

The Long and Winging Road to *Teshuvah*

by Rav Shai Cherry



My Dad’s mother tongue was Jewish. My Dad’s mother’s tongue was pink.


Would you ever say, in English, that you speak *Ivrit* or *Deutsch*? That’s what people do when they call the language that my Dad spoke in the old country Yiddish. (He was born in Rovno which is now in Ukraine.) In that language, the word *Yiddish* means *Jewish*. I am *Yiddish* even though, lamentably, I don’t speak much Yiddish. Much to my Yiddishe mama’s delight, I did marry a Yiddishe *maydel*.

The word *Yiddish* is a transliteration of the Hebrew word *Yehudi* which originally meant *Judean*, someone from the tribe of Judah. The word *Hebrew* is itself a transliteration of the word *Ivri*. The “b” sound and the “v” sound are the same letter (*bet*) that has different pronunciations depending on where it falls in the word, similar to *governor* and *gubernatorial* or *scurvy* and *ascerbic*. The J/Y switch, as in Jewish/Yehudi, Jerusalem/Yerushalayim, and Jeshurun/Yeshurun comes from the German influence on transliteration. The “J” in German is pronounced like the “Y” in English. Alas, when English readers see/pronounce the “J” of German transliterations, we pronounce the “J” with a different sound than the Germans intended, drawing us further away from Hebrew. It was also those Germans who, in order to distinguish between a hard *tav*, like in *Torah*, and a soft *tav*, like in *Shabbat*, came up with the

arbitrary convention of using “th”. That’s why in English we have a *Sabbath*. (In Ashkenazi Hebrew, we say *Shabbes* that indicates the soft *tav*, which we [sometimes] call *sav*.)

On Old Jork/York Road corridor, there is an Adath, a Keneseth, and two Beths. I wonder if Gentiles think that ancient Jews had lisps?

We call Avraham the first Jew, but the Torah actually calls him an *Ivri*. He also begins his literary career not as Avraham, but as *Avram*. *Avram* the *Ivri*. (Do you hear how it is a near rhyme?) So much is lost in transliteration. (*Abraham* sounds *treyf*, and *Hebrew* makes me thirsty.) When you convert *ivri* into a verb, it means *to cross over*. Geographically, Avram crossed the Euphrates on his way to the Land that would become Israel. Theologically, Avram made the transition between the worship of many gods to one. Perhaps the best translation of *ivri* is *trans*.

The month of Elul is upon us. The deadline looms as we each take stock of our transgressions, *averot*. Before one can reorient oneself, the meaning of *teshuvah*, one must acknowledge that one has crossed a line. Acknowledge, regret, and reorient — the three steps of *teshuvah*. Avram the *Ivri* is our role model—he recognized that he was not where he should be, and he broke free from the inertia keeping him there. His story of crossing over to a better place, a more Godly place, is our story. 

Elul is thirty days long, and Yom Kippur is the tenth day of Tishri. So there are forty days from the first day of Elul to Yom Kippur. These forty days have become identified with the forty days of *teshuvah* Moses spent on Mount Sinai. Moses had come down from Sinai with the Ten Commandments only to find the people worshipping the golden calf. He destroyed the calf and punished the people, and then returned to Sinai to fast and pray for forty days. These ended—presumably on Yom Kippur—with God’s act of forgiveness and reconciliation in handing down the second set of tablets with the Ten Commandments. And so, Israel’s first collective

sin was covered over by the first atonement. By identifying this period of Moses’ forty days on the mountain with the period before Yom Kippur, the community encouraged itself to spend these forty days as Moses did—in prayerful study and in trying to hear God’s word and turn their lives around, so that God could again extend a full forgiveness.

(From *Seasons of Our Joy*, by Arthur Waskow)



TESHUVAH

To enable the divine light to shine freely and truly affect the world, man must repent completely out of love. The divine influence upon the world will increase in proportion to the love which motivates the teshuvah. The manner of this teshuvah must include everything — deeds and traits, speech and thought. No good point should be ignored, and whenever any aspect of teshuvah comes to mind, one must hasten to implement it with knowledge and joy, with trust and a depth of faith. [*unpublished writings*]

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ROSH HODESH ELUL

September 1, 2019 1 Elul 5779

SUNDAY MORNING

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

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LABOR DAY

September 2, 2019 2 Elul 5779

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service9:00 AM

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SHABBAT SHOFTIM

September 6, 7, 2019 7 Elul 5779

Light Shabbat Candles.....7:05 PM

AJ WELCOME WEEKEND!

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with K'lei AJ.....6:15 PM
- Back-to-Shul Picnic! (see page 9 for details)

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service9:30 AM
- Our service will return to the Sanctuary and be followed by an extended Kiddush luncheon
- Havurah Service..... 10:00 AM
- The Tischfollowing services

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah7:05 PM

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SHABBAT KI TETZE

September 13, 14, 2019 14 Elul 5779

Light Shabbat Candles.....6:54 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached...6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service9:30 AM
- Bar Mitzvah of*

JACOB REIBSTEIN

Son of

David and Mindy Reibstein

- Havurah Service..... 10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah6:55 PM

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SHABBAT KI TAVO

September 20, 21, 2018 21 Elul 5779

Light Shabbat Candles.....6:42 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service9:30 AM
- Havurah Service..... 10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah6:50 PM
- Seudah Shlishit.....7:15 PM
- Ma'ariv8:00 PM
- Program and Selihot Service8:30 PM

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SHABBAT NITZAVIM

September 27, 28, 2019 28 Elul 5779

Light Shabbat Candles.....6:31 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service9:30 AM
- The Havurah will join the regular service.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah6:35 PM

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH

September 28, 29, 2019 29 Elul 5779

Light Yom Tov Candles6:27 PM

SUNDAY EVENING

- Evening Service.....6:00 PM

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ROSH HASHANAH, DAY I

September 29, September 30, 2019 1 Tishri 5780

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service9:00 AM
- Havurah Service.....9:00 AM
- Family Service 11:20 AM
- Teen Service at AJ 11:00 AM

Light Yom Tov Candles7:34 PM

MONDAY EVENING

- Tashlich Service and Minhah5:30 PM
- Ma'ariv following Tashlich Service

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ROSH HASHANAH, DAY II

September 30, October 1, 2019 2 Tishri 5780

TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service9:00 AM
- Havurah Service.....9:00 AM
- Ceremony of Blessing for Children
- Born Since Last Rosh Hashanah 10:00 AM
- UnRosh Hashanah Service
- (alternative adult service)..... 11:20 AM

TUESDAY EVENING

- Evening Service6:45 PM

FAST OF GEDALIAH

October 1, 2, 2019 3 Tishri 5780

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service7:15 AM

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VAYEKHEL | SHABBAT SHUVAH

October 4, 5, 2019 6 Tishri 5780

Light Shabbat Candles.....6:19 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service9:30 AM
- Havurah Service..... 10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah6:20 PM

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ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY SERVICE

October 6, 2019 7 Tishri 5780

SUNDAY MORNING

- Service at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery..... 10:00 AM
- At Bridge and Walker Streets
- (Also, Sunday Morning Service at AJ, at 9:00 AM)

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YOM KIPPUR

October 8, 9, 2019 10 Tishri 5780

Light Yom Tov Candles6:13 PM

Light candles prior to Kol Nidre Service

TUESDAY EVENING

- Kol Nidre Service6:15 PM
- Havurah Service.....6:15 PM

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service.....9:00 AM
- Havurah Service.....9:00 AM
- Teen Service at Beth Sholom 10:00 AM
- Yizkor approx. 12:15 PM
- Aliyah for Those Traveling to Israel.. approx. 3:45 PM
- Welcoming for Engaged Couples..... approx. 3:45 PM
- (Those getting an aliyah should be at the synagogue no later than 3:15 PM)

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Service Conclusion approx. 7:15 PM
- Break-the-Fast (by reservation only).....
- approx. 7:15 PM

SHABBAT HA'AZINU

October 11, 12, 2019 13 Tishri 5780

Light Shabbat Candles 6:08 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:10 PM
- Followed by "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas"
- Kickoff Event at AJ

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
- Havurah Service 10:00 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 6:10 PM

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SUKKOT, DAY I

October 13, 14, 2019 15 Tishri 5780

Light Yom Tov Candles 6:05 PM

SUNDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv 6:15 PM

MONDAY MORNING

- Sukkot Service 9:30 AM
- Havurah Service 9:30 AM

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SUKKOT, DAY II

October 14, 15, 2019 16 Tishri 5780

Light Yom Tov Candles 7:12 PM

MONDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv 6:30 PM

TUESDAY MORNING

- Sukkot Service 9:30 AM

TUESDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv 6:45 AM

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HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

October 15, 16, 17, 18, 2019 17, 18, 19 Tishri 5780

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY MORNINGS

- Chapel Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

October 18, 19, 2019 20 Tishri 5780

Light Shabbat Candles 5:58 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
- Havurah Service 10:00 AM
- Tot Shabbat Service TBD

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 6:00 PM

HOSHANA RABBAH

October 19, 20, 2019 21 Tishri 5780

SUNDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:00 AM

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SHEMINI ATZERET

October 20, 21, 2019 22 Tishri 5780

Light Yom Tov Candles 5:55 PM

SUNDAY EVENING

- Evening Service at AJ 6:00 PM

MONDAY MORNING

- Morning Service 9:30 AM
- Havurah Service 9:30 AM
- Yizkor Service approx. 11:00 AM

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SIMHAT TORAH

October 21, 22, 2019 23 Tishri 5780

MONDAY EVENING

- Ma'ariv and Family Hakafot 6:00 PM

TUESDAY MORNING

- Chapel Service 9:00 AM

TUESDAY EVENING

- Evening Service 6:30 PM

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SHABBAT BEREISHEET

October 25, 26, 2019 27 Tishri 5780

Light Shabbat Candles 5:48 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
- The Tisch following services

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 5:50 PM

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ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

October 28, 29, 30, 2019 30 Tishri, 1 Heshvan 5780

TUESDAY MORNING

- Chapel Service 7:00 AM

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Chapel Service 7:00 AM

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 September, Monday through Thursday evening, services will be at AJ at 7:00 PM. In the month of October, Monday through Thursday, evening services will be at Beth Shalom (BSC) at 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY EVENING MINYAN

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

SHABBAT HAVURAH SERVICE

The Havurah meets weekly on Saturday mornings in the AJ Library at 10:00 AM, finishing about the same time as the main congregational service. Everyone is welcome! Participation in the service is welcomed, but not required. The Havurah meets sporadically during the summer months. Call the synagogue for more information.

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 the synagogue office at 215.635.6611 for more information.

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What's Happening at AJ

september

3 PRESCHOOL OPENING DAY
Welcome back to school!

6/7 AJ WELCOME WEEKEND
Please join us for a celebratory weekend welcoming Rav Shai and his family and inviting our community Back to AJ. The kickoff Back-to-Shul Picnic/Kabbalat Shabbat with our own musical ensemble K'lei AJ will be followed by a beautiful Shabbat service and delicious lunch on Saturday. See page 9 for details.

7 THE 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.

8 ETGAR'S FIRST SUNDAY SESSION
Back to school at Beth Sholom!

8 JTC'S FIRST SUNDAY SESSION
Back to school at AJ!

10 ETGAR'S FIRST TUESDAY SESSION
Back to school at Keneseth Israel!

10 JTC'S FIRST TUESDAY SESSION
Back to school at AJ!

12 AJ PRESCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
Preschool parents, come to AJ to meet your child's teachers. From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

13 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

15 AJMA OPENING BREAKFAST
Join us for breakfast and to hear David Richman, author of the unique memoir *Wilt, Ike, and Me*. Breakfast at 9:40 AM. Program: 10:10 AM. See page 16 for more info.

21 SELIHOT
Rav Shai will lead a thoughtful Selihot program on "Unrequested Forgiveness." See page 10 for details.

22 AJWA SISTERHOOD OPENING EVENT
AJWA Sisterhood will open their year with a program called "Get to Know Your AJ Sisters"! See page 15 for more details.

23 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB
The Wartime Sisters, by Linda Cohen Loigman.
Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM.
Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

october

6 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.

9 BREAK THE FAST
Break your fast with us on Yom Kippur at approximately 7:15 PM. See page 11 for details.

11 GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SHABBAS?
We'll be kicking off this year's program with a Shabbat dinner at AJ. See page 9 for details.

13 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. 13 to Oct. 17. *Please bag items and tie or bag shoes in pairs. This year, items will be donated to Purple Heart.

13 ANNUAL SUKKAH DECORATING PIZZA PARTY
The entire congregation is invited to join us as we prepare for Sukkot together. 12:30 PM. See page 15 for details. Sponsored by the AJWA Sisterhood.

19 TOT SHABBAT
Bring your little ones for a fun service!

21 SIMHAT TORAH EVENING SERVICE AND FAMILY HAKAFOT
Bring your family and friends to help celebrate Simhat Torah at AJ. 6:00 PM

25 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"
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26 THE TISCH
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Gemar Chatima Tovah

By Judy Stutman Izes,
President of Adath Jeshurun

For the past several months, I have found great comfort in the fact that the High Holy Days are “late” this year. Erev Rosh Hashanah falls on Sunday, September 30. We do not have to rush right from summer into the *Yamim Nora'im*. We can take a breath, get settled into our autumn routines and enjoy (hopefully) a few Eagles’ victories. We hope that cool and crisp temperatures will greet us as we gather for Yom Tov dinners. We have the entire month of September to reflect on our actions during the preceding year, to experience a new awakening each day as we hear the blast of the shofar at morning minyan and to contemplate our *selihot* prayers.

“It’s not **what** you say; it’s **how** you say it.” I occasionally heard those words from my mother after offering a halfhearted apology to one of my brothers. Was I really sorry? Had I thought about the way I had acted and would I try to do better? Reflection and repentance. An apology can be easy to offer but if it does not come from the heart and if it is not accompanied by a sincere desire to try harder, is it worthy of acceptance?

And if an apology is sincere, should it be accepted? In an opinion piece written for the *Washington Post* in July 2015, Deborah Lipstadt offered that “forgiveness is a paramount quality in Jewish tradition. Jewish tradition requires someone who has been wronged to forgive the person who has acted against them. But this is built on the expectation that the “sinner” has acknowledged the wrong tried to “right” it, resolved to never repeat it and then — and only then — turned to the person they have wronged and asked for forgiveness.”

As a congregation, we will raise our voices and daven *Avinu Malkeinu* together. With each recitation, the prayer grows in meaning and intensity. *Our Father, our King, inscribe us in the book of forgiveness and pardon.* On the first day of Rosh Hashanah the mood and tone are set. We are ready for deeper prayer and introspection. When we come to *Neilah*, the words have an even greater sense of intensity and urgency — as the High Holidays come to a close. Our Father, our King, SEAL US in the book of forgiveness and pardon.

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Chani Yondorf, MD and Joshua Stone, MS, LCGC counsel a patient.



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In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

In my last year of cantorial school in New York City, I served as Hazzan at a Conservative congregation in Portchester, NY. Its full name is Kneses Tiferet Israel but everyone there still calls it KTI (Sound familiar, AJ?). Rabbi Alfredo Winter was my first rabbi as a bimah partner. Originally from Montevideo, Uruguay, Rabbi Winter has carried on a family tradition of rabbinical study and practice dating back to 16th century Europe with Rabbi Mordechai Jaffe, also known as the "Levush."

We lost touch for most of the years I served in Detroit (I mean, without Facebook, how could we be in touch?) but soon after taking my position at AJ, it was like we picked right up where we left off. I have especially been honored to be one of the witnesses on the *Beit Din* for the conversions he conducts, which is a passion for Alfredo. He fulfills the dreams of aspiring converts, thereby performing the mitzvah of bringing more people to a life of Torah. Being fluent in English, Spanish, German, Portuguese, and Hebrew, Rabbi Winter is available online and in person for a myriad of people seeking a Jewish conversion course.



Oftentimes, Rabbi Winter has coordinated more than one convert on one day at the *mikvah* which makes it easier and more efficient to assemble a *Beit Din*. Last month, a new record was set. I was blessed to meet and help convert five people in one afternoon. It was a powerful experience filled with awe for these five individuals, each of whom has a unique story with similar threads.

As we near the High Holy Day season, I am acutely aware that many of us resolve to make our lives different in some (often, very personal) way on the 1st of Tishrei just as often as we might on January 1. Four of the five wrote detailed essays about their Jewish journey. I think you will agree that these are moving, meaningful, and perhaps, even inspirational.

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Conversion Essay, by Sarah P. (July 7, 2019)

I grew up in a variety of Christian faiths but when I had reached my early teenage years, I lost my connection to religion, having a hard time connecting to its teachings. However, as I learned more about Judaism and its teachings I felt a strong connection.

I am excited to convert and take this first step in the rest of my life; to continue to grow in my faith through experiences and to study. My fiancé and I plan on moving to Israel at some point in the future in order to be near his family, and I know that it will also add to my understanding of Jewish faith and culture.

I approached my conversion following along with the recommended order. The first section of Jewish peoplehood went over the history of the Jewish people. I was surprised to realize that, in fact, I was not familiar with all of the struggles and perseverance that

the Jewish people have endured and exhibited throughout time. I think learning about Jewish peoplehood leads to a better understanding why being Jewish is both a religion and a culture.

The next section that I studied was Jewish text. What I most appreciate about the Jewish text is the basis that asking questions and even coming up with different answers is okay. It has been completed throughout history and you can look back and study this analysis. This is something I felt was missing before when I was involved in other religions. As an engineer, I appreciate the value of asking questions and the open conversations that follow.

As I am now in the final stages of preparing for my conversion it has been a good experience to reflect back on everything that I have learned. It has been an intensive period of study but I feel prepared to move on to this next stage of my life and am excited to be able to take this step. While I know this is just the beginning of my Jewish journey and developing my Jewish identity, I also know I have grown a lot and I am ready to make my beliefs official through the participation in the *Beit Din* and *Mikvah*.



The Defining Moment, by Caleb K. (July 3, 2019)

For years I would go back and forth about the idea of converting or not. In previous years, I made several distinct attempts to connect to a rabbi and complete my conversion, yet was denied, turned away, or discouraged. Instead of giving up, I just kept following the hunger and kept reading books and accumulating more knowledge. In 2013, one rabbi told me that he couldn't do my conversion because I didn't speak Hebrew. So the following day I found a learning program to start to learn to speak Hebrew.

Where did my Jewish journey begin? Was it my grandmother's bold declaration announcing: "His name is Caleb.?" Or my mother's decision to enroll me in the JCC preschool? Does it start in this lifetime while reading stories from the Torah that felt like my soul's story; or is it just the continuum from the distant past?

I've struggled for years having to explain why I feel Jewish. Then the distinction came to me recently that the conversion is a type of re-birth and that the struggle compares with someone born in a certain body but they feel another way. When they finalize the transition from male to female or female to male, they feel complete and, often, after years of confusion, they feel whole within themselves. This is exactly how I feel while I complete the conversion process. For clarity's sake: I love being a man but I can empathize with everyone feeling they need to make a change to improve their life. Each day as I get closer to the big day where my conversion will be complete, I feel a deeper sense of connection to my true self. Me: Caleb K., a Jew in Heart, Body, and Soul! I'm not perfect, yet my devotion towards the process of self-improvement and getting closer to the Light force of G-D is what keeps me making positive decisions.

I would not have had the courage to surrender to the calling of my soul if it were not for unconditional love, care, and support. The journey is just beginning. I really don't have the words to describe what kind of journey this process has been. I could write many more pages outlining in detail this journey, yet it would not be complete without mentioning that I know for sure this is my first step on an incredible journey.

Conversion Essay, by Karin B. (May 4, 2019)

I was nine years old when my father took me aside to explain that my mother was very ill and would need to be hospitalized quite often. It came to be that over the next four to five years, my mother would be at home, then not at home. . . it could have been a depressing interlude in my childhood, but no, I learned to cope rather well with a foster family.

When my mother was at home, and having a good day, she would talk to me about the Jewish family with whom she was sent to "get her education," she spoke about Shabbos, keeping kosher, and of helping people whenever one could — being generous — and then . . . she was gone. I never knew or met any of my mother's family, but clearly there was a story to tell.

Our neighbors near Manchester in the U.K. were mostly Jews of varying persuasions and they all helped our family. They took me to school, included me in their meals on Friday, and their family activities on Sunday. Still, my guardians sent me to several Christian schools; Church of England, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and all this religious exposure in its various forms confused me. I asked many questions; this is not a good thing to do, apparently, and many of the uncertainties raised about the various tenets of faith remained unanswered.



So I prayed. I confessed my sins and tried to believe in the mystery of it all; I obviously wasn't doing enough. I couldn't put my finger on it exactly; the feeling of being very uncomfortable, but not really knowing why, akin to having one's feet in the wrong shoes. I joined various groups, served on the council, edited the church newsletter. I became a sacristan and lay minister, I became a catechist. In essence, I became a fraud. I was not the person others thought I was. I felt unworthy and guilt-ridden, and the more I delved into this "faith" the more distant I became; G-d was surely having a hard time with me.



Almost two years ago, I made a "clean break" and left this community very suddenly, and instantly knew this was the right thing to do, for I wanted to recover that kindled spark given to me by my mother, and discover more of whatever she had, what she valued and held dear.

The irony of it all is that I have now traced my maternal lineage back to 1650 and it is almost certain that many of my relatives and direct descendants were Jewish, mostly from Czechoslovakia and Germany, but there is also some evidence of Portuguese, Spanish, and Middle Eastern origin. So, here I am after all these years; I am coming home and it feels just great.

Why Convert to Judaism?, by Rebekka Maria H. (July 12, 2019)

My name is Rebekka Maria H. I am 23 years old and I am converting to Judaism because I want to be Jewish and I'll live Jewish my whole life. I had a lot of different steps that eventually led me to the path of a Jewish conversion.

My mum once heard my grandma's brother saying that we are actually Jewish when I was 12 years old. But then he and my grandma refused to talk more about it. My parents started a search for documents but they couldn't find any proof. But this started something that changed my family completely. We began, my family did, to keep kosher, observe Shabbat, and go to a synagogue.

But others didn't consider me Jewish without proper documentation. That is why I started to think about a conversion probably five years ago. I visited a liberal synagogue in Dresden at that time and everything just came so naturally. I loved the Hebrew songs, the *siddur*, the service at the shul, the discussions with the rabbi and the others. But I was always afraid that somebody would point at me while saying, "She is not really Jewish. . . she can't be a part of us, the Jewish nation, or even the synagogue. I knew I needed to convert at some point in my life.

Conversions are very difficult in Germany. Should I be upset because my ancestors burned their documents? Should I despise them because they destroyed their Jewish heritage and never tried to regain it? My grandma once said that we are putting the family in danger again because we are living Jewish again. I still can't understand her but at the same time I can't be mad at my ancestors for surviving. I can't judge them — I don't live in the same oppression and persecution that they had to experience.

What I can do is move forward, and that is what I will do shortly, as a Jew restarting the Jewish continuity of my family.

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We are regularly bombarded with headlines that predict gloom and doom for our Jewish people. I was so grateful that on that day, surrounded by excited people who passionately yearned to be accepted as full-fledged Jews, I was able to suspend that future forecast for a few hours. I felt enormous hope for our future, especially in the Jewish world which is open and inclusive.

From my family to yours, may we all enjoy a good, meaningful year in our families, at our homes and at our precious AJ. 🕊

Announcing Our Simḥat Torah Honorees

Simḥat Torah, Rejoicing with the Torah, is one of the more recent holidays added to the Jewish liturgical calendar. When Maimonides arrived in Old Cairo in the 12th century, he encountered a variety of communities, each with its own Torah reading cycle. By the late Middle Ages, the one that had become normative was an annual reading that began and ended on the second day of Shemini Atzeret, the eighth day of solemn assembly, the concluding festival of Tishri. The book of Deuteronomy is completed and immediately the book of Genesis begun. In contemporary Israel, Shemini Atzeret and Simḥat Torah fall on the same day. We in the Diaspora celebrate Simḥat Torah on the day after Shmini Atzeret.

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

This year, we at AJ honor **Joe Yohlin** as Hatan Torah, and **Gladys B. Bernstein** as Kalat Bereishit.



Joe Yohlin grew up in Elkins Park across the street from AJ, but was a member of Temple Sinai, which eventually moved from West Oak Lane to Dresher. The Yohlins were long-time active members of Temple Sinai. The Gorens belonged to AJ for generations and were also active synagogue members. When Pam Goren agreed to marry Joe, membership at AJ in Elkins Park was “non-negotiable,” according to Pam, even though she and Joe would make their home in Dresher, ironically around the corner from Temple Sinai. The ease of living near his shul was not meant to be, but Joe could never have imagined how the journey from Dresher to his new synagogue home in Elkins Park would change his life.

Joe has been a leader in both the religious and secular communities in a variety of capacities. His reason is simple: He believes in giving back and helping to make the world a better place. Joe has served as President of the Mid-Atlantic Region’s Chairman’s Council of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Vice Chair of the Board of MossRehab, President of the Philadelphia Estate Planning Council, Vice President of the Woodmere Art Museum Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Board of the Abramson Center for Jewish Life.

Some of Joe’s most memorable accomplishments occurred when he served as President of Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Joe’s heart fills with joy and pride each time he sees a member of the Congregation use the handrail or ramp to ascend the bima with confidence and dignity when he or she requires assistance to do so. Those handrails and ramps were added to the bimas in both the Sanctuary and the Chapel during Joe’s presidency, and a *Seder Avodah* for the visually impaired was made available. It was important to Joe to promote a culture of accommodation and inclusion for people with disabilities, and in fact, he referred to others as “temporarily able-bodied” to make the point. The successful Torathon, made particularly special by the acquisition of The Congregation’s Torah, also occurred during Joe’s tenure. The Congregation’s Torah has created an ongoing legacy of contribution to AJ’s Endowment Fund. These are but a few of the many contributions that comprise Joe’s legacy as President of AJ.

When Marshall A. Bernstein z”l asked Joe to take over as Chair of AJ’s Board of Trustees, Joe accepted without hesitation. Marshall was a beloved friend and mentor to Joe, and to be selected by him to assume this position was particularly meaningful. What makes the honor of being the Hatan extra-special is that Marshall’s beloved wife, Gladys, is sharing the honor as the Kallah. To walk down AJ’s aisle with Gladys, whom Joe has known and loved since childhood, is an experience that he will forever cherish.

Joe loves AJ, art, Philly sports, animals, the Grateful Dead, and New York City. He adores his wife, Pam, his daughters, Hilary and Elizabeth, his sons-in-law, Matt and Andrew, and the lights of his life — his grandchildren, Molly, Emily, Logan, and Luca. Joe’s philosophy, in the words of the late great Jerry Garcia, is there’s “nothin’ left to do but smile, smile, smile,” which is fitting for a man who is most grateful for this honor, and for all the opportunities and blessings in his life.



Gladys’ connection to AJ began when her parents, Herman and Florence Bliss, moved from West Philadelphia to West Oak Lane. Once living in her new neighborhood, Gladys entered Wagner Junior High where she became friendly with two students who were AJers. It was through them that her AJ connection was born. Gladys fondly recalls riding the subway with her friends to Hebrew school at the AJ Broad and Diamond location. Without those trips on the subway she may not have met her husband Marshall, whose family was part of the AJ fabric for four generations. As Gladys remembers it, she met

Marshall in 1941, when she was 15, he being a year older. During the early 1940s at AJ, women were given the honor of chanting Megilat Esther on Purim. Marshall was selected to be Gladys’ tutor and so their romance began. They were married six years later in 1947.

Gladys attended the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in early childhood education. In 1948, upon earning her Bachelor of Science degree, Abe Piwowsky, the AJ religious school principal, asked Gladys if she would be interested in starting a nursery school at AJ, located in what was then our suburban facility at 509 Ashbourne Road. Once Gladys accepted the offer, she was able to enroll eight preschoolers. Gladys and an AJ custodian transported the students to the school and home again. Her teaching days concluded with the birth of her first child, Dena, followed by Susan and Jonathan. All three of the Bernstein children became *b’nai mitzvah* and were confirmed at AJ. Gladys is the proud grandmother of five: Jenna Bernstein, Julia Bernstein z”l, Anna Bernstein, Daniel Gordon and Andrew Gordon.

Gladys has been part of our congregational life at AJ in many ways. When Marshall served as AJ’s president from 1960 to 1964, Gladys served on various synagogue committees, as well as the AJ Board of Directors. At one point, she, along with her mother, painstakingly repaired and enhanced by hand, all of the AJ Torah mantles. Over the years, through their involvement with the Federation of Jewish Agencies, Israel Bonds, and AJ, Marshall and she chaired many events and hosted receptions for speakers and artists who visited, including luminaries such as Hubert Humphrey and Itzhak Perlman. In the 1970s, in an effort to bring young people into leadership roles, Gladys and Marshall established the AJ Young Marrieds Group. For many years, this group was hosted in their home. Through the years, Gladys has been a consistent supporter of Torah Fund.

A lasting tribute to AJ and to Gladys and Marshall was the establishment in 1990 of the Bernstein Torah Reading Academy in honor of Marshall’s parents, Robert and Edith Bernstein. Not only have AJ students learned to chant Torah through the Academy, but some of those talented Torah leaders have offered their skills and spread their knowledge to Jewish children in cities across the United States. ❁

President Judy Stutman Izes *Continued from page 5*

For many years, my family davened together at Temple Sinai for the *Neilah* service. We would arrive shortly before the *Amidah* and I would try to position myself next to my father in time for *Avinu Malkeinu*. Although we were somewhat tired and hungry we would sway slightly with the melody, voices even stronger than they had been on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. The entire sanctuary was filled with sound that lifted everyone's soul. Hopeful optimism permeated the room with a sense that the New Year would find each person capable of doing better and able to fulfill vows and promises.

This New Year, 5780, we joyfully welcome **Rav Shai, Rebecca, Tehila, Rina, and Shalev** into our AJ family. We look forward to spending Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur — and the entire year — together at AJ and to davening with Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz.

Our AJ committees have been meeting and planning for the year. If you have not yet done so, please consider sharing your love and enthusiasm for AJ by joining a committee. Your expertise and skills will greatly benefit our community.

My family and I wish you time for quiet reflection. May the memories that fill your heart bring you joy. May you and your families be sealed in the Book of Life for a good and sweet year. *Shana Tov. Gemar Chatima Tovah.* 🕊



**We'll be kicking off this year's
Guess Who's Coming
to Shabbat program
with a Shabbat dinner at AJ!**

Join us on
Friday, October 11
Stay tuned for details.

**Come play Mah Jongg and
meet new friends!**

We meet Wednesday mornings in the AJ Library
from 9:00 AM–12:00 noon.

September dates: 4, 11, 18, and 25
October dates: 2, 16, 23, and 30

For more information,
contact Judy Szekely
at 215.635.8812 or
gszekely3@comcast.net.

ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

Welcome WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7

Please join us at AJ for a celebratory weekend welcoming Rav Shai and his family to the Congregation Adath Jeshurun Community. We'll start with a kickoff Back-to-Shul Picnic/ Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday evening, and follow with a beautiful Shabbat service and delicious Kiddush lunch on Saturday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: BACK-TO-SHUL PICNIC!

Back-to-Shul, ruach-filled Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring our very own musical ensemble, K'lei AJ. A boxed dinner is available for \$10; options include falafel, tuna sandwich, or haloumi salad. Or, bring your own parve or dairy dinner. Ice cream dessert will be provided.

To RSVP and to order a boxed dinner: Please email the AJ office at brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info. Include the number of people and food choices. **Orders are required by Wednesday, September 4.**

The fun will start at **6:15 PM!**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: SHABBAT SERVICE AND KIDDUSH LUNCH.

For the Shabbat morning of our AJ Welcome Weekend, our service will return to the sanctuary and begin at **9:30 AM.**

Before the Sefer Torah is returned to the ark, Rav Shai will premier an original Prayer for Our Country, and Hazzan Glantz will reprise the Prayer for the Congregation that he introduced at the SPEC event in May.

A tisch and festive kiddush luncheon will follow the service.



ABOVE: Some AJers attended the Devotion by the Ocean service on Friday, August 16! From left to right: Ros and Don Waldman, Marge and Ty Steinberg, Dayna and Hazzan Glantz, and Lana and Bernie Dishler. Missing from the picture are Rene and Sheldon Smith, who also davened on the beach!

High Holy Day Reminders

Can and should we forgive those who have made no effort to apologize?



SELIHOT 5779: Unrequested Forgiveness

Saturday, September 21, at AJ

Minhah: 6:50 PM

Seudah Shlishit: 7:15 PM
(including some teaching by Rav Shai)

Ma'ariv: 8:00 PM

Program and Selihot Service: 8:30 PM

For many of us, forgiveness is particularly challenging. Aren't there some violations that preclude forgiveness? According to the *halakha*, the offender must appease the victim. What if the offender is dead? What if we just can't be appeased?

These are difficult questions. But, this Selihot, let's ask something even more difficult. What about unrequested forgiveness? Can and should we forgive those who have made no effort to apologize? Join us as we discuss some fundamental issues of relationships in the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah.

Annual Memorial Cemetery Service

at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery,
1855 Bridge Street near Walker Street

Sunday, October 6, 10:00 AM



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

Orders must be received by **September 23**.
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 30
Tashlich and Minhah begin at 5:30 PM

Start the new year with a clean slate, symbolically casting off the sins of 5779, by tossing pieces of bread into the creek.

High Holiday Food Drive The Mitzvah Food Project needs your help for its 2019 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 29 and October 22**, but we suggest that you bring them with you to **Kol Nidre Services on October 8**. 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.)

PLEASE:

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.
5. NO MATZOH NEEDED!

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
MITZVAH FOOD PROJECT



BREAK THE FAST

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

at approximately 7:15 PM

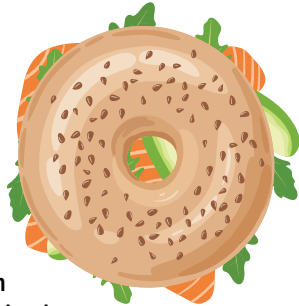
We'll have your favorite
"Break the Fast" fare!

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 27.

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 **MUST** be received by noon on **Friday, September 27!**
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

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number of Adults at \$22 each _____

Number of Children (6 to 10) at \$10 each _____

Amount Enclosed _____

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"Stay Home with Us"



Looking Forward to Sukkot and Simḥat Torah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13:

Family Sukkah Decorating and Pizza Party

The AJWA Sisterhood-sponsored annual event
will begin at **12:30 PM.**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14:

Sukkot, Day I Services

Services will begin at **9:30 AM.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15:

Sukkot, Day II Services

Services will begin at **9:30 AM.**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21:

Shemini Atzeret

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

Family Hakafot

Minḥah, followed by the Family Hakafot, will begin at 6:00 PM.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22:

Simḥat 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 all post Bar or Bat Mitzvah through the end of their High School years...Hazzan Glantz Wants You!

Please join me in co-leading the Minḥah service for the taking out the Torah on Yom Kippur afternoon at approximately 3:45 PM. This particular service returns us to a similar Shabbat feeling, including the melodies and the mood you used at your special service becoming a bar/bat mitzvah.

We will hold one suggested, but not mandatory, rehearsal at 12:30 PM after the kiddush, on Saturday, October 5; that's the Shabbat service between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The parts and choreography are very simple but reviewing them for just 30 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 simply review it by phone a bit.

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!

Minḥah is expected to begin with Ashrei around 3:45 PM on Yom Kippur afternoon, Wednesday, October 9. That's the same Ashrei you already know and we'll lead as a group. 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

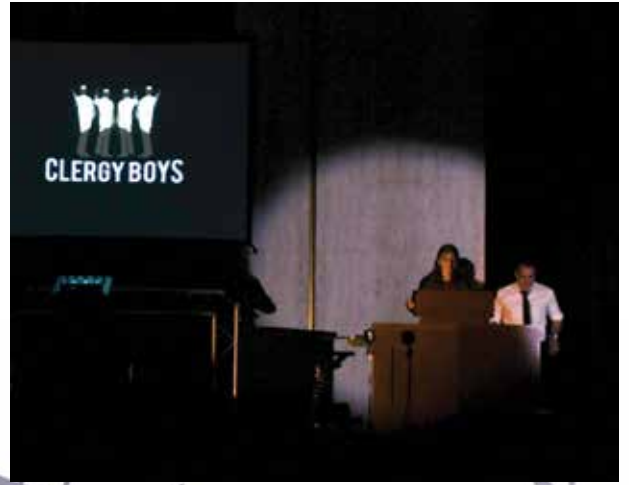


MAY 19, 2019

AJ's 2019 Annual Fundraiser

When we celebrated Hazzan Glantz for 15 years of outstanding service to AJ and the Jewish community!







The Jewish Teen Collaborative — Our Eighth Year

By *Debbie Miner*,
Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative

In the fall of 2011, the Jewish Teen Collaborative began its first year. Eight years later, JTC looks a bit different, but still maintains the core values with which it began.

By 2011, the teens of AJ and Beth Sholom had spent the year together as USYers. The connections were strong and both AJ and BSC felt that the connection could grow stronger if our teens learned together in a supplementary setting rather than as two separate high school programs.

A mission statement was created and it said:

The mission of the Jewish Teen Collaborative is to educate our teens as they develop their Jewish identity. Through a process of formal and experiential education, students will deepen their awareness and appreciation of Judaism and be better able to bring Jewish values and practice to their daily lives both now and in the future.

We value:

- *Mitzvot, tefilah, tikkun olam*, and Israel as cornerstones of our Jewish life.
- Connecting our students' interests to Jewish ideas and values.
- A connection to Jewish community and congregational life.
- Fostering a warm community of peers.
- The acquisition of knowledge, intellectual rigor and openness.
- Opportunities for Hebrew language experience.
- Exploring the past and present to inform our future.

Interestingly enough, as we enter the 2019–2020 school year, this mission statement still rings true for JTC.

Our teens experience both formal and experiential learning — the balance serves to meet the educational needs of all our teens.

Our values remain the same as well. Mitzvot are studied through text and then the lessons are applied in the experiences we have. We connect with tefilah through our monthly Shabbat programs, Israel is a centerpiece of our core curriculum, and we have special programming related to Israel. We embrace Jewish sources as we provide our students with the inspiration and experiences to make the world a better place.

Everything we do at JTC is based on the idea of seeing the world through a Jewish lens. Our daily lives are full of moments that connect to Jewish values. As our teens acquire a new level of knowledge, they come to understand that connection which we hope informs the choices they make.

We have classes for half the year at AJ and half the year at Beth Sholom. This is to maintain a comfort with and a connection to our home congregations, their clergy, and to be able to feel the heartbeat of each sacred space. This does not prevent us from collaborating with other Old York Road high school programs through the year, something we are committed to as it enriches our education.

Our teens have the opportunities for Hebrew language experiences through both formal and informal Hebrew options. Our teachers have been teaching teens for many years both in school and camp settings and they are committed to engaging our teens in meaningful ways.

Eight years later, our mission statement and values still hold true. Our model has changed over the years, but the commitment to our teens remains the same. As the year progresses, look for columns that go into more detail about what is happening at JTC. (If you have any questions about the JTC program, please contact me at JTCdirectors@gmail.com).¹



On August 8, the Israel Scouts Caravan entertained an all-ages crowd at AJ! KleinLife Miontgomery County hosted the group and invited the children at our Camp Kitov to attend.



AJWA Sisterhood

Co-Presidents: Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg

The year 5780 will be a banner year for AJWA Sisterhood. Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg are co-presidents and we have an opening "Get to Know AJWA Sisterhood" event scheduled for **Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 AM** in the AJ library. There are, of course, all the other amazing programs and volunteer opportunities from the Robyn Orodener Book Club, preparing meals for Cook For A Friend, cooking at Ronald McDonald House, Sukkah decorating, and our annual Torah Fund Brunch and Sisterhood Shabbat. We are also planning for some special educational programs which we know will be of interest to all.

Please reach out to us with your AJWA Sisterhood questions or comment at anytime:
Lorna (LSRosenberg28@gmail.com) and Amy (ablum99@gmail.com)

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Torah Fund 2019–2020

Dear AJ Family,

This is 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, "*Chesed* – Lovingkindness," performing acts of kindness without the thought of reward, is so appropriate for the times we live in where kindness seems to be lacking in so many ways. It is such a wonderful word to wear all this year! By contributing to our AJWA Sisterhood Torah Fund Campaign for 2019-2020, you will help to educate and provide scholarships for our future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars who will shape the future of the Conservative Movement.

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 begin a year of *Chesed* together.

Wishing you and yours a happy and kind New Year.

Violet Zeitlin, AJWA Torah Fund Vice President
Merril Stup, AJWA Torah Fund Special Gifts Chair



Bring your gently used clothing, linens and shoes* to AJ! Bins will be on the lower level of the synagogue from **Sunday, October 13 to Thursday, October 17**

*Please bag items and tie or bag shoes in pairs

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



SUKKOT DECORATING AND PIZZA PARTY
October 13, 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.)



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 NEW TIME!** 9:00 to 10:00 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 Orodener Book Club

September's book is *The Wartime Sisters* by Linda Cohen Loigman and we'll meet on **September 23**. Get a start on November's book: *The Dark Room* by Rachel Seifert, so you're ready for our meeting on November 4. **We meet on selected Monday evenings, AJ Library, 7:45 PM**



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. For more information, contact Karen Moses at 215.676.8542 or karedlon@aol.com (please include AJ Stitchers in the subject line).

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

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. Contact Judy Stutman Izes at 267.254.6633 or jpsizes@aol.com for more information.



AJ College Connection Program

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. Open to children of member families only. Please send the following information to Sandra Goldberg at saglp@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.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

AJ Men's Association

President: Ed Moses

Join us on **Sunday, September 15**, for our **Opening Breakfast Program**, when we'll welcome David Richman, author of the unique memoir *Wilt, Ike, and Me*.


During the 1965 NBA season, Wilt Chamberlain moved into 76ers owner Ike Richman's home and suddenly Ike's 16-year-old son, David, got a new roommate — the most famous athlete in the world.

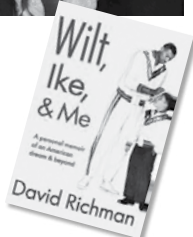
Their daily life took on a normal routine — until game time, when David's casual friend would turn into a mighty superstar, the beloved hero of 10,000 adoring basketball fans. Wilt was at his peak and soon, the Championship was within reach.

However, the enchanted tale takes a tragic turn. Ike suffers a fatal heart attack at courtside, and David's young world is shattered. But unexpectedly, he has some profound, mystical experiences that help restore his spirit.

The morning will begin with minyan at 9:00 AM, followed by breakfast at approximately 9:40 AM, and the program at approximately 10:10 AM.

The cost is \$10 per person at the door (age 13 and under, \$5).

Kindly RSVP to Ed Moses, at karedlon@aol.com, no later than Monday, September 9. 



Adath Jeshurun Men's Association

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

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 2019–2020

Please send your payment before December 31, 2019.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Address _____

Attention Readers!

Do you plan to visit an interesting city, museum or event?

Have you read a great book that you'd like to share with others?

Did a recent experience help you to 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.

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.



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Adath Jeshurun Cemetery

*a resting place with historical significance,
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1855 Bridge Street, Philadelphia, PA

AJ Preschool and Infant Center

Early Childhood Director: Anita Block

Summer at AJ Preschool and Infant Center (a.k.a. Camp Kitov)

The summer program at AJ Preschool and Infant Center, called Camp Kitov, was fantastic! Our children enjoyed exciting weekly themes and special events that were spectacular. A rain-out during our first week changed our trip from Maple Acres Farm to the **Insectarium** where we encountered the many species of insects. We also harvested veggies from our own garden and enjoyed some zucchini bread — yum! **Things that Go** was the theme of our second week and we invited all kinds of trucks to visit AJ for the kids to see up-close and personal. Our children met the local firefighters and climbed aboard the fire engine, squirted the hose, and tried on some heavy hats. The police came with their cruiser and the post office truck showed the children where all the mail is kept for delivery. An ambulance stopped by so the children could see the inside where the emergency crew takes care of injured or sick folks. Ron Block's pick-up truck was a big hit as the kids piled into the pull-out truck bed for a ride inside.

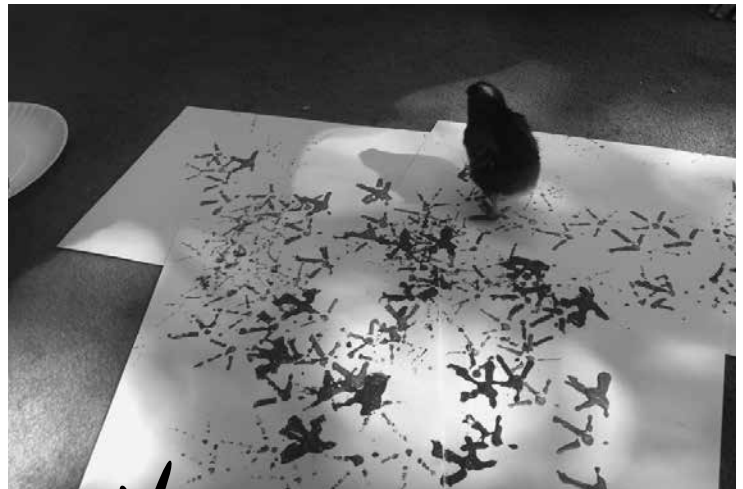
For our **Down on the Farm** theme, **Party Animals Express Petting Farm** featuring the pot-belly pig, Kevin Bacon, and Mitchell, the alpaca, invited the children to pet and feed the goats, chickens, ducks, and turtle. We celebrated the Fourth of July with a **Patriotic Parade** and red, white, and blue popsicles. We explored space and had our own mini planetarium and cardboard rocket ships to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first walk on the moon.

One of our most popular events was the **Dinosaur Adventure** where we followed the footprints that led us to the dino-dig, dino-cookie making, dino-art, and dino-games. Dinosaurs were everywhere including the giant dinosaur sprinkler for water play. Young children love animals and we invited **Quiver Farms** to help us hatch chicks. Fertilized eggs were delivered with an incubator and brooder. We watched every day and then, finally, our chicks were hatched. . . . 12 adorable, fluffy chicks. The excitement was overwhelming. The children played with, fed, and painted with the chicks for one week before we sent them back to Quiver Farms to be with all the other chicks.

Our multicultural experience, **Around the World**, brought the universal language of music to Camp Kitov. Children created and decorated a variety of instruments from drums, to maracas, to tambourines and clackers, in preparation for our visit from **Dende Drumming** where we joined together in rhythmic beats. **Briar Bush Nature Center** mesmerized us with furry friends and reptiles while we checked out our own surrounding area for tiny critters. As a special treat, Klein Life friends and our Camp Kitov campers were entertained by the **Israel Scouts Caravan** for an exciting song and dance experience.

The tenth week of camp was especially fun with **Wacky Week** activities including crazy hat day, pajama-rama, team spirit, and superhero expo. In Camp Kitov tradition, we ended our summer fun with **Carnival Day**. We had lots of games, prizes, and pony rides.

Back to School on September 3 and more fun and adventures await the children at Adath Jeshurun Preschool and Infant Center. 📅



OYR Youth

Teen Engagement Coordinator: Larry ("AJ") Kaplan, MEd, CSCS

Teens and Parents of Teens!

OYR USY reached incredible heights last year winning numerous awards and having the largest delegation at the annual convention. Things are only moving up from here, and we want you to be a part of it. Join us as we have fun, learn, do community service and so much more. If you have any questions, please contact me (Larry Kaplan) at oyr youth@gmail.com or 610.659.2440.

Here is our tentative calendar for the year just to give you an idea of what we're up to:

SEPTEMBER

September 8: OYR Opening Event. Pool party and Eagles game watch party at the Lieberman's.

September 20: Shabbat at the Decker's.

We had over 30 teens last time!

September 28: Mizrach Kickoff event.

More details to follow.

OCTOBER

October events will include a trip to Linvilla Orchards or similar, Shabbat service and dinner, Challahween (we make Challot to bring to a retirement community and share before Shabbat), and LTI.

NOVEMBER

November 9: Pizmon A Capella.

November 15–17: Fall Convention.

November 27: Turkey Trot at Pump It Up!

DECEMBER

December 6: Shabbat Dinner.

December 7: Social Action event. Volunteering at the Emily's Entourage Gala for Cystic Fibrosis.

December 19–26: International Convention in California.

Other events in December will include the annual Hannukah party (date TBD).

JANUARY

January events will include a Shabbat service and dinner, and Lounge Night with Corey.

FEBRUARY

February 6–9: Players. See the show with OYR!

February 21–23: Winter Convention. Hosted by OYR!

February 28: Shabbat Dinner.

MARCH

March 7: Comedy Sportz.

March 8: Community Purim Carnival.

March 14: USY Prom.

APRIL

April events will include a Phillies Game, Shabbat dinner, and Spring Convention (April 17 to 19).

MAY

May events will include our first Scavenger Hunt in the city and the USY Fun Run and, of course, a huge Shabbat dinner!

JUNE

June 5: Shabbat Dinner.

June 14: Closing event at Dorney Park or Six Flags Park.

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

A Parkinson's disease 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. The dates are **September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5.** (There are no meetings in January, February, and March due to the possibility of bad weather.) Contact Suzanne Reichwein at 215.829.7273 or sreichwein@pahosp.com for more information.

LUNCH AND LEARN NOONTIME TORAH Tuesdays, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

The Rabbinical Assembly—Mid-Atlantic Region invites you to join us weekly at noon in AJ's Library 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 a dairy 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.

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

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Class Representatives: Hannah Reich, Roy

Nussbaum, Joseph Covone, Jacob Sasson, Jordan

Lieberman, Lindsay Kasner, Shalom Cuker, Lucy Fassler,

Aaron Leventhal, and YOU! If you're interested in being

a class rep, please let me know.

Attention Teens! Make sure that you are receiving emails from OYRYouth@gmail.com to keep you updated about our award-winning events. Also, follow OYRUSY on Instagram and "friend" OYR USY on Facebook to see the latest information about what the teens of OYR are doing. If you have any questions or want to add your (or your teen's) email address to our mailing list, contact oyr youth@gmail.com.

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:

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 to SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

1 Elul 5779 to 7 Elul 5779

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



Celia Mildred Allen
Emanuel Asher
Louis Bachenheimer
Herbert Baylson
Bella Benedict
Isadore Berman
Charlotte Viner Bernstein
Max Blumberg
Kathe Blumenthal
Rose Bolinsky
Norman Brandeis
Eva G. Brickman
Eva Brint
Carl B. Broad
Ethel Brooks
Giulio Ciotti
Meyer Demp
Nathan Dordick
Reta S. Emerson
Alfred Fleischhacker
Annie Fox
Helen Fox
Phyllis Fox
Dr. Abraham Freedman
Rebecca Freedman
Miriam Frumer
Dr. Morris L. Fuchs
Lena Fyne
Harry Goldiner
Betty Glick Goldstein
Leonard Gottlieb
Louis Gottlieb
Samuel Gottlieb
Max Hawtof
Samuel Heimerling
Howard Hockstein
Muriel E. Hofberg
Frances Loeb Hoffman
Yetta B. Jacobson
Anna Zeeve Jaskan
Kathryn Jaskan
Charles A. Kahaner

Adonna S. Kaplan
Henrietta R. Kustin
Rose Largman
Nathan Lazar
Charles Lemisch
Milu Lemisch
Louis Leonard
Samuel S. Levitt
Gabriel Lowenthal
Benjamin Mark
Florence Masarsky
Elizabeth Max
Samuel Mechanic
Morris A. Meyer
Herman Miller
Matilda L. Newman
Ida Piwoz
Benjamin Podell
Jerry Polin
Florence Hirsch Rosen
Mollye Rosenblatt
Golda (Katie) Rothbard
Libbey Riva Rudolph
Harry N. Sacks
Michael David Schwartz
Irvin Sklar
Isidor A. Smith
Suzanne U. Snyder
Jean Spitzer
Gloria Stein
Bertha Stern
Charles Trechan
Isadore Triebwasser
Jean Weinstein
Albert Weiser
Ada Wertheimer
Louis Wilderman
Leanore Wilgard
Fanny Wollenberger
Morris Yuter
Irving Zaslow

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 to SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

8 Elul 5779 to 14 Elul 5779

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



Freda Altman
Sophia S. Axelrod
George Berman
Esther Blank
Fannie L. Bloch
Byron Blum
Molly G. Blumstein
Todd Chaefsky
Goldie Davidson
Philip Fidelman

Ella Loewenstein Ginns
Joseph Goodman
Ena Guggenheim
Louis Hoffman
Bella Jacobson
Warren Josephs
Jacob Korostoff
Samuel Kushner
Frances Layman
Julius Leventhal

Nettie Levit
Nate Levy
Bessie London
Rose Lynn
Louis Marshall
Martin W. Mellman
Freda H. Mellman
Aaron E. Miller
Harry Minkoff
William M. Moldawer
Sylvan Muchnick
Paul M. Myers
Mary Nahon
Bella (Bayla) Neiman
Edward Newman
Selma Nones
Elias Oberfeld
Judith Rose Picard
Lena Pleet
Louis Polin
Minnie Stern Ronkin

Maurice Rosen
Jacob Salamon
Rubin Schwartz
Flo Shapiro
Max Silberman
Sylvia Sorkin
Herman Spiller
Harold Steerman
Adelaide R. Stein
Irwin Marvin Sussman
Charles Sustin
Pauline Turon
Bernard M. Verlin
Sadie Wagman
Harry A. Warshaw
Samuel Weinberg
Alice Dobnoff Weiner
Louis Wernick
Rose Wilderman
Johanna Yorish

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 to SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

15 Elul 5779 to 21 Elul 5779

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



Solomon Aarons
Rose Abrams
Joseph Aion
Marvin Allanoff
Morris Arkans
Minna Beck
Harris Becker
Sophie L. Beilan
Martin M. Berger
Anna Bernstein
Lenore Steinberg Bernstein
Robert E. Bernstein
Calvin Blankfield
Milton Braveman
David Jerome Carmosin
David Chernick
Hilda Cohen
William Eckstein
Benjamin Ellman
Herbert B. Fogel
Alfred E. Garfinkel
Edward Golden
Ben Goldhirsh
Malka Dacks Goldmann
Hattie Grosswald
Harry Harris
Samuel Heidelberger
Betty Hoffman
Richard A. Jaffe
Maurice J. Kass
Else Roer Kaufmann
Selma Kimmelman
Nathan Kirschbaum
Anna Klein

Israel Klein
Leopold Klein
Miriam Lebowitz
Leon Leowenheart
Benzion Levin
Frances London
Bernard Mandel
Fannie Marks
J. Aaron Meyer
Edward Muchnick
Mollie Newman
Nellie Newman
Morris Nitzberg
Isadore M. Ostrum
Harry Platowsky
Joel C. Podell, D.O.
Israel Rechtman
Raymond Saltzman
Justin S. Scheinberg
Jacob Selbst
Shirley Shapiro
Abram J. Sherman
Solomon J. Silberman
Clara Simon
Sarah Smith
Richard Alan Sonnenfeld
Jacob Stein
Leonard Julius Stein
Sophie Stein
Nathaniel Whiteman
Ruth Witman
Nettie Wolf
Dr. David Zipin

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 to SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

22 Elul 5779 to 28 Elul 5779

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



Nathaniel Aarons
Lillian Ackerman
Esther Benedict Bahoff
Isadore Barenbaum
Phyllis Helen Bedrick
William Berkowitz
Maxine Bernstein
Benjamin Birnbaum
Isaac Bloch
Isaac Borgenski
Abraham Bornstein
Paul Breslow
Freda Robinson Cohen
Rosa Cohen
Samuel Cohen
Eva Cohn
Pauline Ellis Cramer
Charles Daroff
Anna Gaber
David Gichner
Eva Goldman
Dr. Benjamin Goodis
Rose Gorfain
Hugo Hartman
Samuel Heidelberger
William Saul Hunn
Herman E. Jacoby
Helen Jaffe
Edward Alan Jaskan
Sara Ann Kirsh
Frank Leonard

Harry Levin
Wolf Levinson
Lester M. Lipschutz
Simon Makransky
David S. Molod
Cyril B. Myers
Melvin J. Nadel
Roslyn Neidich
Albert Nemez
Katie Nemir
Louis Newman
Harry Newmayer
Yetta Orlean
Samuel Peyser
Henry Pfander
Ben Rayman
Edith Rosen
Lena Rothstein
Barbara B. Rubenstein
Renee Rubin
Elizabeth Sluizer
Rebecca Snader
Ray Steinlauf
Julia L. Stern
Sylvia Titman
Rachel Tubis
Harry Warren
Dorothy Wax
Dorothy Shuman Weber
Sarah Pepp Winegrad

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 to OCTOBER 5, 2019

29 Elul 5779 to 6 Tishri 5780

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



Rebecca Abrams
Jennie Alkus
Fannie Barash
Alexander Barenkopf
Michael Baylson
Nathan Benedict
Lillian Levitt Berman
Sophie Bernstein
Minerva Bilick
Pearl Blitstein
Sylvan Braun
Harry Brest
Betty Stern Buchman
Nathan Chacker
Harry Cohen
Lena Cohen
William M. Dattner
Kitty Deckter
Mildred W. Demchick
Mae Elster

Jeanne Fine
Samuel Fisher
Stella Frank
Louis Freemer
Charles Glashofer
Jacob Goodman
Samuel Edwin Goren
Kate Green
Joseph L.W. Greenbaum
Samuel J. Greenberg
Carrie Gunther
Joseph S. Halpern
Morris Halpern
Rose Platowsky Harfman
Morris Hollander
Pearl Hopen
Eva G. Hunn
Louis Hyman
Charles B. Jacoby
Solomon Kahn

Seymour Kalos
Minnie Kantor
Samuel Kauffman
Morris Kleinman
Lazar Hersch Kleit
Anna Mandel Korman
Herbert David Kornstein
Herman Landis
Fannie Lemisch
Selma E. Lemisch
Esther Lertzman
Hyman D. Levin
Albert A. Light
David Lipman
Rebecca Medoff
Myra Steiger Oswald
Gita Faga Pasternack
Morris Perlstein
Adolph Platowsky
Ernest Paul Plavcan
Richard S. Pollock
Samuel Rubin
Barbara B. Rubenstein
Celia Buckley Salkin
Abraham Schneeberg

Harvey Schwartz
Roslyn Schwartz
Bessie Seinfeld
Philip Shalevitz
Rose Shumelman
William Meyer Singer
Paul Sloan
Samuel C. Sonnenfeld
Anna Stein
Morris Stein
Martha Deborah Stern
Sophia Stern
Rudolph Sternberg
Dr. Morris G. Tracer
Sarah Torrens
Helen Turoff
Les Vizak
Dr. Richard F. Weiss
Stanley Judah Weiss
Sally Weller
Sophie Winokur
Abraham Witz
Rebecca Wolkin
Anita Yuter
Minnie Zucker

ROSH HaSHANAH, DAY I

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 to SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

1 Tishri 5780

To be read on Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30



Harry Brest
Lena Cohen
Carrie Gunther
Morris Halpern
Lazar Hersch Kleit
Herbert David Kornstein
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 30, 2019 to OCTOBER 1, 2019

2 Tishri 5780

To be read on Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1



Jennie Alkus
William M. Dattner
Kate Green
Samuel Kauffman
Richard S. Pollock

William Meyer Singer
Paul Sloan
Sophie Winokur
Abraham Witz

OCTOBER 6, 2019 to OCTOBER 12, 2019

7 Tishri 5779 to 13 Tishri 5780

To be read on Friday, Oct. 11 and Saturday, Oct. 12



Pauline Abrams
Henrietta Alkus
Charles Anshel
Frances R. Bahoff
Alter Baron
Bella Berg
Anna Hinda Bernstein
Israel Bless
Leonard Block
Mathilda Block
Morton E. Block
Philip Bortnick
Herman A. Brav

Dr. Joseph Bregman
Bessie Brown
Sylvia Hoffman Burman
Israel Hersh Caplan
Albert Cherry
Anne P. Cohen
Joseph Cohen
Nathan Cooper
Charles Davidson
Hyman Elfman
Flora K. Epstein
Doris Felzer
Abraham Fleisher

Paul Frankel
Isador B. Freed
Philip Glashofer
Aaron A. Gold
Jacob L. Goldberg
Lionel Goldhill
Abraham Goldman
Annie Goldman
Charles Goldman
Jack Goldstein
Joseph Goldstein
Elizabeth Green
S. Alexander Harzenstein
Frances H. Hertz
Dr. Maurice S. Jacobs
Beth Ellen Kirkel
Saul W. Klasky
Morris Kleiner
Lee Koppelman
Arnold Baer Krupnick
Mamie Lavine
Estelle Leibovitz
Betty Levin
Bert Levy
Michael Lichter
Benjamin Loewenstein
Hyman Menduke
Mary Moos
Abraham S. Nahon

OCTOBER 13, 2019 to OCTOBER 19, 2019

14 Tishri 5780 to 20 Tishri 5780

To be read on Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19



Gilda Abramson
Jacob S. Bahoff
Donald Arthur Beck
Aaron Beildeck
Nat Bekoff
Joseph Bloch
Milton Brooks
Fannie Buten
Albert Joseph Caplan
Sarah Carmosin
Ida Dissin
Jerome Fox
Harry David Friedman
Theodore Friedman
Martin Friedman
Ruth Virginia Glashofer
Stuart M. Godfrey
Philip M. Godfrey
Mollie Goldberg
Miriam Pivovoz Goodman
Jacob J. Grabosky
Morris Gradwohl
Harry Greenberg
Milton Greenfield
Helen Grunthalt
Howard Ingber
Sydney Joy Jaffe
Max Kauffmann
Blanche Korson
Jacob D. Lazaroff
David Louis Lewis
Morris L. Lichtman
Robert E. Lipschutz
Isaac L. Lipschutz
Sonia Lipton
Dr. Neil Mogil

Phillip Newman
Hermann Obermayer
Florence B. Oliensis
Marcus Perlstein
Egon Podel
Huldah Leah Price
Milton H. Reisman
Franklyn Rettig
Hannah Richmond
Sarah Rosenberg
Dr. Sidney Rosenblatt
Joseph Rosenblum
Samuel Rosenthal
Alvin Russakoff
Dr. Robert Russakoff
Sarah Sacks
Michael Schneider
Joseph Louis Schwartz
Ida Sillman
Moses Aaron Slonimsky
Gussie Solomon
Max Staub
Irving I. Steinberg
Herman Taylor
Fannie Tracy
Clara Walton
Herman Weinberg
Isaac Austin Wolfe

SUKKOT, DAY I

OCTOBER 13, 2019 to OCTOBER 14, 2019

15 Tishri 5780

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



Nat Bekoff
Jacob J. Grabosky
Sydney Joy Jaffe
Ida Rifkin
Victor Schiller
Dora C. Schlesinger

Irwin Silow
Julia Mechanic Simon
Nettie Spieler
Lenore W. Stein
Cecelia Sklar Binder Sternberg
Benjamin Zitin

SUKKOT, DAY II

OCTOBER 14, 2019 to OCTOBER 15, 2019

16 Tishri 5780

To be read on Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15



Gilda Abramson
Joseph Bloch
Albert Joseph Caplan
Theodore Friedman

Milton Greenfield
Alfred Potter
George B. Rosenthal
Harry Wigder

OCTOBER 20, 2019 to OCTOBER 26, 2019

21 Tishri 5780 to 27 Tishri 5780

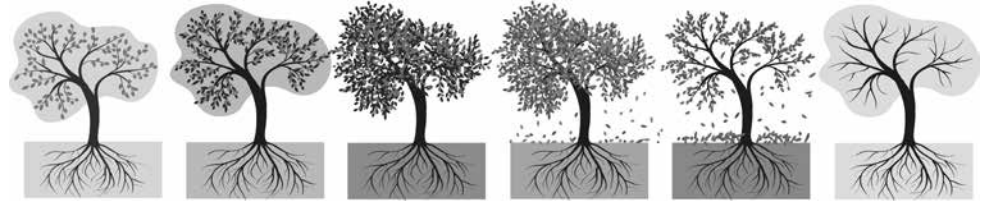
To be read on Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Oct. 26



Rose Aaron
Maurice Abramson
Rose Applebaum
Nathan Barow
Isaac Beildeck
Samuel M. Bernstein
Dr. Cindy Jo Bix
Louis Blank
Harry Bloch
Edward Blumberg
Elizabeth Brandschain
Marcus Buschel
Fannie Carmosin
Ruth A. Chosiad
Phillip Daniel
Fay Davis
Rachel Leah Feigenbaum
Bernard Joseph Feld
Estelle P. Freeman
Sarah G. Fuller
Bertha Goff
Horace Goldhammer
Alexander Ziskind Goldstein
Morton Goren
Rebecca Gradwohl
Israel C. Green
Carrie Gross
Leon O. Halin
Gabriel Harris
Henry Herz
Herman Hessler
Sophie Shawmut Hoffman
Arthur A. Jacobs
Frances S. Kane
Herman Isadore Kass
Esther Kohlman
Nancy Kuh
Ruth Lecoff

Morty Liss
Edith L. Loeb
Ada Manusov
Minerva Markowitz
Michael Maslin
Jacob Mayer
Phyllis R. Miller
Renee Mogil
Jacob Moskowitz
Fannie Nicetude
Harry J. Pasternak
David Polsky
Alexander Price
Benjamin S. Richman
Rosa Rosenberger
Anne Rothberg
Esther Rubin
Samuel Sachs
Yani Samsky
Edis Schwartz
Abraham I. Sherman
Luba Shnaper
Morris Shuman
Hannah Sickles
Samuel Sobel
Maurice Spector
Joseph Stein
Rose Stone
Henry Strauss
Anna Sustin
Lena Syk
Jacob Weinberger
Samuel Weinroth
Florence Krauser Weiser
Naomi Whiteman
Samuel Wiesenthal
Milton R. Wikler
Ruth Wilf

OCTOBER 27, 2019 to NOVEMBER 2, 2019
 28 Tishri 5779 to 4 Heshvan 5779
 To be read on Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2



The Seasons of Our Lives

David Aaron
 Samuel Robert Beckett
 Lillian Berger
 Katie Bergman
 Benjamin Berison
 Jean Blankfield
 Paul Breen
 Alexander Z. Brister
 Jacob Leon Brown
 Morris Chalphon
 Hannah Dannenberg
 Fay Dash
 Stanley Davidoff
 Mildred D. Edelman
 Minnie Edelson
 Celia B. Elkins
 Nellie F. Essrig
 Belle Goldman Feigenbaum
 Marvin Felkoff
 Isreal I. First
 Marion Getzik
 Anne S. Harris
 Max Hirsch
 Harry Hirschberg
 Esther Leah Jacobson
 Eric Kamin
 Rose Katz
 Lewis Klein
 Hyman Lashinsky
 Dr. Richard Allen Lazar
 Abraham Leonard

Harry I. Levine
 Jack Lisman
 Liesl Joseph Loeb
 Josephine R. Lyons
 Harry Markovitz
 Esther G. Metz
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 Jacob Y. Orlick
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 Esther L. Podolyn
 Esther Popowich
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 Ethel Sarner Romain
 Morris Rosenbaum
 Joseph Henry Schoenfeld
 Dusha Schwartz
 Iris Lee Schwartz
 Rose Scolnick
 Sara Belle Spector
 Emanuel Speier
 Jacob Stern
 Carole Ellen Strug
 Max Stup
 Joseph Tapper
 Reba Thomas
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Engagements

Gabe Miner, son of **David and Debbie Miner** and **Rachelle Grossman**, daughter of **Ron Grossman and Cheryle Hart**, are engaged to be married.

Hannah Leah Spiegel, granddaughter of **Gladys Steinslofer**, is engaged to **Philip Richard**.



Deaths

Pansy Grand, mother of **Dr. Jeffrey Grand (Lucia Tono)**
 July 16, 2019

Dr. Conrad E. Chalick, father of **Dr. Beth Chalick-Kaplan (Dr. Elon Kaplan)**
 July 31, 2019

September Milestone Anniversaries

- 35 YEARS**
 • **Sanford and Rosalind Schiller** September 23, 1984
30 YEARS
 • **Barry and Lillian Slotkin** September 9, 1989
25 YEARS
 • **Eric and Beth Bell** September 25, 1994

October Milestone Anniversaries

- 30 YEARS**
 • **Donald Liss and Barbara Bix** October 29, 1989
20 YEARS
 • **Barton and Andrea Pasternak** October 10, 1999
15 YEARS
 • **Sean and Helene Epstein** October 4, 2004

Kol HaKavod

to our June and July
 Torah and Haftarah Readers

<i>Rabbi Sandi Berliner</i>	<i>Rabbi Barry Kenter</i>
<i>Michelle Britchkow</i>	<i>Anna Leventhal</i>
<i>Lucy Fassler</i>	<i>Pam Maman</i>
<i>Robert Friedman</i>	<i>Jacob McAfoos</i>
<i>Howard Gershman</i>	<i>Larry McAfoos</i>
<i>Hazzan Howard Glantz</i>	<i>Susan Novack</i>
<i>Mindy Goldstein</i>	<i>Lorna Rosenberg</i>
<i>Jacob Hartman</i>	<i>Rabbi Murry Silberman</i>
<i>Leah Hartman</i>	<i>Morey Smerling</i>
<i>Mervin Hartman</i>	<i>Ed Strauss</i>
<i>Robert Hartman</i>	<i>Marcia Webber</i>
<i>Sam Hartman</i>	<i>Leah Zebovitz</i>
<i>Judy Stutman Izes</i>	<i>Tammy Zebovitz</i>
<i>Elon Kaplan</i>	

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Saturday, September 21**

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