

Measure Up

by Rav Shai Cherry



When I was a kid, I'd count the number of days left in school or the number of weeks until the new season premiere of a favorite TV show. In my twenties (and thirties and forties), I'd count the number of years left before graduation. When I met Rebecca, and she shortly thereafter left the country for a month, I counted the days until her return. What do we count now?

Many of us count the hours between meat and milk. Fewer of us, perhaps, count seven "white days" before resuming relations with our partner. In Hebrew, all of us count our days up to Shabbat, literally. Sunday is called the first day (*yom rishon*), Monday is called the second day (*yom sheni*), and so on until Shabbat. So, it turns out that some of us do count for food and sex and Shabbat. What about the Omer, the name of the period between Pesah and Shavuot? What is it that we're counting for as we count toward Shavuot?

Another way to ask the question is, what's the difference between Shabbat and Shavuot? Shabbat is meant to be a work-free, family-filled, communal respite to reconnect with our higher selves. Shavuot, celebrating the giving of Torah, draws back the camera to remind us why we have Shabbat and where it fits into our lives. It's a second-order Shabbat, and therefore it needs seven times seven days to allow the questions to percolate.

The Torah gives us two reasons for Shabbat. In Exodus, Shabbat is about remembering that God created the world and rested on the seventh day. In Deuteronomy, Shabbat is about gratitude for God taking us out of bondage in Egypt. Here are some possible takeaways:

- The world is God's—behave! How should we rearrange our lives to recognize that we're just tenants in God's world?
- The climax of creation is *menucha*—a rest that restores. How should we reprioritize our lives to enable a Shabbat of *menucha*? God forbid we should allow ourselves to become enslaved again.
- The demands for both of the Torah's Shabbat explanations are that we must provide the opportunity for everyone in our household, including our servants, to partake of that *menucha*. God forbid we should allow ourselves to become Pharaoh.

This Omer, however, is different than other Omers. This Omer we're also counting Covid cases, Covid deaths, and the days until we are released, incrementally, from Covid quarantine. These Covid counts focus our minds precisely because we know that not everyone will make it out of this *Mitzrayim*. Members of the AJ community are already grieving those who have died directly and indirectly because of Covid.

In *Pirkei Avot*, Rabbi Eliezer advises us to do *teshuva* the day before we die. He didn't know the day he'd die, nor do we. The times demand that we honestly measure our lives against our purported values and reorient ourselves to close the gaps. This second-order Shabbat—when we receive the divine will as expressed in the continuous revelation of Torah—demands we clarify our values and measure our lives according to those values. You have to measure to measure up! If we don't, nothing counts.

With blessings,

Rav Shai 

COVID-19 INFORMATION

At the time of printing, we expect that the AJ building will be closed through the month of May. We hope that it may be safe to open the building in June, though obviously we'll continue to follow state and local guidelines.

We hope you'll join us for our services on Zoom and some of the other virtual events that are happening on a weekly basis!

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Service Schedule

The service schedule below assumes that AJ's religious services will return to the AJ building on June 1. While, at the time of printing, we are not sure that this will happen, you'll see that we've included the Havurah and The Tisch in the schedule for Saturdays in June. If it is not safe to open the building by June 1, services will continue to be "virtual."

AHAREI MOT | KEDOSHIM

May 1, 2, 2020 8 Iyar 5780
Light Shabbat Candles 7:38 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:40 PM
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SHABBAT EMOR

May 8, 9, 2020 15 Iyar 5780
Light Shabbat Candles 7:46 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:50 PM
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LAG B'OMER

May 11, 12, 2020 18 Iyar 5780
MONDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Morning Service 7:20 AM
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SHABBAT BEHAR | BEHUKOTAI

May 15, 16, 2020 22 Iyar 5780
Light Shabbat Candles 7:53 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:55 PM
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YOM YERUSHELAYIM

May 21, 22, 2020 28 Iyar 5780
FRIDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Morning Service 7:30 AM

SHABBAT BEMIDBAR

May 22, 23, 2020 29 Iyar 5780
Light Shabbat Candles 7:59 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached 6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:00 PM
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ROSH HODESH SIVAN

May 23, 24, 2020 1 Sivan 5780
SUNDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Morning Service 9:00 AM
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SHAVUOT, DAY I

May 28, 29, 2020 6 Sivan 5780
Light Yom Tov Candles 8:03 PM
THURSDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Evening Service 7:00 PM
FRIDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Morning Service 9:30 AM
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SHAVUOT, DAY II

May 29, 30, 2020 7 Sivan 5780
Light Yom Tov Candles 8:04 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Evening Service TBD
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Virtual Service, Including Yizkor 9:30 AM
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Virtual Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:05 PM
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SHABBAT NASO

June 5, 6, 2020 14 Sivan 5780
Light Shabbat Candles 8:08 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
 • Havurah Service 10:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:10 PM

SHABBAT BEHAALOTEKHA

June 12, 13, 2020 21 Sivan 5780
Light Shabbat Candles 8:12 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached .. 6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
 • Havurah Service 10:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:15 PM
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SHABBAT SHELAH

June 19, 20, 2020 28 Sivan 5780
Light Shabbat Candles 8:14 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Service 10:00 AM
Note the beginning of summer start time.
 • Havurah Service 10:00 AM
 • The Tisch following services
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:15 PM
 ...

ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

June 21, 22, 23, 2020 30 Sivan, 1 Tammuz 5780
MONDAY MORNING
 • Morning Service 7:00 AM
TUESDAY MORNING
 • Morning Service 7:00 AM
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SHABBAT KORAH

June 26, 27, 2020 5 Tammuz 5780
Light Shabbat Candles 8:14 PM
FRIDAY EVENING
 • Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING
 • Shabbat Service 10:00 AM
 • Havurah Service 10:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENING
 • Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 8:15 PM

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
In the month of May, Monday through Thursday evening, virtual services at 7:00 PM. If “stay-at-home” orders have been lifted, evening services in the month of June, Monday through Thursday, will be at Beth Sholom (BSC) at 7:00 PM. Otherwise, they will continue to be “virtual” on Zoom.

SHABBAT HAVURAH SERVICE

In “normal” times, the Havurah meets weekly on Saturday mornings in the AJ Library at 10:00 AM, finishing about the same time as the main congregational service. Everyone is welcome! Participation in the service is welcomed, but not required. The Havurah meets sporadically during the summer months. Call the synagogue for more information.

AJ'S VIRTUAL SERVICES

For as long as Covid-19 keeps the AJ building closed, congregants can attend services virtually on Zoom. We have two links for AJ's services:

For Saturday evening services:

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

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592
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

Please note: To avoid the possibility that any of our services will be interrupted by hackers or other interlopers (“Zoombombing”), we are making a couple of changes in how we use Zoom. There will now be a virtual waiting room and the host will welcome each guest into the meeting. You may want to call or log in a few minutes ahead of the start time so that the host has time to welcome each guest. There will also be a co-host assigned so that any interlopers can be removed from the service quickly.



Blessings

By Judy Stutman Izes,
President of Adath Jeshurun

In the beloved tale, “Fiddler on the Roof,” one of the townspeople poses the following question to the wise rabbi: Is there a blessing for the czar? Could there possibly be a blessing for a cruel dictator, intent on creating suffering and strife for the loveable townspeople of Anatevka? After pondering the inquiry, the learned rabbi responds with the following: “May G-d bless and keep the Czar—far away from us!”

Today, many in our community—in our world—are suffering. Our troubles stem from sickness, isolation, loss of employment, and general uncertainty. Our modern update of the rabbi’s prayer could substitute the word “virus” for “czar.”

When my children were young, and suffered a bump or bruise, the book *The Blessings of a Skinned Knee* offered inspiration and sound advice. As the title suggests, a blessing may take the form of something seemingly difficult or painful. Author Wendy Mogul intertwines lessons from Torah and Jewish scholars with anecdotes from her experience as a psychologist. She suggests that resilience and self-reliance may be learned from understanding how to cope with and handle uncomfortable or difficult situations.

Mogul suggests that at first, G-d stayed close by us, his new and vulnerable creations, to provide help as needed. Later, as we matured and were able to manage on our own, G-d withdrew further and made fewer miracles. Left to our own devices, we humans took lots of false steps. But we learned from our mistakes and became a resilient people, strong enough to endure for more than three thousand years.


In a recent D’var Torah, Rav Shai reminded us that as Jews, we are to recite one hundred blessings each day. Some days, that for which we give thanks is readily apparent. Other days, the blessings seem to be camouflaged and require closer scrutiny to uncover.

In the future, when it is safe to do so, I will give thanks for rush hour traffic. (Of course, the cars creating the traffic will be electric and/or environmentally friendly.) I will not view the traffic as simply impeding my ability to

get to my destination on time. Rather, the traffic will be a comfort and a reminder that people are returning to work and going to school. Hopefully Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz will help me with the wording and appropriate melody for such a blessing. Other drivers will look at me quizzically as I daven loudly in my car.

Today, I give thanks for the blessing of technology, specifically Zoom, which has yielded the following blessings:

- Allowing us to study and learn with Rav Shai and hear his words of Torah from our home (possibly while wearing slippers);
- Having our homes filled with the sweet melodies chanted by Hazzan Glantz;
- Watching Hazzan Glantz “open” and “close” the doors of the Ark during the Torah service and Aleynu;
- Davening and schmoozing with AJers from the kitchen or den;
- Assembling a minyan—at each and every one of our virtual services—to allow mourners to recite Kaddish;
- Arriving on time (for the most part) to virtual services and meetings;
- Hearing Pam Maman wish Mrs. Sussman, Mrs. Webber, and Mrs. Newman a good night after evening minyan; and
- Connecting with family and friends across the country and even around the world.

While we do not yet know when we will be able to come together again inside our building, presently we can come together virtually at least twice a day. Many have expressed a desire to continue to hold services via Zoom even after it is deemed safe to daven together at AJ. This will allow those unable to travel to remain and feel an active part of our community. And what a great step toward reaching the goal of one hundred blessings each day! 



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz



There is a little pillow on our bed. It is not soft or comfortable and definitely not orthopaedic. It does make me smile whenever I see it or... even think about it. I find it funny, sometimes true and it serves as a gentle reminder to really listen.

As you can see, the embroidery reads, "It's irritating when you talk while I am interrupting". Now, there is another point to the picture in that I laid the pillow on an unfinished jigsaw puzzle. We haven't put together puzzles in ages. The first week of staying home we finished one of Europe and it was 1,500 pieces. This one pictures the Las Vegas strip and its 2,000 pieces. We need that table cleared very soon for seder!

It's time for a new pillow. It will be more serious than funny. You see, there's a certain kind of thing that comes up often in conversation. Here are the top three.

1. You know Hazzan, I've often wished I could follow services better, but I didn't want to bother you.
2. Boy I would have liked to help out by leading a shivah service, but I didn't want to bother you.
3. Some day, I'll understand the prayers we say. I could ask you to help me, but I don't want to bother you.

My new pillow should read, "It makes me sad when you say, 'I didn't want to bother you!'"

Before now, I stressed that what I write in these columns will be irrelevant by the time it reaches your box. No longer.

Our world turned upside down in mid-March. If you haven't yet directly encountered this plague of a virus, you know someone who has. We are all changed, perhaps forever changed as a result of our collective bad dream.

One of my colleagues stated it best on our Cantors Assembly Facebook page. She posted:

Does anyone else feel like they've woken up in an alternative universe? One in which you have 'MacGyvered' a video studio in your basement from whatever odds and ends you have on hand and then produce multiple Zoom shows for a captive audience!

Sure, a chuckle. We laugh because only a few short weeks ago, that question would not have made sense to any of us. It would have seemed absurd.

Let's look at what hasn't changed. It wouldn't have been a bother in the past and it is not a bother now. My method of working with you will be virtual for now, and you may

have more time to devote to a new Jewish skill or simply wish to improve the ones you have.

What else hasn't changed? AJ, your *yiddishe heim*, Adath Jeshurun, your Jewish home away from home. We've only changed our method of delivery. All the services we provided before Covid-19 remain on schedule. Prayer, counseling, classes, staff meetings, and *b'nei mitzvah* lessons all continue, albeit virtually, on Zoom, FaceTime, and the like.

It isn't simple and it isn't exactly the same, but we reconfigure, we reaffirm and we readjust to make things work. What we have currently is the lemonade our creative staff conjured and continue to squeeze from the lemons served. Pour yourself a glass, drink with me *l'chaim*.

May you and your loved ones be healthy, safe and calm. May we continue to hope and look forward to next year in Elkins Park. **aj**

My Memories of AJ

By Judith Blumberg Maslin

Although for the last forty years my husband Simeon has been the rabbi and now the Rabbi Emeritus of Keneseth Israel, just north on York Road from AJ, it was at AJ on Broad Street that I got my earliest Jewish education and love for Judaism. So, although I am not now an AJ member, I consider AJ to be responsible for my original and strong personal connection to Judaism.

As a young child and a pre-teenager, I was not very much interested in anything connected to Judaism or religious school. But in early 1948 the Allied Jewish Appeal (as it was called at the time) announced a contest for Philadelphia's religious school students. It was to compose an original song in honor of the brand-new state of Israel. I was contacted by Maurice (now Moshe) Sonnheim, two years my senior (in the pre-confirmation class), to tell me he had written a poem. He asked me to write the music. He knew that I played the piano and was in a music composition class. He thought I might be able, at age 13, to compose the song! Somehow, I did it; we submitted the song; and we won first place in the city-wide contest! There was a big celebration at the Academy of Music and the song was presented to the audience. It was a big deal for the two teenaged creators.

Even more important for me, ultimately, was the fact that the principal of the AJ religious school, **Abram Piwosky**, noted the win and asked me if I would like to accompany the Sunday school assemblies that Rabbi Max Klein conducted. I remember quickly agreeing and then deciding that I had also to learn to play the Hammond organ. I accompanied those assemblies as a student until I was confirmed in 1951. Then I continued to work in the religious school office (\$3 for the morning) so I was on site to continue the music work. One highlight of that period that I remember vividly is when Rabbi Klein came out of his office into the hallway, found me, and called me into his office to see the galleys for his new *Seder Avodah*, just off the press. I never knew before then what a galley was. His enthusiasm was contagious! When I started college, I also continued accompanying the assemblies in addition to being the elementary class teacher (\$6 for the morning) until I was married in 1954.



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Confirmation 2020/5780

By **Debbie Miner**,
Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative

Adath Jeshurun is very proud of our confirmands!



Anna Turk Karan, daughter of Elizabeth Turk-Karan and Douglas Turk Karan, is a 10th grader at Cheltenham High School. She was recently studying in Israel and is now home with her family. Anna's favorite subject at school is Spanish. Her favorite book is *Hopeless* by Colleen Hoover and she loved the movie "Little Women." Anna enjoys spending time with her friends and reading. She also sings, dances, and plays guitar. Anna has loved the time she spent in Mexico and Israel, and in the future, looks forward to going to Europe. Anna's favorite Jewish holiday

is Purim because she spent last Purim in Israel and "it was amazing!" She loved how she could walk anywhere and see kids and adults in costume. Anna also finds Megillat Esther really interesting.



Melena Walter, daughter of Hillary and Raul Walter is a 10th grader at Cheltenham High School. Her favorite subjects in school are chemistry, choir, and lifeguard training. Melena's favorite book is Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and her favorite movie is "Titanic." She really enjoyed her school trip to New Orleans and her recent experience at AIPAC. She would love to travel more. In her free time, she likes singing, exercising, and hanging out with friends. She also volunteers at the ER at Abington Memorial Hospital. Melena is on the school swim and

diving team and is a chapter president for OYR USY. Melena's favorite Jewish holiday is Hanukkah because her family comes together — they make great food and have wonderful parties. 🍩

Judith Blumberg Maslin, *Continued from previous page*

What I learned during those years, although I was not fully aware of its importance at the time, was that one can learn to love and appreciate Judaism through any medium or outside interest, in addition to the classroom. It can be music, art, cooking, storytelling, writing, etc. It was the motivation behind my thirty-five years as a music teacher in religious schools and Hebrew Day schools in Monsey, NY; Chicago, IL; and, in 1980, back in Philadelphia. In 198, I was the founding director of the Temple Judea Museum of Keneseth Israel, using my MA in Art History to teach Judaism through ceremonial art, my specialty.

As for the event at AJ that was the most meaningful for me, that had to be our wedding in August, 1954. Rabbi Klein, along with my father-in-law, a Boston hazzan, conducted the ceremony. Although I have not yet seen it, a friend told me that a photograph taken at our wedding is in the display in AJ's lobby. Over the years I have bragged to my husband that my picture (confirmation class of 1951) is hanging at AJ. Now we smile that our wedding picture is there as well! 🍩

My AJ Story: A Chapter Concluded

By **Debbie Miner**, *Director of the Jewish Teen Collaborative*

In the fall of 1983, I began teaching Hebrew school at AJ. Other than a year off when our youngest was born, I have worked here ever since. Now, after nearly 37 years, I am ready to do things I have been unable to do while working. With that in mind, I have decided to retire. It has been a wonderful journey with our families and teachers and I couldn't have asked for a better way to spend my time and better people with whom to work.

The journey started when my parents were members during my college years. David and I have been members of AJ since our wedding in 1978. Our children went to preschool and Hebrew school here. They became B'nai Mitzvah at AJ and they were confirmed here. Many of our closest friends are from AJ and I couldn't imagine them not in my life. I have probably spent as many or more hours at AJ as at our home. In fact, AJ has truly been a home away from home. I have learned so much at AJ. I have grown as an educator and congregant. I have celebrated simchas and observed holidays with friends and family, and I have felt every emotion someone can feel as I have walked down AJ's many halls.

Professionally, I have been a classroom teacher, Confirmation adviser, B'nai Mitzvah speech adviser, an associate director and education director. In collaboration with Beth Sholom I have co-directed the youth department as well as the high school program. I also worked with JQuest B'Yachad and I am currently the sole director of the Jewish Teen Collaborative. Each position has been a labor of love rather than a job. While it has been an unusual end to the school year, I have continued to connect with our students and teachers spending time with them virtually.

I could fill a whole newsletter with vignettes about people with whom I have formed meaningful relationships throughout my years. I have had the pleasure and honor to work with people at AJ who have become friends and whose counsel I value greatly. I have watched students grow up and become the parents of current students — and I treasure the chance I have had to get to know them and to watch them grow at AJ.

Come the end of June 2020, a chapter concludes for me here at Adath Jeshurun, but I look forward to remaining an involved member supporting a wonderful place that means the world to me. 🍩

A New Kind of AJ Staff Meeting!

BELOW: This is what our weekly staff meetings look like in the age of Covid-19!



My Cousin Henry: A Survivor

By Susan Dyshel Sommovilla



My cousin Henry Froehlich was a very articulate and accomplished gentleman whose acquaintance I stumbled into late in both our lives. I recently published an account of Henry's odyssey under the title *From Hans to Henry: A Holocaust Survivor's Story* on lulu.com.

After my mother died in 1995, I began attending High Holiday gatherings of her extended family. In 2007, my cousin Henry, with whom I had rarely spoken, happened to tell me that he would soon be traveling to Stuttgart, Germany. My interest piqued as I had recently traveled to Stuttgart myself in 2001 on a teacher's trip. Henry was going for the installation of Stolpersteine—memorial stones—dedicated to his father and brother. Henry was a Holocaust survivor. Even though Henry had a slight German accent, and I was a German teacher who had studied Holocaust poetry, I had never before spoken with him about his past.

Henry was a successful businessman and a wonderfully positive, friendly, and charming man—*parvus sed potus*—small in physical stature, but powerful in personality. After our conversation, since I alone among our family members had majored in German, Henry mailed me German videotapes and transcripts documenting his life's adventure. Unfortunately a few months after his return from Germany in 2007, Henry died of a heart attack the following January of 2008. As suddenly as Henry's story had revealed itself to me, it seemed to come to an abrupt end. Only after retiring from my work as a teacher in the Cheltenham School District did I set about plumbing the depths of the materials I had received concerning his story.

I remember being particularly moved by Henry's telling me with a smile, how he had written poems in his youth about his beloved hometown of Rottweil. Though I was never able to access any of those poems, his story was certainly compelling; full of many ups and downs, and twists and turns, as he passed through Rottweil, Stuttgart, Philadelphia, and New York. Along with his photo, the back cover of the book includes hints of some of those details, as follows:

"A brother's disability, a yellow bicycle, a camera, a little black address book, and a pile of German maps all played a role in the challenges faced by a young German Jewish boy named Hans. Learn how he survived the Holocaust to make his mark as Henry Arno Froehlich in the business world of photography in America."

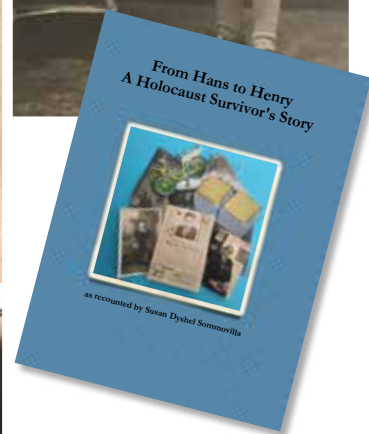
The book's front cover displays a collage containing, among other items, the German passport of Hans Arno Israel Fröhlich, the two Stolpersteine dedicated to his father and older brother, a house with a balcony, a yellow bicycle, and, as pictured at the right, a photo of Hans as a schoolboy and Henry with the Konica camera he succeeded in importing from Japan.

The paperback book *From Hans to Henry A Holocaust Survivor's Story*, available on lulu.com, is 60 pages in length and includes many color photos depicting elements of Henry's adventure. Profits from the book go to our own local Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center (HAMEC).

HAMEC has presented programs at hundreds of schools and other locations reaching over 40,000 students (grades 5–12 through college) as well as adults. In January, 2017, HAMEC began archiving SKYPE survivor presentations and completed many programs all over the United States and beyond. For over seven years, HAMEC has held a workshop at the Philadelphia Federation of Teacher's Spring Conference, as well as participating in the biennial Gratz College Tuzman Teach-In. HAMEC has also hosted survivor presentations at schools and a WWII re-enactment in Reading, PA.



ABOVE: Susan Sommovilla and her partner John Fisher with Henry's widow, Marian



I came into closer contact with HAMEC through the work of a fellow teacher at the Elkins Park School. Lise Marlowe referred me to HAMEC when some assistance was required in translating German Holocaust documents. Lise has won a number of awards including the National History Channel "Teacher of the Year" award in 2006. She has done wonderful work in African-American and Holocaust history education. She referred me to lulu.com through which she has coauthored several books about Holocaust survivors including: *Renate: A Jewish Girl Who Escaped Nazi Germany*; *Bringing Beauty into the World: The Life of Harry Somers*; *David Tuck: A Story of Holocaust Survival*; and *Sarah's Survival: A Jewish Girl's Will to Survive*, who became an Oswego Refugee. Purchase of these books supports HAMEC.

We are fortunate to have a local institution like HAMEC supporting Holocaust education in our area. I had hoped to donate copies of my book to museums and schools, but given the present threat we face with the Coronavirus pandemic, that route is temporarily blocked. If you are interested in the Holocaust and survivors' stories, consider purchasing *From Hans to Henry: A Holocaust Survivor's Story* or other HAMEC-sponsored publications online at lulu.com! 📖

לזכר עולם In Remembrance

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

Yahrzeits of the following individuals will be observed as follows:

APRIL 26, 2020 to MAY 2, 2020

2 Iyar 5780 to 8 Iyar 5780

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

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Fannie Abrams
Fannie Baruch
Sayde Bayuk
Selig L. Belber
Morris Bergman
Leonard Samuel Bernstein
Louis Blitstein
Herman B. Bogis
Rose Brest
Sigmund Buchsbaum
Rose Burak
David Carmosin
Richard Chamy
David Solomon Cohen
Ethel Cramer
Fannie Cushman
David J. Dean
Bertha Dordick
Solomon A. Epstein
Isaac Feldman
David Harris Fineman
Dorothy F. Fischer
Isador Fleekop
Ray Fleishman
David Gever
Meyer Ginsberg
Helene Glantz
Jennie Goldstein
Sidney B. Graboyes
David B. Herrin
Harold Hoffman
Rebecca Feige Hunn
Freda Jacobson
Rosa Jacobson
Rose Jeck
Nancy Kahn
Goldie Kartoz
Martin Kaufman
Esther Kibrick
Samuel Kornfeld
Sol Koven

Leopold Kushner
Sophie Lederer
Gertrude J. Levi
William A. Levick
Jenny Levy
Seligman Maas
Mitzie Mark
Augusta Merow
Jack Mishkin
Anne W. Moskowitz
Sarah Engle Moskowitz
Joseph Mosshelm
Gertrude J. Neff
Sylvia Pavlov
Irene Rosenberger
Louis Saller
Harry Schlesinger
Joseph Schnapp
Ralph Schragar
Bertha Schultz
Gustave Schultz
Bessie Selbst
Maas Seligman
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MAY 3, 2020 to MAY 9, 2020

9 Iyar 5780 to 15 Iyar 5780

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

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Sarah Moskowitz
Richard Neff
Minnie Newmann
Beryl R. Pincus
Ruth Korff Pitkow
William P. Plato
Helen Menin Riegner

MAY 10, 2020 to MAY 16, 2020

16 Iyar 5780 to 22 Iyar 5780

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

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Mabel J. Alkus
Sara Alkus
Maurice Asher
Joseph Barg
Benjamin Beilin
Saundra Beilin
Samuel Bernheim
Edith Levinson Bernstein
Bernard Bernstein
Golda Caplan
Irene Carasso
Irwin Cohen
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Samuel Dubin
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Hanna Einhorn
Cherna Eskin
Arlene Federman
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Elizabeth Goldhammer
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Samuel G. Gross
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Tillie Katz
Allan Edward Koff
Mildred Koven
Lilly Kramer
Marcus Levin
Reba Levin
Joseph Lichtenstein
Dorothy A. Lipschutz
Hans Loeb
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MAY 17, 2020 to MAY 23, 2020

23 Iyar 5780 to 29 Iyar 5780

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

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William Alkus
Solomon Antwarg
Hattie Bachenheimer
Morton Ephraim Baker
John Balis
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Lester M. Block
Betty Marjorie Brodsky
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Milton Young

MAY 24, 2020 to MAY 30, 2020

1 Sivan 5780 to 7 Sivan 5780

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

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 Muriel Weiss
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MAY 31, 2020 to JUNE 6, 2020

8 Sivan 5780 to 14 Sivan 5780

To be read on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6



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 Minnie Beilan
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JUNE 7, 2020 to JUNE 13, 2020

15 Sivan 5780 to 21 Sivan 5780

To be read on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13



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 Joseph Aarons
 Birdie P. Bauman
 Gustav Beerwald
 Mindel Belber
 Molly Bender
 Dr. Israel Binder
 Goldie Blattman
 Flora Bloch
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 Flora Oppenheimer
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 Edith Poulshock
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 Charles Rosenbaum
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 Lena Schnell
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 Joseph Sigman
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 Zipa Spector
 Morris Stein
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 Sidney L. Sussman
 Isadore K. Switt
 Moses Venetzky
 Jennie Waldman
 Bess Wecht
 Randi Weizer
 Sigmund M. Witz
 Dr. Michael G. Wohl

JUNE 14, 2020 to JUNE 20, 2020

22 Sivan 5780 to 28 Sivan 5780

To be read on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20



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 Samuel Allanoff
 Abe Altman
 Julius Back
 Fanny Bandler
 Leni Barol
 Harold M. Bayuk
 Frances K. Bernstein
 Sophia Deborah Bittan
 Vicki L. Blackman
 Louis Bloch
 Samuel Bluestone
 Isadore Charles Blumenthal
 Rose L. Bogis
 Mollie Brooks
 Rachael Brylawski
 David Buchsbaum

Max Chmar
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 Mollie Felix
 Ida Fine
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 Augusta Gitlow
 Ilse Claris Glenn
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 Selma R. Gross
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 Thomas S. Jacoby
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 Rosa Rosenbaum Lamb
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 James P. Spirt
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 Nettie Sturm
 Jacob Teitelbaum
 Sarah I. Viner
 Betty Weiner
 Morris Wildstein

JUNE 21, 2020 to JUNE 27, 2020

29 Sivan 5780 to 5 Tammuz 5780

To be read on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27



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 Joseph Baskin
 Mary Baylson
 Beatrice K. Berger
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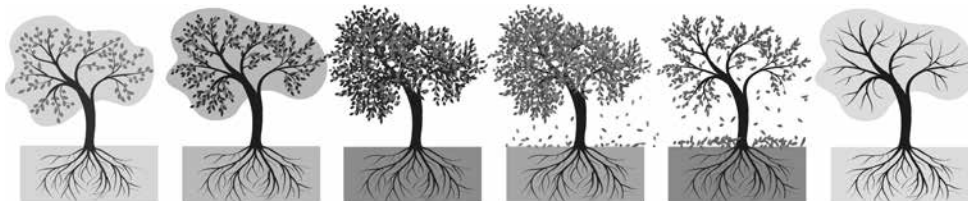
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In Remembrance

JUNE 28, 2020 to JULY 4, 2020
6 Tammuz 5780 to 12 Tammuz 5780
To be read on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4



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Edwin Apothaker	Clare Z. Parness
Laura Axe	Sigmund Platowsky
Julia B. Bernstein	Harry Rasdolsky
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Eva Jacobs	David Snader
Anna Jaffe	Frances Spear
Isabel J. Jelinek	Deborah Leah Steinberg
Rose Daroff Kaplan	Claire Kun Stern
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Leo Kauffmann	Carl Tizio
Charles Kinkel	Adolph Tobotsnick
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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 brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Information received by the first of the month will appear in the following month's issue. Please include your phone number.

Births

Ziva Cooper Corpuz, granddaughter of Leonard and Wendy Fein Cooper
January 29, 2020

Bianca Natalie Kanoff, great-granddaughter of Diana Kanoff
January 31, 2020

Mia Elizabeth Kanoff, great-granddaughter of Diana Kanoff
February 4, 2020

Hannah Jackie Goldstein, granddaughter of Dr. Stephen and Mindy Goldstein
February 10, 2020

Aviva Benjamina Tavakoli, granddaughter of Susie Sommovilla
March 16, 2020

Isaac Rifkin Greenes, son of Arielle Wernick and Cody Greenes, and grandson of Michele Rifkin and Neil Wernick, and Kent and Nancy Greenes
March 27, 2020



Deaths

Betty Rosenberg, mother of Nancy Rosenberg
January 10, 2020

Kenneth Fox, son of Helen Fox z"l
February 13, 2020

Kenneth Golden, husband of Sylvia Golden
February 21, 2020

Dr. Charles (Chick) G. Blumstein, husband of Judith (Judy) Blumstein
March 1, 2020

Dr. Lionel Lieberman, husband of Dr. Judy Featherman
March 11, 2020

Joan Polin, mother of Sandra Goldberg
April 28, 2020

Stanton Oswald, a Trustee of Congregation Adath Jeshurun and husband of our congregant, Phyllis Weber, and the late Bernice B. Oswald
April 28, 2020

Joseph Katz, husband of Mary Katz
April 30, 2020

May Milestone Anniversaries

65 YEARS
• Howard and Carole Ozeroff
May 15, 1955

40 YEARS
• Mark and Susan Novack
May 25, 1980

35 YEARS
• Jerry and Judy Herman
May 18, 1985
• Michael Freeman and Sherrie Eisman
May 19, 1985
• Steven and Jill Max
May 9, 1985

25 YEARS
• Benjamin and Emily Reich
May 28, 1995

June Milestone Anniversaries

65 YEARS
• Marcus and Carol Kaplan
June 19, 1955

55 YEARS
• Stephen and Rochelle Perchick
June 26, 1965

50 YEARS
• Robert and Marsha Fischer
June 7, 1970

40 YEARS
• Paul and Sandra Steinfeld
June 28, 1980

35 YEARS
• Jon and Carol Harris-Shapiro
June 16, 1985
• Sion and Susan Segal
June 30, 1985

30 YEARS
• Larry and Elise McAfoos
June 10, 1990

Kol HaKavod

to our February and March
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Rina Cherry	Ilana McAfoos
Debbie Seltzer Cohen	Larry McAfoos
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Allan Freedman	Lorna Rosenberg
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Howard Gershman	Edward Strauss
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Michal Leventhal	Richard Zeises
Baylin Manusov	

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.

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Hazzan Glantz will announce a rehearsal schedule (with social distancing, of course) in June!

Stay tuned for more information!

Spotlight on the Havurah-at-AJ

By The Havurah

In each issue of the *AJ News*, we'll introduce you to a member of the Havurah. This edition's spotlight is on **Larry McAfoos**.

Please share a bit about yourself. I am 53 years old and I was born in Forest Hills, in Pittsburgh, PA. I live in Cheltenham, PA. I teach chemistry at Lower Merion High School as well as a chemistry class at Kosloff Torah Academy and at The Mesivta High School of Greater Philadelphia. I am married to Elise McAfoos, a life-long AJ'er. We have two children: our daughter, Ilana, is 23, and our son, Jacob, is 21. In the little spare time I have, I enjoy reading non-fiction and playing Go. I was born in a suburb of Pittsburgh and grew up in a Methodist home. I was spiritually "searching" when I met Elise as an undergrad at Cornell University, and there began my Jewish journey. I completed my conversion to Judaism 30 years ago.

How long have you been involved with the AJ Havurah? Elise and I have been with the Havurah for seventeen years since the fall of 2003.

What attracted you to the Havurah, initially (or were you born into it)? Elise and I were married at AJ in 1990, and by the time our eldest was born we were regular attendees at Shabbat services in the main sanctuary. In the summer of 2003, Elise and I joined the staff of Camp Ramah in the Poconos, and the experience was transfor-

mational for our family and for me personally in so many ways. One thing it did was make us appreciate the relaxed, lay-led atmosphere of religious services at camp. When we returned after that first summer, the more formal main service "upstairs" no longer spoke to us as it once had. We decided to check out the Havurah and see what it was all about.

What do you love about participating in the Havurah? The Havurah has given me the opportunity to comfortably learn to lead services, chant Torah, and give divrei Torah with the support and guidance of appreciative and forgiving friends. I also appreciate the wide variety of divrei Torah given by other participants and the lively give and take in the discussions that follow.

What is your wish for the Havurah three years from now? I'd love to see the Havurah grow with new members and families, who would provide new voices. 