

The Theology of the B' Mitzvah Party

by Rav Shai Cherry



Among the academic insights on Talmud that have not made its way into general Jewish knowledge involves the origin of the bar mitzvah party. Here's its Talmudic source:

Rabbi Hanina says: Greater is one who is commanded to do a *mitzva* and performs it than one who is not commanded to do a *mitzva* and performs it. B. Kiddushin 31a

The first rabbi who responds to this counter-intuitive statement is Rav Yosef. He reasons that were he to become commanded to fulfill the *mitzvot* he'd throw a party. (Rav Yosef is blind, and the blind are exempt from the commandments.) Since a boy who turns 13 and a day is suddenly obligated to fulfill the commandments, let's apply Rav Yosef's logic and throw a party for him! Once we're at the party, then we can wonder why one who performs and is commanded is greater than one who performs but was not commanded.

Thirty years ago, Yochanan Silman suggested the possibility that one's reward is greater because God needs the commandment to be performed by someone with whom God is in relation. Performing the *mitzvah* is not about obedience, it's about partnership. A felicitous byproduct of helping God is that God is then better able to help us.


This theological approach flowers into full expression in the Kabbalah of the Middle Ages, but it is present in different forms from the dawn of the Israelite consciousness. There were those who rejected the idea that God has needs, but Judaism has always contained multiple theologies within its Tent of Meeting.

Many of AJ's female congregants grew up in a time when women became *bat mitzvah*, accountable for the commandments, with neither a ceremony nor a party. That changed, in non-Orthodox Judaisms, thanks to the feminist movement. The egalitarian ethos of the feminist movement also sparked the elimination of the traditional age difference between becoming a *bat mitzvah* and a *bar mitzvah* — even though girls generally still mature earlier than boys.

Our culture has shifted in recent years — some might say "lurched" — towards the understanding that gender

identities are not always stable or binary. About ten years ago, a family in our San Diego shul canceled their son's *bar mitzvah* ceremony after the invitations had gone out. A little over a year later, we received another invitation from the same family, but this time for a *bat mitzvah*. The boy's first name, Noah, had become reversed to the girl's middle name, HaNah.

In recognition that the binary options of boy and girl no longer reflect the most welcoming face of our culture, our Religious Practice Committee has recommended shifting our nomenclature to B' Mitzvah. In Hebrew, this mark ' is called a *geresh* and indicates a missing letter or letters. A B' Mitzvah can, therefore, indicate a *bar mitzvah*, a *bat mitzvah*, or for those using a plural pronoun, a *b'nai mitzvah*. It's an invitation to fill in the blank.

My work in *Coherent Judaism* strengthens Silman's argument. There are Talmudic statements and disputes that only make sense to me if we understand that some Rabbis took the *mitzvot* to be about partnership with God in the continuing creation of our world. Our partnership needs strengthening now more than ever. Like our father Avraham, we need to overwhelm our wayfarers with individualized hospitality as we welcome them into our covenant, our partnership, with the divine. As our Rabbis presciently understood, God spoke to each Israelite according to their unique qualities. So, too, must we. 

SAVE THE DATE!

Rav Shai will be participating in the annual conference held by the **Judaism, Science, and Medicine Group (JSMG)**, an international society committed to generating constructive dialogue between Judaism and the sciences. This year's conference is devoted to "Judaism and Pandemics: Past, Present, and Future." Rav Shai will be presenting in the session on "Ethics, Theology and Spirituality in the Time of Pandemic."

Date: Sunday, March 27, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM–8:15 PM (EST) via Zoom

Free and open to all!

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/JSMG-032722>

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ROSH HODESH ADAR II

March 3, 4, 2022 30 Adar I, 1 Adar II 5782

THURSDAY MORNING

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

FRIDAY MORNING

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

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SHABBAT PEKUDEI

March 4, 5, 2022 2 Adar II 5782

Light Shabbat Candles.....5:37 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat at AJ and via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM
Megillah Medley Match

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom5:40 PM

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SHABBAT VAYIKRA | ZACHOR

March 11, 12, 2022 9 Adar II 5782

Light Shabbat Candles.....5:45 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat at AJ and via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM
Sisterhood Shabbat

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah at AJ and via Zoom5:45 PM

B' Mitzvah of

HARRY NEJBERGER

Son of

Jason Nejberger and Dr. Kimberly Center

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FAST OF ESTHER

March 16, 2022 13 Adar II 5782

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom7:15 PM

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PURIM

March 16, 17, 2022 14 Adar II 5782

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Minhah, Purim Shpiel, and Reading of Megillat Esther at AJ and via Zoom7:00 PM
- Party8:30 PM

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service and Full Reading of Megillat Esther at AJ and via Zoom7:00 AM

SHABBAT TZAV

March 18, 19, 2022 16 Adar II 5782

Light Shabbat Candles.....6:52 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat at AJ and via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM
Shabbat Luncheon

Hazzan Glantz's Presentation of His Thesis Paper

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom6:55 PM

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SHABBAT SHEMINI | PARAH

March 25, 26, 2022 23 Adar II 5782

Light Shabbat Candles.....6:59 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached at AJ and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM
B' Mitzvah of

SAMARA REIBSTEIN

Daughter of

David and Mindy Reibstein

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom7:00 PM

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ROSH HODESH NISAN

SHABBAT HaHODESH | TAZRIA

April 1, 2, 2022 1 Nisan 5782

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:06 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat at AJ and via Zoom6:15 PM
Pesah Bowl

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM
Men's Shabbat

Lunch 'N Learn with Rav Shai: Choosing a Haggadah

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom7:10 PM

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SHABBAT METZORA | HaGADOL

April 8, 9, 2022 8 Nisan 5782

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:14 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached at AJ and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

Prof. Ken Stein lecture during service; see page 10 for details.

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM
Prof. Ken Stein lecture during Kiddush lunch; see page 10 for details.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom7:15 PM

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EREV PESAH

April 15, 2022 14 Nisan 5782

FRIDAY MORNING

- Siyum Bechorot and Fast of the First Born7:00 AM

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FIRST DAY OF PESAH

April 15, 16, 2022 15 Nisan 5782

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:21 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat at AJ and via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom7:25 PM

Healing Services with Hazzan Glantz

Wednesday, April 20, and
Wednesday, May 11 at 6:15 PM

In accordance with Article IX of the Bylaws of the Congregation, at the January 17, 2022 meeting the Board of Directors voted and approved individuals to serve on the committee to nominate members to serve on the Board of Directors. The following individuals were appointed to serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee:

Judith Stutman Izes, Immediate Past President — Chair

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| Doug Karan | Lisa Davidoff |
| Mark Schwartz | Karen Moses |
| Mindy Goldstein | Sandy Nadel |

Any member of the Congregation may submit suggestions to the Nominating Committee as to candidates for office and for election to the Board of Directors.

Harry Lessig, Secretary

HOL HaMOED PESAH

April 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 2022

16, 17, 18, 19, 20 Nisan 5782

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom9:00 AM

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY MORNINGS

- Morning Service via Zoom7:00 AM

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SEVENTH DAY OF PESAH

April 22, 2022

21 Nisan 5782

Light Candles7:27 PM

FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service at AJ and via Zoom9:00 AM
Yizkor Service

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SHABBAT AHAREI MOT

April 22, 23, 2022

22 Nisan 5782

Light Shabbat Candles7:28 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat at AJ and via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom7:30 PM

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YOM HaSHOAH

April 27, 28, 2022

27 Nisan 5782

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Evening Service via Zoom7:00 PM
(There may be a Community-wide service scheduled by the Kehillah of Old York Road. Stay tuned for details.)

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom7:20 AM

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SHABBAT KEDOSHIM

April 29, 30, 2022

29 Nisan 5782

Light Shabbat Candles7:36 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat at AJ and via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service at AJ and via Zoom9:30 AM

B' Mitzvah of

SYDNEY SILVERSTEIN

Daughter of

Joseph Silverstein and Felice LePar

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom7:40 PM

Be on the lookout for the **PASSOVER MAILING** for all Pesah details!

DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

Sunday9:00 AM
 Monday and Thursday7:20 AM
 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday7:30 AM
 Rosh Hodesh Services (weekday)7:00 AM

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday through Thursday7:00 PM

SHABBAT HAVURAH SERVICE

For now, the Havurah is not meeting on a regular basis. Please call the office if you are interested in finding out more about the havurah service.

We have three Zoom links for all of our services:

For Friday evening and Saturday morning services:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/97054037610>
 Meeting ID#: 970 5403 7610 (Password required*)

For Saturday evening services:

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

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

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/109428724>
 By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592
 Meeting ID#: 109428724

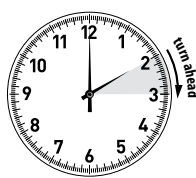
By phone for all services: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592 and use the Meeting ID#.

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

Handicap parking spaces are available outside the front entrance of the synagogue. Please do not park in the spaces that are marked for individual congregants; they have paid to ensure that their space is available to them when they come to the synagogue. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET!

**Sunday,
 March 13
 2:00 AM**



Services: In Person at AJ or via Zoom?

As of the printing of the March/April *AJ News*, all Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturday morning Shabbat services are being held both in person at AJ and on Zoom. Shabbat Minhah, Ma'ariv, and Havdalah as well as daily minyan remain on Zoom only (except where noted).

Our current requirements are:

- Attendees must pre-register for services by completing the online registration form or calling the office. You can go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html for the link to pre-register. (Please note: The registration link will change for each month.)
- Attendees must use hand sanitizer before entering the sanctuary. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
- Only fully vaccinated people may attend in-person services and events at AJ and everyone must wear a mask.
- All adults entering the AJ building must have had their booster shot, once eligible.

The Reopening Committee is monitoring the COVID-19 case trends locally. Any updates to AJ's policies will be posted on the AJ website (www.CongregationAJ.org) and in the weekly email. You may also call the AJ office for more information. Our overriding goal is to make sure that our congregation and community stay healthy.

Kol HaKavod to our December and January Torah and Haftarah Readers

Rebecca Cherry
 Rina Cherry
 Rav Shai Cherry
 Shalev Cherry
 Tehila Cherry
 Allan Freedman
 Robert Friedman
 Hazzan Glantz
 Mindy Goldstein

Robert Hartman
 Elon Kaplan
 Adam Lewin
 Mike Markowich
 Susan Novack
 Meryl Sussman
 Marcia Webber
 Tammy Zebovitz
 Richard Zeises

What's Happening at AJ

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5 MEGILLAH MEDLEY MATCH
Don't miss this musical Shabbat service when we'll play "Name That Tune" with the Megillah! Anyone attending services in person can play. 9:30 AM

12 AJWA SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
Join us for Sisterhood Shabbat featuring a beautiful, multi-generational service led by the women of AJWA Sisterhood. This year's Annette W. Black Memorial Lecture will feature speaker Julie Slavet. See page 12 for more information.

13 COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL
Save the date for the 2022/5782 Community Purim Carnival! Pre-K Admission: 11:00 AM–12:00 PM; General Admission 12:00 PM–2:00 PM. At Keneseth Israel. See page 13 for more information.

14 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB
March's book is *Florence Adler Swims Forever*, by Rachel Beanland. Please read the book before the meeting! Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood. 7:30 PM.

16 PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE BEGINS
Donate food items for local families and individuals in need. The drive runs through Monday, April 4. See the Passover Mailing for more information.

16 AJ PURIM SHPIEL
Enjoy a "Greased Purim" with your friends and family at AJ. See page the back page for more information.

19 SHABBAT LUNCHEON AND HAZZAN GLANTZ'S PRESENTATION OF HIS THESIS PAPER
Stay tuned for more information!

24 GRANDPARENTS' GROUP
Rabbi David Levin, a local expert in the field of passing on our legacy to the next generation, will take us through the creation of the ethical will in a way that will enrich all of our lives, and the lives of those that follow us. This is part 2 of a two-part program is called "How Will You Remember Me?". See page 19 for details.

25 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED
Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz. 6:15 PM

27 FJMC 24TH ANNUAL MIDATLANTIC REGION MAN OF THE YEAR DINNER
Ed Moses has been chosen as the AJ's Man of the Year! The dinner will be held at AJ. See page 16 for more information.

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1 PESAH BOWL
Test your knowledge of Passover for prizes during morning Shabbat service! 9:30 AM.

2 MEN'S SHABBAT
Join the men of AJ as they lead the Shabbat service. 9:30 AM.

2 LUNCH 'N LEARN: CHOOSING A HAGGADAH
Join Rav Shai for a Lunch 'n Learn to discuss some of haggadahs' different features and to preview the newest haggadah from the Jewish Publication Society, Marcia Falk's *Night of Beginnings*.

4 PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE ENDS
See the Passover Mailing for more information.

8 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED
Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz. 6:15 PM

8 PROGRAM WITH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROF. KEN STEIN
"Jimmy Carter: Calculated Ambivalence." 6:15 PM (during Kabbalat Shabbat). See page 10 for more information.

9 PROGRAM WITH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROF. KEN STEIN:
"Intelligent Design and Not the Big Bang Theory: The Zionist State, 1848–1949." 12:30 PM. See page 10 for more information.

10 PROGRAM WITH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROF. KEN STEIN
"Why Negotiations Don't Work Anymore." 10:00 AM. See page 10 for more information.

11 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB
April's book is *Plunder*, by Menachem Kaiser. Please read the book before the meeting! Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood. 7:30 PM.

12 ADULT ED WITH DR. DAVID BERNAT
This virtual three-session Adult Ed class will look back at Israel through history with Biblical and Rabbinic material. April 12 topic: "Hezekiah to the Hasmoneans." Other dates: April 26 and May 10. 7:30 PM. See page 11 for more information.

20 PESAH HEALING SERVICE WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ
Hazzan Glantz leads this service that includes healing prayers that may be familiar, steeped in our ancient liturgy, as well as more contemporary and current selections. Join him on Zoom at 6:15 PM.

26 ADULT ED WITH DR. DAVID BERNAT
Second session of a three-part series. April 26 topic: "Herod to Hadrian." 7:30 PM. See page 11 for more information.

1 AJ'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER ("SPEC")
Join us for AJ's 2022 Annual Fundraiser (SPEC) as we honor Amy Devine-Stretch and Calvin Thompson for 20 years of service at AJ! Comedy guests will be Johnny Lampert and Dan Naturman. Stay tuned for details.

9 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB
May's book is Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's selection for One Book, One Jewish Community, *People Love Dead Jews*, by Dara Horn. Please read the book before the meeting! Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood. 7:30 PM.

10 ADULT ED WITH DR. DAVID BERNAT
Third session of a three-part series. May 10 topic: "The Religious Life of Our Ancestors: Temples, Synagogues, and *Miqvaot*." 7:30 PM. See page 11 for more information.

11 HEALING SERVICE WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ
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13 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED
Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz. 6:15 PM

15 AJWA SISTERHOOD ANNUAL TORAH FUND BRUNCH
Tammy Zebowitz will be celebrated as this year's Woman of Achievement. Stay tuned for details.

19 GRANDPARENTS' GROUP
Jane Isay will speak on the topic "Being There, Loving Them, Listening to Them: How to Build Memories." 7:30 PM. See page 19 for more information.

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" in the top menu.

If you need help with Zoom during most AJ online events, contact Rachel Palitto at rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info.



There's Never a Dull Moment

By Howard Levin,
President of Adath Jeshurun

Before I jump into this month's article, I want to extend a Mazel Tov to the Cherry family on the B' Mitzvah of Shalev.

I was hoping to skip this issue in the hopes that nothing was going on and I could concentrate on work. But, as John Lennon famously said, "Man plans and God laughs." I will attempt to the best of my ability to address two major issues going on at AJ and synagogues all over the United States.

The first issue was the hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. As many of you know, we currently have armed security every Shabbat morning, and through a prior security grant, bollards were installed at both entrances to the building. While both steps are deterrents, there is a lot more we can do to ensure our safety. A couple of years ago we commissioned a security assessment and while several of the recommendations were instituted, many more need to be addressed. Tom Federman has agreed to chair the Security Committee and he, along with Amy Devine-Stretch and I, toured the building and made note of possible deficiencies, all of which will be addressed. We will also offer security training to all congregants, teachers, and staff in the coming months. If you would like to be on the committee, please reach out to Tom, Amy, or me. Some congregants have begun asking if we should allow congregants to carry guns inside the building. I can tell you as a board member of Ceasefire PA that this would not be a good idea. While you may have received training on the proper use of the weapon, you were probably not trained on the use of a weapon during a crisis.

The next thing on the list is COVID-19. I thought by now we would be looking at the virus in our rear-view mirror and enjoying a fully reopened shul. As stated in the opening paragraph, the Omicron variant had other ideas. As you probably know by now, we are requiring all congregants of eligible age to be fully vaccinated, boosted, and masked to attend services. I also know that some congregants are not happy with this policy and would like to participate in services in person and not via zoom. While I respect your decision to opt out of getting vaccinated, I still have to be concerned with the public good and not just one individual's right to not get vaccinated. In Judaism we are taught *pikuach nefesh*, that the saving of a life is more important than any *mitzvot*. So, while attending shul is a *mitzvah*, potentially putting another congregant's life at risk is the overriding issue. I'm also aware that in most European countries they consider contracting COVID the same as getting vaccinated, however that is not the case in the United States. So, for any congregant who feels that our policies and guidelines are either unfair or inane, I apologize, but until there is a significant change in the number of cases and guidelines issued by the CDC, the current policies will remain in place.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me.

As always,

Stay Jewish,

Howard



B'nai Mitzvah We Have Celebrated This Year!

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

We are catching up on printing the bios and divrei Torah of the B'nai Mitzvah we have celebrated this year. We'll have more for you in the next issue!

Micah Ufberg

Micah Ufberg recently became a B' Mitzvah and was overjoyed to share his special simcha with his family, friends, and community at Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Micah is the son of Larry and Missy Ufberg.

D'var Torah | Vayetze 2021 (November 13, 2021)

Shabbat Shalom!

I am so grateful for everyone who can be here today both in person and on Zoom. I've been waiting many years to become a Bar Mitzvah. I have watched my brother and sister as they studied and learned their Torah portions. And now it is finally my turn.

When it came time for me to start learning about my *parasha*, I was instantly drawn to the idea of different types of sibling relationships and the problems that they had. As the youngest of three, I think I know quite a bit about sibling relationships. Throughout the book of Genesis there are sibling pairs. The first pair of siblings were Cain and Abel where one brother killed the other — not a good example to follow. Then there was Ishmael and Isaac. Isaac was the favored child and Ishmael got jealous and came to hate Isaac. Also, not a great example to follow. In my *parasha*, we have yet another pair of brothers, Jacob and Issau. They, also, did not have a good relationship. When their father, Isaac, came close to death, he decided to give a blessing to Issau. He was going to give the blessing to Issau because Issau was the first born, and that was the tradition. Issau was a very good hunter and Isaac had asked him to get him a special meal before the blessing. Before Issau had come back, Jacob, with his mother Rebecca's help, disguised himself as Issau by putting hair all over himself. Isaac was old and could not see very well, so Jacob ended up getting the blessing and this made a bad relationship between the brothers even worse. As a result, Jacob had to run away because Issau was trying to kill him. Spoiler alert — Jacob eventually reconnects with Issau and they work it out. In this situation, even though they were mad at each other, they eventually came back together.

In my *parsha*, it tells the story of how Jacob came to meet the next set of siblings in Genesis. While on the run from Issau, he stopped at the village where his Uncle Laban lived. He met Rachel, his cousin, at the well and worked for his Uncle Laban for seven years to marry Rachel. When seven years passed, he was tricked into marrying Rachel's older sister Leah. He complained to Laban and Laban told him that it is not traditional for the younger sibling to get married before the older and made him work another seven years for Rachel. Like Jacob and Issau, Rachel and Leah also had a troubled relationship.

Later in the *parsha*, Jacob continued to love Rachel more than he loved Leah. Leah did not feel very good about this. One day, Leah's son went out and found mandrakes which are a Mediterranean plant used in medicine and were known to be good for fertility. Rachel, who still didn't have any children of her own, wanted some of the mandrakes and asked Leah for them. When Leah heard Rachel's request, she was furious. She said, "Wasn't it enough that you took away my husband? Will you take my son's mandrakes too?" This disappointed Rachel and Rachel told Leah that if she gave her some of the mandrakes,

Jacob would spend time with her that night. This shows that Rachel and Leah are jealous of each other, but they still find a way to compromise with each other.

But the Torah doesn't only tell about bad sibling relationships. There are some good relationships too. Fortunately, Jacob finally seemed to have learned from the lessons of his actions towards his brother and his favoritism towards Joseph and realizes how destructive his acts have been towards his family. When it comes time for Jacob to give a blessing to Joseph's sons, Ephriam and Menashe, he sends them and his own son, Joseph, a message to be happy for each other's success and not to be jealous of each other. He does this by crossing his hands when he blesses them and gives the younger the blessing that usually went to the older. This makes me think of when my dad blesses me on Shabbat and says, "May you be like Ephriam and Menashe." He is saying he wishes for my brother, sister, and I to have a good relationship like Ephriam and Menashe's. He wants us to have a strong connection with each other and to support each other. Jacob's blessing for Ephriam and Menashe serve as role model for future generations.

The wish of Jacob to have siblings care for each other becomes a reality with Moses, Miriam, and Aaron. When Aaron made the golden calf, G-d wanted to kill Aaron, but Moses begged G-d not to punish him right away. Then when Miriam and Aaron were talking badly about Moses behind his back and G-d punished Miriam, instead of Moses thinking there's nothing I can do about it or she deserved this, Moses right away prayed she would get better quickly. Moses' behavior is what Jacob wanted for his children and grandchildren.

The moral in *Vayetze* is that even though you may argue or have problems with your siblings you should always come back to love and look out for each other. Sometimes we focus too much on a single situation and don't look at the bigger picture. If you look at the Torah as a whole and the different sibling relationships, you can see a pattern. In the beginning there was Cain and Abel, and they had a really horrible relationship. But over time we're introduced to more siblings and we can see that over time each relationship gets a bit better. This teaches us that we need to work hard to learn from our history and not repeat our mistakes. When I think about the lessons that come from the Torah and this *parasha* it makes me realize what I want for my relationship with my siblings and how to nurture that relationship. I believe that it's important to support and care for your siblings.

Over the past 18 months I have spent time with my siblings, A LOT of time. When they're the only people you're around it makes you think a lot about your relationships and how you get along. Although my brother, sister, and I sometimes argue, I know that deep down inside I will always love them. When one of us gets in a bad situation we support each other and try to help make it better.

The bond between siblings is a very strongly held value in our family. We often talk about the "bundle of sticks." The metaphor of the bundle says that when you take one stick and try to break it, it will snap very easily. But when you take a bundle of sticks tied together it's much harder to destroy them. This demonstrates the importance of sticking together with your family. This is something that my parents and grandparents have taught my siblings and me, and it's something that I am going to pass on to my own children. With my brother and sister next to me I know that we will face down whatever obstacles life brings.

Shalev Cherry

I have gone to Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy for the past two years and am planning on continuing there. I was born in Los Angeles, lived in San Diego for most of my life, and I am currently living in Elkins Park with my mother, father, sister, and dog. I spend most of my time, outside of school, playing video games with my friends or watching shows with my sister; playing with, petting, or admiring my dog; and doing a variety of physical activities (e.g., rock climbing and soccer). For those who didn't recognize him, the Zoom guest at my B' Mitzvah was from one of my favorite shows to watch with my sisters, "Parks and Recreation," and the guest plays a talk show host on the program.

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Shabbat shalom. In Maimonides' Guide to the Perplexed, he claims: "It is not possible to go from one extreme to another in one fell swoop." Maimonides backs up his claim with the example of an infant and its mother. He says that since mammals are weak at birth and cannot nourish themselves with solid food, the mother provides the child with milk until its organs have become sturdier. He then relates that to the opening verse of B'shalach, our Torah portion. "Now when Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although it was nearer; for God said, 'The people may have a change of heart when they see war, and return to Egypt.'" Maimonides claims that the logic here is the same, as the infant is not mature enough to eat food on its own, the Israelites are not mature enough to fight the Philistines on their own.

This idea is what tipped Maimonides off on how theology in the Torah works. RaMBaM states that the reason God commanded the Israelites to perform animal sacrifices is because his intention was to slowly turn them away from idolatry. Since the Israelites had been surrounded by idol worshippers and animal sacrifices in Egypt, God thought that the only way to shift the Israelites out of that mindset was to permit them to do those animal sacrifices but on a smaller scale, and directed towards the one true God, as opposed to the gods worshipped by the Egyptians. Here we can see how influential the majority's culture was on religious rituals for the Israelites, even after they left Egypt.

When the Tabernacle was built the Israelites needed people to tend to it, and thus the Levites and Cohanim were designated by God to work at the temple and care for it. I do not like that, because they did not have a choice. If a Levite was born and decided they did not want to care for the temple, they might have to leave Judaism altogether. Also, if someone wanted to work at the temple but wasn't a Levi, they were not able to. This also related to what RaMBaM says about slow changes. In Egypt, the high priest is chosen by the pharaoh, and the Israelites, being surrounded by Egyptians their entire lives, thought that was the norm. So, in order to nurture the Israelites, God chose a tribe to lead the Israelites' religious rituals.

Much later, the Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE, and the Jews were no longer in need of the Levites and Cohanim. This led to the Rabbis becoming the spiritual and political leaders of the Jews, and it did not matter from whom you were born, but how learned you were. We see this in Mishnah Horayot. The Mishnah is discussing who takes precedence when multiple people are in danger, whom to save if you can only save one. The Mishnah says the order goes Cohen, Levite, Israelite, and mamzer (a child of a forbidden relationship), but the Mishnah then says this order applies only if they are all equally learned. But, if the mamzer is more knowledgeable than the priest, then the mamzer takes precedence over the priest, even the HIGH priest. The Israelites/Jews could not go from spiritual leadership being hereditary to being purely based on knowledge in one fell swoop, so God let the Jews take half steps.

When the rabbis took over the position of leadership, they made a new standard for leadership which is based around education, but women were not included. On the one hand, that seems strange because there were female priestesses in Ancient Egypt. God allowed the Israelites to have female leaders as we see in B'shalach with the Torah referring to Miriam as a prophet. We also see that in the Haftarah portion with Deborah

being both a prophet and a judge. These both fit the Egyptian model for leadership. But, during the time of the Rabbis, females were not allowed to be religious leaders. That could make sense because the Romans did not permit women to be political leaders. RaMBaM would see this as the majority culture's influence on the Jewish minority. Only in the last 50 years have American women been able to become rabbis because of the feminist movement in America.

Going from being a child to being a bar mitzvah is not the kind of slow change RaMBaM was talking about. When I turned thirteen, I became a Jewish adult in one fell swoop. You can actually see the same transformation in our Torah portion. When the Israelites entered the Sea of Reeds, they were still slaves to Pharaoh, but when they exited, they were servants to God. Like the Israelites, I am still a "slave" even though I'm a Jewish adult. I still have to obey my elders, and I can not do anything more than I could yesterday, except for being counted in a minyan, helping others with their religious obligations (like making kiddush), and being able to recite the blessing when called up to the Torah.

And when I recite that blessing shortly, I am going to change something that I think will be an incremental step towards more inclusivity in Judaism. The blessing says "*asher bachar banu mi'col ha'amim*." Notice that little 'mi' before 'col'? Well that means God chose us out of all the people. But the god I believe in does not choose one people over every other people. So I have decided to say "*im col ha'amim*" instead of "*mi'col ha'amim*", meaning with all the people, to better include all of humanity as opposed to just us. And though it is just a syllable change, it is a way to express my beliefs. I will have to wait to make bigger changes until I get my driver's license, a credit card, and go to college.

Some changes don't need to make things better, or more inclusive, but for me to improve, or learn a new skill, or teach my dog a new trick. I want to improve my piano skills, and I hope that now that I am a bar mitzvah, I'll have the discipline to do that.

I would like to give a thank you to everyone who has shown up today, and a thank you to those who are joining us on Zoom. I would like to thank the Hazzan for teaching me my laying, and my mother for helping me practice. A thank you to the rabbi, my father, and Meryl Stup, for helping me with my dvar. A thank you to my entire family for doing aliyot. I would also like to give a special thanks to my sister, Rina, and my dog Zara, for being my emotional support while I went through this process.

Shabbat Shalom.

Tehila became a bat mitzvah in a Pardes classroom in Jerusalem on Thanksgiving. We celebrated Rina becoming Bat Mitzvah on the top of Mount Arbel overlooking the Kinneret and the Golan Heights at dawn. And Shalev became a B' Mitzvah at a more civilized hour, with indoor plumbing, at Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

Our transition from San Diego to Elkins Park was most challenging for Shalev, and the process of becoming a B' Mitzvah, even with all the COVID-related disappointments, was healing. During the week leading up to parashat B'shalach, Shalev told us that he "felt cared for."

We want to thank you for being there to celebrate with us under sub-optimal circumstances. We were proud of Shalev, and we were gratified to be part of a community that showed up for him. Thank you.

Despite our request for no gifts, your generosity resulted in well north of \$2,000 for various synagogue funds in Shalev's honor. Again, thank you.

We look forward to celebrating many, many more *s'machot* with you all!

With loving gratitude,
Rebecca and Shai Cherry

IT'S TIME
TO LAUGH
AGAIN!

AJ ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY,
MAY 1, 2022

JOIN US FOR
AJ'S
2022 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
(SPEC)

AS WE HONOR

AMY DEVINE-STRETCH
AND
CALVIN THOMPSON

FOR 20 YEARS
OF SERVICE AT AJ!

COMEDY NIGHT
FEATURING

JOHNNY LAMPERT
AND
DAN NATURMAN

DETAILS TO FOLLOW!



These are two of the best-loved faces at AJ. We are so proud to announce that this year's SPEC honorees are **Amy Devine-Stretch**, Office Manager, and **Calvin Thompson**, Building Manager, at AJ. We have been through different rabbis, different administrations, and different ways of conducting services and connecting with each other. One thing hasn't changed — Amy and Cal are here every day with smiles on their faces. We are so appreciative of their over 20 years of service to AJ. They are truly the heart and soul of our AJ.

Because **IT'S TIME TO LAUGH AGAIN**, we will present stand-up comedian **Johnny Lampert**, considered one of the premier comedians in the country. He is a regular at New York City's and Los Angeles' best comedy clubs including The Gotham Comedy Club, The Comic Strip, Caroline's on Broadway, and The Improv. Johnny has also made numerous television appearances on MTV, A&E, NBC, HBO "*Comedy Showcase*," a multitude of shows on Comedy Central, and most recently on AXS TV's *Gotham Comedy Live!* Johnny will be joined by **Dan Naturman**. Dan's charming combination of self-deprecation and outright grouchiness has had audiences howling from coast to coast and has earned him four appearances on *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Conan*, *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, *The Tonight Show*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, his own "*Comedy Central Presents...*" special, and a starring run on NBC's *America's Got Talent*. To learn more, go to <https://www.headlineentertainment.us/>.

AJ Adult Education Committee

By Co-Chair, Skip Atkins

It's been a busy winter so far for AJ Adult Ed, with much more programming on the way. Our offerings have been divided into two categories: general adult education, and those supporting the congregational trip to Israel this fall.

General Programming

Rav Shai's first class, given this past January and February, was a three-week exploration of the **Mussar Movement**. Arising in 19th-century Lithuania as an outgrowth of tensions between the competing ideologies of the Hasidim and Mitnagdim, Mussar is a system which focuses on ethics and conduct. With both in-person and Zoom-based participation, attendees found the topic fascinating and were delighted to be back in the classroom with "Professor Cherry."

Finally, during a Lunch 'n Learn after morning services on **April 2**, Rav Shai will help us prepare for Passover with an exploration of the Haggadah. Focusing on the recently published **Night of Beginnings: A Passover Haggadah** by poet and liturgist Marcia Falk, Rav Shai will also provide insights into choosing and using the haggadah during the seder.

Also in February, AJ Adult Ed had the privilege of hosting Professor Roberta (Bobbi) Rosenthal Kwall, whose discussion was based on her recently published book, *Remix Judaism: Preserving Tradition in a Diverse World*. Reflecting her experience as professor of law at DePaul University and with a Master's degree in Jewish Studies, Ms. Kwall's highly acclaimed recent book is described as offering "an eloquent and thoughtful new vision for all Jews seeking a sense of belonging [and personal meaning] in a changing world, regardless of their current level of observance." Her program was intensely spiritual and thoughtful and, like her book, offered a view of how Jewish law, culture and tradition influence each other, with the goal of helping her audience "in defining their individual Jewish journeys and identities."

Finally, our discussion of general programming wouldn't be complete without a reminder that AJ's ongoing partnership with the Orange County Community Scholars Program (CSP), a highly regarded southern California community-based organization for advancing adult Jewish education and family Jewish celebrations. With Rav Shai's parents having been founding members, CSP partners with dozens of synagogues nationwide — with AJ being the first and only congregational partner in Pennsylvania — to offer an incredibly diverse range of online programs involving Jewish history, culture, religion, the arts and popular entertainment. Please check out CSP's wealth of programs here: <https://ocssp.net/csp-online-events/>.



Israel Programming

This year is AJ's "Israel year," culminating in the first scheduled congregational trip to Israel in over a decade. AJ Adult Ed, in conjunction with other committees and constituent groups, has offered and planned extensive Israel-related programming to support the trip and help participants prepare. For Adult Ed, the offerings include a broad spectrum of Israel-related topics — historical, cultural, religious/textual, and political. Even for those not intending to participate in the Israel trip but are nonetheless fascinated by Israel, our slate will be of great interest.

Aside from our upcoming trip, there is a second reason that Adult Ed has prioritized programming related to Israel. The military action last May between Israel and Hamas elicited a range of opinions and concerns within the American Jewish community, both nationally and within our own congregation. In July, a wide-ranging discussion involving Rav Shai, the co-chairs of the Adult Ed and Social Action committees, lay leaders, and various congregants provided the opportunity to express a range of thoughts and feelings. It produced a commitment to offer various programs concerning Israel's history and politics, with a focus on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Importantly, the further commitment was to ensure that the programming would be both authoritative and balanced.

In service to both of these goals, Adult Ed has scheduled a wide variety of offerings. In December, Kobi Cooper, a professional Israel tour guide and son of AJ's own Wendy and Len Cooper, gave a two-part series from Israel on "Love Stories of Jerusalem, Ancient and Modern" which was very popular and well-received. In January, AJ was delighted to host "A View from Jerusalem" via Zoom from Israel. Co-sponsored by AJ Women's and Men's Associations, it featured Daniel Estrin, Israel correspondent for NPR. Mr. Estrin offered a very engaging and highly informative discussion of politics, policy, and daily life, and the program received high praise from the nearly 100 participants.

Upcoming: In a **three-part series beginning April 12**, Dr. David Bernat, Ph.D. in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, will explore crucial moments in biblical and rabbinic Judaism that have contemporary reverberations for Israeli society. Dr. Bernat will also return to AJ, in person, to kick off Tikkun Leil Shavuot for the Old York Road corridor, with a discussion of the significance of wine and wine-making, both in the biblical and ancient era and in contemporary Israel. The culmination will be a wine-tasting event, sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Finally, we intend to revive the time-honored AJ tradition of the weekend **Scholar-in-Residence by welcoming Professor Kenneth Stein** for a *shabbaton* on the week-

end of **April 8-10**. As Emeritus Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History, Political Science and Israeli Studies at Emory University, Professor Stein's credentials are stellar. He was present during the negotiations with Presidents Carter and Sadat and Prime Minister Begin that led to the signing of Camp David accords in 1978. Former Director of the Carter Center for Middle Eastern Peace and founder and President of the Center for Israel Education, Professor Stein has been described by Rav Shai as follows: "There's no one better able to talk authoritatively to American Jews about the America-Israel relationship, Israeli-Arab relations, and Israeli-Palestinian negotiations." (See event details on page 10.)

Professor Stein will return to AJ shortly before the congregational trip to provide the latest information on current Israeli politics and foreign policy.

We certainly hope you enjoy what AJ Adult Education has to offer! 🇮🇱

CSP has a full course schedule

for March. Rav Shai has selected the ones below as sounding particularly interesting. Go to <https://ocssp.net>.

Please note that times on CSP web pages are Pacific Time and times below are Eastern.



Thursday, March 3, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

"The Israeli Defense Forces: The Human Aspects," with Paul Liptz

Wednesday, March 9, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

"American Shtetl: The Making of Kiryas Joel, a Hasidic Village in Upstate New York," with David Myers

Thursday, March 17, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"Pastrami, Verklemp, and Tshoot-spa: Non-Jews' Use of Jewish Language in the United States," with Sara Bunim Benor

Tuesday, March 22, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"A Sephardic Journey Through the Twentieth Century," with Sarah Stein

Thursday, March 24, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"Music in the Time of the Bible," with Joshua Jacobson

Tuesday, March 29, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"Why is this Night Different from All Others?," with Burt Visotzky

Thursday, March 31, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"Three Sessions in Preparation for Passover," with Burt Visotzky

AJ ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTS:

Israel in Perspective: Putting the Pieces Together

*A spring series of expert-led encounters
with Jewish history*

“In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles.”

– David Ben Gurion

As Israel approaches its 75th birthday in 2023, how is its third attempt at national sovereignty faring? With a critical eye and guidance from informed observers, we revisit Israel's first two attempts, we analyze contemporary Israeli society, and we look over the borders to Israel's neighbors. Our spring series will then culminate with a trip to Israel in October where our studies will come alive — and where the pieces will come together.

Join Us at AJ for a Wonderful Weekend of Programming with Scholar-in-Residence Prof. Ken Stein



Prof. Ken Stein's expertise focuses on the origins of modern Israel, the conflict, Palestinian history, the Arab-Israeli negotiating process, and U.S.-Israeli relations. He is the Director of the Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel (ISMI) at Emory University. There, he has been the recipient of awards for teaching excellence, life-long mentoring of students, and for internationalizing the curriculum. Prof. Stein's fund-raising initiatives were responsible for bringing to Emory College sixteen visiting Israeli professors in the social sciences.

DATE: Friday, April 8 at 6:15 PM (during Kabbalat Shabbat service, with oneg to follow) (in person and via Zoom)

TOPIC: Jimmy Carter: Calculated Ambivalence

While teaching at Emory University since 1977, Prof. Stein played an important role in the organization and development of the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta. For more than a dozen years in the 1980s and 1990s, he advised former President Carter about Middle Eastern matters, traveled with him to the region, and wrote a book with him. As a world-class scholar, Prof. Stein researched, wrote, and taught about American diplomacy in the Arab-Israeli Conflict, publishing *Heroic Diplomacy: Sadat Kissinger, Carter, Begin, and the Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace* (1999). When Carter wrote the highly controversial book, *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*, in 2006, Prof. Stein dramatically split with Carter for his false claims about Israel and American Jews. Prof. Stein will speak about how Carter and other presidents develop their attitudes toward Israel and the negotiating process, and particularly on the roots and evolution of Carter's involvement in peace negotiations and the growth of his animus towards Israel over the years. **Relevant Reading:** Kenneth W. Stein, "My Problem with Jimmy Carter's Book," *Middle East Quarterly*, Spring 2007, pages 3–15.

DATE: Saturday, April 9 at 12:30 PM (Kiddush lunch included) (in person only)

TOPIC: Intelligent Design and Not the Big Bang Theory: The Zionist State, 1848–1949

Was there a Jewish State in 1939? With the use of archival and published sources of the period, Prof. Stein will unfold with us the causes and political choices that contributed to Zionist state making before the tragedy of the Holocaust was known to the world. What roles did the British, Palestinian Arabs, and Jewish leaders play in carving out a Jewish territory in Eretz Yisrael? Was the Jewish state's establishment inevitable? What is the historical context for Israel's unfolding and the Palestinian dispersion in the period from 1945–1949? What do the sources tell us? **Relevant Reading:** "Zionists and Arabs — Historical Sources Unfold the Jewish State." You can review the socio-economic differences and distances between Jews and Arabs in Palestine in the "Census for Palestine," 1931.

COST: Members: \$36; Non-members: \$54

DATE: Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 AM (Brunch included) (in person only)

TOPIC: Why Negotiations Don't Work Anymore

Why did Arab-Israeli Negotiations work in the 1970s but Palestinian-Israeli talks are dead in the water in 2021? What criteria/elements were present then but are not there now? Why have six Arab countries recognized Israel, and removed the Palestinian issue as the top priority on inter-Arab and national agendas? What does survey research tell us about the differences in American Jewish and Israeli attitudes about Israeli security, the settlements, and whether a two-state solution is doable? What do Arab sources reveal about Palestinian politics?

COST: Members: \$36; Non-members: \$54

Looking Back at Israel Through History Using Biblical and Rabbinic Material with Dr. David Bernat



Dr. David Bernat is a consultant in Outreach and Development with JALSA, The Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action. He has a Ph.D. in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies from Brandeis, is the author of *Sign of the Covenant: Circumcision in the Priestly Tradition* and co-editor of *Religion and Violence: The Biblical Heritage*. Dr. Bernat has held faculty positions at UMass Amherst and Wellesley College, and regularly leads adult education tours to Israel with an historical and archaeological focus.

DATE: Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

TOPIC: Hezekiah to the Hasmoneans

This session will focus on Hezekiah's tunnel and the siege of Jerusalem by the Assyrian king Sennacherib during Hezekiah's reign [~700 BCE], arguably one of the most telling moments in Biblical history. In addition, we will range across the timeline through the Babylonian Exile, Persian Period, Alexander the Great's conquests, and the 100-year dynasty of the Maccabees, the Hasmonean royal family.

DATE: Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

TOPIC: Herod to Hadrian

This session will take up Israel during the Roman era. We will focus on the reign of Herod [37 – 4 BCE] and his massive building projects that have stood the test of time and technology. Among other achievements, Herod developed Jerusalem, and the Temple as a crown jewel and urban exemplar his Roman patrons, particularly Caesar Augustus. The Kotel, the Western Wall, remains as a living testament to Herod's influence. We will also look at the first revolt against Rome [66 – 73 CE], the destruction of the second Temple, and the Bar Kochba revolt, and the material evidence of both that is still extant, in Israel.

DATE: Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 PM (via Zoom)

TOPIC: The Religious Life of Our Ancestors: Temples, Synagogues, and *Miqvaot*

This session will explore the evidence of how Judaism was observed in its nascent days. A wealth of shrines, altars, idols, and temples of the Biblical era, along with synagogues and *miqvaot*, ritual bath complexes, built during the Hellenistic and Roman periods, are preserved throughout modern Israel in national parks and easily accessible to visitors. We will explore these artifacts and relevant written texts from the Hebrew Bible, Dead Sea Scrolls, and Rabbinic writings as testimony to the way in which our forebearers practiced their religion. We will also think about the continuities and disjuncture between Judaism's early days and how we practice today.

DATE: Saturday, June 4 (Time TBD) (during Tikkun Leil Shavuot) (in person only)

TOPIC: God's Wine Cellar: Tasting and Torah

A midrash on the Song of Songs identifies Mt. Sinai as a great wine cellar with rows of wisdom and mitzvot that the Jewish people accepted with love and joy. As Shavuot celebrates the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai, how fitting to begin our evening of learning with a wine program. David Bernat, Ph.D., our guest scholar and oenophile (wine expert), will guide us in the art and science of wine appreciation and wine-food pairing. We will sample four world-class Israeli wines, with appropriate snacks, and be spiritually and gastronomically transported to the Holy Land (with the aid of a video projector and screen.) At the same time, our immersion into Israel's wine culture will open a window to the history of our homeland, from ancient times to today. Be prepared for an experience that will excite your palates and enrich your souls.

TO REGISTER:

Go to www.CongregationAJ.org/Israel-in-Perspective.html or use the QR codes below to go directly to the registration form for each speaker.

For Prof. Ken Stein events:



For Dr. David Bernat events:



These events are open to the community.
Invite your friends and neighbors!

AJWA Sisterhood

Lorna Rosenberg, President, and Karen Moses, Program Chair

The winter chill is upon us, but AJWA Sisterhood has been warming up those cold days and nights with exciting programs and events.

In January we teamed up with Rav Shai and the Men's Association for "A View from Jerusalem," an interview with National Public Radio's Correspondent Daniel Estrin. Daniel spoke about the fragile coalition now in place in the Knesset that is being held together by a strong anti-Netanyahu sentiment. Also, Daniel shared that his reporting is screened with colleagues and editors prior to airing and his focus is to share personal stories of everyday citizens of all faiths and political views giving a full view of life in Israel. He was charming and sincere in his very informative presentation.

Roadtrip! On January 30, AJWA mounted an expedition for a tour and special lecture from award-winning printmaker, sculptor, and mixed media artist Diana Myers at the Old City Jewish Arts Center. "Branching Out" is a multi-media/multi-dimensional exhibit commemorating the holiday of Tu B'Shvat. It honors trees featured in the Bible and celebrates the four seasons. The exhibit was influenced by Diana's experience living in Israel as well as her love of Jewish life and ritual. Diana is the aunt of congregant Denise Portner.

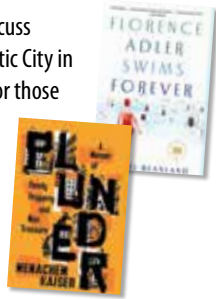
Our next big AJWA Sisterhood event will be **Sisterhood Shabbat** on **March 12, 2022 beginning at 9:30 AM**. We'll be in person and via Zoom, and it will be a wonderful service followed by a signature AJWA Sisterhood luncheon. The Annette W. Black Memorial Lecture guest speaker will be Julie Slavet, Executive Director of the Tookany-Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership and former AJ member. Her words about the Tookany Watershed where AJ is located and many of us live will give us insight into climate impacts, nature, and wildlife around us and how our local waterways have shaped our community. Mindy Goldstein will be coordinating the parts for the service, please contact her at mgoldst@comcast.net if you would like to participate.

On **March 14, 2022**, the **Robyn Orodener Book Club** will discuss *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland. It is set in Atlantic City in the 1930s. It's wonderfully written and evokes many memories for those of us who spend our summers "down the shore." On **April 11** the selection is a memoir: *Plunder*, by Menachem Kaiser. Our book club is open to the entire congregation so please join us!

There may also be a surprise lecture in April, stay tuned!

Stay warm and healthy,
B'Shalom,

Lorna



Are You An Angel? Please consider becoming a Sisterhood Shabbat Angel!

Your donation of \$25 (or more) will help make possible AJWA Sisterhood's 2022 wonderful Shabbat service, speaker and luncheon. It is a program that reaches out to the entire AJ family and is met each year with great anticipation and enthusiasm! All Shabbat Angels will be gratefully acknowledged in the Sisterhood Shabbat program. Please return this form and your check to AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat Angels, 7763 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027. Make checks payable to "AJWA Sisterhood" with "Shabbat Angel Donation" on the memo line. Thank you!

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B'yachad — Together

On Sunday, May 15, 2022 we will have our Annual Torah Fund Brunch.

Please save the date . . .
and join us in celebrating this year's esteemed

Woman of Achievement

Tammy Lebovitz

Details will follow soon.

Any questions, please call or e-mail me.

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Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, March 12 at 9:30 AM
(in person and via Zoom)

Featuring a beautiful, multi-generational service led by the women of AJWA Sisterhood

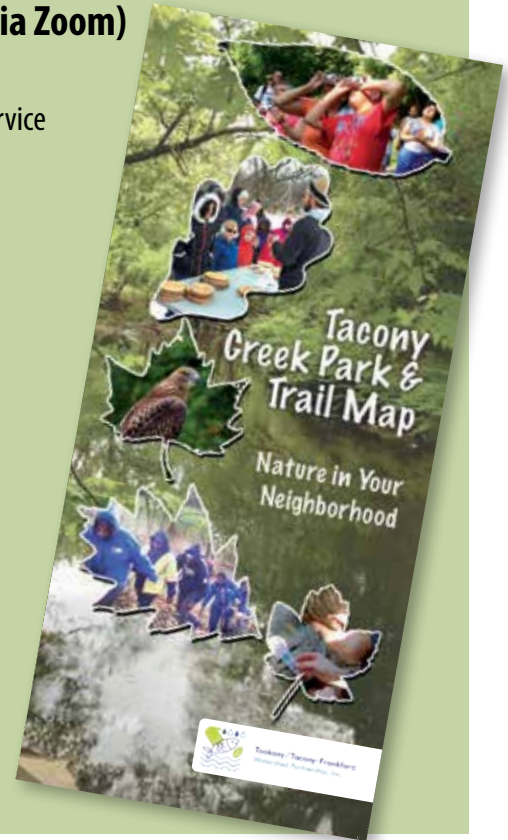
Annette W. Black Memorial Lecture

with speaker **Julie Slavet**

Executive Director of the Tookany-Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership

The service will be followed by a Shabbat luncheon prepared by the AJWA Sisterhood!

Everyone is welcome!



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

AT RIGHT AND BELOW: On Sunday, January 30, AJWA Sisterhood trekked to Old City Jewish Arts Center for a tour and special lecture from award-winning printmaker, sculptor, and mixed media artist Diana Myers (aunt of Denise Portner).



Old York Road Purim Carnival with an Israeli Twist Sunday, March 13, 2022

Join us for a festive, Purim Carnival that the entire family will love! Enjoy delicious kosher food, exciting inflatables, Israeli-themed fun, Magic Mirror photo studio, music, hamentashen, and prizes. Cost includes all activities. Food and drink are available for purchase. Online registration will close on Friday, March 11 at 10:00 AM. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p87p3kk> or use the QR code at the right.



TIME
Pre-K Admission: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
General Admission: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

COST
\$10 advance online family registration
\$20 per family at the door

LOCATION
Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel

The Old York Road Kehillah Presents
**Purim Carnival
with an Israeli Twist**
SUNDAY MARCH 13
11-12 pm Pre K | 12-2 pm General Admission
Keneseth Israel, 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park
jewishphilly.org/oyr

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**Kabbalat Shabbat with
Strings Attached**
Come to AJ or meet us
on Zoom and sing along!
Friday nights at 6:15 PM:
March 25, April 8, and May 13



AJ Early Learning Center

By Anita Block, Early Childhood Director

Yes, it was the middle of a pandemic (Omicron variant) and yes, there was a storm predicted, but neither of these challenges stopped our young children from observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, or Tu B'Shevat.

This year in honor of MLK Day, we asked families to send toiletries that we would package and deliver to area shelters for those in need. The response was amazing! So, the 3- and 4-year-old children (Lavan and Adom) created over 60 Blessing Bags that Onit delivered to one of the Project Home shelters. We were also able to provide snack foods and a small donation. Thanks to all our families, staff, and children for pitching in to serve the greater community.

Be sure to read Onit's article about Tu B'Shevat celebrations (opposite page).

In the beginning of January, fifteen of our staff received Pediatric CPR and First Aid training through the American Red Cross. The instructor, Kimberly Everett, was outstanding as she guided the participants through the process of providing emergency CPR to the youngest and not-so-young with whom we come in contact daily. Using manikins that simulate actual breathing, folks were able to immediately know if they were "doing it right." Following the almost 4-hour training, each person received an official certificate of training, valid for two years. The Department of Human Services requires all staff to receive training as employees of an early learning center. Six staff who were unable to participate in January will receive their training in March.

Early childhood employees also receive annual fire safety training. This year, Scott Lynch, Cheltenham Township Fire Chief, provided the training for us on Friday, February 12. In addition, we conduct monthly fire/emergency drills and record all information including the number of people in the building and the evacuation time. When school started in September, the entire staff received emergency action training from Cheltenham Township. This training includes guidelines on intruders and weather emergencies.

I am really excited to announce the construction of a new playground for our toddler students. The playground, designed by the Kompan Company, includes state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly, and attractive units for children. The new site is to the left of the school entrance and will include a variety of age-appropriate and fun opportunities for physical activities, dramatic play, creative interactions, and gross motor experiences. We anticipate completion and dedication of the new playground around May 22.

Anita Block



Tu B'Shvat at AJELC

By Onit Zisserman, Early Learning Center Coordinator

For this year's Tu B'Shvat in the Early Learning Center, the children were given circles of different sizes to decorate using a variety of media. Because MLK Day and Tu B'Shvat coincided this year, we read *We're Different We're the Same* and *Sammy Spider's First Tu B'Shvat* to the appropriately aged children. Using both themes, as well as chalk, tissue paper, glue and markers, the children created colorful circles to build a collective tree honoring their different styles. This tree (pictured below) celebrates Tu B'Shvat and recognizes that our school community is a place filled with togetherness, diversity, and growth.

Additionally, each class was given a platter of fresh and dried fruit including carob, pineapple, starfruit, dates, oranges, sabra fruit, grapes, passion fruit, pomegranate, and red and white grape juice. Each class did their own version of a Tu B'Shvat tasting party, celebrating the birthday of the trees with blessings and sweetness!




Our preschool is hiring!
 We have immediate openings for both full-time and part-time in our infant room/pre-k

If you or someone you know has experience working with children and enjoys the attention, love and responsibility the position requires, please apply today:
ablock@adathjeshurun.info
 or
 215-635-3490
AJELC is an equal opportunity employer in the state of Pennsylvania.

Who Says It's Too Early for Spring Cleaning? Clothing Drive Going On Now Through Monday, March 28

The AJ Early Learning Center wants your stuff! Do your spring cleaning now and bring those too small, too large, out-of-fashion, unneeded, and "what was I thinking?" items to the AJELC so we can turn your discards into money for the Center. The more you bring, the more we earn! Items for donation include:

- Clothing for men, women, and children
- Shoes (please pack separately from clothes)
- Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves, etc.
- Soft household items like towels, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, quilts, comforters, and curtains
- Small toys (2 ft. or less)
- Stuffed animals, bikes, and scooters
- Car seats (only together with base) and strollers

Please, NO baby gear, books, or pots and pans.

Please drop off items in the large donation bins at the AJELC entrance. Thanks in advance!

AJ Men's Association

By Ed Moses, Dr. Harry Lessig, and Howard Goldman, Co-Presidents

We're thrilled to announce our beloved **Ed Moses** as **AJMA's Man of the Year!**

Ed Moses was a member of the Men's Club of Oxford Circle Jewish Community Centre-Brith Israel (OCJCC-BI) from approximately 1992 to 2000, serving one term as President of their Men's Club (1998-2000). In 2004, OCJCC-BI merged with Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Ed quickly became an active member of the Adath Jeshurun Men's Association. Besides bringing in speakers to appear at Sunday morning breakfasts (prepared diligently by his sidekick **Sheldon Smith**), Ed led a bus trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. (fulfilling a wish of AJMA President **Dave Emas**, of blessed memory) and led an outing to the Battleship New Jersey where the attendees were given a docent led tour by former OCJCC-BI member **Art Hill** (of blessed memory) participated in services on the ship led by **Morey Smerling** and **Jerry Verlin**, and treated to breakfast. Ed built on the work of **Rabbi Rosenbloom** and **Steve Davidoff** (of blessed memory) by facilitating approximately three Hearing Men's Voices (HMV) programs with small groups of AJ men. In later years

he facilitated several similar programs up the road with Beth Sholom's Men's Club. Ed participated a number of times with the distribution of Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles and effectively targeted funds for groups providing Holocaust survivor's support. Frequently seen with a camera, Ed has enjoyed documenting Men's Association events and especially highlighting the men who have been honored at the Middle Atlantic Region's Man of the Year Dinner. A few years ago, with the support of Hazzan Howard Glantz, Ed helped put together a small group of musicians (including **Scott Minkoff** and **Michael Spina**) who have played periodically at Friday night services. After much trepidation, a few years ago, Ed helped put together AJMA's annual Men's Shabbat with the help of many individuals, in particular, **Robert Hartman**. Ed has been most fortunate over the years with helpful congregants **Alan Marmon**, **Skip Atkins**, **Mark Schwartz**, **Leslie Fine**, **Dave Levin**, and others by arranging appealing sports personalities to come to AJ or lately appear on Zoom. His wife, **Karen Moses**, has been by his side throughout, providing constant support and encouragement. 



Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles

(A project of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs)

Sharing Light For Remembrance
Light candle at sundown on
Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Last year AJMA raised over \$800 for KAVOD, an organization that provides immediate relief to Holocaust survivors in the Philadelphia area. KAVOD partners with the Jewish Family Service.

To receive a Yellow Candle by first class mail, kindly send your request to Ed Moses at karedlon@aol.com. You can also pick up one at AJ; we'll let you know when they arrive.

AJMA thanks you!



FJMC Middle Atlantic Region 24th Annual Man of the Year Dinner



We congratulate
Ed Moses
AJMA MAN OF THE YEAR

Join the AJ Men's Association as we celebrate at the
Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Middle Atlantic Region
24th Annual Man of the Year Dinner

Date: Sunday, March 27, at 4:30 PM

Location: Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Elkins Park, PA

Cost: \$80 per person

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

Black tie optional.

RSVP: Please RSVP, provide payment,
and submit an ad for the Tribute Journal
by **March 11** at www.MARFJMC.org.

Questions? Contact Howard Goldman at 215.947.5230.

Interested in placing a congratulatory
ad in the Tribute Journal?
Go to www.MARFJMC.org for more
information and to submit one!

Men's Association Shabbat Saturday, April 2, 2022

Calling all men to participate
in this exciting event where the
participants get to run the service.

Contact Howard Goldman
at hrgtax@verizon.net or 215.947.5230
if you would like to be part of this service.

You can pay your AJMA dues online now!
Just go to the AJ website,
click on "CONNECT," and scroll down
to AJ Men's Association.

לזכר עולם In Remembrance

Anyone interested in perpetuating the memory of a loved one at AJ should contact the office for information at 215.635.6611.

Yahrzeits of the following individuals will be observed as follows:

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 to MARCH 5, 2022

26 Adar I 5782 to 2 Adar II 5782

To be read on Friday, Mar. 4 and Saturday, Mar. 5



Jennie Abrams
Rabbi Leon Album
Sylvia Alloy
Alexander A. Aron
Franklin G. Banks
Jenni Benjamin
Milton Berger
Morris J. Blitz
Margaret Boehm
Max E. Cohen
Moses Cohen
Herbert A. Demchick
George J. Dishler
Benjamin F. Dolfman
Dr. Nettie Solomon Edeiken
Susan Elaine Edelman
Abe Felix
Joseph Fine
Maurice Fisher
Esther Goldman
Nettie Goodman
Lewis Gordon
Mollie Grant
Alexander Green
Leonard A. Green
Ida Haber
Rose Heimerling
Nathan Hoffman
Carrie Isenberg
Dorothy Jacobson

Yetta Katzner
Matilda B. Krupnick
David E. Lewis
Michael Loeb
Beth Cravitz Manusov
Moses Marcus
Dr. William J. Mellman
Louis Meyerhoff
Simon Mustokoff
Charles N. Oberfield
Florence Oberfield
Sima Robinson
Samuel Rosenbaum
Bernard Sacks
Carrie Blumenthal Saltzman
Sarah Winkelman Salvin
Sarah Winkelman Seidel
Sol Shore
Jennie Sickles
Nathan Smith
Morris Steinberg
Howard Stern
Isadore Strauss
Nettie Subin
Nathan S. Taksey
Nelson Wax
Louis Weiss
Pauline Weitzenkorn
Israel Werner
Dr. Rose B. Wohl

MARCH 6, 2022 to MARCH 12, 2022

3 Adar II 5782 to 9 Adar II 5782

To be read on Friday, Mar. 11 and Saturday, Mar. 12



Laurie Hope Beechman
Dr. Donald Berkowitz
Philip Blum
Isadore M. Brody
Rebecca Charny
Samuel Cohen
Sarah Ellman
Bernhard Feigenbaum
Benjamin Greenstein
Cantor Alexander Gross
Frances Hirsch
David Jaffe
Bena Strauss Kellert
Simon Klein
Frank Leon
Gustav Levi
Rose Meadow Levinson
Stella Levy

Marcus M. Lyons
Esther Mayer
Benjamin Merow
Rhonda J. Moomjian
Lillian Moore-Katz
Samuel Pearlstein
Benjamin Perlman
Florence Platt
Reuben Pollock
Adolph L. Rosenberg
Lewis Morris Rosenberg
Alexander Schupler
Sonia Schwartz
Samuel Silow
Charles S. Simon
Martin J. Vigderman
Rose Waxman
Max Wurzel

MARCH 13, 2022 to MARCH 19, 2022

10 Adar II 5782 to 16 Adar II 5782

To be read on Friday, Mar. 18 and Saturday, Mar. 19



Pearl B. Cohen
Milton Robert Edelman
Lillian Freeman
Simon L. Garfinkel
Benjamin Loewenstein Ginns
Mitchell Glick
Rose Gorchov
Abraham Green
Richard Gross
Stephanie Gitlow Hanly
Mary Jaffe
Minnie Price Jaffe
Minna Daniel Klein
Lesser Kohn
Sandor Lederer
Rose Leidner
Tillie Loeb

Clara Lowenstein
Jettchen Lowenstein
Paul B. Lurch
Isaac Nathans
Jay Oberfield
Dora Wolff Orlick
Sarah Jane Price
Pauline Rosenberger
Jennie Saft
Abraham Saltzman
Leah Schepp
Betty Slotnick
Steven H. Starr
Harry H. Vederman
Israel Weiner
Herman Zerden

MARCH 20, 2022 to MARCH 26, 2022

17 Adar II 5782 to 23 Adar II 5782

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



Nancy Sivitz Albertson
Isaac Alkus
Fleurette Blum
Fred Brod
Miriam Chacker
Sidney H. Damsker
Gerson Dannenberg
Harry Farber
Lewis Feld
Lionel Felzer
Saul Finestone
Emma Fingerman
Albert Joseph Fuller
Bessie Garfield
Meyer H. Gradwohl
Abraham J. Hirsch
Samuel Hirsch
Flora Hyman
Rose Jacobs
Ida Karabell
Ted Kellem
Hyman Kibrick

Lena Klein
Michael Kosmin
Herman Krupnick
Rosalie Ulm Leowenheart
Abraham L. Levi
Claire B. Marmon
Harry Norvick
Moses Price
Shirley Price
Morris D. Rose
Rabbi Yaakov G. Rosenberg
Michael Rosenfelt
Herman Senet
Jeannette Sams Shapiro
Sharon J. Silver
Samuel J. Simon
Evelyn R. S. Steinberg
Lucien M. Stern
Leah Zimmerman Taylor
Howard Mitchell Tracer
J. Irving Weinberg
Rae Z. Weinberg

MARCH 27, 2022 to APRIL 2, 2022

24 Adar II 5782 to 1 Nisan 5782

To be read on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2



Cyrus Adler
Louis F. Anathan
Doris Dannenhirsh Beshunsky
Dr. George I. Blumstein
Hattie Mitchell Brav
Celia Dannenhirsch
Dr. Abraham George Dinenberg
Gussie Engel
Oscar Feinstein
Barbara Widman Freedman
Edward Ginsburg
Antonie Goldstein
Gustav Heidelberger
Hyman Hopen
Dr. Michael Scott Kane
William Karsif
Maurice A. Kendall
Leon Kimmelman

Bella Leidner
Samuel Levi
Isadore Levinson
Dr. Simon A. Levit
Betsey Marcus
Dr. Philip Mogil
Rachel Newmayer
Rosa Rosenberg
Isaac Samuel
Marcus Sonnenfeld
Annie Kass Spector
Marie Stern
Stanley L. Stern
Esther R. Suzmer
Lewis Viner
Max M. Waxman
Anna Zitin

APRIL 3, 2022 to APRIL 9, 2022

2 Nisan 5782 to 8 Nisan 5782

To be read on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9



Dr. Paul Abramson
Jennie Arronson
Mollie Aronson
Helen Atkins
Clara Lemisch Auerbach
Dr. Sheldon G. Bahoff
Elizabeth Barcus
Solomon Baruch
Lewis H. Bergman
Marshall A. Bernstein
Minnie A. Bilker
Simon E. Block
Clara B. Block
Harry Blumberg
Eva Bortnick
Louis Brody
Leo Brooks
Eva Perlberg Buchsbaum
Alfred Cachelin
Rose Chalfin
Lillian Segal Chilnick
Lt. Com. S. Walter Clayman
Lenore Cooperman
Harry Derowitz
Shirley Dolfman
Abraham Dordick
Joshua Eilberg
Minnie Einhorn
Jack Forman
Benjamin Fox

Elaine Fox
Mathilda Frank
Leon Frank
Anna Freedman
Ida Freeman
John Goldberg
Albert Gordon
George Grant
Rose A. Greenbaum
Masha Kanoff
Leon Katz
Morris Kauffmann
Joseph Q. Klein
Harry Kurtzberg
Leon Landes
Fan Lapping
Jesse LeCoff
A. Julius Levitt
Isadore Neumann
Seymour Piwoz
Lillian Polsky
Abraham Rabinowitz
Samuel Robinson
Raymond Rosen
Morris Rosenberg
Samuel Rovins
Martin Rubin
Pauline Green Rubin
Gloria K. Salikof
Rebecca Saller

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Benjamin S. Sands
Arthur Schneeberg
William Schreiber
Celia Seligman
Samuel Shackmaster
Bertha M. Sichel
Henry S. Sichel
Arnold Jacob Sigel
William H. Singer

Abraham Sorkin
Gertrude Steinberg
Hyman Waldman
Mary B. Wallfield
Frances Slifkin Weisman
Rabbi David Tovia Whiteman
William Wilder
Anne Rothberg Wildstein
Leonard Wolf

APRIL 10, 2022 to APRIL 16, 2022

9 Nisan 5782 to 15 Nisan 5782

To be read on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16



Martin Aaron
Esther Bacharach
Harry Balen
Herman Barash
Anna Baylson
Adeline Berger
Rubin Bernstein
Ruth H. Bernstein
Sarah Block
Harry Blum
Carolina Blumenthal
Harry Brodsky
Hannah E. Cohen
Harry J. Cohen
George Corn
Morris Derewitz
Julia Diamond
Rose Dreyer
Jennie Rosen Drill
Louis Edeiken
Jack Edelson
Isadore Fineman
Harry I. Fingles
Ruth Feigenbaum Freedman
David Gelberg
Dr. Louis Gershenfeld
Rita Blumenthal Ginns
Elka Gitlow
Isaac M. Goldberg
Harry Goldfarb
Morris Goldstein
Ruth B. Goren
Sarah Greenberg
Dr. I. Harold Greenfield
Max Gunther
Albert Hollin
Joy C. Horman
Dr. Daniel M. Isaacman
Irene Jaffe

Esther Kalish
Louise Rosenthal Karp
Dr. Joseph W. Kauffman
Anna Kaufman
Sarah Lande
Paul Leibovitz
Dina Moog Love
Ethel Malke Metzger
David C. Miller
Myer Muchnick
Myer Oberst
Sarah Paller
Bettie F. Podell
Abraham I. Raphael
Sandra Raynor
Jack Abraham Richman
Jacob E. Rosenberg
Mina Rosenblatt
Dorothy G. Salus
Meyer Samson
Dorothy Schneider
Edith Omanoff Schwartz
Samuel Schwartz
Sarah Shaffer
Jack Harris Shapiro
Harry Silin
Minnie Malka Stein
John Felix Stern
Charles Stone
Jacob Strauss
Mildred K. Strauss
Harry Subin
Irving Turner
Jack Weinstein
Hannah Staub Weiss
Lena Werner
Herman M. Wirtschaftler
August Wise
Emanuel Zerden

APRIL 17, 2022 to APRIL 23, 2022

16 Nisan 5782 to 22 Nisan 5782

To be read on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23



Richard Adelson
Morris Alkus
Ruth Koppenheim Berger
Jacob Blume
Lisa Bornstein
Donald Klein Bortner
Isadore I. Butler
Martin A. Cohen, MD
Alfred L. Cowan
Max Mendel Cravzow
Marvin N. Demchick
Morris E. Deutsch
Esther S. Dietz
Mary Eckstein
Abraham A. Einhorn
Louis Elkins
Myer C. Emerson
Herbert Gross
Minnie Harris
Klara Heidelberger
Louis Hoffman
Samuel Hunn
Jules Kadane
Samuel H. Kancher
Allen Kaplan
Josephine Klein
Maurice Kline
Fedora A. Kuritzkes
Koppel Lamb
Mollie Levy
Dr. Jacob F. Lichtman
David Lowenstein
William Medoff
Harry Abraham Metz

Dorothy P. Myers
John Netter
Harry N. Parkins
Fanny Platowsky
Kathryn Epstein Price
Isadore Protas
Israel Raphael
Mortimer B. Rosenberger
Emil Rosenthal
Bertha Rothberg
Hortense Schepp
Sadie B. Schoenfeld
Sara Schwartz
Samuel Segal
Abe Sherman
Clara E. Shrager
Anne Silberman
Benjamin L. Silver
Anne Sklar
Sydney L. Sklar
Jenny Slotnick
Albert B. Solis
Marie Stein
Francis Stup
Dr. Garry P. Sussman
Mattie Teitelbaum
Nathan Ubfal
Adolph Vorenberg
Samuel Wertheimer
Harry Wildman
Marion Wolf
Sadie H. Wolfson
A. Simon Zemble

PESAH, DAY VII

APRIL 21, 2022 to APRIL 22, 2022

21 Nisan 5782

To be read on Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22



Ruth Koppenheim Berger
Jacob Blume
Lisa Bornstein
Donald Klein Bortner
Isadore I. Butler
Alfred L. Cowan
Marvin N. Demchick
Esther S. Dietz
Mary Eckstein
Klara Heidelberger
Maurice Kline
Dr. Jacob F. Lichtman

Harry Abraham Metz
Harry N. Parkins
Kathryn Epstein Price
Israel Raphael
Mortimer B. Rosenberger
Hortense Schepp
Sara Schwartz
Albert B. Solis
Mattie Teitelbaum
Samuel Wertheimer
Sadie H. Wolfson

APRIL 24, 2022 to APRIL 30, 2022

23 Nisan 5782 to 29 Nisan 5782

To be read on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30



Max S. Appel
Edward S. Arkow
Abram L. Ball
Fannie Baruch
Sayde Bayuk
Lena Bekoff
Morris Bender
Sarah Bernstein
Wendy Brandschajn
Rose Brest
Luise Landau Briffel
Nan Brouse
Rose Burak
David Carmosin
Harold M. Carson
David Constantine
Harry Daroff
Fannie Durst
Solomon A. Epstein
Martin J. Feld
David Harris Fineman
Dorothy F. Fischer
Ray Fleishman
Jennie Goldstein
Albert E. Goodman
Ida Hamberg
Aaron D. Hockstein
Harold Hoffman
Nathaniel E. Jaffe
Rose B. Jaffe
Herman Koppelman
Dr. Sol J. Koblum
Samuel Kornfeld

Leonard Lane
Joseph W. Layman
Bernard J. Leidner
Gertrude J. Levi
Hannah Levick
Agnes Levinson
Nusin Love
Seligman Maas
Olga Myers
Stefanie P. Newman
Sylvia Potter
William Pressman
Charlotte Promisloff
Irene Rosenberger
Isadore Rothman
Theresa Janice Salkin
Louis Saller
Esther Levy Saxe
May Schneeberg
Isaac Shapiro
Esther Sherman
Maurice Sherman
Abram Shnaper
Abraham Silverman
Anna Rachel Spiller
Lillian Stark
Matilda Steiner
Matilda C. Tubis
Harry Vizak
Larry Jay Vogel
Florence G. Wise
Beatrice F. Young

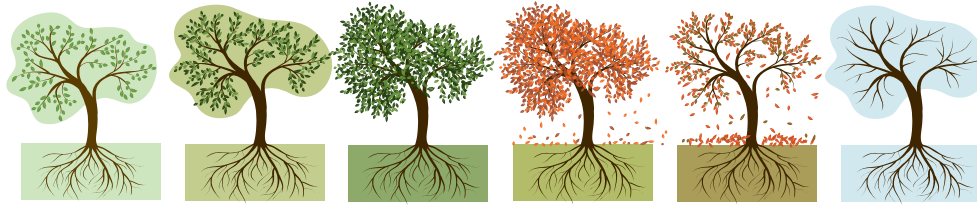
We apologize for the omission of the following names in the January/February AJ News.

February 6, 2022 to February, 12, 2022

S. Elise Stern
Jack Atkins

February 27, 2022 to March 5, 2022

Dr. Rose B. Wohl



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

Malachai Ezra Smerling, grandson of Terry and Morey Smerling, and son of Aaron and Angela Smerling
January 23, 2022

Deaths

Richard Zeitlin, husband of Violet Zeitlin
December 21, 2021

Carolyn Platt, wife of Frank Platt
December 21, 2021

Gloria Louise Greenberg, mother of Stephanie (Lou) Greenberg-Duarte
December 23, 2021

Martin B. Zeises, father of Richard Zeises
December 25, 2021

Cynthia Bacal Portner, mother of Jeffrey (Denise) Portner
December 27, 2021

Saul Britchkow
January 4, 2022

Asher Stutman, father of Judith Stutman Izes (Paul) and grandfather of Jessica and Rebecca
January 30, 2022

Roger Segal, son of Elsie Segal (Murray Lowenthal)
February 14, 2022

March Milestone Anniversaries

60 YEARS
• Jay and Sandra Sobel
March 31, 1962

25 YEARS
• Adam and Valerie Lieberman
March 16, 1997

April Milestone Anniversaries

55 YEARS
• Stanley and Joyce Weitz
April 9, 1967

40 YEARS
• Stephen and Mindy Goldstein
April 24, 1982

35 YEARS
• Howard and Mary Panitch
April 11, 1987

25 YEARS
• Jason Nejberger and Kimberly Center
April 6, 1997

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.

Grandparents' Group


By Sheva Cohen and Barbara Shotz

The AJ Grandparents Group has been going strong. Rabbi David Levin, Director of Jewish Relationships Initiative, presented a scholarly and entertaining lecture on "The Ethical Legacy: Jewish Wisdom Reimagined." His session allowed all of us to feel empowered to create this important legacy for future generations. Click on the QR code at the right for a recording of our first session with Rabbi Levin.



Mark your calendar for our next session with **Rabbi Levin** on **Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 PM** entitled "**How Will You Remember Me?: Crafting Your Legacy Through an Ethical Will and Various Techniques for Sharing Your Legacy.**"

To RSVP for the March 24 Grandparents' Group session, go to the RSVP page on the AJ website (www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html).

Our final Grandparents' Group session will feature **Jane Isay** on **Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 PM**, entitled "**Being There, Loving Them, Listening to Them: How to Build Memories.**" Jane began her career as a book editor, specializing in psychology. In 2004, she began a new career as a writer of books about family: *Walking on Eggshells*, *Mom Still Likes You Best*, and *Unconditional Love*. Jane attempts to understand the emotions that lie behind the ordinary tensions of family life and to help readers find strategies that may make family life a little easier. 



BELOW: On February 3, Hazzan Glantz was a guest performer at Marvin Black's weekly musical sessions at the Horsham Center for Jewish Life. On Thursdays, Marvin introduces recordings to interested residents, then plays them, followed by discussion.



תודה רבה

Thank you for your generous donations to our synagogue funds

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IN MEMORY OF
Harold and Claretta Croul
Maxine, Felice, Sidney and Erica Croul

IN HONOR OF
Shalev David Cherry
In honor of your Bar Mitzvah Irene Blumenfeld

Minyan Fund

IN MEMORY OF
Howard (Ozzie) Ozeroff
Michael and Sandra Goldberg and Family

Deborah Kotzin and Jerome Verlin
Al and Sandy Nadel
Sima Sussman
Steve Strauss
Tammy and Steve Zebovitz
Nancy Zucker

Richard Zeitlin
The Goldberg Family
Diana Kanoff
David Levin

Roberta "Bobbie" Liebenberg
Al and Sandy Nadel
Ed Strauss
Nancy Zucker

IN HONOR OF
Shalev Cherry
In honor of the amazing job you did at your B'Mitzvah
Diana Kanoff
Barbara Josephs

Mindy and Stephen Goldstein
In honor of the birth of your grandbaby. Mazel tov!
Nancy Zucker

Steve Strauss
Mazel tov on your special birthday!
Merril Stup and Leslie Sokolow

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Saundra Robbins

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Seth Rick Arkans
Florence Arkans

Herman Baylson
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Jo Ann and Steve Caplan

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Renee Bliststein
Pam and Joe Yohlin and Family

Miriam Blitz
Frances Salkovitz

Gloria Block
Frannie, Hara, Todd, Linda and Bruce Salkovitz

Dr. Charles G. Blumstein
Judith Blumstein

Sheila and Michael Brandon
Carolyn Goldhill

Suzanne Brest
Norman Brest

Saul Britchkow
Nessa Baron

David and Nada Berd
Debbie Seltzer Cohen

Art and Neile Davis
Marcy Nadel

Karen and Ed Moses
Pamela Maman and Family

Viki and David Pashman
Baruch Schwartz and Family

Ed Strauss
Arnold Thomas

Pam and Joe Yohlin

Ann Carmosin
Rande Saxe

Fred Carmosin
Rande Saxe

Richard Carmosin
Rande Saxe

Bertha Cohen
Mona and Arthur Steiger

Mildred Cohen
Linda and Norman Koven

Stacey Beth Cohen
Steve Strauss

Selma Corn
Holly Corn
Dr. Robert and Deborah Corn

Tillie Dash
Frances Schleifer

Ada Davidoff
Chellie and Lisa Davidoff

Ruth Davis
Art Davis

Martin Davis
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