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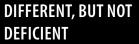


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Vote Jewish Values

by Rav Shai Cherry



While our preference would be to gather in the majestic Adath Jeshurun sanctuary to daven together, this year, High Holy Days services will be held virtually via Zoom. This will allow us to see the faces of dear AJ friends as we daven from separate spaces. See pages 6 through 8 for programs that are designed to help us connect and experience the High Holy Days to their fullest.

President Judy Stutman Izes

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In traditional Judaism, judges vote; laymen don't.

Judaism historically has been suspicious of passions. Shimon ben Zoma defined strength as the ability to conquer one's passions. The Rabbis saw all too clearly that not everyone was equally strong. Thus, rather than a democracy, Rabbinic Judaism is a sophocracy, government by the (rabbinically defined) wise. Elections

are determined by some sort of majority (or plurality), but how does one become selected to be a sage? Keep in mind that a sage in Judaism is basically a judge.

The Torah is of two opinions on the issue. The first description of the judicial system is suggested by Moshe's father-in-law, Jethro. "Seek out from among all the people capable men who fear God, trust-worthy men who spurn ill-gotten gain—let them judge the people" (Ex. 18:21). For Jethro, it's all about honesty, integrity, and piety.

In the book of Deuteronomy, Jethro is erased. Moshe takes all the credit for coming up with the idea of judges and the criteria for selection. (That's not very honest, is it?!) Here's what Moshe says: "Pick from each of your tribes men who are wise, discerning, and experienced." The sophocracy was born! Once those men were chosen, he instructed them as follows: "Hear out your fellow men, and decide justly between any man and a fellow Israelite or a stranger. You shall not be partial in judgment: hear out low and high alike. Fear no man, for judgment is the Lord's" (Dt. 1:13-17). Moshe incorporates Jethro's advice within a pool of previously selected wise men. Judgment must be built on wisdom and knowledge. The problem is that once they're judges, they can ignore Moshe's instructions with impunity. And since they weren't chosen for their honesty, they just might.

In Jethro's model, you choose pious men. In Deuteronomy, you start with wise men, and instruct them to be pious. The Rabbis relied on Deuteronomy because of its explicit emphasis on knowledge, which they understood as Torah knowledge. Without Torah knowledge, a judge may err through ignorance. But the Rabbis were clearly uncomfortable with Deuteronomy alone, so they did a midrashic merge with Jethro's criteria.



They interpreted Deuteronomy's "you shall not be partial in judgment" not as instructions to the judges but as a demand upon those who select the judges. The political figure who appointed judges in Babylonia at the time of the Talmud was called the exilarch. On occasion, the Rabbis found the exilarchs partial to their own interests, i.e., corrupt. In this rabbinic reading (midrash), the exilarch is commanded by God to not be partial in selecting judges who will be beholden to the exilarch's interests above that of the Torah's. Sound familiar?

In the forthcoming election, we will choose the president entrusted with appointing judges. The elections, though not in Pennsylvania, will also help determine the congressional body overseeing the president's judicial nominees to ensure they are people of integrity. The Rabbis were suspicious of allowing "the people" so much power and responsibility. We are not prophets, said the Rabbis, only children of prophets.

Judaism can help us at the ballot box if we ask ourselves: Who is the presidential candidate who will choose judges based on virtue and intelligence? According to the 13th-century author of *Sefer HaHinuch*, there is one more criterion. A judge should also have "a fearless heart to rescue the oppressed" as did Moshe when he stood up to the Midianite shepherds and saved Jethro's daughters. A judge must embody fearless compassion.

Judaism is political, and in November our democracy gives us the gift of voting our Jewish values to influence the policies of the United States.

Service Schedule

SHABBAT KI TA	AVO	SUNDAY EVENING		SUKKOT, I	DAY II
September 4, 5, 2020	16 Elul 5780	Tashlich at AJ	6:00 PM	October 3, 4, 2020	16 Tishri 5780
Light Shabbat Candles	7:08 PM	• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv via Zoom	6:45 PM	Light Yom Tov Candles	7:19 PM
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• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom	6:15 PM	FAST OF GEDAI	IIAU	• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv via Zoom	6:30 PM
SATURDAY MORNING		September 21, 2020	3 Tishri 5781	SUNDAY MORNING	
• Shabbat Morning Service via	Zoom9:30 AM		3 1131111 3701	 Sukkot Service via Zoom . 	9:30 AM
SATURDAY AFTERNOON		MONDAY MORNING		SUNDAY EVENING	
• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via	a Zoom7:10 PM	 Morning Service via Zoom 	/:20 AM	• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv via Zoom	6:45 AM
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LABOR DAY	1	HA'ZINU SHABBAT	SHUVAH	HOL HAMOED	CHKKUT
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SHABBAT NITZAVIM	VAYALEH	 Shabbat Morning Service via 	Zoom9:30 AM	HOSHANA R	ABBAH
September 11, 12, 2020	23 Elul 5780	SATURDAY AFTERNOON		October 8, 9, 2020	21 Tishri 5781
Light Shabbat Candles	6·56 PM	• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via	a Zoom6:35 PM	FRIDAY MORNING	
FRIDAY EVENING		•••		Morning Service via Zoom	9:00 AM
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at AJ and via Zoom		In light of restrictions due to COVID		•••	
SATURDAY MORNING		visit the AJ cemetery are invited to		SHEMINI A	TZERET
 Shabbat Morning Service via 	Zoom9:30 AM	basis this year. Feel free to go by you		October 9, 10, 2020	22 Tishri 5781
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September 18, 2020	1 Tishri 5781	September 27, 28, 2020	10 Tishri 5781	 Yizkor Service via Zoom… 	approx. 11:30 AM
•		Light Yom Tov Candles	6:30 PM	•••	
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October 17, 18, 19, 2020 30 Tishri, 1 Heshvan 5781
SUNDAY MORNING
• Morning Service via Zoom 9:00 AM
MONDAY MORNING

SHABBAT NOAH

October 23, 24, 2020	6 <u>H</u> eshvan 5781
Light Shabbat CandlesFRIDAY EVENING	5:50 PM
• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom	6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING	
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SATURDAY EVENING	
 Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoo 	om 5:50 PM

SHABBAT LEKH-LEKHA

October 30, 31, 2020	13 <u>H</u> eshvan 5781
Light Shabbat Candles	5:41 PM
FRIDAY EVENING	
 Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom 	6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING	
 Shabbat Morning Service via Zo 	oom 9:30 AM
SATURDAY EVENING	
• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Z	Zoom 5:50 PM

DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday	v through	Thursday		7:00 PM	ĺ
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Until further notice, all services will be conducted via Zoom.

SHABBAT HAVURAH SERVICE

In "normal" times, the Havurah meets weekly on Saturday mornings in the AJ Library at 10:00 AM, finishing about the same time as the main congregational service. Until the building opens, the Havurah will join the Zoom service.



Shanah Tovah Umetukah— 5781

By Judy Stutman Izes, President of Adath Jeshurun

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes How do you measure, measure a year?

Poetic license allows me to use this beautifully articulated measure of time from the Broadway musical, "Rent," in reference to the Hebrew calendar. While the song refers to the passage of time in a full year, it seems as if five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes have gone by since mid-March. So much has happened, so much has not happened, and so very much has changed.

In daylights, in sunsets
In midnights, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife
In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, a year in the life?

I suspect that many people are like I am in that they truly enjoy routine and familiarity. Something to give life a sense of balance and order. I have been blessed to have worked at the same law firm since May 8, 1989. Our administrative assistant started before I did—on 8-8-88. One of the other attorneys began in March of 1990 and the "new" attorney was hired in December 2004. When I left my office at the end of the day on Tuesday, March 17, I had no idea that my daily routine would be disrupted for such an extended period of time.

Due to COVID-19, suddenly, there was no routine. No dropping Rebecca at school each morning. No commute to the office. No client conferences, depositions, or hearings. No differentiating one day from the next. It became increasingly difficult to measure time.

At AJ, the COVID-19 shutdowns translated into a much scaled-down Purim and ultimately cancellations and postponements of mitzvahs, celebrations, weddings, lunches, and meetings. All of the thoughtful and well-planned Passover offerings and activities as well as the SPEC event have been tucked away and stored for next year.

When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.

 Psychiatrist and existential philosopher Viktor E. Frankl, M.D., Ph.D.

And change we did, thanks to the ingenuity and hard work of Rav Shai, Hazzan Glantz, Amy Devine-Stretch, Beryl Rosoff-Verbit, Marjorie Trager, Ilana McAfoos, Calvin Thompson, Debbie Miner, Anita Block, Rachel Palitto, the flexibility of our AJ community and a little help from our new best friend—Zoom. Although we could not gather together at Old York and Ashbourne Roads, we gathered together from our homes, in small squares on a screen, giving us a peek into each other's houses and lives outside of AJ. We sometimes caught a glimpse of a dog or cat or a beautiful collection of books or artwork, or a virtual background into which we would sometimes blend. The familiar daily minyan and Shabbat services could be streamed into our living rooms allowing us to continue to daven together as a community. The comforting routine of prayer at daily minyan and on Shabbat brought a sense of order, comfort, and peace when the world seemed out of order. And it allowed our AJ community to remain a community.

Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, or mend a broken bridge, or rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will.

- Abraham Joshua Heschel

We have comforted each other from afar—at funerals and shiva minyans—and we celebrated virtually at a b'nai mitzvah, aufruf, birthdays, and anniversaries. In July, we celebrated Rav Shai's one year anniversary at AJ, not in the way we would have liked with a wonderful vegan lunch, but in the way that we could, with an Aliyah and words and song.

Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.

- Viktor E. Frankl, M.D., Ph.D.

Planning for this High Holiday season began as Pesah ended. COVID-19 compelled us, in April, to question whether we would be able to daven safely together in person in our sanctuary in September. The question was debated and discussed and ultimately a decision was reached after careful consideration for the health and well-being of our community.

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What's Happening at AJ

september

O PRESCHOOL OPENING DAY

Welcome back to school!

○ BEEKEEPER PRESENTATION

Meet Nicholas, a local beekeeper who runs Bee Happy Honey Hives & Supplies in Elkins Park. He will talk to us about how beekeeping works, the importance of bees, and the different products that are created from beekeeping like honey and candles. 7:45 PM. See page 7 for more details.

HEALING SERVICE WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ
Hazzan Glantz is offering a healing service on selected
Thursdays, at 6:15 PM. (Via Zoom)

11 LAST DAY TO ORDER LULAVIM AND ETROGIM FOR SUKKOT!

Call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611 to order. Small, \$40; Large, \$48.

11 DRIVE-IN STRINGS ATTACHED WITH ONEG UNDER THE STARS

Please reserve your space for a very special musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service. You may sit in your car or bring beach chairs (and sit in your assigned area) and enjoy the beautiful evening. After the service, we will have a lovely dairy Oneg Shabbat (socially distanced, of course) Reservations are a MUST, by Sept. 1.7:00 PM.

12 SELIHOT 5780:
REMINDING OURSELVES OF WHAT WE KNEW

Join us for a conversation to stimulate our thinking about racial justice. It will serve as the springboard for a series of workshops this coming year designed to increase our understanding and help us be better allies. Minhah at 7:00 PM; program and service at 9:00 PM. See page 6 for more details.

13 SHOFAR WORKSHOP

Learn how to blow the shofar with our own Bal Tokeah
Robert Hartman and Rav Shai. 7:45 PM—9:00 PM (Via
Zoom). See page 9 for more details.

HIGH HOLIDAYS POETRY SLAM

Poetry, coffee, and inspiration. Join us for a poetry hour to focus your thoughts for the High Holidays. The theme is renewal/repentance/reinvention. Recite a poem of your own or bring one to share, or just come to listen and enjoy. 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Via Zoom) See page 7 for more details.

15 ADULT ED: INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM Taught by Rav Shai. Final session. 7:45 PM. (Via Zoom)

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WORKSHOP: WRITING YOUR OWN AL CHETS

This workshop is for those who want to take advantage of the Jewish calendar's invitation for *cheshbon nefesh*, a spiritual reckoning. This workshop is our opportunity to craft our own litany with the help of our tradition, our community, and some contemporary examples to stimulate our own thoughts. 7:45 PM (Via Zoom) See page 7 for more details.

17 ROUND CHALLAH BAKING CLASS

Create your dough earlier in the day or the night before and log in to Zoom with Rachel Palitto to learn how to braid your dough into a round challah shape for Rosh Hashanah! 7:45 PM. See page 6 for more details.

HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

During the High Holy Day period (September 19 through October 12) we will be collecting nonperishable food items for Federation's 2020 High Holiday Food Drive. See page 6 for more details.

20 TAKE-A-SHOFAR SQUAD

On the afternoon of the second day of Rosh Hashanah, we will take a shofar to you and provide a shofar service outside your home! Or be a volunteer to deliver a shofar service. See page 9 for more details.

TASHLICH
Start the new year with a clean slate by symbolically casting off the sins of 5780 by tossing pieces of bread into the creek. 6:00 PM. See page 6 for more details.

22 TESHUVAH/REORIENTATION WORKSHOP:

Teshuvah is the single most important concept in Judaism. It is also the focus of the upcoming holidays. This workshop will provide the opportunity to question, discuss, and process a Teshuvah Reader that Rav Shai has put together that combines the halakhah, philosophy, and mysticism of teshuvah. 7:45 PM. See page 8 for more details.

23 THE BIBLE PLAYERS

Bring your whole family together for a night of laughter on Zoom. The Bible Players use improv and comedy to teach Jewish values to people of all ages. 6:30 PM. See page 7 for more details.

5 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

Waking Lions, by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:45 PM. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

13 JEWISH TEEN COLLABORATIVE Opening day.

october

ETGAR EXPERIENCE

Opening day.

HEBREW FROM SCRATCH (HEBREW FOR ADULTS) Hazzan Glantz will be teaching "Hebrew from Scratch" beginning on October 14. It will continue for 8 Wednesday evenings (skipping Thanksgiving Eve), following minyan. Evening minyan begins at 7:00 PM and the class will start at approximately 7:30 PM and meet for approximately one hour. There are no prerequisites and the textbook is provided in PDF form.

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. For all ages, from babies to bubbies. Zoom in with your friends for this relaxed, casual, and enjoyable service! Please plan to join us! 6:15 PM

President Judy Stutman Izes Continued from page 3

Since we will not be able to come to AJ, AJ will come to us, in the form of virtual learning sessions, a cooking class, the opportunity to create artwork, and a chance to read and listen to poetry. The schedule for these offerings, as well as services, including the starting times of specific parts of the service (Torah Service, Yizkor) can be found in the material you received in your High Holiday mailing and in this newsletter. High Holidays packages containing the AJ calendar, Yizkor Book of Remembrance, and something sweet for the New Year will be available for pick-up at AJ or delivery to your home.

Last year, as we recited the words of *Unetanah Tokef*, on Rosh Hashanah, it is inscribed and on Yom Kippur it is sealed, who among us could have imagined how 5780 would unfold? This year, we will again read those words together and be reminded of the uncertainties and challenges the coming year will hold. May we continue to find strength from our AJ community in spite of our physical distance,

Wishing you and your loved ones a sweet New Year filled with peace and good health.

Shanah Tovah Umetukah.

Judy 🗿

YOU can Help Prevent Jewish Genetic Diseases.

Have a Conversation with a Young Adult Today.



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One in two people of Jewish descent is at risk of being a carrier of an inherited Jewish genetic disease.

It **IS** possible for carriers of these genetic diseases to have their own healthy children.

Visit EinsteinVictorCenter.org for information about safe and affordable virtual screening for preventable Jewish genetic diseases. As a member of the Einstein Victor Center team, Dr. Chani Yondorf, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Einstein Healthcare Network, provides women's healthcare that honors the traditions of the Jewish community, while advocating for preconception screening of Jewish genetic diseases for young adults.



Chani Yondorf, MD, counsels a patient, safely, during a telehealth session.





EinsteinVictorCenter.org

High Holiday Reminders

SELI<u>H</u>0T 5780: Reminding Ourselves of What We Knew

Saturday, September 12 via Zoom

Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah: 7:00 PM Program and Selihot Service: 9:00 PM

ואתם ידעתם את נפש הגר כי גרים הייתם בארץ מצרים

You know the soul of the stranger because you were strangers in the Land of Mitzrayim.

Exodus 23:9

Before Selihot services, AJ will be hosting a conversation between our own Dr. Chad Womack and Professor Maureen O'Connell. Chad is married to Naomi Housman and has two children. He is also the Senior Director for STEM Initiatives at the United Negro College Fund. Professor O'Connell chairs the Religion Department at LaSalle University and works at the intersection of religion and racial justice.



As we formally commence our penitential season, we will begin with narratives that are often surprisingly similar, but in other important ways, diverge dramatically. This conversation promises to stimulate our thinking and will serve as the springboard for a series of workshops this coming year designed to increase our understanding and help us be better allies.

It's time...

to order your lulavim and etrogim for Sukkot.

Orders must be received by **September 11**. 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

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 20 Tashlich will begin at 6:00 PM

Start the new year with a clean slate, symbolically casting off the sins of 5780, by tossing pieces of bread into the creek.

In you can't come to AJ, we encourage you to take a walk between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with some bread. When you arrive at a suitable body of water, mentally "transfer" those things you want to rid yourselves of this coming year to the bread, tear it into pieces, and throw them into the water to be washed away or consumed.

High Holiday Food Drive The Mitzvah Food Project needs your help for its 2020 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 19 and October 12**. Please leave your donation in the box outside the school doors. It will be brought inside at the end of the day.

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!



Workshop: Writing Your Own *AI Chets* Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7:45 PM

This workshop has a limited number of participants.



For the sin that we have sinned before You by relying on the introspection of others.

This workshop with Rav Shai is for those who want to take advantage of the Jewish calendar's invitation for *cheshbon nefesh*, a spiritual reckoning. The confessional litany is necessarily hit and miss because it was written hundreds of years ago by people other than us. This workshop is our opportunity to craft our own litany with the help of our tradition, our community, and some contemporary examples to stimulate our own thoughts.

What do we need to work on, still?

What do we need to work on, now?

How can we leverage the most good out of our limited resources?

How do we not fritter away this precious gift of life?

How can we contribute to our children's and grandchildren's capacities to live long on the Land that the Lord, our God, has entrusted to us?

Only register if you're ready to get real. This workshop demands looking at ourselves in the glare of unflattering light, just as our Rabbis did. Given the limitations of Zoom, we are capping registration at 24 screens. If there is sufficient demand, we will consider scheduling another workshop. Go to **www.CongregationAJ.org/HHD-5781.html** to register.



Poetry Slam Sunday, September 13 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Poetry, coffee, and inspiration.

Join us for a poetry hour to focus your thoughts for the High Holidays. An experience is more meaningful when we form an intention. Spend a moment developing your personal intention for 5781.

The theme is renewal/repentance/reinvention. Recite a poem of your own or bring one to share, or just come to listen and enjoy.

In order to allow everyone who wants time to share, please be conscious of the length of the poem you bring. We look forward to a meaningful hour.

Go to www.CongregationAJ.org/HHD-5781.html to register.





Improv-ing Jewish Lives

Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 PM

Bring your whole family together for a night of laughter on Zoom. The Bible Players use improv and comedy to teach Jewish values to people of all ages. They perform at schools, camps, and simchas. For AJ they will be performing a virtual special all-ages comedy show. This event time was set with small children in mind so children of all ages are able to enjoy! If you like what you see during the show and want to hire them in the future, check out their website TheBiblePlayers.com or send an email to andrew@TheBiblePlayers.com. No registration necessary.



Beekeeper Presentation Wednesday, September 9 at 7:45 PM

Nicholas is a local beekeeper who runs Bee Happy Honey Hives & Supplies in Elkins Park. He will talk to us about how beekeeping works, the importance of bees, and the different products that are created from beekeeping like honey and candles. Following his presentation, Nicholas will also answer questions. If you are inspired to support his business after his presentation and would like to order some honey from him for Rosh Hashanah, you can contact him through Facebook to purchase: facebook.com/behappyhoneyhs.

No registration necessary.

High Holy Day Reminders

Teshuvah/Reorientation Workshop: Halakhah, Philosophy, and Mysticism Tuesday, September 22 at 7:45 PM

This workshop has homework and a limited number of participants.

Teshuvah is the single most important concept in Judaism. It is also the focus of the upcoming holidays. Rav Shai has put together a *Teshuvah* Reader that combines the *halakhah*, philosophy, and mysticism of *teshuvah*. Feel free to download the texts in preparation for the holidays.

For those of you who would like to participate in the workshop, Rav Shai asks that you read the material beforehand and come prepared to question, discuss, and process. Given the limitations of Zoom, we are capping registration at 24 screens. If there is sufficient demand, we will consider scheduling another workshop.

Go to www.CongregationAJ.org/HHD-5781.html to register and to download the *Teshuvah* Reader.





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Round Challah Baking Class Thursday, September 17 at 7:45 PM

Create your dough earlier in the day or the night before and log in to Zoom with Rachel Palitto to learn how to braid your dough into a round challah shape for Rosh Hashanah!

The recipe for the challah was in the High Holiday mailing. It is also posted on the AJ website at **www.CongregationAJ.org/HHD-5781.html**.

To RSVP, send Rachel an email at rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info or go to www.CongregationAJ.org/HHD-5781.html. Rachel will send you the Zoom information before the event.

Take-a-Shofar!

Come and hear: If one sounds a shofar into a pit, or into a cistern, or into a jug, if he heard the sound of the shofar, he has fulfilled his obligation; but if he heard the sound of an echo, he has not fulfilled his obligation.

B. Rosh Hashana 28a

For some of us, Rosh Hashanah is incomplete without hearing the blasts of the shofar. And for some of us, hearing the shofar blasts through the medium of Zoom is like the sound of an echo.

This year, the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat. Traditionally, we do not sound the shofar on Shabbat which makes Sunday our Shofar-blasting day. Here at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, we have options!

Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 AM Shofar Workshop

with our own Bal Tokeah Robert Hartman and Rav Shai

For those of you with a shofar at home — and it's not too late to buy one! — this workshop will review the blasts, blowing techniques, and symbolism of the shofar. By the end of the workshop, our goal is that you will be able to conduct your own shofar service for yourself and those in your home on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Go to www.CongregationAJ.org/HHD5781.html to register.

Sunday, September 20 from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM Take-a Shofar Squad

On the afternoon of the second day of Rosh Hashanah, if you would like to hear the shofar in person, we will take a shofar to you and provide a shofar service outside your home. The form to register will not be available until September 14, and it will be open through the end of the day on September 17. Go to **www.CongregationAJ.org/HHD5781.html**.

If you have a shofar and a car, and would like to volunteer to be part of our Take-a Shofar squad to provide shofar services to your fellow congregants, contact Rachel Palitto at the synagogue office, 215.635.6611, ext. 113, or send her an email at **rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info**. You can choose to volunteer during as many one-hour times slots as you would like between 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

On Zoom

At the appropriate time, our *bal tokeah*, Robert Hartman, will blow shofar in the middle of our Rosh Hashanah services.

*If you don't have access to a computer or smartphone, you can call the AJ office at 215.635.6611.



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Unprecedented, Who'da thunk?, I forgot my mask, and much, much more.

If I had a dime for every time I have heard or said those phrases over the last six months, well... I'd have a lot of dimes. Suffice to say the impact this pandemic has had on all of our lives is tremendous. With credit and great appreciation to everyone with whom I work, the entire staff, and our lay leadership, AJ never stopped.

Sure, some events had to be canceled but mostly, they just changed. Several events took place that we may have never dared in previous summers with so many "down the shore." We never missed a minyan; in fact, our worship often seems better attended. Kudos to all of you who have contributed to this sense of making lemonade from lemons.

The pandemic has sadly taken many lives, some from our own congregation. I believe every one of us knows someone deeply affected by this virus. We are collectively lonely, scared, frustrated, and anxious about the unknown. Our hearts go out to the bereaved, the suffering, and the exhausted. We respect and greatly appreciate those essential workers without whom we couldn't do as well as we are doing.

Now, I realize that some of you may be skimming this article to get to "tachlis"— the nuts and bolts of how the coming High Holy Days will be conducted and attended. Well, far be it from me to disappoint. At the time of this printing, much is being worked out and honed. What I can tell you is that there is an unprecedented opportunity to participate.

Participate? When I am your *shaliach tzibur* (this phrase means Hazzan or any prayer leader but has the literal sense of being the representative of the congregation), I thrive off your energy — your responses. I will certainly miss the humming along, the rhythmic clapping, and especially your roar of voices at *Oseh Shalom* capping the <u>Hassidic Kaddish</u> that ends the Musaf service. Still I aim, together with Rav Shai, at the very least, to facilitate the potential for spiritual highs on these Days of Awe. No, I won't hear you praying, humming, clapping along, or even talking (COVID-19 bonus?) loudly but I actually imagine it — not the talking part. So, please know, pre-recorded, or live-streamed, I am with you in spirit and likewise, I want you to feel as if and sing as if you are actually with me.

Our production staff will ensure that pre-recorded materials are played at the appropriate intervals of the service.

Uh... Hazzan, what is this pre-recorded material you keep referencing?

I know, I know, it makes you wonder. That's good! Keep wondering . . . until the first of Tishrei! Well, I don't want to give everything away in advance, but I will share that I am compiling highly musical and meaningful content from a variety of international sources and that can include YOU! Why? Because, we miss you and so do all your AJ friends! While we can't get together physically, we can at least pretend a bit! Be a virtual part of our creative High Holy Day season. Please submit your High Holy Day video message that will play in the course of our service by Monday, September 14.

To begin, follow these quick and easy steps:

- Simply grab your best Zoom shirt, sweater, or scarf.
- 2. Choose a location.
- 3. Grab your phone, your family, your pets, even your favorite plant.
- 4. Record your video message (see the box at right) and then upload it!

Not sure what to say? Simply use one or more of these common phrases, mix and match... it's your choice, friends! But please... choose one!

- L'Shannah Tovah I (We) miss you
- Happy New Year
- ・ To all my AJ friends... ココココ
- This year, at best, has been an exhausting 16 years.

If you don't have a smartphone or other way of recording and sending a message, please just send an email to Programming Director Rachel Palitto (rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info) or be in touch with me and we can set a time to make it possible to record your message.

Upload your video file at shorturl.at/zQSWZ.



Recording your video message

Twenty seconds or less will get this job done! I will happily compile the messages and the result will play as part of our hybrid service of live and pre-recorded material. Please don't add titles or do the editing — I will cut out the before and after that I don't need and make any sound adjustments necessary to bring us all a meaningful array of good wishes.

Let us raise the roof (okay, the roofs of our individual homes) with our joy and thankfulness, our sadness and defeats, our excitement and wonderment, as we make music with all that we have. *L'shana Tova Tikateivun v'Techateimun*, May you be written and sealed for a good, healthy, meaningful, and Jewish year of 5781.



Like us on Facebook and join our community page!

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This past summer, Hazzan Glantz had the pleasure of teaching "Hebrew from Scratch," a weekly class for adults. The wonderful textbook by Rabbi Noah Golinkin entitled "While Standing One Foot" was a terrific companion. As adults, it's not easy to take on something like this. Perhaps these words written by our two new Hebrew readers will inspire you. See also Hazzan's Fall class schedule below:

Learning how to read Hebrew has given me a greater connection to my Judaism. I now feel like I have the ability to follow along in services, which is something that I never thought I would accomplish. Furthermore, I have found it to be a tremendously fun and fulfilling experience, especially since language-learning is particularly difficult for me.

Lilli Leight

I am currently converting to Judaism and wanted to learn Hebrew for numerous reasons. Most importantly to read and understand so that I could daven with kavanah. I found Hazzan Glantz's class on the calendar and reached out. It's only been a short time and while I still have more practicing and learning to do, his instruction has helped me immensely. Starting from Aleph isn't easy but he made it fun and enjoyable. With him it really was easily understood, his humor is great, and he throws in some awesome knowledge. I look forward to working with him in the near future.

Todah Rabah, Bryce Belvedere

This fall, Hazzan Glantz will offer two classes in Hebrew:

"Hebrew from Scratch" will begin again on October 14 and continue for eight Wednesday evenings (skipping Thanksgiving Eve), following minyan. Evening minyan begins at 7:00 PM and the class will start at approximately 7:30 PM and meet for approximately one hour. There are no prerequisites and the textbook will be provided in PDF form. Contact Hazzan Glantz at 215.635.6611 or hglantz@gmail.com to let him know you'll be attending.

"It's Greek...oops! I mean Hebrew to me!" is a class Hazzan designed for those who can already read Hebrew (even slowly and with mistakes). Students will have the opportunity to improve speed and accuracy while also learning some comprehension. Israeli songs, poetry, and liturgy will help make Hebrew more accessible and meaningful. Please contact Hazzan with your interest; your collective schedules will help determine meeting times.





ABOVE: Congratulations to OYR USY for winning the Chapter of the Year. To find out more information about how to get your teen involved, please email Larry Kaplan at oyryouth@gmail.com.

AJ Acts

18: x 24" Lawn Signs

Co-Leaders: Carra Minkoff, Michele Rifkin, and Neil Wernick

In response to recent national examples of racism and white supremacy, of which the death of George Floyd was just one, AJ's Social Action Committee embarked upon the "Signs of Solidarity" campaign in June. The aim was to have 18" x 24" lawn signs up and down the Old York Road Corridor.

The signs are available for purchase or sponsorship and the quotations available are "Love your neighbor as yourself" and "Justice, Justice we shall pursue," and both signs will feature the same graphic image of a black and a white hand reaching across a large heart.

The response from AJ members thus far has been very gratifying. If you haven't had a chance to sponsor or purchase a sign for yourselves and your neighbors, please consider doing so by going to **www.adathjeshurun.info/community/aj_acts**. Any profits will be donated Project Home (www.projecthome.org).





3" x 5" Magnet

NEW! We now have magnets for your car or fridge that read "Love your neighbor as yourself"! They are \$5 each, or three for \$10. Buy them for your family, friends, and neighbors. Use the link above to order one or more magnets.



The Jewish Teen Collaborative



Ossi Nussbaum, Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative

We are thrilled to have Ossi Nussbaum as our new JTC Director. You may know her as an AJ congregant, AJWA Sisterhood member, and talented chef, but she is also an accomplished educator.

Ossi has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Tel Aviv University and a Master of Arts Degree from Bar Ilan University in Israel, both in political science. From 1997 through 2013, she taught in the social sciences department at the Open University in Israel. Ossi also coordinated all of the activities of the learning skills department in the Raanana campus and designed curriculums for students' workshops and individual instruction. She trained teachers on writing lessons and providing meaningful learning experience.

Ossi and her family moved to Wyncote from Israel in 2013. Her oldest son, Ben, is a senior at Temple University and her son, Roy, will begin his freshman year at Temple University in September. Ossi's daughter, Gali, will begin seventh grade at Cedarbrook Middle School and JTC in September.

Ossi is passionate about teaching and has many ideas to inspire and challenge our teens.

New JTC Curriculum

JTC will continue to meet on Tuesday nights, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Each student participates in two classes every week. One class is a grade-level course, and the other class is Hebrew. Our grade-level classes offer a variety of Jewish content, age-appropriate and relevant to the theme of the course. Jewish history, Jewish text, Jewish culture, ethics, modern Israel, and so much more, are an integral part of the courses. Our teens study not just through informed lessons, but mostly through guided personal research, peers' teaching, and experiential learning. Each course ends in a special night with families, clergy, and staff, where our teens present their courses' related product.

Our Hebrew class is designed to strengthen our students' reading skills, and to teach basic conversation ability. We want our teens to learn the Hebrew they need for practicing their Judaism, and the Hebrew they need in order to maintain some connections with modern Israel. JTC also meets one Sunday each month and one Shabbat or holiday each month. Sunday programs offer either trips, speakers, or films followed by discussions, social action projects, or community-building activities. Our Shabbat and holiday programming brings the teens to both synagogues in order to participate in observance, discussions, appropriate activities, and a meal.

JTC staff members have extensive experience working with teens through both formal and informal education. They are all passionate about Jewish teaching and are working hard to provide a great learning experience for our teens.

For any questions, please contact Ossi Nussbaum at JTCdirectors@gmail.com.



Etgar Experience

Julie Atchick, Director

Re-Envisioning Etgar

Julie Atchick and a talented teaching staff are in the process of planning a curriculum that will help our Etgar students thrive next year. Keeping in mind the school's curricular and social goals for our students, using the experience and perspective we gained running the program online this spring, and a survey to parents, we are working on a plan that will best meet our families' needs while going forward in the healthiest and safest way possible. We will follow the same stringent requirements of the preschools and congregations to run safely. In terms of format, it will be a hybrid of online learning and in-person classes, and the program and teachers will be flexible to adapt to changing conditions. With the recommendation of the JQuest/Etgar Leadership team, we will officially begin virtual classes on **October 18**, with some Etgar holiday programs on Sundays. We look forward to the etgar (challenge) of providing our students with another excellent year of living and loving Judaism.



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New Member Committee

Maxine Croul and Cody Greenes, Co-Leaders

Help Us Grow AJ

Friends, the New Member Committee is working to grow our congregation! One way is through active outreach to those who move into our neighborhoods. We are putting together a small group to deliver Roling's challah and a brochure to new neighbors. If you have a Jewish neighbor who recently moved in or is unaffiliated, please reach out to **Cody Greenes** (cgreenes@weitzlux.com) or **Maxine Croul** (tennismax1@yahoo.com) and we'll coordinate a warm welcome prior to the next Shabbat (in a safe way). Additionally, if you know a realtor who would be willing to share a brochure with their Jewish clients as they move to the neighborhood (or can give us a heads up!), we'd love to know!

If you're on Facebook, please share with your FaceBook friends/groups the events, information, and services that are posted on AJ's FaceBook pages. Doing this a few times before the event helps spread the word. People who experience our services and events (even on Zoom) might be interested in joining AJ. Also, when we're out and about (in whatever way that may look these days), don't be shy about mentioning what's going on at AJ. You never know who might be interested in checking us out, and, perhaps, become another new AJer!

Thanks for your help in growing AJ.

AJWA Sisterhood

Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg, Co-Presidents

We're excited to let you know that 5781 will include the following programs:

- Sunday, October 25: "Wine, Women, and the White House—First Ladies of Our Time," with Professor Myra Gutin.
- Sunday, December 20: "Frank Gehry and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain." This presentation will focus on an internationally acclaimed Jewish American architect— Frank Owen Gehry—and his architecture, with art historian Arlene Spector. At 11:00 AM.

We are planning travel opportunities to Jewish Rome and stories from Hungary at a safe social distance as well as from the comfort of your own home!

Ever wonder what the slant of your letters or the curley-q at the end of your name when you sign a check means? A session on graphology will help you investigate these questions! There are also plans for cooking demonstrations, art-on-line, music programs, Sisterhood Shabbat, and more. Please opt to join Sisterhood and pay your annual AJ dues and join us for this year of wonderful programming.

B'Shalom and good health,

Lorna Rosenberg and Amy Blum

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

American Mothers of Israel Olim

A group has been formed through the auspices of Women's League for Conservative Judaism: "American Mothers of Israel Olim." The group was actually formed a number of years ago and it was an email communication. Now it has been revitalized and has had two Zoom meetings. Meetings will be held on a (roughly) monthly basis. If you have children who have made Aliyah and are interested in joining a Zoom group, contact Violet Zeitlin at razeitlin@aol.com.

AJWA SISTERHOOD DUES 2020-2021



Please mail this form and your \$50 dues contribution to: AJWA Sisterhood Dues • 7763 Old York Road • Elkins Park, PA 19027

The deadline for 2020–2021 dues is December 31, 2020.

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*Feel free to explain on a separate note.

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☐ I would also like to get involved in the tiniest or grandest way! Contact me.*

☐ I have an idea for a program, event, outreach project, etc. Contact me.*



Robyn Orodenker Book Club

The Robyn Orodenker Book Club is a guided discussion group held on designated night (usually Monday) at 7:45 PM via Zoom until further notice. Reading of the book is required! Attend one or more sessions. Here is the reading list for this year:

Waking Lions

by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen October 5, 2020

The Yellow Bird Sings

by Jennifer Rosen November 2, 2020

The Third Daughter

by Talia Garner December 7, 2020

On Division: A Novel by Goldie Goldbloom January 4, 2021

Braided: A Journey of a Thousand Challahs by Beth Ricanati

February 8, 2021

The Dream Stitcher

by Debora Gaal April 5, 2021

One Book One Jewish **Community Selection (TBD)**

May 10, 2021

Book to be chosen by members

June 14, 2021

Questions?

Contact Liane Sher at 215.635.4613 or Judy Szekely at 215.635.8812.















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 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.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE TWO EVENTS!

Sunday, November 8: Virtual Tour of Jewish Rome





Sunday, December 20: Frank Gehry and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain

This presentation will focus on an internationally acclaimed Jewish American architect—Frank Owen Gehry—and his architecture, with art historian Arlene Spector. At 11:00 AM.



AJ Men's Association

Ed Moses and Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents



SAVE THE DATE!

A Zoom Veteran's Day Program

Wednesday, November 11 at 8:15 PM

Topic: Remembering Jewish Veterans on Veterans Day Speaker: IRA COOPERMAN

Cooperman is a former Air Force intelligence officer who served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and worked with the CIA as an intelligence analyst.

Information will be forthcoming in the weekly announcements during the week preceding the program on how to access this talk on Zoom.

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



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

L'shana Tovah from the AJMA!

Ed Moses and Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents Sam Rosenberg, Treasurer

AJMA DUES 2020–2021
Please send your payment before December 31, 2020. Name
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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:

AUGUST 30, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 10 Elul 5780 to 16 Elul 5780

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

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 17 Elul 5780 to 23 Elul 5780

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

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Joseph Aion Morris Arkans Phyllis Helen Bedrick Sophie L. Beilan Lenore Steinberg Bernstein Esther Blank Milton Braveman Paul Breslow Miriam Brillman Hilda Cohen Goldie Davidson Dorothy Eisenberg Reta S. Emerson Malka Dacks Goldmann Joseph Goodman Louis Gottlieb Samuel Gottlieb Ena Guggenheim Howard Hockstein

Samuel L. Kamerling Nathan Kirschbaum Lester M. Lipschutz Bessie London J. Aaron Meyer Paul M. Myers Mollie Newman Yetta Orlean Golda (Katie) Rothbard Lena Rothstein Shirley Shapiro Solomon J. Silberman Richard Alan Sonnenfeld Marvin Tannebaum Bernard M. Verlin Alice Dobnof Weiner Beatrice Wexler Sarah Pepp Winegrad

Richard A. Jaffe

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 24 Elul 5780 to 1 Tishri 5781

To be read on Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19 (Rosh Hashanah, Day I)

Solomon Aarons Frances London Lillian Ackerman David S. Molod Maxine Bernstein Cyril B. Myers Robert E. Bernstein Melvin J. Nadel Roslyn Neidich Calvin Blankfield Abraham Bornstein Albert Nemez Sylvan Braun Louis Newman Mildred W. Demchick Selma Nones Alfred E. Garfinkel Gita Faga Pasternack Barbara B. Rubenstein David Gichner Eva Goldman Celia Buckley Salkin Ethel Goman Abraham Schneeberg Samuel Edwin Goren Sarah Smith Herman Spiller Rose Gorfain Hugo Hartman Sophie Stein Helen Jaffe Sylvia Titman Edward Alan Jaspan Dr. Morris G. Tracer Selma Kimmelman Stanley Judah Weiss Anna Klein Ruth Witman Lazar Hersch Kleit Dr. David Zipin Frank Leonard

ROSH HASHANAH, DAY II SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 2 Tishri 5781

To be read on Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20 (Rosh Hashanah, Day II)

Jennie Alkus William M. Dattner Kate Green Morris Nitzberg Isadore M. Ostrum William Meyer Singer Paul Sloan Sophie Winokur Abraham Witz

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 2 Tishri 5781 to 8 Tishri 5781

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

Fannie Barash Nathan Benedict William Berkowitz Lillian Levitt Berman Nathan Chacker Albert Cherry Harry Cohen Nathan Cooper Mae Flster Jeanne Fine Samuel Fisher Jacob Goodman Kate Green Morris Hollander Pearl Hopen Eva G. Hunn Seymour Kalos Esther Lertzman Hyman D. Levin Harry Levin

Bert Levy

Nellie Newman Morris Nitzberg Isadore M. Ostrum Ernest Paul Plavcan Edith Rosen Roslyn Schwartz Rose Shumelman William Meyer Singer Paul Sloan Morris Stein Anna Stein Martha Deborah Stern Sarah Torrens Keith Torrens Harry A. Weiner Dr. Richard F. Weiss Sally Weller Nettie Wolf Sara "Sandy" Wolfe Anita Yuter Minnie Zucker

YOM KIPPUR SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 to SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 10 Tishri 5781

To be read on Sunday, Sept. 27 and Monday, Sept. 28

***** Abraham S. Nahon Henrietta Alkus Charles Anshel Phillip Newman **Esther Benedict Bahoff** Harry Newmayer Marcus Perlstein Anna Hinda Bernstein Benjamin Birnbaum Samuel Peyser Herman A. Brav Franklyn Rettig Anne P. Cohen Hannah Richmond Joseph Rosenblum Eva Cohn Aaron A. Gold Dr. Robert Russakoff Jacob L. Goldberg Sarah Sacks Charles Goldman Elizabeth Sluizer Annie Goldman Max Staub Irving I. Steinberg Abraham Goldman Clara Walton Jack Goldstein Saul W. Klasky

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 to OCTOBER 3, 2020 9 Tishri 5781 to 15 Tishri 5781 To be read on Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3

Nathaniel Aarons Esther Benedict Bahoff Sophie Bernstein Minerva Bilick Benjamin Birnbaum Leonard Block Harry Brest Jacob S. Cohen Paul Frankel Harry David Friedman Stuart M. Godfrey Aaron A. Gold Lionel Goldhill Joseph Goldstein Miriam Piwoz Goodman Joseph L.W. Greenbaum Samuel J. Greenberg Howard Ingber Sydney Joy Jaffe Saul W. Klasky

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OCTOBER 4, 2020 to OCTOBER 10, 2020 16 Tishri 5781 to 22 Tishri 5781 To be read on Friday, Oct. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 10 (Sukkot, Day I)

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Rose Aaron
Gilda Abramson
Donald Arthur Beck
Bella Berg
Sylvia Hoffman Burman
Fannie Buten
Ida Dissin
Hadas Fishbein
Zalman Fishbein
Abraham Fleisher

Martin Friedman

Elaine R. Friedman Philip M. Godfrey Harry Greenberg HelenGrunthalt Syma Karpf Benjamin Kaufman Estelle Leibovitz Betty Levin Morris L. Lichtman Isaac L. Lipschutz Sonia Lipton Florence B. Oliensis Jacob Pfeffer Rose Rachman George B. Rosenthal Milton C. Schwartz Sophie Selbst

Abraham I. Sherman Roslyn Steerman Esther Teller Helen Turoff Abraham Ulitsky Milton R. Wikler

SUKKOT, DAY II OCTOBER 3, 2020 to OCTOBER 4, 2020 16 Tishri 5781

To be read on Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4



Gilda Abramson Theodore Friedman Milton Greenfield Rose Platowsky Harfman

Samuel Reisman George B. Rosenthal Harry Wigder

SIMHAT TORAH OCTOBER 10, 2020 to OCTOBER 11, 2020 23 Tishri 5781

To be read on Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 11

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Charles Davidson Doris Felzer Sarah G. Fuller Henry Herz

Sophie Shawmut Hoffman Minerva Markowitz Michael Maslin

Renee Mogil Huldah Leah Price Benjamin S. Richman Hannah Sickles Henry Strauss Anna Sustin Lena Sylk Samuel Wiesenthal

OCTOBER 11, 2020 to OCTOBER 17, 2020 23 Tishri 5781 to 29 Tishri 5781 To be read on Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17

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Frances S. Kane

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Ruth Lecoff Robert E. Lipschutz

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Minerva Markowitz Renee Mogil Reba Novack Yetta Deitch Novotny, MD Anna Paller Harry J. Pasternak Reba Paul Alfred Potter Yetta Ross Edis Schwartz Luba Shnaper Elaine Silverman Samuel Sobel Gussie Solomon Lenore W. Stein Rose Stone Henry Strauss Jacob Weinberger George Weinstein Ruth Wilf Fanny Wolfson

OCTOBER 18, 2020 to OCTOBER 24, 2020 30 Tishri 5781 to 6 Heshvan 5781 To be read on Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24

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Louis Abrams Maurice Abramson Dr. Cindy Jo Bix

Beatrice Cohen Isaac Cohn Morris Dash Frances Emas Rachel Leah Feigenbaum Beatrice Feinstein

Bernard Joseph Feld Celia G. Friedman Frederick M. Friedman Fannie Gases

Bella Ginn Horace Goldhammer Earl Grand Herbert H. Grossman

Gertrude C. (Trudy) Jacobs Arthur A. Jacobs Miriam Kane Rose P. Lipschutz

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OCTOBER 25, 2020 to OCTOBER 31, 2020 7 Heshvan 5781 to 13 Heshvan 5781 To be read on Friday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31

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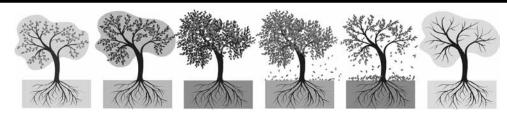
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Alan Eichler, husband of **Lisa Eichler** and father of Marc Eichler June 23, 2020

Lynda Taplinger, mother of Mark (Michele) Taplinger and David (Marla) Taplinger June 29, 2020

Phyllis Silverman, mother of Robin Rubenstein and Andrea Plasky June 30, 2020

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September Milestone Anniversaries

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 Robert (Skip) and Naomi Atkins September 1, 1980 September 27, 1980

· Fred and Cecile Shocket 15 YEARS

· Daniel and Mia Blitstein September 25, 2005

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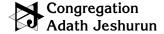
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AJ Preschool and Infant Center

Anita Block, Early Childhood Director

A Successful Summer and a Plan for Fall

Camp Kitov ended its eleven-week season on August 28 leaving our young campers with lots of memories of fun and exciting experiences in a safe environment. Water play, arts and crafts, music, stories, games, and sports were all part of the daily routine under the close supervision of staff wearing masks and assuring that surfaces were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Our thanks to Onit Zisserman for her outstanding leadership as Camp Kitov Director.

The school year is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 8, and we are pleased to welcome back many of our children from last year and our summer program, as well as many new students to our school. We offer programs for children from three months through six years of age, having added a kindergarten to our center. As you know, most of the neighboring school districts have decided to teach children via virtual means rather than in person. In response to parents' requests and a need in our community to provide a safe, face-to-face learning experience, AJ decided to expand the early childhood program to include a full-day, dual-language kindergarten class.

Most of our highly qualified and committed staff are returning to teach in this challenging environment, but some have chosen to either retire or delay returning to the classroom. We respect their decision and wish everyone good health. We look forward to the day when we can join altogether to celebrate.

COVID-19 has certainly changed the way we organize our classrooms, how we interact with each other, and even how we celebrate. We cannot come together as a school

community to celebrate Shabbat, but rather, each class welcomes Shabbat in their own class. We cannot have our music, yoga, creative movement, or other specialty teachers come into our building, but rather, we have them share their talents virtually. Parents bring children to the door, rather than escort them to the classroom, where we ask a series of COVID-related questions, check the temperature of the children, and then have another staff member escort the child to the classroom. We certainly miss the personal contact and daily interactions, but we are eager and committed to providing a quality educational and care program in a safe, COVID-free environment.

Sukkot and Simhat Torah will certainly take on a different look this year without gathering in the sukkah or parading with our beloved Torah among our congregation, but we will celebrate—albeit differently. Dreidel-spinning and latke-noshing will still happen, but in each classroom—not in the Braemer or the Orleans with the whole school together.

So, if the expression, "When life gives you lemons, then make lemonade," was ever applicable, it surely is now. Lemonade, with the right mix of fruit, water, and sugar, can be a tasty treat.

Shana Tovah, Anita

