Return, promoting religious pluralism, and supporting the implementation of the Western Wall compromise agreement that would allow all streams to practice freely at the Kotel, Judaism's holiest site.

Let me state again, this is NOT a fundraiser. There is a nominal administrative fee to register, which was most recently \$5. The first request of me by Mr. Hess was identifying a co-captains for this cause (their nomenclature) and I am happy to announce that Steven Strauss and Morey Smerling have accepted the position in addition to all the other amazing things they do for AJ.

Over the next year, we will have opportunities to learn more about the essential work and efforts of Mercaz Olami, the international organization for Conservative Judaism. Our focus will be largely about registering congregants to vote in the 2025 WZO elections. We all deserve to be counted and for our votes regarding Israel and her future to count. Of course, as registered voters, you can vote for the party that most speaks to you and your priorities. Think of it as driving you (figuratively) to the polls with the opportunity to register and vote either online or mail with a paper ballot.

Voting will begin on a to-be-determined date in January 2025 and conclude March 2025.

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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:
March 15, April 12, May 10*, and June 21

*New date

*Don't miss the very special Strings Attached that we are
planning for Friday, May 10, just before Mother's Day.
Look for more information to come!*



AJ Bereavement Support Group

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27

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. Irrespective of the time elapsed since one's loss, everyone is welcome to participate, as there are no qualifying or disqualifying criteria. A warm invitation is extended to everyone interested in attending these meetings. Feel free to contact Rav Hazzan Glantz in advance with any questions. The meeting will follow evening minyan on selected Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at AJ and via Zoom. Future dates are **April 17, May 29, and June 26.**



AJ Early Learning Center

By Tracey Perchick, Early Childhood Director

Growing up at AJ I always had an affinity for Purim. Maybe it was the Hamantaschen (I do have a sweet tooth) or it could have been the opportunity to gather with friends at the *megillah* reading (which was often on a school night), but most likely it was the dressing in costume. From a very young age I liked to perform (like our preschoolers who are regularly found playing dress-up). Why not? My audience was always filled with doting grandparents and family members. Sometimes I coerced my cousins and brothers to join me. Over time we developed into a talented air band that rehearsed after holiday meals and performed during dessert to our adoring fans. Forty years later, I am proud to say that the Four *Mitzvot* of Purim are still executed at the Adath Jeshurun Early Learning Center because they encompass special lessons for everyone including our pint-sized audience.

1. Story telling. Our teachers are incredible at bringing a book to life. In our youngest classes, stories are shared and children learn to listen intently. As the little learners move through our program, they learn sight words and how to find connections to the moral of the story. The *mitzvah* at Purim is to listen to the reading of the *Megillah* (the Book of Esther). One of the highlights for kids is to use a grogger (noisemaker) to drown out the name of Haman (the villain). It is the only holiday where noise is welcome and even encouraged during services.

2. Matanot LaEvyonim. Give to the needy. Each week the classes bring *tzedakah* (charity) to our Shabbat celebration. We also recently held a clothing drive for “Cradles to Crayons” that provided winter wear for children in our extended community. We donated more than 20 bags of clothing and toys. Giving to those less fortunate is a common lesson in our classrooms and a practice our population regularly engages in.

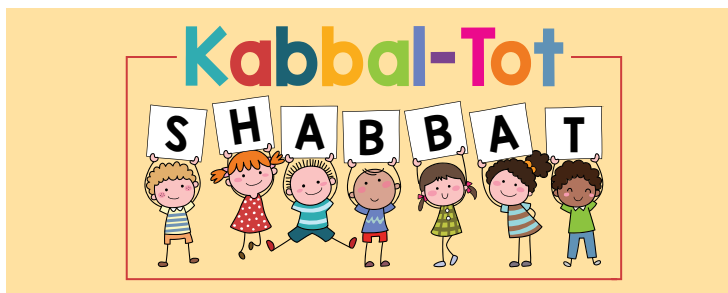
3. Mishloach Manot. Send food or gifts to friends. One of the greatest joys working in an Early Learning Center is to see the first friendships forming. The teachers, when speaking to the children, always refer to the group as friends. “Friends, will you please line up at the door?” “I don’t think your friend wants to play right now.” In response, the children become friends and, ultimately, so do the parents forming our Early Learning Community.

4. The Feast. What’s a preschool without food?! Snack and lunchtime stories are the best! If items in one child’s lunchbox are more abundant than another child’s, the teachers have to think quickly to find a reason why. “Well, you have less grapes, but your grapes are bigger.” The best part of these moments is the group connection.

Take a lesson from AJ’s little ones, listen intently, make holy noise, give generously, build community, and eat together. *Hag Purim!* 

RIGHT TOP: “Abe Lincoln” visited the Early Learning Center students on February 14 in preparation for Presidents Day. Thanks to Bob Gleason, father-in-law of ELC teacher Danielle Gleason, for providing such an informative and fun lesson about the 16th president of the United States.

RIGHT BOTTOM: Rav Hazzan Glantz reads to children in the AJELC!



Kabbal-Tot Shabbat in March and April

Are you looking for a way to introduce your child to Jewish services? Come to our Friday night service geared toward young families. Adults and children are welcome and encouraged to make “holy noise” and sweet sounds as we, together, welcome Shabbat.

Friday, March 1: Everyone is welcome but the focus will be on the Lavan class! Dinner will be at 5:00 PM and the service will be at 5:30 PM. The cost is \$5 per family. We **MUST** have your RSVP by February 26 at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/kabbaltot-030124.html>.



Friday, April 5: This night, all of the classes will come together to sing songs they’ve learned throughout the year! Dinner will be at 5:00 PM and the service will be at 5:30 PM. The cost is \$10 per immediate family. We **MUST** have your RSVP by March 29 at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/kabbaltot-040524.html>.



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PB&J Family Shabbat Service

Join us for the PB&J (Prayers, Blessings, and Judaism) Family Shabbat Service! For roughly 45 minutes, Rav Hazzan Glantz will lead a family-friendly Shabbat service (for preschool, K, 1, and 2) in the library. The service will begin at 10:45 AM. Mark your calendars for these special days: **March 9, April 6, and May 11.**



PHOTO: Jason Roe





CAN YOU DIG IT? Don't miss this year's Purim celebration! We'll start with the shpiel as we revisit songs of the late 1960s along with a live band! The live music will continue when we go into the Orleans Auditorium and dance the night away! Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/purim-party-2024.html> or scan the QR code at the right.



Tie Dye Booth
Bring something to tie dye!



Candle Booth
Make your own ice candle!

Photo Booth
Get on the bus!



Hippie Dirrie Zipse Band
Dance to the music!



Shpiel Info Sessions:

Sunday, March 3 at 7:30 PM and
Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 PM

Rav Hazzan Glantz is looking for teens and adult volunteers for:

Lighting • Sound • Ushering • Stage
Direction • Costumes and Props

Please be in touch with Rav Hazzan directly with questions. He looks forward to reviewing the needs together. Who knows? Maybe it will be the springboard for a great career!




By Beth Shapiro,
Director of Programming and New Initiatives

Our community is an out-a-sight place, man! It's a party, man, to be hangin' out with all of you AJ cool cats. Purim this year is all about peace, love, and understanding! Should I go on like this? I can, you know! AJ's Purim Shpiel is coming, and I'm getting ready! I'm layin' it on you straight: I've never seen a synagogue with so many boss happenings. Adath Jeshurun is alive and hip, man, and determined to create fab experiences for everyone!

If ya'll want to hang out at this boss event, then drop in and peace out, and **register in advance**. It helps us know what's up! Otherwise, we have a gnarly time figuring out how to lay it on ya and not wipe out! See pages 8–9 where we tell it like it is.



Our upcoming Purim Shpiel will be totally jazzed, with song and celebration. We all need space to space out, let our hair down, and get our groove on! Hazzan Glantz and Rav Shai and the Hippie Dippie Zipse Band will lead us in an off-the-hook Purim Shpiel... it will be a happenin' party scene. Wear your best flower power threads, and come on over to our pad, and get your groove on! 

Make sure you come in costume!
Here are some costumes from Purims passed!



Help us defray the costs of Purim!

This year, all families who make a donation to the Purim festivities will have their name displayed on a representation of a 1960s item which will be hung up in the Orleans Auditorium during our dancing and eating time. We appreciate your contribution to the celebration. Please send your name and donation amount by email (office@adathjeshurun.info), by snail mail (AJ Office, 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027), or by phone (215.635.6611). You can also use the online form by going to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/purim-party-2024.html> or using the QR code. You can also register for attendance on the same form.



Donation Levels:

Donate at one of the levels on the right and we'll put your name on a representation of the item to hang in the Orleans Auditorium during the Hippie Dippie Purim Party! If you donate at the \$236 level and provide a high-resolution photograph, we'll put your name and face on a personalized record album cover that you can take home with you.

In the past, AJ congregants have helped to defray some of the cost of our Purim celebrations. We hope you will continue to help us this year. (Any donation amount is appreciated and will help toward our Purim celebration.) Thank you!

PURIM DONATION FORM

Send this form to Adath Jeshurun, 7763 Old York R, Elkins Park, PA 19027, Att'n: Purim.

- ☐ Flower \$36
- ☐ Tie Dye T-Shirt \$54
- ☐ Peace Sign \$72
- ☐ Favorite Record Album from the 1960s \$118

Album: _____

- ☐ Personalized Record Album from the 1960s \$236
(We'll create a cover just for you; if you send a photo to mtrager@adathjeshurun.info, we'll include it.)

- ☐ Other _____

Name _____

Email Address _____

How would you like your name/family name to read:



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia
Old York Road Kehillah

Old York Road Kehillah

Purim Carnival

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel - 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. —Families with Preschool Children • 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.—General Admission

Get your groggers ready for our annual Purim Carnival! Join the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Old York Road Kehillah for a family-friendly holiday extravaganza. Come in your best costume, and enjoy hamantaschen, prizes, inflatables and more.

\$18 for individuals, \$36 for families



REGISTER AT JEWISHPHILLY.ORG/OYRPURIM

\$18 for individuals, \$36 for families

Advanced registration is required to attend. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

For more information about this event or the Old York Road Kehillah, please contact Jonathan Schmalzbach at oldyorkroad@Jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0523.

Come out to play with the newest addition to the Purim carnival this year, a Playful Purim Photo Booth. Sponsored by AJ, the fun here will feature a wide array of adorable accessories featuring the faces of our beloved clergy of the Old York Road Corridor! Dress up, dress down, be yourself, or someone else. Take a photo with friends and family!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR - THE KATZ FAMILY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONS FOR BEING OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS OF THIS EVENT.



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Passover Reminders

JUST SCHEDULED!

The Fifth Question: Passover and Palestine, with Professor Jonathan Zimmerman and Dr. Sion Segal

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:45 PM
(in person and via Zoom)

The master narrative of the Jewish people, rehearsed daily in prayer and annually at the Passover Seder, is the redemption of the Israelites from oppression in Egypt. This year, in a small strip of land adjacent to Egypt, the Israel Defense Forces are fighting against an Islamist terror organization that refuses to acquiesce to Israel's existence.

As we retell our story, we are obligated to see ourselves as if we had come out of Egypt. In America and in our families, there is conflict around the question of who is the oppressor and who is the oppressed. Is Hamas the Pharaoh who does not recognize Joseph and seeks to eliminate his people? Are the Israelis guilty of persecuting the Palestinians by not recognizing their right for a national home or even their basic human rights?



Professor Jonathan Zimmerman (left, top), a professor of the history of education at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Sion Segal (left, bottom), a psychologist specializing in conflict resolution, will focus on the dynamics around the seder table. Were the plagues against Egypt collective punishment? Was God's slaying of the firstborn genocide? What should we learn from our common texts, how can we apply those lessons today, and how can we engage one another in a spirit of compassion that avoids the plague of darkness where, according to the Torah, "no one could see his brother"?



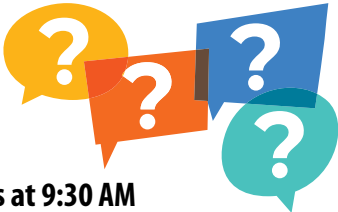
Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/fifth-question.html> or scan the QR code.



PESAH BOWL!

How much do YOU know about Passover?

Saturday, April 20 during Shabbat morning services at 9:30 AM



Annual Ma'ot Hittim Fund Drive

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

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

Delegation of Power of Attorney for Sale of Hametz

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

This authorization includes the sale of any and all HAMETZ that is in my possession on the morning of April 22 of this year at the time of sale, and transit goods that may be delivered to me during the period of April 22 to April 29 of this year, whether owned by me wholly or in part, or through shares of stock in corporations which own or deal in HAMETZ. All the aforesaid HAMETZ is to be sold to a non-Jew of Rav Shai's choosing, at any time during the time legally allotted for the sale of HAMETZ. The buyer has free access to the HAMETZ acquired by him. The place where the HAMETZ is located may be rented to the buyer for the period from 10:00 AM, April 22 to April 29, 2024 after sunset, and the rabbi is authorized to act as the agent for such rental.

The exact assessment of quantity and value will take place at any time agreed upon between Rav Shai and the purchaser, even after the Passover holiday. The buyer's deposit is to be paid to Rav Shai with the balance due on April 22, 2024. Should the buyer not remit the balance of the purchase price by sunset on April 22, the sale will be deemed null and void.

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

This authorization is effected by my signature to this document.

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

(Signature)

This form must be returned no later than Wednesday morning, April 22, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Rav Shai's 5th Anniversary Weekend

December 15–17, 2023



ABOVE: Rav Shai with his mentor and special guest, Prof. Arthur Green

BELOW: Rav Hazzan Glantz with Dr. Harry Lessig



LEFT: A great big thank you to the event organizers: from left to right, Leslie Sokolow, Judy Stutman Izes, and Merrill Stup

BELOW: Allan and Vivien Marmon



BELOW: Two of our Latke Throwdown competitors: From left to right, Rebecca Izes and Sandy Smith Nadel

Community Vigil for Israel

January 24, 2024



ABOVE: Participating clergy from the Old York Road corridor, from left to right, Rabbi Ben David (KI); Rabbi Sandra Berliner; Cantor Amy Levy (KI); Rav Shai Cherry (AJ); Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz (AJ); President and CEO of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Michael Balaban; Cantor Jacob Agar; and Cantor Elena Zarkh.



ABOVE: Morey Smerling, reading some of the names of people who remain hostages of Hamas



ABOVE: Jacob Reibstein reading "Mom, Dad and All the Rest"



ABOVE: Ella Newell, former combat soldier in the IDF Home Front Command and Search and Rescue unit

Tu B'Shvat Plant Propagation Party

January 27, 2024



LEFT: Tammy Zebovitz selects cuttings.

RIGHT: From left to right, Maria Fetterman, Jemma Bleu Greenbaum, and Amy Blum show off their planted cuttings.



RIGHT: From left to right, AJ Director of Programming and New Initiatives Beth Shapiro and Helen Victor Turk, begin to plant a "living wall" that has been hung in the AJ stairwell between floors.



ABOVE: From left to right, Marlene Markowitz, Randi Freeman, Merril Stup, and Leslie Sokolow

Recipe for Change: Standing Up to Anti-Semitism

February 1, 2024



ABOVE: Todd Shotz on the bimah with Rav Shai



BELOW: Wendy Cooper with her son Kobi Cooper



RIGHT: From left to right, proud mother of Todd, Barbara Shotz; Mindy Reibstein; and friend.



AJ's January B' Mitzvah

Leilah Spina

Leilah Spina is 12 years old and attends Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy. Her hobbies are drawing, crafts, playing the piano, and learning more about Judaism. Leilah has also won multiple top prizes at music competitions. Leilah aspires to be a doctor when she grows up.

D'var Torah | Beshalah 2024 (January 27, 2024)

Good morning and Shabbat Shalom! I am filled with joy to see everyone here today—whether I know you or not, your presence here is very special to me. My name is Leilah Spina.

My Torah portion is Beshalah and contains “Shirat Hayam,” or “Song of the Sea.” Moses leads the Hebrews out of Egypt in an effort to escape Pharaoh after being released from slavery. Moses remembers that Joseph’s dying wish was to be buried in Israel so, according to the Midrash, Moses goes to the Nile River searching for where the Egyptians had sunk Joseph’s coffin. Here, Hashem performs a miracle by magically lifting Joseph’s coffin out of the water. Moses and the Hebrews pack up Joseph’s bones, grab their *matzoh*, and start making their way out of Egypt!

As the Hebrews approached the Sea of Reeds, Hashem instructed Moses to reach out his hand and a strong wind would come to split the sea waters. The rabbis came up with a Midrash that explains how the sea didn’t automatically split when Moses lifted his hands. To show his faith in Hashem, an Israelite named Nachshon walked into the sea until his eyes were submerged, and then the sea split. Anyways, upon reaching the other side, Moses lifted his hand again and the waters crashed on the Egyptian army, killing them all and delivering the Israelites to safety. The Israelites feared and loved Hashem for his awesome power, and Miriam led them in song to praise Hashem.

The Israelites reached a land called Etham and began their 40 year journey through the desert. They immediately started searching for water and food and quickly lost faith in Hashem after being unable to find water for what felt like a very long time. Moses cried out to Hashem for help, and Hashem delivered.

As I think about the importance of this Torah passage in my life, there are a few themes that caught my attention: sense of identity, faith and hope, and struggles of a post-slavery life.

As a Japanese-American, I have a multi-ethnic background that is filled with historical conflict. My great-grandmother (Oki-Baba) and late great-grandfather (Oki-Jiji) lived through World War II in Okinawa and to stay safe, they constantly moved from hiding place to hiding place. Oki-Baba would tell me stories about how she lived in caves, the jungle, and even cemeteries! She was very scared of ALL soldiers on every side for their horrible treatment of civilians.

Moses also had a bit of an identity conflict. Being raised as an Egyptian prince under the Pharaoh who was torturing the Israelites, Moses struggled with his identity once he found out that he, too, was an Israelite, and ran away to explore his identity. It was once Moses came to terms with his identity that Hashem chose him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

As I mentioned earlier, Moses fulfills his people’s ancestral promise to retrieve Joseph’s bones before escaping Egypt. Why is this important? Well, Joseph always correctly interpreted the will of Hashem through his ability to interpret dreams. I guess we can call him “Dream literate?” Joseph *knew* that one day the Israelites would return to the promised land, and that it would just be a matter of getting them there without quitting. By making the children of Israel (aka, his brothers) promise to one day bury his bones in

With great thanks to our religious school teachers and clergy, Adath Jeshurun continues to witness the joyous B’nai Mitzvah of our young people. We are so proud of the tremendous thought and effort they put into preparing for their special simcha.

the promised land, he was giving the Israelites hope that one day they would return home. His bones served as a material reminder of the promise Hashem made, and no matter how hard the test, to never lose faith in Hashem. The first test was to escape from the Egyptian army by splitting the sea, and the second was to overcome hunger and thirst.

“Out of the frying pan and into the fire” is a perfect saying to describe freedom from slavery. I don’t know if you can, but try to imagine with me what life is like after slavery. No home, no job, no food, only the tattered clothes on your back, and racism and hatred towards your people still exist vastly throughout the land . . . but at least you have your freedom, right!? For 400 years (that’s 20 generations!), the Israelites were fed and clothed by their Egyptian masters, then all of a sudden they were expected to take care of themselves? Like animals being raised in the zoo and then released into the wild, they just didn’t know how to fend for themselves. Towards the end of my Torah portion, one can truly feel the struggles of the now-freed Israelites when hearing them *kvetch* to Moses about the bitter water and lack of sustenance. Many of them desired to return to slavery because they felt it was the better alternative to struggling in the desert.

While I was doing some research on the topic of post-slavery struggles, I learned that in the U.S. post-civil war era, hundreds of thousands of freed slaves died from diseases and hunger. The main contributors that led to the starvation of these former slaves were the lack of leadership in society to help integrate the former slaves and the lack of economic opportunities for freed slaves. The end of my reading is only the beginning of the many more struggles that Israelites faced later in the Torah, but one thing is for certain. Without the help of Hashem, the Israelites would’ve suffered a similar fate. In the U.S. and around the world, hunger and poverty still exist today. Luckily, with the help of technology, we are able to easily provide support to those in need. In the spirit of my Torah reading, I focused my *Mitzvah* Project on putting together a food drive. With the help of family, friends, and our community, I was able to raise almost \$400 and 431 lbs of food!

I would like to thank my great-grandmother for making this beautiful tallis, my parents for supporting me in all that I do, and my brother for helping lead us in some prayers today. I also want to thank everyone who supported my Food Drive *Mitzvah* Project! Finally, I would like to thank Rav Shai, who helped me understand the meaning behind my Torah portion, and Rav Hazzan, who helped me prepare the Torah/Haftarah portions and lead some prayers today. They have all been incredible mentors for me in life and I am truly appreciative.

Shabbat shalom!

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Our next B’ Mitzvah is Hannah Silverstein, daughter of Joseph Silverstein and Felice LePar, on Saturday, April 13.

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It's Coming Around Again: RECYCLING AJ's Recycling Program!

By Beth Shapiro, Director of Programming and New Initiatives


Already a vibrant program in the AJ Early Learning Center (ELC), our recycling awareness campaign is having a renaissance throughout AJ. Getting involved in the L'olam Committee would be a great place to start if environmental causes are important to you personally. Here, we are teaching our students about how and why we recycle. Active recycling is part of our ELC's program. Our own "Recycling Warrior," Renee Winegrad, is making a big positive difference in our recycling efforts here at AJ. Renee says that our ELC Adom A and B students collect recyclable materials from all of the classrooms each week. Every ELC classroom has a blue recycling bin with a sticker explaining what can and can't be recycled. This provides constant teachable moments for all of our students, who recycle with vigor!

I stopped down to visit the ELC one day last week and met with Renee who shared a bit about how the students get involved. "Each week we walk down the halls to visit each classroom. We take the blue bins into the hall and make sure that there are no contaminants." She said, "The kids like finding things they can say 'no' to!" She also said, "It's great teaching them what can and cannot be recycled

and why". The materials collected go into a bigger bin that our housekeeping staff properly dispose of outside. This way, the kids see everyone has to take part in recycling for it to "make a difference". Renee strongly believes that "every bit helps and little hands helping is the best part."

As we reinvigorate our campus-wide recycling efforts to reduce waste, we need the grown-ups among us to join in with the synagogue and the ELC. It's meaningful and a *mitzvah* to take care of the Earth... and it's easy to do! Please take the time to recycle properly. You will see new signage and cans for this purpose popping up around the building.

AJ's L'olam Committee hosted an amazing environmental fair in the fall. We have a beautiful and functional pollinator garden, we use compostable serving ware at Kiddush, we have plants in our lobbies, and we'll introduce a new plan for composting this spring! If you want to know more about the work of AJ's L'olam Committee, contact Lorna Rosenberg at Lsroenberg28@gmail.com.

We want to thank you in advance for participating in a meaningful way in our greening efforts! 



Active recycling is part of
AJ Early Learning Center's program!



Thankful for the AJ Community

By Beryl Rosoff-Verbit

On most Friday nights, my family and I sit around a beautiful Shabbat table with china and crystal wine glasses and eat special foods. After the *motzi*, our family tradition is to go around the table and ask everyone their "good of the week." No matter what happens in the world, at work, or within our homes, there is always something good to reflect on.

Since January 15, everyone in my family had a "good of the week" in regard to my new grandson Maverick. My family decided now we need two "goods of the week" from each person... one about Maverick and a general one.

It was pointed out to me that my second "good of the week" since Maverick's birth has been my wonderful AJ community.

It is often said that AJ is like family. It sounds so cliché but it is so true.

My wonderful father Morrie (whom Maverick is named after) passed away a few years ago. I had only been working at AJ for a year or so. Besides my amazing co-workers, so many congregants came to the funeral and shiva. Many

donations were made in his memory. I remember feeling so sad yet comforted. This community was really present for me.

Now, thank goodness, I have good news. My grandson was born a month ago, and he and my daughter are doing great.

The donations, gifts, cards, and love sent our way has been beyond my wildest expectations.

I want to thank everyone for all the love and support you have given me and my family through the years. And a special thank you to Rav Hazzan Glantz for performing the *bris*.

Just as the AJ community has welcomed my husband and me, I assume you will do the same for the next generation of Rosoff-Verbits. Maverick will be going to daycare, and then preschool, at our very own AJELC. He and his parents, Zoe and Danny, will continue the love and support this community has given us.

Thanks again for including my family and myself in this amazing community. 



AJ Adult Education Committee

By Co-Chair, Skip Atkins

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Undoing the Knots, with Prof. Maureen O'Connell
Friday, March 29 — Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:15 PM,
followed by Shabbat Dinner



Prof. Maureen O'Connell's most recent work, *Undoing the Knots: Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-Blackness*, is a personal and historical examination of White Catholic anti-Blackness in the U.S. told

through five generations of her family, with a call for meaningful racial healing and justice within Catholicism. The evening's program is based upon her book.

Maureen H. O'Connell chairs the Department of Religion at La Salle University where she is also a professor of Christian Ethics. She holds a B.A. in history from Saint Joseph's University and a Ph.D. in theological ethics from Boston College. She authored *Compassion: Loving Our Neighbor in an Age of Globalization* (Orbis Books, 2009) and *If These Walls Could Talk: Community Muralism and the Beauty of Justice* (The Liturgical Press, 2012), which won two prestigious book awards in 2012.



"Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time" — Expressing in Art the New Jewish-Catholic Relationship, with Dr. Phillip Cunningham
Saturday, March 30 — Shabbat service: 9:30 AM;
Lunch and Learn: 12:30 PM



Meaning "Synagogue" and "Church" in Greek, Synagoga and Ecclesia are a pair of female figures found in medieval Christian art that personified Judaism and the Church. Ecclesia was portrayed as a majestic, crowned, and

triumphant figure, far superior to Synagoga who was depicted as defeated, uncrowned, her staff broken, and her vision blinded. This contemptuous contrast was repudiated by the Catholic Church in 1965 with the Second Vatican Council declaration *Nostra Aetate* ("In Our Time"). To mark that document's 50th anniversary, Saint Joseph's University commissioned a new artwork to reflect Catholic teaching that both communities can learn about God by exploring their sacred texts together, effectively studying as *chavruta* partners. This presentation will narrate the development and meaning of this historic sculpture, created by local sculptor Joshua Koffman, and personally blessed by Pope Francis during his visit to Philadelphia in 2015.

Dr. Philip A. Cunningham is Professor of Theology and director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. He specializes in theologies of the Christian and Jewish, and especially the Catholic-Jewish, relationship. He is the author or editor of over a dozen books and dozens of articles or book chapters.

Antisemitism x Antiracism: At the Intersection, with Prof. Susannah Heschel

Sunday, March 31 — Brunch and Learn



Prof. Susannah Heschel will be discussing newer methods of analyzing antisemitism that include considerations of the emotional and spiritual consequences of anti-Jewish hatred and draw on recent

scholarship concerning anti-Black racism and enslavement in the U.S.

Susannah Heschel is the Eli M. Black Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College. Her scholarship focuses on Jewish and Protestant thought during the 19th and 20th centuries, including the history of biblical scholarship, Jewish scholarship on Islam, and the history of antisemitism. Her numerous publications include *Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus* (University of Chicago Press), which won a National Jewish Book Award; *The Aryan Jesus: Christian Theologians and the Bible in Nazi Germany* (Princeton University Press); and *Jüdischer Islam: Islam und Deutsch-Jüdische Selbstbestimmung* (Mathes und Seitz). *This program is generously sponsored by Violet Zeitlin, in memory of her husband, Richard z"l.*

Crime and Consequences Series

Innocence Project, with Marissa Boyers Bluestine
Saturday, March 9, 2024 — Shabbat service: 9:30 AM;
Lunch and Learn: 12:30 PM

During Shabbat lunch, congregant Marissa Boyers Bluestine will discuss her work with Innocence Project. In addition to identifying and litigating cases for the convicted innocent, the Pennsylvania Innocence Project works to improve the criminal justice system to prevent innocent people from being convicted. Marissa Boyers Bluestine is an Assistant Director of the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. Bluestine has repeatedly been recognized for her important work, receiving the Andrew Hamilton Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Woman of Distinction Award from the *Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer*.

INNOCENCE PROJECT

Mass Incarceration, with Robert Lankin

Saturday, April 6 — Shabbat service: 9:30 AM;
Lunch and Learn: 12:30 PM

In another Lunch-and-Learn, Robert Lankin, a mass incarceration expert, will talk about the incredible number of Pennsylvanians in prison, the real cost to taxpayers, and alternative approaches to probation and bail that can dramatically reduce the size of Pennsylvania's prison industrial complex.

Bob Lankin has been an activist and a supporter of a wide variety of causes, focusing on the scourge of mass incarceration in the United States. He has been a volunteer at the State Correctional Institution at Phoenix, located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, for more than thirty years. He serves as the outside coordinator of a small group of Jewish prisoners there. In addition, Bob serves on the policy committee of the Pennsylvania Prison Society and is a member of the corrections committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Anti-Judaism Series

10/7's Empirical Insights: Blame, Responsibility, Conspiracy and the Future of Antisemitism, with Prof. Ayal Feinberg

Saturday, April 20 — Shabbat service: 9:30 AM;
Lunch and Learn: 12:30 PM



Prof. Ayal Feinberg will review new data underscoring changes in antisemitism following the terrorist attack of 10/7. He'll will explore what we know about underlying mechanisms through which 10/7-specific

antisemitism has manifested—blame, responsibility, and conspiracy. Then he'll close with a discussion on how 10/7 is likely to permanently impact antisemitism and alter the identity of the diaspora moving forward.

Formerly Assistant Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University-Commerce, Ayal Feinberg joined Gratz College in the spring of 2023. As the Director of the Center for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights, he oversees the largest Holocaust and Genocide graduate program in the world. His research has been widely featured in leading journals and media outlets and is frequently utilized by practitioners and policymakers concerned with the insecurity of marginalized groups and the perseverance of the Jewish community. He is an expert in contemporary antisemitism, and among a small group of scholars seeking to better understand the phenomenon through event-count analysis and survey experiments.

The Awe Series

Musical Awe, with Jamie Clark

Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 AM (in person at AJ only)

Our own Jamie Clark will perform for us. Come ready to be amazed and soothed by Jamie's musical expertise. The resonant warm sounds of his cello will provide a beautiful program certain to inspire awe in all of us.

Visual Awe, with Beth Shapiro, MFA

Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 AM at the Rodin Museum


With an eye on awe, we'll be inspired by the masterpieces and maquettes of the French sculptor Auguste Rodin at the Rodin Museum. We will also find out why Rodin worked on his "Gates of Hell" for 37 years and learn which famous artists were inspired by him.

The final installment of the Awe Series—**Awe: The Written Word, with Rav Shai**—will be held on **Saturday, May 18**, during a Lunch and Learn following Shabbat services.

You can register for either or both of the Musical and Visual Awe programs at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/musical-and-visual-awe.html> or use the QR code at the right.



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Look for registration for all of these events in the weekly email or on the AJ website (<https://www.adathjeshurun.info>) as the event date nears. (If you don't have online access, please call the office at 215.635.6611.) 

Orange County Community Scholar Program



Rav Shai will be teaching a four-part class at OCCSP in March. In "Leviticus is Christianity, Deuteronomy is Judaism: The Disentangling and Development of Biblical Worldviews," we explore the distinct roles of Leviticus and Deuteronomy in shaping Jewish thought and practice. Over four sessions, we delve into how these texts influenced early Rabbinic Judaism, were interpreted by medieval Jewish philosophers and mystics, and how their differing perspectives on God's relationship with the Jewish people have impacted the evolution of Jewish theology and anthropology. Here are the session dates and topics:

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Session #1: The Operating Systems of Leviticus and Deuteronomy

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Session #2: Leviticus is Christianity and Deuteronomy is Judaism (Mostly)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Session #3: Medieval Jewish Philosophy and Rabbinic Judaism

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Session #4: Medieval Jewish Mysticism and Rabbinic Judaism

CSP has full course schedules for March and April.

Go to <https://occsp.net> for more information and to register. Please note that times on CSP web pages are Pacific Time unless noted otherwise.

AJ Social Action News


By Michele Rifkin, Co-Chair



On January 28, several of us AJers volunteered at Mitzvah Circle in Norristown. Mitzvah Circle services the needs of families in crisis across all Philadelphia counties. It started 12 years ago in the garage of its founder, Fran Held, to meet the needs of a neighborhood family in crisis. There was an overwhelming community response, and since then Mitzvah Circle has evolved into an organization that has 215 partner agencies and packed 16,872 care packages in 2022 to families in need. Items include clothing, books, toiletries, diapers, feminine hygiene supplies, incontinence supplies, shoes, coats, socks, and underwear. It is a deeply personalized process where each family is interviewed about the needs of the whole family.

We arrived, received a short orientation, and then set to work, shopping for two families. Each family member had a list of needed items. We each chose a family member and carefully and thoughtfully chose their items. Selections were extremely well organized and well stocked. It was the most joyful shopping I had done in years.

Over the past year we hosted a toiletry drive for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and more recently a winter coat drive. Witnessing the volume and selections, it was wonderful to see how important the contribution process is to Mitzvah Circle success.

I look forward to having AJ participate with Mitzvah Circle through item drives and on-site volunteerism. Many thanks to Sue Ansul who introduced AJ Social Action to Mitzvah Circle and to the day's volunteers: Neil Wernick, Arielle Wernick, Carrie Goldhill, Sue Ansul, and me, Michele Rifkin. If you are interested in participating with AJ or on your own, please contact me at michelerifkin.ot@gmail.com or mitzvahcircle.org. Save the Date for their upcoming fundraising event, A Night of Music and Art, May 2024 at the Abington Art Center. 



A Night of Music & Art

MAY 9, 2024 • 5:00 – 10:00 PM

- Dinner and Dessert
- Art Exhibits
- Outdoor Concerts
- Open Beer and Wine Bar
- Sculpture Garden
- Raffle Baskets
- Adults Only

Abington Art Center • 515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046

Help us fill a forest with trees in Israel!

In conjunction with our Tu B'Shvat Plant Propagation Party that we held in January, we committed to creating a greenspace at AJ and one in Israel. You can help us get to our goal of planting a forest in Israel. To purchase one for \$18, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/israel-tree.html>.



AJWA Sisterhood

By Merrill Stup, Torah Fund Chair

Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bazeh

“All the people of Israel are responsible for one another.”

Torah Fund

Dear AJ Family,

Our 2023–2024 Torah Fund Campaign is underway and already successful. At this horrific time in our history, our Torah Fund theme is quite apt. Not only are we responsible for one another—we are double responsible for the rabbis, cantors, educators, administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers, and lay leaders who study at one of our learning institutions. In the future, these students will inspire us, educate us, and ensure our traditions and the perpetuity of the Jewish people.

This year we will be honoring a very special lady, Meryl Sussman. Meryl is a shining example of a woman of achievement. We will celebrate Meryl on Sunday, May 19 at 10:15 AM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Torah Fund Brunch.

The love of peace and the pursuit of peace is one of the key principles in Jewish law. “Oseh shalom bimromov, hu ya’aseh shalom olaynu, v’al kol yisroel; vimru Amen.”



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 January, February, and March:

The Matchmaker's Gift: A Novel

by Lynda Cohen Loigman
March 25, 2024

One Book, One Jewish Community Selection: Israel: A Simple Guide to The Most Misunderstood Country on Earth

by Noa Tishby
May 6, 2024

Zabar's: A Family Story, with Recipes and Annual Dinner

by Lori Zabar
June 3, 2024



Questions?

Contact Liane Sher at 215.635.4613 or Judy Szekely at 215.834.1711.



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.



Attention Readers!

Do you plan to visit an interesting city or museum? Have you read a great book that you'd like to share with others? Did a recent experience help you see things in a different way? Have you found a great web site that you find valuable in your Jewish life? We'd like to hear about it!

If you have a topic that you think would be of interest to other congregants, let us know. We'll ask you to write a short article (emphasis on short!) about your experience for possible insertion into the *Newsletter*. Provide pictures if relevant. Writing should be conversational in tone. If you mention other congregants in your article, please confirm their approval in advance. Contact Marjorie Trager at 215.635.6611 or mtrager@adathjeshurun.info if you would like to submit an article.

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

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 college, traveling the world, working, or still figuring it out—AJ wants to send them the bi-monthly *AJ News* newsletter and holiday greetings and gifts.

This program is enthusiastically sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Parent Email Address _____

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:

Change to Yahrzeits Announcements

At Congregation Adath Jeshurun, we have followed the relatively unusual practice of announcing on Shabbat those yahrzeits that occurred the week prior rather than the more common practice of announcing the yahrzeits that will occur in the forthcoming week. Increasingly, we have fielded requests to reverse our practice aligning our congregation with what is the more customary system. There is no halacha on this matter to consult; it is simply a common tradition in congregational life that yahrzeits, the anniversaries of our loved ones' date of death, are announced in some manner.

As noted in the November/December *AJ News*, we are now following the more customary practice. The yahrzeits read on Friday evening and Saturday morning will be those yahrzeits that occur between that Saturday evening and the following Friday morning.

FEBRUARY 24, 2024 TO MARCH 1, 2024
15 Adar I 5784 to 21 Adar I 5784

To be read on Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24



Jennie Abrams
Marvin D. Alloy
Jennie Benjamin
Milton Berger
Minnie Blankfield
Eva Loewenstein Bloch
Margaret Boehm
Fred E. Braemer
Mottie Buten
Harry E. Chamow
Ethel R. Chernicoff
David H. Cohen
Miriam Copperman
Ada Davidoff
Albert Drell
Dr. Nettie Solomon Edeiken
Susan Elaine Edelman
David Emas
Minnie Bernstein Feingold
Rabbi Judah Leon Fish
David Gaber
Abraham H. Gitlow
Claire Gold
Rachel Goldberg
Esther Goldman
Robert D. Goldman
Gertrude Goodman
Albert R. Gross
Fannie A. Gruber
Lewis Gumpel

Rose Heimerling
Esther Hertzfeld
Carrie Isenberg
Emma Garfield Israel
Marian Karsif
Rose E. Katzenstein
Evelyn Kiner
Hannah Resnick Koff
Kyle Reed Kravitz, Esq.
Yetta Leback
Sigmund Louis Lebowitz
Annie Levin
Michael Loeb
Betty Libby Mason
Dr. William J. Mellman
Gertrude Metzger
Louis Meyerhoff
Rose Nitzberg
Charles N. Oberfeld
Frances S. Pincus
Dora Prager
Florence F. Rabinowitz
Manly Rider
Arthur S. Rifkin
Sarah Rosenthal
Beatrice D. Rubenstein
Rose Maisel Rubenstein
Dr. Robert W. Rubin
Carrie Blumenthal Saltzman
Sarah Schiff

Dorothy Katz Seidel
Anna Shalevitz
Isabella Shapiro
Edward Shore
Jennie Sickles
Louise Stern Simpson
Anna R. Sobel
Samuel A. Sopenoff
Howard Stern
Hank Strauss

Selma Strauss
Claire B. Stup
Philip Frank Tapper
Dora Warren
Nelson Wax
Samuel Weber
Pauline Weinberg
Bertha Weiner
Jennie Wildman
Rachel Worker

MARCH 2, 2024 TO MARCH 8, 2024
22 Adar I 5784 to 28 Adar I 5784

To be read on Friday, Mar. 1 and Saturday, Mar. 2



Avram G. Adler
Rabbi Leon Album
Sylvia Alloy
Alexander A. Aron
Jennie Baruch
Laurie Hope Beechman
Gerson Blankfield
Morris J. Blitz
Moses Cohen
Lena G. Dean
Herbert A. Demchick
Benjamin F. Dolfman
Abe Felix
Zelda Glauser
Nettie Goodman
Lewis Gordon
Leonard A. Green
Ida Haber
Mildred F. Halin
Nathan Hoffman
Bessie Hunn
David Jaffe
Gertrude Kancher
William Keiser
Bena Strauss Kellert
Simon Klein
David Koppelman
Rose Meadow Levinson
David E. Lewis

Mussie Love
Moses Marcus
Judith Markowitz
Annie Maxman
Simon Mustokoff
Florence Oberfield
Harriet Panitch
Florence Platt
A. Lois Remstein
Sima Robinson
Max Rosen
Samuel Rosenbaum
Bernard Sacks
Dorothy Schlesinger
Alexander Schupler
Herman Schwartz
Sol Shore
Harry Sigel
Nathan Smith
Barbara M. Steinberg
Morris Steinberg
Isadore Strauss
Nettie Subin
Rose Waxman
Louis Weiss
Pauline Weitzenkorn
Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe
Rickie Wollenberger

MARCH 9, 2024 TO MARCH 15, 2024
29 Adar I 5784 to 5 Adar II 5784

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



Gayle Mindy Arost
Franklin G. Banks
Dr. Donald Berkowitz
Philip Blum
Isadore M. Brody
Rebecca Charny
Max E. Cohen
Milton Abraham Dauber
George J. Dishler
Norman Dissin
Milton Robert Edelman

Sarah Ellman
Joseph Fine
Simon L. Garfinkel
Abraham L. Ginsberg
Rose Gorchov
Benjamin Greenstein
Cantor Alexander Gross
Frances Hirsch
Dorothy Jacobson
Mary Jaffe
Yetta Katzner

Lesser Kohn
Matilda B. Krupnick
Sandor Lederer
Frank Leon
Gustav Levi
Stella Levy
Jettchen Lowenstein
Marcus M. Lyons
Beth Cravitz Manusov
Rhonda J. Moomjian
Lillian Moore-Katz
Isaac Nathans
Dora Wolff Orlick

Benjamin Perlman
Sarah Jane Price
Lewis Morris Rosenberg
Adolph L. Rosenberg
Pauline Rosenberger
Sarah Winkelman Salvin
Leah Schepp
Sonia Schwartz
Charles S. Simon
Nathan S. Taksey
Israel Weiner
Dr. Rose B. Wohl
Max Wurzel

MARCH 16, 2024 TO MARCH 22, 2024
6 Adar II 5784 to 12 Adar II 5784

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



Nancy Sivitz Albertson
Sima Blank
Fleurette Blum
Pearl B. Cohen
Gerson Dannenberg
Dave H. Emas
Harry Farber
Bernhard Feigenbaum
Lillian Freeman
Benjamin Loewenstein Ginns
Meyer H. Gradwohl
Richard Gross
Stephanie Gitlow Hanly
Samuel Hirsch
Louis Hoffman
Flora Hymen
Minnie Price Jaffe
Ida Karabell
Morris Kauffman
Rebecca Kauffman

Lena Klein
Minna Daniel Klein
Tillie Loeb
Clara Lowenstein
Paul B. Lurch
Esther Mayer
Benjamin Merow
Jay Oberfeld
Reuben Pollock
Morris D. Rose
Jennie Saft
Abraham Saltzman
Sharon J. Silver
Samuel J. Simon
Steven H. Starr
Leah Zimmerman Taylor
Harry H. Vederman
Martin J. Vigderman
Herman Zerden

MARCH 23, 2024 TO MARCH 29, 2024
13 Adar II 5784 to 19 Adar II 5784

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



Isaac Alkus
Fred Brod
Sidney H. Damsker
Dr. Abraham George Dinenberg
Gussie Engel
Lewis Feld
Lionel Felzer
Saul Finestone
Sophie Galperin
Mitchell Glick
Abraham Green
Abraham J. Hirsch
Rose Jacobs
Ted Kellem
Hyman Kibrick
Michael Kosmin
Herman Krupnick

Bella Leidner
Rose Leidner
Rosalie Ulm Leowenheart
Abraham L. Levi
Moses Price
Rosa Rosenberg
Michael Rosenfeld
Herman Senet
Marcus Sonnenfeld
Evelyn R. S. Steinberg
Lucien M. Stern
Marie Stern
Esther R. Suzmer
J. Irving Weinberg
Rae Z. Weinberg
Anna Zitin

לזכר עולם In Remembrance

MARCH 30, 2024 TO APRIL 5, 2024
20 Adar II 5784 to 26 Adar II 5784

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



Louis F. Anathan	William Karsif
Clara Lemisch Auerbach	Leon Katz
Elizabeth Barcus	Morris Kauffmann
Doris Dannenhirsh Beshunsky	Maurice A. Kendall
Clara B. Block	Leon Kimmelman
Simon E. Block	Albert Abraham Kutner
Harry Blumberg	Jennifer Lesnik-Emas
Hattie Mitchell Brav	Samuel Levi
Louis Brody	Betsey Marcus
Leo Brooks	Claire B. Marmon
Miriam Chacker	Rachel Newmayer
Lt. Com. S. Walter Clayman	Harry Norvick
Lenore Cooperman	Lillian Polsky
Celia Dannenhirsch	Shirley Price
Oscar Feinstein	Morris Rosenberg
Emma Fingerman	Rabbi Yaakov G. Rosenberg
Mathilda Frank	Martin Rubin
Barbara Widman Freedman	Isaac Samuel
Anna Freedman	Jeanette Sams Shapiro
Albert Joseph Fuller	Bertha M. Sichel
Antonie Goldstein	Henry S. Sichel
Rose A. Greenbaum	Annie Kass Spector
Gustav Heidelberger	Stanley L. Stern
Hymen Hopen	Lewis Viner
Dr. Michael Scott Kane	Max M. Waxman

APRIL 6, 2024 TO APRIL 12, 2024
27 Adar II 5784 to 4 Nisan 5784

To be read on Friday, Apr. 5 and Saturday, Apr. 6



Martin Aaron	Harry Kurtzberg
Dr. Paul Abramson	Leon Landes
Cyrus Adler	Jesse LeCoff
Jennie Arronson	Paul Leibovitz
Esther Bacharach	Isadore Levinson
Dr. Sheldon G. Bahoff	Dr. Simon A. Levit
Minnie A. Bilker	Milton W. Lipschutz
Dr. George I. Blumstein	Dr. Philip Mogil
Harry Brodsky	Myer Muchnick
Dr. Allan Brooks	Sarah Paller
Eva Perlberg Buchsbaum	Abraham Rabinowitz
Alfred Cachelin	Raymond Rosen
Rose Chalfin	Samuel Rovins
Harry Derewitz	Gloria K. Salikof
Julia Diamond	Rebecca Saller
Shirley Dolfman	Benjamin S. Sands
Louis Edeiken	Dorothy Schneider
Jack Edelson	Edith Omanoff Schwartz
Joshua Eilberg	Samuel Shackmaster
Jack Forman	William H. Singer
Benjamin Fox	Randall Sommovilla
Elainne Fox	John Felix Stern
Leon Frank	Jacob Strauss
Ruth Feigenbaum Freedman	Hymen Waldman
Rita Blumenthal Ginns	Mary B. Wallfield
Edward Ginsburg	Frances Slifkin Weisman
Albert Martin Gordon	Hannah Staub Weiss
Louise Rosenthal Karp	Rabbi David Tovia Whiteman
Joseph Q. Klein	Leonard Wolf

APRIL 13, 2024 TO APRIL 19, 2024
5 Nisan 5784 to 11 Nisan 5784

To be read on Friday, Apr. 12 and Saturday, Apr. 13



Mollie Aronson	Fan Lapping
Helen Atkins	Dina Moog Love
Harry Balen	Ethel Malke Metzger
Solomon Baruch	David C. Miller
Anna Baylson	John Netter
Adeline Berger	Isadore Neumann
Lewis H. Bergman	Seymour Piwoz
Marshall A. Bernstein	Fanny Platowsky
Rubin Bernstein	Bettie F. Podell
Sarah Block	Jack Abraham Richman
Carolina Blumenthal	Samuel Robinson
Harry J. Cohen	Jacob E. Rosenberg
Morris Derewitz	Pauline Green Rubin
Abraham Dordick	Meyer Samson
Jennie Rosen Drill	Dr. Arthur Schneeberg
Minnie Einhorn	William Schreiber
Bertha Feldsher	Celia Seligman
Isadore Fineman	Sarah Shaffer
Ida Freeman	Jack Harris Shapiro
David Gelberg	Arnold Jacob Sigel
Dr. Louis Gershenfeld	Anne Sklar
Elka Gitlow	Gertrude Steinberg
Isaac M. Goldberg	Charles Stone
John Goldberg	Harry Subin
Harry Goldfarb	Sidney Traurig
Morris Goldstein	Irving Turner
Ruth B. Goren	Jack Weinstein
Max Gunther	William D. Wilder
Minnie Harris	Anne Rothberg Wildstein
Joy C. Horman	Herman M. Wirtschafter
Masha Kanoff	August Wise
Koppel Lamb	Marion Wolf

APRIL 20, 2024 TO APRIL 26, 2024
12 Nisan 5784 to 18 Nisan 5784

To be read on Friday, Apr. 19 and Saturday, Apr. 20



Morris Alkus	Harold Hoffman
Herman Barash	Louis Hoffman
Lena Bekoff	Albert Hollin
Ruth Koppenheim Berger	Samuel Hunn
Ruth H. Bernstein	Dr. Daniel M. Isaacman
Harry Blum	Irene Jaffe
Jacob Blume	Nathaniel E. Jaffe
Donald Klein Bortner	Jules Kadane
Isadore I. Butler	Esther Kalish
David Carmosin	Allen Kaplan
Hannah E. Cohen	Dr. Joseph W. Kauffman
George Corn	Anna Kaufman
Max Mendel Cravzow	Josephine Klein
Morris E. Deutsch	Maurice Kline
Rose Dreyer	Dr. Fedor A. Kuritzkes
Fannie Durst	Gertrude J. Levi
Louis Elkins	Agnes Levinson
Martin J. Feld	David Lowenstein
Harry I. Fingles	William Medoff
Dorothy F. Fischer	Harry Abraham Metz
Ray Fleishman	Olga Myers
Herbert Gross	Dorothy P. Myers
Ida Hamberg	William Pressman
Aaron D. Hockstein	Kathryn Epstein Price

Abraham I. Raphael
 Sandra Raynor
 Mortimer B. Rosenberger
 Irene Rosenberger
 Mina Rosenblatt
 Emil Rosenthal
 Bertha Rothberg
 Theresa Janice Salkin
 Dorothy G. Salus
 Esther Levy Saxe
 Sadie B. Schoenfeld
 Samuel Schwartz
 Clara E. Shrager
 Anne Silberman

Benjamin L. Silver
 Sydney L. Sklar
 Albert B. Solis
 Marie Stein
 Mildred K. Strauss
 Francis Stup
 Dr. Garry P. Sussman
 Mattie Teitelbaum
 Nathan Ufbal
 Adolph Vorenberg
 Florence G. Wise
 Sadie H. Wolfson
 A. Simon Zemble
 Emanuel Zerden

APRIL 27, 2024 TO MAY 4, 2024
19 Nisan 5784 to 25 Nisan 5784

To be read on Friday, Apr. 26 and Saturday, Apr. 27

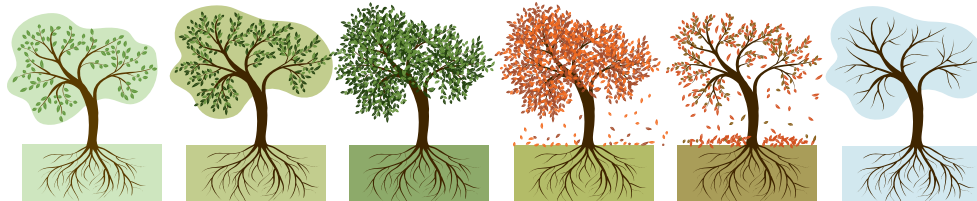


Richard Adelson
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 Leonard Samuel Bernstein
 Lisa Bornstein
 Rose Brest
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 Alfred L. Cowan
 Fannie Cushman
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 Sarah Engle Moskowitz
 Minnie Newmann
 Stefanie P. Newman
 Harry N. Parkins
 Charlotte Promisloff
 Isadore Protas
 Elizabeth Rasdolsky
 Isadore Rothman
 Louis Saller
 Hortense Schepp
 Dr. Sandra Gale Schinfeld
 Bertha Schultz
 Gustave Schultz
 Sara Schwartz
 Isaac Shapiro
 Abe Sherman
 Maurice Sherman
 Matilda Steiner
 Harry Vizak
 Larry Jay Vogel
 Solomon Weitzenkorn
 Samuel Wertheimer
 Harry Wildman

Kol HaKavod to our December and January Torah and Haftarah Readers

<i>Rebecca Cherry</i>	<i>Mike Markowich</i>
<i>Shalev Cherry</i>	<i>Karen Moses</i>
<i>Debbie Seltzer Cohen</i>	<i>Susan Novack</i>
<i>Allan Freedman</i>	<i>Gail Schwartz</i>
<i>Robert Friedman</i>	<i>Marjorie Shribman</i>
<i>Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz</i>	<i>Leilah Spina</i>
<i>Mindy Goldstein</i>	<i>Michael Spina</i>
<i>Judy Stutman Izes</i>	<i>Meryl Sussman</i>
<i>Bonnie Kanefsky</i>	<i>Richard Zeises</i>
<i>Norm Koven</i>	



The Seasons of Our Lives

Adath Jeshurun looks forward to acknowledging significant milestones in the lives of our members. Announcements for *The Seasons of Our Lives* should be sent to the synagogue office in writing or by email to office@adathjeshurun.info with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Please include your phone number.

Births

Goldie Wren Rubenstone, granddaughter of Ed and Betsy Rubenstone
December 13, 2023

Oren Sternbach Rifkin Wernick, grandson of Michele Rifkin and Neil Wernick
December 14, 2023

Paige Louise Wheeling, great-granddaughter of Nona Levin Abrams
December 23, 2023

Iris Minnie Rich Schwartz, granddaughter of Harry Schwartz and Bonnie Miller
December 31, 2023

Maverick Thomas Lutz, grandson of Beryl and Art Rosoff-Verbit
January 15, 2024

Noam Doron Cohen, grandson of Debbie Seltzer Cohen
January 18, 2024

Achievements

The regional chapter of the American Jewish Committee—AJC.org—is honoring Ed Chacker with the 2024 Judge Learned Hand award.

Engagements

Rachel Cohen, daughter of Debbie Seltzer Cohen, became engaged to Benjamin Dahms. The wedding will be this May in Blue Bell.

Deaths

Curtis Emanuel Levin, brother of Valerie (Adam) Leiberman
December 22, 2023

Sanford (Sandy) Simon, father of Sharon (Steve) Katz
December 29, 2023

Edward Opass, husband of Marjorie Shribman
January 13, 2024

Sandy Basicakes, wife of Stanley Basicakes

January 15, 2024

Rita Ehrenberg, mother of Barbara (Mickey) Black
January 26, 2024

March Milestone Anniversaries

40 YEARS

• Sue Lawson and Robert Rosen March 22, 1984

April Milestone Anniversaries

20 YEARS

• Jeffrey Grand and Lucia Tono April 4, 2004

Don't See Your Milestone Anniversary?

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

תודה רבה

Thank you for your generous donations to our synagogue funds

Minyan Fund

IN MEMORY OF

Allen M. Aisenstein
Bettyruth Aisenstein

Cantor Charles Davidson
The Davidoff Family:
Selma, Philip, Scott, and Randi

Debbie Greenberg's Father
Diana Kanoff

Mae Kurtz
Diana Kanoff

Linda Levin
Debbie Seltzer Cohen

Sanford Simon
Bonnie Kanefsky
David Levin

Scott Singer
Diana Kanoff

IN HONOR OF
Debbie Seltzer Cohen
In honor of the birth of
your grandson, Noam
Bonnie Kanefsky

Robert Friedman

In honor of you on
your special day
Bonnie Kanefsky

Meryl Sussman

Thank you for leading a
moving and meaningful
shiva minyan in memory of
Sandy Simon

Steve and Sharon Katz

Beryl and Art Rosoff-Verbit

Mazel tov on your first
grandchild, Maverick
Thomas Lutz
Bonnie Kanefsky
Diana Kanoff

Seder Avodah Fund

IN MEMORY OF

Cantor Charles Davidson
Lorraine Cowan and Family

Memorial Fund

All We Have Lost Too Soon
Karen Youngerman

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Nona Levin Abrams

Sidney Abrams
Rosanne Abrams

Helen Aisenstein
Bettyruth Aisenstein

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Pearl Elias

Sandy Basicakes
Deborah J. Kotzin

Carol Shackmaster
Rene and Sheldon Smith

William Bass
Susan and Howard Buzgon

Herman Baylson
JJ Baylson

Rebecca Baylson
Penny Parker

Ida Bee
Leslie Sokolow and Merrill Stup

Leonard Bee
Leslie Sokolow and Merrill Stup

Annette Wolowitz Black
The Black Family

Lee Black
Mickey and Barbara Black

Renee Blitstein

Pam and Joe Yohlin

Friedrich Brassloff
Michael Brassloff

Suzanne Brest
The Brest Family

Allan Brooks
Elaine Jaffe

Max Caplan
Michael Krassenstein

Gilbert Carasso
Leigh Carasso

Mildred Cohen
Norman Koven

Seymour Cohen
Dorothy Cohen

Stacey Beth Cohen
Steve Strauss

Selma Corn
Holly Corn

Samuel Cowan
Lorraine Cowan

Claretta Croul
Maxine Croul and Felice Croul

Tillie Dash
Frances Schleifer

Ada Davidson

Chellie and Lisa Davidoff

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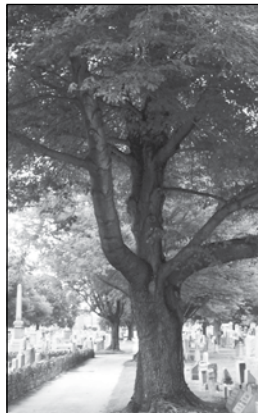


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