

**SIZZLING SUMMER SERIES**

**THE PAST 100 YEARS OF  
American Jewish  
Theology**

July 11, 18, and 25 at Noon

On July 11, Rav Shai will kick off the Adult Ed Sizzling Summer Series at 12:00 PM with an overview of Jewish theology in the last 100 years. In three Tuesday afternoon sessions, he'll talk about Mordecai M. Kaplan, Abraham Joshua Heschel, and Arthur Green. See page 14 for more information.

## Overcoming Pediatric Judaism

by Rav Shai Cherry



I'm a student of the history of Jewish thought and theology. One of the observations that my colleagues have made, and that my own research has borne out, is that a very common response to trauma is to make Judaism childish.

The sophisticated Jewish philosophy that emerged in the 12th and 13th

centuries went into hibernation for hundreds of years after the Spanish exile in 1492 — and that's precisely when the most racist forms of Jewish mysticism emerged.

In 1648, the Khmelnytsky Pogroms in Ukraine claimed tens thousands of Jewish lives. Shortly thereafter, in 1665, a heretical version of Jewish mysticism was promoted by the messianic pretender Shabbatai Zvi in an aborted attempt to return to the Land of Israel.

In our own lifetimes, in the aftermath of the Shoah, we witnessed one of the most spiritually sensitive forms of modern Judaism, Chabad, turn into a heap of messianic hogwash. When an Orthodox sociologist, David Berger, shouted from the rooftops that Chabad had done to Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson what Christians did to Jesus, he titled his 2001 book, *Rebbe, the Messiah, and the Scandal of Orthodox Indifference*.

Is it any surprise, therefore, that so many of our young people think Jewish theology is a joke? Here are two excerpts from the 2020 Pew Survey of American Jews:

Overall, about a quarter of U.S. Jewish adults (27%) do not identify with the Jewish religion: They consider themselves to be Jewish ethnically, culturally, or by family background, and have a Jewish parent or were raised Jewish, but they answer a question about their current religion by describing themselves as atheist, agnostic, or "nothing in particular" rather than as Jewish. Among Jewish adults under 30, four-in-ten describe themselves this way.

There are even bigger gaps when it comes to belief in God. A majority of all U.S. adults say they believe in God "as described in the Bible" (56%), compared with about a quarter of Jews (26%). Jewish Americans are more

inclined to believe in some other kind of higher power — or no higher power at all.

For me, the most startling statistic in the above excerpts is that a quarter of American Jews think they believe in the God "as described in the Bible." Who are these Jews? Where are they? Have they ever read the Bible?

That 40% of American Jews under 30 don't consider themselves religiously Jewish I believe. That 26% believe in a biblical God — not a chance! Even if all 10% of the American Jews who identify as Orthodox think they believe in a biblical God, who are those other 16%? Like God, it's a mystery.

Surveys are blunt instruments that ask unnuanced questions. I don't believe in the biblical God. I do believe in "some other kind of higher power." But I'm Jewish — so I call that higher power "God." If you're an evangelical Christian, the biblical God is God. Paul Tillich, on the other hand, a Protestant theologian, enjoyed identifying himself as an atheist precisely because he didn't believe in the biblical God. That was 70 years ago! Unless you're reading contemporary theology, what we tend to see in the news is theology for children, what I call pediatric theology.

You should know two things. The first is that there is plenty of sophisticated Christian theology. The second thing you should know is our sophisticated theology. Being a person of the Jewish faith is not an intellectual embarrassment. But we rabbis don't talk or teach much about God. I tried a few years ago, during the High Holidays, to talk about God. My attempt was not appreciated by all.

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### A rabbi is to a synagogue,

As \_\_\_\_\_ is to a \_\_\_\_\_

Rav Shai wants you to envision your ideal synagogue and the function of its rabbi. Then explain your answers in a paragraph and send them back to RavShai@adathjeshurun.info. During the High Holidays, Rav Shai will share a few of the responses. Todah rabbah!

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Have a great summer but don't forget us here at AJ! We'll be holding services here all summer.

## SHABBAT BALAK

June 30, July 1, 2023 12 Tammuz 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:15 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 8:15 PM

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 3, 4, 2023 15 Tammuz 5783  
TUESDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 9:00 AM

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## FAST OF 17TH OF TAMMUZ

July 5, 6, 2023 17 Tammuz 5783  
THURSDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:15 AM

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## SHABBAT PINHAS

July 7, 8, 2023 19 Tammuz 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:14 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 8:15 PM

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## SHABBAT MATOT-MASEI

July 14, 15, 2023 26 Tammuz 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:11 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 8:15 PM

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## ROSH HODESH AV

July 18, 19, 2023 1 Av 5783  
WEDNESDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:00 AM

## SHABBAT HAZON | DEVARIM

July 21, 22, 2023 4 Av 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:06 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 8:10 PM

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## FAST OF TISH'A B'AV

July 26, 27, 2023 9 Av 5783  
THURSDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:15 AM  
THURSDAY AFTERNOON  
• Special Minhah ..... 1:00 PM

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## SHABBAT NAHAMU | VA'ETHANAN

July 28, 29, 2023 11 Av 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 8:00 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Devotion by the Ocean (Ventnor, NJ) ..... 5:30 PM  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 8:00 PM

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## TU B'AV

August 1, 2, 2023 15 Av 5783  
WEDNESDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:30 AM

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## SHABBAT EKEV

August 4, 5, 2023 18 Av 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:53 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Devotion by the Ocean (Ventnor, NJ) ..... 5:30 PM  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
*Followed by a luncheon sponsored by Allan and Vivien Marmon, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary*  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 7:55 PM

## SHABBAT RE'EH

August 11, 12, 2023 25 Av 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:44 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Devotion by the Ocean (Ventnor, NJ) ..... 5:30 PM  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 7:45 PM

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## ROSH HODESH AV

August 16, 17, 18, 2023 30 Av, 1 Elul 5783  
THURSDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:00 AM  
FRIDAY MORNING  
• Morning Service ..... 7:00 AM

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## SHABBAT SHOFTIM

August 18, 19, 2023 2 Elul 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:35 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Devotion by the Ocean (Ventnor, NJ) ..... 5:30 PM  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 7:35 PM

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## SHABBAT KI TETZE

August 25, 26, 2023 9 Elul 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:25 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 7:25 PM

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## SHABBAT KI TAVO

September 1, 2, 2023 16 Elul 5783  
*Light Shabbat Candles* ..... 7:14 PM  
FRIDAY EVENING  
• Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING  
• Shabbat Service ..... 10:00 AM  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 7:15 PM

**JULY**  
Friday/Saturday Service Sign-up Link  
[tinyurl.com/AJ-July2023-services](https://tinyurl.com/AJ-July2023-services)



**AUGUST**  
Friday/Saturday Service Sign-up Link  
[tinyurl.com/AJ-August2023-services](https://tinyurl.com/AJ-August2023-services)



### DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

Sunday ..... 9:00 AM  
Monday and Thursday ..... 7:20 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday ..... 7:30 AM  
Rosh Hodesh Services (weekday) ..... 7:00 AM

### EVENING SERVICES

Sunday through Thursday ..... 7:00 PM

### SHABBAT HAVURAH SERVICE

For now, the Havurah is not meeting on a regular basis.  
Please call the office if you are interested in finding out more about the havurah service.

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

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

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/97054037610>  
Meeting ID#: 970 5403 7610 (Password required\*)

#### For Saturday evening services:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/933131679>  
Meeting ID#: 933131679 (Password required\*)

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

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/109428724>  
By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592  
Meeting ID#: 109428724

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

### Having problems seeing the images in our weekly and standalone emails?

If you are using an iPhone to view our emails to you, you may see a small blue box with a question mark instead of an image. We are looking into why this is happening and whether it is an iPhone issue or a Constant Contact issue.

In the meantime, we have added an option for you to view the weekly email with the images in your browser. Look for it near the top of the email above "QUICK NOTES."

## A Long-Distance D'var Torah from Mervin Hartman

In view of the flagging interest in Conservative Judaism and its institutions, it may well be time to consider an alternative theology or *raison d'être* for beliefs and practices that would retain and convince the importance of our heritage.

Conservative Judaism is, in reality, a pale imitation of Orthodoxy and for many years has been unwilling to incorporate modern scholarship in its approach.

Many of us believe in the existence of an infinite presence, we define as God, because we cannot or are unwilling to accept without greater knowledge and understanding that the universe and mankind are the result of random gaseous explosions and single cell evolution. Scientists claim to know the origins, the building blocks of life, but as yet have been unable to duplicate it.

However, after 3,000 years of persecution, dispersal, pogroms and, ultimately, the murder of six million, the God of the Torah, who appeared so concerned about the fate and welfare of the ancient Israelites, is more likely unknowable, indescribable, and not definable.

Applying modern scholarship to core beliefs, it is clear from a critical analysis of the Torah text that it is a composite of oral traditions that were reduced to writing at various times, and ultimately edited and redacted approximately 700 years after the alleged events occurred, at the time of Ezra. It is a disjointed narrative with textual inconsistencies.

It is therefore problematic that it is the word of God or even the will of God. I believe that the best we can say is that the text represents our perception of God's interventions in the affairs of man.

In addition, the Torah does not appear to be a reliable historical document.

Modern scholarship and archeological excavations raise serious doubts as to the origin of the Jewish people as set forth in the Torah.

Merneptah, son of Ramesses the Great, was the Pharaoh in Egypt who reigned, together with his

father, during the 13th Century BCE. It was during this period that it is generally believed that the Exodus of Israelites slaves took place.

However, an inscription on the Merneptah Victory Stele, presently in the Cairo Museum, states, "Israel is laid waste and his seed is not." Israel, obviously a player in the region of Canaan during Merneptah's reign, is defeated and its grain storage destroyed.

This appears to be contrary to the Biblical narrative of the Exodus, the ultimate conquest of Canaan, and division of the land among the tribes.

Also, there is no archeological evidence to support a path of destruction by Joshua in conquering Canaan. In fact, there is no archeological evidence of early settlement in the Jordan valley where the Israelites allegedly crossed the Jordan River and entered and settled in the Promised Land.

Well then, if as I believe the Torah does not represent the Word or Will of God, what is the basis — the rationale — for religious belief and practice? *Shabbat, Yom Tov, Kashrut, Tallis, T'filin, Pesah,* etc.

Because we would not label them as divine commandments does not mean they have no significance. Their observance and recognition have been responsible for the cohesiveness of the Jewish people these many millennia. They are a structured commitment to a way of life. They are our heritage.

However, ritual is not an end in itself but serves as a constant reminder of who we are and what is expected of us as Jewish human beings.

It is therefore my belief that the ultimate purpose of Judaism for non-traditional Jews is not the carrying out of the questionable Will or Word of God, but the day-to-day striving for refinement of human conduct and character, and our heritage operates as a foundation for achieving this goal.

MJH





## In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

### Gratitude.

In many ways, the experience of gratitude is similar to other emotions we encounter, such as sadness, loneliness, happiness, or pride. There are moments in our lives when certain events can evoke these emotions with overwhelming intensity. And not just a fleeting feeling but a deep and lasting sense of appreciation for the blessings and positive aspects of our lives. From this, we can absorb the goodness that surrounds us and a new awareness that we are all interconnected.

Five years ago, during my first rabbinical school retreat in November 2018, an incredibly moving and profound experience unfolded. It was a moment when the faculty and senior fellow students came together to create a powerful symbol of support and love for the newly accepted rabbinical students — a wall of *tallitot*.

Dwelling in this loving yet vulnerable *sukkah* of fabric and *tzitzit*, I was overcome with a wave of unexpected emotion flooding to the surface from within me. Recalling it even now, the familiar moistness forms but just shy of overflowing. In the moment itself, I didn't try to "pull myself together" or brush it off as if I had allergies. I basked in both the safe, spiritual embrace and the firm hugs that preceded the pandemic. Many of the faculty and students I was meeting in person outside of Zoom for the very first time. Yes, I Zoomed before the pandemic!

My Jewish comfort zone is firmly within the Conservative Movement. The time I have spent at the Academy of Jewish Religion (AJR) is precious to me and filled with meaning. The Conservative synagogues, summer camps, and educational institutions in New York and Israel laid the foundation for my Judaism. That notwithstanding, the time spent with Jewish leaders, teachers, and fellow students whose backgrounds and preferences differ from mine has been at once both exhilarating and challenging. AJR is an authentic and serious Jewish community without borders that refuses to put a name brand on Torah.

All the while, here at our AJ, as each trimester followed, the sails of my learning were buffeted by your inquiries and expressions of interest. Through all the deadlines and "comps" — oral and written comprehensive exams — you rooted for me to succeed and Rav Shai listened with keen interest to the specifics of what I was learning. Your enthusiasm served as constant encouragement and

empowerment that carried me through to the Academy for Jewish Religion *Semikha* ceremony this past April 20. For all of this and more, I was and I remain deeply grateful to AJ and AJR.

*Semikha*, the Hebrew term for rabbinic ordination, is easily mistaken for *simcha*. *Semikha* is a version of the word for "happy" or "celebration" (שמחה — *sameach* or שמחה — *simcha*), which is a delightful association when considering the occasion of naming a rabbi (and happens to be the cherished Hebrew name of Skip Atkins and surely a few others). But the term *semikha* actually derives from the Hebrew לסמוך — *lismoch*, meaning "to lean or rely on," which aligns all the more with the role of a rabbi by connecting us to the end of Moses' life (Numbers 27:18), when Moses appointed Joshua as his successor.

Each rabbinic candidate, was charged with choosing a rabbi of the AJR faculty as סומך — *somekh* and two more faculty rabbis as עדים — *eidim* (witnesses). Rabbi Matthew Goldstone has helped see me through this process from early on and his dedication to Jewish text has been an inspiration to me and many others. In his work outside the classroom, Matt has tackled difficult and controversial subjects with critical acclaim for his research and culminating works. As mentor for my master's thesis, *An Argument for Proactively Eliminating Metzitzah b'Feh*, I worked closely with Matt, honing my goals and aspirations for the project, and felt he was the obvious choice as *somekh*.

My *eidim* (witnesses) were AJR professors in a sea of influential and valued teachers to whom I feel a debt of gratitude. Rabbi Jeff Hoffman taught my earliest classes in Talmud. His patience and preciseness made Talmud both accessible and engaging. Outside the classroom, Rabbi Hoffman has written extensively on prayer. Of particular importance to our shul is his deep research into the *Aleinu* prayer and the peer-reviewed article, "The Image of The Other in Jewish Interpretations of *Aleinu*."

Rabbi Deborah Orenstein served as my professor for two enlightening classes: homiletics and meditation. Through both courses, she skillfully pushed me beyond my comfort zone, challenging me to learn, grow, and continually better myself. Her invaluable volumes titled *Lifecycles* grace my bookshelf, serving as valuable resources, while her meditative recordings have provided me with profound guidance and inspiration.

Notably, Rabbi Orenstein shared a close bond with the late Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi, the esteemed founder of the Jewish renewal movement. For fourteen years, they co-officiated at High Holidays, fostering a profound connection and collaboration that enriched the spiritual experiences of many.

As if all those choices weren't enough, I was tasked with choosing a presenter, as were all the rabbinical and cantorial candidates. Here come the tears again welling up. The older three Rs (Rafi, Remy, and Rose) agreed they would contribute to the piece that the fourth R would write. Rory has since graduated from what is known as the Joint Program, a double bachelor's program with Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Among my favorite lines from Rory's piece are the following:

- My siblings and I are proud to be known as "PKs", growing up with both *Birkat HaMazon* and Harry Chapin...
- ...As I was on my own academic Jewish journey, Dad and I bonded over deciphering Rashi script and debating the perspectives of *Beit Hillel* versus *Beit Shammai*.

The full page Rory wrote was published next to my bio in the commencement journal. The journal in its entirety is available to view online here <https://tinyurl.com/muwnbwkv> or with this QR code.



And unlike most rabbinical schools, each graduate was asked to offer a brief *d'var Torah*. It is important to me that we reprint this much:


*What a blessing I have been given at this time in my life... It's been five years — 15 trimesters (but who's counting?) of learning... of merely scratching the surface.*

You are invited to watch or listen to an edited version from AJR that focuses on my words that day at <https://tinyurl.com/yeawx362>.



The full ordination ceremony can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMbPUTkdAxc>.



Gratitude. I have it in abundance and I hope you feel it forever because your love and support have changed me forever. 



## AJ New Way Forward: 2023 Member Survey Report



The AJ New Way Forward team is grateful for the remarkable degree of interest and dedication shown by our fellow AJers in responding to the recent survey of Membership Engagement that we had been requested to develop by AJ's president and Executive Committee. Neil Wernick presented the report of our findings at the Annual Meeting on Monday, June 5. You can see the report at

[https://files.adathjeshurun.info/AJNWF\\_2023\\_Report.pdf](https://files.adathjeshurun.info/AJNWF_2023_Report.pdf) or by scanning the QR code at the right.



We wish to thank everyone who participated in this important research in responding to the survey. It is indicative of the degree of devotion, concern, and love we all share for our synagogue and congregation.

The AJNWF team: Michele Rifkin, Neil Wernick, and Naomi and Skip Atkins 



## My Second Year in Review

By *Howard Levin*,  
President of Adath Jeshurun



I'm back. In a previous newsletter I said if I didn't have anything to say then I would not write an article. Luckily, I now have something to say as I come to the end of my second year in office.

This past weekend I had the pleasure of attending our daughter Sophie's college graduation from Tulane. As I was listening to the commencement speeches, it occurred to me that her last two years of college and my first two years as president coincided with a turn during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the commencement speeches centered around resilience, both because of COVID-19 and hurricanes. Fortunately for us, we only had to deal with COVID and not hurricanes. On the flip side, the AJ football program did not beat USC in the Cotton Bowl.

We have, however, been resilient. I had big shoes to fill following Judy Stutman Izes as she led us through the initial stages of the COVID shutdown. Taking over from Judy, and with her guidance and that of the re-opening committee, we navigated the shutdown and subsequent reopening better than I could imagine.

This past year has been great. We celebrated the Year of the Woman and had another great week of dinners in the *sukkah*, courtesy of our constituent groups. Our preschool continues to thrive, and we welcomed our new director, **Tracey Perchick**. The Orleans looks great with new flooring, and new curtains are on the way. Additionally, we anxiously await the arrival and installation of new front doors. **Amy and Mitch Russell** were honored as our Kalat Bereishit and Chatan Torah. The SPEC event was tremendous as we honored **Bernie and Lana Dishler**. The Torah Fund Brunch was another great success as we honored **Ann Kalmanor**. And finally, our **Hazzan** became a Rabbi.

With all our successes, challenges remain. There is a very good chance we will need a new air conditioning system. We still struggle, as do other synagogues, to increase membership, an issue being addressed (re-addressed) by our AJ New Way Forward Committee. (See their report in the left column on this page.) The key to overcoming many of our challenges is engagement. So, I encourage you to get involved.

Looking forward, we'll have a back-to-school BBQ for our preschool families, dinners in the *sukkah*, Adult Ed programming, the High Holidays, and hopefully, a few surprises.

Finally, I would like to thank **Rav Shai**, **Hazzan Glantz**, my **executive board**, the **board of directors**, the **Trustees**, and especially **Judy Izes** and **David Reibstein** for being great sounding boards, and I look forward to one more year as your President.

Stay Jewish,

Howard





# What's Happening at AJ

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## 11 ADULT ED SIZZLING SUMMER SERIES: THE PAST 100 YEARS OF AMERICAN JEWISH THEOLOGY, WITH RAV SHAI

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## 13 KLEINLIFE VACCINATION CLINIC FOR SENIORS

GIANT Pharmacy is partnering with KleinLife to offer seniors three vaccinations: Shingrix (protection against shingles), COVID-19 Booster, and pneumonia. See page 13 for more information.

## 18 ADULT ED SIZZLING SUMMER SERIES: THE PAST 100 YEARS OF AMERICAN JEWISH THEOLOGY, WITH RAV SHAI

See July 11 and page 14 for more information. Session #2 of 3.

## 19 AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Perform a potentially life-saving mitzvah by donating blood at AJ between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Open slots are still available. To schedule an appointment, go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>.

## 25 ADULT ED SIZZLING SUMMER SERIES: THE PAST 100 YEARS OF AMERICAN JEWISH THEOLOGY, WITH RAV SHAI

See July 11 and page 14 for more information. Session #3 of 3.

## 28 DEVOTION BY THE OCEAN

Kabbalat Shabbat\* at the beach, with a live band... what could be better? 5:30 PM. For more information, please visit [www.ShiratHayamNJ.org](http://www.ShiratHayamNJ.org) or call 609.822.7116. Newport Avenue Beach, Ventnor, NJ 08406. Presented by Shirat Hayam Downbeach Synagogue, Ventnor, NJ. \*Reform-style service.

## 1 ISRAEL SCOUTS

Come to AJ to see the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan: a group of young Israelis who bring great music, fun dance moves, and lessons about Israel! Great for all ages. Stay tuned for details.

## 4 DEVOTION BY THE OCEAN

See description above for description. \*Conservative-style service.

## 11 DEVOTION BY THE OCEAN

See description above for description. \*Reform-style service.

## 18 DEVOTION BY THE OCEAN

See description above for description. \*Conservative-style service.

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Unthwarted, I am trying a different platform. Join me for the Sizzling Summer Lecture Series on Contemporary Jewish Theology. (Find out more on page 14.) I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I don't see Judaism continuing in the Diaspora without its religious component. I think the Pew statistics support my claim. I think pediatric theologies, whether Jewish or not, support my claim. If contemporary Jews don't know what past Jewish theologians have expressed about the nature of God and God's relationship to creation, then we are abandoning Jewish theology to those purveyors of *naarishkeit* (juvenile thinking) whom we and our educated children and grandchildren rightly reject.

Come and learn — and bring a friend. 

## The Concierge Teen Experience 2023–2024, with Rav Shai

After a remarkably successful year that included seeing Broadway productions of *Leopoldstadt* and *Parade*, The Concierge Teen Experience will return next year with the theme of "Crimes and Consequences." Due to demand, AJ will be allowing teens who are not AJ members to join our group. Teens can be in 8th through 11th grades.

The Concierge Teen Experience mixes experiential learning, like field trips and plays, with more traditional learning to help bring out the Jewish angle. This coming year we'll go to Eastern State Penitentiary and discuss mass incarceration and capital punishment; determine the Talmudic accuracy of Monty Python's *Life of Brian*; explore the Jewish mafia in America; and dive into the espionage trials of the Rosenbergs and Jonathan Pollard.

AJ teens will be given priority and space is limited. Please call the office at 215.635.6611 for more information.



## nly y u c n fill the missing types.

Only 3 out of 100 Americans donate blood—and that's not enough to help patients in need.

Without more donors, patients will not have the type A, B, O or AB blood they will need.

You can help fill the  
**#MissingTypes** this fall.

Make a blood donation appointment today for  
**AJ's Fall Blood Drive** on  
July 19 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.  
Go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

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## AJ Early Learning Center

By Tracey Perchick, Early Childhood Director


Summertime songs are usually filled with lyrics that reference easy living, relaxation, unwinding, and ocean breezes. The authors of that music clearly have never witnessed a summer camp filled with children between the ages of 3 months and 5 years of age!

Our campers will be spending their summer splashing, painting, parading, and singing. Mr. Jason will be running the camp and taking the children on a fantastic summer adventure. Some of the themes are "Let's get wacky", "Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead" and "The Great Outdoors."

Last year, one of the highlights was the truck parade. Have no fear, the trucks will be here again! A variety of emergency and construction vehicles will delight the children. Each week in addition to the theme, the kids will participate in fitness,

stories and songs, and Shabbat. Each day, water play will keep the campers entertained.

We are fortunate to have many of our favorite college students returning this summer to work with our dedicated staff. They will be kept very busy and may even have additional campers' mid-summer should the incubator filled with eggs have a successful hatch.

This summer we will also be putting the finishing touches on our fall rosters. The classes are filling up quickly. If you would like to schedule a tour of the Early Learning Center, please reach out 215.635.3490. When driving by AJ this summer, roll down your windows and you will hear little voices singing camp songs and laughing contagiously. We wish you a wonderful summer! 



See more pictures on the back cover!

### Our annual Sundaes for Sara's Castle fundraising event was held on Sunday, June 4. It was a huge success for so many reasons:

- We raised money to care for "Sara's castle," a beautiful part of our playground that was built to remember a special little girl who touched the lives of so many and will live on in our hearts forever.
- We dedicated the Margaret Goldstein Lending Library to a beloved teacher who will now have this wonderful tribute to remember her kindness and love of reading.
- We interacted with dozens of staff, students, alumni, families, board members, congregants, and friends!
- Our donors were incredibly generous!
- We had ice cream sundaes!

The support we had was unbelievable! Many thanks to:

- **Chair:** Jill Slobotkin
- The Burke Family
- **Face Painters:** Renee Winegrad and Jackie
- **Clergy:** Rav Shai, Hazzan Glantz, and Rabbi Rosenbloom
- **Staff Helpers:** Jason, Miri, Sam, Katie, Carol, Peggy, Tuesday, Alexis, Danielle, and Ouiza
- **The Best Administrative Staff Ever:** Amy Devine-Stretch, Amy Leech, Marjorie Trager, and Beryl Rosoff-Verbit
- **The Legend:** Cal Thompson!

Additional thanks for the Margaret Goldstein Lending Library dedication go to: Craig and Rachel Goldstein, Random House Publishing, AJELC families who donated money and books, and Esther Laken.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

### Thank you to our generous supporters!

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# THE DELIGHTS OF JEWISH STORYTELLING: The Comedy and Tales of Ophira Eisenberg

Honoring  
Lana and Bernie Dishler

Sunday, April 23, 2023

## From This Year's Honorees: Lana and Bernie Dishler

We would like to thank the SPEC Committee and its Chairs, Shari Seltzer and Eydie Rudman, for all of the efforts that went into staging an evening like this. A special thanks goes to Sandy Nadel who had to step down as Chair to provide care and support for her husband, Al Nadel z"l.

In its 165th year, Adath Jeshurun continues to be one of the outstanding Conservative congregations in the Philadelphia area and the nation. Our Adult Education programming, led by our rabbi, Rav Shai Cherry, explores all phases of Jewish thought. We have twice-a-day, weekday minyanim led by a strong committee of service leaders. Our Shabbat and Holiday services are enhanced by

the beautiful music of Hazzan Howard Glantz.

We thank all of the attendees at this SPEC event. The Patrons have our deep appreciation for their generosity which made this evening a financial success. And, of course, thanks to our fantastic office staff, Amy Devine-Stretch, Marjorie Trager, Rachel Palitto, and Beryl Rosoff-Verbit, who made everything happen. Robert Friedman is the advisor and backbone of the SPEC Committee, and his hard work, support and love brought it all together.

This is a very special night for us. We humbly accept all of your love.

*Lana and Bernie Dishler*

### Our deep appreciation to:

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Eydie Rudman  
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# Thank You

By Eydie Rudman and Shari Seltzer, Co-Chairs

Dear AJers:

We were sincerely privileged to serve as your co-chairs for this year's Special Events Council (SPEC) annual fundraiser, honoring Bernie and Lana Dishler. The Dishlers are the very embodiment of our People's mission statement to repair the world. Their lifetime of activism on behalf of marquis Jewish causes has altered the course of Jewish history, for good, over many decades, on local, national, and international levels. AJ is honored, and forever grateful, to claim them as our own. May you both go from strength to greater strength in good health. *Yishar Kochachem*, Dishlers.

It is axiomatic that complex, multi-faceted events, such as the annual SPEC Fundraiser, rely upon the competence, dedication, and talents of so many. AJ is blessed to have SPEC Committee members who each possess special and diverse gifts; gifts that each applies to the benefit of our congregation and to Kiddush HaShem, year after year. When we say, seemingly reflexively, that we could not have done this without you, it is, indeed, a reality and a heartfelt truth. Thank you.

And to our venerable and beloved congregation; we know that we call upon you to step up, financially, on many occasions throughout the year, and we must. The SPEC event is but one example. To those who supported this SPEC event with your hard-earned resources; who support a multitude of our other synagogue endeavors; who perennially work through the challenges of donor fatigue, yet respond with what is needed to keep AJ thriving and vibrant, we all thank you. May a gracious God continue to prosper the works of your hands.

The SPEC Committee is already brainstorming, as we look forward to next year and beyond.

Again, thank you to all who made this memorable event such a success.

Please stay well and be safe. Have an enjoyable summer. See you here at AJ.



ABOVE: Top, Lana and Bernie Dishler and AJ president Howard Levin, with the award honoring them for their lifelong work of *tikkun olam*. Bottom, Lana and Bernie with the evening's special guest, comedian and storyteller Ophira Eisenberg.

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# Our May B' Mitzvah

## Owen Anderson Check

Owen Anderson Check was born May 11, 2023 to Ashlee (nee Bornstein) and Matthew Check. Owen has two older brothers, Simon and Eli, as well as two dogs and a lizard, Zorthos (missing but presumed flourishing).

Owen is a 7th grader at Sandy Run Middle School in Upper Dublin. Owen's Bar Mitzvah at Adath Jeshurun on May 20, 2023 was the most recent installment in a lifetime of blessings celebrated at AJ, including his mother's Bat Mitzvah, the marriage of his parents, and the B'nai Mitzvah of his brothers. Owen is bright, affable, and very funny. In his spare time, Owen loves to ride his scooter, watch movies, and create objects on his 3D printer.

He is also well on his way to becoming a formidable pickleball player. He is also probably old enough now to know that Zorthos is neither "flourishing" nor returning. His summers revolve around weekends in the Pocono Mountains, fishing, swimming, and hanging out with friends. During the summer of 2023, Owen is very excited to make his first trip to Israel to watch his brother Simon play in the Maccabi games. Eli will be hovering close as well as he will be on a BBYO trip to Eastern Europe and Israel. Owen's family cannot be prouder of his recent Bar Mitzvah accomplishment and the constant joy he brings to his family.

## D'var Torah | Vayikra 2023 (March 18, 2023)

### INTRODUCTION

Shabbat Shalom.

While discussing my Torah portion with Rav Shai, he asked me if I would prefer to write about a prayer and a poem, *Modim* and *El Adon*, respectively. The *Modim* is the first of the three blessings in the final section of one of Judaism's most important prayers — the *Amidah* — a daily prayer to God acknowledging the beauty of his creations and praise for his power. *El Adon* is not quite a prayer — it is a *Piyut*. *Piyutim* are songs or poems meant to be sung or recited in synagogue. The best example of a *piyut* that most of you would know is *Adon Olam*. Both of these beautiful works have a lot in common in terms of praising Hashem and celebrating his works. *El Adon* is the more specific of the two, and focuses on a specific set of God's creations, namely, the heavens and the wonders of space.

### PART 1 — MODIM

How do we thank GOD every day for his love and protection? How do we praise him for his creations? One way is by reciting the *Amidah* every day. I don't know if it's sacrilegious to call the *Amidah* a "catch-all" or "kitchen sink" prayer. But also — I didn't ask. And I could have — because I've been coming here twice a week for last forever months. So, let's go with catch-all prayer. I am joking, of course, because it's a very brief and beautiful prayer. To quote a short part of it, we are praising G-D for "... miracles that are with us every day, and for your wonders and good deeds that are with us at all times: evening, morning, and midday." So this part of *Modim* is not about thanking G-d for a specific act. Instead, it thanks him for "everyday" miracles.

But if there were miracles every day — wouldn't we hear about them — every day — on the news? I guess then that we have to figure out what a miracle is. And probably, miracles are subjective — different for everyone. For example, some people might consider miracles to be: nature itself, animals, newborn babies, or the underdog team winning the big game. For some it might be one more day with a sick loved one. My opinion now, as a 13-year-old Bar Mitzvah boy, is the Earth and the possibilities of

space and the unknown beyond. So while the *Modim* asks us to be mindful of the miracles around us every day, *El Adon* looks at a specific set of G-D's wonders.

### PART 2 — EL ADON

Perhaps a middle-aged rabbi in the second century or so was looking up at the dark sky one night while thinking about the *Modim*. He had to get out of the house; the kids are at each other's throats, his wife is making comments about how Yitzhak Glickstein, the local butcher from the next *shtetl*, over has a shiny new donkey and four teeth — pure mayhem. So, he climbs onto his roof and looks at the sky.

Maybe he was trying to notice G-d's daily miracles around him. And maybe that inspired him to wrote the *El Adom*. To quote *El Adom*:

*He endowed them with energy and power  
To dominate within their sphere of the universe  
Full of splendour, they radiate brightness  
Their brilliance adorns the universe*

When the author writes "He endowed 'them' with energy and power," he is referring to the stars and planets above. *El Adom* is about the beauty and splendor of the universe above us. It specifically addresses the mysteries of the heavens (but not heaven itself), the planets, the stars, and even the moon's phases. And remember, this was during a time in human history when people believed that sneezing gave the devil a chance to jump into your body. True story. Google it. It's messed up. So, while *Modim* asks us to look at miracles all around us, *El Adon* asks us to do the same — but while looking up.

The theme of my Bar Mitzvah is space and science fiction. I like these things so much because of the suspense and mystery of the unknown. Instead of reading or watching something about things that happened, will happen, or people's lives — space and science fiction gives me new possibilities. And hopefully it's something I haven't seen or thought of before. The hardest part is covering my tracks after I've watched something Rated R or TV-MA.

### PART 3 — MY PERSPECTIVE

My takeaway from this is we are always worried about new things. Our fears and anxiety that are with us in everyday life make it easy to forget that G-D has our back. And that every day we not only forget to appreciate the miracles that G-D made for us, but we fail to recognize them; like running water, food, pets, school being over soon, and, most importantly, — our families. Maybe if we were able to recognize these "miracles that are with us every day" and wake up in anticipation of these miracles, you would never be bored because the mundane becomes extravagant.

Every day I wake up and put my clothes on, then eat, brush my teeth, and go to school. I assume most of you have the same routine: waking up, getting dressed, eating, working, and coming home to eat and sleep. See because we are all living in Groundhog Day. But if every day you were to wake up and look at the stars, sunrise (which is one of the gods' greatest creations), nature, the bounty in front of you, and those you rely on when times are hard, you might break that loop. And no, Mom, waking up to see the sunrise isn't one of my many excuses for waking up early. YES — I LIKE TO WAKE UP EARLY. But one of the challenges is being able to peer into our routine to appreciate the beauty and complexity of every single thing that we see every day. Like family members and relatives all the way to every little grain of sand, but all in all, the main idea of this is to appreciate the big things and to appreciate the small things equally.

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## CONCLUSION

So while we agree that we can get wrapped up in our daily lives and forget to take a moment to appreciate the miracles around us, what prayers were given to us to try to help us remember? The *Amidah* and *El Adon*! I said it, like, a dozen times, 30 seconds ago. Stay with me. . . We are supposed to recite the *Amidah* every day and chant the *El Adon* on Shabbatot. Two reminders of our bountiful miracles. And where are we to do this — usually? In shul. In your synagogue; the focal point of Jewish life in our community. Reciting these prayers can also be bland and repetitive — just part of a service that (like our daily lives) started in one place and ends somewhere different. Or again, can we take a moment and feel the word and truly absorb their meaning, and take part of it with us after we've left the chapel, turned in our *kippot*, and had our coffee. Can we leave this place, go out into the world, and remind ourselves "things in my life might be good, things in my life might be bad, but at least these miracles are the constant that hold tomorrow's promise"?

I was told it's mandatory to mention some really important people that helped me be where I am today.

I'd like to thank my Mom who helped me through thick and thin and worked her *tuchus* off to make all of this possible. And I'd like to thank my erudite-thought-loutish, eloquent Dad who definitely didn't help with this speech. But anyway, my Dad is always there if I needed an opinion or help with anything. And I would like to thank Rav Hazzan Glantz and Rav Shai who are responsible for preparing me for this day, and any of the Hebrew that came out of my mouth during this service. Eli and Simon are here as well.

Thank you very much for joining me today. 



AT LEFT: Rina Cherry.  
BELOW: Rory Glantz  
and Rav/Hazzan  
Howard Glantz.



You did it!

## Hats Off to Our Graduates!

**Tess Armon**, daughter of **Wendy and Bruce Armon**, graduated from Abington high school. She is going to attend Middleberry College in the fall, located in Middlebury, Vermont. She expects to study languages and social sciences.

**Rebecca Bushee**, granddaughter of **Aileen and Mel Rothbard**, is graduating from Friends Select School in Philadelphia and will be heading to Brown University in the fall as a freshman.

**Rina Cherry**, daughter of **Rav Shai and Dr. Rebecca Cherry**, graduated from Cheltenham High School. She has a summer gig as a Ramah Ojai counselor working with the special needs campers. Then she'll be taking a gap year to travel in Europe with big sister Tehila and spend five months on Kibbutz Harduf.

**Helena Aguilar Federman**, daughter of **Tom and Maria Federman** and granddaughter of **Frank Federman**, is graduating from NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

**Abigail Feinstein**, granddaughter of **Viki and David Pashman**, graduated from Allderdice High School in Pittsburgh on June 15.

**Rory Glantz**, daughter of **Rav Hazzan Howard and Dayna Glantz**, graduated from Columbia University and List College, JTS.

**Nicole Rayne Goldberg**, granddaughter of **Allan and Vivien Marmon**, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Public Health.

**Risa Isard**, granddaughter of **Joan Wohl**, is graduating with her PhD from the University of Massachusetts, Isenberg School of Business and McCormack Department of Sport Management. In the fall, she will be joining the faculty at the University of Connecticut as an Assistant Professor of Sport Management.

**Sophie Levin**, daughter of **Howard Levin and Eydie Rudman**, graduated from Tulane University, undergraduate studies.

**Jason Lieberman**, son of **Valerie and Adam Lieberman**, graduated from Hofstra University in June 2022 with a Bachelor's degree in History and Education and received his Master's degree in Education in the summer of 2022. Jason has been teaching English in Bat Yam, Israel, since August 2022 and will be working in New York upon his return to the U.S. in July 2023.

**Jordan Lieberman**, son of **Valerie and Adam Lieberman**, graduated from Springside Chestnut Hill Academy on June 10, 2023, and plans to attend Temple University, Fox School of Business, in the fall of 2023.

**Eli Minkoff**, child of **Carra and Scott Minkoff**, graduated from Champlain College with a degree in Cybersecurity.

**Lucas Meyer Neidich**, son of **Shari and Rob Neidich** and grandson of **Maxine Marlowe**, graduated *cum laude* from Ithaca College, Park School of Communications, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Integrated Marketing Communications.

**Beatrice Raiken**, granddaughter of **Dr. Jerry and Judy Herman**, and daughter of **Lee and Ann Raiken** of Vermont, graduated from high school. She will be attending Bryn Mawr College in the fall.

**Brett Rosoff-Verbit**, son of **Beryl and Arthur Rosoff-Verbit**, received his Master's degree in Material Science Engineering from Penn State University. In addition, Brett won the 2023 National Collegiate Boxing Championship in the 125 lb. weight class.

**Sam Webber**, grandson of **Marcia Webber**, graduated from Hamilton College with a Bachelor of Science degree.

**Jake (Jacob Reuven) Eisman Weilerstein**, son of **Robin Eisman and Ken Weilerstein**, graduated from American University with a BA in Political Science.

**Aidan Evan Weitz**, grandson of **Joyce and Stanley Weitz** of Blue Bell, PA, and son of **Richard and Candie Weitz** of Beverly Hills, CA, graduated from the University of Southern California.

We also wish the best to all of our students at the AJ Early Learning Center who "moved up" this spring and will be going on to kindergarten!

*By Karen Moses, President*

Dear congregants,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Torah Fund Person of Achievement **Ann Kalmanor**. The honor was well-deserved and we enjoyed a lovely Spanish/French brunch in tribute to Ann's many years teaching both languages.

In addition, I would like to pay tribute to our fabulous Torah fund chairperson, **Merril Stup**. She is a dynamic fundraiser, leader, and organizer. Her planning and expertise was evident in every aspect of the event. Merrill was assisted by a great group of AJWA Sisterhood members who sold cards, helped decorate, checked people in, and assisted in the kitchen. Thanks also go to my official photographer, **Ed Moses**.

Despite restrictions, we were able to run many successful activities and plan to do more next year. If anyone has an idea for an activity, please reach out to me.

Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to watch your email for updates.

Sincerely,

Karen Moses



RIGHT: Top, Rav Shai with Torah Fund honoree, Ann Kalmanor. Bottom, Ann (center), with AJWA Sisterhood president, Karen Moses (left), and Torah Fund Committee head, Merril Stup (right).



## 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 monthly *AJ Newsletter* and enjoy holiday packages sent to school. Children of member families only.

Complete this form and return it to the synagogue  
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## STITCHES

The Stitchers group is the Masorot chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework. Our mission is to create community through *hiddur mitzvah*—beautifying the *mitzvah* with the works of our hands.



For further information, please contact Karen Moses by email at [karedlon@aol.com](mailto:karedlon@aol.com) and put "Pomegranate Info Request" in the subject line.



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## Honey From the Heart



**You can send a jar of honey to family, friends, and business associates near and far.** This is a great way to wish everyone a L'Shana Tova! And you'll be supporting both the AJWA Sisterhood and ORT America.

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It is traditional to eat apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah. The apples symbolize the constant cycle of life and the honey symbolizes the sweetness that we hope will characterize the year to come. The blessing is printed on a beautiful keepsake card that is enclosed with each jar of honey you send.

Please look for an email with the link to order your jars of Honey From The Heart for your family and friends. It is a wonderful way to wish everyone a SWEET New Year.



## AJ Men's Association

*By Ed Moses and Howard Goldman, Co-Presidents*

The Men's Association is pleased to recognize the AJers listed below who have generously contributed to the FJMC Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle program. Proceeds in the amount of \$500 have been donated to KAVOD, the highly regarded non-profit which provides emergency relief to Holocaust survivors.

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## ATTENTION READERS!

*Do you plan to visit an interesting city or museum? Have you read a great book that you'd like to share with others? Did a recent experience help you see things in a different way? Have you found a great web site that you find valuable in your Jewish life? We'd like to hear about it!*

If you have a topic that you think would be of interest to other congregants, let us know. We'll ask you to write a short article (emphasis on short!) about your experience for possible insertion into the *AJ News*. Provide pictures if relevant. Writing should be conversational in tone. If you mention other congregants in your article, please confirm their approval in advance. Contact Marjorie Trager at 215.635.6611 or mtrager@adathjeshurun.info if you would like to submit an article.

**Note:** All articles will be edited for grammar and clarity, and their use will be dependent on space. Please, no shoutouts for local businesses. Any photographs should be high resolution (300 dpi at 3"x4"); color photos will be reproduced in black and white.

# AJ Adult Education Committee

By Co-Chair, Skip Atkins

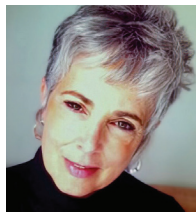
We recently completed a very successful season for Adult Education at AJ, with most of our programming dedicated to our theme of "The Year of the Woman." How do we know it was successful? Because you told us so!

At the conclusion of our programs, the Adult Ed committee surveys our participants, and we derive a lot of useful feedback. Here are some examples of what people told us.



Our Fall Scholar program featured a four-week series on the Psalms, conducted jointly by Rav Shai and **Professor Elaine James** of the Princeton Theological Seminary. Eighty percent of those attending the class told us they loved it; here's what one person said: "Loved the dual approaches to the same material. Please keep these educational evenings ongoing. Education should be forever a part of our lives."

In January, we hosted scholar and author **Kathleen Balgley**, who spoke about her personal journey of Jewish self-discovery as depicted in her powerful book *Letters to My Father: Excavating a Jewish Identity in Poland and Belarus*. By all accounts a fabulous evening, here's some of what people said: "The program exceeded my expectations," "The program inspired me to buy her book," and, especially: "Kathleen Balgley's personal journey of Jewish discovery, her profoundly moving and beautifully written book, and her generous manner and evocative narrative style during the program made [it] one of the finest that the ... Adult Education Committee has yet organized."



Here are some comments we received for Rav Shai's three-week class on prayer, also in January: "The class could have been twice as long — it was wonderful," "I've been waiting for Rav Shai to offer a class on this topic for a long time. He didn't disappoint," and "Rav Shai's multi-layered deep dive into prayer ... was profoundly absorbing. His background as a Judaic scholar was on full display."


And here's what someone told us about Rav Shai's recent class on "The Fiddler's Fractures: Conservative Judaism and the Other Denominations": "I enjoyed the enthusiasm that Rav Shai exuded. He could make watching paint dry seem enjoyable." (We didn't make this up!)



Our Scholar-in-Residence weekend this year featured **Judy Klitsner** of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, who received a lot of acclaim from those attending. Focusing her talks on what Klitsner calls "the 'vibrant conversation' that takes place between the Bible's parallel stories," one person said: "Everything about the weekend was a resounding success."

Judy is an exceptional educator: knowledgeable, accessible, warm." Another called her an "Animated, insightful teacher," and someone else called the weekend "Well organized and presented. Showcased the synagogue programming. And good food!" (And we all know it's hard to miss when a program features good food!)

We've already started planning next year's programs and our first is scheduled for this month. Following a tradition Rav Shai started last summer with a series of midweek lunchtime classes, this year's three-session "Sizzling Summer Series" will begin on Wednesday, July 12 and feature "The Last Century of American Jewish Theology: Mordecai Kaplan, Abraham Joshua Heschel, and Arthur Green." (See sidebar for more information.)

And we have more on the way, including, for example, a series of day-long intensive sessions on Hebrew, at both beginner and intermediate levels. And there's much more to come, so please keep an eye out, and please join us as we look forward to this coming season's successes! 

## SIZZLING SUMMER SERIES

# THE PAST 100 YEARS OF American Jewish Theology July 11, 18, and 25 at Noon

Join us for some summer learning on three Tuesday afternoons in July, either in person in the Strauss Chapel or on Zoom.

In 1934, Mordecai M. Kaplan published *Judaism as a Civilization*. His was the most honest assessment of the role of Judaism in the modern world. Kaplan brought the mind of a sociologist to traditional Judaism. Abraham Joshua Heschel, on the hand, brought eyes filled with wonder. As Arthur Green, one of his star students, put it, Heschel recast Hasidism for moderns. Finally we'll look at the theology of Green, himself, an heir to both Kaplan and Heschel, who describes his theology as mystical panentheism.

The series will take place on three Tuesday afternoons at noon: July 11, 18, and 25. The first class will start with an Adult Ed-sponsored lunch, followed by the first class. For the subsequent classes, tables will be set up in the Sanctuary lobby for those who want to bring a dairy or parve lunch to eat before class begins at 12:00 PM.

To register, go to <https://www.adatheshurun.info/form/adult-ed-SSS2023.html> or scan the QR code. The class is open to non-members at a cost of \$18.



**CSP has full course schedules for July and August.**

Go to <https://occsp.net> for more information and to register. Please note that times on CSP web pages are Pacific Time unless noted otherwise.



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**JUNE 25, 2023 to JULY 1, 2023**  
**6 Tammuz 5783 to 12 Tammuz 5783**

*To be read on Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1*



Mildred Blanche Album  
Leon Alkus  
Irvin Amarnick  
Laura Axe  
Edwin G. Baer  
Julia B. Bernstein  
Morris B. Cooperman  
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Benjamin Hoffman  
Bernard C. Hopen  
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Rose Daroff Kaplan  
Samuel Kasser  
Vove Katzman  
Charles Kinkel  
Harry Z. Kroser  
Effye W. Kun  
Dr. Louis A. Kustin  
Simcha Landau  
Rose G. Leopold  
Mae K. Levit  
Mae Lisman  
Abraham Lyon  
Patricia Mellman

George Nathan  
Emanuel B. Newman  
Yetta Newman  
Hymen Novack  
Clare Z. Parness  
Sigmund Platowsky  
Harry Rasdolsky  
Geraldine Beryl Reichman  
Loeb Hirsh Rosenberger  
Jeanette Saltzman  
David Salus  
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Moses Scheuer  
Esther Schinfeld  
Harry Schneeburg  
Carl M. Schwartz  
Joseph Schwartz  
Hilda Shaffran  
Irvin E. Silverman  
Phyllis Silverman  
Hannah G. Smith  
David Snader  
Frances Spear  
Deborah Leah Steinberg  
Claire Kun Stern  
Roslyn Strauss  
Adolph Tobotsnick  
Rachel Venetzky  
Isadore Weil  
Anna Weinstein  
Dr. Jordan M. Weiss  
Irvin A. Winegrad  
Bella Zemble

**JULY 2, 2023 to JULY 8, 2023**

**13 Tammuz 5783 to 19 Tammuz 5783**

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



Edwin Apothaker  
Marvin L. Arkins  
Harriet R. Banks  
Dora Beerwald  
Reuben Leib Berkowitz  
Iris J. Bilker  
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Jacob Kahn  
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Harry Lavine  
Julia Lerner  
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Sarah Schwartz

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Dr. Edward C. Viner  
Naomi G. Weinberg

**JULY 9, 2023 to JULY 15, 2023**  
**20 Tammuz 5783 to 26 Tammuz 5783**

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



Julia Arronson  
Rae Beckett  
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Rosie Bender  
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Cecilia Jeannette Simon  
Harriett Smerling  
Maurice Staub  
David L. Strauss  
Benjamin Strouse  
Jacob Wallfield  
Louis Wellenbach

**JULY 16, 2023 to JULY 22, 2023**

**27 Tammuz 5783 to 4 Av 5783**

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



Sarah N. Aion  
Harry Alloy  
Yetta C. Apothaker  
Lazar Bachenheimer  
Rose Shuman Bernstein  
Jennie Bless  
Ida R. Caplan  
Sidney S. Chilnick  
Minnie Clair  
Bertha Jacobs Cleaver  
Eugene Cohen  
Ethel Daroff  
Henry David Epstein  
Stanton Bernard Felzer  
Ruth Frank  
Rhoda M. B. Frankel  
Benjamin B. Friedman  
Rose Friedman  
Rev. Laib Isaac Gassel  
Cora R. Gerson

Jacob H. Getzow  
Josephine R. Gluck  
Oscar Max Guggenheim  
Eva Heidelberger  
Selma S. Hertz  
Rubin Hymovitz  
Thelma S. Joseph  
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Robert M. Katz  
Reba Kogen  
Alexander S. Layman  
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Ethel Weller  
Rose Wisneski

**JULY 23, 2023 to JULY 29, 2023**  
**5 Av 5783 to 11 Av 5783**

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



Henry Arnstein  
Samuel A. Baron  
Stanley L. Basche  
Abraham Beilan  
Estelle Bekoff  
Jerome Berg  
Rose Berkowitz  
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Lester M. Bloch  
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Frommet Rosenbaum  
Anne Steinberg Rosenthal  
Mayer Sklar  
Eugene Sunshine  
Israel B. Suzmer  
Abraham Tollin  
Louis Tubis  
Benjamin Wexler  
Jeanette R. Yohlin  
Morrie H. Zinman

**JULY 30, 2023 to AUGUST 5, 2023**  
**12 Av 5783 to 18 Av 5783**

*To be read on Friday, Aug. 4 and Saturday, Aug. 5*



Samuel Berger  
Dr. Herman A. Bliss  
Joseph P. Blum  
Robert L. Braun  
I.J. Brad Brodsky  
Lina M. Brody  
Martha Ceasar  
Paul J. Cohen  
Byrdie Cohn  
Elsie Deitch  
Jeanette DeWolf  
Rose Domansky  
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Philip Felzer  
Samuel Frank  
Mildred Goldblatt  
Rubin Goldfine  
Rose Goldsman  
Joseph B. Haber

Rosa Milder Jacoby  
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Samuel Jawer  
Hymen Kanoff  
Louis Kartoz  
Rose Largman  
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Chava Rachel Love  
Sarah Love  
Sara Harris Lubet  
Nathan L. Mayer  
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Pearl Novik  
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Thomas Torrens  
Burton Joseph Webber  
Adolph Wellenbach  
Benjamin H. Wolf

**AUGUST 6, 2023 to AUGUST 12, 2023**  
**19 Av 5783 to 25 Av 5783**

*To be read on Friday, Aug. 11 and Saturday, Aug. 12*



Pauline Ball  
Benjamin Berison  
Isaac Brav  
Paul Breen  
Alexander Z. Brister  
Morris Chalphon  
Stanley Davidoff  
Harry Deckter  
Anna Drell  
Cantor Elsie Duman  
Bella Feinstein  
Kitty Forman  
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Abraham Pleet  
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**AUGUST 13, 2023 to AUGUST 19, 2023**  
**26 Av 5783 to 2 Elul 5783**

*To be read on Friday, Aug. 18 and Saturday, Aug. 19*



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Esther Popowich  
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Marks Schneideman  
Dusha Schwartz  
Louis C. Solo  
Jean Spitzer  
Jacob Stern  
Carole Ellen Strug  
Max Stup  
Reba Thomas  
Bella Viner  
Ida Wallenbach  
Samuel J. Weil  
Sadie Weinstein

**AUGUST 20, 2023 to AUGUST 26, 2023**  
**3 Elul 5783 to 9 Elul 5783**

*To be read on Friday, Aug. 25 and Saturday, Aug. 26*



Celia Mildred Allen  
Freda Altman  
Sophia S. Axelrod  
Louis Bachenhaimer  
Jane C. Balka  
Bella Benedict  
Isadore Berman  
Charlotte Viner Bernstein  
Morris Bernstein  
Jean Blankfield  
Byron Blum  
Max Blumberg  
Pauline Braverman  
Dr. Franklin L. Brickman  
Carl B. Broad  
Dorothy L. Brooks  
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**AUGUST 27, 2023 to SEPTEMBER 2, 2023**  
**10 Elul 5783 to 16 Elul 5783**

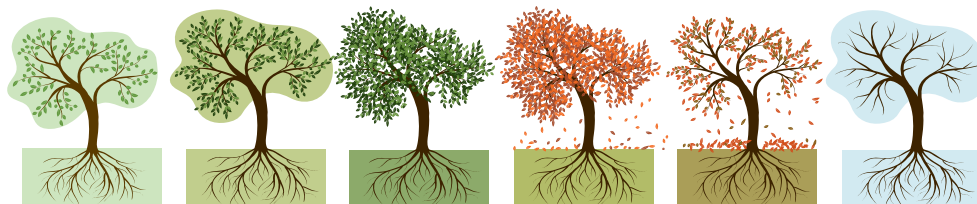
*To be read on Friday, Sept. 1 and Saturday, Sept. 2*



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Louis Polin  
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## The Seasons of Our Lives

Adath Jeshurun looks forward to acknowledging significant milestones in the lives of our members. Announcements for *The Seasons of Our Lives* should be sent to the synagogue office in writing or by email to [office@adathjeshurun.info](mailto:office@adathjeshurun.info) with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Please include your phone number.

### Births

Eliya Dov Rastein, grandson of Robin Eisman and Ken Weilerstein and great-grandson of Lillian and Marvin Weilerstein  
March 18, 2023

### Achievements

When Women's League for Conservative Judaism holds its Convention 2023 in July at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, Illinois (suburban Chicago), the Women's League will proudly install **Karen Cuker** as a continuing member of the International Board.

See our list of graduates on page 11.

### Deaths

Shirley Tauber May 3, 2023  
Suzan Fine, mother of Pamela Maman May 17, 2023  
David Winick, husband of Claire Winick May 28, 2023

Alan Nadel, husband of Sandra Smith Nadel

June 13, 2023

### July Milestone Anniversaries

40 YEARS  
• Steve and Tammy Zebovitz July 31, 1983

### August Milestone Anniversaries

60 YEARS  
• Allan and Vivien Marmon August 4, 1963  
50 YEARS  
• Michael and Barbara Levin August 26, 1973

### Don't See Your Milestone Anniversary?

If we have missed your Milestone Anniversary this month, please call the office and provide us with your information for next year.

### Kol HaKavod to our April and May Torah and Haftarah Readers

Owen Anderson Check	Mike Markowich
Shalev Cherry	Susan Novack
Debbie Seltzer Cohen	David Reibstein
Allan Freedman	Lorna Rosenberg
Randi Freeman	Gail Schwartz
Robert Friedman	Marjorie Shribman
Mindy Goldstein	Sydney Silverstein
Rav/Hazzan Howard Glantz	Ed Strauss
Dan Kaufman	Meryl Sussman
Donna Levin	Elizabeth Turk-Karan
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In honor of keeping the daily minyan going  
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Leigh Carasso

#### Martin Cohen

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Rene and Sheldon Smith and Kevin Coopersmith

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#### Dr. Stephen Harry Davidoff

Chellie and Lisa Davidoff

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#### Samuel Dubin

Stuart Wilder

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#### Dr. Haskell Ellison

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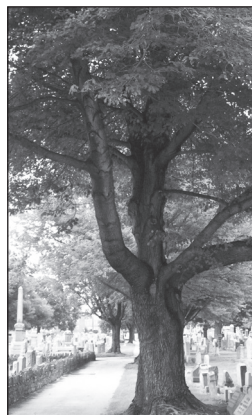
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