

## Zionism: *Od Lo Avda Tikvateinu*

by Rav Shai Cherry



When you're a kid, you measure time by the end of the school year. Since I stayed in school for almost all my life, that time marker stuck. But it became overlaid with a Jewish marker — Shavuot. During the five years I lived in Israel, I would never think of leaving before Shavuot. Even now, summer hours at AJ for

Shabbat services couldn't possibly begin until Shavuot was in the rear-view mirror.

This year, we learned with Dr. David Arnow for Shavuot. Dr. Arnow brought a piece of Torah about Ruth from Yehoshua Bachrach that continues to inspire me. Ruth was a Moabite. Moabites were the enemy. The Torah says never to marry a Moabite. Boaz marries Ruth the Moabite, and the Rabbis must figure out how Boaz could have done something that the Torah seems to forbid.

But Bachrach reaches back further to remind us that Moav was the son of Lot, born to Lot and his daughter (!) after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. They thought there was no one left alive in the world and it was up to them to repopulate the planet. Lot, by then, had been estranged from his Uncle Abraham. What Bachrach points out is that by Boaz marrying Ruth, the intergenerational estrangement between Abraham and Lot is healed.

What a comforting piece of Torah to read these days. It might take generations, but enemies (who are distant cousins) can become partners. In Israel, Arabs are called our cousins. The Torah relates that the children of Isaac are the Jews and the children of Ishmael are Arabs. It might take generations, but there is hope that just as Boaz and Ruth healed the rift between Abraham and Lot, one day the rift between the children of Isaac and the children of Ishmael will also be healed. In the Book of Ruth, a descendant of that healing union was King David — the ancestor of the messiah! *Od lo avda tikvateinu!* We have not yet lost hope!

This year's confirmation class was also a source of hope. On June 7, we celebrated six confirmands speaking to our congregation about the complexities of forgiveness and

*teshuvah*. The students read Simon Wiesenthal's *The Sunflower* and responded to his closing question about whether he should have granted a Nazi forgiveness upon his death-bed confession. We should all be hopeful from the sensitivity, moral clarity, and critical thinking skills demonstrated our six confirmands: Jemma Bleu Greenbaum, Samara Reibstein, Marc Lewin, Erica Weingrad, Gali Nussbaum, and Hannah Berson. May they go from strength to strength!

The following Sunday, we had our final Kikar *tiyul* (field trip). (Kikar is the name of our Jewish teen education program.) We went to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Two moments stand out from our time in the Museum. The first was just how crowded it was. Although it is possible for those attuned to TikTok to fall prey to a persecution complex given the rampant antisemitism and anti-Zionism on some college campuses and most social media platforms, our students experienced something else. Hundred and hundreds of non-Jews were in the Holocaust Museum educating themselves about the Holocaust, the signs of antisemitism, and the ongoing threats of Jew hatred. We Jews are not alone. We have many sympathetic allies who took home the lesson of the Museum: when democracy dies, so do the civil protections that safeguard the life and liberty of all citizens.

The second moment was more intimate. When we first saw a train car used to transport Jews to the camps, one of the students looked at me and asked, "Were Jews actually in that car?"

That question brought the experience home. When we were inside the car, we held hands and said the blessing for keeping alive those who have died — *m'chaye hametim*. How do we do that? Through memory and education. It's not enough to remember the Shoah, its victims, its perpetrators, its bystanders, and its righteous resisters. We have to teach our kids about the intangibles that were lost — the culture, the values, the life. But without hope, from where would we muster the strength to ensure that we transmit the memories and the education to the next generation?

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We ended the "school year" at AJ with lots of events, from SPEC to Confirmation to the Rise Against Hunger packing event! See pages 8 through 11 for pictures!

Don't miss **page 6** where we list AJ summer activities for all ages!

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# Service Schedule

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4, 2024 28 Sivan 5784

### THURSDAY MORNING

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

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## ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ SHABBAT KORAH

July 5, 6, 2024 30 Sivan 5784

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

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

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

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## ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

July 7, 2024 1 Tammuz 5784

### SUNDAY MORNING

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

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## SHABBAT HUKKAT

July 12, 13, 2024 7 Tammuz 5784

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

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

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

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## SHABBAT BALAK

July 19, 20, 2024 14 Tammuz 5784

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

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

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

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## FAST OF THE 17TH OF TAMMUZ

July 23, 2024 17 Tammuz 5784

### TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service ..... 7:15 AM

## SHABBAT PINHAS

July 26, 27, 2024 21 Tammuz 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....8:01 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

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

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## SHABBAT MATOT-MASEI

August 2, 3, 2024 28 Tammuz 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:54 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 7:55 PM

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## ROSH HODESH AV

August 5, 2024 1 Av 5784

### MONDAY MORNING

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

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## SHABBAT HAZON | DEVARIM

August 9, 10, 2024 6 Av 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:46 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

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

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## EREV TISH'A B'AV

August 12, 2024 8 Av 5784

### MONDAY EVENING

- Evening Service ..... 7:30 PM

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## FAST OF TISH'A B'AV

August 13, 2024 9 Av 5784

### TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service ..... 7:15 AM

- Special Minhah Service ..... 1:00 PM

### TUESDAY EVENING

- Evening Service ..... 7:45 PM

Note special start time.

## SHABBAT NAHAMU | VA'ETHANAN

August 16, 17, 2024 13 Av 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:37 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

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

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## TU B'AV

August 19, 2024 15 Av 5784

### MONDAY MORNING

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

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## SHABBAT EKEV

August 23, 24, 2024 20 Av 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:27 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 7:30 PM

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## ROSH HODESH ELUL SHABBAT RE'EH

August 30, 31, 2024 27 Av 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:16 PM

### FRIDAY EVENING

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

### SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service..... 10:00 AM

### SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah ..... 7:20 PM



Like us on Facebook  
and join our community page!

**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.

**JULY**

**Friday/Saturday  
Service Sign-up Link**

<http://tinyurl.com/Services-July24>



**AUGUST**

**Friday/Saturday  
Service Sign-up Link**

<http://tinyurl.com/Services-Aug24>



**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 (except where noted) ....7:00 PM

\*On most Thursday mornings, we hold a breakfast after the morning service. Join us!

**Sponsor a Kiddush!**

We all have special dates on our calendars, but we're never quite sure what to do about them, so... sponsor a kiddush or co-sponsor a kiddush with friends!

For what occasions do people sponsor kiddush?

**ANYTHING!** Birthdays, weddings, graduations, new jobs, OR just because you love having a nosh and a schmooze after services.

Contact the office at 215.635.6611 for more information.



# Goodbye, Farewell, Amen

*By Howard Levin,  
Immediate Past President of Adath Jeshurun*

While hindsight maybe 20/20, a good delay in your final president's letter to the congregation is pretty good as well. I am writing this letter on Monday morning June 3, 2024, after what was an amazing night honoring Shari and David Seltzer. A sold-out audience came to be entertained by Modi, and he did not disappoint. The committee will have its work cut out for them to top this year's event.

Well, just like that it's over. After three years, my term as AJ's president has come to an end, and I happily turn the reigns over to Dr. Harry Lessig. While the last three years have seen their share of challenges, it has been an honor to serve the AJ community.

I started off my term during the pandemic. Shul live or virtual? Vax, no vax? Mask, no mask? Can we sit next to someone, or do we spread out? I want to thank the reopening/pandemic committee for all their work during that time. While the pandemic came with its challenges, it also provided opportunities to get new floors and curtains in the Orleans. We were able to make improvements to the caretakers' house at the cemetery and do some much needed maintenance. Plus, we received brand new doors, thanks to the generous donation of Ann Kalmanor.

I want to thank my Executive Committee, both past and present; your help and guidance were both helpful and appreciated. To the Board of Directors and Trustees, thank you for your support. A big shout-out to the office and maintenance staff for keeping everything humming daily.

When I started my term, I had hoped to double the size of the congregation. Sadly, I did not achieve my goal. Little did I know or understand the headwinds facing organized religion in America. While those headwinds are significant, I believe it's a code that can be and needs to be cracked, not just for the survival of our AJ but for the betterment of the community at large. The challenge to the incoming administration is figuring out what will it take to get the unaffiliated Jewish community back to shul, whether for morning and evening minyans, or Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services. And, while the future of our current building remains

uncertain, I believe AJ will be around for another 150 years.

I would be remiss if I did not mention my consiglieres Judy Izes and David Reibstein. They were both valuable sources of ideas and advice and sometimes great sounding boards. Thank you both.

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your president, even with the knowledge I'm no Judy Izes. Lastly, I want to thank your shadow president Eydie Rudman who was always there to offer advice both solicited and unsolicited. I don't tell her enough but she is the best.

Finally, I leave you with a joke:

A man was traveling through a town where an old friend of his lived. He decided to seek him out and pay him an impromptu visit. He asked someone, "Excuse me, I am looking for a friend of mine, Howard Levin. Do you know him?" "Sure I know him. He is the president of my shul. Worst president ever. A turnip could do a better job. He lives over on the other side of town."

The man went across town and asked another person, "I am looking for Howard Levin."

"Yeah, I know Levin. I know exactly who that no-good louse is. Ever since he took over our shul it's been downhill. He's a disgrace to the office. He couldn't president his way out of a paper bag. He lives over on that street."

The man went to the right street and asked someone, "Do you know where Howard Levin lives?" "Ah, Levin, Mr. El Presidente! My grandma could do a better job than him. He lives in that house."

He went to the house and saw his old friend. "I understand you are president of your shul. Most be a tough job."

Levin replied, "It's murder. I work like a dog. You have no idea how stressful it is."

"So why do you do it?"

"Frankly, I do it for the *kavad*."





# In Rav Hazzan's World

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

## Angels Among Us

This column is dedicated to my teacher, my friend, at times my consigliere, my predecessor, Charles S. Davidson z"l, and it is long overdue. In the months since his passing, I have thought of Uncle Cantor countless times. I often forget that he is not listening on Zoom (as he often was) or that I cannot check with him about the origin of some obscure aspect of AJ tradition.

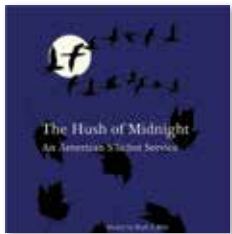


I am meeting regularly with the Davidson children to plan for *Hush of Midnight* at Selihot on September 28 and a memorial concert retrospective of his musical genius scheduled for the afternoon of November 17, 2024. Information will be forthcoming about the sessions to familiarize you and even rehearse the music of *Hush of Midnight*. I am seeking volunteers to form subcommittees to assist with the many details that go into making a major concert run smoothly.



The passing of this musical giant is solidly sinking in.

I met Hazzan Davidson for the first time when I was just 21 years old in 1985. My stomach was bouncing with butterflies and I still recall the sting of flushness in my face from the less-than-generous comments and trick questions from others on the faculty. You see, I was being interviewed by the Cantors Institute faculty as a candidate at the Jewish Theological Seminary. A senior faculty member mocked my art song selection expressing his unwillingness to continue the interview, but not Charles S. Davidson.

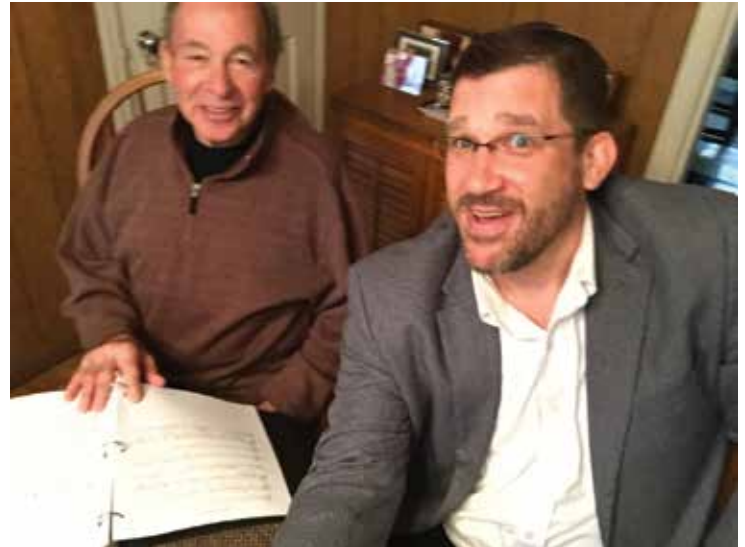


That day, Charles served as an angel in my life.

Fast forward nearly 20 years to November of 2003 and I was invited to interview at the venerable Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Bernie Dishler and David Seltzer had already done due diligence with a Shabbat in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and decided to bring in a guy with barely any experience singing with professional choir and organ. I reached out to Charles and he assured me that I could do it. He sent me several audio and video recordings of the AJ service.

Charles knew my ear was stronger musically than my reading the music in the hundreds of pages that comprised the "AJ way" in the Shabbat service. Then I mentioned that the Shabbat during which I was interviewing was also Rosh Hodesh. Charles arranged a meeting with Dr. Gatens, our organist at the time, for the Friday morning I arrived. And then, in the service itself, Hazzan Davidson was in the pit helping Dr. Gatens stay with me as I moved through the different modes necessary to fulfill the changing *nusach* for Shabbat Rosh Hodesh.

Hazzan Charles S. Davidson served as an angel in my life.



On Shabbat morning, I sat on the bimah and crossed my legs as I was accustomed to doing. Charles hit my knee to uncross my legs so I obliged without understanding the reason. He had to remind me a few more times that morning but I finally got it. That is, without actually understanding the opposition to leg crossing on the AJ bimah, I sat straight. Years later, we had a good laugh as to the actual origins for the ban on leg crossing at AJ (ask me privately sometime and I might tell you).

There was an angel on the bimah that day.

After I sang on Friday night and Shabbat morning, Uncle Cantor told me I was the right fit for AJ now. He said it in such a way that encouraged me for what I would uniquely bring to the role. Hazzan Davidson continued to serve as encouragement by having constructive and instructive things to say about the services I led. Charles expressed appreciation for so much of the musical tradition I maintained but he also encouraged me to bring in my own style, flavor, and musical selections. I genuinely looked forward to his thoughtful calls and emails after so many major programs and holidays but especially right after Neilah.

Helen Keller is credited with the quote, "I believe there are angels among us, sent down to us. . . . to show us how to live, to teach us how to give, to guide us with a light of love." Charles was that angel for so many at AJ and throughout the Jewish musical world.

A suggested contribution of \$118 will secure one's listing as a Hebraic Arts Angel in the programs of both the *Hush of Midnight* Selihot program and the November concert in memory of Hazzan Davidson with a retrospective of his vast musical contributions. Please join me in celebrating the cantorial giant, teacher, composer, and friend, Hazzan Charles S. Davidson.

## Would You Like to Learn to Chant for Tish'a B'Av?

On three Thursday mornings — July 25, August 1, and August 8 — Rav Hazzan Glantz will discuss *Eicha*/Lamentations after the morning minyan over coffee and breakfast in the foyer. He'll then be available to review the chanting of parts for the Tish'a B'Av service on Monday evening, August 12, commemorating the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, 600 years apart. A volunteer can chant one verse or one chapter and be a part of a meaningful evening in this unique way. Contact Rav Hazzan Glantz by calling the office or by sending him an email at [hglantz@gmail.com](mailto:hglantz@gmail.com).




## AJ Early Learning Center

By Tracey Perchick, Early Childhood Director

I often hear families talking about planned summer vacations as an opportunity to make memories. While this is true, parents should remember that it is not about the quantity of time but the quality that matters. I firmly believe that day-to-day interactions can be more memorable. When I think of summers on Melrose Avenue, I recall grabbing money for the ice cream truck, lining my mom's black hornet (a car) with a towel to prevent the leather seats from scorching me after swimming at Conklin pool, and sitting on the porch telling stories about my camp adventures. Family time was everything!

We didn't have cell phones to distract us, and we had to wait for our pictures to return from the Fotomat to show our notable events. Instead, we laughed, walked, and played games. An outing consisted of a long ride to a famous pizza shop or barbecuing on the back deck and eating outside. Mostly we talked. We heard stories of my parents' childhood and their friendships. They listened intently as their children navigated childhood with detailed versions of the day and many questions about life. We always felt attended to but most of all we felt loved.

At Camp Kitov, the little ones will have a summer to remember, filled with physical activities, water play, and super themes. I am not sure if I am more excited for Bubble Week, Brunch with Bert and Ernie during Sesame Street Week, or the arrival of the duck eggs. Our fabulous staff will bring all the events Jason (our Camp Director) has planned to life.

I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer filled with meaningful moments, interesting discussions and new adventures. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for your love and time. 



## Sundaes for Sara's Castle

On Sunday, June 2, 2024, Adath Jeshurun Early Learning Center held our 15th annual Sundaes for Sara event. This special day raises funds for Sara's Castle. The



castle structure is the focal point of our playground and is based on the drawing Sara made at Purim. Sara lost a courageous battle with brain cancer but her legacy lives on at our school.

Several of Sara's family members gathered with the ELC community to enjoy sundaes, music, face painting, and friendship. The teachers scooped with a smile and the children giggled with delight. Thanks to our families and generous donors, this event was a huge success! The following is a list of the people who made this event possible.

### One Scoop

Bonnie Kanefsky  
Beth Shapiro and  
Jonathan Smolowe  
Merril Stup

### Four Scoops

Jared Denisco and  
Benjamin Lutz  
Steve and Tammy  
Zebovitz

### Two Scoops

Skip and Naomi Atkins  
Aaron Attermann and  
Amanda Lessig  
Paul and Judy Izes  
Emilio and Amy Leech  
Harry and Wendy Lessig  
Susan Starr  
Matt and Alex Wright

### Five Scoops

Tuesday Vanstory and  
Norman Cotterell

### Three Scoops

Howard and Dayna  
Glantz  
Stephen and Mindy  
Goldstein  
Tracey Perchick  
Josh and Amy Stretch  
Sima Sussman

### Six Scoops

Arthur and Neile Davis  
Danny Lutz and Zoe  
Rosoff-Verbit  
Stephan and Rochelle  
Perchick  
Josh Siegel and  
Julianne Remus

A big THANK YOU to  
Jacob and Molly Boyd  
for donating the ice  
cream for the event!

# What's Happening at AJ

## FAMILY FUN THIS SUMMER!

### Friday, July 12: Family-style Garden Tour and Garden Salad Dinner.

Join your fellow AJers and bring a blanket and your outdoor chairs. Bring family and friends for a walk around our perennial garden and stay for a family-style garden salad-inspired dinner at AJ. You are welcome to stay for services, of course! Outside, weather permitting. 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (services to follow at 6:15 PM)

### Sunday, July 21: All Ages, All-AJers-Welcome Mini Golf at Burlholme.

Bring your own water and snacks. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

### Sunday, August 4: Wild Water Play at AJ with Crazy Lazy Hotdog

**Days of Summer!** We will have sprinklers and water games. Dress to impress or just to get wet! We will serve amazing toppings for your favorite dog. Pets are welcome! (Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available). 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### Wednesday, August 28: Fun-for-Everyone Mini Golf at Tee's in Conshohocken.

8:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

### Sunday, September 8: BBQ Bring 'Em Back.

Games, music, and a new AJ tradition, our own AJ Pie Eating contest! 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Stay tuned for more information!



## Meet the Members of AJ's New Social Engagement Committee!



Congregation Adath Jeshurun welcomes the members of our Social Engagement Committee: Jamie Clark, Amanda Lessig, Michael Spina, Arielle Wernick, and Renee Winegrad! Watch your inbox for their emails highlighting some of the events this new committee will offer. If you are interested in positively impacting AJ, shifting the dynamic, and organizing social events, please consider reaching out to the Social Action Committee!

Email your thoughts to [AJSECommittee@gmail.com](mailto:AJSECommittee@gmail.com).

Join me in a hearty Mazel Tov to the members of our Social Engagement Committee!

Beth Shapiro

## SAVE THESE DATES!

On **Saturday, September 21**, when we'll have a special **Shabbat service and luncheon celebrating the 20th anniversary of Oxford Circle–Jewish Community Center (OC–JCC) joining Adath Jeshurun!**

On **Sunday, November 17**, join us for a **concert retrospective on the music of Cantor Davidson z"l** from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

Look for more information to come on both events!

## MIDWEEK MINDFULNESS!

### Take a break from the noise and relax!

On Wednesdays at 6:00 PM and Thursdays at 9:00 AM, AJ offers brief respites from the frenetic pace and crowded spaces we inhabit. Led by AJ community members.



### Walk with Wonder on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

A gentle, local 45-minute walk, focusing on calm that comes from connecting to nature. Meet at the ELC lobby, wear comfortable clothing, and bring a water bottle. Bring a pet, bring a child, bring a friend! On days of extreme heat, we will cancel the walk; please call the office at 215.635.6611 by 4:00 PM on Wednesdays to see if we'll be walking.



### Mindfulness Moments on Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Sit and engage in a mindful meditation, deep, healing breathing or gentle movement for 30 minutes. Meet us in the Strauss Chapel immediately after minyan breakfast. Come as you are, come from home or work or from minyan. Join your friends or bring a friend for a moment of mindfulness, calm and community! No registration is needed.

**Because each moment matters!**

## 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 *Newsletter*. 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](mailto:mtrager@adathjeshurun.info) if you would like to submit an article.

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

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## 5785 AJ Calendar 2024–2025

### Chai — To Life!

It is time once again to gather Birthday, Anniversary, and Yahrzeit information for the AJ Calendar. Children love to see their names in print, spouses no longer have an excuse to forget an anniversary, and yahrzeits can be conveniently listed so you never miss a kaddish.

The cost is \$8 per listing. If you purchase at least one listing, you also get a free New Year Greeting, "L'Shanah Tovah from..."

We greatly appreciate your support.

**Please PRINT all information.** List all names exactly as you want them to appear in the calendar.

<b>Birthday</b>	Date	<b>Birthday</b>	Date
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<b>Anniversary</b>	Date	<b>Anniversary</b>	Date
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<b>Yahrzeit</b>	Date	<b>Yahrzeit</b>	Date
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<b>Yahrzeit</b>	Date	<b>Yahrzeit</b>	Date
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**New Year Greeting** — "L'Shanah Tovah from..." (print it exactly as you want it to appear) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check (payable to AJ) for \$8 for each listing (except for the New Year Greeting) and submit it to AJ, 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**We must receive your information and payment by Monday, July 15.**

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## 5785 AJ Calendar 2024–2025

### Business Directory

In order to help make our calendar as useful as possible to our congregants, we created a business directory at the back of the calendar with listings of congregant businesses as well as other supporters of AJ. This year we hope to expand the listings, so the next time you need to find a doctor, accountant, lawyer, printer, or any other service, you can deal with part of the AJ community instead of strangers.

Regardless of whether you own your own business or not, we are encouraging everyone to send their business card (or other similarly sized camera-ready copy) along with \$75 and the form below to help us create what we hope will be the most useful AJ calendar yet.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Amy Devine-Stretch at 215.635.6611. Remember, this directory can be as good as you make it. Thank you for your support.

**Please PRINT all information.**

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Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

Please this form along with a check (payable to AJ) for \$75 to Adath Jeshurun, 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027.

**We must receive your information and payment by Monday, July 15.**

## AJ's 2024 Fundraiser (SPEC)

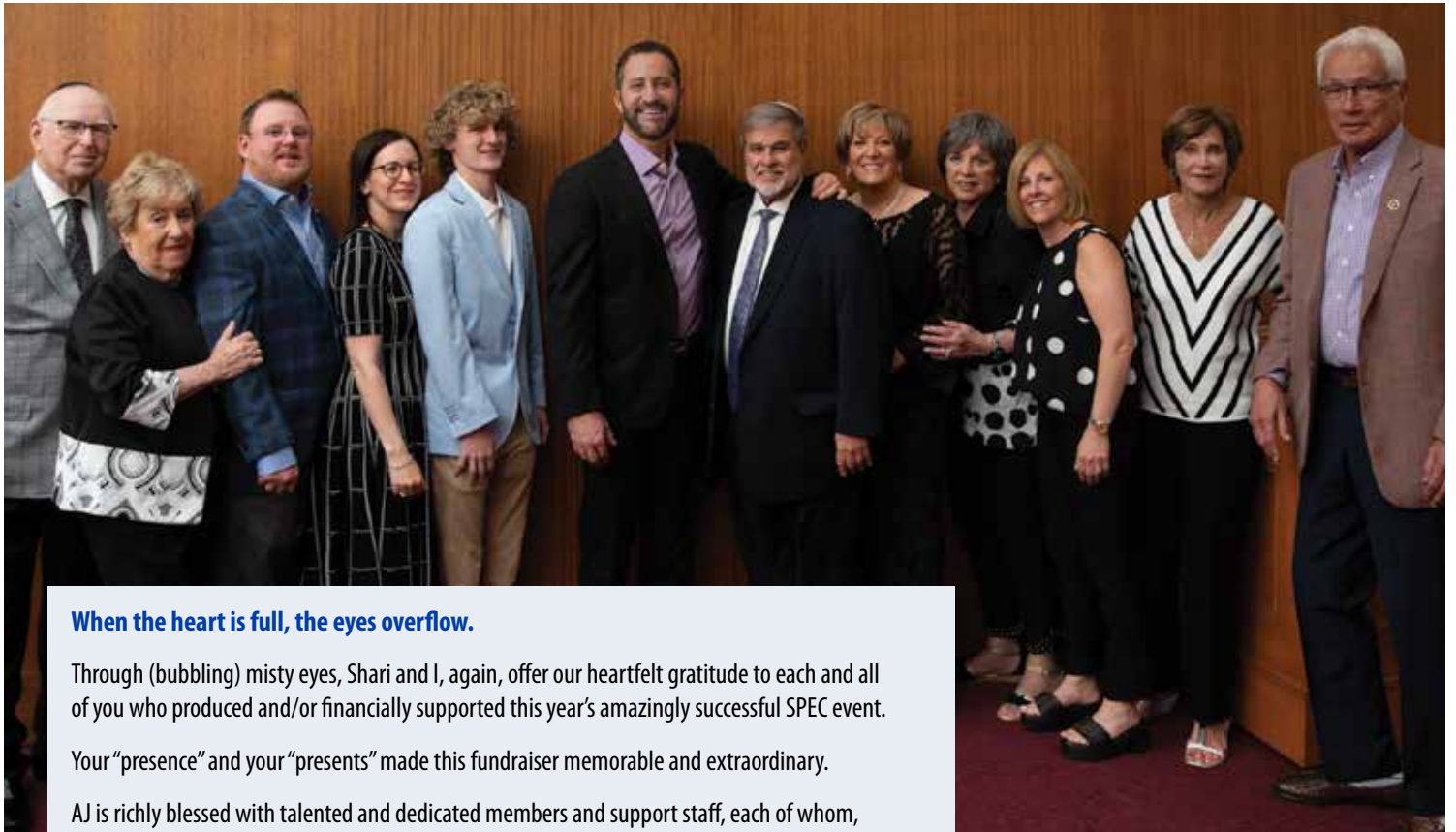


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### When the heart is full, the eyes overflow.

Through (bubbling) misty eyes, Shari and I, again, offer our heartfelt gratitude to each and all of you who produced and/or financially supported this year's amazingly successful SPEC event.

Your "presence" and your "presents" made this fundraiser memorable and extraordinary.

AJ is richly blessed with talented and dedicated members and support staff, each of whom, in a synchronized symphony of creativity, organization, and hard work, use their skill sets to make programs such as this happen throughout the year. *Yashar Koch'chem.*

Shari and I look forward to continuing our work beside you on behalf of our venerable and beloved congregation.

Finally, we acknowledge the ache that has been in our hearts since October 7, as we pray that the remaining hostages will soon come home, even as we beseech God to help us lay a foundation for a lasting peace in Israel.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer.

We love you all. Thank you for this tribute, AJ.

Yours, exuding effusive effervescence,

*Shari and David Seltzer*

*ABOVE, from left to right: Allan and Vivien Marmon, Jonathan, Margo, and David Marmon, special guest Modi, honorees David Seltzer and Shari Seltzer, SPEC co-chairs Lana Dishler and Eydie Levin, and Sheila and Ed Chacker. Not pictured, SPEC co-chair Sandy Nadel... get better soon, Sandy!*

*RIGHT: Shari and David Seltzer at the SPEC Patron's event that was held on Thursday, May 30. The Patron's event was generously sponsored and held at the home of Dr. Steven Fassler and Mrs. Anne Fassler, Esq.*





## Mazel Tov to the Confirmation Class of 2024!

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LEFT, from left to right: **Hannah Berson**, daughter of Rita and David Berson; **Erica Winegrad**, daughter of Renee and Stuart Winegrad; **Samara Reibstein**, daughter of Mindy and David Reibstein; **Marc Lewin**, son of Melanie and Adam Lewin; **Gali Nussbaum**, daughter of Ossi and Shay Nussbaum; and **Jemma Bleu Greenbaum**, daughter of Amy Blum and Robert M. Greenbaum.

## Kikar Visits the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC



ABOVE: The final tiyul (field trip) for Kikar (AJ's teen education model) was to see the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Afterwards, we did a drawing workshop at the Botanical Gardens on the National Mall. Our instructor, Amy Cohen, framed our experience as shifting from an immersion in death to an immersion in life. From left to right: Amy Cohen, Rav Shai, Gali Nussbaum, Jemma Bleu Greenbaum, Hannah Berson, Erica Winegrad, and Shalev Cherry.

## It Takes a Village...

Working and talking with all of you on June 13 at the Rise Against Hunger (RAH) packing event was truly enjoyable. I'm already looking forward to our next packing event in the spring of 2025! Performing *tikkun olam* — repairing the world — has many forms. Sometimes it begins with extending a hand to someone in need, or fundraising and, in the case of RAH, it includes food packing and distribution. It is a hands-on effort. Packing and delivering food to those in need takes real effort and heart. תודה רבה, Todah rabah to each of you for coming out and rolling up your sleeves to help others.

Whether this was your first experience packing with RAH, or you've done this sort of work before, if you feel inclined to learn more about food policies, or have lingering questions, or you want to get more involved with RAH, consider becoming an ongoing volunteer for Rise Against Hunger. RAH prepares meals for packing and shipping in a warehouse in Philadelphia. Donald and Steve would like to establish a core group of volunteers to organize and clean equipment at their Philadelphia warehouse. If you are

interested, please call me at the AJ office (215.635.6611). I'll put you on the email list so you can become part of the planning process for this *mitzvah*!

I had a solid idea of what we would be doing and how it would be organized at our RAH event. Seeing it all in motion though was both humorous and amazing. Donald from RAH gave all of us our assignments, and he explained each simple task. We were truly integral parts of the whole and all together, we packed 10,000 meals. None of this could have been done without the work of the other participants. This was a great lesson for our younger Early Learning Center congregants and a joyful experience for our much more mature congregants! One of my favorite parts was hitting the 10,000-meals-packed mark. . . everyone was so thrilled! Every thousand meals counted was accompanied by the ringing of a huge gong followed by cheerful shouts and claps! Our RAH packing event highlighted the importance of being together, laughing, talking, and making something great happen. Some people came early, others stayed late, some swept the floor, and others

carried boxes. Food was weighed, sealed, labeled, and packed all without complaint, all with *רוח* — *ruach* — in the spirit of cooperation.

I want to reiterate what I wrote to the volunteers who attended the RAH event: thank you for taking the time to give to others in this way, for seeing the need and heeding the call to help. I so enjoyed the opportunity to share this time with you. Giving of your precious time is a gracious act. What you get in return is the simple knowledge that what you have done here this evening will indeed make a difference for people across the globe who you will never meet.

תודה רבה — *Todah Rabah!*

*Beth Shapiro*

P.S. On a personal note, I just gave my first gift from "Meet the Need Market" for Father's Day. It was very well received! (For more information on the "Meet the Need Market," see the opposite page.)

### 1 Getting our initial instructions



### 2 Bringing in the grains that will be put into bags



### 3 The "funnel" stations for filling the bags with soy, dried vegetables, and rice



### 4 The "weighers" who weigh the filled bags and adjust with additional rice, if necessary



### 5 The "sealers" who seal the filled bags



**6** The “packagers” who label the bags and put them into boxes, ready to be shipped to people in need



**7** The “runners” who keep everything moving by transporting bags between stations

If you missed the event, but still want to help, consider going to Rise Against Hunger’s “Meet the Need Market”!



**Tomato Seeds** \$25

Provide tomato seeds to smallholder farmers in Malawi to help families grow nutritious and diverse food in their home gardens.



**Medicines for Niger** \$50

First aid kits full of over-the-counter medical supplies for children in five schools in Niger where access to healthcare is extremely limited.



**One Box, One Child** \$85

Cover the cost of a complete box of Rise Against Hunger meals. That’s enough to feed one child for an entire school year!



**Gift a Goat** \$100

Provide a goat to help improve food security for women and youth farmers in Mali who are gaining access to land and receiving training in climate-smart agriculture.



**Global Emergency Relief Meals** \$275

Our Global Emergency Relief Fund allows us to respond rapidly and efficiently to natural disasters or man-made emergencies. In times of crisis, we work closely with our vast network of in-country impact partners and member offices around the globe.



**Provide 6,000 Bars of Soap** \$500

Clean water, sanitation and hygiene are among the most important tools for preventing the spread of the disease. Help communities stay healthy by providing soap at handwashing stations and schools.



**Deliver \$100,000 of Medication** \$1,000

Ship critical prescription medications for 1,000 patients in Liberia to treat chronic health conditions including high blood pressure and diabetes, along with antibiotics for adults and children.



**Send 10,000 Emergency Relief Meals** \$5,000

When global emergencies happen, we are in a unique position to quickly provide food and other immediate assistance to meet the basic needs of people affected, such as food kits for Ukrainian families fleeing conflict.

BELOW: Top: At AJ's 166th Annual Meeting, we thanked Howard Levin for his service as AJ's president for the past three years, and installed our new president, Dr. Harry Lessig! Bottom: The Parade of past Presidents in attendance: From left to right: David Reibstein, Judy Stutman Izes, Rene Smith, Howard Gershman, Mitch Russell, Bruce Armon, Harry Lessig (incoming), and Howard Levin. Seems like you're in pretty good company, Harry!



BELOW: On Friday, May 31, Rav Hazzan Glantz and Rav Shai came to AJ with the same thought: Bring Them Home NOW!



**MEET AN AJ CONGREGANT**  
**Meet Bonnie Kanefsky**

*By Beth Shapiro,*  
**Director of Programming and New Initiatives**

*This is the first of periodic series of articles that celebrate our congregants and their many interests! If you know of someone that you would like other congregants to know a little bit better, contact Beth Shapiro at 215.635.6611, x117 or bshapiro@adathjeshurun.info.*

Our own Bonnie Kanefsky had an unexpected Mother's Day surprise this year! Joining us for services on May 10, the Kabbalat Shabbat before Mother's Day, Bonnie was one of two winners of a raffle for a portrait sitting with Skip Atkins! She was shy about sitting but loved the outcome (see photo at right).

Bonnie is very young at heart with a positive attitude toward life. Staying active is important to her. Training regularly and running weekly keeps her head and body healthy. This year she finished the Broad Street Run (a 10-miler) Bonnie says, "If you can get up and walk outside, the fresh air is good for you." She attributes her health to her active lifestyle. Bonnie told me, "running is good for my head, it gives me a healthy way to get outside."

She came to running later in life, starting when she was 40. She says started walking more seriously. She met people in Valley Green or wherever she walked or ran. At 40 years of age, she made a commitment to run! Bonnie said her late husband Bill would take her to the starting line, and always be there as she crossed the finish line. Bill passed on in November of 2020 and Bonnie thinks of him every day.

While raising a family, Bonnie was involved in the Cheltenham School District, as both a support personnel in the guidance department and a secretary at the high school. She and her husband Bill, of blessed memory, have two children. Daughter Sharon is the Assistant Early Childhood Director at Beth Or, in Maple Glen, and her husband Jim works for Cheltenham Middle School. Carl, Bonnie and Bill's son, works for the Delaware Department of State and is married to Kathy, the CEO of the Delaware Food Bank.

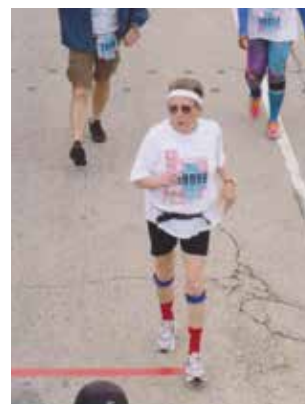
These days, her grandchildren Adam and Sam, Alexandra and Steven, Conner, Logan, Danielle, Ryan, Rebecca, and Sean are a great source of pride. Rounding out the family tree are her great-grandchildren, Emmy, Lucy, Lily, and Sophie. Bonnie's brother Rabbi Fred Kazen z"l and his wife Marion brought five nieces and nephews into her life!

"Keep healthy," says Bonnie when I asked her to share some pearls of wisdom. She also said to, "Listen to your parents, go exercise it will cure all. Play games, relax, that's what I do." While Bonnie has had a few health issues including joint replacement, nothing stops her from running. She is planning to keep running this summer and plans to run the Broad Street Run in 2025.

A few of her favorites things are folk music, especially Pete Seger; *Law and Order* on TV; and eating everything, especially fruit. She is resilient and positive about the future; she is a treasure! **aj**



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Bonnie finishing the Broad Street Run in 2014.

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There is a distinction between protests for the safety and security of Palestinians and protests against Israel's right to defend herself. But, one of my take-aways from the past eight months is that we, as a community and myself as a Jewish educator, have done a better job teaching values than teaching history. This coming year, for both Kikar and our adult education programs, I'll be focusing on the history of Zionism from the Torah to today.

Shavuot is called the *Chag haBikkurim*, the Festival of First Fruits. For the first three years of a tree's life, the Torah tells us to bring the fruit to the Jerusalem Temple. The fourth year, the fruit goes to the priests. Only in the fifth year, can the one who planted the tree enjoy the fruits of the harvest. Patience and deferred gratification are built into the system. We will not lose hope that one day we will all enjoy the fruits of our labor in peace. And the many nations shall go and shall say:

"Come,  
Let us go up to the Mount of GOD,  
To the House of the God of Jacob;  
That we may be instructed in God's ways,  
And that we may walk in godly paths."

For instruction shall come forth from Zion,  
The word of GOD from Jerusalem.  
Thus [God] will judge among the many peoples,  
And arbitrate for the multitude of nations,  
However distant;

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
And their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation shall not take up  
Sword against nation;  
They shall never again know war;

But every family shall sit  
Under its own vine and fig tree  
With no one to disturb them.

For it was GOD of Hosts who spoke.  
Though all the peoples walk  
Each in the names of its gods,  
We will walk in the name of the ETERNAL our God  
Forever and ever."

Micah 4:2-5

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## A Trip to Israel, Post-10/7

I previously spoke at services about our trip to Israel. As promised, I am writing a short description of the trip.

We landed in Israel one day before the large rocket attack from Iran.

Luckily, we were sleeping in a safe room in Holon. We did not hear sirens and everything seemed to go on as usual, but everyone is touched by this whole war. Everywhere there are posters of the hostages and people are tense and angry.

We visited the Tel Aviv Museum and sat with family members of a kibbutz in Hostage Square. Inside, there was an installation about October 7. We also were taken on a graffiti tour in Tel Aviv just outside of the Davar offices. One of our son's friends created a two-hour tour for his

artist grandfather and we saw art that was created after the October 7 massacre.

One of our favorite places to visit is Beit Haamudim, a jazz club near the Carmel Market in Tel Aviv. This time we were treated to a klezmer concert. It was very lively and the audience had fun participating.

During the rest of our visit, we spent time with family, visited parks like Park Alexander, and I spent time looking for my favorite bird — the hoopoe. It is the national bird of Israel and is mentioned in the Torah.

We felt that it was essential to visit and to show our love and support for Israel.

Karen Moses



LEFT:

1. Klezmer group
2. Reimagining of Guernica graffiti tour
3. The women watchers whose warnings were ignored because they were women
4. Iranian Israeli soldier killed in the war against Hamas
5. Exhibit from Mexico outside of Tel Aviv Museum

# AJWA Sisterhood



By Karen Moses, President

Dear Fellow congregants,


A huge thank you goes out to all who participated in the AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat. A special thank you to the coordinators:

- Mindy Goldstein and Susan Novack for the service
- Ossi Nussbaum and Lorna Rosenberg for the meal
- Amy Blum, Merrill Stup, and Leslie Sokolow for the flowers and table settings

Also, thank you to Rory Glantz for her inspiring presentation. Our next generation is in good hands.

Another thank you to all who helped to make the Torah Fund Brunch on May 19 a beautiful morning. Congratulations to Meryl Sussman for her well-deserved honor. Thank you to all of her family members, who came forward to speak about her and to give us a better insight about her many accomplishments.

Thanks go to Merrill Stup for her organizational skills, Leslie Sokolow and Amy Blum for their set-up and decorations, Rav Shai Cherry for his remarks, Rav Hazzan Glantz for his music and his inspiration, and to Rabbi Rosenbloom for his words about the honoree and Torah Fund. Thanks to volunteers Naomi Atkins, Maxine Marlowe, and Helen Victor-Turk. Thanks to Violet Zeitlin for her guidance and institutional knowledge.

We want to welcome the sisterhood members from Congregation Melrose B'nai Israel and hope that they will join us for many events in the future. 

## 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.

Each 8 oz. jar contains delicious golden honey which is certified kosher by the Orthodox Union and guaranteed to be 100% pure honey. **Honey**

**from the Heart** is gluten-free. It's just \$14.00 per jar (unchanged from last year!), including free shipping on orders placed **before August 8.**

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.

Go to [orthoney.com/CAJ](http://orthoney.com/CAJ) 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. Call Leslie Sokolow at 215.758.2404 if you have difficulty ordering or have any other questions.



## PROZDOR

(formerly College Connection)

**We want to keep your high school graduate connected with AJ!**

If you have a child that is within six years of their high school graduation—whether they are attending college, traveling the world, working, or still figuring it out—AJ wants to send them the bi-monthly *AJ News* newsletter and holiday greetings and gifts.

*This program is enthusiastically sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.*


Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## STITCHERS!

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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## Robyn Orodenker Book Club



The Robyn Orodenker Book Club is a guided discussion group held on a designated night (usually Monday) at 7:30 PM via Zoom until further notice. Reading of the book is required! Attend one or more sessions. If you want to get a headstart on the first book we'll be reading this fall, it is ***The Boy with the Star Tattoo***, by Talia Carner and the meeting will be on Monday, September 23, 2024. Look for the full book list in the September/October edition of the *AJ News*. **Questions?** Contact **Liane Sher** at 215.635.4613 or **Judy Szekely** at 215.635.8812.



# 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 29, 2024 TO JULY 5, 2024**  
**23 Sivan 5784 to 29 Sivan 5784**

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



William Abramson	Mindel C. Kleinbard
Edwin Apothaker	Ida Landes
Fanny Bandler	Harry J. Levy
Scott Jeffrey Bell	Louis London
Julia B. Bernstein	Rose Marbin
Sophia Deborah Bittan	Benjamin F. Miller
Samuel Bluestone	Lillian Mintzer
Rose L. Bogis	Adelaide Mitchell
David Buchsbaum	Alan Nadel
Blema Cohen	Jennie Oswald
Oscar Corn, MD	Jack Paller
Esther Loewenstein DeWolf	Harold A. Parker
Sylvia M. Director	Frances Ruth Pinsky
Edith Florence Einhorn	Isaac Rabinowitz
Ida Fine	Meyer Schiff
Louis J. Fox	Carl M. Schwartz
Ilse Claris Glenn	Sarah Schwartz
Seymour Goldstein	Sandee Silverstein
George E. Helfand	Carrie E. Simon
Rabbi Charles Isaiah Hoffman	James P. Spirt
Eva Jacobs	Isadore F. Staller
Anna Jaffe	Deborah Leah Steinberg
Isabel J. Jelinek	Nettie Sturm
Rose Daroff Kaplan	Sarah I. Viner
Jacob Karabell	Naomi G. Weinberg
Louis Kaufman	Dr. George T. Wohl
Anne D. Klasky	

**JULY 6, 2024 TO JULY 12, 2024**  
**30 Sivan 5784 to 6 Tammuz 5784**

*To be read on Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6*



Leon Alkus	Rita Gross
Jacob Arronson	Sara Hawtof
Joseph Baskin	Sidney E. Jaffe
Rae Beckett	Dora S. Kabler
Allan H. Blitz	Jacob Kahn
Fannie Bolen	Evelyn Kalos
Samuel H. Brodsky	Bertha Kaplan
Harry Brody	Adolf Katz
George Creed	Rose Klinman
Zollie Daniel	Julius L. Korson
Benjamin Einhorn	Ida R. Kramer
Mira Eliav	Dr. Louis A. Kustin
Wallace Jay Epstein	Pearl R. Lamb
Rose Rothman Fein	Sidney W. Lang
Deborah Borgenicht FINDER	Jack J. Lashin
Rebecca Freed	Harry Lavine
Frances Freedman	Dr. Philip M. Lessig
Joseph Saul Freedman	Harry S. Levin
Philip Galperin	Max Levin
Esther Alice Glashofer	Mina Loeb
Marguerite Lisan Glauser	Bess Maslin
Judith E. Glaymen	Rachel A. Mayer
Jeannette Goldhammer	Claire G. Mink
Jacob M. Goldman	Yetta Newman
Albert L. Goldstein	Abraham Nutinsky
Anna Goldstein	Michael Pfeffer
Johanna Gross	Morris A. Piwow

Shirley Marie Polin  
Rosemary Post  
William Reibstein  
Frances Shackmaster  
Abraham M. Shaffran  
Esther Silverman  
Irvin E. Silverman  
Nathan Silverston  
Cecilia Jeannette Simon  
Maurice Staub  
Herman Steerman

Samuel Steinberg  
Evelyn Alter Stern  
Benjamin Strouse  
Hattie Tapper  
Charles H. Thomas  
Louis Wellenbach  
Lillian Widman  
Robert Widman  
Max E. Worker  
Bella Zemble

**JULY 13, 2024 TO JULY 19, 2024**

**7 Tammuz 5784 to 13 Tammuz 5784**

*To be read on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13*



Mildred Blanche Album  
Irvin Amarnick  
Laura Axe  
Edwin G. Baer  
Rosie Bender  
Reuben Leib Berkowitz  
George David Brooks  
Minnie Clair  
Bertha Jacobs Cleaver  
Henry David Epstein  
Stanton Bernard Felzer  
Milton Ford  
Seymour Fox  
Harry W. Fuller  
Dr. Marvin Aaron Gershenfeld  
Ethel S. Gershman  
Cora R. Gerson  
Josephine R. Gluck  
Nathan J. Gottlieb  
Esther Cohen Gutman  
Eva Heidelberger  
Selma S. Hertz  
Rose Pasternack Hirsh  
Bernard C. Hopen  
Louis Jacobson  
Samuel Kasser  
Robert M. Katz  
Vove Katzman  
Charles Kinkel  
Simcha Landau  
Rosetta Alkus Lederer  
Rose G. Leopold

Barnett Levy  
Mae Lisman  
Rose S. Maybaum  
Emanuel B. Newman  
Hyman Novack  
Sophie Oppenheimer  
Clare Z. Parness  
Dorothy G. Polsky  
Harry Polsky  
Fannie Kahn Price  
Harry Rasdolsky  
Geraldine Beryl Reichman  
Loeb Hirsh Rosenberger  
Abraham W. Saltzburg  
David Salus  
Samuel G. Sanders  
Moses Scheuer  
Esther Schinfeld  
Harry Schneeberg  
Louise Schneideman  
Joseph Schwartz  
Hilda Shaffran  
Phyllis Silverman  
David Snader  
Frances Spear  
Claire Kun Stern  
Adolph Tobotsnick  
Rachel Venetzky  
Anna Weinstein  
Dr. Jordan M. Weiss  
Irvin A. Winegrad

**JULY 20, 2024 TO JULY 26, 2024**

**14 Tammuz 5784 to 20 Tammuz 5784**

*To be read on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20*



Yetta C. Apothaker  
Marvin L. Arkins  
Henry Arnstein  
Julia Arronson  
Harriet R. Banks  
Stanley L. Basche  
Dora Beerwald  
Jerome Berg  
Rose Berkowitz  
Rose Shuman Bernstein

Iris J. Bilker  
Florence Bliss  
Miriam Boorstein  
Rabbi Bernard Cantor  
David Caplan  
Ida R. Caplan  
Reba Ceasar  
Harry E. Cohen  
Harry Donsky  
Harriet Schneeberg Ellis

Abram Epstein  
Esther Felzer  
Dorothy S. Fleisher  
Rae Altman Fogel  
Rhoda M. B. Frankel  
Professor Israel Friedlaender  
Shelomo Zalman Friedman  
Anna Geller  
Harry A. Glashofer  
Sylvia R. Goldstein  
Dr. Milton S. Greenberg  
Toby Snyder Grosswald  
Oscar Max Guggenheim  
Dr. Lillian Shore Harzenstein  
Manuel Isser  
Albert W. Kapnick  
Albert Katz  
Miriam Klein  
Melvin H. Koff

Sophie Lashinsky  
Julia Lerner  
Rita Luber Friedman  
William Lyons  
Milton Malish  
Bryan Shane Marks  
Edith Messey  
Betty Naide  
Rebecca Neiman  
Bess Oberfield  
William Reibstein  
Marion Richman  
Mollie Schiff  
Joseph Schwartz  
Max Smolever  
Benjamin Strauss  
Sigmund Sugarbread  
Israel B. Suzmer  
Dr. Edward C. Viner

**JULY 27, 2024 TO AUGUST 2, 2024**

**21 Tammuz 5784 to 27 Tammuz 5784**

*To be read on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27*



Lazar Bachenheimer  
Eve Bender  
Lester M. Bloch  
Annie Blume  
Lina M. Brody  
Raphael Brunswick  
Walter Bucks  
Martha Ceasar  
Rose Cluster  
Perry David Cohn, MD  
Harry Arthur Ellis  
Beatrice Ford  
Samuel Frank  
Sophie Greenberg  
Benjamin Hoffberg  
Harry Jacobson  
Dr. Marvin A. (Bud) Jaffe  
Charles Kahn  
Samuel Krupnick  
William Morris Krupnick  
Chava Landau  
Harry Levi  
Fannie Levick  
Joel Levin  
Louis Levin  
Fannie Levy  
Fay Levy

Evelyn Lichtman  
Myer Aaron Margolis  
Anna Markowitz  
Mort Meyer  
Harry Pasternack  
Carrie Pincus  
Isadore H. Pinsky  
Frommet Rosenbaum  
Samuel Rothberg  
Harry Rubenstein  
Nancy Levit Schoenfeld  
Elsie U. Schwartz  
Elizabeth Sher  
Harry Sherman  
Moses Sickles  
Harriett Smerling  
Jerome M. Staller  
Samuel Stein  
David L. Strauss  
Stanley A. Tauber  
Abraham Tollin  
Dr. Nathan Torrens  
Jacob Wallfield  
Adolph Wellenbach  
Benjamin H. Wolf  
Morrie H. Zinman

**AUGUST 3, 2024 TO AUGUST 9, 2024**

**28 Tammuz 5784 to 5 Av 5784**

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



Sarah N. Aion  
Harry Alloy  
Samuel Berger  
Jennie Bless  
Robert L. Braun  
I.J. Brad Brodsky  
Sidney S. Chilnick

Paul J. Cohen  
Eugene Cohen  
Ethel Daroff  
Elsie Deitch  
Anna Drell  
Philip Felzer  
Ruth Frank

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Benjamin B. Friedman  
Rose Friedman  
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Joseph B. Haber  
Rubin Hymovitz  
Thelma S. Joseph  
Samuel Kalish  
Miriam Kamin  
Jacob Klein  
Reba Kogen  
Alexander S. Layman  
Sophie F. Lipschutz  
Joseph Nathaniel Lisman  
Hannah Loeb  
Henry Love  
Nathan L. Mayer  
Marie Mechanic  
Edward Arthur Miller  
Joan Mishkin

Garry Robert Parker  
Minna Platowsky  
Nathan L. Rachmell  
Clara Rosenberg  
Dvorah Rosenberg  
Norma F. Samuel  
Eliezer Schwartz  
Gwen A. Shorr  
Jean Solomon Shull  
Sophie Berris Silverston  
Louis Soffin  
Max Steinberg  
Lena Strauss  
Louis Tubis  
Rena Weiss  
Ethel Weller  
Regina Perlstein Wiesen  
Ida Willig  
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6 Av 5784 to 12 Av 5784

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



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13 Av 5784 to 19 Av 5784

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## AUGUST 24, 2024 TO AUGUST 30, 2024

20 Av 5784 to 26 Av 5784

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



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## AUGUST 31, 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

27 Av 5784 to 3 Elul 5784

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



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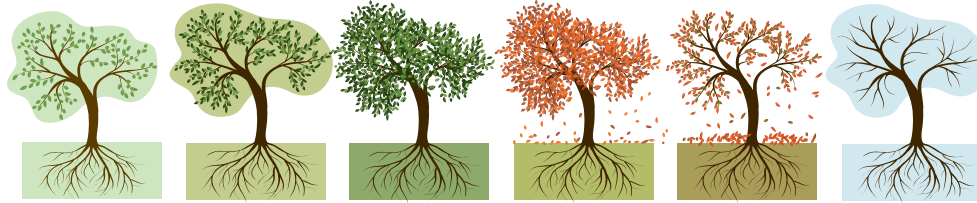
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### Births

Aaron Yonatan Itkin, grandson of Susan and Mark Novack *May 6, 2024*

Ella Skye Shekarchi, great-granddaughter of Dr. Jerry z"l and Judy Herman *May 16, 2024*

### Marriages

Samantha Herman and Mitchell Kaplan were married in May 18, 2024. Samantha is the granddaughter of Dr. Jerry z"l and Judy Herman.

### Simchas

Mazel tov to Norman Koven and Linda Koven z"l on the engagement of their son Myles to Dr. Hilary Gortler of Toronto. A November 2024 wedding will take place in Canada.

Mazel tov to **Dayna Glantz** on having been awarded "Elder Care Professional of the Year" by the Philadelphia Elder Care Network.

### Deaths

Frances Schleifer *April 19, 2024*

Irving Gottenberg, father of Karen (Mark) Cuker *April 29, 2024*

Joseph Slavet, father of Julie Slavet (John Walber) *May 4, 2024*

Gloria Schwartz, mother of Robyn (Jordan) Felzer *May 8, 2024*

Alan Leibovitz, husband of Bonnie *May 18, 2024*

Dr. Jerry Herman, husband of Judy *May 25, 2024*

Dr. Nathan Schnall *June 3, 2024*

Beatrice (Betty) Russell, mother of Mitchell (Amy) Russell *June 6, 2024*

### July Milestone Anniversaries

45 YEARS

- Michael and Brenda Kaufman *July 8, 1979*

### August Milestone Anniversaries

55 YEARS

- Harry and Fredi Cooper *August 24, 1969*

40 YEARS

- Jonathan and Carolyn Goldhill *August 26, 1984*

35 YEARS

- Steven and Joan Beck *August 27, 1989*

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