

Warmth without Touch

by Rav Shai Cherry



In 1992, David Mamet came out with *Oleanna*. I was studying in Israel at the time, but I heard about it. What now seems so embedded in our culture was just then emerging. *Oleanna* was inspired by the Anita Hill–Clarence Thomas hearings. *Oleanna*, however, had an academic setting, and the accused harasser was a college professor. That's what I was hoping to be.

As a young, unmarried man, I took note. Ten years later, at Vanderbilt, I was careful never to shut the door with a female student unless she requested it. Teaching in the Religion Department is unlike teaching political science. Many students were taking classes for very personal reasons, and when they came to my office with their issues, I was not about to send them off to their clergy. Sometimes folks wanted to convert to Judaism. Other times, students were questioning their sexuality. Once, a young lady confided in me that she had been abused during a study abroad program the previous semester. Those were all closed-door conversations.

At the end of semesters, there were often hugs. When saying goodnight at the end of a Shabbat dinner with me, Rebecca, and Tehila, there were usually hugs. And when I saw my students at shul, needless to say — hugs!

We all know how the culture has shifted in terms of physical contact. I understand. I don't want to make anyone physically uncomfortable. Yet, when I arrived at AJ, I reverted immediately to shul behavior, i.e., hugging. It seemed like the default expression of warmth. And then came COVID-19.

During this extended period of physical separation, when we were all wondering what the new normal would look like, I read a particularly disturbing piece in

the *New York Times Magazine* entitled, "I Spent My Life Consenting to Touch I Didn't Want." (<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/31/magazine/consent.html>)


Once I read her words, it was obvious to me that Melissa Febos, the author, was right. Folks are conditioned to meet expectations, and it's the rare woman who will push away from an unwanted hug.

And, on top of that, there's the whole germ thing. Even fist bumps involve skin-to-skin contact. You will notice that AJ has a new Kiddush fountain — a beautiful way to avoid sharing and spreading germs.

Here's my take-away. No matter what policy I make in regard to touching congregants, irrespective of gender and age, it's not always going to be successful. Mistakes will happen, and those mistakes have the potential to be hurtful. Given that no policy will satisfy everyone, I have decided to err on the side of touchless warmth. My logic is that a hurt from not being touched is less severe than a hurt from an unwanted touch.

That means I won't be extending my hand, I won't be coming in for a cheek kiss, and I won't be approaching with open arms for a hug. My body language and crinkly smile will, alone, greet you.

Here's the exception: I'll never leave you wanting more. If you're proactive, I will invoke Newton's law and respond with an equal action toward you. Check out these awesome videos, and you'll get the idea. [My personal favorite is the giggle wiggle. (<https://funforspanishteachers.com/2019/01/greet-your-students-at-the-door/>)]

Believe it or not, it was Shammai who said to greet everyone with a cheery *punim*. At a minimum, I promise to greet everyone with a Cherry *punim*! 

On Saturday, June 19, Rav Shai began a series of Torah Study sessions to be held each Shabbat during our summer hours when services begin at 10:00 AM. There are two purposes for the sessions. The first is *Torah lishmah*, study for its own sake. The second purpose is to introduce congregants to English sources that will be helpful in preparing your own *divrei Torah*. Texts will be provided both for those on Zoom and those in the Strauss Chapel. Feel free to attend any or all remaining sessions.

AJ's new Kiddush fountain



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SHABBAT PINCHAS

July 2, 3, 2021 23 Tammuz 5781

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat in-person* and via Zoom

.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom

.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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INDEPENDENCE DAY (OBSERVED)

July 5, 2021 25 Tammuz 5781

MONDAY MORNING

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

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Please note:

On Wednesday evening, July 7, Hazzan Glantz will lead an in-person minyan at 7:00 PM that will precede the Old York Road Kehillah event, "Jewish Music in America." See page 4 for details.

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ROSH HODESH AV SHABBAT MATOT | MASEI

July 9, 10, 2021 1 Av 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....8:13 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached in-person* and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom.....9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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EREV TISHA B'AV DEVARIM | SHABBAT HAZON

July 16, 17, 2021 8 Av 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....8:09 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat in-person* and via Zoom

.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom.....8:10 PM
Followed by a Tisha B'Av program and Eicha Chanting (details to be announced)

TISHA B'AV

July 17, 18, 2021 9 Av 5781

SUNDAY MORNING

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

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TU B'AV

SHABBAT VA'ETHANAN | NAHAMU

July 23, 24, 2021 15 Av 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....8:04 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat in-person* and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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SHABBAT EKEV

July 30, 31, 2021 22 Av 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:58 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat in-person* and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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SHABBAT RE'EH

August 6, 7, 2021 29 Av 5781

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached in-person* and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

ROSH HODESH ELUL

August 8, 9, 2021 30 Av, 1 Elul 5781

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom.....9:00 AM
Stay after services for a fun educational event for the whole family to celebrate New Year's Day for Animals...see page 5 for details!

MONDAY MORNING

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

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SHABBAT SHOFTIM

August 13, 14, 2021 6 Elul 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:41 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat in-person* and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

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SHABBAT KI TETZE

August 20, 21, 2021 13 Elul 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:31 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached in-person* and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom.....7:35 PM

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SHABBAT KI TAVO

August 27, 28, 2021 20 Elul 5781

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

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat in-person* and via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service in-person* and via Zoom.....10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom.....7:25 PM
• Selihot.....To be announced



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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

See the blue box below for details about in-person and Zoom services.

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.

As of the printing of the July/August *AJ News*, all Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturday morning Shabbat services will be held both in person at AJ and on Zoom. Shabbat Minhah/Ma'ariv and Havdalah as well as daily minyan will remain on Zoom. Updates will be posted on the AJ website (www.CongregationAJ.org) and in the weekly email. You may also call the AJ office for more information.

All in attendance must be fully vaccinated and must pre-register for services. You can go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html for the link to pre-register. You will be asked to affirm that you have read AJ's updated Guidelines. As stated in the updated Guidelines, those in attendance are not required to wear masks. Additionally, there will be no limit to the number of people who may attend in-person services.

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.



The Origin Story

By Howard Levin,
President of Adath Jeshurun

Before I begin I want to extend a major thank you to AJ's first and hopefully last virtual president, Judy Izes. Judy, all I can say is thank God the Pandemic happened during your watch because I'm not sure anyone had the temperament to navigate this minefield and you were, in a word, *spectacular*.

I was asked to have this letter submitted for publication by June 1 and, in a rare case of procrastination paying off, I am writing this after our first in-person maskless Shabbat evening service. What a great night marching the Torahs around the synagogue and rededicating the shul as a place of prayer and, most important, the AJ spirit. What a joy to watch Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz banter back and forth, not to mention "rocking" out to the AJ house band, K'lei AJ!

So... I am not going to begin my first newsletter article with a Springsteen quote or song title, instead I am going to quote the Talking Heads' "Once in a Lifetime" — "Well... How did I get here?" When Judy called and informed me that my first newsletter article was due, I suddenly realized that I was going to be President of AJ and then the panic set in. Was I ready to be President of AJ and, more importantly, was AJ ready for me? Before I get too far along, I offer the following piece of "career" advice: do not sublet office space with two former AJ presidents or you may find yourself writing the President's article for the *AJ News*.

So, how did I get here? One day, while minding my own business, David Reibstein asked if I would like to succeed Judy and be president in two years. Since I am usually not one to say no, I said yes and then went home and told Eydie what I had done. We also found out Friday night that Eydie will be the first person whose father and husband were both presidents of AJ.

For those of you who do not know me, let me tell you a little about myself. I was not born into the AJ family...

I married into the "family." I grew up in the Far Northeast where my father was president of B'nai Torah, a small shul that sadly, like a lot of other small shuls, is no longer there. I have very fond memories of attending Friday evening and Saturday morning services, eating salami on rye after services, and of walking to shul for the High Holidays. I still remember having our house kashered after my father became president. Since neither of my parents grew up in kosher households, I grew up in a kosher house with a non-kosher stomach. I'll save those stories for another newsletter.

The most important thing you should know about me is I do not like complaints. If you have a complaint, I also expect a solution. If you just want to complain, I'll be happy to give you Eydie's phone number and you can call her and complain... I'm sure she'll be happy to listen. If you want to discuss a deficiency you see, I'll be happy to listen as long as you have a suggestion on how to fix/resolve the problem. Be forewarned, if you approach me with a suggestion about something we should be doing, you will then be the chairperson of that New-Something-We-Should-Be-Doing Committee.

AJ currently has 378 families, and I am making it my goal to reach 613 families within the next two years. After the pandemic of 1918, the United States entered the roaring '20s and now after the pandemic of '20-'21, it's time for AJ to begin our version of the roaring '20s. We are going to shake off the cobwebs and try a lot of new—and I hope exciting—things. Some ideas will be successful and some not so much, but if you never get up to the plate and swing, you'll never get a hit.

So let's get ready to pray in shul, maybe act like fools (Purim), refresh our souls, daven all night, it's going to be alright, with apologies to Bruce Springsteen.

Stay Jewish!



Because the High Holidays are so early this year (the first day of Rosh Hashanah is on Tuesday, September 7), please look for the High Holiday mailing that will include the service schedule, special events, and other High Holiday-related information. It will arrive at congregant homes by U.S. Mail during the week of July 12. If you'd like to get a head start, the Roll of Remembrance form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Can I Top That?

In the last newsletter, I detailed my experience opening a large envelope, one that I erred in assuming was junk mail. The response to the column was overwhelming. Emails, notes, calls and casual mentions eclipsed anything I had experienced prior from the pieces I wrote. As a result, I sent the article to Jana thinking she would like to read it. She wrote back promptly:

I can not even put into words how much your emails have touched me. It is great to see the impact made by me and my class. I would never have imagined that one day I would get something so significant and meaningful back and I want to thank you for that.

To be honest I was very skeptical at first when I realized my next step was to contact you, because I am interfering in the fate of your family without being asked and I might bring up a topic which you do not wish to remember.

So I know I cannot top the way my column tugged on heartstrings and elicited such a response from Jana. Still, I wanted to at least provide you with this update. For the remainder of this column I'd like to focus on Hebrew.

Yes, Hebrew. As you may have heard through announcements and perhaps even by participation, I have focused a great deal on Hebrew language instruction over this past year. Taught by Zoom, "Hebrew from Scratch" proved to make Hebrew readers of some who didn't know any or most of the Hebrew letters and how they work. Hebrew readers take it for granted but looking up and down for vowels before moving (from right to left) to the next consonant is no small feat for the uninitiated.

Another weekly class, "Hebrew: It's Greek to Me," served to add some comprehension and speed for those who could already read Hebrew. We focused on the chosen texts of each participant and worked on identifying the roots of words. This can make the text come to life. I know I felt this way when I returned from a year of life in Israel and attended synagogue for what felt suddenly like the first time. Of course, much of that experience was bolstered by *ulpan* and regularly using Hebrew everywhere I went.

Did I say *ulpan*? Just a few months ago, we were blessed to begin a weekly *ulpan* class. We were fortunate to get connected with Mika Meidar, who taught *ulpan* in the IDF. *Ulpan* focuses on conversational Hebrew and several of

you met every Monday to learn. 9:30 AM here is 4:30 PM in Ramat Gan, and with decent WiFi, we were like any other classroom of dedicated students.

Just a few months ago, Rav Shai announced our synagogue mission to Israel for 2022, a year from this coming Sukkot. The modern State of Israel brought Hebrew back to life as a spoken language, something that had never been accomplished. How wonderful it would be for many AJers to experience the Holy Land with more comprehension of and ability to communicate in the language of Torah.

I plan to repeat all these classes after the High Holidays as part of our Adult Education offerings. I hope you will join me on this Hebrew journey.

What else? Lots! It's summertime but our programming doesn't go on vacation.

Kabbalat with Strings Attached services are scheduled for **July 9, August 6, and August 27**. Now, it's always the case that the availability of our participants in K'lei AJ (in-house Shabbat band of volunteer instrumentalists) may transform Strings Attached to a K'lei AJ Kabbalat Shabbat. And speaking of K'lei AJ, we are open to new participants. Do you play an instrument? Be in touch with me!

Finally, being summer, maybe you're driving a distance for one reason or another. If you haven't yet discovered podcasts, I highly recommend them. One doesn't have to have an iPhone... they are available on any Android, tablet, or computer as well. Of course I have my favorites and yes, I am more than happy to share some of my recommendations.

I like to listen to these two very political podcasts one after the other — just give a listen and I think you'll see why.

- **Imagine With Us** is the official podcast of *Tikkun* magazine which views itself as a prophetic voice for peace, and unabashedly utopian aspirations for the world that can be. The magazine began over 32 years ago as a platform for young writers to emerge as public intellectuals and for established thinkers and academics to posit groundbreaking philosophies and radical ideas. (<https://anchor.fm/imaginewithus>)

- **Commentary** is a magazine of opinion and describes itself as a pivotal voice in American intellectual life. Since its inception in 1945, the magazine has been consistently engaged with the fate of democracy and of democratic ideas in a world threatened by totalitarian ideologies. That said, the daily podcasts focus a great deal on Israeli politics. (<https://www.commentarymagazine.com/podcast/>)

Enough politics!

- **StreetWise... Hebrew.** *Shaaalom!* If you've ever listened to this podcast, you understand the ellipsis I added and the need for *shalom* to be written *Shaaalom*! It is the signature phrase that Guy uses to open and close each brief segment. Guy Sharett, originally from Ashdod, speaks seven languages, including Arabic, Thai, Indonesian and Italian. Each week, he takes a Hebrew root and with his often humorous and playful way, he brings it alive in ways that no one else can. His use of music, pop culture, scripture, and poetry is unmatched. (<https://tlv1.fm/content/streetwise-hebrew/>)
- If you might like a brief but high-level lesson on the weekly parsha, check out **Torah Talk** from Michael Carasik, a professor of Biblical Hebrew at the University of Pennsylvania. I find his podcasts to be at once brilliant and entertaining. Carasik is best known internationally as the creator of the Commentators' Bible — an English-language version of the traditional Jewish Torah commentaries known as the *Mikraot Gedolot*. (<https://mcarasik.wordpress.com/>)

As with all things, watch out for imposters, especially the so-called Messianics who use titles that can easily be misunderstood. So get your podcasts lined up before a long drive so you will fulfill my best wishes for safe drives that are hands-free. 🚗

Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

SUMMER EDITION!!!

Friday nights at 6:15 PM:
July 9, August 6 and 27



Celebrate the Jewish New Year for Animals at AJ!

Sunday, August 8 at 10:30 AM

To celebrate Rosh Hodesh Elul, the Jewish New Year for Animals, Lynne from Safari Parties will be coming to AJ! She will bring a variety of animals for us to interact with. It will be an entertaining and educational program about the diversity of and respect for animals, perfect for all ages!



Summer Healing Services with Hazzan Glantz

Hazzan Glantz will hold a healing service on three Wednesday evenings this summer: July 14, August 4, and September 1. The services will run from 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM.

163rd Annual Meeting

On Monday, June 14, the congregation thanked Judy Stutman Izes for her selfless service over the past two years and installed Howard Levin as AJ's new president. Howard, mazel tov and good luck!

BELOW LEFT: Judy is presented with a framed and signed photograph of Bruce Springsteen and Clarence Clemons. BELOW RIGHT: Judy reads the language that officially transfers her authority to Howard. "Be strong and courageous, chazak ve'ematz! Adonai will go before and be with you. Adonai will not fail you or forsake you. Fear not nor be dismayed!"



Newport Avenue Beach
Ventnor, NJ 08406

Devotion by the Ocean

Four Fridays this Summer!
July 23 and 30, August 6 and 20

Devotion by the Ocean is back!
We'll welcome Shabbat in Ventnor, NJ with our friends from Shirat Hayam at 6:00 PM on four Friday nights this summer. Kabbalat Shabbat at the beach, with a live band. . . what could be better? For more information, please visit www.ShiratHayamNJ.org or call 609.822.7116. Newport Avenue Beach, Ventnor, NJ 08406. Presented by Shirat Hayam Downbeach Synagogue, Ventnor, NJ. In case of rain, the service will be indoors at Shirat Hayam. 6:00 PM

Kehillah Outdoor Concert: Jewish Music in America

Wednesday, July 7 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM on the Mandell Campus

Join the musical leaders from Old York Road Congregations for an outside performance celebrating Jewish Music in America. The concert will feature Hazzan Glantz, Jacob Agar, Stephen Freedman, Amy Levy, Rebecca Schwartz, and Elena Zarkh.

Hazzan Glantz will be leading an in-person minyan from 7:00 to 7:30 PM.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, security, weather conditions and snacks, advanced registration is required. Go to tiny.cc/Jewish_Music to register.

Parking

Parking will be available at Mandell Campus (Melrose Ave. entrance ONLY), Gratz College, Perelman Jewish Day School, Adath Jeshurun, FELS Gutman, Melrose Ave. or West Ave. Very limited accessible parking is available at Ashbourne entrance. If you need accessible parking, you must request it in advance by emailing oldyorkroad@kehillah.jewishphilly.org.

Weather

The rain date is Thursday, July 8 at the same time. You will be notified by email if there is a weather cancellation.

Additional Information

Please bring your own blanket, beach, or lawn chair.

Feel free to bring additional food and drink.

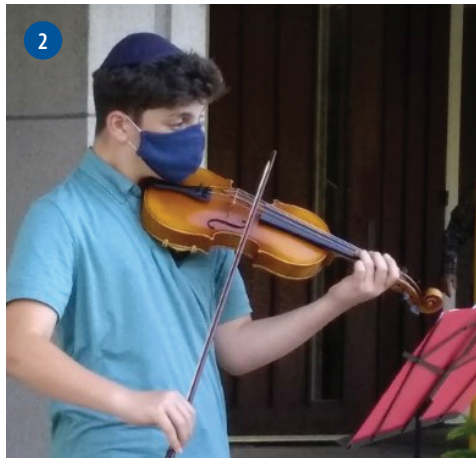
Each registration (prior to June 30) will be provided with water and a kosher snack.

Please encourage others to register in advance as it helps us prepare for snacks, parking, and security.

Event Sponsor

A special thank you to our event sponsors, Horsham Center for Jewish Life.





Reopening Shabbat!



Many congregants were eager to welcome the Torahs back to AJ's Sanctuary on Friday, June 4 when the synagogue building was reopened after 15 months of Shabbat services limited to Zoom!

1. Al Nadel and Rav Shai
2. Judah Blitstein
3. Bernie Dishler and George Shotz
4. Mindy Goldstein
5. Howard Goldman and George Shotz
6. Al Nadel and Hazzan Glantz
7. Howard Levin and Hazzan Glantz
8. Sam Nejberger
9. K'lei AJ: Sam Nejberger, Scott Minkoff, Michael Spina, and Ed Moses

Join AJ in Supporting Israeli Olive Farmers

We are excited to announce a new partnership with MyTree in Israel! You may know that in the fall, Rav Shai adopted a tree and received six bottles of Israeli olive oil. With this new partnership, you can support Israeli farmers by adopting your own tree. After the harvest in November, you will receive six bottles of Israeli Extra Virgin Kosher Olive Oil with a personalized label of your choice! AJ will also be adopting trees, giving you the opportunity to purchase individual bottles with an AJ label or a set of three with an AJ label or a label of your choice.

Tree and bottle purchases will be accepted until the harvest deadline in November. *Please note that the olive oil will arrive at AJ for pickup in December.* You will be contacted when it arrives!

To learn more, place an order, and view a message from Rav Shai, go to <https://www.mytree.org.il/adath-jeshurun>. If you'd like to order but would prefer to pay by check, call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611.



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ADATH JESHURUN**

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Congregation Adath Jeshurun

High Holidays 5782–2021

Roll of Remembrance — Yom Kippur 5782

“The memory of the righteous shall be for a blessing”

One of the hallowed traditions in Judaism is to give charity in memory of our dearly departed whom we remember during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur.

You can fulfill this mitzvah by arranging for the names of your departed loved ones to be listed in the Adath Jeshurun Roll of Remembrance, a special section of our annual Yizkor Memorial Book, which will be distributed to the Congregation at the commencement of the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur.

Your minimum contribution of \$10.00 per name will assure the inclusion of the names in the Roll of Remembrance.

5782–2021 Yizkor Memorial Book Roll of Remembrance

Please fill out this form, clip along the dotted line above, and return it no later than **Friday, August 6** to:

Congregation Adath Jeshurun
7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

Check one:

- ☐ Please list the names exactly as they appeared last year in 2020
- ☐ Please list the names you would like included in the “Roll of Remembrance” in the 5782–2021 Yizkor Memorial Book. (Additional names can be listed on a separate sheet.) Please PRINT names exactly as you wish them to appear.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

Enclosed is my check in the total amount of \$_____ as a memorial contribution to the synagogue. (Minimum contribution of \$10.00 **per name**)

YOUR NAME(S) (please PRINT exactly as you wish it to appear):

Address _____

Phone _____



The Jewish Teen Collaborative

Ossi Nussbaum, Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative



A Year of JTC During a Global Pandemic

Being a student is not always easy. Being a student in a supplementary religious school, in the evening after a full school day, is even more difficult. Doing all of this from home, through a computer screen and without the obvious benefits of being in the same room with friends and teachers, can truly feel like an insurmountable challenge.

So first, it is worth noting the resilience of our students. With all the difficulties imposed on them by this crazy year, most deserve plenty of credit for managing to persevere. They came to the virtual meetings; participated with interest, wisdom, and sensitivity; forgave us for technical issues; and it seems, at least I hope, that they enjoyed their Jewish education despite all the abnormal circumstances of this year.

So, what did we have?

- Thirty-six intelligent and curious students from AJ and Beth Sholom;
- Five teachers who invested their hearts and souls for this school year to be meaningful;
- Four Hebrew classes, at different levels, to meet the needs of each and every student;
- Jewish history from the era of our patriarchs to modern times;
- Jewish leadership;
- Deep and comprehensive roots research;
- Getting to know our Scriptures and Jewish Ethics;
- Understanding the importance of controversy and disagreements for the sake of heaven;
- Asking difficult questions, giving space to cast doubts, and laughing a little at ourselves;
- An in-depth discussion of current issues, especially racism in the United States and around the world;
- Social action and a constant desire to repair the world;
- Theology;
- A lot of Israel — history, current affairs, a virtual graffiti tour in the streets of Tel Aviv, and a tour of contemporary Israeli culture;
- A Hanukkah party, Seder Tu B'Shvat, and circus arts workshop for Purim;

- A meaningful and touching program for Holocaust Remembrance Day together with the Kehillah of Old York Road;
- Inter-generational communication, learning patience and the ability to listen and inquire;
- Two in-person Teen Shabbatot with beautiful services led by our teens;
- A number of B'nei Mitzvah;
- Five confirmands and a lovely confirmation service in our beloved sanctuary;
- Games, quizzes, prizes, and even a short video that sums up how we spent our year. Be sure to watch it on the Adath Jeshurun website; and
- An outdoor graduation party, where our wonderful students demonstrated how much they have learned this year.

There were a few less-than-perfect moments including rebellions, disruptions, operational glitches, muted microphones, turned-off cameras, psychedelic backgrounds, ceiling views, and lots of laughs.

Plans for the next school year are already in full swing. We will continue to offer some of the most successful courses of the past year as well as new elective courses in diverse fields such as Jewish culture, Bible, Judaism versus other religions, history and politics in Israel, Hebrew through music, and more.

The most exciting change for next year is that the whole teaching staff as well as our students are especially looking forward to is a return to in-person learning in

our beautiful buildings. We look forward to a continuing decline in the impact of COVID-19 until it disappears completely so that we can go back and pray together in the sanctuaries, enjoy Shabbat dinners around one big table, and celebrate twice as much to try to make up for what we have lost in the past year.

Wishing a wonderful summer to all students, families, and our wonderful community!

On April 30, a joint Teen Shabbat for JTC and USY was held at Beth Sholom. BELOW TOP: From left to right, Gali Nussbaum and Jemma Bleu Greenbaum. BELOW BOTTOM: From left to right, Melana Walter, Phillip Duarte, Sam Nejberger, Jordan Lieberman, Asher Sasson, and Aidan Kasner.





The Confirmation Class of 2021–5781. ABOVE: From left to right, the 5781 Confirmation Class, Jordan Lieberman, Zachary Feinberg, Sam Nejberger, Tess Armon, and Phillip Duarte (not pictured, Rina Cherry, who participated virtually from Israel).

Meet One More Confirmand

In the last issue of *AJ News*, we said Mazel Tov to our Confirmation Class for 5781. At the time of printing, we did not have the photo and bio for Sam Nejberger, so we'll acknowledge his achievement here. Mazel Tov, Sam!



Sam Nejberger, son of Jason Nejberger and Kimberly Center, is in 10th grade at Cheltenham High School. His favorite subject is chemistry, and maybe also history. He is a runner, plays guitar and drums, and sings in choirs including CHS Select Choir and HaZamir. His favorite book is *Winger*, and his favorite movies are all of the *Star Wars* movies. His favorite Jewish holiday is Pesach, because he loves getting together with his family for the Seder. He would like to become some sort of doctor in the future, but doesn't know exactly what kind. **aj**

Etgar Experience

Julie Atchick, Director of Etgar Experience

Re-Envisioning Etgar

We are so excited to introduce you to Etgar, our AJ/ Beth Sholom elementary educational experience! Based on parent requests for a more rigorous Conservative Jewish education for their children, we have created a model that combines new technology with exciting curricular content that will deepen our children's knowledge and love of Jewish life. We will meet in person two times per week (one time for our kindergarten and first grade students), and will continue to benefit from our outstanding faculty whose experience will ensure that our children will be both nurtured and challenged.

Here are highlights of the Etgar program:

- Our Hebrew curriculum will focus on decoding and reading Hebrew with confidence and competence, as well as learning basic vocabulary/concepts based on Hebrew as a Heritage Language. Hebrew instruction will be done in small groups or in one-on-one settings with a master Hebrew language teacher.
- We will have a sequenced curriculum that will include prayer, history, culture, and ritual that will help students to connect their lives with the story of the Jewish people.
- We will teach sacred texts and stories to learn Jewish values. Sacred texts will include the study of Torah and Haftarah; our older students will become familiar with texts from the Mishnah and Talmud.
- Students will learn the history of ancient Israel and the origins of the modern State of Israel.
- Students will have a sequenced approach to the Jewish holiday cycle.
- Approximately once per month, students will meet on Shabbat, rather than on Sunday, to be able to experience the joy of Shabbat within a larger communal context.
- Students will strengthen their relationship to prayer and to the Siddur as they create a deepened and more nuanced understanding of God's role in their lives.
- We will use technology to respond to our students' multiple ways of learning including visual, auditory, reading/writing, and kinesthetic. We will be using online materials and apps from Behrman House to allow our children to expand their learning outside of school hours. These online tools will allow parents to be active partners in their children's Jewish learning. The texts will be accompanied by assessment tools to gauge teacher effectiveness and student understanding.
- We will continue to collaborate with KI and Beth Am to provide our students with opportunities to socialize with other Jewish children on the Old York Road Corridor.
- We are also excited to introduce Etgar+, a pre-B'nai Mitzvah curriculum for 6th and 7th graders. In response to best practices for middle schoolers to learn together, we will provide our students with Hebrew enrichment, pre-B'nai Mitzvah *tefillah* experiences, individualized learning on each child's Torah and Haftarah portion for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, trope classes with our cantors, and small-group learning opportunities with our rabbis.

We look forward to partnering with our families so we can continue to have open communication and provide our children with the best, personalized Jewish education possible. Please feel free to contact Julie Atchick at jatchick@bethsholomcongregation.org or our clergy with any questions or concerns. **aj**



Etgar Experience

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Challenging hearts, minds, and souls

AJWA Sisterhood


Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg, Co-Presidents

Our AJWA Sisterhood year 2020–2021 has flown away and we just celebrated our extraordinary Judy Stutman Izes as our 2021 Woman of Achievement, Torah Fund Honoree. Although we have missed Cooking for a Friend, we have otherwise gathered on Zoom for the Robyn Orodener Book Club meetings and ten other programs including Sisterhood Shabbat; Tour of Jewish Rome; Frank Gehry and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain; Sisterhood, Wine, and the White House — First Ladies of Our Time; High Tea and History; For Love of Shokolad (Chocolate) with Chef/Author Aliza Green; to name a few! Masks were made and distributed to the School Districts of Philadelphia and Cheltenham, and to our own AJ in support of protection against the COVID virus. Many thanks to our incredible team of program organizers: Claire Newman, Merrill Stup, Karen Moses, Violet Zeitlin, Naomi Atkins, Judy Szekely, Lianne Sher Friedman, and Bruce Armon!

Torah Fund contributions for this year will almost double our pledge of \$16,000 supporting the Jewish Theological Seminary.

An important milestone for our organization is celebrating 100 years of AJWA Sisterhood! It's absolutely amazing to think about all of those women who paved the way before us.

Potential programs for 2021–2022 could include more virtual tours to Jewish communities around the world; a focus on Jewish Women in Politics; a visit to Mt. Cuba Center in Delaware; challenging issues for women over the past hundred years like voting, abortion, and equal pay; and, of course, more fascinating books to read and discuss.

We are a welcoming and open group who will meet in person and virtually this coming year to cook, to learn, to daven, to travel, and to think! Please join us. 

THIS PAGE AT UPPER RIGHT: The Robyn Orodener Book Club met for their annual dinner on Thursday, June 10.

UPPER LEFT: Host Violet Zeitlin with Sisterhood Co-President Lorna Rosenberg. UPPER RIGHT: Merrill Stup, Mindy Goldstein, and Sandy Berkowitz. LOWER LEFT: Diana Kanoff and Harriet Sigel. LOWER RIGHT: Leslie Kraemer, Judy Szekely, and Lorna Rosenberg.

Robyn Orodener Book Club Annual Dinner



ABOVE: From the Torah Fund Brunch, an AJ “family” picture (albeit with some members missing). From left to right: Beryl Rosoff-Verbit, Amy Devine-Stretch, Hazzan Glantz, Judy Stutman Izes, Rav Shai Cherry, Calvin Thompson, Marjorie Trager, Rachel Palitto, and Ossi Nussbaum. (Photo by Baruch Schwartz)



2021 Torah Fund Brunch: AJWA Sisterhood Honored Judy Stutman Izes

On Sunday, June 6, Merrill Stup and Violet Zeitlin organized a wonderful Torah Fund Brunch to honor Judy Stutman Izes as this year's Woman of Achievement! TOP ROW LEFT, from left to right, the beautiful Izes family: Jessica, Rebecca, Judy, and Paul. TOP ROW RIGHT: Rav Shai and Judy Izes. CENTER ROW LEFT: Marcia Webber and Suzan Fine. CENTER ROW MIDDLE: Judy Izes showing her Woman of Achievement Award. CENTER ROW RIGHT: Hazzan Glantz provides the music. BOTTOM ROW LEFT: Violet Zeitlin and Merrill Stup. BOTTOM ROW CENTER: From left to right: Isabella Duarte, Phillip Duarte, and Stephanie Greenberg-Duarte. BOTTOM ROW RIGHT: Guest speaker Rory Glantz. (All photos by Baruch Schwartz, except for Bottom Row Left photo, by Ed Moses.)



AJ Men's Association

Ed Moses and Dr. Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents

Below is an updated listing of the individuals who have made generous donations to the Yellow Candle Program. Sincere and heartfelt thanks from AJMA.

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Are you a member of AJMA? Please consider joining or re-joining!



Despite the challenging and unusual times we live in, the AJ Men's Association continues to provide meaningful programming for all congregants. Please support the AJMA in its endeavors by checking off the optional line item on your membership dues statement or by submitting a check for \$50.00 payable to the Adath Jeshurun Men's Association to the synagogue office (7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027). Your generous donation is deeply appreciated.

Ed Moses and Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents
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AJMA DUES 2021-2022

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AJ Early Learning Center

Anita Block, Early Childhood Director

As spring arrived, our children were mesmerized with the plants and veggies in our garden as they started to sprout. We have parsley and mint, sunflowers and marigolds, and more. Many of the plants were from the seeds they planted during Tu B'Shevat. In fact, if you look around the parking lot on top of the cement barriers, you'll see flower boxes full of flowers planted to beautify our entrance and surrounds. Much of the beauty is the result of our children's plantings.

This year, several of our classes witnessed the metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly. The larvae arrived in small jars with nutrient. Once the caterpillars consumed much of the nutrient, they gradually climbed to the top of the jar and formed a chrysalis. Then the chrysalis was transferred to the butterfly garden where we watched and watched until the beautiful Painted Lady butterflies emerged from the chrysalis. About a week later, they were set free.

This year's move-up day/graduation was a bit different than in years past. Of course, most of what we have done this year has been different than before. Traditionally, the Adom (pre-K) classes joined together to present a final program before a crowd of proud parents and other family members. Then everyone gathered around a huge table for some special treats. This year, each class — Adom A, Adom B, and Tzahov (kindergarten) — had a separate ceremony in the sanctuary with a brief informal reception outside. Only two guests per student were admitted to the ceremony. Of course, each child received a certificate of completion (a diploma of sorts) and enjoyed some special treats. We are so proud of our children and all that has been accomplished over their years at AJ.

This year has certainly been challenging, but has not deterred them from learning, creating friendships, and participating in a myriad of activities. We wish all our



Baby chicks huddled together on first day after hatching



Kahol kids get to hold a newly hatched chick



Setting the butterflies free in the outdoor classroom and garden

On May 25, Quiver Farm delivered 12 fertilized chick eggs, an incubator, a brooder, food, and a water trough. Each day that week, we turned the eggs three times and watched through the window of the incubator for something to happen. Then, on June 1, those 12 eggs hatched and out came the baby chicks... so cute. Check out the photos. The children were so excited. The chicks were returned to the farm on June 4. I must admit that I've hatched chicks at least 40 times in my career and it never gets old!

children much happiness and success as they make their way in the big world.

When one door closes, another opens... and Camp Kitov opened on June 14 with Onit Zisserman as the director. This year's program has special themes each week and many special guests and fun activities in addition to daily water play, movement with Jill Slobotkin, music with Amy Jo Rosenthal, art with Samantha Ozeri, and Shabbat with Onit. There are only a few spots remaining, so if you



Ready, set, jump! One-year-olds in Yarok class practice jumping skills

haven't registered, please visit our website at www.ajpreschool.net and click on "get started" to access the registration form and the link for payment.

Have a wonderful summer.

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 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
Perry David Cohn, MD
Harry Donsky
Martin Dubin
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Anne Haven
Benjamin Hofberg
Eva Jacobs
Isabel J. Jelinek
Dr. Joseph M. Kane
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Max Kasachin
Albert Katz

Mindel C. Kleinbard
Melvin H. Koff
Sophie Kretschman
Julia Lerner
Louis Levin
Mae K. Levit
Geula Maman
Bryan Shane Marks
Adelaide Mitchell
Sigmund Platowsky
William Reibstein
Marion Richman
Samuel Rothberg
Jeanette Saltzman
Milton D. Scheinberg
Carl M. Schwartz
Elsie U. Schwartz
Joseph Schwartz
Moses Sickles
Carrie E. Simon
Max Smolever
Deborah Leah Steinberg
Benjamin Strauss
David L. Strauss
Isadore Weil

JULY 4, 2021 to JULY 10, 2021

24 Tammuz 5781 to 1 Av 5781

To be read on Friday, July 9 and Saturday, July 10



Edwin Apothaker
Lazar Bachenheimer
Rae Beckett
Rose Bressler
Samuel H. Brodsky
Samuel Chosiad
Rose Claster
Eugene Cohen
Harry Arthur Ellis
Rose Rothman Fein
Beatrice Ford
Ruth Frank
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Joseph Saul Freedman
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Anna Jaffe
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Samuel Krupnick
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Chava Landau
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Anna Markowitz
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William Reibstein
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Dora Salkin
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Elizabeth Sher

Harry Sherman
Jean Shull
Harriett Smerling
Maurice Staub
Nathan Stein

Lena Strauss
Benjamin Strouse
Hattie Tapper
Jacob Wallfield
Rose Weinstock

JULY 11, 2021 to JULY 17, 2021

2 Av 5781 to 8 Av 5781

To be read on Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17



Sarah N. Aion
Harry Alloy
Abraham Beilan
Estelle Bekoff
Rosie Bender
Jennie Bless
Fannie Bolen
Dr. Maxwell Brenner
George David Brooks
Sidney S. Chilnick
Ethel Cohen
George Creed
Ethel Daroff
Israel Ellis
Stanton Bernard Felzer
Rose Friedman
Lena Ethel Fuller
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Max Goldberg
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Louis Jacobson
Rose Kaufman

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Barnett Levy
Henry Love
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Elise Odenheimer
Sophie Oppenheimer
Rose Gertrud Orgiefsky
Jacob Osherow
Garry Robert Parker
Anna Polin
Louis Pottash
Fannie Kahn Price
Israel Reibstein
Helen Rosen
Samuel G. Sanders
Louise Schneideman
Herman Schwartz
Cecilia Jeannette Simon
Louis Soffin
Louis J. Tabby
Louis Tubis
Louis Wellenbach
Ethel Weller
Rose Wisneski

JULY 18, 2021 to JULY 24, 2021

9 Av 5781 to 15 Av 5781

To be read on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24



Yetta C. Apothaker
Henry Arnstein
Samuel A. Baron
Stanley L. Basche
Jerome Berg
Alvin Berger
Rose Shuman Bernstein
Raymond Blatt
Martin Bloom
Harry Brown
Ida R. Caplan
Minnie Clair
Bertha Jacobs Cleaver
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Rose Domansky
Henry David Epstein
Rhoda M. B. Frankel
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Phyllis Shaffran Shevelov
Louis M. Simons
Mayer Sklar
Anna Steinman

Sigmund Sugarbread
Eugene Sunshine
Israel B. Suzmer
Herman J. Swerlick
Louis Toltzis
Thomas Torrens
Florence Treatner
Burton Joseph Webber
Ria Weiss
Benjamin Wexler
Jeanette R. Yohlin

JULY 25, 2021 to JULY 31, 2021

16 Av 5781 to 22 Av 5781

To be read on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31



Rose Berkowitz
Dr. Herman A. Bliss
Lester M. Bloch
Joseph P. Blum
Rebecca Bortnick
Nathan Brillman
Lina M. Brody
Raphael Brunswick
Walter Bucks
Ralph Caplin
Harry Deckter
Jeanette DeWolf
Elsie Duman
Dora L. Edelman
Esther Felzer
Kitty Forman
Samuel Frank
Rose Goldsman
Samuel J. Grossman
Rose Gruber
Manuel Isser
Abraham Jacoby
Rosa Milder Jacoby
Dr. Marvin A. (Bud) Jaffe
Charles Kahn
Isaac Kallish
Louis Kartoz
Nathan Kauffman
Isadore Koff
Edward L. Krevitz
Rose Largman
Harry Levi
Fannie Levick
Fannie Levy
Fay Levy

Albert Levy
Sara Harris Luber
Mort Meyer
Benjamin Neiman
Rebecca Neiman
Bess Oberfield
Anna Panitch
Jean R. Parkins
David King Perelman
Carrie Pincus
Abraham Rabinowitz
Sarah R. Rabinowitz
Nathan A. Remstein
Frommet Rosenbaum
Miriam Schneeberg
Mae Schreiber
Sheldon Senoff
Harry Silber
Esther Silberman
Lillian Silverman
Ralph Silverman
Irwin Silverstein
Philip Solomon
Esther Levin Spector
Samuel Stein
Max K. Steinberg
Geraldine Stomackin
Irving C. Teblum
Abraham Tollin
Dr. Nathan Torrens
Evy Udell
Herman A. Wecht
Adolph Wellenbach
Benjamin H. Wolf
Morrie H. Zinman

AUGUST 1, 2021 to AUGUST 7, 2021

23 Av 5781 to 29 Av 5781

To be read on Friday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 7



David Aaron
Pauline Ball
Samuel Berger
Benjamin Berison
Harold Blumenfeld
Robert L. Braun
Isaac Brav
Paul Breen

Alexander Z. Brister
I.J. Brad Brodsky
Morris Butler
Martha Ceasar
Morris Chalphon
Paul J. Cohen
Fay Dash
Stanley Davidoff

Elsie Deitch
Mildred D. Edelman
Minnie Edelson
Bella Feinstein
Phillip Felzer
Isreal I. First
Max Forman
Adolph Aaron Friedman
Jeannette Goldstein
Jack Green
Joseph B. Haber
Esther Leah Jacobson
Miriam Kamin
Deena Kassel
Abraham Leonard
Bernard (Bud) Liedman
Herbert London
Nathan L. Mayer
Mary Miller
Fanny Pfeffer
Abraham Pleet
Esther L. Podolyn
Esther Popowich
N. Allan Reuben

Ethel Sarner Romain
Clara Rosenberg
Jacob Rosenfeld
Nancy Levit Schoenfeld
Dusha Schwartz
Iris Lee Schwartz
Rose Scolnick
Jennie Shaffran
Gwen A. Shorr
Sophie Berris Silverston
Samuel Slobotkin
Jerome M. Staller
Ida B. Steinberg
Max Steinberg
Jacob Stern
Max Stern
Rose Strauss
Carole Ellen Strug
Max Stup
Stanley A. Tauber
Reba Thomas
Fanny Thomashefsky
Bella Viner

AUGUST 8, 2021 to AUGUST 14, 2021
30 Av 5781 to 6 Elul 5781

To be read on Friday, Aug. 13 and Saturday, Aug. 14



Celia Mildred Allen
Louis Bachenheimer
Bella Benedict
Solomon Berg
Katie Bergman
Isadore Berman
Charlotte Viner Bernstein
Rose Birnbaum
Kathe Blumenthal
Esther Brandschain
Eva Brint
Giulio Ciotti
Meyer DEMP
Nathan Dordick
Anna Drell
Alfred Fleischhacker
Helen Fox
Rose Fox
Rebecca Freedman
Dr. Abraham Freedman
Bernard Friedman
Miriam Frumer
Lena Fyne
Marion Getzik
Betty Glick Goldstein
Janet Hanan
Bertha Herz
Richard Hockstein
Muriel E. Hofberg
Yetta B. Jacobson
Anna Zeeve Jaspan
Kathryn Jaspan
Elizabeth Kane
Joseph Kane
Sarah Kane
Adonna S. Kaplan
Rose Katz
Jacob Klein
Henrietta R. Kustin
Rose Largman

Nathan Lazar
Louis Leonard
Jack Lisman
Hannah Loeb
Gabriel Lowenthal
Isaac Marcus
Benjamin Mark
Raymond Markowitz
Edward Mason
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Edward Arthur Miller
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Louis Paul
Ida Piwoz
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Louis C. Solo
Jean Spitzer
Bertha Steidler
Gloria Stein
Charles Trechan
Ida Wallenbach
Ada R. Weil
Ada Wertheimer
Regina Perlstein Wiesen
Leanore Wilgard
Ida Willig
Irving Zaslow

AUGUST 15, 2021 to AUGUST 21, 2021
7 Elul 5781 to 13 Elul 5781

To be read on Friday, Aug. 20 and Saturday, Aug. 21



Freda Altman
Sophia S. Axelrod
P. Edward Barenkopf
George Berman
Byron Blum
Max Blumberg
Carl B. Broad
Leopold Brooks
Dorothy L. Brooks
Todd Chafsky
Philip Fidelman
Stanley Fingerman
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Charles Moldawer
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Bella (Bayla) Neiman
Edward Newman
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Judith Rose Picard
Louis Polin
Maurice Rosen
Jacob Salamon
Marks Schneideman
Rubin Schwartz
Herbert Schwartz
Max Silberman
Anna Sofian
Sylvia Sorkin
Harold Steerman
Irwin Marvin Sussman
Charles Sustin
Pauline Turon
Sadie Wagman
Samuel J. Weil
Samuel Weinberg
Louis Wernick

AUGUST 22, 2021 to AUGUST 28, 2021
14 Elul 5781 to 20 Elul 5781

To be read on Friday, Aug. 27 and Saturday, Aug. 28



Joseph Aion
Minna Beck
Harris Becker
Sophie L. Beilan
Martin M. Berger
Anna Bernstein
Lenore Steinberg Bernstein
Morris Bernstein
Jean Blankfield
Molly G. Blumstein
Pauline Braverman
Dr. Franklin L. Brickman
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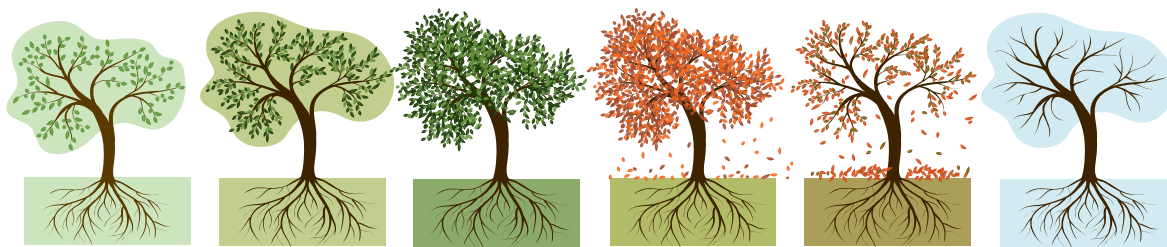
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The Seasons of Our Lives

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Births

Emily Rita Rosenbloom, daughter of Adam Rosenbloom and Megan Gallagher, and granddaughter of Rabbi Seymour and Cindy Rosenbloom May 15, 2021

Simchas

Carly R. Caplan, granddaughter of Steve and JoAnn Caplan, became a Bat Mitzvah on June 12, 2021.

Andrew J. Green, son of Margie Green and the late Aaron Green, married Tori Heffler on June 5, 2021.

Philip Myers, grandson of Sue and Ken Myers, became a Bar Mitzvah on June 26, 2021 in Brooklyn, NY.

Deaths

Stephen Blumenfeld, husband of Irene Blumenfeld April 27, 2021

Dr. Irwin "Buddy" Feldman, brother of Roberta Liebenberg May 1, 2021

Irene Staller, mother of Andrea (Richard) Zeises May 14, 2021

Rabbi Elliot M. Marmon, brother of Allan (Vivien) Marmon June 9, 2021

Dr. Michael (Mickey) Ufberg, father of Dr. Larry (Missy) Ufberg June 12, 2021

July Milestone Anniversaries

45 YEARS

• George and Judy Szekely July 11, 1976

25 YEARS

• Scott and Carra Minkoff July 28, 1996

August Milestone Anniversaries

45 YEARS

• Joseph and Carol Friedman August 8, 1976

• Hal and Barbara Cobert August 22, 1976

35 YEARS

• Jeffrey and Denise Portner August 25, 1986

25 YEARS

• Dimitri Markov and Marina Goldman August 9, 1996

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.

Mazel Tov to These Graduates!

Spencer Armon, son of Wendy and Bruce Armon, graduated from Abington High School and will attend Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

Lindsey Feeley, granddaughter of Howard Goldman, received her Master's degree from Holy Family College in Reading Education.

Nathan Feinstein, grandson of Viki and David Pashman, graduated from Alderdice High School in Pittsburgh, PA. He is valedictorian of his class and a national-ranked squash player. He played squash in the last Maccabi games in Israel. He will be going to Middlebury College in Vermont.

Alisa Golden, granddaughter of Sylvia Golden, graduated from Souderton High School.

Rebecca Izes, daughter Dr. Paul Izes and Judy Stutman Izes, graduated from Abington High School. In the fall, she will be attending the University of Rhode Island.

Samuel Lee Kaplan, son of Drs. Beth and Elon Kaplan, brother of Emmie and Thor, and grandson of Carol and Marty Kaplan, graduated from Dean College in Franklin, MA on May 8, 2021 with a BS in Communications, Cum Laude.

Sarah Gloria Turk Karan, of the Brandeis Class of 2021, received a Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude with Highest Honors in Psychology. She has also received an internship in Psychology from the University of Denver in Colorado. Her proud parents are Douglas and Dr. Elizabeth Turk-Karan. Her grandparents are Roland and Helen Victor Turk.

Sarah Lacy Masters, granddaughter of Carol Shackmaster and daughter of Eric and Anne Terrell Masters, graduated from Green Hope High School in Cary, NC, on June 11, 2021. Sarah plans to attend University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in the fall.

Diana Myers, Phi Beta Kappa, BA from Harvard University, will be studying at Oxford University in the fall. She is the granddaughter of Sue and Ken Myers and daughter of Lisa Myers and Suzanne Litke.

Sarah Myers, BA from Stanford University, will be a Fulbright Fellow in the coming year. She is the granddaughter of Sue and Ken Myers and the daughter of Jonathan and Kirsten Myers.

RIGHT: Rebecca Izes and Spencer Armon at their graduation from Abington High School.

Ben Nussbaum, son of Shay and Ossi Nussbaum, graduated from Temple University with a BA in Film and Media Arts.



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May you go from strength to strength
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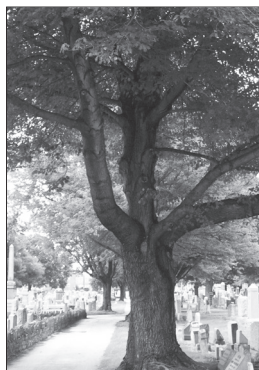
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