

## The Best of Both Worlds


by Rav Shai Cherry



Many of you commented to me how enjoyable High Holiday services were for you in your pajamas and bathrobes. I didn't need to remind you to drive politely out of the parking lot or shoot you the Evil Eye when you were talking during my sermons — unless you forgot to mute! There were no problems with the sound in the back of the sanctuary or the thermostat settings. As much as we yearn to return, we are hesitant to relinquish all those silver linings.

wouldn't it be wonderful, periodically, to include our virtual visitors in our services? That would require some sort of screen or monitor in the sanctuary or chapel. Regardless of what is *halakhically* permissible, such a change would be a dramatic aesthetic change.

Frankly, this feels like too much change in a relatively short period of time. These changes, however, were not on anyone's agenda; they were thrust upon us by COVID. We might call these COVID silver linings "sticky." Just because the initial reasons for virtual services will disappear with COVID, many folks want the unprecedented benefits to stick around. Over the next year, we'll have to revisit our practices as we balance our value of inclusivity against our value of maintaining tradition. Among other considerations, might we introduce a virtual membership for congregants, around the world, who want to maintain their connection to AJ but can only do so via Zoom?

The AJ New Way Forward didn't account for a global pandemic. But the same process of introspection, articulation of self-identity, and visioning for the future will be necessary as we open up our doors to the future. Over this past year, we have demonstrated the creativity, flexibility, and good will that bode well for us to continue enjoying the best of our virtual experiences even after we reclaim in-person gatherings where we hug, sing, and enjoy Kiddush as in days of old. As Rav Kook said one hundred years ago, "The old shall be renewed, and the new, sanctified; together they will become torches that illuminate Zion." 

For me, the guests from in town, down the shore, in Florida, in California, and all the way from Israel have been the thickest silver linings. We'd love to find a way to keep those folks with us without sacrificing the physical intimacy of the congregation. It has also been fun, and I hope educational, to have access to videos, graphics, and polls during my *divrei* Torah. Can we preserve those silver linings upon our return to the brick and mortar so we can have the best of both worlds?

The evolution of prayer over the past two thousand years involved a steady accumulation of add-ons that were not strictly necessary from a *halakhic* viewpoint. For instance, there is no *halakhic* requirement for the prayers for our country and Israel. If we have a virtual guest from Israel, we could theoretically ask them to lead the prayer for Israel from Israel. The Amidah and Torah service, on the other hand, would always need to be done entirely in our physical space with a minyan in physical attendance.

Congregations have been live-streaming services for years — and I imagine we'll also be doing that. But,

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## E-waste Recycling Drive at AJ

AJ will be partnering with PAR\*-Recycling Works to hold an e-waste recycling event in the parking lot on **Sunday, June 27 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** PAR-Recycling Works is a nonprofit electronics recycler that provides transitional employment to people returning from prison. They will ensure that every item is disposed of in a safe and environmentally conscious way.

### Accepted Items:

Printers	Motherboards	Routers
Mice	Hard drives	Server cabinets
Keyboards	Power supply wire (chargers, connectors, etc.)	Floppy disks
Monitors (LCD) flat-screens	Computer batteries	Docking stations
AV equipment	Laptops	Miscellaneous computer-related materials
Phones	Gaming equipment	
Speakers		

**DO NOT DROP ITEMS OFF AT AJ BEFORE JUNE 27!**

The following items include a cost to ensure they are properly recycled:

- Older CRT monitors and TVs: \$35 to \$75 each (size varies)
- Flatscreen TVs: \$20 each
- Computer monitors: \$5 each
- Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and air purifiers: \$20 each
- Microwave ovens: \$10 each

\*People Advancing Reintegration

# Service Schedule

## SHABBAT EMOR

April 30, May 1, 2021 19 Iyar 5781

*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:36 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

*Bat Mitzvah of*  
**ERICA WINEGRAD**

*Daughter of*  
*Stuart and Renee Winegrad*

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom ..... 7:40 PM

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Please note:

To accommodate the AJ 2021 Annual Fundraiser, Sunday evening minyan on May 2 will be at 6:15 PM.

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## SHABBAT BEHAR | BEHUKOTAI

May 7, 8, 2021 26 Iyar 5781

*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:43 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

*Bar Mitzvah of*  
**JUDAH BLITSTEIN**

*Son of*  
*Daniel and Mia Blitstein*

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom ..... 7:45 PM

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## YOM YERUSHALAYIM

May 10, 2021 28 Iyar 5781

### MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom ..... 7:20 AM

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## ROSH HODESH SIVAN

May 12, 2021 1 Sivan 5781

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

## SHABBAT BEMIDBAR

May 14, 15, 2021 4 Sivan 5781

*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:50 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom ..... 6:15 PM

*Confirmation*

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom ..... 7:50 PM

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## SHAVUOT, DAY I

May 16, 17, 2021 6 Sivan 5781

*Light Yom Tov Candles Sunday Evening* ..... 7:52 PM

### SUNDAY EVENING

- Tikun Leil Shavuot via Zoom ..... 7:00 PM

### MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service, Including Yizkor Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

\*\*\*Please note that the Yizkor Service will be on the first day of Shavuot, not the second day.\*\*\*

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## SHAVUOT, DAY II

May 17, 18, 2021 7 Sivan 5781

*Light Yom Tov Candles Monday Evening* ..... 9:01 PM

### MONDAY EVENING

- Evening Service via Zoom ..... 7:00 PM

### TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

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## SHABBAT NASO

May 21, 22, 2021 11 Sivan 5781

*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:56 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom ..... 6:15 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom ..... 8:00 PM

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## SHABBAT BEHAALOTEKHA

May 28, 29, 2021 18 Sivan 5781

*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:02 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom ..... 6:15 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom ..... 8:05 PM

## MEMORIAL DAY

May 31, 2021 20 Sivan 5781

### MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:00 AM

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## SHABBAT SHELAH

June 4, 5, 2021 25 Sivan 5781

*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:07 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom ..... 8:10 PM

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## ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

June 10, 11, 2021 30 Sivan, 1 Tammuz 5781

### THURSDAY MORNING

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

### FRIDAY MORNING

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

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## SHABBAT KORAH

June 11, 12, 2021 2 Tammuz 5781

*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:11 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom ..... 6:15 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom ..... 8:15 PM

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## SHABBAT HUKKAT

June 18, 19, 2021 9 Tammuz 5781

*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:14 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom ..... 6:15 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom ..... 9:30 AM

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom ..... 8:15 PM



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## SHABBAT BALAK

June 25, 26, 2021

16 Tammuz 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....8:15 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom.....8:15 PM

### 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

Until further notice, all services will be conducted via 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. Until the building opens, the Havurah will join the Zoom service.

The Reopening Task Force is working on plans to resume in-person services. As of the printing of the May/June AJ News, the plans have not been finalized. Updates will be posted on the AJ website ([www.CongregationAJ.org](http://www.CongregationAJ.org)) and in the weekly email. You may also call the AJ office for more information.

### We have three Zoom links for all of our services:

#### For Friday evening and Saturday morning services:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/97054037610>

Meeting ID#: 970 5403 7610 (Password required\*)

#### For Saturday evening services:

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

Meeting ID#: 933131679

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

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/109428724>

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 109428724

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

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



## Learning from the Best

By Judy Stutman Izes,  
President of Aduv Jeshurun

As I consider my words for the final newsletter article I write as President of AJ, I consider a novel format. Something short, sweet, and to the point.

A thank you Haiku  
A Haiku of gratitude  
Haiku Master Class?

While I feel fairly certain that the Haiku format is five syllables, seven syllables, five syllables, I opt to verify on Google. Somehow, I find myself on the "MasterClass" website, amazed and gratified to learn there is a MasterClass in Haiku writing. I am then drawn to the MasterClass in screenwriting taught by Aaron Sorkin. Thirty minutes later, in a moment of keen self-awareness, I understand why most of my newsletter articles miss their deadlines. And I decide my article will be somewhere between Haiku and Screenplay.

### Today's the Day — Learn from the World's Best.

Bob Woodward, Doris Kearns-Goodwin, and Malcolm Gladwell offer to share their wisdom, insight, and motivation through the MasterClass program. While I look forward to subscribing to their classes, I reflect on those from whom I have learned at AJ. Below is a list of classes these master instructors could offer:

**Instructors:** Anita Block and the dedicated staff of the AJ Preschool and Infant Center

**Course Title: Resilience.** Those enrolled in this class will learn the art of meeting virtually with young, energetic minds, reading stories and creating exciting programming to keep them engaged while school is closed due to a global pandemic. Instructors will share methods for purchasing huge quantities of personal protection equipment and securing grant funding while creating and implementing an extremely detailed and thoughtful plan to successfully reopen the school.

**Instructors:** Calvin Thompson and the AJ Housekeeping Staff

**Course Title: Dedication.** This course will teach how to fix broken pipes, distribute hand sanitizer from 50-gallon containers, and remove and relocate squirrels. Students will also learn how to safeguard a sacred space beloved by many.

**Instructors:** Amy Devine-Stretch, Marjorie Trager, Beryl Rosoff-Verbit, Robert Friedman, Debbie Miner, Ilana McAfoos, Rachel Palitto, and Ossi Nussbaum

**Course Title: Devotion.** Students will work in small groups and learn how to ensure that AJ maintains smooth and continuing operations during a pandemic. Course participants will be taught how to adjust to working remotely, meeting virtually, planning engaging programs for adults and teens, and responding to phone calls, emails, questions, and concerns. At the end of the course, students will experience the sincere appreciation and gratitude of the AJ community.

**Instructors:** Rav Shai Cherry and Hazzan Howard Glantz

**Course Title: Tradition and Flexibility.** Students will work in pairs. At the end of this course, students will have the ability to conduct beloved and familiar AJ prayer services (filled with *ruach*, beautiful and familiar melodies, and meaningful Torah study) and when necessary, transmit the services through Zoom into the homes of members. The wisdom of the instructors is matched by their patience, enthusiasm, and dedication to the AJ congregants and community.

**Instructor:** Howard Levin

**Course Title: Creative Strategies.** Students will study methods of congregational engagement and community building from a creative and forward-thinking instructor. Almost as importantly, students will gain an appreciation of the wit and wisdom of Bruce Springsteen.

**Instructors:** AJ Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, and AJ New Way Forward

**Course Title: Leadership.** This devoted group of educators will impart their knowledge and demonstrate how to support AJ. Students will learn to lead by example and will gain the ability to engage in lively discussion and spirited debate and to bring out the best in their fellow members.

**Instructors:** AJ Committee Members and Volunteers

**Course Title: Devotion.** No textbook is required. Instructors will demonstrate methods of cooperative collaboration. Students need only bring ideas, suggestions, and enthusiasm.

It has been a privilege and an honor to learn from all of these accomplished educators. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.



# In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

## It's Not All Junk Mail

I might have thrown it directly into the recycling bin but the canceled postage stamps with German writing looked authentic. German. . . vicariously, for my mother z"l, I felt my skin begin to crawl. If she came home from work and saw "Hogan's Heroes" on TV. . . well, to her it wasn't a comedy. One *achtung* or *jawoll* and she was right back on the public bus ride home from school, when she nurtured miraculous daydreams that could never come true.

I opened that legal envelope and the pages fell out. Most were copies of old, official-looking documents and there was a cover letter from one Jana Cakovan.

Dear Mr. Glantz,

*My name is Jana Cakovan and I am a student at the Goethe-Gymnasium-Bensheim in Germany. We are researching the history of the former Jewish students of our school. We want to know what happened to them during the Nazi Regime and WWII. In 2022 we will mark the 150th anniversary of our school and we wish to lay Stolpersteine for the students and their families in front of their last place of residence.*

I already knew a bit about Stolpersteine. German artist Gunter Demnig conceived of the idea in 1992 and to date, over 75,000 stolpersteine have been installed at residences in over 2,000 locations. Brass plaques are hand-inscribed with the names and life dates of victims of Nazi extermination or persecution. They are then installed into the cobblestone, bricks, or sidewalks of the last known residence. . . the last known residence the victims were free to choose.

I reluctantly read on. I assumed I knew all we would ever know about my grandmother and the fate of her parents Ferdinand and Rosa Löb.

*Your grandmother Ruth Löb Scherz was a student at our school. In memory of her and her entire family, we wish to lay Stolpersteine at the home in which she was raised together with her older brother Max Löb at Postgasse 7 in Bensheim.*

The letter stated they do not wish to pry into our family's history against our wishes but that part of her school project is to learn about the survivors and what ultimately happened to my great-grandparents, Ferdinand and Rosa Löb.

What did I already know?

I knew that by the fall of 1937, my mother and her parents safely arrived at Ellis Island. That was quite late already for German Jews, but my grandfather, Edward Scherz, was born in Austria. Just six months later, German troops took only three days to incorporate

all of Austria into the German Reich in what became known as the Anschluss (annexation). From that moment on, Austrian citizenship afforded no special privilege to fleeing Jews.

I also knew that my grandmother, Ruth, pleaded with my grandfather for over a year in their well-appointed Munich home. His answer was typical of the many who became victims. He was earning well, he insisted that things will improve or at least change. Had my grandmother taken no for an answer; had she not dared to talk back to her husband; had she, as a newlywed young mother, 'stayed in her lane,' the story would have ended there. But my Oma, Ruth Scherz, at just 22 years old, had seen enough and she threatened my Opa. He believed that she would take my then nearly two-year-old mother and leave him if he didn't act right away.

As a child, we frequently visited my Opa and Oma in their small Providence, Rhode Island apartment. Always an apartment, never a house. My grandfather never recovered a sense of financial success and security as he had, albeit temporarily, in his Munich textile business. Not owning real estate made for fewer complications should they ever again need to leave quickly.

In their apartment, I gazed at beautiful paintings. My toy cars rode along the intricate designs of their Persian rugs and my little fingers traced the curvy lines on the legs of their heavy furniture. They looked so regal, especially compared to the formica counters and shag wall-to-wall in my childhood home. With time, however, I learned the darkness in these furnishings. These were, in fact, constant reminders of what and whom they left behind in Munich, in Frankfurt am Main, and in Vienna. Most of these were purchased only because they were advised to obtain items they could sell quickly should it become necessary.

Many survivors grew up without grandparents.

My mother was taught to be thankful for what she had, but she saw the sadness in her mother's eyes especially. Ruth had no way of knowing if maybe, just maybe, her parents Ferdinand and Rosa Loeb survived. (Given the absence of the *umlaut* in English, we have spelled Löb as Loeb since arrival.) Could it be by some miracle, that they, like others, were scouring Jewish newspapers for any evidence of their children's whereabouts?

My mother told me about that daydream she nurtured. It wasn't the kind of story that got embellished as it was retold. Just to think I am about to retell it, my eyes begin to water. She was on that public bus home from school and imagined a very old lady approaching her. The frail woman spoke with the same thick German accent her own parents labored constantly to eliminate.



*RIGHT: These two paintings and a small Persian rug are my yerusha (inheritance) and constant zikaron laShoah (reminder of the Holocaust).*

The question came from the old German lady, "Little girl, I am looking for my daughter named Ruth Scherz. We were separated in the war. . . ." Then my mother would be the hero and miraculously bring home to her mother, her own mother, about whom she knew nothing after 1937.

Information was submitted regularly to the offices at Yad Vashem and the appropriate agencies both here and in Germany, but nothing definitive was forthcoming. That is, nothing until this German high schooler poured her energy into this Stolpersteine project for her school's forthcoming 150th anniversary.

We have been corresponding regularly by email since that first large envelope arrived. Jana's perseverance proved fruitful. Here are some excerpts from her lengthy and extremely detailed findings.

*I found a document that showed that Ferdinand Löb was arrested in Bensheim during the November 1938 pogrom and sent to the concentration camp Buchenwald.*

Then came more heartache as an explanation for one of the documents Jana found with my great-grandparents' names.

You may wonder about the names: You find Ferdinand I. Löb and Rosa S. Löb on the list — the same with the other names. This is because in the beginning of 1939 Jewish people were forced to take a second, "typical Jewish" name as another means of stigmatization and discrimination. Men had to take "Israel", women "Sara". "I." and "S." are abbreviations for Israel and Sara.

Jana's discoveries continue.

*In November 1941, the mass deportation from Germany "in den Osten" (to the East) started. The German army made fast progress at the eastern front in the Soviet Union and it was followed immediately by killing-units, the so-called "Einsatzgruppen", who started killing the Jewish population where they found them. Then Jews from the "Reich" were deported to ghettos to be murdered later on or they were shot directly after their arrival. That was the case for the deported Jews from Frankfurt, among them Ferdinand and Rosa Löb. 991 Jews had to board a train to Kowno/Kaunas in Lithuania (not Riga as presumed in the list) on November 22, 1941 which arrived in Kowno/Kaunas three days later. The same day, they were murdered at the infamous Fort IX outside Kowno/Kaunas together with other deported Jews from Berlin and Munich, altogether 2,934 people.*

The coronavirus pandemic complicates matters, thus no date has been set for the laying of the Stolpersteine at Postgasse 7 in Bensheim. I wrote this column on Yom HaShoah and in one week, I will mark my mother's 11<sup>th</sup> yahrzeit. Somehow I hope this information makes its way to her soul and those of my Oma and Opa. So it is my turn to daydream.

I dream that this information is making its way to them and I pray it gives comfort. Perhaps comfort enough from knowing that Jana Cakovan and her classmates are making such efforts. For me, there is both horror and comfort in possessing the tragic but definitive knowledge of what actually took place and how Ferdinand and Rosa Löb's lives were taken. 🕊



# What's Happening at AJ

All events will be held over Zoom, except where noted.

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**2 AJ'S 2021 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER (SPEC)**  
Don't miss our annual fundraiser with Seth Rudetsky performing his show, "Deconstructing Broadway." Seth shares stories, backstage secrets, and songs from his renowned Broadway career.

**5 AJ TOWN HALL**  
Express your views for Rav Shai's proposal to sunset the second day of holidays during this second of two town halls. 7:30 PM. See page 8 for details.

**7 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"**  
Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes. For all ages, from babies to bobbies. Zoom in with your friends for this relaxed, casual, and enjoyable service! Please plan to join us! 6:15 PM

**10 ROBIN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB**  
*House on Endless Waters* by Emuna Elon. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM via Zoom. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

**16 JEWISH LEARNING FEST (TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT)**  
The Kehillah of Old York Road is organizing this year's tikkun. You will have the ability to choose from a lineup of engaging and thought-provoking sessions. 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Stay tuned for additional opportunities with AJ for the wee hours of the morning of Shavuot.

**4 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"**  
See May 7 above.

**6 AJWA SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND BRUNCH**  
Join us (hopefully outside!) for the annual Torah Fund brunch when the AJWA Sisterhood will honor Judy Stutman Izes as their "Woman of Achievement." See page 9 for details.

**7 163RD ANNUAL MEETING**  
Join us for our 163rd Annual Meeting when we'll celebrate the past year and inaugurate a new president!

**13 MICHAEL OREN BOOK TALK**  
Michael Oren, a past Ambassador to the U.S. from Israel has written a new novel. See page 8 for details.

**27 E-WASTE RECYCLING DRIVE**  
Safely get rid of your old electronics! See page 1 for details.

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

# Remembering Harold (“Hank”) Strauss

*By Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom, AJ Distinguished Service Rabbi*

With the passing of Harold “Hank” Strauss, AJ lost a devoted congregant, member of the Board of Trustees, and generous benefactor. He died on February 24 in Florida where he has lived for almost thirty years.

For many in the Congregation, Hank is best known for the “Strauss Torah” which was dedicated in 1995, and the Strauss Chapel, which was dedicated in 2001. They will remain as continuing legacies of the Strauss family’s devotion to Congregation Adath Jeshurun for generations to come.

Hank’s devoted wife Eleanor, who passed away in 2006 following a long cancer-related illness, grew up at AJ. Her parents, Bert and Cecelia Miller, joined AJ in 1939. Eleanor was confirmed in 1945 and her class picture is in the Confirmation Walk pictures displayed in our Religious School building. Her love for AJ, its service and music, and its members overflowed to Hank to help enhance and preserve the synagogue’s mission in the community for the future.

The Strauss Torah is unique. The impressive silver case appears to be a Sephardic Torah. But that is deceptive. In a classic Sephardic Torah the scroll is sewn onto the rollers, which are part of the case (known as a *tiq*). When such a Torah is read, it is placed upright on the reading table. But the Torah within the Strauss Torah case is an Ashkenazic scroll which can be removed and placed flat on the reading table, as we are accustomed to reading the Torah. Designed by Michael Strauss Silversmiths in New York, the *tiq* is replete with symbolism. Among the representations are an image of the Ten Commandments with the “Crown of the Torah,” a skyline of the Old City of Jerusalem, and the seven fruits of the Land of Israel. The scroll was written in Israel expressly for AJ, for placement in this magnificent *tiq*. It is used primarily for the High Holy Day Torah readings.

The Strauss Chapel is primarily our daily chapel. It is used for smaller Shabbat and holiday services as well. It is a rededication of the space formerly known as the Daroff Chapel. The renovation of the room transformed the space into one filled with natural light that is uniquely inviting for worship. The reading table is on the floor level, and in the center of the worshipers in classical synagogue style, where the service leader stands among the congregation. There is a ramp which makes the low bima handicapped accessible. The chairs are movable and can be arranged for different program needs. The room incorporates elements from the synagogue’s Sanctuary at Broad and Diamond Streets in Philadelphia, which was used from 1910 to 1963.

Hank Strauss was born in Lewistown, PA, and was the youngest of the six children of Abraham and Lena Strauss. The Great Depression greatly reversed the family’s fortunes.

*BELOW: The Dedication of the Strauss Torah. Left to right, Stephen D. Rudman, past president of AJ who developed the concept of the Torah dedication with the Strausses; Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom; Rickey Goodman, then president of AJ; and Eleanor and Hank Strauss.*




But in Horatio Alger style, they regrouped. They relocated to Western Pennsylvania where they ran a chain of shoe stores. Hank came to the Philadelphia area and built a small metals business into a successful enterprise that allowed him to retire at age 52.

Hank and Eleanor loved their family, travelled the world, and were generous in their philanthropy. Throughout their 48 years together, they were devoted to each other. Hank cared for Eleanor selflessly as she battled cancer, and gave her every ounce of love, protecting her dignity to the last breath.

Hank is survived by their children, Debra and her husband Dr. David Stern, and Michael Strauss. In addition, Hank and Eleanor were blessed with four grandchildren: Cara, Barrie, Melissa, and Arianna. Three great-grandchildren, Evie, Micah, and Sydney, were the crowning glories of Hank’s life.

Hank Strauss was an American original, and a precious member of AJ. His philanthropy has made AJ and many other institutions stronger through his visionary generosity. Through his deeds of charity, and with children and grandchildren who remember him with love, his impact will continue to be felt.

AJ is better because of the Strauss family. May the legacy of both Hank and Eleanor Strauss continue to bless our congregation. May they be remembered for blessing and with gratitude. 

## Thank You to Our Very Generous Congregants!

Our Pesah Mitzvah Food Project was overwhelmingly successful! We collected both Passover and non-Passover items and were able to deliver three car-loads of groceries to the Mitzvah Food Pantry at Beth Shalom. Our community came together in such an awesome way. Even our preschool students contributed by celebrating their 100th day at school by collecting 100 cans. (They actually collected even more.) Our donations are greatly appreciated by all who need the assistance at this time.

I want to thank Calvin Thompson for constantly moving things around, making space, and helping to deliver the items. I also want to give a shout-out to Viki Pashman for helping to deliver the food.

I am so proud to be a part of such a caring community.

Fondly,  
Beryl Rosoff-Verbit





# The Jewish Teen Collaborative



*Ossi Nussbaum, Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative*

Meet this year's confirmands. AJ and their parents are so proud of them! We hope you'll join us on Zoom on Friday evening, May 14, for Confirmation!



**Tess Armon**, daughter of Wendy and Bruce Armon, is a tenth grader at Abington Senior High School. In her free time, she likes to go for a bike ride, read a good book, or hang out with friends. Her favorite book is *This is How It Always Is* and a movie she enjoys is *Molly's Game*. Her favorite Jewish Holiday is Purim because she likes making humantaschen with her bubbe. Her favorite Jewish educational activity is Apples to Apples, and her future plans include going to camp this summer.




**Rina Cherry**, daughter of Rebecca and Shai Cherry, is a 10th grader at Cheltenham High School, and is spending the spring semester with Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (TRY). She can often be found on her skateboard, but when stationary, likes to play the electric bass and ukulele. She draws and paints in a range of media. Rina's favorite movie is *Birds of Prey* and long-time favorite book is *The Mysterious Benedict Society*. Her favorite holiday is Sukkot, particularly as it combines the outdoors with spending time with friends and family. In the future, she would love to work on the technical side of the TV industry, or pursue other applications of mechanical engineering. She has been an enthusiastic participant in USY.



**Phillip Duarte**, son of Stephanie Greenberg and Lou Duarte, is in 10th grade at Lower Moreland High School. He is on the tennis team, chess team, runs cross country and track, and plays drums in the jazz band. Phillip loves to cook and listen to music. Phillip's favorite Jewish holiday is Hanukkah because of the food and lighting the candles. His favorite movie is *1917* and his favorite book is *The Alchemist*. Phillip wants to work in the field of computer science or math.



**Jordan Lieberman**, son of Valerie and Adam Lieberman, is in 10th grade at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy. He is on the tennis team and the robotics team. Jordan is also a 2020–2021 Diller Fellow, and he is currently a candidate for Eagle Scout. In his spare time, Jordan is an avid tennis player and enjoys biking and camping. 



**Zachary Feinberg**, son of Sherri and Frank Feinberg, is a 10th grader at Cheltenham High School. He enjoys both playing and watching sports, learning new things, and hanging out with family. His favorite Jewish holiday is Yom Kippur because it is a nice reminder to refresh and restart for the upcoming year. He enjoys the trips to the Abramson Center and learning more about Holocaust survivors and others with deep history.

# you are invited

## TO THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD

# Annual Meeting

## OF CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN

### FOR THE ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF Our Officers and Board of Directors

## Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Please join us on Monday, June 7 at 7:00 PM via Zoom to celebrate this past synagogue year and to inaugurate a new president! See the slate of officer and director nominees below.

### CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

#### Officers for the Year 2021–2022:

President:	Howard Levin
Vice Presidents:	Franklin Platt
	David Seltzer
	Dr. David Waldstein
	Tamra Zebovitz
Treasurer:	Steven Strauss
Secretary:	Harry Lessig
Immediate Past President:	Judy Stutman Izes

#### Board of Directors:

*Nominated for a term of three years:*

Tom Federman	David Levin
Robert Hartman	Denise Portner
Judy Herman	Sam Rosenberg

*Retiring from the Board:*  
Kim Center

# AJ Men's Association

*Ed Moses and Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents*

AJMA recognizes (as of the printing of this edition of the *AJ News*) the following individuals who have made generous donations to the Yellow Candle Program. All of the donations will be forwarded to KAVOD which provides emergency aid to Holocaust survivors in need. Over \$600 has been contributed so far. We will publish additional names of individuals who donate in subsequent issues of the newsletter. Sincere and heartfelt thanks from AJMA.

Bettyruth Aisenstein

Alan Brooks

Anonymous

Sonia Gendin

Ann Kalmanor

Marcus Kaplan

David Maharam

Michael Markowich

David Pashman

Sam Rosenberg

Beryl Rosoff-Verbit

Mark Schwartz

Carol Shackmaster

Sheldon Smith

Jay Sobel

Leslie Sokolow

Steven Strauss

George Szekely

Roland Turk

Joan Wohl

Stuart Wohl

Richard Zeitlin



Adath Jeshurun Men's Association

# Coming Up

## AJ Town Hall

On **Wednesday, May 5**, we will hold the second of two Town Halls so that congregants can air their views on Rav Shai's proposal to sunset the second day of Jewish holidays. It will follow evening minyan at 7:30 PM, with the same Zoom link. (See page 3.) No need to register.

## Rav Shai to Talk About *Coherent Judaism*

On **Monday, May 24**, American Jewish University will welcome Rav Shai (virtually) to discuss his book *Coherent Judaism*. The talk will begin at 2:00 PM and the cost is \$18. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/m47j5kwd> or scan the QR code at the right.



## Michael Oren to Discuss His New Novel

Michael Oren, a past Ambassador to the U.S. from Israel has just written a new novel. It will be released in May. On **Sunday, June 13**, he will discuss the book with AJ and Kehillah year Ramot via Zoom. It begins at 10:00 AM. Look in the weekly email for the Zoom information or scan the QR code at the right. 📱



# We want to say Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah this year!

**Simon Check** attends Sandy Run Middle School. He loves soccer, basketball, and spending time with friends. His bar mitzvah date was November 7, 2020 and his Torah portion was Vayera.

**Miriam Bluestine's** bat mitzvah date was November 21, 2020 and her Torah portion was Toldot.

**Gali Nussbaum** is a 7th grader at Cedarbrook Middle School where she studies only virtually this year, but is looking forward to going back in September. She loves social studies and science, and wants to go to medical school in the future and become a surgeon. She loves to sing and she plays the violin, the guitar, and the piano. For her bat mitzvah service on April 10, Gali read from Parashat Shemini.

**Erica Ilene Winegrad** attends Abington Junior High School. She likes to hug her dog, Cuddles and likes to play volleyball, soccer, and skiing. May 1, 2021 is her bat mitzvah date and her Torah portion is Emor.

**Judah Blitstein** attends Cedarbrook Middle School. He loves baseball, playing violin, Xbox, and going to Camp Havaya in the Poconos. His bar mitzvah date is May 8, 2021, and his Torah portion is Behar-BeHukotai.



◀ Simon Check



Erica Winegrad ▶



◀ Gali Nussbaum



Judah Blitstein ▶



# AJWA Sisterhood

Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg, Co-Presidents

Spring in the air makes AJWA Sisterhood members want to be outside, smell the flowers, and hear the birds. April gave us a time to do just that with birding presentations by local experts, Ruth Pfeffer, and Janet Starwood. They helped us identify the tweets and chirps of our feathered friends and how to create sustainable habitats that attract them to our homes and neighborhoods.

May brings our Robin Ordenker Book Club together for its final read of the season, *House on Endless Water* by Emuna Elon with a discussion on May 10 at 7:30 PM after evening minyan. Please email **Judy Szekely** at [Judy.m.szekely@gmail.com](mailto:Judy.m.szekely@gmail.com) for details.

We are overjoyed to recognize our own amazing congregational president, **Judy Stutman Izes**, as our Torah Fund Honoree on Sunday, June 6, 2021, for an English Tea Brunch at 10:30 AM. If the weather gods are with us, it will be a socially-distant, outdoors event on the grounds of AJ. Can't wait to celebrate and raise a toast to our Judy!

## Torah Fund Brunch Honoree: Judy Stutman Izes

By Merrill Stup



Please join us on **Sunday, June 6, at 10:30 AM**, for the Torah Fund Brunch honoring **Judy Stutman Izes**.

Judy Stutman Izes is truly our "Woman of Achievement." She has shown incredible dedication

to AJ for many years. As President, we have seen her leadership, her determination, and her grit throughout these trying times. We know her accomplishments, we see the fruits of her labor day after day. Here is a brief bio to give you a little more insight into Judy.

Until she was eight years old, Judy lived in Mt. Airy. She and her family were members of West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center. She loved to walk to shul with her mother, father, and three brothers. Both of her parents were active in synagogue life. Her father was a vice-president, and her mother was involved in the sisterhood and PTA. Judy has wonderful memories of her house being filled with boxes of Reisman Pretzel rings for a PTA fundraiser and her father creating cartoons and articles for the newsletter.

Her family moved to Dresher in 1971 and joined Temple Sinai. Judy became a Bat Mitzvah in 1976 and was confirmed

AJWA Sisterhood contributed of \$250 to the Montgomery County Foundation — Women in Leadership program in honor of County Commissioner Dr. Val Arkoosh's presentation on March 17.

It has been an exciting year for AJWA Sisterhood: together we have cooked, learned the history of First Ladies/Chocolate/Jews and Spices; and heard tales of family heirlooms, learned about the birds in our neighborhood, read amazing stories, and honored our synagogue president!

Whew, time to take a rest from programs and work on raising \$6,000 to make our Torah Fund Pledge goal of \$16,000.

If you haven't contributed to Torah Fund, it's not too late! Here's the link: <https://www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund>. Be sure to note that your donation is through AJ. Thanks all, be sure to have a safe and healthy summer, get your vaccines, and continue to wear your mask! 🙏

in 1978. She enjoyed reading Torah and has quite a collection of parashot on cassette tapes. Judy attended Cyrus Adler Regional Hebrew High School (then housed at Beth Shalom) and Gratz College (at 10th at Tabor) through twelfth grade.

In 1985, Judy graduated from The George Washington University with a BA in Economics. She graduated from Temple University School of Law in 1988. Since 1989, she has been a member of the firm of Gazan & John, P.C. in Norristown, PA.

Judy and her husband Paul and daughters Jessica and Rebecca became members of Adath Jeshurun in 2005. They had attended services and simchas of their wonderful friends and knew they would find their spiritual home at AJ.

In 2007, Jessica and Judy began to learn trope through the Bernstein Torah Reading Academy. Judy was originally asked to join the AJ board of directors by our beloved Deb Strauss z"l and was asked to co-chair a committee by our much loved Steve Sussman z"l. Both Deb and Steve provided guidance for Judy and are greatly missed. Judy came to the Executive Committee at the end of the Mitch Russell presidency. She had the honor of serving as secretary when Anne Fassler was president, and as a vice-president when Bruce Armon was president. Judy became executive

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## AJWA Sisterhood Torah Fund Tribute

Sunday, June 6, 2021 • 10:30 AM

To attend the Torah Fund Brunch, you must make or have made a contribution to TORAH FUND in the amount of \$18 (chai) or more. **Checks must be made out to Torah Fund for all contributions in Judy's honor.**

The covert for the Brunch is \$25. **Covert checks must be made out to AJWA Sisterhood.**

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

- Yes, I/we will attend.
- I/We cannot attend, but have enclosed a contribution to Torah Fund in honor of Judy Stutman Izes.

My/Our contribution to Torah Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- is enclosed (payable to *Torah Fund*)
- was previously forwarded

Covert: \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
is enclosed (payable to *AJWA Sisterhood*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I need transportation. Please call me.

**R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 24. Space is very limited; please reply in a timely manner.**

For more information, Merrill Stup at 215.782.3735 or [tantemem@aol.com](mailto:tantemem@aol.com).

### Torah Fund Contribution Opportunities

- Keter Kavod: \$5,000
- Scholarship Patron: \$2,500
- Patron: \$1,200
- Associate Patron: \$600
- Guardian: \$300
- Benefactor: \$180
- Berakhot: \$50
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions are tax deductible. Contributors of \$180 or higher will receive our "B'Yachad—Together" pin. If your company has a matching gifts program, please consider enhancing your gift by submitting the appropriate forms.



## AJ Preschool and Infant Center

Anita Block, Early Childhood Director

The challenges of working in a COVID-safe environment have not deterred us from celebrating every Shabbat and every holiday and, in doing so, we have found more creative ways to find joy and meaning in the experience. Purim is usually a time when we have a school-wide parade of children in costumes, gather the school together for a fun carnival, bake hamantaschen, and prepare baskets of *mishloach manot* to share with other community members. This year, the children and staff dressed in costume, baked and ate hamantaschen, prepared a basket of *mishloach manot* for their own family and enjoyed carnival games one class at a time. Each class was able to celebrate as a small class community and many of our families attended the drive-through Purim Carnival sponsored by the Old York Road Kehillah.

We also took time to celebrate Read Across America and the birthday of Dr. Seuss with stories read by the Cat in the Hat (a.k.a. Kim Grossman) as she traveled from class to class. The children loved the chance to get up close and personal with the Cat.

In keeping with the values of *mitzvot*, we once again commemorated the 100th Day of School by collecting 100 cans of food for donation to the Mitzvah Food Pantry. The children in the pre-k and kindergarten classes counted the cans and we added our collection to the AJ food collection project. Thanks to **Beryl Rosoff-Verbit**, **Viki Pashman**, and **Calvin Thompson** for delivering all the food. (See page 6 for a picture!)

For Passover, we can surely ask, “Why is this year different than all other years?” And we answer, “In all other years, we gather for seder as a school community, but this year we celebrate as a classroom community.” My deepest appreciation and admiration for the outstanding and creative ways that each of the classroom teachers planned and celebrated Passover. Sometimes when we are forced to take a detour, we find beauty in places we never would have imagined or experienced. The children retold the *maggid* (the story of our exodus from slavery to freedom) through artistic creations, dramatic interpretation, and scientific investigation. Yes, that is correct. Making dough and watching it rise to bake challah, and then mixing dough and baking it within 18 minutes to make matza — that’s scientific!

Returning from Passover/Spring Break brings our focus to flowers and planting, to preparing our vegetable and herb garden, and then onto celebrating Yom Ha’Aztmaut and Shavuot. Our children and staff embrace all the holidays and welcome the opportunities to share our history and traditions in ways that provide personal meaning for our children and their families.

Then, in the blink of an eye, it will be summer. The summer program, Camp Kitov, begins on Monday, June 14 under the direction of Onit Zisserman. Camp provides exciting and engaging activities for the children including sports, music, art, water play, and outdoor games. Registration for camp is open and can be found at [www.ajpreschool.net](http://www.ajpreschool.net).



There’s a whole lotta cookin’ goin’ on!



Dressing up for Purim and Dr. Seuss’s birthday



# 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:

**MAY 2, 2021 to MAY 8, 2021**

**20 Iyar 5781 to 26 Iyar 5781**

*To be read on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8*



Maurice Asher  
Minnie H. Berkowitz  
Leonard Samuel Bernstein  
Moses L. Bloch  
Harvey Britchkow  
Carrie Burger  
Bessie Caplan  
Golda Caplan  
Ida Chipin  
Max Chipin  
Harry Davis  
Irving M. Dogole  
Mark Paul Dwell  
Cherna Eskin  
Henry Reeves Fisher  
Millie Gelber  
Dr. Robert Ginns  
Bune Gottlieb  
Dr. Stanley Green  
Anna B. Greenberg  
Cecelia Gross  
Louis Guller  
Flora Metzger Heimerling  
Benjamin F. Hertz  
Celia Holstein  
Goldie Kartoz  
Fred Katz  
Pauline G. Klein  
Paulina Klinger  
Isadore Krelöff  
Anna Kwass  
Samuel Lande  
Sophie Lederer  
Jacob Leonard  
Rose Lepoff

Harvey B. Levin  
Dorothy A. Lipschutz  
Marvin Livingston  
Sarah Mazer  
Julia Meyerhoff  
**Sarah Engle Moskowitz**  
**Sarah Moskowitz**  
Minnie Newmann  
Morris Novik  
Celia Cooper Parkins  
Louis Pincus  
Elizabeth T. Piwosky  
Karoline Gelber Rapp  
Hannah Reich  
Helen Menin Riegner  
David M. Robinson  
Ida Rosen  
Rose Schiff  
Jules Leonard Seidman  
Arlene Smolar  
Samuel Snyder  
Abram Louis Spector  
Lena Starr  
Harry I. Stern  
Lena Stup  
Louis Sugarbread  
Reva Tobotsnick  
Arthur Wallach  
Leon Weisberg  
Nathan Weisfeld  
Norman Weiss  
Dorothy Wohl  
Solomon Wolf  
Lena W. Wolowitz

**MAY 9, 2021 to MAY 15, 2021**

**27 Iyar 5781 to 4 Sivan 5781**

*To be read on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15*



Philip Abrams  
Miriam Address  
Mabel J. Alkus  
Samuel Bee  
Beatrice Resnick Benditt  
Samuel Bernheim  
Ben Zion Bernstein  
Bernard Bernstein  
Harry Borden  
Regie Tandlich Buchsbaum  
Bella Chacker  
Samuel F. Charen  
Israel Chernick  
Mollie Chffas  
Adele Fisher Cohen  
Nathan Alexander Cohen  
Isabella Nathans Coleman  
Fannie Coverman  
Samuel Hyman DeWolf  
Arlene Federman

Zelda V. Freeman  
Anna Friedman  
Sadie Z. Friedman  
Sada U. Fuhrman  
Harriet Lavine Garson  
Elizabeth Goldhammer  
Herman Goldstein  
Shiva Green  
Martin Hirsh  
Alexander Holstein  
Wilfred A. Jacobi  
Harry Rome Jaspan  
Sarah Koppelman  
Lilly Kramer  
Jennie Kurtzberg  
Irv Lackman  
R. Samuel Lam  
Joseph B. Leeb  
Dr. Leo E. Leonard  
Morris Levin

Rabbi Abraham J. Levy  
Roy H. Levy  
Mildred Lichtenstein  
Rebecca Lisan  
Hans Loeb  
Lilla Markovitz  
Goldie Mechanic  
Capt. Irvin Milton Melgin  
Cecelia G. Moss  
Rhoda Nadel  
Dr. A. E. Oliensis  
Eugene Paller  
Barry Plasky  
William P. Plato  
Louis Pleat  
Dr. Milton J. Poulshock  
Augusta Pressman  
Mollie Rechtman  
Jacob Ross  
Gabriel Rothbard  
David Rubin

Harry A. Rubin  
Mark Saltzman  
Hyman Schinfeld  
Elias Schlein  
Myron Schneeberg  
Oscar Schwartz  
Sylvia Vivian Shaffran  
Sarah Sherman  
Henry Sitron  
Harriet Slotkin  
Julius Stern  
Meyer Stern  
Clara Sternberg  
Minnie Goldenberg Straus  
Martin Tarken  
Albert H. Taylor  
B. Jayne Whiteman  
David Wise  
Moses Wise  
Milton Young

**MAY 16, 2021 to MAY 22, 2021**

**5 Sivan 5781 to 11 Sivan 5781**

*To be read on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22*



Misu Aizic  
William Alkus  
Hattie Bachenheimer  
Morton Ephraim Baker  
John Balis  
Edith Bass  
Minnie Beilan  
Claire Berger  
Lester M. Block  
Clara Braverman  
Anna B. Bregman  
Seligman Burger  
Benjamin Chalfin  
Charles Sigismund Cohen  
Stephen Davidoff  
Judith Kornstein Dinerman  
Dr. William Steven Dinerman  
Mollie Dubin  
Pearl F. Eisen  
Abraham Fleishman  
Anna Frank  
Lottie Freeman  
Louis Getzick  
Hyman H. Ginsburg  
Jerome (Jerry) Goldberg  
Israel Gross  
Wolf Heimerling  
Leokadia Hejnar  
Rose Jacobi  
Anna Freeman Jacoby  
Warren J. Kalmanor  
Julius Keller  
Jessie Klapholz  
Samuel Klein  
Betty Prusack Kleit  
Leon Koppelman  
Regina Koppelman  
Albert M. Lam  
Nathan Lipshutz

Joseph W. Loeb  
Rachel Markel  
Morris Mayer  
Joseph Melgin  
Joseph A. Metzger  
Bernard P. Metzman  
Jacob Mintzer  
Edward Naide  
Leopold Neiman  
George Nevler  
Joseph Orgiefsky  
Bertha Ostroff  
Marvin Aaron Pasternack  
Fannie Rayman  
Sophie Remstein  
Benjamin Ritter  
Frank Robinson  
Rae C. Rosen  
Rose Rotko  
Ellis Rudman  
Sidney Salkovitz  
Etta Ellis Saltzburg  
Norman I. Saltzman  
David Schneeberg  
Ida L. Schneeberg  
Herman I. Shaffran  
Stanley Simons  
Morton David Smerling  
Hannah Strouse  
Mildred Sussman  
Violet Teitelbaum  
Vitelgia Gornis Topkis  
Freda Trenns  
Morris Tracy  
Ethel Udell  
Jennie Waxman  
Muriel Weiss  
Frank L. Young

## Torah Fund Honoree *Continued from page 9*

vice-president during the presidency of David Reibstein and then president in June 2019.

In 2009, through AJWA Sisterhood, Judy and her family became involved with the Ronald McDonald Guest Chef Program. Several times each year, members of the AJWA gather together at the Ronald McDonald House at Front and Erie, to prepare dinner for families staying in the House. The program is lovingly sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood and owes its longevity to the group of dedicated and creative AJWA Sisterhood members (and family) who work so beautifully together in the kitchen.

In 2015, Judy was searching for a special gift for her mother's 80th birthday. Violet Zeitlin had the perfect suggestion — a Torah Fund pin. The pin that year depicted a Tree of Life with the Hebrew word *mishpachah* formed by the roots. It was the perfect gift and a wonderful way to support an important organization. Judy has been a staunch supporter of JTS for many years.

Judy is incredibly grateful for her wonderful husband Paul and her tremendous daughters, Jessica and Rebecca. She is thankful for the support and encouragement of her father, Asher, and her brothers and sister-in-law, David, Richard, Jody, and her amazing editor, Michael, as well as her nieces Alexa and Amanda. She is also blessed with her mother-in-law Selma and brothers-in-law and sister-in-law Scott, Jeffrey and Lauren, and her nephew Devin. She greatly misses her father-in-law Bernie z"l.

Judy remains guided by the examples set by her dear and beloved mother, Maxine z"l.

We should be proud that *B'Yachad*... Together we contribute to the way the graduates of our seminaries live their lives and we help ensure that future generations will have educated Jewish professionals and lay leaders. *B'Yachad*... Together we contribute each day to a strong Jewish future, beginning in our homes, in our Sisterhoods and synagogues, our communities, and around the world. *B'Yachad*... Together we women change the world with our strength, our resilience, our commitment, our ambition, and our love. *B'Yachad*... Together we will continue to work to ensure future generations of educated Jewish professionals who will guide and teach us, console and uplift our people. If you haven't already, please make a contribution today — in honor of our esteemed president Judy Stutman Izes. *B'Yachad*... Together we will go from strength to strength.

Merril Stup

Torah Fund Chair

215.782.3735, 215.694.4423

Volit Zeitlin

Special Gifts Chair

215.635.1587, 215.512.8429

**MAY 23, 2021 to MAY 29, 2021**

**12 Sivan 5781 to 18 Sivan 5781**

*To be read on Friday, May 28 and Saturday, May 29*



Ruth L. Aaron  
Eugene S. Anathan  
Bernard Applebaum  
Mindel Belber  
Joseph Brint  
Betty Marjorie Brodsky  
Ruth Caplan  
Norman Dresnin  
Dr. Isadore Louis Dubin  
Jacob Fein  
Irene Dora Goldblum  
Chaim Goldmann  
William Jay Goldner  
Rose T. Goldner  
Maurice W. Gordon  
Cheryl Grabel  
Anna Gross  
Harry Gross  
Perch P. Hankin  
Henry M. Karloff  
Florence F. Kendall  
Mollie Kins  
Katie Gittel Kleinman  
Jack Jakub Klingner  
Myer Kreloff  
Samuel Landesman  
Milton S. Leidner  
Jacob Harry Levick  
Fanny Levy  
Hannah P. Levy  
Joseph Manusov  
Nathan Marks

Sidney Marmer  
Minnie Maslin  
Miriam G. Menaker  
Edwin D. Messing  
Harry Panitch  
Barbara Pfeffer  
Adolph Reichman  
Sadie Rosenblatt  
Rose Sachs  
Selma Ruth Salkin  
Nettie Schnapp  
Anna Schulman  
Joshua G. Schwartz  
Martin Schwartz  
Rami Shevelov  
Joseph Sigman  
Florence Singer  
Dr. Harry S. Snyderman  
Blanche M. Solis  
Harry Solomon  
Zipa Spector  
Benjamin Pesach Stein  
Morris Stein  
Faith Sunshine  
Isadore K. Switt  
Samuel Trilling  
Moses Venetzky  
Jennie Waldman  
B. Jennie Weinberg  
Anna Weiss  
Dr. Michael G. Wohl  
Harry Yohlin

**MAY 30, 2021 to JUNE 5, 2021**

**19 Sivan 5781 to 25 Sivan 5781**

*To be read on Friday, June 4 and Saturday, June 5*



Gittel Baron  
Birdie P. Bauman  
Flora Bloch  
Joseph Levi Bloch  
Louis Bloch  
Samuel Bluestone  
Yetta Borden  
Sarah Brenner  
Samuel Briffel  
Sylvia Bayuk Caplan  
Max Chmar  
Claire Eskin Daroff  
Frank Egendorf  
Evelyn Feldman  
Fannie S. Feldman  
Mollie Felix  
Benjamin Freeman  
Annie Garfield  
Selig Grossman  
Moses P. Hamberg  
Toiba Heifetz  
Joseph Hoffman  
Charles Isenberg

Louis Kaufman  
Lois Koff  
William Krieger  
Margaret Leidner  
Eva S. Levine  
Herman D. Levinson  
Harry J. Levy  
Albert Lichtenstein  
Ira Liedman  
Joseph Meyers  
Benjamin F. Miller  
Lillian Mintzer  
Goldshen Mossheim  
Harry Naide  
William Nones  
Samuel D. Oberfield  
Rose D. Ostrum  
Gertrude Pasternak  
Herbert Picus  
Augusta B. Price  
Samuel Rade  
Dr. Abraham Morton Rechtman  
Charles Rosenberg

Alexander Petey Rosenberg  
Bernice Yetta Slatler  
Benjamin Schepp  
Meyer Schiff  
Lena Schnall  
Saul Shubert  
Edward Sickles  
Rose Bacharach Sickles  
Charles Silverman  
Rebecca Solo  
James P. Spirt

**JUNE 6, 2021 to JUNE 12, 2021**

**26 Sivan 5781 to 2 Tammuz 5781**

*To be read on Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12*



Joseph Aarons  
William Abramson  
Harry A. Altman  
Fanny Bandler  
Gustav Beerwald  
Molly Bender  
Dr. Israel Binder  
Sophia Deborah Bittan  
Vicki L. Blackman  
Sylvia Blankfield  
Allan H. Blitz  
Fannie Blum  
Isadore Charles Blumenthal  
Rose L. Bogis  
Herman Brandschain  
David Buchsbaum  
Blema Cohen  
Oscar Corn, MD  
Dr. Jeffrey Ian Damsker  
Esther Loewenstein DeWolf  
Sylvia M. Director  
Sarah Dresnin  
Alan Eichler  
Benjamin Einhorn  
Edith Florence Einhorn  
Mira Eliav  
Wallace Jay Epstein  
Myer Feinstein  
Robert Feld  
Herman Feldman  
Ida Fine  
Joseph Fleisher  
Sallie Aarons Gillum  
Marguerite Lisan Glauser  
Ilse Claris Glenn  
Jacob M. Goldman  
Albert L. Goldstein  
Seymour Goldstein  
Rita Gross  
Sara Hawtof  
Moses Hirschberg  
Rabbi Charles Isaiah Hoffman  
Emilie Kahn

Isadore F. Staller  
Nettie Sturm  
Chaye Golde Sugarbread  
Leonard R. Sussman  
Sidney L. Sussman  
Nettie Van Collen  
Cecelia H. Washer  
Bess Wecht  
Sadie Weiss  
Morris Wildstein  
Jennie Zerden

Evelyn Kalos  
Jacob Karabell  
Anne D. Klasky  
Rose Klinman  
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**JUNE 13, 2021 to JUNE 19, 2021**

**3 Tammuz 5781 to 9 Tammuz 5781**

*To be read on Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19*



Samuel Allanoff  
Abe Altman  
Jacob Arronson  
Julius Back  
Joseph Baskin  
Esther Blum  
Harry Brody  
Mollie Brooks  
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David Salus  
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Abraham M. Shaffran  
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Daniel Gilbert Sobel  
Miriam Stecki  
Jennie Steinberg  
Claire Kun Stern  
Evelyn Alter Stern  
Gordon Taplinger  
Jacob Teitelbaum  
Adolph Tobotsnick  
Betty Weiner  
Bella Zemble

**JUNE 20, 2021 to JUNE 26, 2021**

**10 Tammuz 5781 to 16 Tammuz 5781**

*To be read on Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26*



Irvin Amarnick  
Marvin L. Arkans  
Laura Axe  
Mary Baylson  
Harold M. Bayuk  
Dora Beerwald  
Beatrice K. Berger  
Reuben Leib Berkowitz  
Frances K. Bernstein  
Iris J. Bilker  
David Caplan  
Reba Ceasar  
Tillie Chernick

Harry E. Cohen  
Morris B. Cooperman  
Harriet Schneeberg Ellis  
Dorothy S. Fleisher  
Rae Altman Fogel  
Milton Ford  
Bella Fox  
Seymour Fox  
Shelomo Zalman Friedman  
Harry W. Fuller  
Dr. Marvin Aaron Gershenfeld  
Isaac Goff  
Nathan J. Gottlieb

Selma R. Gross  
Toby Snyder Grosswald  
Esther Cohen Gutman  
Rose Pasternack Hirsh  
Theodore S. Jacobson  
Vove Katzman  
Sylvia Kellem  
Maurice Kins  
Harry Z. Kroser  
Effye W. Kun  
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Joseph Schwartz  
Hilda Shaffran  
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**JUNE 27, 2021 to JULY 3, 2021**

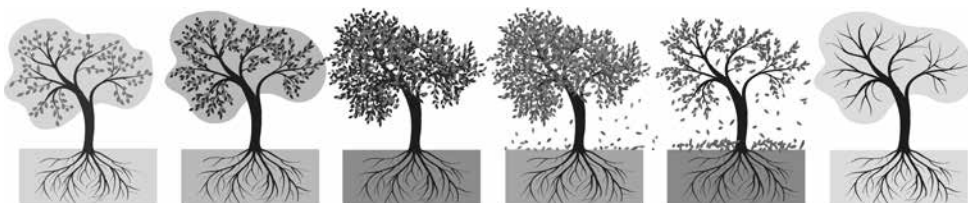
**17 Tammuz 5781 to 23 Tammuz 5781**

**To be read on Friday, July 2 and Saturday, July 3**



Julia Arronson  
Harriet R. Banks  
Eve Bender  
Julia B. Bernstein  
Florence Bliss  
Annie Blume  
Rabbi Bernard Cantor  
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Albert Katz

Mindel C. Kleinbard  
Melvin H. Koff  
Sophie Kretchman  
Julia Lerner  
Louis Levin  
Mae K. Levit  
Geula Maman  
Bryan Shane Marks  
Adelaide Mitchell  
Sigmund Platowsky  
William Reibstein  
Marion Richman  
Samuel Rothberg  
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Milton D. Scheinberg  
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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. Please include your phone number.

### Births

**Theo David Guthmann Steinfield**, son of **Jonathan Steinfield and Laurie Guthmann**, grandson of **Dr. Paul and Sandy Steinfield** *January 26, 2021*

### Simchas

**Carol and Joe Friedman** announce the engagements of their sons: **Jake Friedman to Anya Revah**, and **Aaron Friedman to Rebecca Sharzer**.

**Emily Goldberg**, daughter of **Michael and Sandra Goldberg**, became engaged to **Chad Czapor**, son of **John and Stephani Czapor**.

### Deaths

**Harold (Hank) Strauss**, father of **Debra Strauss Stern and Michael Strauss** *February 24, 2021*

**Roberta Sokol**, wife of the late **Howard Sokol z"l**, mother of **Michael Sokol** *February 27, 2021*

**Albert Gordon**, uncle of **Suzan Fine**, and great-uncle of **Pamela Fine Maman** *March 16, 2021*

**Lynda Gross**, wife of **Lawrence Gross** *April 12, 2021*

### May Milestone Anniversaries

**55 YEARS**  
• **Alan and Shirley Molod** *June 22, 1966*

**25 YEARS**  
• **Michael and Leslie Goldberg** *May 4, 1966*

### June Milestone Anniversaries

**65 YEARS**  
• **Mervin and Harriet Hartman** *June 10, 1956*

**55 YEARS**  
• **Leonard and Bonnie Winegrad** *June 25, 1966*

**Mervin and Harriet Hartman will celebrate the following milestones in June! Mazel Tov!**

**June 1, 2021:** *70 years of practicing as a lawyer*

**June 10 2021:** *Harriet and Mervin's 65th wedding anniversary*

**June 14, 2021:** *Mervin's 95th birthday*

### 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.

### Kol HaKavod to our February and March Torah and Haftarah Readers

*Roy Berliner  
Rabbi Sandi Berliner  
Marissa Bluestine  
Michelle Britchkow  
Dr. Rebecca Cherry  
Dr. Alan Freedman  
Howard Gershman  
Hazzan Howard Glantz  
Mindy Goldstein  
Dr. Elon Kaplan  
Norman Kovan*

*Dr. Michael Markowich  
Larry McAfoos  
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Morey Smerling  
Dr. Edward Strauss  
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It was beautiful to see our congregants, staff and community members receiving their Coronavirus vaccines  
*Carra Minkoff*

### Mindy Goldstein

*Yasher Koach* for your amazing coordination and dedication on Women's Shabbat  
*The Rosenberg Family*

### Dr. Harry Lessig

Mazel Tov on being "Man of the Year"  
*Chellie and Lisa Davidoff*  
*Barbara and Steven Shatz*  
*Rene and Sheldon Smith*  
*Steve Strauss*  
*Andi and Richard Zeises*

### Allan Marmon and the Rest of the Minyanaires

*Michael Krassenstein*

### Cindy Rosenbloom, Stefanie Fox, and Fredi Cooper

Thank you for securing Steve a coronavirus shot  
*JoAnn and Steve Caplan*

### Paul and Sandy Steinfield

Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson  
*Al and Sandy Nadel*

### Sima Sussman

Wishing you happiness in your new home  
*Suzan Fine and Family*

### Sima Sussman

In honor of your move to Ann's Choice  
*Ann Kalmanor*

### Turk-Karan Family

For kindnesses shown by this wonderful family  
*Denise Finer*

### Joan Wohl

Mazel Tov on the birth of your great-grandson, Bennett  
*Harriet Sigel*

### Richard and Violet Zeitlin

Mazel Tov on the birth of your great-granddaughter, Emilia  
*Harriet Sigel*  
*Marvin and Lillian Weilerstein*

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To your complete and quick recovery  
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*Gertrude Lippman*

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*Merril Stup and Leslie Sokolow*

#### Rob Robbins

*Nancy Zucker*

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#### Hazzan Howard Glantz

In honor of the most enjoyable Purim Shpiel  
*Irene and Steve Blumenfeld*

#### Hazzan Howard Glantz

In recognition of your amazing Purim Shpiel  
*Suzan Fine and Family*

### Hazzan Howard Glantz

Thank you for my husband's Hebrew name  
*Sylvia Golden*

### Hazzan Howard Glantz

Thank you for saying the healing prayer for Dr. David Tecosky  
*Mrs. Gertrude Lippman*

### Hazzan Howard Glantz

Thanking you for the fantastic Purim Shpiel  
*Viki and David Pashman*

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In celebration of an outstanding Purim Shpiel  
*Denise and Jeffrey Portner*

### Hazzan Howard Glantz

For courtesies extended  
*Saul and Shelley Reibstein*

### Hazzan Howard Glantz

Thank you for the help with our mother's funeral and at the end of her life  
*Michael, Barry, and Nancy Sokol*

### Carolyn and Frank Platt

In honour of your 55th wedding anniversary  
*Ann Kalmanor*

### Sima Sussman

May you go from strength to strength  
*Merril Stup and Leslie Sokolow*

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#### Rav Shai Cherry

In honor of your book launch  
*Irene and Steve Blumenfeld*

#### Rav Shai Cherry

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