

Jewish Law and the Supremes

by Rav Shai Cherry




Gentiles sometimes ask me what Judaism's position is on abortion. I begin by explaining that the labels of pro-choice and pro-life don't suit Judaism. Our categories are different, our legal definition of life is different, and the person who makes the choice is different. Different than what? Different than Christianity and different than the rugged individualism of American society.

What's so interesting to me about this decision is that we have an example where the interpretive crux is not between a literal and figurative reading; it's between original intent and the text itself. The text of the law uses the word "sex." Justice Gorsuch, who is identified as a textualist, argued that discriminating against a man because he prefers men, when you would not discriminate against a woman for preferring men, is an example of discrimination based on sex.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court decided a case protecting the employment rights of gay and transgender workers based on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The decision took many by surprise because two "conservative" justices voted to interpret the language of Title VII, prohibiting discrimination based on sex, to apply broadly to sexual orientation and gender identity. In writing for the majority, Justice Gorsuch acknowledged that the legislators of the Civil Rights Act may not have intended the law to protect these classes of workers, but that the law, as written, can surely be read broadly to do just that.

The Torah says that when parents have a stubborn and rebellious son, they should take hold of him and bring him to the elders of the town. But the Talmud asks: what if one parent is missing a hand and can't, therefore, take hold of the young miscreant? That's textualism, and the Rabbis mock it.

Jewish law, *halakhah*, is *midrashic*. The Rabbis weren't *peshat* Jews, and neither are we. The Supremes' categories are not our categories. American philosophies of law do not translate into Jewish. We can applaud the decision without agreeing with the method. It took *halakhic* Judaism, Conservative Judaism, decades to work out its stance toward gay Jews. It involved recognizing that sexual orientation is largely innate (and all the more so gender identity), and no one should be punished with a life of alone-ness for who they love. A just God would never tolerate such an outcome.

Our categories may differ, but thank God, and the U.S. Supreme Court, that abortions are legal and love is unlimited. 

Let's translate this into Jewish. The *peshat* of Title VII is that an employer can't discriminate against women. Not a single Supreme argued otherwise. Justice Alito argued that because we know what the original intent was, we are not at liberty to extrapolate from that intention to protect other classes of workers. In other words, we're stuck with the *peshat*, the meaning that the author intended his audience to understand. The name of this legal philosophy in English is originalism.

COVID-19 UPDATE

At the time of printing, we expect that the AJ building will be closed through the month of July.

Throughout the summer, we hope to plan events that are held outdoors (with social distance) at AJ, to give us a chance to see each other after such a long break! These events, are, of course, subject to state and local guidelines regarding COVID-19.

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

Services will continue to be conducted via Zoom until further notice. Please note that we are maintaining Shabbat standard start time, rather than moving to summer hours this year.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

SHABBAT HUKKAT | BALAK

July 3, 4, 2020 12 Tammuz 5780

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

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom8:15 PM

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FAST OF TAMMUZ

July 8, 9, 2020 17 Tammuz 5780

THURSDAY MORNING

• Morning Service via Zoom7:20 AM

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SHABBAT PINCHAS

July 10, 11, 2020 19 Tammuz 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....8:12 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom8:15 PM

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SHABBAT MATOT | MASEI

July 17, 18, 2020 26 Tammuz 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....8:08 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom8:10 PM

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ROSH HODESH AV

July 21, 22, 2020 1 Av 5780

WEDNESDAY MORNING

• Morning Service via Zoom7:00 AM

SHABBAT DEVARIM | HAZON

July 24, 25, 2020 4 Av 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....8:03 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom8:05 PM

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EREV TISHA B'AV

July 28, 29, 2020 8 Av 5780

WEDNESDAY EVENING

• Evening Service *LIVE* at AJ7:00 PM

We're planning a special Tisha B'Av service and event outdoors at AJ. We may also Zoom the event. Stay tuned for details.

THURSDAY MORNING

• Morning Service via Zoom7:00 AM

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SHABBAT VA'ETHANON | NAHAMU

July 31, August 1, 2020 11 Av 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:48 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom8:00 PM

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TU B'AV

August 4, 5, 2020 15 Av 5780

THURSDAY MORNING

• Morning Service via Zoom7:00 AM

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SHABBAT EKEV

August 7, 8, 2020 18 Av 5780

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

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom7:50 PM

SHABBAT RE'EH

August 14, 15, 2020 25 Av 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:39 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

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

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ROSH HODESH ELUL

August 19, 20, 21, 2020 30 Av, 1 Elul 5780

THURSDAY MORNING

• Morning Service7:00 AM

FRIDAY MORNING

• Morning Service7:00 AM

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SHABBAT SHOFTIM

August 21, 22, 2020 2 Elul 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:29 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

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

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SHABBAT KI TETZE

August 28, 29, 2020 2 Elul 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:18 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom7:20 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
 Until further notice, services Sunday through Thursday evening, will be conducted via Zoom and will begin at 7:00 PM.

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. Everyone is welcome! Participation in the service is welcomed, but not required.

AJ'S SERVICES VIA ZOOM

For as long as COVID-19 keeps the AJ building closed, congregants can attend services via Zoom. We have three links for AJ's services:

For Friday evening and Saturday morning services:

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

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592

Meeting ID#: 970 5403 7610 (Password required)

For Saturday evening services:

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

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592

Meeting ID#: 933 131 679 (Password required)

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

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

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592

Meeting ID#: 109 428 724

UPDATED!

Please note: To avoid the possibility that any of our services will be interrupted by hackers or other interlopers ("Zoombombing"), we instituted a Zoom virtual waiting room and authorized the host to welcome each guest into the meeting. **Starting at the end of June, you will need a password for Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday evening services.** We will email the password to congregants; alternatively, you can call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611 to obtain it. Attendees to our services who are not members should call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611.

Please don't share the password with others.

For now, the remainder of our services (Sunday through Friday morning minyan and Sunday through Thursday evening minyan) will **not** be password-protected. All meetings will still have the "waiting room" feature enabled.

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.



Thoughts for Year Two

(adapted from the speech given at the Annual Meeting)

By Judy Stutman Izes,
President of Adath Jeshurun

When I looked at the draft of the program for the Annual Meeting, I was struck by the number 162. This is the 162nd Annual meeting of Congregation AJ. That means that the congregation has withstood at least one major pandemic (in 1918), two World Wars, a Depression, the Cold War, a few recessions, and of course, the eight-track tape player and the leisure suit.

On June 15, 1858, the year AJ was founded, Abraham Lincoln offered his "House Divided" speech before the Illinois Republican Convention to kick off his senatorial run against Stephen Douglas. In laying the foundation for his words, Lincoln explained that "If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it."

Taking Lincoln's advice, I'd like to first look at where we are now by looking at what has occurred this past year. In doing this, I looked back past mid-March, which seems like much more than three months ago.

We began the year with the newly minted report and road map developed by the AJNWF committee. Thank you to **Skip Atkins, Naomi Atkins, Michele Rifkin, and Neil Wernick**. Your assistance and facilitation of this deep dive into who we are as a congregation will surely benefit AJ for years to come.

As part of the AJNWF structure, a transition committee was assembled, chaired by **Wendy Armon and Shari Neidich**. Among many other things, Wendy and Shari helped us graciously greet **Rav Shai, Rebecca, Tehila, Rina, and Shalev** after their 3,000 mile journey across the country.

I reviewed the form **Bernie Dishler and Naomi Atkins** submitted to the Rabbinic Assembly on behalf of AJ during the early part of the rabbi search process. As I suspected, the form did not specify "loving support for the congregation during a global pandemic" on the list of "what we were looking for in a rabbi." Despite that omission, Rav Shai has done just that. He has supported our community at services and in classes and, for many congregants, privately. For that we are extremely grateful.

Rav Shai came to AJ immediately ready to share his enthusiasm and love of Judaism.

In addition to being a gifted educator, Rav Shai has proven that he is creative and innovative and has many ideas for transforming AJ into a community in which people pray, learn, share life cycle events, eat, drink, and socialize. He has shared his ideas about raising our social consciousness and has offered authoritative text for these ideas. Before the pandemic, his Thursday evening adult education classes were drawing between 90 and 100 people per class.

In keeping with the AJNWF model, the newly formed Marketing and Communications Committee took shape. Spearheaded by **Denise Portner** and **Elise McAfoos**, one of the early tasks of the committee was to create new signs for the front of the building and begin, in earnest, a new way of promoting and publicizing AJ's activities to both the AJ community and beyond. Thank you to Elise for her work to design a permanent pew pamphlet, to be unveiled (hopefully) this fall.

In early September, "Welcome Back to AJ" started with a special Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached. **Hazzan Glantz** assembled some very talented AJ musicians (**Aaron Leventhal, Scott Minkoff, and Jamie Clark**) to form K'lei AJ. Their beautiful music played as we ushered in Shabbat together.

The New Membership Committee chaired by **Maxine Croul** and **Cody Greenes**, hit the ground running in September. Both these leaders are passionate about AJ. Cody took the "new member" task very seriously. He and his wife **Arielle Wernick** are the parents of the youngest member of our congregation, **Isaac Rifkin Greenes**, born on March 27, 2020. Maxine has been instrumental in promoting AJ events at local movie theaters and had scheduled an event at the Ambler movie theater at which Rav Shai was to meet with a small group of potential members and discuss a movie.

In October, **Ilana McAfoos** joined the team as Director of Programming. This is a position we have talked about filling for quite some time. Ilana, who grew up here at AJ, has been a very welcome addition to the staff. Sadly, she is leaving at the end of July and moving to Florida. We wish her all the best and offer her our deep gratitude for her assistance this past year.

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One of Ilana's programming projects was to work with Rav Shai to plan the Tu B'Shvat seder held for young adults in Center City. All in attendance enjoyed learning with Rav Shai and the Tu B'Shvat custom of four cups of wine.

In January, with the help of **Jon Harris-Shapiro** and **Sheva Cohen**, Interfaith Philadelphia facilitated a Civil Conversations program for the AJ Board of Directors. The program, "The Opposite of Good is Indifference" featured JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen discussing the relationship between Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. It centered on Rabbi Heschel's words, recently repeated by Rav Shai, "In a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible."

In January, we could not have predicted how the words and message of that program would become even more meaningful in light of events in June. AJ's most recent undertaking, Signs of Solidarity, has been described beautifully by co-chair of the AJ Social Action Committee, **Carra Minkoff**: "The intention behind the sign campaign is to find a way to remain socially distant, yet make sure we are not complacent during a time when we want to raise our voices and help amplify the voices of Black people. The signs we have are, "Love your neighbor as yourself" and "Justice, Justice we shall pursue". The image on both signs is the same — it has a large red heart with a black hand and a white hand reaching across."

Our goal is to post lawn signs along heavily travelled Old York Road, from Gratz College to Temple Beth Am, on the front lawns of all houses of worship. We reached out to houses of worship along OYR inviting them to partner with us and we have gotten a very positive response. The signs are available for purchase on the AJ Acts website (https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/Signs_of_Solidarity.html). You may purchase a sign for AJ to put on our lawn — or to put on your lawn at home. Profits from the sale will be donated to Project Home (www.projecthome.org).

In February and March, detailed planning was underway for both Purim and Pesah. Hazzan was hard at work on the Purim Shpiel, cleverly satirizing the songs of Elton John and offering a taste of the shpiel during Shabbat morning services. He was also preparing for the choir concert at the Kimmel Center which was to take place in mid-March. This year, unlike other years, the concert was not postponed due to snow. With Pesah on the radar, planning was underway for Pesah U, special Pesah *kashrut* learning sessions with Rav Shai and a fun Pesah pottery painting event.

And then came March! Just before the ides of March, and just in time to disrupt the Purim celebration and Hazzan's shpiel, came a huge shift. Things began to happen very quickly. Sadly people were becoming infected with the coronavirus and it became clear that AJ had to alter business as usual. In our first letter to the congregation, Rav Shai, Hazzan, and I answered the question: How should we respond as a caring community to the outbreak of a contagious and sometimes lethal virus? For the first time that I can remember, leadership asked some, and strongly recommended to others, not to come to AJ. Initially, this may have seemed heavy-handed, but the health and well-being of our beloved congregants was foremost in our minds. The decisions were painstaking, deliberate, discussed, debated, and finally communicated to the congregation. Our decisions have been and continue to be guided by *pikuach nefesh*, "saving a life." According to this principle, preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious rule. Ultimately, in-person services were suspended and moved to an all-Zoom platform. Zoom was the technology chosen because it allows faces to appear and people to be counted which is crucial to allow those in mourning to say *kaddish* and for *yahrzeits* to be observed.

Zoom has allowed us to stay connected. Whether the screen conjures images of Hollywood Squares (always love to see who occupies the Center Square) or the Brady Bunch grid, seeing the faces of AJ members in the small tiles on a computer has allowed many to maintain a sense of connection: a sense of familiarity and routine in a world that suddenly lacked both. Zoom services have provided a crucial link to their AJ family.

Some have expressed to me that they are not comfortable praying via Zoom and that the technology does not speak to them. Fortunately, AJ has offered many other opportunities to stay connected: A virtual seder beautifully and creatively hosted by Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz; classes offered by Rav Shai; healing services and small learning sessions with Hazzan Glantz; a committee meeting; a sharing session with **Rabbi Sandi Berliner** or **Rabbi Yaacov Kravitz**; the Robyn Orodener Book Club; or an AJ Men's Association or Women's Association Program or a Trivia Night — all of which have been provided on Zoom. Or one of my favorites, with special thanks to **Merril Stup**, **Sandy Nadel**, **Dayna Glantz**, and **Leslie Sokolow**, "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas," the Zoom edition. **Ed Moses**, president of AJMA, continues to think of programming to engage and inspire, and recently organized the Hearing Men's voices via Zoom. Thanks to **Lorna Rosenberg** for bringing "The Fragrant History of Jews and Spices" on Zoom on June 14.

Early on, we realized that there would be congregants who would face significant isolation due to the pandemic and shut down. **Naomi Atkins**, chair of the AJ Caring Community Committee organized a large group of congregants to make calls, not just once but on an ongoing basis, to fellow AJers. Those are the types of calls that are twice blessed in that both the caller and the receiver of the call feel great gratification and connection. Special thanks to the **Leventhal family** who went beyond calling and shopped and delivered food to one of the people on their list.

One of the programs lost to the pandemic was the SPEC. **Lana Dishler**, **Sandy Nadel**, **Robert Friedman**, and the SPEC committee spent a great deal of time planning this year's event, Broadway entertainer, Seth Rudetsky. The good news is that Seth has been booked to headline SPEC next year, so their work was not in vain.

The second part of Abraham Lincoln's address asks us to examine whether we are tending; where are we going. In the short term, we will need address how and when to reopen the building and how High Holy Day services will be conducted. Planning and recommendations will be undertaken by two newly formed Task Forces, one for Reopening and one for High Holy Days. The considerations taken into account when the building was closed in March will be used to guide the work of these committees. We also need to focus on remaining accessible to those not able to get to our building, even when we are not closed due to a pandemic. I foresee continuing some sharing of services virtually even after in-person services resume.

As you know, over the past several years, we have cut expenses greatly. We are truly blessed at this time to have **Steve Strauss** currently in the position of treasurer and **Howard Levin** in the position of executive vice president. Both are experienced and gifted CPAs. Steve, with the help of **Amy Stretch**, spent hours preparing and working on the Paycheck Protection Program loan documents, a process that changed a few times along the way. As we continue to go through the budget process and answer difficult questions it is clear to me that there is very little left in the way of expenses to cut. AJ is blessed with a dedicated and devoted staff — a staff that works tirelessly — day, night, weekend and when necessary on Shabbat — to make AJ not only function as an institution but thrive. Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz are supported by an incredible team:

- **Ilana McAfoos** — Director of Programming and author of the questions for the first-ever and highly successful AJ Trivia Night;
- **Beryl Rosoff-Verbit** — who continues to answer AJ calls, pick up the AJ mail, and offer helpful guidance and assistance to congregants on a daily basis. Beryl is part administrative assistant and part social worker;
- **Marjorie Trager** — maker of functional and fabulous face masks and innovative creator of eye-catching and brilliant AJ graphics and emails that keep us all informed and up to date on happenings at AJ;
- **Calvin Thompson** — maintainer of the AJ building, who knows the workings of the building inside and out and has engaged in some special projects to beautify the building while we are not there, and who answers calls at all hours of the day or night;

- The AJ Preschool is flourishing under the direction of our “interim” director **Anita Block**. Anita began her second year this past September. The only issue I have with Anita is that I would very much like to remove the word “interim” from her title. Since we have moved to the “yellow” phase as per Governor Wolf’s order, Anita is moving forward with plans to reopen our Preschool. Camp Kitov opened on Monday, June 15. Anita is up to date with the CDC guidelines and has attended Zoom webinars to ensure that the guidelines and practices under which the Preschool is opening are in strict compliance with best practices.
- **Debbie Miner** — I will simply say that I echo **Rabbi Rosenbloom**’s sentiments and that Debbie will be missed greatly! She is an exemplary educator and is beloved by her students and colleagues.
- **Amy Devine Stretch** — I cannot even think of where AJ would be without Amy! Amy does absolutely everything in her power to keep AJ running as seamlessly as if we were not dealing with the extra pressure of the pandemic.

I cannot imagine that there is a synagogue staff as devoted and dedicated as the AJ staff.

As Steve Strauss said in his report, many have been extremely generous to AJ during this time — continuing to support the SPEC event (even without the live event), answering the call for special COVID donations, and preschool families donating tuition for months that the children learned from home.

Life during the pandemic has allowed our community to learn a valuable lesson: that we are a community, whether we are all together in our building in Elkins Park or in our homes. Zoom has given us the gift of experiencing, from our homes, **Hazzan Glantz** as he chants from the Torah or davens beloved AJ melodies. We can watch as he magically opens and closes the ark. And from our kitchen or living room or outside on our deck, we can still learn with Rav Shai. Physical distance has not stopped us from continuing to thirst for knowledge and to want to learn and pray together as a community.

We are a synagogue of 380 member units. So, maybe, just maybe, it’s time for us to consider a move from 7763 Old York Road. Our overhead attributed to building expenses is \$215,000. We have a wonderful team, **Frank Platt, Lorna Rosenberg, Michael**

Freeman, and Bruce Lipton, working on a plan to make the building greener and more cost-efficient with savings that could be realized this year. But long term, should we stay in this building? That is a question we are going to take a much closer look at in the year ahead.

I like to say we have a deep bench here at AJ. We are blessed to have congregants who have skills and talents and more importantly, a willingness to share those skills and talents with our community. Both **Rabbi Sandra Berliner** and **Rabbi Yaacov Kravitz** are sharing their expertise through the Zoom platform. I attended Rabbi Berliner’s first session and I am sure my blood pressure was significantly lowered after the time with her and the other attendees.

Our congregants are generous both in terms of their time and their financial support. Some have suggested that we embark on a campaign to raise funds. We have not done so for several years, so we may be overdue. This too is something which will get serious consideration in the year to come.

Early April was a challenge. It seemed that most communication focused on that which was canceled or postponed. We are now in June and already planning the AJ calendar for next year. The programs that had to be erased in 2020 are now being reinserted in 2021 and there is a lot to look forward to!

Please continue to share good news with us. We know that your good news is uplifting to all our AJ members, and we’ll put it in the Weekly Announcements.

In an *AJ News* article a few months ago, I invited you to share your “AJ Story.” Thank you to **Harry Lessig** for sharing **Steve Davidoff**’s story with us at our Annual Meeting. Steve’s story is truly an AJ Story. The plaques of presidents of the AJ Men’s Association tell part of that story. Steve’s years of service on the AJ Board of Directors tells another part of the story. **Chellie** and **Lisa** tell a beautiful and loving part of his story. Steve was so very proud when Lisa joined the Board of Directors and beamed when they attended Board meetings together. Steve was a generous and gentle man and shared his wisdom with the goal of making us each better people and making AJ a great community. Let’s continue to collaborate together as we honor Steve and continue to write our AJ story. 

BELOW: On the afternoon of Confirmation, Debbie Miner personally delivered certificates and gifts (from a safe distance!) to Anna Turk Karan (left) and Melena Walter (right).



SAVE THE DATE FOR

TU B’AV
TRIVIA
Night

Wednesday, August 5
at 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
(following evening minyan)

Trivia about Tu B’Av, other Jewish holidays, and general knowledge. Of course, there will be prizes! Stay tuned for more info.



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Can you hear me now?

In 2002, this ad line became a catchphrase for a poor connection of any kind. For years, we asked each other at key moments, "Can you hear me NOW?". The commercial was so memorable, that it was referenced not only by callers whenever their cell phone connection wavered, but by anyone who wasn't being heard at any time.

Cell phones and the rapidly expanding internet gradually merged in the last 20 years. Their handiness and versatility have affected every aspect of our lives. With each new capability, we would marvel, "what's next?" A comedian acting like someone out of touch recently scoffed, "Do you ever make a call with that thing? Pretty soon you'll tell me you deposited your check or paid a bill with your phone!" During 2020, the annual value of digital payments is expected to reach \$726 billion.

Do you remember the last time someone said, "The connection is bad, I'll call you in five minutes from a landline"? Probably not, and not because the connections are never poor but... what's a landline? In 2004, more than 90 percent of households in the U.S. had an operational landline phone — now it's little more than 40 percent.

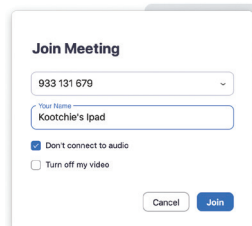
I didn't set out to just give you a bunch of statistics. I did strive to give you a good feeling about change. I recently saw written on a tattered piece of paper rubber-banded around a tip jar, "Finding change difficult? Leave it here!" Now there is a simple solution, especially had it not been simply a play on words that earned a tip.

I am quite impressed at the speed with which our community has adapted and accepted change. If you are not connected, we have and we will continue to help members install, operate, and navigate Zoom. Since the middle of March, special birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations have all been celebrated online with our loving community. Relatives and friends from the world over have experienced the spirituality we strive to provide. Congregants whose physical distance made it difficult at best to get to shul attend all AJ programming as easily as those who live on Ashbourne Road.

Yes, we want you to stay engaged with us and connected to AJ. We also seek to counteract the isolation and distance that has been mandated. So here are some suggestions I have found and adapted especially for you to consider when participating in prayer on Zoom.

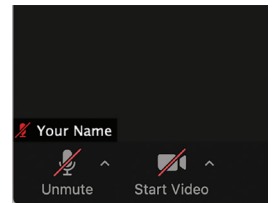
- 1. Dress similarly to how you would for a service were it in the building.** Well, at least from the waist up!
- 2. Look at the surroundings your camera will show.** Bathroom doors should be shut in much the same way that we remove *tallit* and *tefillin* before entering a bathroom. Please be comfortable while being respectful that a service is being conducted. Choose a location that has moderate lighting; enough to follow in the *siddur* and *chumash*, but not so much that it washes out your face or provides a glare to others participating.

3. Watch the screen instructions before joining Zoom and adjust accordingly. You may have a cute name for your device but that may make your identity confusing to others. Whatever you have named your device will show on this line unless you type in something else before clicking the 'join' icon. This only

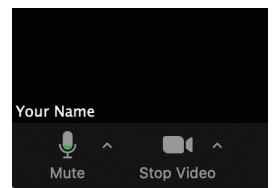


changes it that one time. You will either have to change it each time or go into the device settings and change the name of your device. In the same space, there are also two boxes over which you have control. In this picture the audio is unchecked and the video is checked and that is preferable especially for your initial connection.

4. Can you hear me now? Unmute/Stay muted — so many choices! If it isn't possible to eliminate other noises, your microphone should remain muted throughout the service. If you are saying *kaddish* or having an *aliyah* you will not be heard without being aware of these buttons. At the right is how the bottom left corner of your window will look when you are muted and your camera is off.



And this is what your screen will look like when both the mic and the camera are on.



Remember, when your mic is unmuted, message notifications, ringtones, and applications running on your desktop can be distracting to you and others.

We look forward to the day when it is safe to pray as a group in our beautiful building. The rich wood and stained glass evoke a myriad of memories from all our celebrations of life. I am so proud of how our leadership has stepped up on committees and one on one, creating and maintaining meaningful safe activities. Our volunteer prayer leaders continue to inspire with their dedication to the weekday services and, morning or night, we have yet to miss a minyan.

Be healthy, stay safe, and remain calm.

Healing Services

with Hazzan Glantz

Hazzan Glantz has changed the night and time of the healing service he offers; he will now offer them on **selected Thursdays, at 6:10 PM**. The service includes healing prayers that may be familiar, steeped in our ancient liturgy as well as more contemporary and current inclusions. Toward the end of our (approximately 45-minute) time and space, he warmly offers participants the option of sharing something brief about their experience. Here are the dates of the services: **July 2, July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 10.**

May Their Memory Always Be a Blessing

By Robert Friedman

In the past couple of months, we lost two wonderful men who devoted their entire lives to Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Stanton (Stan) S. Oswald z”l and Dr. Stephen (Steve) H. Davidoff z”l.

Stanton (Stan) S. Oswald z”l



Stan passed away on April 28, 2020. He was very proud of his family’s history that went back longer than any other current AJ family. His AJ roots go back to the 1880s when Stan’s grandparents, Jennie z”l and Louis z”l Oswald, joined AJ. Stan’s parents, Sylvan z”l and Myra z”l Oswald, were second-generation AJers and married by Rabbi Max D. Klein z”l in the 1920s. So that made Stan third-generation. In the 1950s, Stan married his beloved Bernice z”l, and the marriage ceremony also officiated by

Rabbi Klein. Stan and Bernice had four children—Jane, Eve, David, and Beth—all who became bar and bat mitzvah at AJ, all confirmed at AJ, and his daughter Eve was married to Les Robbins at AJ. That means that Stan’s children are fourth-generation AJers and his grandchildren are fifth-generation. Wow! What a legacy!

Stan was a long-time member of AJ’s Board of Directors, later becoming an Honorary Board member, and a member of the Board of Trustees. Although Stan had his own opinions, he was always committed to leadership of the congregation. In the early 1970s, when the Board and then-current rabbi, Rabbi Yaakov G. Rosenberg z”l, discussed ritual equality for women (such as Torah reading, being able to have an aliyah, and counting as part of the AJ minyan), Stan’s voice was always heard advancing women’s rights. Perhaps he was influenced by his wife Bernice, who was a past president of AJ Women’s Association.

Stan was a well-respected lawyer in the Philadelphia area, becoming managing partner of Wolf Block Schor Solis-Cohen, in its day a prestigious Jewish law firm. At AJ, over many years, presidents called on him for advice, as he chaired the By-Laws Revision Committee, leading to the modernization of our by-laws. I, myself reached out to Stan for his knowledge and wisdom. He was always ready and eager to help.

Stan and Bernice were great supporters of the State of Israel. They were honored at a gala dinner with the State of Israel Award. They travelled to Israel several times, and their favorite time was when they took their entire family.

He was a devoted family man, and with both Bernice and, after her death, with Phyllis Weber (also an AJ member), found any occasion to take their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren on many fun-filled vacations.

Stephen (Steve) H. Davidoff z”l



Steve Davidoff passed away on June 2, 2020. Like Stan, he was born into AJ, became a Bar Mitzvah and was confirmed at AJ. Steve would have been married at AJ to his beloved wife Chellie, but the new building (our current location) was not finished being built. However, they were married by the then-current rabbi, Rabbi Rosenberg. Steve and Chellie would have been married 58 years on June 24. He was immersed in all aspects of AJ life. Steve was the son of Louis z”l and Ada z”l Davidoff. Following

in his father’s footsteps, both Steve and his brother Stan z”l became president of the AJ Men’s Association. Steve, however, took it one step further, first as president of the Middle

Atlantic Region and then becoming the president of the International Federation of Jewish Men’s Club (FJMC). He recently received the FJMC Presidential Award, an award that has only been given three or four times since the inception of the organization some 90 years ago. I believe I don’t know of anyone that who has worked so hard for Jewish men’s clubs as Steve. It was not unusual for Steve to travel the country to speak at a Men’s Club Shabbat and help them with their respective clubs. Over the years, Steve brought back many wonderful programs after attending conventions for FJMC.

In his professional career, Steve was a teacher in the Cheltenham School system, and then Director of Research and Evaluation for the Philadelphia School District. After retiring from the school district, Steve started his own consulting firm which evaluated state education programs, primarily in the state of Delaware. Using his expertise, Steve served on the AJ School Committee under many Religious School Directors.

Like Stan, Steve was elected to AJ’s Board, became an Honorary Board member, and was elected to the Board of Trustees. He was also elected as secretary of the Congregation as well as vice president. In addition to the School Committee, Steve served on numerous committees, including Young Marrieds Committee, New Way Forward Committee, Nominating Committee, and countless others. I think his AJ highlight was when his daughter, Lisa, was elected to the Board of Directors. He was so happy that his daughter, third-generation AJer, was now taking a leadership role. He would beam when he sat next to her at the board meetings.

In 1986, Rabbi Rosenbloom wanted to make Simḥat Torah a little more special. Before that year, Rabbi would choose for that day someone from the congregation as Kalat Bereishit and Hatan Torah. But starting in 1986, Rabbi decided that we should invite two people prior to the holiday to honor them for their continued involvement and dedication to AJ. That year, Charlotte Bernstein z”l was honored as Kalat Bereishit and Steve was honored as Hatan Torah. A beautiful plaque was given to each of them. This tradition continues today.

Each year, the Board of Directors is given the task of calling congregants before Rosh Hashanah to wish them a happy new year. Not only would Steve make his calls, but he would report back if a congregant had a concern or need. Again, like Stan, I would reach out to Steve for his guidance. I will miss our chats. I will also miss him on Shabbat. Steve was a fixture at AJ on Saturday mornings. In the sanctuary, he would be seated in the rear center aisle and, if services were conducted in the Chapel, he would be seated on the aisle seat on the left-hand side.

Stan and Steve loved a number of the old AJ traditions, such as when the professional organist and choir accompanied services, but they both were instrumental in moving AJ forward. They were men of integrity, and were forward-thinking, always ready to be of assistance when called upon. Both were devoted to their families and both were devoted to AJ. It was in their blood. They were not only great leaders of AJ, but the entire Jewish community and, for that matter, our country. Both men served our country honorably in the military. I think I speak for all of us by saying that Stanton S. Oswald and Stephen H. Davidoff will be sorely missed. May their memories inspire us to continue their good works for future generations of our great congregation.

Thank you to Joan Wohl, Harry Lessig, Phyllis Weber, and Lisa and Chellie Davidoff for your collaboration in the writing of this article. 🙏

Our Tribute to Hannah

By Benjamin Reich, Emily L. Reich, and Batya A. Reich

Hannah was a very special young woman. She happened to have a rare genetic disorder. She lived with disabilities and pain every day because of it. But what made Hannah special was that she refused to let those disabilities define her.

She was entitled to accommodations to assist her, and we would encourage her to use those accommodations. Usually, Hannah would say to us that she didn't want to use them, that she didn't need them, that we worried too much. And even without those accommodations, she was able to achieve so much.

Hannah was about to get her high school diploma, and was looking forward to celebrating virtually with all of her friends. She had been accepted as a student at Goucher College in Towson, Maryland, with a generous scholarship. She planned on majoring in political science and psychology, and she was excited to go to college at Goucher, because of its proximity to Washington and the opportunities it offered for participating in politics.

Hannah had already met and developed relationships with several other students starting at Goucher this fall via the Goucher Facebook group for incoming students.

That was Hannah. She was always outgoing, and maintaining social relationships was important to her. During this time of sheltering in place, Hannah made a point of having video chats with at least one friend each day.

She had an ease in meeting others which always impressed Emily and amazed me. She was always involved in the vocal arts programs in the Cheltenham School District, and participated in the musicals almost every year at the middle school and high school.

We would refer to Hannah as the mayor of any group she was involved in, because she had that innate politician's ability to bring a group together.

Her Jewish identity was important to her, and she was very involved in USY, where she was on the Chapter Executive Board for three years, and participated in every USY convention. She talked of going to visit Israel after she graduated from college.

Hannah was small in stature because of her disability, but her strength of character made her a force to be reckoned with.

Because of her disability, Hannah participated in the therapeutic riding program at Parkwood Therapeutic Riding Center for many years. Her love for all things equestrian was unbounded. She won several ribbons in riding competitions, including ribbons from the HRD of the Devon Horse Show.

She intended to continue therapeutic riding when she started at Goucher, facilitated by the fact that Goucher's equestrian program is located just a short walk from the heart of campus.

After Hannah passed, we made the decision to allow the Gift of Life donor program to recover those physical things which Hannah no longer needed, to be used for transplantation and research to help others. We are certain that Hannah would be overjoyed that she has helped others, because her empathy was limitless. It is a comfort to us that some good can arise from this event. We encourage everyone to register as an organ and tissue donor.

The outpouring of affection and support from our community has been a comfort to us, and a demonstration of Hannah's outgoing, oversized personality.

Hannah will be carried in our hearts forever. She will be missed most by me, her mother Emily, her sister Batya, her grandparents Pace and Mary Lou, and her many aunts, uncles and cousins. We wish her to be remembered fondly by all those people she encountered and touched during her life.

We ask that, in lieu of gifts of flowers or food, you honor Hannah's memory with gifts to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, where her disorder was first diagnosed, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she received treatment for her disorder, and the National Organization for Rare Disorders, an essential resource for those who have rare disorders. 🕊️



Introducing AJ's New Programming Director: Rachel Palitto

AJ has hired a new programming director, **Rachel Palitto**.

Rachel is a recent graduate of Drexel University. She has been involved in the Jewish community her whole life. She held multiple leadership positions at the Hillel at Drexel and before that was President of her youth group chapter in high school. As a teenager, she spent time in Israel with her synagogue. Rachel is looking forward to meeting all of the congregants and creating programming that is engaging, educational, and fun. Rachel will start work on Monday, June 29.

AJ thanks **Ilana McAfoos** for her programming work this year. She was a great addition to AJ's staff and we wish her well with her new chapter in Florida. Ilana's last day will be Friday, July 24. 🕊️



A Favorite AJ Memory

SHOP ISRAEL — The Next Best Thing to Being There

It was a day that will always be remembered as remarkable in the history of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

By Lana Dishler and Shelley Reibstein

"A tallit for my grandson's Bar Mitzvah" ... "This necklace is perfect" ... "A map of the ancient land!"

All of this and so much more was heard by some 3,000 attendees at the Delaware Valley's first Israeli Vendor Fair, SHOP ISRAEL, The Next Best Thing to Being There — held on October 13, 2002 at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. It was an *unqualified success*, organized to boost the Israeli economy and show American support during the time of the Second Intifada (from September 2000 to February 2005).

Israel was experiencing a drastic and dramatic tourism decline because of the intifada. The effect was devastating to Israeli commerce and spirit. Shop Israel was an Israeli Vendor Fair, generously hosted here at Cong. Adath Jeshurun strictly focused on supporting Israel's economy. Lana Dishler and Shelley Reibstein spent 4½ months co-chairing the planning and organization of this massive undertaking.

Here's what happened at AJ ... in 2002.

*We helped the Israeli economy by providing free space for 20 Israeli vendors and artists to display and sell their merchandize.

We provided our Israeli guests with: storage space to ship their wares, transportation to Elkins Park from Newark Airport, home hospitality for the Shabbat weekend prior to the event; help in setting up their displays beginning at 7:30 AM in the morning, sales help from 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM, food and drinks for all the vendors, and all of the 187 volunteers during the entire day.

This was a completely grass-root, **all-volunteer** undertaking. In addition to hosting the vendors, volunteers set up and packed up the vendor merchandize, assisted in selling and cashiering, and supervised traffic both inside and outside of the synagogue.

Approximately 3,000 people attended SHOP ISRAEL. Besides spending a lot of money, attendees were generally glad to be able to do something to help Israel. The financial support went beyond just the vendors and artists participating. Every item sold contributed to job security for someone back in Israel, helping struggling artisans, merchants, and manufactures to remain in business.

SHOP ISRAEL gave a substantial jolt to the Israeli economy and to the Israeli psyche. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* filled the weekend section with a large article promoting SHOP ISRAEL and providing public awareness about the situation. Action News was on hand and reported about it on TV. It was even reported about in the Israeli newspapers, letting the people of Israel know that they were not alone.

At points during the day, attendees waited in long lines that stretched from the top of the steps of the foyer, down into the lower level foyer, out of the doors into the parking lot where people were waiting in endless lines out to Ashborne Road and around the corner of Old York Road. Another line expanded past the Mandel Campus. Traffic and parking stretched out for blocks around the synagogue. Typical comments from people were, "I'm so happy the wait is so long" and "I'm proud to be standing in this line for Israel."

SHOP ISRAEL at Adath Jeshurun created a very special mood and spirit for all the people involved: the Organizational Team, the Israeli vendors and artists, the customers, the home hospitality providers, all the various volunteers from PR to traffic control, and all of the people that so generously donated goods and services to help insure that the day was successful. And what a success it was! Congregation Adath Jeshurun led the way for others in the Delaware Valley and around the whole U.S. to sponsor their own SHOP ISRAELS (with other vendors) based on the organizational model of this AJ event. 🇮🇱



ABOVE: A clipping from the Philadelphia Inquirer, dated October, 11, 2002, including a photo of Lana Dishler and Shelley Reibstein.

Do You Have an AJ Story?

In a recent AJ News article, I invited you to compose your "AJ Story." What brought you to AJ? What keeps you at AJ? What event celebrated at AJ was most meaningful to you?

Or if you'd prefer, share with other congregants how you've weathered this unusual time. Is there something you've discovered about yourself or your family while staying at home? Is there some interest you have developed, or something you've done that you've never allowed yourself time to do? Let us know!

Contact Marjorie Trager at 215.635.6611 or mtrager@adathjeshurun.info if you would like to submit an article.

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


AJWA Sisterhood

Co-Presidents: Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg

Chef Aliza Green Brings the Smell and History of Jews and Spices to Our Screens

On Sunday, June 14, at 10:30 AM, Chef Aliza Green enlightened us with her knowledge and understanding of the fascinating history of Jews and spices. This program was to have originally been offered at AJ with the AJWA Sisterhood and the Kehillah of Old York Road in March, but alas, was re-invented as a Zoom presentation.

To an audience of almost 200 participants, Aliza took us on a voyage from biblical times, through the spice trade routes of historical civilizations in Asia, North Africa, the Middle East, and Europe, through the Inquisition and on to the New World. Spices such as cinnamon, cassia, cardamom, ginger, pepper, and turmeric were used for religious rituals and flavorings in all cultures of the East and West and it was primarily the Jews who were responsible for the sale and transport of these valuable and perishable commodities across the world. She even told the story of "Old Bay" seafood seasoning — created by a Jew from Germany, Gustav Brunn, when he came to America in the 1930s and set his shop outside the fish markets of Baltimore. Through slides and photos, Aliza guided participants in and around the spices markets of Israel — Machane Yehuda in Jerusalem and Levinsky Market in Tel Aviv, as well the colorful spice markets of Morocco where she leads culinary tours.

To apply this new spice knowledge, each participant received a set of recipes created by Aliza, many of which appear in her books, for sale at spices@alizagreen.com, and a complimentary set of four whole spices — coriander, cardamom, fennel, and cumin — to jumpstart a culinary journey into the world of flavor and smell. One of the recipes, along with a spice blend, is printed below. 



Shabbat Angels 2020

TODAH RABAH!

Tremendous Warmth and Heartfelt Gratitude to our
2020 AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat Angels!
Thank you for your steadfast support!

Lois Armon	Al & Sandy Nadel	Leslie Sokolow
Robert & Naomi Atkins	Marcy Nadel	John Fisher & Susie Sommovilla
Stephen & Irene Blumenfeld	Mark & Sue Novack	Susan Starr
David & Jennifer Brier	Natalie Packer	Steven Strauss
Allan & Eadie Brooks	Denise Portner	Merril Stup
Suzan Fine	David & Mindy Reibstein	Sima Sussman
Joy Fish	Murray & Lorna Rosenberg	Shirley Tauber
Liane Sher	Art Verbit & Beryl Rosoff-Verbit	Bunny Verbit
Margie Green	Frances Schleifer	Marci Webber
Paul & Judy Izes	Mark & Gail Schwartz	Marvin & Lillian Weilerstein
Gail Klein	Carol Shackmaster	Joan Wohl
Nona Levin Abrams	Charlotte Shanblatt	Idelle Wood
Mike & Nancy Markowich	Harriet Sigel	Richard & Violet Zeitlin
Ed & Karen Moses	Sheldon & Rene Smith	Nancy Zucker



Yemenite Red Lentil Soup with Hawajj

Adapted from *The Magic of Spice Blends* by Aliza Green

VEGETARIAN, VEGAN *Makes about 1 gallon, serves 8 to 10*

Quick-cooking easy-to-digest split red lentils are enhanced by the warm, spicy tones of the Hawajj spice blend and an array of aromatic vegetables. This hearty lentil soup is suitable for vegans but will also be pleasing to omnivores because of its full-bodied flavor. It freezes perfectly. Like Turkish red lentil soup and Caribbean black bean soup, this soup is finished with a squeeze of citrus, here limes, which brightens the flavor of the essentially bland and starchy lentils on which it is based.

½ cup vegetable oil	2 teaspoons sea salt
1 large onion, diced	2 cups chopped tomatoes, canned or fresh
4 carrots, diced	1 pound split red lentils
2 ribs celery, diced	1 bay leaf
2 leeks, diced and washed thoroughly to remove any sand	3 1/2 quarts vegetable stock, purchased or homemade, substitute chicken stock or water
2 large cloves garlic, minced	3 limes, cut into quarters
¼ cup Hawajj for Soup (recipe at right)	

In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium high heat. Add chopped onion, carrot, celery, and leeks, and sauté until onion is lightly browned (about 8 minutes).

Lower the heat to medium; then add chopped garlic and sauté for 1 minute or until fragrant.

Add Hawajj for Soup and sauté for 2 minutes to bring out its flavor. Add tomatoes, lentils, vegetable stock and bay leaf, and stir to combine. Increase the heat to high and bring just to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook at a low simmer until the lentils are tender, 35 to 40 minutes, skimming off any white foam. Taste for seasoning and serve immediately accompanied by wedges of lime to squeeze over top.

Hawajj for Soup, Yemen

Adapted from *The Magic of Spice Blends* by Aliza Green

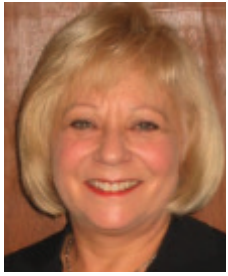
VEGETARIAN, VEGAN *Makes about 2 cups.*

Hawajj is essential to the cuisine of Yemen and has spread widely into Israeli cuisine because of the large Yemenite Jewish community that emigrated there en masse in 1949 and 1950. This curry-like mixture is redolent of cardamom and golden in color from turmeric. Other versions may include caraway, nutmeg, saffron, and ground dried onions.

¼ cup black peppercorns	2 tablespoons cardamom pods
½ cup cumin seed	2 teaspoons whole cloves
¼ cup coriander seed	6 tablespoons ground turmeric

In a dry skillet, combine the peppercorns, cumin, coriander, cardamom, and cloves, and toast over medium heat, shaking often, until fragrant and lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Cool and then grind. Stir in the turmeric. Transfer to a storage container and store in a cool, dry place for up to 4 months.





AJ Preschool and Infant Center

Early Childhood Director: Anita Block

Just as schools, most childcare centers, and many businesses were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Congregation Adath Jeshurun Preschool and Infant Center abruptly closed on March 12 in compliance with Governor Wolf's directive. However, our learning and our connection to our children and their families did not stop. The fantastically talented and dedicated staff continued to communicate, teach, and entertain our children via Zoom, Facebook, and personal outreach. Several teachers visited the children for socially-distanced story time and sweet-treat drop-offs. Our pre-K teachers closed out the school year with a visit and a certificate for each of the children in the class. It certainly wasn't our usual Move-Up Day experience, but it did bring a smile to everyone's face.

When the Governor announced the move from the red phase to the yellow phase, we immediately mobilized to prepare for re-opening our center to meet the needs of our families. With the incredible support of the Board and administrative staff of AJ, we forged ahead.

I am so pleased that we were able to offer our summer program, Camp Kitov, this year. It certainly was a challenge to create all the procedures and protocols to meet the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning. Many of our children returned for the summer program and most of the staff. Yes, we check the temperature of the children upon arrival and throughout the day — staff, too. Yes, we wash hands often, and yes, we sanitize and disinfect all surfaces thoroughly and often.

This summer we welcomed **Onit Zisserman** as the Camp Kitov director to lead our staff and children in an exciting and fun-filled adventure. Onit's talents have brought us creative art experiences, cooking with a flair, a weekly Shabbat party, and lots of music. In addition, our music specialist, **Amy Jo Rosenthal**, is still singing with the children — but via Facebook since we are not permitted to have outside guests or venture out on trips. Water play and outdoor games are top on our list of summer fun. Camp Kitov opened on June 15 and continues for 11 weeks, ending on August 28. Then, after a short break we begin the next year's program on Tuesday, September 8.

Stay safe, stay strong, stay healthy. 🕊

BELOW: Joy Hershman presents pre-K certificates to Colin Hophan (left) and Amit Levy (right) on a personal visit at the conclusion of the school year.



Camp Kitov 2020



Mesibat Shabbat for Preschoolers

As you probably know, the AJ Preschool and Infant Center holds weekly Shabbat programs, even during the crisis of COVID-19. Hazzan Glantz recorded one of the Zoom sessions and edited it with iMovie (please excuse the times when the pictures don't quite match the audio — there are limits to our otherwise amazing Zoom technology). Hazzan uses Shabbat songs to engage preschoolers in excitement about the Sabbath day and teach them Jewish values. His “friends” Gomer the Gefilte Fish and Louie the Lox often make an appearance and it's not complete without the friendly Dinosaur who wants to spend shabbat with . . . YOU!

The playlist includes the following songs:

- “Kum Bakhur Atzeil” (traditional folk song)
- “Hey Good Morning, Boker Tov,” by Hazzan Howard Glantz (1993)
- “She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain” (traditional folk song)
- “Standing at the Sea,” by Peter and Ellen Allard
- “Everybody Clap your Hands,” by Nancy Kopman
- “In My Heart, In My Lev,” by Sheldon Lowe
- “Stand Up for the Aron HaKodesh,” by Jeff Klepper
- “On Friday Night,” by Hazzan Howard Glantz (1991)
- “Shake the Tzedakah Box,” by Peter and Ellen Allard
- “Quiet Yourself,” by Rebecca Schoffer and Karina Zilberman
- “Shema,” by Solomon Sulzer
- “The Shabbat Blessings,” by Rebecca Schoffer and Karina Zilberman
- “There's a Dinosaur Knocking at My Door” (adapted from Susan Shane-Linder)
- “Shabbat is Here,” by Paul Zim
- “Ma Tov,” by Debbie Friedman 

SCAN ME




Scan the QR code above or go to <https://youtu.be/QZZWkiuoC-E> to access the video.

AJ Men's Association

President: Ed Moses

The Adath Jeshurun Men's Association is sincerely grateful for the generosity of the individuals listed below who donated a total of \$506 to the Yellow Candle project in conjunction with the Yom Hashoah observance.

All proceeds will be donated to the Holocaust Survivors Support Initiative of Jewish Children and Family Services of Philadelphia. 

Bettyruth Aisenstein
Marty Beilin &
Nancy Osborn
Eric & Beth Bell
Rav Shai & Rebecca
Cherry
Arthur & Neile Davis
Suzan Fine
Hazzan Howard &

Dayna Glantz
Mike & Nancy
Markowich
Ed & Karen Moses
Al & Sandy Nadel
David & Viki Pashman
Anita Rowen
Mark & Gail Schwartz
Carol Shackmaster

Sheldon & Rene Smith
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Sommovilla
David & Elissa
Waldstein
Stuart J. & Karen Elyse
Wohl
Richard & Violet Zeitlin

YO! All AJ Men!

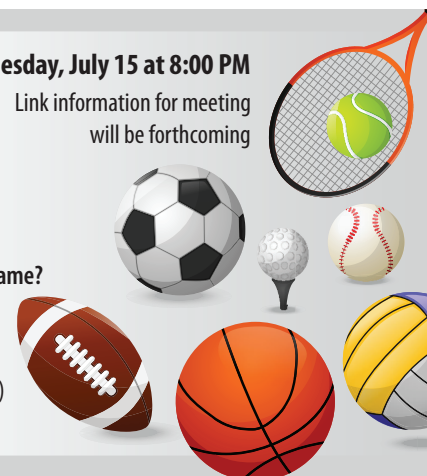
Let's “zoom” with our best sports memories
(and lift spirits a little while we're at it!)

Recall when you hit a homerun to win the game?
Scored a touchdown eluding dozens of tacklers? OR
Have you attended a nail-biting playoff or championship game?
Seen the Eagles upset the Cowboys?
Old enough to have seen Wilt Chamberlain play?

Let's share our stories (since live sports seems a bit out of reach) and in the process, stay connected as we men should!

Wednesday, July 15 at 8:00 PM

Link information for meeting will be forthcoming



First Meeting of AJ's New Grandparents Group Scheduled!

Grandparents! Come one, come all — both current AND future grandparents and acting ones!

We are initiating a Grandparents' group at AJ for all our AJ grandparents, including great-grandparents, significant others, and even parents who want to find out the secrets of effective and fun grandparenting. All are welcome.


We are excited to announce our kick-off program: **Zoom Away Grandparents — Techniques and Activities for Enhancing the Zoom Experience with Your Grandchildren.** Our guest speaker will be Lisa Litman, Director of jkidphilly, which is a part of the Jewish Learning Venture. The program is scheduled for **Thursday, July 16 at 7:30 PM**, following minyan. We think you will find this a helpful, interesting, and fun Zoom.

We see this new grandparents' group as providing informative programming. What are some tips and techniques for sustaining our loving and fun relationships with grandkids and for helping us address challenges?

Please RSVP to AJ (office@adathjeshurun.info) if you can attend, and we will send you the Zoom link after we receive your RSVP.

We look forward to tailoring the program to the needs of the grandparents in the group, forming some sub-groups where appropriate. We may have some programs focused on grandparents with older grandchildren, and some with younger ones. Your input to the group is very important as we begin to plan for future programming.

Email **Barbara Shotz** (barbshotz@gmail.com) or **Sheva Cohen** (cohen409@comcast.net) with your interest in being a part of this group, even if you are unable to attend our first meeting, or with any questions or comments.

The Jewish Grandparents' Network has been a wonderful resource. Check out their website (<https://jewishgrandparentsnetwork.org>) for some good information. The Network carried out a national demographic study on grandparenting that we think you will enjoy reading. 

Graduations



Mazal Tov to all of AJ's graduates!

Adam Aaronson, son of **Eden Winick Aaronson** and grandson of **Claire and David Winick**, graduated from Cherry Hill East High School and will be a freshman at Temple University.

Ross Armon, son of **Bruce and Wendy Armon**, graduated from Abington Senior High School, and will be attending Yale University.

Ben Brier, son of **Jennifer and David Brier**, graduated from Cheltenham Senior High School and will attend Syracuse Business School.

Jacob Chase, son of **Samuel and Gail Chase**, graduated from Lower Moreland High School and will attend Penn State University.

Isabelle Duarte, daughter of **Lou Duarte and Stephanie Greenberg-Duarte**, graduated from Cheltenham High School and will attend the University of Delaware's Organizational Leadership/Fellowship for Entrepreneurship.

Lauren Easley, granddaughter of **Stan Oswald z"l and Phyllis Weber**, graduated with a B.A. from Smith College.

Dore Fish-Bielerm, grandson of **Joy Fish**, graduated from Gann Academy, in Waltham, MA on June 14.

J. Fassler, daughter of **Anne and Steven Fassler**, graduated from Germantown Academy and will attend Vassar College.

David Friedman, son of **Robert and Jennifer Friedman**, brother of **Melissa Friedman**, and grandson of **Rita Friedman**, graduated in December from University of Hartford with a bachelor's degree in Business Management.

David Goldberg, son of **Sandra and Michael Goldberg**, graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Jessica Goldberg, daughter of **Leslie and Michael Goldberg**, and granddaughter of **Vivien and Allan Marmon**, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh,

Summa Cum Laude, and will continue for her master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

Samantha Goldberg, daughter of **Sandra and Michael Goldberg**, graduated from Cheltenham High School and plans on attending the University of Pittsburgh.

Melissa Haua, daughter of **Francine Elmaleh**, graduated from Springfield Township High School where she was class Secretary and yearbook photo editor, and a member of the National Honor Society. She is heading to the University of Pittsburgh as a Cathedral Scholarship recipient.

Emily Kaplan, daughter of **Drs. Elon and Beth Kaplan**, graduated from Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy.

Jonah Kaufman, grandson of **Sharon and Ed Masarsky**, graduated from Plymouth Whitmarsh High School. He will be attending the University of Maryland.

Leia Kessler, granddaughter of **Violet and Richard Zeitlin**, graduated from Tulane University.

Nate Kirschner, son of **Brian and Dr. Caren Kirschner**, graduated from Cheltenham High School and will attend Northeastern University.

Aaron Leventhal, son of **Michal and Brian Leventhal**, is leaving Masterman Middle School and going to Central High School.

Anna Leventhal, daughter of **Michal and Brian Leventhal**, graduated from Masterman High School and will attend to University of Pennsylvania.

Sam Liss, son of **Dr. Donald Liss and Dr. Barbara Bix**, graduated from Cheltenham High School and will attend the University of Virginia.

Adam Gabriel Maman, son of **Pamela Fine Maman** and grandson of **Suzan Fine (Kal z"l)**, graduated from Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy. He will be attending Penn State's main campus for engineering in the fall.

Michael Montague, son of **Maxine and Barry Montague**, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Pennsylvania on May 18, 2020.

Roy Nussbaum, son of **Shay and Ossie Nussbaum**, graduated from Cheltenham High School and will attend Temple University for Music Education.

Grace Picard, daughter of **Tammy and Steven Zebovitz**, graduated with her master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from West Chester University.

Brett Rosoff-Verbit, son of **Beryl and Arthur**, graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Material Science Engineering. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in Material Science Engineering.

Zoe Rosoff-Verbit, daughter of **Beryl and Arthur**, graduated from University of Pennsylvania with a master's degree in Public Health. She continues to work as a researcher at UP.

Eliana Segal, daughter of **Dr. Sion Segal and Susan Ansul**, graduated from James Madison University with a master's degree in Psychological Sciences, Behavior Analysis Concentration.

Alex Tammara, son of **Randy and Mindy Tammara**, graduated from Abington Senior High School.

Brianna Tammara, daughter of **Randy and Mindy Tammara**, graduated from Abington Senior High School.

Sammy Turk Tolub, grandson of **Roland and Helen Victor Turk**, and son of **Rachel Turk Tolub and Benjamin Turk Tolub**, graduated on May 22, 2020 from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Rachel had Robert Friedman as her first Torah teacher and has continued teaching her children, Eliana, Sammy, and Hadassah the "AJ" trop (Rachel has also taught the "AJ" trop to people in Teaneck, NJ, and the Main Line in Philadelphia.)^{🕊️}

COLLEGE CONNECTION

We Would Like To Connect With Your College Student!

Surprise your college student with a taste of home! College students enrolled in the **AJ College Connection Program** will receive the bi-monthly *AJ News* and enjoy holiday packages sent to school. Open to children of member families only.

This program is enthusiastically sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

Please send the following information to **Sandra Goldberg** at saglpt@aol.com or call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611: Student Name, School Address, Student Email Address, Parent Email Address, and Expected Year of Graduation.

OYR Youth

Attention Teens!

Get ready for another amazing year of activities, social action, learning, food, and fun! Make sure you follow us on Instagram @OYRUSY to find out about our events.

Parents: if you're not getting weekly emails, please contact OYRyouth@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

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:

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



Mildred Blanche Album
Leon Alkus
Irvin Amarnick
Edwin Apothaker
Laura Axe
Julia B. Bernstein
Alfred Block
Samuel Brandeis
Joseph Elmaleh
Milton Ford
Louis J. Fox
Seymour Fox
Harry W. Fuller
Dr. Marvin Aaron Gershenfeld
Irving Goldstein
Nathan J. Gottlieb
Esther Cohen Gutman
George E. Helfand
Rose Pasternack Hirsh
Bernard C. Hopfen
Eva Jacobs
Anna Jaffe
Isabel J. Jelinek
Rose Daroff Kaplan
Samuel Kasser
Vove Katzman
Leo Kauffmann
Charles Kinkel
Mindel C. Kleinbard
Dr. Louis A. Kustin
Simcha Landau
Rose G. Leopold
Lee Linder
Mae Lisman
Adelaide Mitchell

Emanuel B. Newman
Yetta Newman
Hyman Novack
Clare Z. Parness
Sigmund Platowsky
Harry Rasdolsky
Geraldine Beryl Reichman
Loeb Hirsh Rosenberger
Jeanette Saltzman
David Salus
Milton D. Scheinberg
Moses Scheuer
Esther Schinfeld
Harry Schneeberg
Carl M. Schwartz
Joseph Schwartz
Louis Seltzer
Hilda Shaffran
Irvin E. Silverman
Carrie E. Simon
David Snader
Frances Spear
Deborah Leah Steinberg
Claire Kun Stern
Herman Strauss
Mary Sussman
Carl Tizio
Adolph Tobotnick
Rachel Venetzky
Naomi G. Weinberg
Anna Weinstein
Irvin A. Winegrad
Bella Zemble
Philip Ziffer

JULY 5, 2020 to JULY 11, 2020

13 Tammuz 5780 to 19 Tammuz 5780

To be read on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11



Marvin L. Arkans
Harriet R. Banks
Rae Beckett
Dora Beerwald
Reuben Leib Berkowitz
Iris J. Bilker
Florence Bliss
Fannie Bolen
Samuel H. Brodsky
Rabbi Bernard Cantor
David Caplan
Reba Ceasar
Tillie Chernick
Harry E. Cohen
Ruth Cohen
Harriet Schneeberg Ellis
Abram Epstein
Rebecca Feiganblatt
Rose Rothman Fein
Dorothy S. Fleisher

Rae Altman Fogel
Rebecca Freed
Joseph Saul Freedman
Professor Israel Friedlaender
Shelomo Zalman Friedman
Dr. Milton S. Greenberg
Johanna Gross
Toby Snyder Grosswald
Dora S. Kabler
Jacob Kahn
Betty Kmiecik
Julius L. Korson
Pearl R. Lamb
Sidney W. Lang
Jack J. Lashin
Harry Lavine
Julia Lerner
Dr. Philip M. Lessig
Mina Loeb
Rachel A. Mayer

Betty Naide
Jennie Oswald
Jack Paller
Michael Pfeffer
Rosemary Post
William Reibstein
Judith Rosenfeld
David Salkovitz
Mollie Schiff
Jacob Schreiber

Joseph Schwartz
Sarah Schwartz
Manuel Shenker
Pauly Shenker
Colman Shrager
Max Smolever
Maurice Staub
Benjamin Strauss
Hattie Tapper
Dr. Edward C. Viner

JULY 12, 2020 to JULY 18, 2020

20 Tammuz 5780 to 26 Tammuz 5780

To be read on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18



Esther Antwarg
Julia Arronson
Eve Bender
Rosie Bender
Annie Blume
George David Brooks
Freda Bushman
Samuel Chosiad
Minnie Clair
Rose Cluster
Bertha Jacobs Cleaver
Perry David Cohn, MD
George Creed
Sidney Don
Harry Donsky
Harry Arthur Ellis
Stanton Bernard Felzer
Rae Fisher
Beatrice Ford
Anna Geller
Cora R. Gerson
Judith E. Glaymen
Josephine R. Gluck
Jeannette Goldhammer
Sophie Greenberg
Eva Heidelberger
Selma S. Hertz
Benjamin Hofberg
Harry Jacobson
Louis Jacobson
Albert Katz
Melvin H. Koff
Ida R. Kramer

Samuel Krupnick
William Morris Krupnick
Chava Landau
Rosetta Alkus Lederer
Joel Levin
Louis Levin
Max Levin
Barnett Levy
Evelyn Lichtman
Myer Aaron Margolis
Bryan Shane Marks
Rose S. Maybaum
Sophie Oppenheimer
Harry Pasternack
Dorothy G. Polsky
Fannie Kahn Price
Marion Richman
William Rosenblatt
Herbert William Rosenfeld
Samuel Rothberg
Harry Rubenstein
Samuel G. Sanders
Louise Schneideman
Elsie U. Schwartz
Elizabeth Sher
Harry Sherman
Moses Sickles
Cecilia Jeannette Simon
Harriett Smerling
Nathan Stein
David L. Strauss
Jacob Wallfield
Louis Wellenbach

JULY 19, 2020 to JULY 25, 2020

27 Tammuz 5780 to 4 Av 5780

To be read on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25



Sarah N. Aion
Harry Alloy
Yetta C. Apothaker
Henry Arnstein
Lazar Bachenheimer
Stanley L. Basche
Jerome Berg
Rose Shuman Bernstein
Jennie Bless
Miriam Boorstein
Ida R. Caplan

Sidney S. Chilnick
Eugene Cohen
Ethel Daroff
Henry David Epstein
Celia Feinberg
Esther Felzer
Ruth Frank
Rhoda M. B. Frankel
Benjamin B. Friedman
Rose Friedman
Rev. Laib Isaac Gassel

Jacob H. Getzow
Harry A. Glashofer
Sylvia R. Goldstein
Oscar Guggenheim
Gertrude "Gery" Hankin
Rubin Hymovitz
Thelma S. Joseph
Samuel Kalish
Albert W. Kapnick
Robert M. Katz
Miriam Klein
Sophie Lashinsky
Alexander S. Layman
Jean Liedman
Sophie F. Lipschutz
Joseph Nathaniel Lisman
Henry Love
William Lyons
Milton Malish
Anna Markowitz

Marie Mechanic
Edith Messey
Rebecca Neiman
Bess Oberfield
Rose Gertrud Orgiefsky
Celia Paul
Harry Polsky
Nathan L. Rachmell
Israel Reibstein
Murray S. Rosen
Dvora Rosenberg
Jean Shull
Louis Soffin
Lena Strauss
Sigmund Sugarbread
Israel B. Suzmer
Louis J. Tabby
Ethel Weller
Rose Wisneski

JULY 26, 2020 to AUGUST 1, 2020

5 Av 5780 to 11 Av 5780

To be read on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1



Samuel A. Baron
Abraham Beilan
Rosa Beilin
Estelle Bekoff
Rose Berkowitz
Raymond Blatt
Lester M. Bloch
Lina M. Brody
Harry Brown
Raphael Brunswick
Walter Bucks
Margaret Bugay
Martha Ceasar
Ethel Cohen
Israel Ellis
Harry Fair
Samuel Frank
Bernhard Fuhrmann
Lena Ethel Fuller
Frank Gochin
Moll Gochin
Max Goldberg
Rose Goldstein
Max Green
Lucille Hess
Fanny Binswanger Hoffman
Manuel Isser
Dr. Marvin A. (Bud) Jaffe
Charles Kahn
Dolores Kushner

Harry Levi
Fannie Levick
Fannie Levy
Fay Levy
Mort Meyer
Elise Odenheimer
Garry Robert Parker
Carrie Pincus
Anna Polin
Louis Pottash
Helen Rosen
Frommet Rosenbaum
Anne Steinberg Rosenthal
Nancy Levit Schoenfeld
Herman Schwartz
Louis Singer
Mayer Sklar
Jerome M. Staller
Samuel Stein
Eugene Sunshine
Stanley A. Tauber
Abraham Tollin
Dr. Nathan Torrens
Louis Tubis
Adolph Wellenbach
Benjamin Wexler
Benjamin H. Wolf
Jeanette R. Yohlin
Morrie H. Zinman

AUGUST 2, 2020 to AUGUST 8, 2020

12 Av 5780 to 18 Av 5780

To be read on Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8



Ralph Caplan
Isadore Cohen
Paul J. Cohen
Byrdie Cohn
Elsie Deitch

Jeanette DeWolf
Rose Domansky
Anna Drell
Dora L. Edelman
Philip Felzer

לזכר עולם In Remembrance

Mildred Goldblatt
Rubin Goldfine
Rose Goldsman
Ethel Gross
Rose Gruber
Joseph B. Haber
Rosa Milder Jacoby
Samuel Jawer
Isaac Kallish
Miriam Kamin
Hymen Kanoff
Louis Kartoz
Jacob Klein
Mary Klein
Rose Largman
Leon Lessack
Chava Rachel Love
Sarah Love
Sara Harris Luber
Nathan L. Mayer
Morris Melnick
Joan Mishkin

Pearl Novik
Jean R. Parkins
Meyer Pincus
Minna Platowsky
Abraham Rabinowitz
Nathan A. Remstein
Clara Rosenberg
Rose Roth
Norma F. Samuel
Miriam Schneeberg
Phyllis Shaffran Shevelov
Gwen A. Shorr
Lillian Silverman
Sophie Berris Silverston
Philip Solomon
Max Steinberg
Anna Steinman
Herman J. Swerlick
Thomas Torrens
Burton Joseph Webber
Ida Willig

AUGUST 9, 2020 to AUGUST 15, 2020
19 Av 5780 to 25 Av 5780

To be read on Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15

Nathan Accardi
Pauline Ball
Solomon Berg
Benjamin Berison
Rose Birnbaum
Harold Blumenfeld
Rebecca Bortnick
Esther Brandschain
Isaac Brav
Elaine Braveman
Paul Breen
Alexander Z. Brister
Morris Chalphon
Albert Cuker
Fay Dash
Stanley Davidoff
Harry Deckter
Elsie Duman
Bella Feinstein
Kitty Forman
Max Forman
Rose Fox
Bernard Friedman
Norman Gekoski
Eva Golden
Samuel J. Grossman
Bertha Herz
Esther Leah Jacobson
Abraham Jacoby
Deena Kassel
Nathan Kauffman
Isadore Koff
Edward L. Krevitz
Albert Levy

Hannah Loeb
Isaac Marcus
Edward Mason
Edward Arthur Miller
Benjamin Neiman
I. Frank Oberfeld
Anna Panitch
David King Perelman
Abraham Pleet
Sarah R. Rabinowitz
N. Allan Reuben
Jacob Rosenfeld
Mae Schreiber
Albert Schwartz
Iris Lee Schwartz
Rose Scolnick
Jennie Shaffran
Esther Silberman
Ralph Silverman
Samuel Slobotkin
Louis C. Solo
Esther Levin Spector
Bertha Steidler
Ida B. Steinberg
Geraldine Stomackin
Rose Strauss
Irving C. Teblum
Fanny Thomashefsky
Ida Wallenbach
Herman A. Wecht
Ada R. Weil
Samuel J. Weil
Regina Perlstein Wiesen

AUGUST 16, 2020 to AUGUST 22, 2020
26 Av 5780 to 3 Elul 5780

To be read on Friday, August 21 and Saturday, August 22

David Aaron
P. Edward Barenkopf
Katie Bergman
Eva Brint
Dorothy L. Brooks
Leopold Brooks
Kathleen Burman
Mildred D. Edelman
Minnie Edelson
Isreal I. First
Alfred Fleischhacker
Fannie Frechie
Miriam Frumer
Marion Getzik
Ruth Checker Gross
Elise S. Hertz
Kathryn Jaspán
Rose Katz
Marjorie K. Kauffman
Gary David Kellem
David Kuh
Henrietta R. Kustin
Nathan Lazar
Abraham Leonard
Jack Lisman
Florence Masarsky



Louis Makransky
Charles Moldawer
Rose P. Moldawer
Dina Oppenheimer
Edward Orlick
Fanny Pfeffer
Ida Piwoz
Benjamin Podell
Esther L. Podolyn
Esther Popowich
Ethel Sarner Romain
Marks Schneideman
Jacob C. Schuster
Dusha Schwartz
Dr. Arthur D. Seidel
Morris Sloan
Jean Spitzer
Jacob Stern
Carole Ellen Strug
Max Stup
Reba Thomas
Charles Trechan
Bella Viner
Samuel Weiner
Sadie Weinstein
Leane Wilgard

AUGUST 23, 2020 to AUGUST 29, 2020
3 Elul 5780 to 9 Elul 5780

To be read on Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29

Celia Mildred Allen
Freda Altman
Sophia S. Axelrod
Louis Bachenheimer
Samuel Robert Beckett
Bella Benedict
Isadore Berman
Morris Bernstein
Charlotte Viner Bernstein
Jean Blankfield
Byron Blum
Max Blumberg
Kathe Blumenthal
Norman Brandeis
Pauline Braverman
Dr. Franklin L. Brickman
Carl B. Broad
Jacob Leon Brown
Anne Carmosin
Giulio Ciotti
Hannah Dannenberg
Meyer Demp
Nathan Dordick
Nellie F. Essrig



Belle Goldman Feigenbaum
Marvin Felkoff
Philip Fidelman
Helen Fox
Rebecca Freedman
Dr. Abraham Freedman
Dr. Morris L. Fuchs
Lena Fyne
Harry Goldiner
Betty Glick Goldstein
Leonard Gottlieb
Anne S. Harris
Max Hawtof
Max Hirsch
Bessie Hockstein
Muriel E. Hofberg
Yetta B. Jacobson
Anna Zeeve Jaspán
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Libbey Riva Rudolph
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Harold Steerman
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Irving Woldow
Morris Yuter
Irvin Zaslav

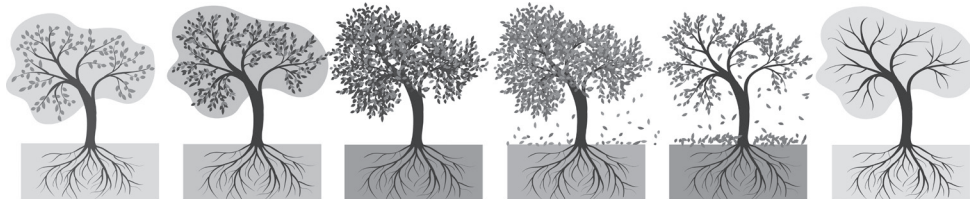
AUGUST 30, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 5, 2020
10 Elul 5780 to 16 Elul 5780

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



Emanuel Asher
Lillian Berger
Martin M. Berger
George Berman
Molly G. Blumstein
Rose Bolinsky
Eva G. Brickman
Ethel Brooks
Todd Chaefsky
David Chernick
William Eckstein
Celia B. Elkins
Benjamin Ellman
Stanley Fingerman
E. David First
Herbert B. Fogel
Annie Fox
Phyllis Fox
Edward Golden
Samuel Heimerling
Harry Hirschberg
Frances Loeb Hoffman
Louis Hoffman
Warren Josephs
Maurice J. Kass
Else Roer Kaufmann
Lewis Klein
Jacob Korostoff
Samuel Kushner
Frances Layman
Dr. Richard Allen Lazar
Miriam Lebowitz
Charles Lemisch

Julius Leventhal
Benzion Levin
Samuel S. Levitt
Freda H. Mellman
Martin W. Mellman
Esther G Metz
Herman Miller
Harry Minkoff
Bella (Bayla) Neiman
Matilda L. Newman
Judith Rose Picard
Lena Pleet
Louis Polin
Maurice Rosen
Florence Hirsch Rosen
Sharon Rosenthal
Harry N. Sacks
Jacob Salamon
Flo Shapiro
Max Silberman
Suzanne U. Snyder
Sylvia Sorkin
Sara Belle Spector
Adelaide R. Stein
Leonard Julius Stein
Irwin Marvin Sussman
Charles Sustin
Pauline Turon
Samuel Weinberg
Albert Weiser
Louis Wernick
Nathaniel Whiteman
Rose Wilderman



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

Jonah Warren Spector, grandson of **Judy and Sam Rosenberg** and great-grandson of **Barbara Josephs and Warren Josephs (z"l)** *April 29, 2020*

Jackson Miles Mellman, grandson of **Martin and Ellen Mellman** *May 18, 2020*

Millie Parker Herman, great-granddaughter of **Jerry and Judy Herman** *May 28, 2020*

Emmanuel Cosme Berliner, grandson of **Rabbi Sandi and Roy Berliner** *June 8, 2020*



Achievements

It was recently announced by the University of Pennsylvania's Medical School that **Dr. Elizabeth Turk-Karan** was promoted to Assistant Professor in the School of Psychiatry. Dr. Turk-Karan is the Director of Practicum and Internship Training at the Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety. She is involved in training graduate and post-graduate students as well as leading workshops and seminars in cognitive-behavioral therapy and treating patients needing these services.



Deaths

Hannah Reich, daughter of **Benjamin and Emily Reich**, and sister of **Batya Reich** *May 14, 2020*

Trevor Hoffman, grandson of **Arnold and Bette Hoffman** *May 27, 2020*

Mary Bressler, aunt of **Arthur Steiger** *June 19, 2020*

July Milestone Anniversaries

55 YEARS
• **Alan and Leah Liss** *July 5, 1965*

40 YEARS
• **Leigh and Deborah Carasso** *July 13, 1980*

30 YEARS
• **Mitchell Freedman and Liane Sher** *July 8, 1990*

15 YEARS
• **Mark and Robin Rubenstein** *July 17, 2005*

August Milestone Anniversaries

30 YEARS
• **Douglas and Bonnie Aaron** *August 18, 1990*

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.

Are You Suffering From Loneliness?

The social distancing required to defeat the coronavirus has upended our lives. We have been separated from family, friends, and coworkers. If you are experiencing loneliness, or know of someone who is, please let us know how we can help. You can reach Rav Shai at 215.992.4112 or ravshai@adathjeshurun.info, or Hazzan Glantz at 215.439.5033 or hglantz@gmail.com.

Kol HaKavod to our April and May Torah and Haftarah Readers

<i>Roy Berliner</i>	<i>Michal Leventhal</i>
<i>Rabbi Sandi Berliner</i>	<i>Avi Lipton</i>
<i>Michelle Britchkow</i>	<i>Mike Markowich</i>
<i>Rebecca Cherry</i>	<i>Ilana McAfoos</i>
<i>Shalev Cherry</i>	<i>Jacob McAfoos</i>
<i>Lester Duman</i>	<i>Larry McAfoos</i>
<i>Anne Fassler</i>	<i>Lorna Rosenberg</i>
<i>J Fassler</i>	<i>Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom</i>
<i>Lucy Fassler</i>	<i>Gail Schwartz</i>
<i>Mikayla Fassler</i>	<i>David Seltzer</i>
<i>Allan Freedman</i>	<i>Debbie Seltzer-Cohen</i>
<i>Hazzan Howard Glantz</i>	<i>Meryl Sussman</i>
<i>Mindy Goldstein</i>	<i>Cantor Buzzy Walters</i>
<i>Jacob Hartman</i>	<i>Marcia Webber</i>
<i>Leah Hartman</i>	<i>Ken Weilerstein</i>
<i>Judy Stutman Izes</i>	<i>Idelle Wood</i>
<i>Norm Koven</i>	<i>Leah Zebovitz</i>
<i>Johnny Levin</i>	<i>Tammy Zebovitz</i>
<i>Anna Leventhal</i>	<i>Richard Zeises</i>

Coping with COVID-19: Sharing and Support Bi-Weekly Sessions

We have introduced a new bi-weekly event, led by Rabbi Sandi Berliner. Come share and support each other during this challenging time. What's going on with you? How are you doing? Every other week we'll spend 45 to 60 minutes talking together about feelings and concerns in the age of COVID-19.

Meetings will be every other Wednesday and will follow evening minyan at 7:30 PM. You can drop into any sessions you'd like.

Here is the Zoom info:

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

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 109428724

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Joanne Tauber

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In honor of your 40th wedding anniversary

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My friend, mentor, and Shabbat Service buddy is sorely missed

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Martin Cohen

Linda Koven

Seymour Cohen

Dorothy Cohen

Edith Coopersmith

Rene and Sheldon Smith and Family

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