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# L'qadesh. Be Jewish. Do Jewish.

by Rabbi Barry A. Kenter

The AJ Officers, Board of Directors, and Staff wish you and your family a sweet, healthy and happy new year!



A word threads itself throughout the Torah and begins to make itself more visible. Much like the woof and warp of a fabric, the word appears and connects mitzvah after mitzvah. The word is *qadosh*, usually translated as holy. The word first and only appears in the book of Genesis when we are told that God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. In the remaining books of the Torah and throughout the prophets, we encounter the word *qadosh* or a variant over and over again, sometimes referring specifically to sacred acts performed by the priests or to a sacred spot. Several weeks ago, with the recitation of the events at Sinai, we were informed that all of us were to be *mamlekhet kohanim* and *goi qadosh*, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Ritual, moral and ethical commandments continue through the multiplication of commandments. Just past the middle section of the book of Exodus, we are informed that we are commanded to be holy in how we eat: *Anshei Qodesh Tihiyun Li*, "You shall be holy people to Me: you must not eat flesh torn by beasts

in the field; you shall cast it to the dogs" (22:30).

In the Mekhilta, a rabbinic commentary to this passage, we are taught that this section goes well beyond our dietary regimen:

Rabbi Ishmael says: *K'shatem qedoshim, harei atem sheli,* If you are holy then you are Mine. Issi ben Akiva says: *K'sh-hamakom m'hadesh mitzvah l'Yisrael hu mosif lahem qedusha,* when God renews a commandment to the people Israel, God adds holiness to them.

This may be one of the origins of the prayer formula we recite by rote: *Barukh . . . asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav*; a physical craving is raised to the realm of the spirit and becomes a religious act [Hertz, *Daily Prayer Book*, p. 961]. God makes us holy with commandments, not that God has made us good, or better, or superior; God adds holiness to our lives.

Just as an apple is sweeter when shared, so, too, is a mitzvah more pleasant when shared. I recall a wonderful story of a congregational family that had participated in a celebration of Shabbat at our home at which there was singing. Asked one of the children in the family, "Why can't we sing like they do at the rabbi's?" The parent saw this as a mitzvah moment; the entire family sat down to a Shabbat meal together and sang — the first shared family meal in a long time — a moment of blessing.

Or the story of the child who came back from Camp Ramah and wanted to do havdalah, but thought you couldn't do it unless you had a lake. We transform secular space into sacred space, showing that God is not served solely in the synagogue.

Or the family that calls and says we're going down to help the homeless in Philadelphia; we'd like to bring with us. A mitzvah shared is a mitzvah learned and holiness is acquired.

One of the images that might best be used to describe our relationship with God is that of hide and seek. The question to be asked: who is hiding and who is seeking? It is in the doing that we discover where we are, where God may be, and in that relationship we find our own holiness as well as that of God.

We Jews speak of sacred time and sacred space; a place becomes holy when we transform it with a sacred act. Our ritual reality consecrates a place each time that we renew the performance of a commandment; it is into that space that we invite God and into that space that we invite members of a community to share with us in the transformation of space. After all, is that not what Jewish community is supposed to be, uniting in holiness in our shared quest for God?

Being a Jew is about making, creating and searching out moments of holiness, consecration and sanctification of simple daily acts. Soon we celebrate a new Hebrew year. A new month, a new year, is a time for renewal. 5779 is new, fresh and alive to possibilities. This year, renew a mitzvah; add holiness to your life. Be Jewish. Do Jewish.

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Light Shabbat Candles	7:15 PM	TUESDAY MORNING		Light Shabbat Candles	6:40 PM
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• Seudah Shlishit		-		• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	6:25 PM
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	6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING	
Sanctuary Service	9:30 AM
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Havurah Service	10:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENING	
<ul> <li>Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah</li> </ul>	5:55 PM
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# SHABBAT LEKH-LEKHA

October 19, 20, 2018	11 <u>H</u> eshvan 5779
Light Shabbat Candles	5:45 PM
FRIDAY EVENING	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 PM
SATURDAY MORNING	
Chapel Service	9:30 AM
Havurah Service	10:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENING	
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# SHABBAT VAYERA

October 26, 27, 2018	18 <u>H</u> eshvan 5779
Light Shabbat CandlesFRIDAY EVENING	5:46 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 PM
• Chapel Service	9:30 AM
Havurah Service	
SATURDAY EVENING	
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	5:50 PM

# JOIN US ON SHABBAT SHUVAH Saturday, September 15, at 9:30 AM

Ask the Rabbi

Instead of giving a sermon, Rabbi Kenter will answer your questions...about the High Holy Days, or anything else you'd like to know!

# **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**

Monday through Thursday .......7:00 PM In the month of July, Monday through Thursday evening services will be at AJ at 7:00 PM. In the month of August, Monday through Thursday evening services will be at Beth Sholom (BSC) at 7:00 PM.

# **SUNDAY EVENING MINYAN**

In September	at AJ at 7:00 PM
In October	at Beth Sholom at 7:00 PM
In November	at AJ at 7:00 PM

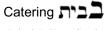
# **Sponsor a Kiddush!**

We all have special dates on our calendars, but we're never quite sure how to celebrate them. Share your joy by sponsoring a kiddush or co-sponsor a kiddush with friends or family!

For what occasions do people sponsor kiddush?

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

Contact Robert Friedman at 215.635.6611, ext. 112 for more information.



Babayit In-House Catering Congregation Adath Jeshurun "Stay Home with Us"



# SPECIAL TOT SERVICES FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS!

Your children and grandchildren are welcome to join us for the High Holy Days!

On the mornings of the first day of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur,

there will be age-appropriate programs/services for Preschool through 6th grade children.

They will run from approximately

10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Please let us know if your child or grandchild would like to attend so that we can plan appropriately. Please call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611.

# What's Happening at AJ

# september

SELIHOT

Join us for a viewing of the film, *Raise the Roof*, that follows the reconstruction of the elaborate roof and painted ceiling of the Gwoździec synagogue in Poland. The evening will begin with Minhah at 7:10 PM, followed by Seudah Shlishit at 7:30 PM, Ma'ariv at 8:00 PM, and the program and service at 8:30 PM.

KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED" Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. Oneg Shabbat follows. 6:15 PM

# 13 HEARING MEN'S VOICES: MEN AND THE ME-TOO MOVEMENT

A facilitated, structured, and absolutely confidential discussion among AJ men in connection with this ground-breaking movement. 7:30 PM. See page 15 for more info.

AJ PRESCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC
Bring your own dairy dinner and we'll supply the Rita's!
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, on the Preschool Playground.

ASK THE RABBI
Bring your best questions with you for morning services on Shabbat Shuvah and Rabbi Kenter will answer them!
Services begin at 9:30 AM.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY SERVICE

Join us at this service at the Adath Jeshurun Cemetery at 10:00 AM as we remember Jews of past generations buried in this historical cemetery. 1855 Bridge Street near Walker Street in the Frankford section of Philadelphia.

16 EVENT FOR KIDS K-6
Save the date for this event for kids K-6 that will follow
Hebrew school. There will be fun and food, led by Holli
Goldenberg! Details to follow.

17 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

The Weight of Ink, by Rachel Kaddish. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

Break THE FAST
Break your fast with us on Yom Kippur at approximately 7:55 PM. See page 7 for details.

ANNUAL SUKKAH DECORATING PIZZA PARTY
The entire congregation is invited to join us as we prepare for Sukkot together. 12:30 PM. See page 16 for details.

27 OPEN SUKKAH NIGHT!

Let us share our sukkah with you! Details on page 7.

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# SIMHAT TORAH EVENING SERVICE AND FAMILY HAKAFOT

Bring your family and friends to help celebrate Simhat Torah at AJ. 7:15 PM

Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. Oneg Shabbat follows. 6:15 PM

6 HAZZAN'S TISCH
Singing, more singing and a little nosh. Sit at Hazzan's table (tisch), sing and enjoy the melodies of Shabbat.
Following Shabbat morning services in the Orleans.

HELEN F. FOX FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

Bring your gently used clothing, linens and shoes\* to AJ!

Bins will be on the lower level of the synagogue from

Oct. 7 to Oct. 16. \*Please bag items and tie or bag shoes in pairs. This year, items will be donated to Purple Heart.

7 AJMA BREAKFAST PROGRAM: OUR HERO IN BLUE
Our guest speaker will be Brian Leventhal, an AJ
congregant and veteran officer serving in the
Philadelphia Police Department. Begins with minyan
at 9:00 AM. See page 15 for more info.

7 COOKING AT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Join the AJWA Sisterhood to prepare dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. 4:30 PM

Attention all thespians, singers, dancers, musicians, stage crew, set designers and all-around show-bies!

Auditions for *Music Man!* will be at Beth Sholom from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. See page 17 for more info.

12 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"

See description above!

14 AJWA SISTERHOOD OPENING EVENT
Join us for our Opening Meeting with a Light Brunch at the Elkins Park Train Station. Our guest speaker will be Janet Benton, author of Lilli de Jong. 11:00 AM

Auditions for *Music Man!* will be at AJ from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. See page 17 for more info.

28 EVENT FOR KIDS K—6
Save the date for this event for kids K—6 that will follow Hebrew school. There will be fun and food, led by Holli Goldenberg! Details to follow.

Promised Land, by Ari Shavit. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.



Gratitude

By David L. Reibstein, President of Adath Jeshurun

Hello Everyone!

It is with great pleasure that I sit to write this article. There are a lot of topics that could be covered in this article, given that AJ has faced and overcome many challenges since the last installment of our newsletter. This is an opportunity to offer my gratitude to the many, many different constituencies that continue to be responsible for AJ blossoming in the future.

During this time of transition, our staff has elevated their professionalism tremendously. Working with a new rabbi and a new preschool director is not easy. All of the members of the congregation rely heavily on this relatively small team from Rabbi Kenter to Hazzan

Glantz, from the preschool staff to the house keeping staff. We ask much from our professionals and they deliver time and time again. As everyone knows, we will continue to be in transition for several more months, as search for and ultimately select our new rabbi. While we work to ensure our future, the staff will continue to ensure the present operations that we have come to rely on and cherish.

Ensuring the future will fall to the many congregants engaged in what may feel like the daily task of working on a synagogue committee. There is no limit to the gratitude that I feel for those who contribute their time and talents to help AJ flourish. Whatever your reason for

helping AJ, you are appreciated by the Board of Directors and me. It is our hope that you continue to value the time you spend with your AJ family and that you recruit your fellow congregants to help when they are able as well.

Lastly, I am extremely grateful for our members. I spend a lot of time, (probably too much time), thinking about the day-to-day operations of the congregation in an effort to add value to our members' experiences. Many options exist to distract us from the need for AJ. But time and time again our membership shows us that AJ is a community that is caring, inclusive, and humble. Thank you for being a part of it and continuing to demonstrate that AJ thrives during this transitional time in our history.

# Yom Kippur: FAST Action

No Holiday from Justice

# WHY SOCIAL ACTION ON YOM KIPPUR?

Every day, millions of Americans go hungry and are forced to skip meals because of circumstance. On Yom Kippur, we choose to skip meals and go hungry as part of our Jewish celebration, but we are blessed to have the choice.

Even if our hunger lasts only a day, it is enough to make us aware of the challenge hunger presents to those who experience it. This year, take your experience with hunger and turn it into a meaningful action.

# **ACTIVITIES FOR ADVOCATES**

- Donate to MAZON in place of the meals you are skipping when you fast. You can also donate the amount it would cost to have an additional person at your break fast meal.
- Tell your friends and family about your donation and ask them to consider doing the same.
- College students: bring this activity to Hillel, your dorm or campus dining facilities. Ask fellow students to donate to MAZON in honor of the meals they skipped.

# FOR DISCUSSION

• Engage in meaningful discussion about the issue of hunger:

Why are millions of people still going hungry? What can we do to help?

MAZON encourages you to take action to fight hunger throughout the year. No Holiday from Justice activities can help deepen your experience of the Jewish holidays. To request materials, please call (800) 813-0557 or send an email to outreach@mazon.org.

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national nonprofit working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the U.S. and Israel.



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# **High Holy Day Reminders**

# **SELIHOT 5778:**

# **Restoration and Renewal** featuring a showing of *Raise the Roof*

Saturday, September 1, at AJ

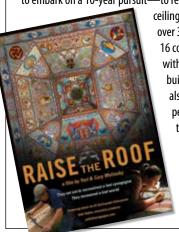
Minhah: 7:10 PM Seudah Shlishit: 7:30 PM Ma'ariv: 8:00 PM

**Program and Selihot Service: 8:30 PM** 

They set out to reconstruct a lost synagogue. They recovered a lost world.

• a feature documentary by Yari and Cary Wolinsky •

Rivaling the greatest wooden architecture in history, the synagogues of 18th-century Poland inspired artists Rick and Laura Brown of Handshouse Studio to embark on a 10-year pursuit—to reconstruct the elaborate roof and painted



ceiling of the Gwoździec synagogue. Leading over 300 students and professionals from 16 countries, the Browns grapple not just with the echoes of World War II when these buildings were destroyed by the Nazis, but also with warped timbers, tricky paints, and period hand tools. By the end of the project, they have done more than reconstruct a lost synagogue: they have recovered a lost world. The Gwoździec roof was unveiled in 2014 as the centerpiece of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw.

# **Annual Memorial Cemetery Service**

at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 855 Bridge Street near Walker Street

Sunday, September 16, 10:00 AM



# It's time... to order your lulavim and etrogim for Sukkot.

Orders must be received by **September 4**. Call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611. small \$40.00 large \$48.00



God will take us back in love; God will cover up our iniquities, You [God] will hurl all our sins Into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19)

Join us for the annual

# **Tashlich Service**

First Day of Rosh HaShanah: Monday, September 10 Following Minhah, which begins at 6:45 PM

Start the new year with a clean slate, symbolically casting off the sins of 5778, by tossing pieces of bread into the creek.

# **High Holiday Food Drive**

The Mitzvah Food Project needs your help for its 2018 High Holiday Food Drive!

The annual High Holiday Food Drive to benefit the recipients of Federation's Mitzvah Food Project is approaching! Your participation is needed this fall to help the Mitzvah Food Project continue to provide food support to over 1,000 households each month.

To support this drive, you can bring non-perishable items to the synagogue between **September 9 and October 2**, but we suggest that you bring them with you to Kol Nidre Services on September 18. Collection containers will be in both upper and lower lobbies.

You may donate any nutritious, non-perishable food item, but Federation is specifically requesting the following items:

- Canned Beans: Kosher required; lower salt preferred (i.e., legumes, chick peas, etc.)
- Nut Butters: Kosher required; lower salt preferred (i.e., peanut butter, almond butter, etc.)
- **Canned Fish:** Kosher required; (canned tuna, salmon, sardines, etc.)

- 1. Make sure all donations have a current date.
- 2. Make sure all donations are properly sealed.
- 3. Don't contribute items in bulk sizes.
- 4. Don't contribute glass items.



# **JOIN US TO**

# **BREAK THE FAST**

# **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

at approximately 7:55 PM

# We'll have your favorite "Break the Fast" fare!

lox • whitefish • herring • kippered salmon egg salad • bagels and cream cheese • kugel • cheese lettuce and tomato • fruit • assorted cakes • beverages

Adults: \$22 Children 6-10: \$10 Children under 6: Free

# RSVP and payment must be received by noon on Friday, September 8.

Call Beryl Rosoff-Verbit in the synagogue office at 215.635.6611, send her an email at brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info, or return the form below.

RSVP and payment <b>MUST</b> be received by noon on <b>Friday, September 8!</b> Please make check payable to Adath Jeshurun, put"Break the Fast" in the memo line and send to: Break the Fast • 7763 Old York Road • Elkins Park, PA 19027		
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Phone E-mail		
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Number of Children (6 to 10) at \$10 each		
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: Sukkot, Day II Services

Services will begin at 9:30 AM.

# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: Open Sukkah Night!

If you don't have a sukkah at your home and would like to spend some time in one, let it be ours! Bring your own dairy dinner, including utensils, water, or anything else you'll need to enjoy dinner, and we'll supply chairs and a table.

The AJ sukkah will be open throughout the evening until 9:00 PM.

# MONDAY, OCTOBER 1:

**Shemini Atzeret** 

Services will begin at 9:30 AM. They will include Yizkor.

# **Family Hakafot**

Minhah will begin at 7:15 PM, followed by the Family Hakafot at 7:30 PM.

# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2: Simhat Torah

Services will begin at 9:00 AM.

# **Hospitality Service for Yom Kippur**

Drinks, light snacks and a place to rest will be available on Yom Kippur in the Officers Lounge for those who need to eat or lie down due to health reasons.

# To Those Who Were Bar or Bat Mitzvah in the Last Four Years...Hazzan Glantz Wants You!

If you were bar or bat mitzvah in the last four years, please join me in helping to lead the Minhah service for the taking out of the Torah on Yom Kippur. This particular service returns us to a similar Shabbat feeling, including the melodies and the mood.

We will hold one rehearsal at 12:45 PM on Shabbat Shuvah, on Saturday, September 15, the Shabbat service between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. The parts and choreography are very simple but reviewing them for just 30 to 40 minutes will help you to be more comfortable that day. If you cannot make this date, you can contact me via email and we can discuss it.

Your participation will help us to create what I believe will be a uniquely meaningful and memorable experience for the Congregation, your family and YOU!

Minhah is expected to begin with Ashrei around 4:00 PM on Yom Kippur afternoon, Wednesday, September 19. I am asking that you be in the sanctuary no later than 3:30 PM.

Please say YES!

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

וברכה בשלום,

Hazzan Howard Glantz hglantz@gmail.com or 215.635.6611

# Announcing Our Simhat Torah Honorees

Simhat Torah, Rejoicing with the Torah, turns out to be one of the more recent holidays added to the Jewish liturgical calendar. When Maimonides arrived in Fostat, Old Cairo, he encountered a variety of communities, each with its own Torah reading cycle. By the late Middle Ages, the one that had become normative for much of the Jewish world was an annual reading that began and ended on what would have been the second day of Shemini Atzeret, the eighth day of solemn assembly, the concluding festival of Tishri. The book of Deuteronomy was completed and immediately the book of Genesis begun. In contemporary Israel, Shemini Atzteret, Yizkor and Simhat Torah fall on the same calendar date. We in Diaspora celebrate Simhat Torah on a day of its very own.

One of the ways in which we celebrate is honoring individuals for exceptional service to the community. Hatan or Kalat Torah, the Bridegroom of the Torah, has the last aliyah in the fifth book of the Torah, Deuteronomy; Kalat or Hatan Bereishit recite the blessings over the opening sections of Genesis, Bereishit, the first of the five books.

This year, we at AJ honor **David Pashman** as Hatan Torah, and **Nona Levin Abrams** and **Joan Wohl** as Kalat Bereishit.



David Pashman

A native of South Jersey, David Pashman attended medical school in Philadelphia, and met his wife, Vicki, on a semi-blind date. This year they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Blessed with three children and eight grandchildren, David dates his connection to AJ back to his wedding, even though he originally showed up at a different synagogue just up Old York Road. Five years later, having moved to Huntington Valley, he and Vicki joined AJ both for reasons of carpool, and more significantly, because of a question posed by his medical partner's wife, Joan Wohl, "You are joining AJ aren't you?" His children were raised at AJ, and celebrated b'nai mitzvah here as well as their confirmations.

David's daughter, Stephanie, was married at AJ as well. David's memories of AJ also include a long stint at the Purim Carnival as the Cotton Candy Man, his first year featuring him in full scrubs and hat.



Joan Wohl (left) and Nona Levin Abrams

Nearly a century ago, Abram and Elizabeth Piwosky arrived at AJ. In 1921, Rabbi Max D. Klein invited Abe to be the first Principal of the AJ religious school. Both Nona and Joan were born into AJ, confirmed here, and married here. Nona's children — Jonathan, Marshall and Lisa — and Joan's children — Deborah, Daniel and David — were all named, became b'nai mitzvah, and were confirmed at AJ. A strongly identifying Ramah family, the Levins and Wohls were long-time members of the Ramah Commission. Both Joan and Nona actively participated in Hadassah, and significantly, in the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and were honored by the AJ Women's Association at an annual Torah Fund Brunch.

From a random selection of three memories from a life-long treasure trove of them, Nona recalls teaching confirmands at AJ with Rabbi Yaakov G. Rosenberg; the annual, fun-filled family, clergy and faculty picnics in Hunting Park; and many second day Rosh HaShanah blessings of babies born since the previous Rosh HaShanah. Nona's 14th great grandchild is on the way.

Joan recalls her own confirmation in 1946, 46 confirmands, young women dressed in white dresses with roses, rising to address parents on behalf of the class, and then, of the confirmands descending from the bima at Broad and Diamond Streets to receive a blessing from their parents.

She relishes the memory of the multigenerational Tuesdays for Women Adult Education series, initially taught by Rabbi Klein and subsequently by Rabbi Rosenberg, and that of the AJ Choral Society's 1993 two-week tour of Israel with Cantor Charles Davidson, a first for the Conservative Movement.

# DOES YOUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE NEED MORE FUN?

# Come play Mah Jongg and meet new friends!

We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00 AM—12:00 noon in Room 10.

September dates: 5, 12 and 26 October dates: 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

# ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

For more information, contact Judy Szekely at 215.635.8812 or qszekely3@comcast.net.

# How's Your Hebrew reading?

Interested in learning to read Torah? Over the last year, I have had the privilege of volunteering with several adult congregants, and I think we have learned a lot and laughed a lot. I have been tutoring students individually, moving at their pace, accommodating schedules and reaching individual goals: Learning the letters from scratch, filling in knowledge where it is missing, being more comfortable with the Hebrew of the service, right on through reading Torah. It is my belief that every adult can learn to read Hebrew.

You can do as much or as little as you choose. If it "doesn't work for you," we can always stop. How about giving it a try? Contact the synagogue office at 215.635.6611 if you are interested.

– Susan Novack

# Torah Processional: From Elkins Park, PA to Baltimore, MD

# By Ariana Katz

As a graduate of the Bernstein Torah Academy (2003), frequent AJ *leyner* (Torah reader), and recently ordained rabbi from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, I am honored by the tremendous gift Adath Jeshurun has given my congregation: For the next 10 years, AJ has agreed to loan one of its Torah scrolls to my new congregation, Hinenu, in Baltimore.

When I was 12 years old, I sat with **Elsie Duman z'I** at the conference table in the administrative wing, blue book opened on the table, inevitably spinning my chair back and forth as I learned, forgot, and re-learned the blessing before the haftarah reading. We would end up spending months together as I practiced *leyning* for my bat mitzvah (Ta'azria!), her patience and gentle nature reminding me just how sweet Torah can be. It is in her name when I teach how to chant Torah, and when I teach about The Kitchen Table Effect. As Elsie taught me, it goes like this:

You know your parsha perfectly. You sit at the kitchen table, you run errands, you walk outside, and you can leyn it from memory, not a pazer or a tipcha missing.

And then, the Torah is open before you, shafts of light come through the stained glass at the ceiling, and you are lost. You lose your place, skip a sof pasuk (end of a verse), are totally thrown off. How can it be?!

Elsie taught me that the power of an open Torah scroll has the ability to wipe your mind of all previous thought. The collective history of our people pours out of the open scroll, the majesty of Torah, the importance of *leyning* from it is no small task. It should be taken with great importance, and when we lose our footing, it is all because of the awe we have for Torah.

I am so grateful and so inspired to be bringing Torah from the synagogue that raised me and taught me about awe, to the synagogue I have founded. Quite literally bringing Torah down to Baltimore, our congregation is overjoyed to have access to this holiest of ritual objects. It is the homing of a scroll that makes our community into a synagogue.

We've been in that process of transforming for a while now. In December of 2016, I knew two people in Baltimore. I reached out to them both one evening, and asked "do you have a synagogue that is meeting your spiritual and political needs?" They introduced me to

their friends, and their friends to their friends, so come January I began taking trips to Baltimore to talk with Jews and the people that love them about their needs from spiritual community. By August, 2017, I had over 100 coffees with interested people looking for a congregation that was joyful, intimate, welcoming to and shaped by queer and trans people, centering of people with disabilities, and people on a Jewish journey looking for others with whom to travel.

Last year, in my last year of rabbinical school, I began travelling to Baltimore multiple times a month for day-long meetings with new community members, running a monthly beit midrash in the back of Red Emma's cafe, facilitating ritual and celebration for the holidays, dwelling and singing in the magical time of erev Shabbat. Through the power of the community gathering around this idea, we found a name: Hinenu, The Baltimore Justice Shtiebl. Boldly declaring our commitment to the city, "hinenu" literally means "here we are." It answers a Divine call to show up, and mean it. "Shtiebl," Yiddish for "little room," communicates our commitment to intimate community where living and praying are intertwined, and our hopes to someday soon have a building.

This spring we launched our first membership campaign, and now have over 55 dues-paying members. We ran a successful crowdfunding fundraiser and raised \$15k in two months from family, friends, and people we've never met who were inspired by our vision for rooted Jewish community. We are looking ahead to the High Holy Days where we'll be davening together from Selihot to Simhat Torah.

This Torah will be formally welcomed at Simhat Torah when Hinenu's klezmer house band plays us onto Charles Street. This Torah will visit the homes of our congregants. This Torah will be held by new Jews immediately after conversion, will wrap around babies as they receive names, surrounded by our congregants as we pray for *refuah shlemah* (full healing), and chanted out of by b'nai mitzvah in the years ahead. Thank you, AJ, for bringing Torah to Hinenu!

If any AJers are ever in Baltimore, please come celebrate Shabbat with us! You can learn more about Hinenu at hinenubaltimore.org. ①



ABOVE: Our new Teen Engagement Coordinator and USY Advisor, **Larry Kaplan**, spent time visiting Camp Ramah, his home for 17 summers, and meeting the teens from Beth Sholom and AJ. Not pictured is our new USY President, **Isabella Duarte**, who was at a bunk activity. However, later in the day, Larry met with her and **Sami Goldberg** (Regional Board Member) to start planning our year. It's going to be incredible! If you are a teen, live with a teen, gave birth to a kid who is now a teen, or know a Jewish teen, get them involved with USY this year. For more information, please email OYRyouth@gmail.com.



# Making Our Own Kind of Music

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

By most standards, the greatest violinist of our era is Itzhak Perlman. A story is told of a time Perlman took the stage at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City.

He sat down. Slowly, he put his crutches on the floor, tucked one foot back and extended the other forward. He picked up the violin, put it under his chin, nodded to the conductor and proceeded to play.

Just as he finished the first few bars, one of the strings on his violin broke. The sound of that snap and twang startled like gunfire across the venue. Mr. Perlman calmly waited for the audible gasps to subside, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again.

It seems to me, we are all artists of one sort or another...

Our artistry is manifest in the manner in which

we interact with our world.

Each time you endeavor to enter AJ's structure, the moment you enter our space, you bring (at the very least) a potential for goodness, warmth, and engagement. On a regular basis, I cannot help but notice the strength of that warmth and kindness. I have witnessed first-hand, and even been the beneficiary of, tremendous acts of *gemilut chasadim* (acts of lovingkindness) and thoughtfulness, both inside and outside our physical structure.

My prayer in this month's column,

arriving on the cusp of our High

awareness is heightened as we

hard work towards repentance

begin the process of renewal and

Holy Day season, is that our

and change for the better. Our task in this shaky, fast-changing, bewildering world in which we live is to make music in the widest sense possible. Your goodness, your warmth, and your thoughtfulness together with your disappointments, sadness, and frustrations all add to the symphony we continually create as a community.

It has been a powerful year filled with emotion and discovery here at Congregation Adath Jeshurun. I know you join me in wishing only success and fulfillment to **Rabbi Kobrin** and her whole family as they approach their first High Holy Days in Denver. Likewise, we continue to welcome and learn from **Rabbi Barry Kenter**, together with his wife **Judi**.

Just as Itzhak Perlman may never know how inspiring this myth or story is to the world, you, too, will never be fully be aware of the positive effect your presence has on others. Let us raise the roof with our joy and thankfulness, our sadness and defeats, and our excitement and wonderment, as we make music with all that we have.

*L'shannah Tova Tikateivun v'Techateimun*, May you be written and sealed for good, healthy, meaningful year of 5779.

Perlman proceeded to play with such passion, such power and such purity as had never been heard before. He was adjusting and changing just enough on the fly, finding the notes on other strings...all miraculously translating through the synapses in his mind to the dancing in his fingers.

If this all seems too incredible to believe, that is because it likely never happened. At least, according to the debunkers-in-chief at the website Snopes, there is plenty to doubt. For me, it isn't so much whether it really happened; rather, it is the verbiage attributed to Mr. Perlman upon completion of the piece and thunderous standing ovation that followed. According to this legend, he smiled, wiped the sweat from his brow, raised his bow and not boastfully, but in a quiet, reverent tone, said,

"You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."

What a powerful line that is. In fact, it is the most powerful line I've ever heard that likely never happened...as reported.

It seems to me, we are all artists of one sort or another. You may or may not play an instrument, you may never sing outside of a shower and it is likely that nothing you drew or painted hangs in an art museum. Yet, we all have gifts that are precious to loved ones, friends, even simple acquaintances, and certainly to the whole of Adath Jeshurun.

Our artistry is manifest in the manner in which we interact with our world. I would venture to say, there is not one among us that hasn't felt some pain, damage, or loss in our lives. We may have endured difficult and abusive spouses, friends, or superiors. We may have persevered through chemotherapy or surgery or seemingly endless medical testing. We may have friendships that didn't weather arguments or political discourse. Some of us can recall friendships and familial relationships that ended sadly, while others simply atrophied from benign neglect. There may have been divorce, relocations, and perhaps even simple changes of taste that separated us from some and brought us together with others. All of these particulars contribute to the layers of paint on the canvas that is our life.

**DON'T MISS...** the announcement on the back cover for an exciting fall event!



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Congregation Adath Jeshurun
7:30 PM



# IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE, YOU NEED TO DO SO NOW!

General Election — Tuesday, November 6, 2018

- In Pennsylvania, you may register to vote online at this website: www.pavoterservices.pa.gov (all of Pennsylvania)
- 2. Have your driver's license available, as you will need it to complete the form. If you do not have a PennDot issued driver's license, then you will need to use the last four digits of your Social Security number on the form.
- YOU NEED TO REGISTER USING YOUR HOME ADDRESS, NOT A COLLEGE DORM!
   The application has a blank which asks if you receive your mail at other than your home address. This is for people who regularly use a P.O. Box. LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK ON THE INITIAL VOTER REGISTRATION REQUEST!
- The deadline to register to vote in the November mid-term elections is October 9.
- 5. You may also obtain a printed voter registration form at public libraries, any post office, or PennDot Photo Center, which you mail to the voter registration office (Board of Elections) of the county in which you live.

# **Voting By Absentee Ballot**

- 1. You must already be a registered voter to request an absentee ballot.
- You can print out an application to request an absentee ballot at the same website: www.pavoterservices.pa.gov. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 30. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!
- 3. Although you can print out the request for an absentee ballot online, you must fill it in by hand and mail it to the Board of Elections of the county where your home address is located. Mailing instructions will be on the form. Call with questions: 877-868-3772.
- 4. You can have the absentee ballot mailed to your physical location or college P.O. Box.
- THE DEADLINE FOR ALL COMPLETED BALLOTS TO BE RECEIVED TO YOUR BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS NOVEMBER 2 AT 5:00 PM. Keep in mind that snail mail is slow. It takes 5 days for mail to go from California to the east coast.

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# Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

followed by an Oneg Shabbat (lite dinner bites with friends)

Friday, September 7 6:15 pm (also October 5 and 12)



# AJ Calendar for 5779/2018-19

The printed AJ calendar for 5779/2018—19 will be available at this year's High Holy Days services (from Rosh HaShanah, Day I, through Yom Kippur), and in the AJ office. If instead, you would like the calendar mailed to your home, please call the AJ office at 215.635.6611.

# ATTENTION: PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS! Do you have adult children/grandchildren who live in the Philadelphia area?

If so, please send us their contact information. We are planning events for young adults in the city and would love for them to participate! Thanks in advance.

# **Beyond Apples and Honey**

By Rabbi Jill Jacobs, reprinted from www.MyJewishLearning.com

More than any other Jewish holidays, the High Holy Days take place in the synagogue. While most Jews associate Passover, <u>Hanukkah</u>, and Shabbat primarily with home celebrations, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur conjure up memories of hours spent in services.

But these synagogue-based holidays can be enhanced through home rituals that add meaning to the messages of the day. Here are some ideas, old and new, for bringing the lessons and themes of Rosh HaShanah into your home.

### **Foods for a Sweet Year**

As with most Jewish holidays, food is the focus of home celebrations of Rosh HaShanah. Families and friends gather for extended meals, which include traditional foods, such as apples and challah dipped in honey. Honey, a symbol of the wish for a sweet new year, also appears in other holiday foods, such as *tayglach* — a honey and nut pastry — and honey cake. The challah, normally braided, is round, as a reminder of the never-ending cycle of life.

Like other festival and Shabbat meals, the Rosh HaShanah meal begins with Kiddush, the sanctification of the day over the wine. Both at dinner and at lunch, the Rosh HaShanah Kiddush includes a reference to the shofar, the most prominent symbol of the holiday.

In some families, it is traditional to serve the head of a fish or lamb (though meat substitutes would also do the trick for vegetarians) in the hope that everyone at the table will be at the "head" and not at the "tail" of whatever they do in the new year. You might add personal meaning to these rituals by asking everyone at the table to offer a wish for the new year as he or she dips the apple or challah in honey.

# **New Fruit**

On the second night of Rosh HaShanah, it is common to eat a "new fruit" — a fruit that participants have not tasted for a long time. This tradition has become a way literally to taste the newness of the year, by enjoying an unfamiliar food. Often, a pomegranate is used as the new fruit, as the pomegranate is said to have 613 seeds, corresponding to the 613 mitzvot. The pomegranate has also long been a symbol of fertility, and thus of the unlimited possibilities for the new year.

The tradition of eating a new fruit need not, however, be restricted to pomegranates. Instead, this ritual can be an excuse for scouting out the "exotic fruit" section of the produce department, or exploring fruit markets to find fruits that family members have not before tasted. (Interestingly, the custom developed as a technical solution to a legal difficulty surrounding the recitation of the *shehehiyanu* blessing on the second day of the



holiday. The blessing, usually recited to commemorate a new situation, is said on the second day of Rosh HaShanah both in honor of the day and the new fruit.)

# **Pun Food**

A number of other food-based rituals can also enliven the home celebration of Rosh HaShanah. Sephardic communities (which trace their ancestry to Mediterranean lands) have developed a Rosh HaShanah seder that revolves around the eating of symbolic foods and the recitation of prayers that transform these foods into wishes for the coming year.

Many of these prayers are based on Hebrew puns involving the food in question. For instance, the prayers before eating a date (tamar in Hebrew) includes the phrase "yitamu hataim" — may the wicked cease. Before eating pumpkin or squash (k'ra'a in Hebrew), Sephardim say "yikaru I'fanekha z'khuyoteinu" — may our good deeds call out our merit before you. Alternatively, they might use the resemblance between the word "k'ra'a" — "pumpkin" and the word "kara" — to cut or rip — to express the hope that any bad deeds will be ripped out of God's book.

Other symbolic foods include leeks and onions, which are associated with the exodus from Egypt; beets, whose Aramaic name "silka," similar to the Hebrew "salak" — go away — is used to express the hope that our enemies disappear; and peas or beans, mentioned in the Talmud as "ruviah," a word that sounds like the Hebrew "to increase," and therefore indicates a desire for increased blessings in the new year.

The foods eaten and puns used change from community to community, according to the types of vegetables available and the inherited traditions. In planning your own Rosh HaShanah menu, you can be creative in developing your own English puns. For instance, you might eat raisins to commit to "raisin' your expectations for the new year" or peas in the hope of increased peace. Your salad might be a chance to say, "Lettuce find happiness in the new year," or "We will beet any obstacles that come our way," or to remind yourself to say "Olive you" to family and friends. Children can be involved in creating puns and devising a menu based on these newly-symbolic foods.

# From the AJNWF Leadership Team

As this is being written, the summer is at its midpoint and the first phase of the AJNWF initiative — the parlor meetings — is reaching completion. Over 160 members of the congregation will have participated, getting together with others with whom they identify, to express their fervent wishes for the future of our congregation. At the same time, AJNWF leadership will have also received input, via a series of in-depth interviews, from current and past clergy and staff.

We could continue to tell you about the process of this initiative in detail but, in the end, what we're hoping to achieve goes beyond that, because that would only be scratching the surface.

What this is really about — the bottom line — is building and re-building a beloved community, a community that is about to enter its 160th year. Throughout these many years, AJ has been a community with a venerable history. But it also has a unique "take" on its relationship with Judaism. AJ has always been evolving — a maverick, if you like — in the world of Jewish organizations. What AJNWF is attempting to accomplish, with the help of a re-engaged membership, is to reconnect with that unique outlook, always mindful of its special place in Philadelphia-area Jewish identity. Call it an awakening, call it a rebirth.

By the time you read this, the next phase of AJNWF — the synagogue-wide survey, which the parlor meetings and interviews have wholly inspired — will be underway. Take the survey, tell your friends to take the survey, give us your feedback and comments. Participate in the AJ conversation that is underway. The survey is available online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AJNWF or you can pick up a copy in the synagogue main lobby or from the AJ office.

Most importantly, be a part of this journey. If we do this together, imagine what we can become, given who we are, and where we began.

With deep gratitude,

Shanah tovah.

May it be a year of blessings for you and your family.

Naomi, Skip, Michele and Neil



# Introducing Two New Staff Members to Work with Our Youth

If you have children, you'll want to get to know two new faces around AJ!



**Holli Goldenberg** is thrilled to be starting this month as the **AJ/Beth Sholom Sunday Hebrew School Director** and **K–6 Youth Group Leader!** Holli has taught in JQuest B'Yachad since it began and served as a site supervisor last year. She has been a BBYO chapter advisor and is so excited to be able to pass on her love for Judaism to the kids in these congregations.

In addition to this new adventure, Holli teaches English as a Second Language in the School District of Philadelphia. She is a Broadway enthusiast and a self-proclaimed foodie. Her email address is holli@jquest.org.



**Laurence Kaplan, MSEd, CSCS**, will be the **Teen Engagement Coordinator** and **USY Advisor** for AJ and Beth Sholom. Larry grew up at AJ as a Torah reader and service leader, and along with his knowledge of Hebrew and Tefillah, and prowess on the sports fields at Ramah, he earned the nickname AJ. Larry/AJ is a career educator who has dedicated his life to teaching and inspiring others. He has worked with students in both public and private schools throughout the city and suburbs where his unique methods have resulted in high student achievement and success both in and out of the classroom.

Despite suffering a serious spinal cord injury, Larry dedicated himself to the research of health and wellness which resulted in the creation of his first business, Varsity Fitness (VF). VF won Best of Philly and Best of the Main Line in its first year, and Larry has trained amateur and professional athletes from around the world. Larry also had two stints as the USY advisor at Har Zion Temple where they won numerous regional and international awards.

A graduate of Central High School, Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania, Larry's passions include charity work, travel and adventure (he's been to six continents so far), and of course, his cat, Bubbles.

Larry promises to bring a unique and exciting perspective to our teen programs and urges you to reach out with any questions or suggestions. His email address is OYRyouth@gmail.com.

# Family and Youth Events Coming Up!

We are excited to kick off our AJ/BSC youth group programming year with some great events!

For K-6:

Save the dates for two events: **Sunday, September 16** and **Sunday, October 28**,
following Hebrew school. There will be food and
fun at both events, led by Holli Goldenberg.

**For Teens:** (scheduled as of time of printing)

September 22: Kickoff Dance; September 28: Shabbat Dinner at the

President's House;

September 30: Eagles Game Party

October 2: Simhat Torah;

October 12–14: Leadership Training Institute;
October (date TBD): Challahween and

**Haunted House** 

# AJ Preschool & Infant Center

In early August, **Rabbi Kenter**, **David Reibstein**, and I sent you an email regarding the AJ Preschool. For the past 11 years, **Michelle Bernstein** served as director of AJ Preschool and Infant Center. She accepted a new position as director of the preschool at Germantown Jewish Center. We are extremely appreciative and thank Michelle for her hard work and dedication to AJ Preschool and Infant Center. We wish her all the best in her new position.

Now, on behalf of the Preschool Director Search
Committee, it is my pleasure to announce that **Anita Block** is joining the AJ Preschool and Infant Center as
Interim Early Childhood Director. Anita holds Masters
degrees in both Jewish Studies and Early Childhood
Education and Administration. Most recently, she served
as Interim Director at the Kehillah Early Learning Center
Federation Early Learning Services in Wallingford,
Pennsylvania. She has served as principal of the Perelman
Jewish Day School, Forman Center, and was the director of
the Early Learning Program at Main Line Reform Temple
Beth Elohim in Wynnewood for 21 years. Anita combines
a wealth of knowledge and experience with an
enthusiasm and love of early childhood education.
We warmly welcome her to our AJ family.

Judy Stutman Izes, Vice President Chair, search committee jpsizes@aol.com







Dear AJ Families,

As the new PTA Co-Chairs, we'd like to welcome you to the 2018—2019 school year at AJ Preschool! Most of you know **Danielle Gleason** as the lead teacher for Lavan. Danielle is also Mom to **Lucy** (Kahol) and leads our cooking classes during summer camp. **Tabitha Stevenson** is an AJ parent going on her 4th year here at AJ. She's Mom to **Brayden** (Adom) and **Caleb** (Lavan). We're excited to see all of the returning families this year, and look forward to meeting those of you who are new to AJ as well!

We have a talented, passionate and dedicated staff here at AJ who pride themselves on creating a sense of community for our children and their families. And we have a number of fun and exiting events planned throughout the year from class play dates and school picnics, to fundraisers like our spring and fall clothing sales and 80's Night on March 2!

We have big plans for our kids, so we'll need your help! Please complete and return the survey that will be distributed in your child's Back to School Welcome Packet, and let us know if you'd like to be a room parent. We're also looking for volunteers to attend PTA meetings, help with specific events, and anything else you might be able to assist with.

Our first event of the year will be our Back to School Picnic! Join us on the playground on **September 13** from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and get to know your fellow classmates and families. Bring your own dairy dinner and we'll supply the Rita's!

There's lots more info to come, but please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or suggestions in the meantime. We look forward to kicking off the new school year with all of you!

Warmly,

Danielle & Tabitha PTA Co-Chairs AJpreschool@gmail.com

7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

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# AJ Men's Association

President: Ed Moses



# Join us for these events to be held this fall!



# HEARING MEN'S VOICES: OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE ME-TOO MOVEMENT

Thursday, September 13 • 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM Following minyan at 7:00 PM in the AJ library

A facilitated, structured, non-judgmental, and absolutely confidential discussion among AJ men in connection with this ground-breaking movement.

There is no charge for this event but we MUST have your RSVP no later than **Wednesday, September 12**Contact Ed Moses at 215.676.8542 or karedlon@aol.com

Light refreshments to follow program.

# OPENING SUNDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM: Our Hero in Blue

### October 7

Starts with minyan at 9:00 AM, Breakfast at approx. 9:40 AM, Program at approx. 10:15 AM

Our guest speaker will be **Brian Leventhal**. He's an AJ congregant and he portrayed Benny Southstreet in the Beth Sholom/AJ Players production of *Guys and Dolls*! In real life, he's a veteran officer serving in the Philadelphia Police Department. He will discuss his unique experiences as a **hostage negotiator** and other aspects of his career in law enforcement.

Cost: \$10 at the door

Please RSVP to the AJ office (215.635.6611) no later than **Friday, September 28** 

# SUNDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM: God Almighty Hisself: The Life and Legacy of Dick Allen

# November 18

Starts with minyan at 9:00 AM, Breakfast at approx. 9:40 AM, Program at approx. 10:15 AM

Author **Mitchell Nathanson**, a professor in the Center for the Study of Sports Law at Villanova University, will discuss his book about perhaps the most talented and controversial player in Phillies baseball history.

Cost: \$10 at the door

Please RSVP to the AJ office (215.635.6611) no later than **Friday, November 9** 

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

Help the Men's Association build upon the robust schedule of events you see at the left. The events listed here are only a portion of what we have planned for the year.

Gifts for our Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants; support for our Man of the Year; advertisements in support of other synagogue special events, honorariums and donations in honor of our speakers; and assistance to keep costs of our programs reasonable: These are all great reasons for you to consider becoming a member of the Adath Jeshurun Men's Association. THANK YOU!

### To become a member:

Either check off the box for AJMA on your synagogue bill or if the box does not appear, kindly write a check for \$50.00 payable to the **AJMA** and bring it or mail it to the synagogue office: Adath Jeshurun Men's Association, 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park. PA 19027

AJMA DUES 2018–2019	
Please send your payment before December 31, 2	018.
Name	
Phone #	
Email	
Address	

# **SCOUTING FOR FUTURE SCOUTS!**

Boy Scout Troop 185 and Cub Pack 185 are looking for boys who are ready for adventure, fun, making new friends and learning new skills.

Boys ages 6–10, contact Dan Robbins at robbinsdb@gmail.com, or 215.782.8931; boys ages 11–17, contact Neil Schmerling at taxscout@aol.com or 215.742.1758.



# AJWA Sisterhood

Co-Presidents: Amy Blum and Robin Minkoff

# Torah Fund 2018-2019

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Dear AJ Family,

We are sending you a short message to remind you about our Women's League Torah Fund Campaign. Torah Fund strengthens Jewish education by supporting scholarships, programming and living quarters at Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher Jewish learning worldwide.

This year's Torah Fund theme, "Atid — Future", is so apropos in so many ways! For us here at AJ, where we are trying to shape the future of the congregation; for the Conservative Movement, trying to reinvent itself; and for Judaism in America, in general, which is at a kind of crossroad. What will the future bring? None of us can be sure — but we can help to educate and provide scholarships for our future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars who will shape the future of the Conservative Movement by contributing to our AJWA Sisterhood Torah Fund Campaign for 2018–19.

You will soon receive your Torah Fund letter and contribution envelope. Donors at the Benefactor level (\$180) or higher will receive the distinctive Torah Fund pin in recognition of their gift. Please respond to the best of your ability as we go into the future together.

Wishing you and yours a happy New Year and a very bright future.

Violet Zeitlin
AJWA Torah Fund Vice President

# Save the Date: November 11, 2018

The AJWA Sisterhood Torah Fund Cabinet is proud to announce our Woman of Achievement for 2018–2019, **Lorna Rosenberg**. In keeping with the tradition we started last year of having our Torah Fund event in the fall, our brunch will be held on **Sunday, November 11, 2018**. Please put this date on your calendar and join in giving Lorna this well-deserved honor.



Bring your gently used clothing, linens and shoes\* to AJ!
Bins will be on the lower level of the synagogue from

# Sunday, October 7 to Thursday, October 19

\*Please bag items and tie or bag shoes in pairs

This year, all donations will be given to **Purple Heart**. Thanks in advance!



# AJWA Sisterhood Opening Event!

Join us on

# Sunday, October 14

from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

for our

# **Opening Meeting with a Light Brunch**

at the Elkins Park Train Station



**Guest Speaker:**Janet Benton,
author of *Lilli de Jong* 



Open to the Public

Free for AJWA Sisterhood members; \$5 for all others

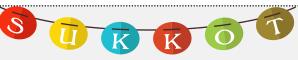
In collaboration with OpenBook Bookstore

# THE ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

**The Weight of Ink**, by Rachel Kaddish **September 17, 7:45 PM** 

**The Promised Land**, by Ari Shavit **October 29, 7:45 PM** 





# SUKKOT DECORATING AND PIZZA PARTY

September 23, 12:30 PM

# Everyone is invited!

We'll eat, shmooze and hang decorations.

Bring the kids and any decorations that you'd like to contribute

(original artwork encouraged!)

(Children must be accompanied by a parent.)



Cooking Dinner at the Ronald McDonald House at Front and Erie

Sunday, October 7, 4:30 PM Sunday, December 16, 4:30 PM

# **AJWA Sisterhood Ongoing Events and Causes**

Join us for one or all of these AJWA Sisterhood-sponsored activities!

# Yoga

For ALL levels of ability! Taught by Esther Goldberg, Certified Yoga Instructor.

**Friday morning class** 9:30 to 10:30 AM \$12 per class. For more information on yoga, contact Esther Goldberg at zymesther@gmail.com or 215.676.8685. Walk-ins are welcome.

# **Robyn Orodenker Book Club**

A guided discussion group held on designated Monday nights at 7:45 PM in the Braemer Auditorium. Reading of the book is required!

September 17: The Weight of Ink, by Rachel Kaddish

# October 29: My Promised Land, by Ari Shavit

**Questions or Interested in being a discussion leader?** Contact Liane Sher at 215.635.4613 or Judy Szekely at 215.635.8812.

### Stitchers

If you are interested in learning about creating Judaic hand crafts, come be a part of "Stitchers." We are primarily stitchers, practitioners of the needle arts. No special experience is necessary. New learners are welcome.

ARI SHAVIT

# Wednesday mornings, AJ Library, 10:00 AM to noon

For more information, contact Dr. Rita Altman-Weinberger, 215.627.4698 or altmanrc1@verizon.net.

# **Cook For A Friend**

Cook For A Friend, a unique program that prepares meals for those in need, is in search of volunteers (a.k.a. friends) to cook. Cook For A Friend meets once a month on a weekday evening and once a month on a weekday morning.

**Evening sessions** Sandy Basickes (215.782.8586) **Daytime sessions** Sue Lawson (215.680.7112)

# **Laurel House Shelter** and Domestic Violence Services for Abused Women and Their Children

For a list of needed items, go to laurel-house.org. Only new, requested items, please! NO gift-wrapped items, clothing, shoes or accessories. Please bring NEW items to the Braemer Auditorium coat closet and place in the box marked "Laurel House" or bring to any AJWA Sisterhood event.

# **Cooking at Ronald McDonald House**

Join us to prepare meals for families staying at the House at Front and Erie Sts. The next cooking date is **Sunday, October 7 at 4:30 PM**. Contact Judy Stutman Izes at 267.254.6633 or jpsizes@aol.com for more information.



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

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

# Attention all thespians, singers, dancers, musicians, stage crew, set designers and all-around show-bies!

The 2019 Beth Sholom/ Adath Jeshurun Players production will be:



# Auditions will be held on:

- Wednesday, October 10, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Beth Sholom and
- Sunday, October 14, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at Adath Jeshurun
- If necessary, call-backs will be on **Monday, October 15** at Beth Sholom

The show performances will take place on Thursday night, February 7, 2019; Saturday night, February 9, 2019; and Sunday afternoon, February 10, 2019.

For more info, go to http://www.bethsholomplayers.org.

# Do you know someone with Parkinson's Disease who needs a little extra support?

A Parkinson's support group meets the first Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in the AJ library. This support group is a way for people to help Parkinson's Disease patients cope with problems they all share. The group offers social and emotional support to patients and their care partners, education and information from peers and professionals and a chance to be active for oneself and for others in the community. Members give and receive information and encouragement through the mail, phone calls, and group meetings. Contact Suzanne Reichwein at 215.829.7273 or sreichwein@pahosp.com for more information.

# LUNCH AND LEARN NOONTIME TORAH IN AJ'S LIBRARY Tuesdays, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

The Rabbinical Assembly—Mid-Atlantic Region invites you to join us weekly at noon for the study of Torah. A rabbi and other like-minded individuals await you to engage in exciting discussion and thoughtful analysis of the weekly Torah portion or other stimulating topic. Each class is self-contained so you can plug in at any given week. Bring your lunch and a Bible; drinks will be provided. All are welcome. For more information or a list of other locations, call AJ at 215.635.6611.



# Change Your Leaves, Keep Intact Your Roots

By Debbie Miner,
Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative

Ever since the Jewish Teen Collaborative (JTC) opened its door in September 2011, one thing we were not afraid of was making changes. We understood that listening was important if we wanted our teens to feel comfortable and positive when they were at JTC. Over the years, we have modified our schedule, we have added dinner, we have gone to a trimester system, and more. JTC parents and students have had excellent suggestions and I have worked alongside wonderful professional educators and clergy whose ideas and knowledge have been incorporated into what JTC is today.

This September, as we enter our 8th year, we are still making changes. Not to the values that inform JTC or to the format that was changed a few years ago, but we are adding new classes, while continuing some from last year, and adding new programs while holding on to some that have become JTC tradition.

One of our new classes is "Hazon" — an elective that looks at food sustainability and more. We are going to think about food in a different way — a Jewish way! By looking at the connection between food and faith we will come up with actions we can do to help our community. A big part of this is thinking critically about how our food choices affect us, others, and our planet, and how there are people very close by who might not have enough to eat. (There will be some cooking, as well, that relates to the concepts in our class.)

We will use sources from organizations such as Hazon as well as the Jewish Farm School. Using discussion, films, speakers, and hands on learning and exploring, our Hazon elective should open our eyes to what goes into our mouths.

Our teens can also look forward to a new elective entitled "The Supremes". This elective will introduce the Jewish justices of the Supreme Court. We will look at one specific case for each justice and try to see if and how Jewish values might have had an impact on decisions. For example, in the case Olmstead v. United States, the court held that it

was not unconstitutional to use as evidence wiretapped private phone conversations obtained without judicial approval. Justice Louis Brandeis, the first of eight Jewish justices, dissented in this case (which was later overturned). The teens will look at Brandeis's life, famous quotes, and more, to try and see if there is a connection to Judaism in the decision he made and if a Jewish justice's Jewish values should impact their decisions.

There are a number of new electives besides these and JTC families have been getting weekly emails highlighting what is new at JTC this year. We also are scheduling time during dinner with the teens to reflect on each new class.

JTC has monthly Shabbat and holiday programming as well. This year there will be more Friday nights so that we can share the *ruach* and companionship that Friday night dinners allow. We will join either AJ or Beth Sholom for services those evenings. Our Saturday morning and holiday programming will also span both congregations with teen-oriented experiences.

Finally, once a month, we will continue with our special Sunday programs. Movies, speakers, trips, and social action will be the focus of these terrific experiences. We are looking at the newest movies coming out that will inform our teens and lead to meaningful discussion. We are also, for the first time, planning grade-specific programming where the teens in those grades will have input in the process of deciding what they will do.

Victor Hugo once said, "Change your opinions, keep to your principles; change your leaves, keep intact your roots."

We are looking forward to a wonderful year at JTC. We continue to add new ideas to our content, new approaches to our teaching, and new experiences for our teens while maintaining the values and mission — the roots that inform the Jewish Teen Collaborative.

# Kol HaKavod to our June and July Torah and Haftarah Readers

Rabbi Sandi Berliner Cantor Rebecca Carl Deborah Seltzer Cohen Les Duman Anne Fassler J. Fassler Lucy Fassler Mikayla Fassler Dr. Steven Fassler Allan Freedman Hazzan Howard Glantz J. Michael Goldberg Judy Stutman Izes Jordan Lieberman Jason Lieberman Anna Leventhal Rabbi Vivie Mayer Larry McAfoos Susan Novack

Howard Gershman Mindy Goldstein Jake Hartman Julia Hartman Joan Hartman Leah Hartman Robert Hartman Sam Hartman Hannah Manusov Max Minkoff Scott Minkoff Rosalind Schiller Gail Schwartz Stephen Skopp Elizabeth Turk-Karan Jeff Ward Kenneth Weilerstein Tammy Zebovitz

Richard Zeises

# **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"x 4"); color photos will be reproduced in black and white.

# מולם 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:

# SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 22 Elul 5778 to 28 Elul 5778

To be read on Friday, Sept. 7 and Saturday, Sept. 8



Lillian Ackerman Emanuel Asher Isadore Barenbaum Phyllis Helen Bedrick Maxine Bernstein Isaac Bloch Rose Bolinsky Abraham Bornstein Paul Breslow Eva G. Brickman Ethel Brooks Freda Robinson Cohen Rosa Cohen Samuel Cohen Pauline Ellis Cramer Charles Daroff Reta S. Emerson Annie Fox Eva Goldman Ethel Goman Dr. Benjamin Goodis Joseph Goodman Rose Gorfain Louis Gottlieb Samuel Gottlieb Hugo Hartman Samuel Heidelberger Samuel Heimerling Howard Hockstein Frances Loeb Hoffman William Saul Hunn Herman E. Jacoby Helen Jaffe Edward Alan Jaspan

Sara Ann Kirsh Charles Lemisch Milu Lemisch Frank Leonard Wolf Levinson Samuel S. Levitt Lester M. Lipschutz Simon Makransky Herman Miller David S. Molod Cyril B. Myers Melvin J. Nadel Albert Nemez Katie Nemir Louis Newman Matilda L. Newman Yetta Orlean Ben Rayman Golda (Katie) Rothbard Lena Rothstein Barbara B. Rubenstein Renee Rubin Harry N. Sacks Isidor A. Smith Rebecca Snader Suzanne U. Snyder Ray Steinlauf Bertha Stern Sylvia Titman Rachel Tubis Harry Warren Sarah Pepp Winegrad Fanny Wollenberger

# SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 29 Elul 5778 to 6 Tishri 5778 To be read on Friday, Sept. 14 and Saturday, Sept. 15

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Selma E. Lemisch

Esther Lertzman Hyman D. Levin Nate Levy Albert A. Light David Lipman Bessie London Louis Marshall Rebecca Medoff Joseph W. Messey, M.D. Aaron F. Miller William M. Moldawer Svlvan Muchnick Paul M. Myers Selma Nones Elias Oberfield Myra Steiger Oswald Gita Faga Pasternack Morris Perlstein Harry Platowsky Ernest Paul Plavcan Minnie Stern Ronkin Barbara B. Rubenstein Samuel Rubin Celia Buckley Salkin Abraham Schneeberg

Roslyn Schwartz Bessie Seinberg Philip Shalevetz Rose Shumelman William Meyer Singer Paul Sloan Sarah Smith Herman Spiller Anna Stein Morris Stein Martha Deborah Stern Rudolph Sternbera Sarah Torrens Dr. Morris G. Tracer Bernard M. Verlin Harry A. Warshaw Alice Dobnoff Weiner Dr. Richard F. Weiss Stanley Judah Weiss Sally Weller Sophie Winokur Abraham Witz Rebecca Wolkin Johanna Yorish Anita Yuter

# ROSH HASHANAH, DAY I SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 1 Tishri 5779

To be read on Sunday, Sept. 9 and Monday, Sept. 10



Lena Cohen Goldie Davidson Ena Fischer Guggenheim Carrie Gunther Morris Halpern Lazar Hersch Kleit Herbert David Kornstein Elias Oberfield Myra Steiger Oswald Gita Faga Pasternack Barbara B. Rubenstein Celia Buckley Salkin Abraham Schneeberg Rudolph Sternberg Dr. Morris G. Tracer Stanley Judah Weiss

# ROSH HaSHANAH, DAY II SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 2 Tishri 5779

To be read on Monday, Sept. 10 and Tuesday, Sept. 11



Jennie Alkus Esther Blank William M. Dattner Kate Green Louis Marshall Joseph W. Messey, M.D. Aaron E. Miller Minnie Stern Ronkin William Meyer Singer Paul Sloan Harry A. Warshaw Sophie Winokur Abraham Witz

# SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 7 Tishri 5779 to 13 Tishri 5779 To be read on Friday, Sept. 21 and Saturday, Sept. 22

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Solomon Aarons Pauline Abrams Henrietta Alkus Marvin Allanoff Charles Anshel Frances R. Bahoff Anna Hinda Bernstein Robert F. Bernstein

Calvin Blankfield Edward Muchnick Israel Bless Abraham S. Nahon Leonard Block Nellie Newman Morton E. Block Phillip Newman Morris Nitzberg Philip Bortnick Herman A. Brav Hermann Obermayer Bessie Brown Isadore M. Ostrum Israel Hersh Caplan Marcus Perlstein Egon Podel Albert Cherry Anne P. Cohen Joel C. Podell, D.O. Israel Rechtman Nathan Cooper Paul Frankel Franklyn Rettig Hannah Richmond Anna Gaber Alfred E. Garfinkel Edith Rosen Dr. Sidney Rosenblatt Hirsh Gitlow Joseph Rosenblum Aaron A. Gold Jacob L. Goldberg Samuel Rosenthal Lionel Goldhill Alvin Russakoff Abraham Goldman Dr. Robert Russakoff Annie Goldman Sarah Sacks Charles Goldman Raymond Saltzman Jack Goldstein Justin S. Scheinberg Joseph Goldstein Michael Schneider Elizabeth Green Joseph Louis Schwartz Samuel Heidelberger Jacob Selbst Betty Hoffman lda Sillman Selma Kimmelman Moses Aaron Slonimsky Saul W. Klasky Max Staub Anna Klein Sophie Stein Irving I. Steinberg Israel Klein Morris Kleiner Herman Taylor Lee Koppelman Fannie Tracy Arnold Baer Krupnick Clara Walton Bert Levy Ruth Witman Michael Lichter Nettie Wolf Isaac Austin Wolfe Benjamin Loewenstein Frances London Dr. David Zipin

# SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 14 Tishri 5778 to 20 Tishri 5778 To be read on Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29

Nathaniel Aarons Gilda Abramson Esther Benedict Bahoff Jacob S. Bahoff Donald Arthur Beck Aaron Beildeck Nat Bekoff William Berkowitz Sophie Bernstein Minerva Bilick Benjamin Birnbaum Isaac Borgenski Fannie Buten Sarah Carmosin Eva Cohn Ida Dissin Jerome Fox Harry David Friedman Martin Friedman Theodore Friedman Ruth Virginia Glashofer

Philip M. Godfrey

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# מולם עולם In Remembrance

George B. Rosenthal Nettie Spieler Jacob Schiff Roslyn Steerman Victor Schiller Julia L. Stern Dora C. Schlesinger Sophia Stern Marcus D. Schlesinger Cecelia Sklar Binder Sternberg Harvey Schwartz Rose Turner Milton C. Schwartz Abraham Ulitsky Sophie Selbst Dorothy Wax Dorothy Shuman Weber Irwin Silow Julia Mechanic Simon Pauline Weisberg Elizabeth Sluizer Harry Wigder Samuel C. Sonnenfeld Elik Wolowitz Isidore Sperling Louis Zager

# SUKKOT, DAY I SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 15 Tishri 5779

To be read on Sunday, Sept. 23 and Monday, Sept. 24



Nat Bekoff Jacob J. Grabosky Sydney Joy Jaffe Ida Rifkin Victor Schiller Dora C. Schlesinger Irwin Silow Julia Mechanic Simon Nettie Spieler Cecelia Sklar Binder Sternberg

# SUKKOT, DAY II SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 16 Tishri 5779

To be read on Monday, Sept. 24 and Tuesday, Sept. 25



Gilda Abramson Theodor Friedman Milton Greenfield Harry Levin George B. Rosenthal Dorothy Shuman Weber Harry Wigder

Joseph S. Halpern

# SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 to OCTOBER 6, 2018 21 Tishri 5779 to 27 Tishri 5779 To be read on Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6

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Rose Aaron Rebecca Abrams Rose Applebaum Nathan Barow Michael Baylson Isaac Beildeck Samuel M. Bernstein Harry Bloch Edward Blumberg Harry Brest Betty Stern Buchman Marcus Buschel Ruth A. Chosiad Fay Davis Kitty Deckter Flora K. Epstein Stella Frank Louis Freemer Sarah G. Fuller Charles Glashofer

Rose Platowsky Harfman Henry Herz Sophie Shawmut Hoffman Frances S. Kane Herman Isadore Kass Samuel Kauffman Anna Mandel Korman Ruth Lecoff Fannie Lemisch Morty Liss Minerva Markowitz Michael Maslin Renee Mogil Florence B. Oliensis Harry J. Pasternak Adolph Platowsky Richard S. Pollock Samuel Reisman Benjamin S. Richman Rosa Rosenberger Esther Rubin Samuel Sachs Yani Samsky Edis Schwartz

Abraham I. Sherman

Luba Shnaper Morris Shuman Hannah Sickles Samuel Sobel Joseph Stein Rose Stone Henry Strauss Anna Sustin Lena Sylk Helen Turoff Les Vizak Jacob Weinberger Samuel Weinroth Naomi Whiteman Samuel Wiesenthal Milton R. Wikler Ruth Wilf

# OCTOBER 7, 2018 to OCTOBER 13, 2018 28 Tishri 5779 to 4 Heshvan 5779 To be read on Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6

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Louis Abrams Amelia Album Isadore H. Bandler Alter Baron Bella Berg Robert Berger Robert M. Bernstein Mathilda Block Aaron William Bloom Rose Blumberg Dr. Joseph Bregman Svlvia Hoffman Burman **Gita Cherner** Melvin Chernick Beatrice Cohen Joseph Cohen Morris Dash Charles Davidson Hyman Elfman Frances Emas Abe Fostein Samuel Feigenbaum Rose Fierstien Rebecca Fingles Abraham Fleisher Isador B. Freed Celia G. Friedman Frederick M. Friedman Bella Ginn Philip Glashofer Morris Goldstein Earl Grand Philip Grosswald S. Alexander Harzenstein

Beth Ellen Kirkel Dr. Albert H. Kredo Mamie Lavine Ray Lazaroff Estelle Leibovitz Betty Levin Howard Levin Robert E. Lipschutz Rose P. Lipschutz Ernest W. Max Mary Moos Nathan Neff Harry Nemir Rebá Novack Yetta Deitch Novotny, MD Anna Paller Rina Pollack Julius L. Popowich Huldah Leah Price Milton H. Reisman Ida Rifkin Yetta Rosenbaum Sarah Rosenberg Stephen D. Rudman Samuel Schwartz Ida Segal Temma Leah Segal Paul Shapiro Morris Silk Elaine Silverman Barry Elliot Snyder Gussie Solomon Hyman Chuck Spungen Abraham Stepner Harry Sukol Herman Weinberg George Weinstein lda Wexler Lillian L. Woldow Fanny Wolfson

# OCTOBER 14, 2018 to OCTOBER 20, 2018 4 <u>H</u>eshvan 5779 to 11 <u>H</u>eshvan 5779 To be read on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20

Pearl Ann Arost Susan Barkan Louis Blank Joseph Bloch Harold A. Bolen Elizabeth Brandschain Milton Brooks Ralph Tandlich Buchsbaum Albert Joseph Caplan

Bernice Shambelan S. Dyshel

Moritz Heidelberger

Gertrude C. (Trudy) Jacobs

Dr. Maurice S. Jacobs

Frances H. Hertz

Ignatz Huscher

Joseph Jacobs

Rachel Leah Feigenbaum Beatrice Feinstein Bernard Joseph Feld Phillip Fingerman Ruth Arnopol Ford Isadore Jacob Freedman William Freeman Reba Fuller Clara Gill Morris Gradwohl

Herbert H. Grossman Alfred Potter Freda Joseph Aaron Isidore Price Marc Kaplan Alexander Price Max Kauffmann Joseph Reinhart Donna Faye Kirsch Ellen Rosenthal Blanche Korson Yetta Ross Meyer Lichtig Henrietta Rothman Isadore Liedman Edward Shapiro Sophie London Meyer Speiser Lenore W. Stein Louis C. Luber Ada Manusov Bessie Tollin David A. Vigderman Samuel Markowitz Jacob Mayer Emanuel Weil Dr. Jacob P. Morrison Philin Weiss Doris Pashman Benjamin Zitin

# OCTOBER 21, 2018 to OCTOBER 27, 2018 12 <u>H</u>eshvan 5779 to 18 <u>H</u>eshvan 5779 To be read on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27

Maurice Abramson Alvin Applebaum Hannah Barenkopf Lena Barow Dr. Cindy Jo Bix Joseph Braverman Fannie Carmosin Edward H. Casper Rose Segal Cohen Philip Daniel Chana Epstein Jonah Fabricant Edythe Feldman Sadye Hoffman Finestone Estelle P. Freeman Jay S. Fuller Max Glauser Bertha Goff Horace Goldhammer Rebecca Gradwohl Carrie Gross Minnie Grossman Gabriel Harris Herman Hessler Irving Isdaner Arthur A. Jacobs Svlvia Jaffe Max Kanoff Sylvia Ruth Koff Esther Kohlman Sidney Raymond Krupnick

Jean Labiner Max Largman Edith Lichtenstein A. Alfred Lipschutz Edith L. Loeb Mortimer H. Menaker Anna D. Metz Phyllis R. Miller Jacob Moskowitz Fannie Nicetude Nellie Nicholson Freda Ostrum Irwin A. Parnis Ruben Perl David Polsky Anne Rothberg Albert Boomie Rubin Max Sherman Mary Siegel Herman Siplet Maurice Spector Adolph Steiger Goldie Steinberg Miriam Stepner I. Jerome Stern Abraham J. Trifeld Beniamin Van Collen Fannie Wachstein Florence Krauser Weiser Herman Wiener Bertha Witkin Ethel Zanan

# OCTOBER 28, 2018 to NOVEMBER 3, 2018 19 Heshvan 5779 to 25 Heshvan 5779 To be read on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3

Hulda Burger Abrahams
Joseph I. Abrams
Abraham L. Albertson
Leon H. Anthony
Meyer Antwarg
Esther Schlein Appelbaum
Molly Arkans
Simon Arronson
Carrie Bacharach
Eva F. Barenkopf
Stanley Bee
Samuel Beilan

Nancy Kuh

Edwin I. Black
Leah Blumberg
Charlotte Britchkow
Rae Cowan
Louis Daroff
Pearl Dean
Isaac Domansky
Reuben Donsky
Rabbi Moses Eckstein
Anne K. Fidelman
Samuel Fisher
Samuel Freedman

Alexander Ziskind Goldstein

Joseph L.W. Greenbaum

Samuel J. Greenberg

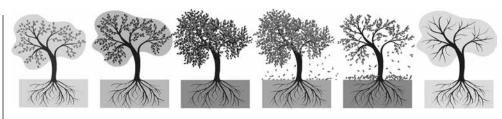
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Adath Jeshurun looks forward to acknowledging significant milestones in the lives of our members. Announcements for *The Seasons of Our Lives* should be sent to the synagogue office in writing or by email to brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun. info with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Information received by the first of the month will appear in the following month's issue. Please include your phone number.

# **Births**

**Gabriel Chaim Berliner**, grandson of **Roy and Rabbi Sandy Berliner** *June 24, 2018* 

Mila Avery Spiegel, great-granddaughter of

Gladys Steinslofer July 11, 2018

**Remi Madeline Herman**, great-grandaughter of **Dr. Jerry and Judy Herman** *July 25, 2018* 

**Jason Ryker Schwartz**, son of **G.W. and Marci Schwartz** and grandson of **Ken and Lorna Schwartz** *July 6, 2018* 

Sylas Ephraim Rosenbloom Harper, son of Joshua
Rosenbloom and Ashley Harper, and grandson of
Rabbi Seymour and Cindy Rosenbloom August 19, 2018



# Engagements

**Perry Max,** son of **Steven and Jill Max,** became engaged to **Hannah Dobrtman.** 

Zoe Hannah Verbit, daughter of Beryl Rosoff-Verbit and Arthur Verbit, became engaged to Daniel Lutz.



# Marriages

David Charny married Hannah Marks on July 7, 2018. David is the grandson of Helen and Dr. Myron, z"I Schneeberg, and Hannah is the daughter of Bruce and Bonnie-Kay Marks.

Josh Leopold, son of Barbara Leopold and grandson of Mel Mason, and Dana Wolf and were married on August 11, 2018. Both Josh and Dana worked at the AJ Camp and Preschool.

# Deaths

Seymour Goldstein, brother of Saundra Robbins

June 9, 2018

Arlene Rubinstein, wife of Arthur Rubinstein, z"l

June 28, 2018

**Geula Maman**, mother of **Ofir Maman** *June 30, 2018* 

Arthur Rubinstein, husband of Arlene Rubinstein, z"l

August 8, 2018

# September Milestone Anniversaries

**40 YEARS** 

• Mickey and Barbara Black September 30, 1978

25 YEARS

• Rick and Sarah Morrison September 5, 1993

20 YEARS

· Harry Schwartz and Bonnie Miller

September 19, 1998

# October Milestone Anniversaries

**60 YEARS** 

• Richard and Violet Zeitlin October 19, 1958

**45 YEARS** 

• Howard and Susan Buzgon October 28, 1973

**40 YEARS** 

• David and Deb Miner October 29, 1978

35 YEARS

· Arthur Verbit and Beryl Rosoff-Verbit

October 23, 1983

Harvey and EllaRose Steinberg

October 30, 1983

Doni and Melissa Avivi

October 31, 1983

20 YEARS

Robert and Shari Neidich October 3, 1998

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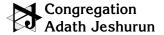
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