

Gentiles and Rabbinic Standards

by Rav Shai Cherry



One might be a fluke, but two is a trend.

This month, the Hebrew College Rabbinical School announced that it no longer requires its rabbinical students to have Jewish partners. The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College blazed that trail several years ago. It's really hard for me

to imagine wanting to join a shul in which the rabbi is intermarried. What about you?

Every once in a while, people ask me if I am willing to officiate at an intermarriage. I explain that were I to do so, the Rabbinical Assembly would toss me out, as they have to others who have violated that standard. Sometimes the questioners drop it, other times they forge ahead, sensing lack of full disclosure. "What if the Rabbinical Assembly were to change its rule?"

I don't think intermarriages are good for the Jews. Harold Schulweis used to say that most interfaith marriages today are really interfaithless. That's where I can be helpful. For gentiles who think of Judaism as a religion akin to Christianity and who consider themselves to be "Godless," I can show them how comfortable Judaism might be for them. I can share with them traditional models of Jewish thought that might open up a pathway for conversion. I'm actually running such a class, beginning right after Passover, called "Exploring Judaism."

This spring, I will be officiating at a baby naming for a baby who is not halakhically Jewish. The gentile mother was a student of mine at Vanderbilt twenty years ago in an Introduction to Judaism course. She ended up marrying a Jew from Philly, though they still live in Nashville. When she asked if I would consider officiating, I was honored, and I immediately responded in the affirmative.

The Reform and Reconstructionist movements long ago accepted patrilineal descent—the baby is Jewish even if only the father is Jewish. (It was good enough for Moses'

boys!) For now, this family belongs to a Reform Temple in Nashville. Should the baby boy one day decide to formally convert in order to be recognized as Jewish by all Jews, the procedure is quick and easy. I know because I've done it.

I was my parents' third boy, and they had me circumcised in the hospital and not on the eighth day. When I found out, I had a very quick "drop of blood" ritual and I was good to eat the middle matza at the seder. (Really!) Our baby boy in question will also need a *mikveh*—not a high hurdle.

If someone wants a Jewish/Hebrew name, send them my way! I couldn't care less if they're halakhically Jewish because I believe it's something that I can do that's good for the Jews. This baby will have a cool name—Avishai Yosef—and a life-long, positive association with me. G'd willing, when he comes to me in 25 years and asks me to officiate at his wedding, I'll tell him to drop his drawers and go skinny-dipping because I don't officiate at intermarriages.

Avishai Yosef, *boychik*, you want to live a full Jewish life? You won't need to sit in classes, you won't need to pass a test—you've been living as a full Jew all your life. (That's my assumption for the purposes of this article, anyway.) There's just this Jewish ritual that is required to seal the deal. There are so many Jewish rituals—that's part of what we love about Judaism. Embrace it. Let's turn it in to a *simcha*.

Since I've been at AJ, we've had a *b' mitzvah* boy who endured the ritual just before his *b' mitzvah* because he couldn't have an aliyah at AJ without it! And I'm currently guiding a patrilineal Jewess to her *mikveh* before her *chuppah*. We're using the opportunity to do some learning and add to the *simcha*.

Jewish continuity keeps me up at night. I don't think letting rabbinical students have gentile partners, or slashing academic requirements for rabbinical students (as Ziegler has recently done), is good for the Jews. I am often a proponent of loosening the yoke of *halakhah*. But if you lose the yoke altogether, what's left? [aj](#)

5783 SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM WITH JUDY KLITSNER

Continuing our year-long theme of the "Year of the Woman in Judaism," our annual **Scholar-in-Residence weekend** will be held on **March 17 through 19** and will feature master educator **Judy Klitsner**. Throughout the weekend, Ms. Klitsner will teach about the "vibrant conversations" that take place between the Bible's many parallel stories. See page 18 for details!

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SHABBAT ZACHOR | TETZAVEH

March 3, 4, 2023 11 Adar 5783

Light Shabbat Candles..... 5:36 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service with Extended Luncheon 9:30 AM
- Men's Shabbat

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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FAST OF ESTHER

March 6, 2023 13 Adar 5783

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:15 AM

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PURIM

March 6, 7, 2023 14 Adar 5783

MONDAY EVENING

- Children's Purim Program 5:45 PM
- Minhah, Purim Shpiel, and Reading of Megillat Esther 6:00 PM
- Hoedown 7:30 PM

TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service and Full Reading of Megillat Esther 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT PARAH | KI TISA

March 10, 11, 2023 18 Adar 5783

Light Shabbat Candles..... 5:43 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service with Extended Luncheon 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

SHABBAT HaHODESH | VAYEKHEL | PEKUDEI

March 17, 18, 2023 25 Adar 5783

Light Shabbat Candles..... 6:51 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Dinner with Judy Klitsner* 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service with Extended Luncheon, Followed by a Teaching Session with Judy Klitsner* 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom 7:00 PM

B' Mitzvah of

LILY ROBBINS

Daughter of

Peter Durdaller and Dr. Shira Robbins

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ROSH HODESH NISAN

March 22, 23, 2023 1 Nisan 5783

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT VAYIKRA

March 24, 25, 2023 3 Nisan 5783

Light Shabbat Candles..... 6:58 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Sunrise Walk with Rav Shai TBD
- Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:00 PM

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SHABBAT HaGADOL | TZAV

March 31, April 1, 2023 10 Nisan 5783

Light Shabbat Candles..... 7:05 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service and Lunch 9:30 AM
- Bowl Hagadol (Pesah Bowl)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

EREV PESAH

April 5, 2023 14 Nisan 5783

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Siyum Bechorot and LeCoff Breakfast 7:15 AM

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- Special Minhah (no evening service) 1:00 PM
- Light Yom Tov Candles 7:10 PM

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FIRST DAY OF PESAH

April 5, 6, 2023 15 Nisan 5783

THURSDAY MORNING

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

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HOL HaMOED PESAH

April 6, 7, 2023 16 Nisan 5783

FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 7:00 AM

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PESAH SHABBAT

April 7, 8, 2023 17 Nisan 5783

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat and Lunch 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service with Choir and Organ 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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HOL HaMOED PESAH

April 9, 10, 11, 2023 18, 19, 20 Nisan 5783

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS

- Morning Service 7:00 AM
- Light Yom Tov Candles Tuesday Evening 7:16 PM

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SEVENTH DAY OF PESAH

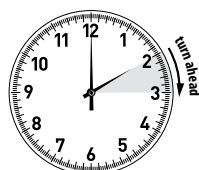
April 12, 2023 21 Nisan 5783

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:30 AM
- Yizkor Service

DON'T FORGET!

Sunday,
March 12
2:00 AM



*MARCH 17-19: SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH JUDY KLITSNER

Ms. Klitsner will join us for Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Dinner, Shabbat Luncheon and Teaching Session After Lunch, and Sunday Brunch following the morning service, speaking on a variety of topics.

See page 11 for details.

SHABBAT SHEMINI

April 14, 15, 2023 24 Nisan 5783

Light Shabbat Candles..... 7:19 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:20 PM

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YOM HASHOAH

April 17, 18, 2023 27 Nisan 5783

MONDAY EVENING

• Yom HaShoah Program at Gratz:

Memorial Service 6:15 PM

Theatre Ariel Performance of *Survivors*, a play

based on the testimonies of 10 Holocaust

survivors 7:00 PM

There won't be an evening service at AJ.

TUESDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 7:30 AM

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ROSH HODESH IYAR

April 21, 2023 30 Nisan 5783

FRIDAY MORNING

• Morning Service..... 7:00 AM

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ROSH HODESH IYAR SHABBAT TAZRIA | METZORA

April 21, 22, 2023 1 Iyar 5783

Light Shabbat Candles..... 7:27 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

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SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:30 PM

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YOM HAZIKARON

April 25, 2023 4 Iyar 5783

TUESDAY MORNING

• Morning Service..... 7:30 AM

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YOM HAATZMA'UT

April 26, 2023 5 Iyar 5783

WEDNESDAY MORNING

• Morning Service..... 7:00 AM

SHABBAT AHAREI MOT | KEDOSHIM

April 28, 29, 2023 8 Iyar 5783

Light Shabbat Candles..... 7:34 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:35 PM

Kol HaKavod

to our December and January Torah and Haftarah Readers

Betsy Braun

Rebecca Cherry

Debbie Seltzer Cohen

Anne Fassler

Allan Freedman

Robert Friedman

Howard Gershman

Hazzan Howard Glantz

Mindy Goldstein

Judy Stutman Izes

Donna Levin

Pamela Maman

Mike Markowich

Shari Neidich

Susan Novack

Lorna Rosenberg

Nathan Schnall

David Seltzer

Marjorie Shribman

Meryl Sussman

Elissa Waldstein

Marcia Webber

Idelle Wood

Nancy Zucker

Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

*Come to AJ or meet us
on Zoom and sing along!
And one's are back!*

Friday nights at 6:15 PM:
March 3 and 31, and April 21



Tie on Your Walking Shoes for a Sunrise Walk with Rav Shai!

Saturday, March 25.
Time and location TBD.

MARCH

Friday/Saturday Service

Sign-up Link

[tinyurl.com/](https://tinyurl.com/tinurl.com/AJ-March2023-services)

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APRIL

Friday/Saturday Service

Sign-up Link

[tinyurl.com/](https://tinyurl.com/tinurl.com/AJ-April2023-services)

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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 7:00 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 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

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.

What's Happening at AJ

march

3 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. An *oneg* (lite bites) will follow. For all ages, from babies to bobbies. 6:15 PM.

4 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.

5 KEHILLAH COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL
Join us for a festive Purim Carnival that the entire family will love! At KI. See details on page 9.

6 EVENING SERVICE AND PURIM CELEBRATION
We'll celebrate Purim a little differently this year with a Purim Hoedown! See details on page 7.

9 AJ GRANDPARENTS GROUP PROGRAM
Join us on Zoom as we welcome Tracey Labgold, Florida Education and Training Manager for Keshet, as our guest speaker. She'll lead an informative session on LGBTQ +101. 7:30 PM. See details on page 15.

12 L'OLAM PROGRAM: FROM DESERT TO OASIS: OPTIMIZING WATER CONSERVATION IN ISRAEL
Join Adath Jeshurun's L'olam Committee to understand how Israeli water innovation overcame water scarcity and has led to water abundance. Presented by Dr. Clive Lipchin of the Arava Institute, live from Israel via Zoom. 12:00 PM. See details on page 13.

15 ISRAELI FLAG FOOTBALL PRESENTATION
A local Philly woman and Barrack grad who made Aliyah founded the Israeli Flag Football League and will be discussing her life in Israel. At Kol Ami (on Beth Shalom property) at 7:30 PM. No sign-up necessary.

17-19 SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH JUDY KLITSNER
Judy Klitsner will be joining us for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday programs. She is a master teacher with an accessible and engaging style. See details on page 11.

22 PASSOVER PROGRAM WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ
Hazzan Glantz will cover many of the texts, songs and traditions of the Passover Seder. 6:15 PM.

25 SUNRISE WALK
Join Rav Shai on an early Shabbat morning walk! Time and location TBD.

26 PESAH U
We're bringing back Pesah U this year with opportunities to learn from Rav Shai and Dr. David Bernat on various Passover topics. See details on pages 12 and 18.

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27 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB
All My Mother's Lovers, by Ilana Masad. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM.

31 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED
See March 3 for description.

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

8 SHABBAT SERVICE WITH CHOIR AND ORGAN
Join us to hear the beautiful music of a choir and organ during this Passover Shabbat service. 9:30 AM

12 EXPLORING JUDAISM WITH RAV SHAI
For non-Jews and interfaith couples only. Twenty-one sessions divided into three trimesters focusing on belonging, behaviors, and beliefs. This course satisfies the educational requirements of conversion. The Belonging trimester begins on April 12. See details on page 5.

16 59TH ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY
Commemorate the six million Jews who perished in the Shoah and honor the survivors living in our communities. The ceremony will include candle lighting, music, readings, and prayers at the Monument to the Six Million at the Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza (16th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway). 1:30 PM.

17 KEHILLAH OF OLD YORK ROAD YOM HASHOAH SERVICE
Theatre Ariel will perform *Survivors*, a play based on the testimonies of 10 Holocaust survivors from New York, at Gratz. Memorial service at 6:30 PM; Performance at 7:00 PM.

20 HAZZAN GLANTZ'S ORDINATION
Hazzan Glantz will be ordained at the Academy for Jewish Religion in YONkers, NY.

21 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED
See description for March 3. 6:15 PM.

23 JEWISH FEDERATION MITZVAH DAY
Bring family and friends out for a day of good deeds and giving back in honor of Israel. Hands-on volunteer projects will be offered by organizations across Greater Philadelphia. There will be activities for all ages. Stay tuned for registration info.

23 AJ ANNUAL FUNDRAISER (SPEC)
This year's annual fundraiser will honor Lana and Bernie Dishler! We'll be entertained by comedian and storyteller Ophira Eisenberg. See details on page 10.

24 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB
Who By Fire, by Matti Friedman (One Book One Jewish Community selection). Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM

26 SING HALLELUJAH (AT VERIZON HALL)
Sing Hallelujah returns to Verizon Hall for the fourth time at The Kimmel Cultural Campus. Cantor David F. Tilman returns to lead the assembled choirs, from congregations throughout the Philadelphia region, in music highlighting 75 years of Jewish musical tradition. Hazzan Glantz will perform a duet with Cantor Agar from Beth Shalom. See details on page 15.

2 ADULT ED: FIDDLER'S FRACTURES, WITH RAV SHAI
 This four-week Tuesday evening class will explore what is distinctive about each of the denominations of Judaism with special attention paid to Conservative Judaism. 7:30 PM. See details on page 18.

7 COMMUNITY ISRAELI FESTIVAL ISRAEL@75
 Celebrate the culture, people and food of Israel with an afternoon of fun for all ages. A tasting area and cooking demonstration will feature creations by Michael Solomonov. Enjoy food, crafts, games, educational programs and more. At Saligman Campus. All day event.

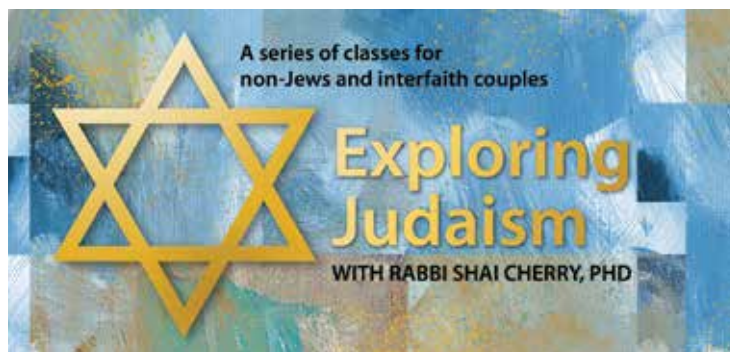
11 AJ GRANDPARENTS GROUP PROGRAM
 We will welcome Dr. Stanley Fagen, a recently retired clinical child psychologist, for "Tips on Traveling with Our Grandchildren." Via Zoom. More info to come.

19 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED
 See March 3 for description.

21 TORAH FUND BRUNCH
 The AJWA Sisterhood will honor Ann Kalamanor as their Woman of Achievement. She will join a list of esteemed women and men whom we have celebrated in the past. See page 17 for more information.

25 TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT
 Tikkun Leil Shavuot will feature Dr. Ellen Frankel, former Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Publication Society and a scholar of Jewish Folklore. Dr. Frankel will discuss her approach to interpreting Jewish textual tradition through a woman's perspective. Stay tuned for more information.

26 SHAVUOT
 We'll be joined again by Dr. Ellen Frankel. More information to come.



This series of classes is intended for non-Jews and/or interfaith couples. For those interested, these sessions will prepare such individuals for conversion to Judaism. If you have friends or family that may be interested, please provide them with the description below. They can call Rav Shai at 215.635.6611, x. 115, to find out more or to register.

So much of what non-Jews absorb about Judaism is from popular culture where the priority is not accuracy. If you or someone you know would like something holistic and comprehensive, taught by an expert, *Exploring Judaism* is for you. Whether you're thinking about Judaism as a way of life for yourself, or you're just interested in learning more, *Exploring Judaism* offers 21 sessions divided into three trimesters focusing on belonging, beliefs, and behaviors.

Should you wish to pursue becoming Jewish, this course satisfies the educational requirements of conversion. The "Belonging" trimester of *Exploring Judaism* will take place on Wednesdays, beginning April 12 at 7:30 PM at Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park with a cost of \$100/trimester for an individual or an interfaith couple. Your teacher, Rabbi Shai Cherry, PhD, has spent over twenty years in universities and community education teaching about Judaism.

Dates:

Belonging Trimester: April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

Belief Trimester: October 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22

Behaviors Trimester: TBD

Time: 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

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.



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

What's on the Horizon? Or Should I Ask, on the Verizon?

Jewish music encompasses a wide range of musical styles and traditions from various regions and time periods, making it difficult to define in a concise manner. The music reflects the cultural and historical experiences of Jewish communities, from the Middle East to Europe to America. It includes liturgical music from the synagogue, *Ta'amei HaMikra*, the trope symbols used to chant our ancient texts. We know folk songs that have been passed down through generations, and more types of contemporary compositions than I could describe in a reasonable-length article.

The styles range from classical to Klezmer to Israeli pop, each with its own unique sound and cultural significance. Jewish music has been greatly influenced by the musical styles of the various countries in which Jews have lived, been exiled, and sometimes even, lived again. This diversity makes it hard to define Jewish music as a singular genre, but it is what gives it such rich cultural significance.

We are fast approaching Israel's 75th year since declaring independence. In the recent past, Jewish choirs and soloists have come together for a Kimmel Center production under the direction of Maestro/Hazzan David Tilman in Verizon Hall. Performing on that stage is absolutely thrilling, and this year's production will feature none other than Noa! Visit www.noasmusic.com to learn more about Achinoam Nini (her more formal name) and even watch an entire concert performed at the Jerusalem Theater on January 12th, 2022, with Jerusalem Symphonic Orchestra that includes subtitling for the sensational spoken and sung masterpieces. Stay tuned for details.

Purim is Coming—Yee Ha!

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have already entered the month of Adar. Purim will take place early in March this year on Monday night, March 6, and continue through Tuesday the 7th. Of course, Purim is really never early or late... it takes place on the 14th of Adar every single year. When we enter the month of Adar, there is a Hebrew phrase that sets the mood—*mishenichnas adar marbim simcha*, meaning that the person entering the month of Adar has a magnified opportunity for joy.

Perhaps when you think of Purim, the first thing that comes to your head is, "That's kid stuff! Purim is a holiday intended for and only celebrated by children and young families." Now even if that was completely accurate, which it is not, how will those children learn the utter joyfulness and rich Purim traditions without adult role models? And what a bonus we have while COVID-19 lingers!

This year, you can observe both the tradition of dressing up on Purim and observe the best way to be COVID-safe at the same time. How? Wear a mask of the character of your choice, and with the risks of a large social gathering... wear an N95 under it, and you'll still be rocking Purim.

You know the song,
Purim day, Purim day, such a happy holiday
We wear MASKS, drink from flasks (okay, maybe it's time for a new translation!)

Our evening begins at 5:45 PM with programming created specifically for children and young families, and ending with a costume parade and fun Purim songs with our band and volunteers.

For Purim 5783, we return to a bluegrass theme with a new twist. **Jacob's Ladder**, a local Jewish bluegrass band, will enhance our full chanting of *Megillat Esther* with some Purim Shpiel shtick too.

Everyone is welcome to attend the rehearsals and get to know the Purimified lyrics to bluegrass/country tunes and maybe even get some lines in the shpiel. Previous meetings were well promoted in our weekly emails and elsewhere, but it's not too late to become involved. Join us on:

- Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 PM
- Sunday, March 5, at 5:30 PM
- On the night of Purim, March 6, Dress Rehearsal, at 5:00 PM

Jacob's Ladder consists of four accomplished musicians.

Ariel Wyner is an arranger, videographer, composer, producer, mandolinist, and vocalist who has pushed the boundaries of pop, bluegrass, jazz, and every style in between, all stemming from his strong foundation of classical training. Ariel is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and was commissioned in 2021 by Freshgrass at Mass Moca and Berklee College of Music to compose the "Bluegrass Concertos" alongside The Steep Canyon Rangers.

On **Wednesday, March 22**, Hazzan Glantz will cover many of the texts, songs and traditions of the Passover Seder. It will begin at 6:15 PM and can continue after the evening minyan if there is interest. You can get started by going to tinyurl.com/Pesah-Playlist and listening to the Pesah playlist Hazzan Glantz compiled, or scan the QR code at the right.



Here is Ariel and the band jamming to the Hanukkah standard, *Mi Yemalel*, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEn8qYbgvQ> or scan the QR code at the right.



Sofia Chiarandini is also a graduate of the Berklee College of Music, where she was honored to receive the Fletcher Bright award in her freshman year. In 2021, she received the Freshgrass Fiddle Award as a part of their annual instrumental competition. She lends her talent to the ensemble as violinist, bassist, and vocalist. Performing with a number of ensembles as well as solo, Sofia has traveled to participate in concerts and festivals around the country. Listen to what she has accomplished with this magnificent cover of the Latin standard, *El Joropo de mi Vida* at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcMIhbmN_K4 or scan the QR code at the right.




G Rockwell is a banjoist, guitarist, mandolinist, vocalist, and composer. G brings a progressive edge to his American Roots music, fusing his bluegrass background with influences of bebop, gypsy jazz, and swing. G is currently a student at the New England Conservatory of Music, where he studies Contemporary Improvisation. His debut album "Spark" was released in March of 2019, and he has been busy since with two more albums, *Beacon Street Time* (2021) and *Just a Concept* (2022). You'll find them on multiple platforms, including at this link: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/5g2hQCh4reksCFlllkl2l> or scan the QR code at the right.



Noah Harrington is an award-winning upright and electric bassist, composer, and bandleader. In 2015, Noah was invited to the Acoustic Music Seminar at the Savannah Music Festival, where he studied with masters Mike Marshall, Casey Driessen, Julian Lage, and Bela Fleck. In 2019 he graduated as a dual major in Jazz Composition and Performance at Berklee College of Music. Check out his easy-to-remember website, <https://noahonbass.com/> for more and to hear his music, or scan the QR code at the right.



And that is not all. Once the shpiel ends in the sanctuary, we all make our way to the Orleans for a Purim party. Jacob's Ladder will be joined by **Donna Hunt**, a professional square and line dance caller! 

AJ PURIM HOEDOWN

Monday, March 6



...with all the fixin's!

5:00 PM: AJELC Purim Pizza Party. Food and activities. (Braemer Auditorium)

5:45 PM: Programming for children and young families and preschool costume parade (Sanctuary)

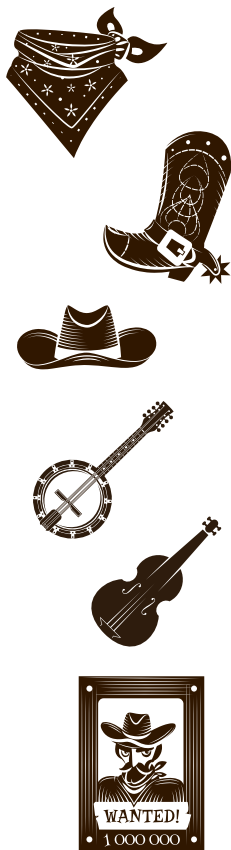
6:00 PM: Full Megillah reading, parodies and shtick, accompanied by the band Jacob's Ladder (Sanctuary)

7:30 PM: Hoedown! Schmoozing, live band, line dancing, and square dancing accompanied by country victuals: vegetarian chili, cornbread, apple cobbler, and more! (Orleans Auditorium)

Don't forget to come in costume!

*See band details in Hazzan Glantz's article on the previous page.

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 Hoedown item which will be hung up in the Orleans Auditorium during our dancing and eating time (see the donation levels below). Purim is an amazing time that brings all ages together. We appreciate your contribution to the celebration. Please send your name and donation amount by email (office@adathjeshurun.info) or by snail mail (AJ Office, 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027), by phone (215.635.6611). You can also use the online form by going to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/purim-party-donation-2023.html>) or by scanning the QR code at the right.



Donation Levels:

Donate at one of the levels below and we'll put your name on a representation of the item to hang in the Orleans Auditorium during the Hoedown! If you donate at the \$236 level and provide a high-resolution photograph, we'll put your name and face on a Wanted poster that you can take home with you at the end of the evening.

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

- ☐ Bandana \$36
- ☐ Cowboy Boots \$54
- ☐ Cowboy Hat \$72
- ☐ Banjo or Fiddle \$118
- ☐ Wanted Poster* \$236
- ☐ Other _____

Name _____

Email Address _____

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

*If you contributed \$236 or more, send a high-resolution photo of yourself or your family to mtrager@adathjeshurun.info or drop a photo off at the office.



AJ Early Learning Center


By Tracey Perchick, Early Childhood Director

Want to Support the AJ Early Childhood Center? Here's One Way! You can buy a personalized brick for \$36 for the path that will lead to the new playground! Have your child's name or family name as part of a lasting symbol of your experience in the early learning center! Go to www.brickrus.com/donorsite/ajelc.

In pedagogy there are a lot of acronyms. In February, we held parent-teacher conferences and had the wonderful opportunity to engage with parents on their favorite topic... their child(ren). During these meetings the teachers discussed SEL (social-emotional learning) and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in addition to all of the anecdotes about a day in the life of their child.

One of my favorite acronyms is "PPP," which for educators denotes Passion, Persistence and Patience. We are fortunate in the ELC to have a dedicated group of teachers that

showcase the three Ps daily! These educators guide their students in learning adventures that are amazing to watch.

It is no surprise that one of the highlights of the school year is the celebration of Purim. The children discuss their costumes excitedly and the teachers tell the story dramatically. This year we will celebrate with a carnival. We will also have another 3 Ps on March 6. That's our Purim Pizza Party in the Braemer. Please contact the ELC office at 215.635.3490 to RSVP. Please join us for the fun before the AJ Purim Shpiel. We hope to see you there! 





OLD YORK ROAD KEHILLAH

PURIM

Carnival

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Families with Young Children (pre K)

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | General Admission

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel
8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park



Join us for a festive, Purim Carnival that the entire family will love!

Come in costume! Enjoy hamantaschen, prizes, inflatable obstacle courses, slides, and more. Cost includes all activities. Food and drink are available for purchase. Online registration will close on Thursday, March 2.

To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/OYR-Purim-Carnival-2023> or use the QR code at the right. Questions? Contact kdecker@jewishphilly.org.



In partnership with Kehillah of Old York Road and Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

TIME

Families with Preschool Children: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

General Admission: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

COST

\$10 advance online family registration;

\$20 per family at the door

LOCATION

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel



AJ CLERGY

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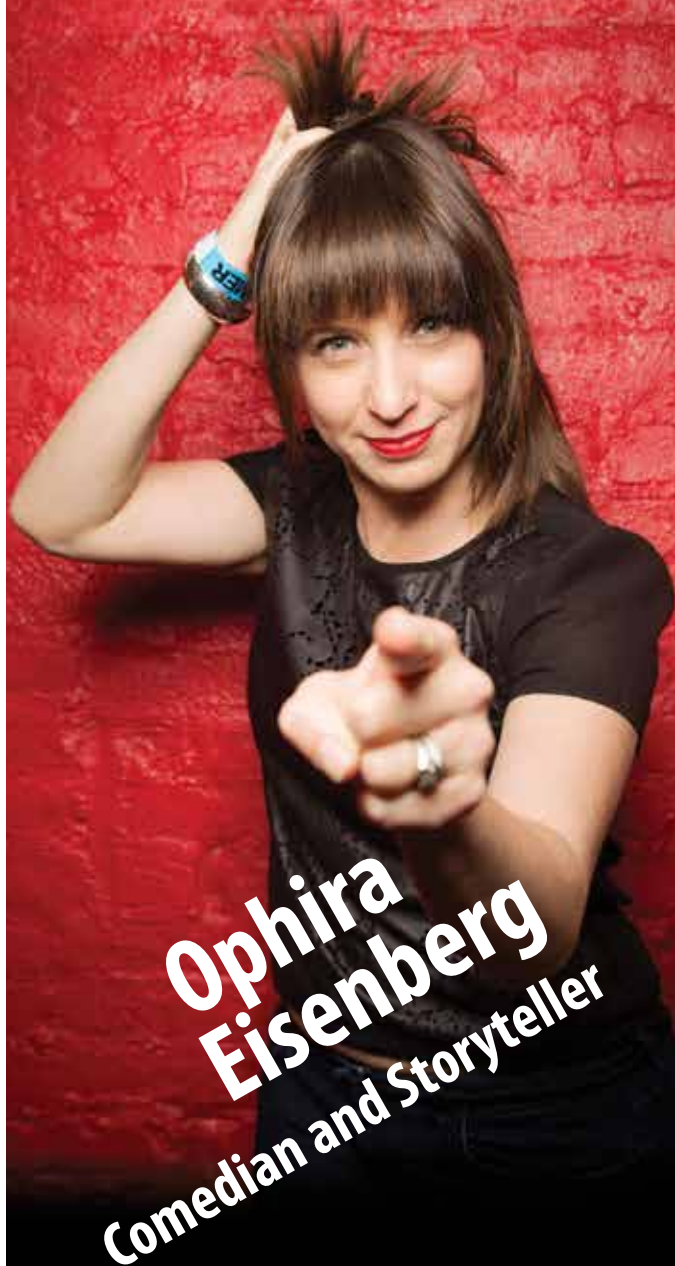
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Test your skills to see if you have what it takes to drop Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz into a dunk tank!



(Look for the dunk tank outside in KI's circle.)

**AJ SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS**



**Ophira
Eisenberg**
Comedian and Storyteller

Ophira Eisenberg is a standup comic and host of NPR's nationally syndicated comedy, trivia show "Ask Me Another" where she interviews and plays silly games with celebrities. She also is a regular host and storyteller with *The Moth* and her stories have been featured on "The Moth Radio Hour" and in their best-selling books. She is the author of a comedic memoir and has been seen at numerous comedy clubs and TV shows.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

לתקן עולם במלכות שדי
**Repairing the world together with
a lifetime of community leadership**

**This year, AJ is honoring two very special people,
Lana and Bernie Dishler**
not just for their dedication to AJ,
but for the work they do for the greater community.
Please join us on
Sunday evening, April 23, 2023
to honor and celebrate Lana and Bernie.

Bernie and Lana Dishler have a long history of joint activism in causes such as Civil Rights, Anti-Vietnam War movement, Ethiopian Jewry, and Israel. But it was the cause of freeing Soviet Jews that took over their hearts and their minds. Besides traveling to the Soviet Union several times, they become leaders in the local and national movements. They each became co-chairpersons of Philadelphia's Soviet Jewry Council. Bernie became the national leader of the national committee that briefed visitors to refuseniks in the USSR. Lana became the co-chairperson for Philadelphia's March on Washington in 1987.



These activities led them to become involved in the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Bernie has served on the Allocations, Community Outreach, Fund Raising and Israel committees. He served as co-chairperson of the Partnership 2000 Committee, which linked Philadelphia to Netivot, Israel. Lana became President of the Women's Leadership Board and then a vice president of the JFGP. She also co-chaired Federation's Israel 50 Committee. Together, they co-chaired JFGP's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Professionally, Bernie has been active in organized dentistry. He served as President of the PA Dental Association; and Chairman of the Board for Health Link, a volunteer-driven free dental clinic. He is one of the founders of MOM-N-PA, an organization that provides free dentistry across PA. He is currently an Attendant Dentist at Abington Hospital's Dental Residency Program and is a member of the Board of Visitors at Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry. Lana has been an elementary school teacher, as well as a Publisher's Representative for The Wright Group Publishing Company. She is a long-time member of the JFCS Board and was a vice president of HIAS. She is currently a member of Women of Vision.

In 1973, the Dishlers joined Congregation Adath Jeshurun and found a spiritual home. Bernie was a co-chairperson of several search committees, including for Hazzan Glantz and Rav Shai. He became a vice president and now is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Lana was also a vice president of the Congregation. She produced several shows for AJ and then became a co-producer of the Beth Sholom/Adath Jeshurun Players for eight years. She has co-chaired the SPEC fund-raising events for eight years. Together, the Dishlers joined forces and co-chaired AJ's year-long 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Most importantly of all, they are the proud parents of Elyse, Joe and now Mike, as well as the glowing grandparents of Ethan, Seth, and Ava. 

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Judy Klitsner

March 17–19, 2023



Continuing our year-long theme of the “Year of the Woman in Judaism,” our annual **Scholar-in-Residence Weekend**, revived last year after a long hiatus, will be held on **March 17 through 19** and will feature master educator **Judy Klitsner**. Klitsner is senior lecturer on Bible study at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and has lectured extensively throughout the world at universities and synagogues. An author of several books, including *Subversive Sequels in the Bible: How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other*, she lends her accessible and engaging interactive style of presentation to an exploration of the “vibrant conversations” that take place between the Bible’s many parallel stories.

TOPICS

FRIDAY EVENING, DURING KABBALAT SHABBAT

The Dueling Stories of Noah and Jonah: How Similar Stories Say Opposite Things About Human Transformation

Is it possible for human beings to change? To reveal the Bible’s complex treatment of this question, we will explore the narratives of Noah and Jonah: two stories that share a remarkable number of themes, words, and details—yet at the same time, present opposing views on the notion of authentic and lasting inner transformation.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON

Session During Lunch:

During lunch, Judy will share her experiences with promoting women’s roles in Orthodox prayer groups.

Session After Lunch: Brothers Crying Out from the Ground: The Biblical Origins of Our Divided Society

For its first human beings, the Bible presents a strife-ridden nuclear family; for its first murder, a fratricide. As we examine several sibling-centered stories in the Book of Genesis, we will draw a line from these narratives to the Jewish people today, noting the enduring theme of fractiousness among “siblings.” In our explorations, we will seek signs of hope for repair.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Patriarch and the Priest: Why Do Jewish Leaders Have Non-Jewish Mentors?

What happens when the Bible’s greatest leaders face personal and spiritual crisis? In our textual journeys, we will examine the encounters of troubled “Jewish” leaders with mysterious “non-Jewish” priests, who provide counsel and guidance. Our exploration will consider larger questions about leadership, about chosenness, and about relations between Jews and non-Jews.

For a sample of Judy Klitsner’s engaging style, please check out her podcast entitled “*Beshalach*: Poets with Mud on Their Shoes: The Song of the Sea and its Aftermath” at <https://tinyurl.com/465eckzd> or scan the QR code at the right.



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday Evening, March 17 at 6:15 PM

Judy will speak during services. A Shabbat dinner will follow.

Saturday Morning, March 18 at 9:30 AM

Judy will speak during the lunch that follows services. After lunch, she will hold a teaching session.

Sunday Morning, March 19 at 9:00 AM (beginning with minyan)

Judy will speak during Brunch.

Registration will be required for all three events.

Cost: AJ members, free of charge;
Non-members, \$18 per event.

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

Saturday lunch is being generously co-sponsored by Allan and Vivien Marmon.

Passover Reminders



Sunday, March 26

**Prepare yourself for Passover
by attending Pesah U!**

Rav Shai and special guest, Dr. David Bernat, will be our teachers for Pesah U this year. You may remember Dr. Bernat from last year's "Israel in Perspective" series and Tikkun Leil Shavuot. 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.

Session 1:

- **Women of the Haggadah**, with Rav Shai
- **What's Love Got to Do With It? Song of Songs as Erotic Poetry for Pesah**, with Dr. David Bernat

Session 2:

- **Secrets of the Haggadah**, with Rav Shai
- **What's Love Got to Do With It? Song of Songs as Erotic Poetry for Pesah**, with Dr. David Bernat

Morning Service: 9:00 AM

Breakfast: 9:30 AM

Pesah U: 10:00 AM

Attend in person at AJ or via Zoom. Register by going to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/adult-ed-pesah-u-2023.html> or by scanning the QR code at the right.



The visit from Dr. Bernat is being generously sponsored by Naomi and Skip Atkins.

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 5 of this year at the time of sale, and transit goods that may be delivered to me during the period of April 5 to April 12 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 5 to April 12, 2023 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 12, 2023. Should the buyer not remit the balance of the purchase price by sunset on April 12, 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.

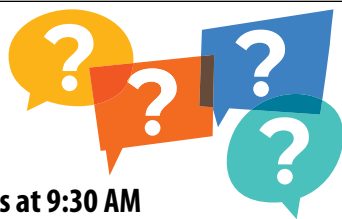
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This form must be returned no later than Wednesday morning, April 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

PESAH BOWL!

**How much do YOU know
about Passover?**

**Saturday, April 1 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.

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


L'olam Committee

By Lorna Rosenberg, President

From Desert to Oasis: Optimizing Water Conservation in Israel

Sunday, March 12, at 12:00 PM (via Zoom)

Join Adath Jeshurun's L'olam Committee to understand how Israeli water innovation overcame water scarcity and has led to water abundance. This program will be presented by Dr. Clive Lipchin of the Arava Institute, live from Israel via Zoom.

Clive serves as the director of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies' Center for Transboundary Water Management where he oversees research and development projects, workshops, and conferences that focus on transboundary water and environmental problems facing Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority. His specialty is in water resources management and policy. Clive has conducted research for a number of international water agencies such as the World Bank, EU, UNDP, and USAID and has been involved most recently with the European Union's Water Initiative project for the Mediterranean region and the USAID Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMM) program and the Middle East Regional Cooperation (MERC) program. 

Clive, a native from South Africa has been living in Israel for over twenty years. He received a BSc degree in zoology at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa; a BSc Honors in wildlife management from the University of Pretoria, South Africa; an MSc in desert ecology from the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel; and a PhD in resource ecology management from the School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan.

To register, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/lolam-clive-lipchin.html> or scan the QR code below.



BELOW: Dr. Clive Lipchin



TTF Watershed Partnership Receives Growing Greener Grant to Improve Stormwater Management at AJ

On January 20, 2023, Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed



Partnership, Inc. (TTF) announced it was awarded a \$260,788 Growing Greener (GG) grant from the Pennsylvania Department

of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) for a stormwater retrofit project at AJ. This watershed improvement project is one of ten Growing Greener projects in the Southeast Region that were awarded a total of \$2,119,504 to aid in protecting waterways and watersheds.

The Congregation's campus slopes toward Leech's Run, a Tookany Creek tributary, which flows through the property's eastern edge at the end of the parking lot. Through the Growing Greener grant, TTF will implement a set of features around the building, including the retrofit of an inlet in the parking lot to include a bioretention parking island, impervious reduction, subsurface storage, and a rain garden.

This Growing Greener project is being implemented in partnership with Cerulean Environmental and Grist Engineering consultants, both small business enterprises in the greater Philadelphia area. Susan Harris, Principal

Owner of Cerulean and TTF Project Manager, will lead implementation.

Stormwater runoff is the primary source of water pollution in Southeastern Pennsylvania. TTF's retrofit at AJ will reduce runoff volume, decrease infiltration, improve water quality, and assist with future flood prevention.

"We're excited to be working with Congregation Adath Jeshurun, a new partner, to protect our shared waterways through this Growing Greener grant. Every project provides an opportunity to manage more runoff to benefit our waterways and educate the community about the possibilities of nature-based solutions. It is wonderful that AJ is joining the local faith leaders who are already partners in stewarding our Earth," said Julie Slavet, Executive Director of Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership.

Stormwater runoff is the primary source of water pollution in Southeastern Pennsylvania. TTF's retrofit at AJ will reduce runoff volume, decrease infiltration, improve water quality, and assist with future flood prevention. While the project

will reduce stormwater infiltration into the AJ Early Learning Center, it will also filter and treat the water before it flows into Leech's Run, ensuring that cleaner water flows into Tookany Creek.

"In 2021, Congregation Adath Jeshurun began a journey toward more sustainable practices for our building, operations, and personal behaviors. We assembled a group called *Lolam* (meaning "forever" and "for the world" in Hebrew). We signed up with Hazon: The Jewish Lab for Sustainability to qualify for the Hazon Seal of Sustainability, which we were awarded in 2022 for our implementation of sustainability and climate-centered projects in our community that will lead to a more healthful, equitable, and sustainable world for all," stated Rav Shai Cherry, Rabbi of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

The proposed features around the Congregation's building will mitigate stormwater runoff in addition to representing a high-visibility project with community participation that can be replicated throughout the region.

"We completed an LED lighting upgrade, qualified our Early Learning Center as an Eco Healthy Endorsement by the Children's Environmental Health Network, planted a

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Social Action Committee

By Michele Rifkin

Given the state of our world, as a whole, our country and our community, there is no shortage of challenges and needs.

Our hands are tied politically as a religious organization so we are often left with the consequences of our day's politics, such as issues of hunger, housing, gun violence, racial, gender equality, climate change, and antisemitism.

AJ's Social Action Committee has addressed some of these needs through programming, advocacy, and need fulfillment.

With the leadership of **Bernice Schwartz**, we collected items for the Mitzvah Food Pantry. At AJ, this is the Year of the Woman, and accordingly, we collected feminine hygiene and baby products including diapers, wipes, formula, and sanitary products. The products were well received and quickly put into the hands of women who needed them.

In December, we hosted a lunch-and-learn after Shabbat services, welcoming representatives from Dror Israel. They shared their vision and mission and some wonderful stories illustrating their outcomes. Online donations can help to sponsor a school or adopt a classroom, and provide funds for development, tuition assistance for camp, and professional education. To donate, go to drorisrael.org/donate or mail a check to PEF Israel Endowment Funds, Inc., 630 Third Avenue, Rm 1500, New York, NY 10017.

For Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we ran a toiletry collection drive and packaging event on January 16, preparing approximately 50 bags with essential products such as toothbrushes, paste, soap, lotions, floss, shampoo, conditioners, combs, and brushes. The bags included a nice fact sheet on the life of MLK, prepared by one of our Social Action members, **Nancy Osborn**. We want to thank all who brought in donations and helped us pack. (See photo below.) Once completed, we delivered the bags to **Sue Ansul** who is doing volunteer work with a non-profit called Mitzvah Circle. This group gathers supplies and provides emergency assistance to those who need it. We hope to do more with this group.

To learn more about Mitzvah Circle, visit their website at <https://mitzvahcircle.org>. 



Growing Greener Grant, *continued from page 13*

pollinator garden, and re-activated our recycling. L'olam has sponsored educational programs for climate change science, the purchase of renewable energy, and water conservation in Israel. Congregation Adath Jeshurun is committed to reducing our impact on the environment and being a 'Green Light among the Nations,'" said Rav Cherry.

As part of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative created by the William Penn Foundation, TTF has utilized Growing Greener funding, along with other sources, to make positive strides toward repairing the watershed.


Rav Cherry said, "AJ is excited about this project because it will reduce the infiltration of water into the lower level of our building, eliminating the potential for mold and structural damage. Managing the volume of stormwater from our property will reduce erosion along Leach's Run, and contribute to the overall health of the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed."

About the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership

TTF connects watershed residents to their creeks. Through hands-on education, stewardship, restoration, and advo-

cacy, TTF empowers watershed constituents to take care of and improve the impaired waterways, parks, and trails across its 30 square miles. Working with neighbors, TTF has planted thousands of native trees, shrubs, and flowers along creeks and in rain gardens at schools, parks, places of worship, and even backyards to slow down and clean pollution before it enters creeks. TTF uses many tools to share a love for water and nature with people of all ages and to show how we can all make a difference.

About Growing Greener

Growing Greener remains the largest single investment of state funds in PA's history to address the state's critical environmental concerns of the 21st century. GG has helped slash the backlog of farmland-preservation projects statewide; protect open space; eliminate the maintenance backlog in state parks; clean up abandoned mines and restore watersheds; provide funds for recreational trails and local parks; help communities address land use; and provide new and upgraded water and sewer systems. 

AJ-ADL Signature Synagogue Program — An Alliance to Stand Against Antisemitism

We are pleased to announce that Congregation Adath Jeshurun has joined a special alliance with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to play an active role in helping address anti-Jewish hatred on a local and regional level. This initiative, which begins immediately, is called the Signature Synagogue Program and will be administered by AJ's Social Action Committee under the leadership of **Michele Rifkin** and **Neil Wernick**.

The ADL Signature Synagogue Program is an important way to engage our community and initiate a congregation-wide commitment to raising awareness of and speaking out against antisemitism and hate. This program creates a unifying initiative for community education and engagement. As a participant in the Signature Synagogue Program AJ will have special direct access to ADL's programs, resources, and learning opportunities.

We are hoping that you will become actively involved with this important program. To learn more about opportunities to engage with the program, please follow or join AJ ACTS on Facebook.

Let's fight anti-Semitism as a Community for if not now, when?



PHOTOS ON PAGE 15

TOP: Pam and Joe Yohlin, in loving memory of Jeanette Yohlin, whose generous support made our Hanukkah programs possible (represented by their grandchildren). (Reprinted from our January/February AJ News because one of the grandchildren was inadvertently cut out of the picture! Mea culpa!)

BOTTOM: Participants of AJ's Concierge Teen Experience traveled with Rav Shai to Manhattan on January 7 for a private tour of the Jewish Museum and a tour of the hidden gems of northern Central Park.

AJ Grandparents Group

By Sheva Cohen and Barbara Shotz



AJ's Jewish Grandparent's Group is pleased to welcome **Tracey Labgold**, Florida Education and Training Manager for Keshet, as our guest speaker on **Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 PM** on


Zoom. She'll lead an informative session on LGBTQ +101 — "How to Bring Understanding About the LGBTQ+ Community to Our Grandchildren" — answering our grandchildren's questions and serving as a better ally for the LGBTQ+ community. Tracy is a dynamic speaker and educator who facilitates workshops for Keshet, a national

Jewish organization promoting LGBTQ+ equality in Jewish life. She focuses on diversity awareness, anti-bullying, helping others to understand the impacts of implicit bias, inclusion in Jewish spaces, and answering questions from young people about the LGBTQ+ community. Tracey has an MA from Teacher's College of Columbia University and has taught high school English in both the New York City Public Schools and in Florida. Tracey chaired ADL Florida's Regional Board for four years and taught Hebrew School at her shul for 13 years. We are proud to partner with Tracey and Keshet on this program. Congregation Adath Jeshurun is a partner agency of Keshet, a national organization promoting LGBTQ+ equality in Jewish Life.

To RSVP for this program, go to www.adathjeshurun.info/RSVP.html and scroll to this event or use the QR code at the right.



For our **Thursday, May 11** AJ Grandparents Group Program, we will welcome **Dr. Stanley Fagen**, a recently retired clinical child psychologist, for "Tips on Traveling with Our Grandchildren." Stan and his wife Val enjoy traveling and have loved traveling with each of their 10 grandchildren. He will share his tips and expertise with us. Watch for more information on this program in your next newsletter.

Mark your calendar for these two dynamic speakers. 



SING HALLELUJAH APRIL 26, 8PM
Sing Hallelujah returns to Verizon Hall for the fourth time at The Kimmel Cultural Campus on Wednesday, April 26 at 8:00 PM. This year's program will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the State of Israel and feature singer, songwriter, and humanitarian, Noa. Noa will perform alongside congregational and community choirs from synagogues throughout the Delaware Valley, presenting 175 singers! Cantor David F. Tilman returns to Verizon Hall to lead the assembled choirs, from congregations throughout the Philadelphia region, in music highlighting 75 years of Jewish musical tradition. Audiences can sing along to beloved tunes such as the Eurovision winning song "Hallelujah," Naomi Shemer's "Yerushalayim shel Zahav," "Ani V'Ata" by Arik Einstein, and the immortal "Oseh Shalom," written by Nurit Hirsh. We are excited to let music be the force that brings Jewish communities together for an evening of voices raised in harmony! Stay tuned for details.

JUST IN! Hazzan Glantz will perform a duet with Cantor Agar from Beth Shalom. It will be sung with the large combined community choir which includes about a dozen AJers. The song is "Ani Noladeti Lashalom" ("I Was Born for Peace"), written to celebrate Israeli peace with Egypt in 1979, by the late Uzi Chitman.

AJWA Sisterhood

Karen Moses, President



A huge thank you to all of the organizers, participants, and Shabbat Angels for making AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat a beautiful day. Special thanks go to **Mindy Goldstein** and **Susan Novack** for the service, **Ossi Nussbaum** and **Lorna Rosenberg** for the luncheon, and Amy Blum for the decorations.

We owe applause to **Ossi Nussbaum** and Maya Dvir for the Pastabilities event and teaching us how to make and shape pasta.

Fans of Leonard Cohen should read *Who by Fire* by Matti Friedman and join us for the book discussion. Please check below for more information.

As of the deadline for this newsletter, dates for other events are not yet set. Please watch your email for upcoming events. [aj](#)

BELOW: On Sunday, February 12, members of AJWA Sisterhood and others learned how to make pasta at the Pastabilities event!



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 are the remaining books for this year:

All My Mother's Lovers by Ilana Masad
March 27, 2023

One Book One Jewish Community Selection
Who by Fire by Matti Friedman
April 24, 2023

Optional Book and/or Annual Dinner
May 22, 2023

Questions?

Contact **Liane Sher** at 215.635.4613 or **Judy Szekely** at 267.419.8186.



Shabbat Angels 2023

TODAH RABAH!

Tremendous Warmth and Heartfelt Gratitude to our
2023 AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat Angels!

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

Lois Armon	Pamela Maman	Leslie Sokolow
Naomi Atkins	Marty Manson	Susan Sommovilla
Irene Blumenfeld	Nancy Markowich	Susan Starr
Betsy Braun	Karen Moses	Steven Strauss
Eadie Brooks	Susan Novack	Merril Stup
Lana Dishler	Viki Pashman	Sima Sussman
Joy Fish	Frank Platt	Elizabeth Turk-Karan
Randi Freeman & Marlene Markowitz	Denise Portner	Bunny Verbit
Sonia Gendin	Devorah Grosky Roberts	Marcia Webber
Howard Goldman	Lorna Rosenberg	Lillian Weilerstein
Mindy Goldstein	Seymour & Cindy Rosenbloom	Claire Winick
Judy Izes	Beryl Rosoff-Verbit	Joan Wohl
Martha LePar	Gail Schwartz	Idelle Wood
Donna Levin	Carol Shackmaster	Tammy & Steve Zebovitz
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	Rene Smith	

Torah Fund

By Merrill Stup, Torah Fund Chair

AJ Family,

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


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

Please mark **Sunday, May 21** on your calendar. At that time we will honor **Ann Kalmanor** as our Woman of Achievement. She will join a list of esteemed women and men that we have celebrated in the past.

Kindly take some time and make your contribution (or pledge) to our 2022–23 Chazak v'Ematz campaign. You may send a check payable to "Torah Fund."

Please consider a contribution of Benefactor, Guardian, or higher. Contributions of \$180 and up will receive the pin in recognition of your generous support. The pin symbolizes the story of the Israelites preparing to enter the Promised Land when the leadership transfers from Moses to Joshua. The Israelites were instructed to "be strong and courageous." We are also adding a new category of giving—Chazak will be a contribution of \$80.

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

Questions? Call Merrill Stup at 215.782.3735. 



Chazak v'Ematz
Be Strong and Courageous

This pin symbolizes the story of the Israelites preparing to enter the Promised Land, when the leadership transitions from Moses to Joshua. The Israelites and Joshua are instructed to "be strong and courageous" (Deuteronomy 31:6, 7, 23; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18). The 5783 Torah Fund pin represents 80 years of ever-increasing strength of Torah Fund.


AJ Men's Association

By Ed Moses and Howard Goldman, Co-Presidents

Adath Jeshurun Men's Shabbat

Saturday, March 4, at 9:30 AM

Join us for this annual service led by the AJMA and followed by a delectable luncheon. Please use the March service form to register for the service and the luncheon.

Be a "Men's Association Mensch" to help support the luncheon by donating \$18. Be a "Mega Men's Association Mensch" with a donation of \$50! Our generous donors will be listed in the pew pamphlet and a forthcoming AJ newsletter. Donate online by going to www.CongregationAJ.org and clicking on "Events and RSVP" in the top menu bar. Then look for the event name. If donating by check, make payable to Adath Jeshurun Men's Association and please forward to the AJ office. 



Adath Jeshurun Men's Association

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STITCHERS!

The Stitchers group is the Masorot chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework. Our mission is to create community through *hiddur mitzvah*—beautifying the mitzvah with the works of our hands. Our current year has concluded and meetings will resume in the fall.

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.

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

AJ Adult Education Committee

By Co-Chair, Skip Atkins

It's been a busy and successful 2023 for AJ Adult Ed so far. In January, we hosted author and scholar Kathleen Balgley on Zoom for readings from and discussion about her deeply moving memoir, *Letters to My Father: Excavating a Jewish Identity in Poland and Belarus*. The program was attended by nearly fifty AJers, and the feedback from our survey of participants was exuberant:

- "The quality of the presentation and the speaker herself were outstanding."
- "Kathleen Balgley's personal journey of Jewish discovery, her profoundly moving and beautifully written book, and her generous manner and evocative narrative style during the program made the latter one of the finest that the AJ Adult Education Committee has yet organized."

This was followed shortly thereafter by Rav Shai's first class of the year, "Prayer: For Those Who Don't Know How to Pray and For Those Who Pray but Don't Know Why." Like the Balgley program, the class, held on three consecutive Sunday mornings, generated considerable acclaim among participants:

- "The class could have been twice as long—it was wonderful."
- "Rav Shai's multi-layered deep dive into prayer, from historic, *halakhic*, spiritual, and personal perspectives, was profoundly absorbing. His background as a Judaic scholar was on full display."

The month of March will offer AJers a smorgasbord of programs by various committees and constituent groups, including some important ones from Adult Ed. Continuing our year-long theme of the "Year of the Woman in Judaism," our annual **Scholar-in-Residence weekend**, revived last year after a long hiatus, will be held on **March 17 through 19** and will feature master educator **Judy Klitsner**.

Klitsner is senior lecturer on Bible study at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and has lectured extensively throughout the world at universities and synagogues. An author of several books, including *Subversive Sequels in the Bible: How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other*, she lends her accessible and engaging interactive style of presentation to an exploration of the "vibrant conversations" that take place between the Bible's many parallel stories.



Throughout the weekend, including sessions on Friday evening with dinner after services, Saturday lunch and afternoon, and Sunday morning brunch, Ms. Klitsner's topics will include: "The Dueling Stories of Noah and Jonah: How Similar Stories Say Opposite Things About Human Transformation," "Brothers Crying Out from the Ground: The Biblical Origins of Our Divided Society," and "The Patriarch and the Priest: Why Do Jewish Leaders Have Non-Jewish Mentors?" (You can find more detailed information on page 11.)

To register for the weekend's events, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/adult-ed-judy-klitsner-events.html> or scan the QR code at the right.



For a sample of Judy Klitsner's engaging style, please check out her podcast entitled "*Beshalach: Poets with Mud on Their Shoes: The Song of the Sea and its Aftermath*" at <https://tinyurl.com/465eckzd>.

On **Wednesday, March 22**, Hazzan Glantz will cover many of the texts, songs, and traditions of the Passover Seder. It will begin at 6:15 PM and can continue after the evening minyan if there is interest. You can get started by going to tinyurl.com/Pesah-Playlist and listening to the Pesah playlist Hazzan Glantz compiled, or scan the QR code at the right.



March will also see the revival of a time-honored AJ tradition, **Pesah University**. Most recently planned for March 2020, the event was shelved due to our early pandemic lockdown, but we're bringing it back on **Sunday, March 26**.

After morning services and breakfast, two separate time slots will offer a choice of two sessions each. **Rav Shai** will teach "Secrets of the Haggadah" and "Women of the Haggadah." And, as a special feature of Pesah U this year, we'll be welcoming back to AJ a special guest, **Dr. David Bernat**. Dr. Bernat, who holds a doctorate 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, whom you may remember as a visiting scholar last year at AJ, will offer a session entitled "What's Love Got to Do With It? Song of Songs as Erotic Poetry for Pesah."




This one will be taught during both time slots and is sure to generate a lot of interest! To register for Pesah University, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/adult-ed-pesah-u-2023.html> or scan the QR code at the right.



Later this spring, you won't want to miss Rav Shai's "**The Fiddler's Fractures: Conservative Judaism and Other Denominations**" to be offered on four consecutive Tuesday evenings in May.

Also in May, Tikkun Leil Shavuot will feature **Dr. Ellen Frankel**, former Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Publication Society and a scholar of Jewish Folklore. Author of several books and librettist for various oratorios and operatic works, Dr. Frankel will discuss her approach to interpreting Jewish textual tradition through a woman's perspective.



Spring 2023 will be a busy one for AJ Adult Education and we hope you take full advantage of our offerings. As is evident through our very positive survey responses, we're confident you will find them enjoyable and rewarding. 

CSP has full course schedules for March and April.

Go to <https://ocsp.net>. Please note that except where noted, times on CSP web pages are Pacific Time unless noted otherwise.



See page 5 for a new offering for non-Jews and/or interfaith couples. *Exploring Judaism*, taught by Rav Shai, offers 21 sessions divided into three trimesters focusing on belonging, behaviors, and beliefs. For those interested, these sessions will prepare such individuals for conversion to Judaism.

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 26, 2023 to MARCH 4, 2023

5 Adar 5783 to 11 Adar 5783

To be read on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4



Sarah Abramson
Rebecca Disenhof Arkow
Jack Atkins
Herman Louis Axe
Milton Berger
Max Bisk
Renee Blitstein
Gail Ann Blumberg
Mollie Blumberg
Dr. Charles G. Blumstein
Fred E. Braemer
Mollie Butler
Natalie S. Chamow
Pearl B. Cohen
Samuel Cowan
Samuel Croul
Herbert A. Demchick
Bertha Demp
Benjamin F. Dolfman
Albert Drell
Dr. Nettie Solomon Edeiken
Susan Elaine Edelman
Minnie Bernstein Feingold
Betty First
Grace Spicehandler Fisher
Lillian Freeman
Minnie Friedman
David Gaber
Marion Gershman

Louis Gilbert
Esther Goldman
Dr. Stanley E. Goren
Albert R. Gross
Nathan Grossman
Lewis Gumpel
Rose Heimerling
Ida D. Kinkel
Maximillian J. Klinger
Sidney Kochman
Elizabeth Gratz Kremer
Solomon Kwass
Rose Lerner
Edward M. Levin
Dr. William J. Mellman
Benjamin Merow
Florence Oberfield
Jacob Parent
Reuben Pollock
Sylvia Frances Robinson
Bernard Sacks
Dorothy Katz Seidel
Herman Abraham Shapiro
Howard Stern
Nathan Smith
Maj. S. Elise Stern
Martin J. Vigderman
Nelson Wax
Lena Worker

MARCH 5, 2023 to MARCH 11, 2023

12 Adar 5783 to 18 Adar 5783

To be read on Friday, Mar. 10 and Saturday, Mar. 11



Sylvia Alloy
Marvin D. Alloy
Laurie Hope Beechman
Dr. Donald Berkowitz
Philip Blum
Mottie Buten
Lewis Coren
Milton Abraham Dauber
David Emas
Saul Finestone
Rabbi Judah Leon Fish
Sophie Galperin
Mitchell Glick
Claire Gold
Gertrude Goodman
Lewis Gordon
Abraham Green
Benjamin Greenstein
Cantor Alexander Gross
Fannie A. Gruber
Marian Karsif
Simon Klein
Alek Klinman
Hannah Resnick Koff
Kyle Reed Kravitz, Esq.

Herman Krupnick
Yetta Leback
Sigmund Louis Lebowitz
Rose Leidner
Frank Leon
Gustav Levi
Rose Meadow Levinson
Bella A. Molod
Rhonda J. Moomjian
Lillian Moore-Katz
Florence Platt
Florence F. Rabinowitz
Arthur S. Rifkin
Adolph L. Rosenberg
Lewis Morris Rosenberg
Beatrice D. Rubenstein
Rose Maisel Rubenstein
Alexander Schupler
Herman Senet
Hilda P. Shapiro
Edward Shore
Leon M. Siegel
Charles S. Simon
Hank Strauss
Mrs Claire B. Stup

Philip Frank Tapper
Rose Waxman
J. Irving Weinberg
Bertha Weiner

Rifka Weinroth
Rachel Worker
Max Wurzel

MARCH 12, 2023 to MARCH 18, 2023

19 Adar 5783 to 25 Adar 5783

To be read on Friday, Mar. 17 and Saturday, Mar. 18



Avram G. Adler
Jennie Baruch
Gerson Blankfield
Miriam Chacker
Harry E. Chamow
Rebecca Charny
Ethel R. Chemicoff
Ada Davidoff
Lena G. Dean
Milton Robert Edelman
Dave H. Emas
Oscar Feinstein
Emma Fingerman
Albert Joseph Fuller
Simon L. Garfinkel
Benjamin Loewenstein Ginns
Zelda Glauser
Rachel Goldberg
Robert D. Goldman
Antonie Goldstein
Rose Gorchov
Richard Gross
Mildred F. Halin
Stephanie Gitlow Hanly
Esther Hertzfeld
Frances Hirsch
Hyman Hopen
Bessie Hunn
Emma Garfield Israel
Mary Jaffe
Gertrude Kancher
William Karsif
William Keiser
Hyman Kibrick
Evelyn Kiner
Lesser Kohn
David Koppelman
Sandor Lederer
Rosalie Ulm Leowenheart
Annie Levin
Stella Levy
Mussie Love
Jettchen Lowenstein

Clara Lowenstein
Marcus M. Lyons
Judith Markowitz
Claire B. Marmon
Betty Libby Mason
Annie Maxman
Isaac Nathans
Rose Nitzberg
Harry Norvick
Jay Oberfield
Dora Wolff Orlick
Harriet Panitch
Frances S. Pincus
Sarah Jane Price
Shirley Price
A. Lois Remstein
Max Rosen
Rabbi Yaakov G. Rosenberg
Pauline Rosenberger
Sarah Rosenthal
Dr. Robert W. Rubin
Abraham Saltzman
Leah Schepp
Sarah Schiff
Dorothy Schlesinger
Herman Schwartz
Anna Shalevitz
Jeannette Sams Shapiro
Harry Sigel
Anna R. Sobel
Samuel A. Sopenoff
Steven H. Starr
Barbara M. Steinberg
Selma Strauss
Harry H. Vederman
Lewis Viner
Dora Warren
Samuel Weber
Pauline Weinberg
Israel Weiner
Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe
Rickie Wollenberger
Herman Zerden

MARCH 19, 2023 to MARCH 25, 2023

26 Adar 5783 to 3 Nisan 5783

To be read on Friday, Mar. 24 and Saturday, Mar. 25



Cyrus Adler
Nancy Sivitz Albertson
Rabbi Leon Album
Jennie Arronson
Minnie A. Bilker
Sima Blank
Fleurette Blum

Dr. George I. Blumstein
Fred Brod
Eva Perlberg Buchsbaum
Rose Chalfin
Gerson Dannenberg
Harry Derewitz
Joshua Eilberg

Harry Farber
Abe Felix
Lionel Felzer
Jack Forman
Elaine Fox
Barbara Widman Freedman
Abraham L. Ginsberg
Edward Ginsburg
Nettie Goodman
Albert Martin Gordon
Meyer H. Gradwohl
Leonard A. Green
Ida Haber
Samuel Hirsch
Nathan Hoffman
Flora Hyman
Minnie Price Jaffe
Ida Karabell
Yetta Katzner
Morris Kauffman
Rebecca Kauffman
Ted Kellem
Lena Klein
Matilda B. Krupnick
Jesse LeCoff
Abraham L. Levi
Isadore Levinson

Dr. Simon A. Levit
David E. Lewis
Tillie Loeb
Paul B. Lurch
Beth Cravitz Manusov
Dr. Philip Mogil
Simon Mustokoff
Moses Price
Abraham Rabinowitz
Sima Robinson
Morris D. Rose
Michael Rosenfelt
Sarah Winkelman Salvin
Samuel Shackmaster
Sharon J. Silver
Samuel J. Simon
Morris Steinberg
Isadore Strauss
Nettie Subin
Nathan S. Taksey
Leah Zimmerman Taylor
Hyman Waldman
Rae Z. Weinberg
Frances Slifkin Weisman
Louis Weiss
Rabbi David Tovia Whiteman

MARCH 26, 2023 to APRIL 1, 2023

4 Nisan 5783 to 10 Nisan 5783

To be read on Friday, Mar. 31 and Saturday, Apr. 1



Isaac Alkus
Mollie Aronson
Helen Atkins
Dr. Sheldon G. Bahoff
Solomon Baruch
Adeline Berger
Lewis H. Bergman
Marshall A. Bernstein
Doris Dannenhirsh Beshunsky
Carolina Blumenthal
Sidney H. Damsker
Celia Dannenhirsch
Morris Derewitz
Dr. Abraham George Dinenberg
Shirley Dolfman
Abraham Dordick
Minnie Einhorn
Gussie Engel
Lewis Feld
Bertha Feldsher
Ida Freeman
Dr. Louis Gershenfeld
John Goldberg
Harry Goldfarb
Ruth B. Goren
Abraham J. Hirsch
Rose Jacobs
Dr. Michael Scott Kane
Masha Kanoff
Maurice A. Kendall
Leon Kimmelman
Leon Landes
Fan Lapping
Bella Leidner

Samuel Levi
Milton W. Lipschutz
Dina Moog Love
Betsey Marcus
Isadore Neumann
Rachel Newmayer
Seymour Piwoz
Jack Abraham Richman
Samuel Robinson
Rosa Rosenberg
Pauline Green Rubin
Meyer Samson
Dr. Arthur Schneckberg
William Schreiber
Celia Seligman
Sarah Shaffer
Jack Harris Shapiro
Arnold Jacob Sigel
Marcus Sonnenfeld
Evelyn R. S. Steinberg
Gertrude Steinberg
Lucien M. Stern
Marie Stern
Stanley L. Stern
Charles Stone
Harry Subin
Esther R. Suzmer
Sidney Traurig
Max M. Waxman
Jack Weinstein
William D. Wilder
Anne Rothberg Wildstein
Anna Zitin

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APRIL 2, 2023 to APRIL 8, 2023

11 Nisan 5783 to 17 Nisan 5783

To be read on Friday, Apr. 7 and Saturday, Apr. 8



Dr. Paul Abramson
Morris Alkus
Louis F. Anathan
Clara Lemisch Auerbach
Herman Barash
Elizabeth Barcus
Rubin Bernstein
Ruth H. Bernstein
Clara B. Block
Simon E. Block
Harry Blum
Harry Blumberg
Hattie Mitchell Brav
Louis Brody
Leo Brooks
Lt. Com. S. Walter Clayman
Hannah E. Cohen
Lenore Cooperman
George Corn
Max Mendel Cravzow
Morris E. Deutsch
Rose Dreyer
Jennie Rosen Drill
Harry I. Fingles
Mathilda Frank
Anna Freedman
David Gelberg
Elka Gitlow
Rose A. Greenbaum
Herbert Gross
Gustav Heidelberger
Louis Hoffman
Albert Hollin
Joy C. Horman
Dr. Daniel M. Isaacman
Irene Jaffe
Jules Kadane
Esther Kalish
Allen Kaplan

Leon Katz
Dr. Joseph W. Kauffman
Morris Kauffmann
Anna Kaufman
Joseph Q. Klein
Dr. Fedor A. Kuritzkes
Harry Kurtzberg
Albert Abraham Kutner
Jennifer Lesnik-Emas
William Medoff
Ethel Malke Metzger
David C. Miller
Lillian Polsky
Abraham I. Raphael
Sandra Raynor
Raymond Rosen
Morris Rosenberg
Mina Rosenblatt
Emil Rosenthal
Samuel Rovins
Martin Rubin
Gloria K. Salikof
Rebecca Saller
Dorothy G. Salus
Isaac Samuel
Samuel Schwartz
Clara E. Shrager
Bertha M. Sichel
Henry S. Sichel
William H. Singer
Annie Kass Spector
Mildred K. Strauss
Francis Stup
Dr. Garry P. Sussman
Irving Turner
Nathan Ubfal
Mary B. Wallfield
Leonard Wolf
Emanuel Zerden

PESAH, DAY I

APRIL 5, 2023 to APRIL 6, 2023

14 NISAN 5783 to 15 NISAN 5783

To be read on Wednesday, Apr. 5 and Thursday, Apr. 6



Herman Barash
Hannah E. Cohen
George Corn

Esther Kalish
Rebecca Saller

APRIL 9, 2023 to APRIL 15, 2023

18 Nisan 5783 to 24 Nisan 5783

To be read on Friday, Apr. 14 and Saturday, Apr. 15



Martin Aaron
Richard Adelson
Max S. Appel
Esther Bacharach
Harry Balen

Anna Baylson
Morris Bender
Lisa Bornstein
Luise Landau Briffel
Harry Brodsky

Alfred Cachelin
Harry J. Cohen
Martin A. Cohen, MD
Alfred L. Cowan
Marvin N. Demchick
Julia Diamond
Esther S. Dietz
Mary Eckstein
Louis Edeiken
Jack Edelson
Abraham A. Einhorn
Louis Elkins
Myer C. Emerson
Isadore Fineman
Benjamin Fox
Leon Frank
Ruth Feigenbaum Freedman
Rita Blumenthal Ginns
Isaac M. Goldberg
Morris Goldstein
Klara Heidelberger
Fanny Hollander
Samuel Hunn
Samuel H. Kanchar
Louise Rosenthal Karp
Josephine Klein
Herman Koppelman
Paul Leibovitz
Dr. Jacob F. Lichtman

PESAH, DAY VII

APRIL 11, 2023 to APRIL 12, 2023

20 NISAN 5783 to 21 NISAN 5783

To be read on Tuesday, Apr. 11 and Wednesday, Apr. 12



Marvin N. Demchick
Mary Eckstein
Rita Blumenthal Ginns
Paul Leibovitz
Sarah Paller

Harry N. Parkins
Dorothy Schneider
Sara Schwartz
Hannah Staub Weiss

APRIL 16, 2023 to APRIL 22, 2023

25 Nisan 5783 to 1 IYAR 5783

To be read on Friday, Apr. 21 and Saturday, Apr. 22



Abraham Abramowitz
Edward S. Arkow
Abram L. Ball
Elizabeth Balter
Ruth Koppenheim Berger
Sarah Bernstein
Sarah Block
Jacob Blume
Donald Klein Bortner
Wendy Brandschain
Morton E. Brenner
Nan Brouse
Isadore I. Butler
Harold M. Carson
Harry Daroff
Albert Fisher
Albert E. Goodman
Mrs. Lynda Gross
Max Gunther

Minnie Harris
Frances Isdamer
Rose B. Jaffe
Maurice Kline
Dr. Sol J. Kornblum
Koppel Lamb
Leonard Lane
Joseph W. Layman
Bernard J. Leidner
Hannah Levick
Hannah Loewenstein
Harry Abraham Metz
John Netter
Harry Perlstein
Fanny Platowsky
Bettie F. Podell
Sylvia Potter
Kathryn Epstein Price
Jacob E. Rosenberg

Mortimer B. Rosenberger
Dr. David Alan Russell
May Schneeberg
Abram Shnaper
Abraham Silverman
Anne Sklar
Albert B. Solis
Anna Rachel Spiller
Stephen C. Sussman

Mattie Teitelbaum
Matilda C. Tubis
Harry Vizak
August Wise
Dr. Milton A. Wohl
Max Wohlberg
Marion Wolf
Sadie H. Wolfson
Beatrice F. Young

APRIL 23, 2023 to APRIL 29, 2023

2 IYAR 5783 to 8 IYAR 5783

To be read on Friday, Apr. 28 and Saturday, Apr. 29



Fannie Abrams
Sayde Bayuk
Lena Bekoff
Selig L. Belber
Morris Bergman
Louis Blitstein
Herman B. Bogis
Rose Brest
Sigmund Buchsbaum
Rose Burak
David Carmosin
David Solomon Cohen
Ethel Cramer
David J. Dean
Bertha Dordick
Fannie Durst
Solomon A. Epstein
Martin J. Feld
Isaac Feldman
David Harris Fineman
Dorothy F. Fischer
Isador Fleekop
Ray Fleishman
David Gever
Meyer Ginsberg
Helene Glantz
Jennie Goldstein
Sidney B. Graboyes
Ida Hamberg
David B. Herrin
Aaron D. Hockstein
Harold Hoffman
Cantor Albert M. Hunn
Rebecca Feige Hunn
Freda Jacobson
Rosa Jacobson
Nathaniel E. Jaffe
Rose Jeck
Esther Kibrick
Samuel Kornfeld

Gertrude J. Levi
William A. Levick
Agnes Levinson
Jenny Levy
David Lowenstein
Mitzie Mark
Augusta Merow
Jack Mishkin
Anne W. Moskowitz
Joseph Mossheim
Olga Myers
Gertrude J. Neff
Mr. Stanton S. Oswald
William Pressman
Irene Rosenberger
Theresa Janice Salkin
Louis Saller
Esther Levy Saxe
Harry Schlesinger
Joseph Schnapp
Sadie B. Schoenfeld
Dr. Ralph Schragar
Bessie Selbst
Maas Seligman
Maurice Sherman
Jacob L. Silberman
Benjamin L. Silver
Isadore Simon
Lillian Simon
Arthur M. Smuckler
Sadie Staub
Tanchen Steiman
Marie Stein
Gimbel Steinberg
Matilda Steiner
Arthur D. Strauss
Josef Strauss
Larry Jay Vogel
Adolph Vorenberg
Florence G. Wise

APRIL 29, 2023 to APRIL 30, 2023

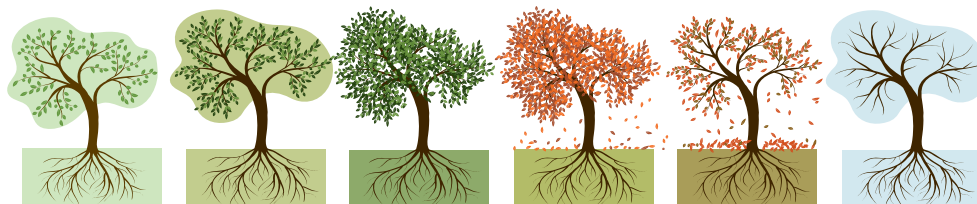
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To be read on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30



Fannie Baruch
Louis Davidoff
Rosa Haber

Seligman Maas
Ned N. Spiegel
Irving Wolinsky



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

Caden Jace Cramer, grandson of Rabbi Seymour and Cindy Rosenbloom December 14, 2022

Helaina Barbara Kanoff, great-granddaughter of Diana Kanoff January 7, 2023

Levi Rifkin Greenes, son of Arielle Wernick and Cody Greenes, grandson of Michele Rifkin and Neil Wernick, and little brother to Isaac January 25, 2023

Tyler Colton Goldiner, son of Andrew Goldiner and Jennifer Essery, and grandson of Lonnie and Paula Goldiner February 5, 2023

Engagements

Rafi Glantz, son of Hazzan Howard and Dayna Glantz, became engaged to Aldema Michaelo.

Sarahann Goldstein, daughter of Mindy and Stephen Goldstein, became engaged to Alan Richter. They will be married on September 10, 2023.

Achievements

Sylvia Golden's grandson, Jacob, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Temple University.

Deaths

Raymond Isser, son of Natalie Isser December 24, 2022
Charlotte Blatt December 29, 2022

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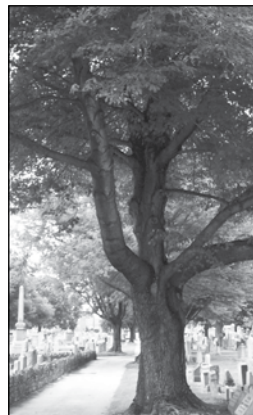
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