

Is There a Text in this Synagogue? Is There a Constitution in this Country?

by Rav Shai Cherry



In 1980, literary theorist Stanley Fish wrote *Is There a Text in This Class? The Authority of Interpretive Communities*. Two thousand years ago, our Talmudic Rabbis formed an interpretive community which, according to Fish, placed the meaning of the Torah in their control. The Rabbis acknowledge as much — which is absolutely amazing — when they answered the question, “What is Torah?” with “Midrash” (Kidushin 49a). Midrash is their recontextualization of the Torah’s text into their own context.

Very frequently I hear people say something like, “it’s all a matter of interpretation” when they want to justify ignoring what they consider to be an inconvenient *halakhah*. They’re only half right. Yes, it’s interpretation; but *halakhah* is an accepted interpretation by the Jewish community. In modern times, Jews can ignore *halakhah*, but that decision places them outside of the *halakhic* Jewish community. In pre-modern times, ignoring *halakhah* risked being placed outside the Jewish community by the leaders of the community.

No one should think that when the Torah commands us not to seethe a kid in its mother milk that it meant that we can’t eat cheeseburgers. Similarly, no one should think that when the prophet Isaiah envisioned a pregnant young woman that she was carrying Jesus (Is. 7:14). That would be a terribly long gestation period — Isaiah lived in the 8th c. BCE!

We Jews can’t fault Christians for using the method of midrash to recontextualize biblical verses to make them relevant for themselves. We do the same thing. A scholar who spent much of his career at Penn, David Stern, writes that Christians and Rabbinic Jews used the same method to read Torah but were motivated by a “different set of anxieties.” Stanley Fish might argue that the same principle applies to all texts, including the United State Constitution. To extend Stern’s language, “Which anxieties inform our readings of the Constitution?”

There is no inherent, intrinsic meaning to that document. That document, like all writings, only makes sense in its larger literary and social context. It was drafted and redrafted by folks who shared an interpretive community and brought those shared values and assumptions to bear on what would become the foundational document for the American experiment in representative democracy. Justices on the Supreme Court who claim to hold to a legal philosophy of originalism are deceiving themselves to think that they can isolate a statement from 1789 and apply it today as originally understood. What was originally intended in 1789 was that statement in its larger context, both literary and cultural.

“An eye for an eye” may well have originally been written to dictate the physical consequence for the crime of removing another’s eye. But, hundreds of years after we find the rule in the Torah, the Rabbis understood the rule as proportional punishment through monetary compensation. Proportional punishment may also have been the original intent of the author. Disproportionate retaliation was not unknown in the ancient Near East. The Torah’s original historical context was proportional punishment even if the original author who wrote “eye for an eye” intended it to be applied physically in order to achieve that proportional punishment. If one holds to the philosophy of originalism, which of the original meanings does one apply — the physical consequence or the proportional punishment?

When later sages demonstrated that if the eye-removing culprit were already blind in one eye, then removing his second eye would not be proportional punishment. Since the literal application of the rule would violate the principle of proportional punishment, monetary compensation became the Rabbinic interpretation of “eye for an eye.” The Rabbis interpreted the Torah in a more humane way because of their assumption that the Torah wants them to be merciful.

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Despite the pandemic, November and December are full of opportunities to celebrate good fortune! Between AJ’s Hanukkah events, Adult Ed classes, and AJMA and AJWA Sisterhood offerings, there’s no excuse not to see your fellow congregants, via Zoom or in person! See inside for details.

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SHABBAT VAYERA

November 6, 7, 2020 20 Heshvan 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:33 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom9:30 AM

*Bar Mitzvah of
SIMON CHECK*

*Son of
Matt and Ashlee Check*

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:35 PM

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SHABBAT HAYE SARA

November 13, 14, 2020 27 Heshvan 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:27 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:30 PM

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ROSH HODESH KISLEV

November 17, 2020 1 Kislev 5781

TUESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom7:00 AM

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SHABBAT TOLDOT

November 20, 21, 2020 5 Kislev 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:22 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom9:30 AM

*Bat Mitzvah of
MIRIAM BLUESTINE*

*Daughter of
Eric and Marissa Bluestine*

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:25 PM

THANKSGIVING

November 26, 2020 10 Kislev 5781

THURSDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom9:00 AM

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SHABBAT VAYETZE

November 27, 28, 2020 12 Kislev 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:18 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom9:30 AM

AJ Israel Day, honoring our members with family in Israel (see page 9 for details)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:20 PM

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SHABBAT VAYISHLAH

December 4, 5, 2020 19 Kislev 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:16 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:20 PM

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HANUKKAH, DAY I

December 11, 2020 25 Kislev 5781

FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom7:10 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY II SHABBAT VAYESHEV

December 11, 12, 2020 26 Kislev 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:17 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah4:20 PM

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HANUKKAH, DAY III

December 13, 2020 27 Kislev 5781

SUNAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom9:00 AM

HANUKKAH, DAYS IV, V

December 14, 15, 2020 28, 29 Kislev 5781

MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS

- Morning Service via Zoom7:10 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY VI ROSH HODESH TEVET

December 16, 2020 1 Tevet 5781

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom7:00 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAYS VII, VIII

December 17, 18, 2020 2, 3 Tevet 5781

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS

- Morning Service via Zoom7:10 AM

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SHABBAT MIKETZ

December 18, 19, 2020 4 Tevet 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:19 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:20 PM

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FAST OF TEVET CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2020 10 Tevet 5781

FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom9:00 AM

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SHABBAT VAYIGASH

December 25, 26, 2020 11 Tevet 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:22 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

- Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

- Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:25 PM

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2021 17 Tevet 5781

FRIDAY MORNING

- Morning Service via Zoom9:00 AM

SHABBAT VAYEHI

January 1, 2, 2021 18 Tevet 5781

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:26 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat via Zoom.....6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom.....9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah via Zoom4:30 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 through Thursday.....7:00 PM

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.

We now have three links for all of our services via Zoom:

For Friday evening and Saturday morning services:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/97054037610>

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 970 5403 7610 (Password required*)

For Saturday evening services:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/933131679>

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 933131679

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

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/109428724>

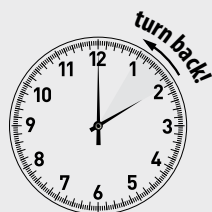
By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 109428724

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

DON'T FORGET!

**Sunday, November 1
2:00 AM**



Light and Latkes

By Judy Stutman Izes,
President of Adath Jeshurun

Safely tucked into a corner of my basement is the sign from the First Annual Latke Throwdown. I put it there last December for safekeeping, following the hotly contested cooking competition between **Howard Levin** and me. Howard's technique was exquisite and his latkes were delicious. I used my mom's recipe and Jessica and Rebecca helped peel and shred fifteen pounds of potatoes. It is quite possible that the aroma of oil and fried potatoes still permeates the Orleans. While the judges may have eaten some of the Hershey Kisses and chocolate gelt used to cast votes, ultimately it was determined that the contest ended in a tie. Thus, the stage was set for the Second Annual Latke Throwdown.

In addition to sampling latkes, the festivities included dreidel spinning, candle lighting, and condiment debating: apple sauce or sour cream. Many brought a hanukiah from home that had special meaning. Everyone marveled at the Goldhill's musical hanukiah which played *Maoz Tzur*.

While I am unsure whether this year's competition will proceed or will be sidelined until next Hanukkah, I do know that plans are being made for a festive Hanukkah celebration at AJ. I am sure that **Joan Wohl** and **Allan Marmon**, finalists in Rav Shai's inaugural Hanukkah Bowl, have been studying all year for this year's questions. We'll also have an opportunity to gather together to attend two outdoor events which will include a candle lighting on the eighth night. (See page 8 for details.)

Light one candle for the strength that we need

To never become our own foe

And light one candle for those who are suffering

Pain we learned so long ago

Light one candle for all we believe in

That anger not tear us apart

And light one candle to find us together

With peace as the song in our hearts

Peter Yarrow

Wishing you all a warm, bright, and happy Hanukkah. May the lights of Hanukkah glow in the windows of our homes and in our hearts. 🕯️



What's Happening at AJ

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- 2 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB**
The Yellow Bird Sings, by Jennifer Rosen. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM via Zoom. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.
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- 3 ELECTION DAY**
If you haven't voted early in-person or by mail, VOTE!
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- 3 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Semester 1, Class 3 of 12.
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- 6 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 bobbies. Zoom in with your friends for this relaxed, casual, and enjoyable service! Please plan to join us! 6:15 PM
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- 8 KEHILLAH / AJWA SISTERHOOD EVENT: A TOUR OF JEWISH ROME**
A city tour you won't need walking shoes for! Join the AJWA Sisterhood and the Kehillah of Old York Road for a journey to Rome (virtually) with Micaela Pavoncello. See page 12 for more details.
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- 10 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Semester 1, Class 4 of 12.
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- 11 AJMA VETERANS PROGRAM**
Join the AJ Men's Association as they honor our veterans. This program will feature speaker Ira Cooperman. See page 14 for more details.
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- 17 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Semester 1, Class 5 of 12.
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- 18 AJMA: AUDIO PODCAST AND DISCUSSION**
The AJMA will present a 20-minute audio podcast listening and discussion with David Nasaw, author of the new book, *The Last Million*, followed by discussion. 8:15 PM. See page 14 for more details.
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- 19 GRANDPARENTS' GROUP MEETING**
Rav Shai will be our guest. This program will be interesting to everyone. All are invited. 7:45 PM. See page 5 for more details.
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- 20 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH "STRINGS ATTACHED"**
See description above. 6:15 PM
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- 22 GUIDED MEDITATION WITH REBECCA CHERRY**
Attend this meditation event via Zoom. 10:00 AM
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- 24 HEALING SERVICE WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ**
Hazzan Glantz will be offering a healing service in November and December, at 6:10 PM. November's theme is "Todah — Thanksgiving... Really?"
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- 24 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Semester 1, Class 6 of 12.
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- 28 AJ ISRAEL DAY**
To commemorate the League of Nation's vote on November 29, 1947, AJ will be honoring our members with family in Israel. See page 11 for more details.
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- 29 HANUKKAH PALOOZA**
From carnival games, to crafts, to shopping and snacks, friends and family of all ages will enjoy the AJ Hanukkah Carnival! Join us to prepare with for the Hanukkah season with food and fun. 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. See page 8 for more details.
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- 1 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Semester 1, Class 7 of 12.
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- 6 ADULT EDUCATION: THE LIFE AND WORK OF LILLIAN WALD**
American Jewish historian Dr. Reena Friedman will offer a program on the life and work of Lillian Wald, public health pioneer. See page 11 for more details, within the Adult Education article.
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- 7 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB**
The Third Daughter, by Talia Garner. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM via Zoom. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.
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- 8 ADULT EDUCATION WITH RAV SHAI**
The 6 Ws of Judaism. Semester 1, Class 8 of 12. Class resumes on January 5, 2021.
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- 13 BOOK LAUNCH FOR RAV SHAI'S NEW BOOK**
We'll be celebrating the launch of Rav Shai's new book, *Coherent Judaism: Constructive Theology, Creation, and Halakha*. See page 11 for more details, within the Adult Education article.
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- 17 LAST NIGHT HANUKKIAH LIGHTING**
Gather with us outside at AJ for the last light of Hanukkah. Together we will light all of the candles of the hanukkah, enjoy light refreshments, and schmooze with masks and social distance. 6:30 PM
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- 20 AJWA SISTERHOOD PROGRAM: 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.
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- 22 HEALING SERVICE WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ**
Hazzan Glantz will be offering a healing service in December, at 6:10 PM. December's theme is "Hanukkah — Rededication yes, but to what??"
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In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Todah

Gratitude is central to Judaism. The original Hebrew word for Jew, *Yehudi*, is a form of the Hebrew word for thank you — תודה — *todah*.

Of course, other faiths and peoples express gratitude, but Judaism seems to overflow with opportunities to say thank you. Daily Jewish prayer opens with *Modeh/Modah Ani* — a thank you for the gift of another day. We recognize G.d's sovereignty and thank G.d for bringing us to every new moment of our lives with the *shehecheyanu* prayer.

This Fall column is usually an article filled with the many thank you's that I wish to express. So many of you make tremendous efforts that contribute to each High Holy Day season being meaningful and special. Of course, this year is different; in fact, it seems everything is different. In fact, this article will be different because I will mention no names. I think this year, more than any other, it is enough sometimes to just be okay. Oh, and if you are not okay, to PLEASE tell someone. Tell us!

Expressing appreciation takes me back to the very beginning of the pandemic and the first holiday affected — Passover. Among the best known songs of Pesah is "Dayenu." Perhaps because it is the early part of the seder, likely before the moans of "When do we eat?" But I think it is also well known because of the extraordinary way that the text expresses gratitude. We don't express appreciation by saying, if my car started but didn't move forward, it would have been enough. We certainly don't thank the plumber for taking the toilet apart, but if he/she didn't fix it and put it back together, it would have been enough.

"Dayenu," by its very nature, teaches that we don't simply say, "Thank you G.d for taking us out of Egypt." "Dayenu" identifies fifteen steps that make up 'yetziat Mitzrayim,' our exodus from Egypt, and offers gratitude for each one. This is not a blanket generalized thank you as we need to do sometimes for fear of leaving someone out. This is a thank you in which I sincerely hope that every one of you read yourself in. Yes, you are appreciated for just being. I am purposely not listing people because if I did, I would have to list every one of you and, ultimately, the only Entity to Whom any of us truly owes gratitude is the One and only G.d.

It is extraordinary that the appreciation in "Dayeinu" does not wait for the problem to be fully solved. Each small step along the way is worthy of being appreciated. What really punches me in the gut is that we then say "and even if G.d hadn't done x, i.e., solved the next problem, gave us a day of rest. . . given us Zoom, or as on these past High Holy Days. . . given us the possibility of our own YouTube channel.

It is true that we would have had some sort of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot observance. Would that have been enough? I was simply overwhelmed by the outpouring of our lay leadership and volunteers and by the steady professionalism and dedication of my fellow staff members. It would have been enough, *dayeinu*, if they had simply fulfilled a basic expectation, but they all went above and beyond.

As yet, gratitude has not been found to provide immunity from COVID-19, so keep wearing a mask when you should. That said, scientists have discovered all sorts of positive outcomes from practicing gratitude: improved physical health and even immunity against some disease. Studies have shown that expressions of gratitude lead to fewer expressions of toxic emotions such as resentment, frustration, and regret. It can help us achieve better sleep, more self-respect, and more satisfying relationships.

As our new Jewish year 5781 is in full swing, may we all continue to enjoy and refine our sense of gratitude and our ability to clearly express that gratitude. TODAH — THANK YOU.




Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

Meet us on Zoom and sing along!

Friday nights at 6:15 PM:
November 6 and 20; December 11



Rav Shai Cherry *Continued from page 1*

I write this column in the days leading up to the national election, and I fear for the future of our national experiment in representative democracy. Legal texts will be consulted and interpreted by different interpretive communities. Let's not deceive ourselves that the nation's leaders and judges will be arguing over texts — values regulate an interpretive community. Please, remember how I explained Judaism's three operating principles over Rosh Hashanah: freedom, dignity, and inclusivity. For Jews, legal disputes are exercises in optimizing those principles. 

AJ GRANDPARENTS' GROUP

What's Love Got to Do with It?

Respecting and Revering Your Parents:
The Differences Between Respect and Revere

Guest Speaker: Rav Shai Cherry

This program will be interesting to everyone. All are invited.

If you would like Rav Shai to answer questions related to this topic at the Grandparents' Group session, but prefer that your identity remain unknown to the group, please send them to Rav Shai prior to November 19 (ravshai@adathjeshurun.info).

To register, please send an email to Rachel at rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info or call the office at 215.635.6611.

Thursday, November 19 at 7:45 PM



High Holidays 5781, From Start to Finish

Thank you...

... to everyone who helped us to deliver High Holiday bags to our congregants!
We're grateful for the generosity of your time; we couldn't have done it without you!

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| Amy Blum | Mindy Goldstein | David Pashman | Merril Stup |
| Betsy Braun | Jessica Izes | David Reibstein | Sima Sussman |
| Debbie Carasso | Judy Stutman Izes | Lorna Rosenberg | Judy Szekely |
| Barbara Cobert | Brenda Kaufman | David Seltzer | Beryl Rosoff-Verbit |
| Sheva Cohen | Caren Kirschner | Carol Shackmaster | Renee Winegrad |
| Maxine Croul | Wendy Lessig | Harriet Sigel | Pam Yohlin |
| Lisa Davidoff | Jill and Steve Max | Sandy Sobel | Richard Zeises |
| Robin Eisman | Ed Moses | Susan Starr | |
| Robert Friedman | Al and Sandy Nadel | Steve Strauss | |



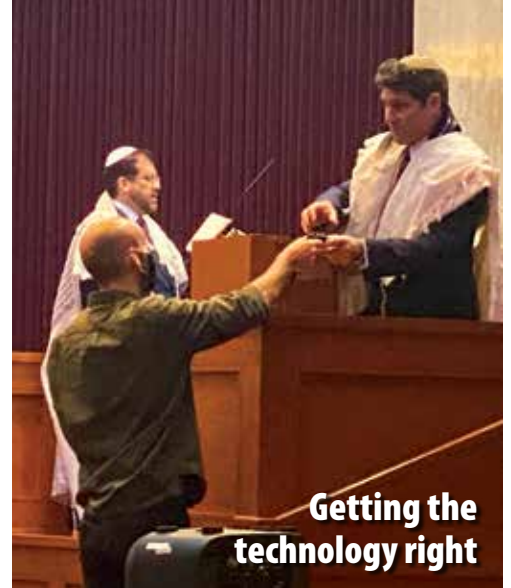
Pottery painting



Rehearsal
with David Seltzer and
Deborah Selzer Cohen

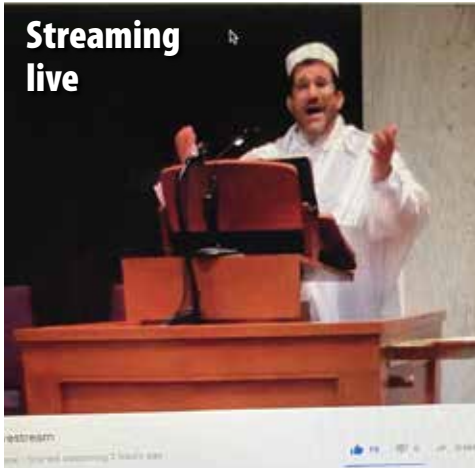


**Getting the
technology right**



Tashlich





Streaming live



Services at home

AJ YouTube stats!

8,300+
views in the last month

4,000+
hours of watch time

156
new subscribers

10
viewers from Israel

1,412
views of the
most viewed video so far:
Yom Kippur Minhah Livestream

15,000+
people to whom
YouTube recommended
our High Holiday videos

3,000
people clicked on
one of our videos



Neilah/Havdalah
Hazzan Glantz and Rav Shai



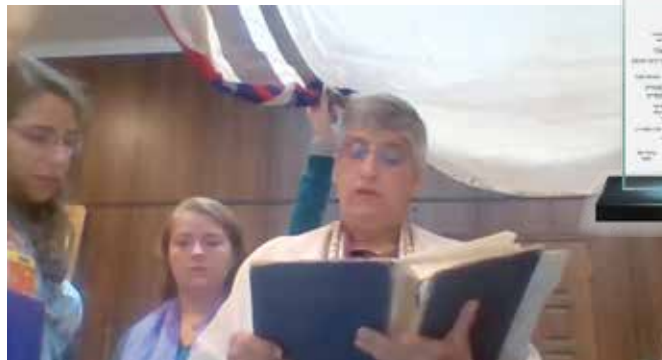
Decorating the sukkah



**Our Simhat Torah honorees,
Steven Strauss and Tammy Zebovitz**



The drive-thru sukkah



Sunday, Nov. 29

HANUKKAH PALOOZA!

shopping • crafts • games • snacks • prizes

From 1:00 to 4:00 PM in AJ's Parking Lot

From carnival games, to crafts, to shopping and snacks, friends and family of all ages will enjoy the AJ Hanukkah Palooza!



Join us on **Sunday, November 29 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM** to prepare for the Hanukkah season with food and fun. The event will be held outside. Masks and social distancing required.

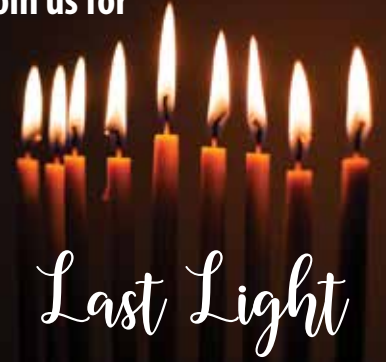
This event is free for AJ members, and a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. Please invite family and friends!

- Local vendors selling Judaica, crafts, and more
- Craft activities for kids
- Carnival games and prizes
- Sufganiyot and other snacks

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!
WALK-INS WELCOME.**

Please register at www.CongregationAJ.org/form/palooza.

Join us for



Last Light

The Eighth Night of Hanukkah

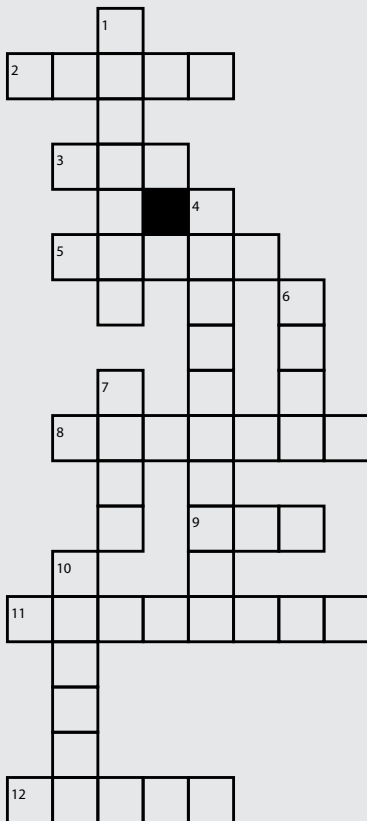
Come together with our community as we join for the last lighting of the Hanukkah. It promises to be a meaningful ending to the Festival of Lights.

**Thursday, December 17
from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
in the AJ parking lot.**

Masks and social distancing required.

(C)Han/nuc/ka(h) Puzzle

By Rav Shai



ACROSS

- Number of blessings on the first night
- The most appropriate fuel for Channukiyah
- Number of days for the (C)Han/nuc/ka(h) miracle
- Guitar-playing, Channukah crooner
- Moon phase at end of (C)Han/nuc/ka(h)
- Astronomical event close to (C)Han/nuc/ka(h)
- Andy Kaufman character on Taxi

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- (C)Han/nuc/ka(h) toy with the same Yiddish root as tzedreit
- In Berlin, Kennedy said he was a _____
- Number of letters in (C)Han/nuc/ka(h)
- _____ tzur
- Friends' character who celebrates in, not with, Santa

Share in the Fruits of Our Adopted Olive Tree in Israel

Rav Shai has adopted an olive tree in Israel! The "My Tree in Israel" project offers olive trees for adoption. The goal is to support and promote Israeli agriculture; strengthen and contribute to the Israeli economy; and connect people from around the world to Israel.

In return for supporting an Israeli farmer, we will receive six bottles of Extra Virgin Kosher Olive Oil with an AJ label! If you would like to share in the harvest, AJ will be selling each bottle for \$37. Harvest each year is in November so the olive oil will be delivered in the first quarter of 2021.

Call the synagogue office if you would like to purchase a bottle.



MyTree in Israel

Hanukkah in Israel.

No passport required.



Celebrate Hanukkah with a virtual adventure!

Our tour begins with a visit to the archaeological excavations of an ancient temple in Tel Dan. Then fly with us to Jerusalem to visit the Kotel, site of the Second Temple, where the story of the Maccabees unfolds. Learn about the miracle of the oil and how olive oil connects what happened thousands of years ago to the celebration of Hanukkah today. Our guided experience will be led by the captivating Israeli tour guide Gadi Ben-Dov, who lives in the modern city of Modi'in, where the Maccabees lived!

Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Register at www.jewishphilly.org/oyr

Questions? Send an email to oldyorkroad@kehillah.jewishphilly.org.



AJ Israel Day

Shabbat, November 28

To commemorate the League of Nation's vote on November 29, 1947, AJ will be honoring our members with family in Israel. If you have a parent, sibling, or child living in Israel, be in touch with Rachel Palitto, our Program Director, so we can all celebrate the sacrifice and contribution your family is making to realize the ancient prophecy:

Thus says the LORD: Yet again there shall be heard in this place, in the cities of Judah, and in the courtyards of Jerusalem, the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

You can reach Rachel by calling the AJ office at 215.635.6611 or by emailing her at rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info.

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.



ABOVE: Remy Glantz has been made an officer, רס"ל – Sergeant First Class in the Tank Division of the IDF. This Zoom call was arranged by the head of recruitment as a surprise to Remy. See the Glantz family at the top of the screenshot kvelling from afar.

Etgar Experience

Julie Atchick, Director

Getting Back to School!

Although the official start of Etgar, Adath Jeshurun and Beth Sholom's Conservative Sunday Religious School, was October 18, the Etgar staff was excited to share the holidays with our Kindergarten through 6th grade students. We started the year with a Welcome Back drive through, where each student received a bag brimming with activities for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simḥat Torah, including:

- A shofar for Rosh Hashanah
- Honey sticks to taste the sweetness of the New Year
- A Shanah Tovah placemat to color and give to someone special
- A paper bag for a Tashlich activity to throw away (and recycle) things we didn't want to repeat in 5781

- Mirrored sunglasses to reflect on themselves and others on Yom Kippur
- A kit to make their very own sukkah
- Candy to enjoy and taste the sweetness of the Torah for Simchat Torah
- Labels and index cards to create Hebrew and English holiday flash cards
- Calendar pages to track all the holidays in the Hebrew month of Tishrei
- Plus Tashlich, Teshuvah, Yom Kippur story, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur games, Simḥat Torah From Beginning to End (of the Torah), create your own Simḥat Torah flag, Sukkot and Simḥat Torah games, and a word search for Fall Holidays worksheets.



Adath Jeshurun | Beth Sholom

Challenging hearts, minds, and souls.

We had a holiday program on Sunday, September 27, where we used some of the items from the bags and learned about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. On Sunday, October 4, our families were treated to a virtual tour of Sukkot in Israel and on Sunday, October 1, we went through the Torah and heard about the Torah portion from this year that was closest to each of the students' birthdays.

The official start brought reviews of Hebrew, tefillah, and new Judaic studies, with experiential learning and one-on-one Hebrew instruction. The Etgar staff and I are looking forward to a wonderful year of interactive learning, both online and, if conditions permit, in the classroom as well! 🎉

AJ Preschool and Infant Center

Anita Block, Early Childhood Director

I'm sure you're familiar with the expression, "When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade." We didn't actually make lemonade from the unwanted conditions that came our way, but we did turn those challenging times into happy and fun experiences for our children. Yes, working in a COVID environment has changed the way we gather as a school community and made us more aware of cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and handwashing. The classes remain self-contained, rarely interacting with one another, but we still know that we are all part of the AJ community.

During normal times, we would gather altogether for Shabbat or in the sukkah to celebrate Sukkot, but this year, it was different. Hazzan Glantz leads us in Mesibat Shabbat virtually — one class at a time. The same is true for Amy Jo Rosenthal, our music specialist, and Sue Jacobs, our storyteller. Yoga is viewed via YouTube as the children follow along on their mats. When the synagogue decided to innovatively create a "drive-thru" sukkah experience, we were once again challenged to include our children — they don't even drive! So, thanks to Calvin Thompson and Jason Roe, they were able to repurpose some old sukkah parts and create a sukkah just for our kids. It was situated opposite the drive-thru sukkah and enabled each class to enjoy a snack in the sukkah, shake the lulav and etrog, and experience the mitzvah. The children creatively decorated the sukkah and we added some pumpkins, gourds, haybales, colorful corn, and corn stalks to create

an inviting atmosphere. Luckily, it didn't rain during Sukkot and we enjoyed our booth all week long.

COVID-19 looms over us every day and, unfortunately, we did have one child who had a positive test result. According to the Department of Health and other agencies, we needed to close only the one class. However, in consult with Rav Shai, Judy Izes, and Amy Devine-Stretch, we examined the threads that connected that child, the teachers, and siblings, and decided that we would close the entire center for two weeks of quarantine in order to mitigate the spread of the virus. During the quarantine, all staff and families were asked to test for the virus and report the results to us. I am pleased to tell you that there were no other positive results reported. In the meantime, our housekeeping crew was hard at work deep-cleaning all classrooms and shared spaces. Additionally, air purifiers were placed in every classroom in preparation for the colder weather when opening the windows compromises the heating of the building. "Lemons," you say! We respond, "Lemonade!"

I am pleased to announce that Adath Jeshurun Preschool and Infant Center has once again received Star-4 status as part of the Keystone Stars program. Congratulations to all who contribute to the excellence. Each day, the staff comes together to keep our children engaged, educated, cared for and safe while creatively providing programming that celebrates holidays, milestones, achievements, and life.



ABOVE: Fun in the sukkah!

I am so proud to work with this amazing group of professionals. My sincere gratitude to the leadership of AJ, the parents, the children, and the staff. 🎉

AJ Adult Education Committee

Co-Chair: Skip Atkins

Adult Education Is Off and Running Again at AJ!

Rav Shai's arrival at AJ in mid-2019 began a number of new and renewed initiatives. Prominent among these was an effort to re-establish an active program of adult education, facilitated by a new Adult Education Committee, a fundamental component of AJ's New Way Forward. And, with Rav Shai's background as a Jewish educator and scholar, we hit the ground running with a number of course offerings that gained momentum and growing notice both within and outside the AJ community.

Like so much at AJ, and all other communal institutions, that momentum was stalled with the pandemic and our need to close our doors. All AJers—clergy, staff, members—had to learn to incorporate the new reality of virtual interaction. Over the ensuing months, we've done an admirable job and have devised ways of making the virtual experience innovative and meaningful.

With that in mind, the Adult Education Committee is reinvigorated and offering a slate of new opportunities for 5781, all in virtual format! Already underway is Rav Shai's major course offering for the year, "The Six Ws of Judaism." In a series of two consecutive 12-week semesters which began on October 20, AJers and others who are interested in learning—or relearning—the basic foundational

concepts of Judaism have the opportunity to study with each other and Rav Shai, enabling them to better understand, appreciate, and critique our own Jewish world.


By now, we all know the wonderful benefits of learning with Rav Shai, a rabbi with a unique background in the world of academia. In this context, AJ will make news again! For the first time in its remarkable 162-year history, on **Sunday, December 13**, the Adult Education Committee will sponsor a **book launch for Rav Shai's most recent publication *Coherent Judaism: Constructive Theology, Creation, and Halakhah***. In this new volume, Rav Shai seeks to reconcile traditional tenets of observance with modern concepts inherent in a post-Darwinian, post-Holocaust world. Those attending are eligible to purchase a copy signed by the author and, as an added delight, the event will be followed immediately by a virtual community Hanukkah candle lighting. You won't want to miss it!

Also in December, another scholar in our community, American Jewish historian Dr. Reena Friedman, will offer a **program on the life and work of Lillian Wald**, a public health pioneer who launched the field of public health nursing and assumed a leadership role in caring for victims of the 1918 flu epidemic in New York. She was also committed to racial justice, among many other causes. The program will be held on the morning of **December 6**, with specific time to be announced.

As we all know, our rich tradition at AJ is associated with a unique and beloved musical liturgy. And who is more of

an expert in what makes our musical liturgy distinctive and historically significant than Hazzan Glantz? Hazzan plans a program that will delve into that history, much of which was influenced by our emeritus Cantor Charles Davidson, and he will provide many musical examples of what is traditional as well as some of the various innovations he has made during his own tenure. Look for this fascinating program to be offered next spring.

Finally (for now!), over the past several months we in the Jewish community have been challenged to become active in facilitating a greater understanding of our important relationship with members of the black community. Our concern about the issues surrounding the protests in cities throughout the country this past summer evolved, at AJ, in the remarkably successful Signs of Solidarity campaign. But that was just a first step, and the ability to formulate a meaningful, ongoing Jewish response to racism requires elevating our knowledge and awareness through education. To this end, the AJ Adult Ed and Social Action committees plan to co-sponsor a workshop conducted by local religious and community leaders, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to help begin the process. Please be on the lookout for more details to follow.

There's so much to like about what the AJ Adult Education Committee is planning for the current year, and there's more to come. Enjoy! 



AJ Acts

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

AJ Acts continues to look for social activities that speak to the needs of our synagogue, our community, and our country.

- As a fundraiser for the League of Women Voters, our own **Karen Moses** made facemasks to honor Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
- On **Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 PM**, join a discussion about race with the OYR Kehillah's Social Action Committee via Zoom. *The New York Times* best-selling book *White Fragility* explores the counter-productive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. Arlene B. Holtz, Ph.D. and Barbara McNeil, J.D. will be the facilitators.

Go to www.AJActs.org for the link to register. The book is available through Amazon.

- You can still purchase Signs of Solidarity magnets and purchase or sponsor lawn signs. Go to www.AJActs.org.
- We hope to offer a workshop on radical justice; stay tuned for details.



www.AJActs.org

Be sure to visit www.AJActs.org for upcoming events and opportunities to participate in Social Action projects. Events hosted by community Social Action groups (like the *White Fragility* discussion) may be posted there as well. You will also find links for resources that aim to alleviate food insecurity and support our frontline workers. 

LEFT: Buy a magnet for your car or fridge! Magnets are \$5 each, or three for \$10. To purchase, go to www.CongregationAJ.org, click on "CONNECT," and scroll down to AJ Acts.

AJWA Sisterhood

Amy Blum and Lorna Rosenberg, Co-Presidents

Hi all, We are very excited to share a wonderful array of programs with you through the end of 2020 and beyond! Hopefully these programs will bring our community of sisters within AJ and our Old York Road Corridor closer during these challenging times for some fun and learning at home.

Before we discuss the fun... let's remember it's **Torah Fund Campaign Season**. The theme "*B'Yachad*" (together) is a call for all who can to support the many branches of the Jewish Theological Seminary which has helped to educate generations of rabbis, cantors, teachers, educators, and lay leaders. We hope you can "come together" to support this campaign at the \$180 level, or any amount that is comfortable for you. Please contact **Merril Stup** (215.782.3735) or **Violet Zeitlin** (215.635.1587) to make your donation.

An update on AJ maskmaking: congratulations and many thanks to **Karen Moses** and **Ariel Stein** for creating over 150 masks together (plus a few from Lorna) which have been donated to the following organizations:

- Einstein Hospital, Elkins Park
- Baltimore Child Abuse Center
- School District of Philadelphia
- School District of Cheltenham

If you are making masks for donation, please contact Lorna if you'd like to distribute them at LSRosenberg28@gmail.com.

To honor our spiritual sister, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: At the right, please see the *Eshet Chayil* composed by a Regional Women's League member. May her memory be for a blessing.

Coming up:

- **Monday, November 2, 2020: The Robin Ordenker Book Club's** next book is *The Yellow Bird Sings* by Jennifer Rosen and we'll meet by Zoom at 7:30 PM.
- **Sunday, November 8 at 9:30 AM: Visit Jewish Rome** without ever leaving home. Tour significant Jewish sights with the exuberant and knowledgeable, Micaela Pavoncello guide extraordinaire. Grab your cappuccino and a biscotti and enjoy the sights! Register at www.jewishphilly.org.
- **Sunday, December 20 at 11:00 AM: Frank Gehry and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain.** The work of famed architect Frank Gehry will come to life through stories from Arlene Diane Spector, Art Historian and national past president of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, and current AJ chapter president.
- More fun things being planned for January and February.

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). 📞

A Judge of Valor

for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

A good judge, who can find?

Her worth is far above rubies.

The hearts of her citizens trust in her, and nothing shall they lack.

She renders fair and equitable judgements all the days of her life.

She opens her heart to the people and extends rights to the disenfranchised;

She is robed in strength and dignity and gracefully faces whatever may come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, her tongue is guided by justice.

She tends to the affairs of her country, and eats not the bread of apathy.

Her citizens come forward and bless her,

her colleagues, too, and they praise her:

"Many judges have served honorably, but you surpass them all."

Talent is laudable and courage is admirable;

a dissenting justice is much to be praised.

We place before her the legacy of her labor,

and wherever people gather, her deeds speak her praise.

A city tour you won't need walking shoes for.



Journey (virtually) to

Jewish Rome

with
Micaela Pavoncello!

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 9:30 AM

45-minute session with 15-minute break,
and then an additional 30-minute session

register at www.jewishphilly.org/oyr

Micaela was born in Rome and her Jewish family goes back 2,000 years.

Micaela knows how miraculous the existence of the Jewish Community of Rome really is. Now, with a Zoom presentation including pictures and videos, she would like to share that story with you.

Questions?

Send an email to oldyorkroad@kehillah.jewishphilly.org





Robyn Orodener Book Club

The Robyn Orodener 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:

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.



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.



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.

Make checks payable to "AJWA Sisterhood Dues".

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Address _____

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.*

*Feel free to explain on a separate note.

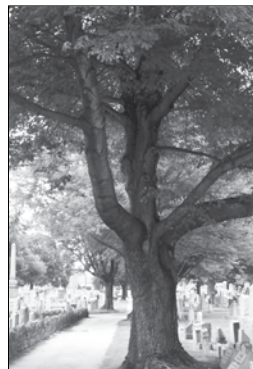


Save the Date!

Pikuach Nefesh & Kovod Virtual Women's Health Symposium

Join Dr. Chani Yondorf, OB/GYN, for a
free virtual Women's Health Symposium

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**



Adath Jeshurun Cemetery

*a resting place with historical significance,
beautiful trees, convenient location,
and affordable pricing.*

Call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611,
for a convenient time to visit.

1855 Bridge Street, Philadelphia, PA

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.

Please register at www.adathjeshurun.info/form/veterans_2020.

Zoom Information:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/92730512750>

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 927 3051 2750 (no password required)

Adath Jeshurun Men's Association presents

a 20-minute audio podcast listening and discussion program
with David Nasaw, author of the new book:

THE LAST MILLION

Wednesday, November 18 at 8:15 PM

A sweeping new history of the one million refugees left behind in Germany after WW2. British and American soldiers gathered the malnourished and desperate refugees and attempted to repatriate them. But after exhaustive efforts, there remained more than a million displaced persons left behind in Germany: Jews, Poles, Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, and other Eastern Europeans who refused to go home or had no homes to return to.

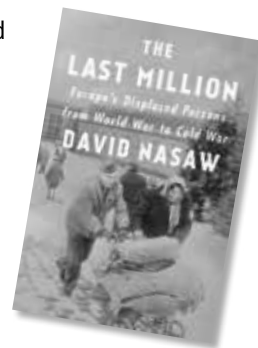
Following the podcast we'll have a brief discussion and perhaps try to connect the story above to what we are in the midst of, namely, the largest global movement of people since WW2.

Zoom Information:

By computer: <https://zoom.us/j/98166640149>

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592.

Meeting ID#: 981 6664 0149 (no password required)



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



Adath Jeshurun Men's Association

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.

Ed Moses and Harry Lessig, Co-Presidents

Sam Rosenberg, Treasurer

AJMA DUES 2020-2021

Please send your payment before December 31, 2020.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Address _____



Soon to appear in the hallway just outside the synagogue office in conjunction with the existing plaque recognizing the past Presidents of the Adath Jeshurun Men's Association. Steve is deeply missed by his family and everyone at AJ.

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:

NOVEMBER 1, 2020 to NOVEMBER 7, 2020

14 Heshvan 5781 to 20 Heshvan 5781

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



Sophia Aarons
Joseph I. Abrams
Abraham L. Albertson
Leon H. Anthony
Molly Arkans
Hannah Barenkopf
Lena Barow
Edwin I. Black
Sara Bucks
Joseph Caplan
Rose Segal Cohen
Louis Daroff
Isaac Domansky
Aaron L. Feld
Samuel Fisher
Jay S. Fuller
Robert Gerson
Max Glauser
Mollye Glick
Anna E. Goldman
Enid Gottenberg
Dina Greenhouse
Svi Greis
Lillian Hartman
Caroline Hess
Lilly Joseph Kamin
Max Kanoff
Carl Katz
Pearl Katz
Jeanette S. Kline
Robert A. Krevitz
Sidney Raymond Krupnick
Jean Labiner
Max Largman

Edith Lichtenstein
A. Alfred Lipschutz
Charles Lundy
Mortimer H. Menaker
Henry Mitchell
Anna P. Moldawer
Freda Ostrum
Irwin A. Parnis
Jennie Perl
Katie Piwosky
Ida S. Reisman
Herman Rosenberg
Martha Gorchov Rosenberger
Albert Boomie Rubin
William Salvin
Max Sherman
Mary Siegel
Joyce V. Skaler
Goldie Sklar
Dorie Solomon
Yetta Spiegel
Isadore M. Spiller
Adolph Steiger
Goldie Steinberg
Miriam Stepler
I. Jerome Stern
Fannie Wachstein
Michael Wasserman
Betty Weiss
Herman Wiener
Bertha Witkin
Ethel Zanan
Frank Zinman

NOVEMBER 8, 2020 to NOVEMBER 14, 2020

21 Heshvan 5781 to 27 Heshvan 5781

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



Anna Altman
Meyer Antwarg
Loretta Arost
Simon Arronson
Carrie Bacharach
Elaine S. Baker
Eva F. Barenkopf
Stanley Bee
Samuel Beilan
David Berkowitz
David Bernstein
Leah Blumberg
Minerva Braemer
Hannah Brav
Charlotte Britchkow
Pearl Caplan
Lester Cluster
Concetta Clendaniel
Morris Cleveman
Rae Cowan
Pearl Dean

Reuben Donsky
Anne K. Fidelman
Sam Finder
Roslyn Fineman
Samuel Freedman
Ann O. Fuller
Hyman Gettlin
Blanch Turoff Goffman
Robert D. Goldblum
Elizabeth Goldfarb
Anna Goldfine
Dana Beth Goldsborough
Cantor Morris Goldstein
Nathan Greenberg
Leonard Greenberg M.D.
Samuel Heilbron
Minnie Hoffman
Benjamin Jacobson
Harry Jaffe
Max Jasner
Emma Kaufmann

Jack Kramer
Sylvia Krevitz
William Krevitz
Dr. Lila Stein Kroser
Harry Lamb
Minnie Levin
Sophie Levy
Sophia D. Levyn
Milton H. Lipschutz
Murray H. Mellman
Minnie Metzger
Alfred P. Orleans
Robyn W. Orodener
Bernice B. Oswald
Samuel M. Parker
Helen Halpern Parnis
Leonard J. Pasternak
H.A. Perlmutter

Morris Piwosky
Arthur David Pollock
Fannie Protas
Jennie Schneeberg
Rose L. Schwartz
Flora Seligman
Rose Senet
Nisson Sher
Rebecca Sherman
Fannie Sigel
Harry Snader
Hyman Max Weigman
Benjamin F. Weiss
Harry Wilf
Saul Willig
Lillian Wurzel
Eli Warren Zucker, MD

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 to NOVEMBER 21, 2020

28 Heshvan 5781 to 5 Kislev 5781

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



Sidney Abrams
Stanley L. Ashe
Samuel Balter
Edna W. Baylson
Ida Beilan
Etta Spector Bloom
Dorothy Brown
Rachel Brown
Max David Chalphon
William Chernow
Benjamin R. Cohen
Lena Cohn
Minnie Constantine
John Ellis
Moses Engel
Michael Fassler
Joseph C. Fleisher
Joyce Freedlander
Terry M. German, MD
Beverly Eve Goldstein
Frances Goodman
Abraham Gorfain
Lola Green
Dora Greenberg
Aaron S. Grossman
Anna S. Grossman
Merrill Hakim
Herman Heilbron
Morris Hoffman
Clara Isaacman
Max Israel
Anna Kassel
Max Kassel
Harry Kattelman
Max Katz
Sarah Freedman Klein
Henrietta Klein
Rose Laster

Isaac Lessem Levi
Dr. Israel Levin
Cecelia Lewis
Neil Lipschutz
Rose Lockstanow
William Lockstanow
Bernard H. Love
Frances T. Mann
Louis Mann
Rose Tolen McKenna
Fritzie S. Meyer
Julius Pashman
Mariene Perry
Eve R. Plotnick
Sonya Podell
Aaron Pressman
Sadie Racusin
Jennie Rachel Reinhart
Hermann Rosenberger
Jacob E. Rosenblatt
Rose Rosenfeld
Goldie B. Schwartz
Judy Schwartz
Eli Shaffer
Joseph Sherman
Emanuel Shuster
Marie Silk
Morris Slotnick
Ida L. Smith
Martin Steiner
Paul Steiner
Jennie Stern
Daniel R. Udell
Samuel Unterberger
D. Leonard Vigderman
Max H. Vigderman
Mirjam Vorenberg
Katie Zimring

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 to NOVEMBER 28, 2020

6 Kislev 5781 to 12 Kislev 5781

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



Rosa S. Adams
Stella Amsterdam
Edel Aronson
Jerome Back
Phyllis Wolff Baylson
Bernard H. Berger
Bessie Berkowitz
Pincus W. Blitstein
Benjamin E. Block
Rushell Broder
Pina Brooks
Martin M. Burd
Sheva Cohen
Mordecai Dean
Sarah M. Engel
Miriam Epstein
Dr. Frank Feldman
Kalman Fine
Ella Fingles
William L. Fox
Eva Fox
Donald Freedlander
Rose Freedman
Myer Friedman
Dr. Frank Glauser
Robert Gross
Saly Hirsch
Mary Hoffman
Elias Jacobson
Louis Jaffe
Lillian Jawer
Josef Joseph
Bertha Bandler Katz
Rabbi Max D. Klein

Bessie Kornstein
Helen Kotzin
Dr. Calvin Leifer
Fannie Leshnick
Libby Levin
Jerome M. Marcus
Jerome Markowitz
Fannie Nemez
Hyman Nitzberg
Louis Oswald
Samuel J. Parness
Norman Platowsky
Gussie Thierman Rosen
Jay Harry Rubenstein
Dr. Morris Rudolph
Solomon Schechter
Jenny Schiff
Anna Schlossberg
Daniel Allen Schmerling
Benjamin Schnapp
Bessie Sherman
Samuel Sulkes
Marcia Tabby
Oscar Tarshish
Stephen H. Taylor
Mary Triebwasser
Sarah Rebecca Trifield
Louis Aaron Wise
Lizzie Wise
Lehman Wollenberger
Bernard Zanan
Ida Jaffe Zaslowsky
Irving Zucker

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 to DECEMBER 5, 2020

13 Kislev 5781 to 19 Kislev 5781

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



Tillie Balis
Arnold H. Bloch
Sarah Block
Moshe M. Blostein
Sarah Bonnem
Harry Brandschain
Ruth L. Brister
Harry Aaron Clair
Harris Cluster
Abraham Constantine
Alvin D. Davidson
Isadore Farber
Rosalind Berman Feinstein
Louis Feldenkreis
Gussie Fine
Anna Foreman
Louis J. Fox
Abraham Freedman
Joseph Gainor
Thelma Godfrey
Samuel Goldstien

Bessie Goodis
Pinchas Gorinstein
Frances S. Gross
Rosy F. Hammerschlag
Dora Hirsch
Harry Hoffman
Cecelia Frieder Kahn
Leopold Kahn
Ernest Katz
Sadie Katz
Matthew Kramer
Florence Budin Kroser
Lyllian Langerman
Charlotte Lavin
Anna Elka Levine
Joseph Marcus
Herman Masarsky
Maxwell Montague
Abram P. Piwosky
Rachel Rabinowitz
C. Willard Robinson

Henrietta Rosenbaum
Rose Rosenstein
Herman Rosenthal
Kenneth Rossman
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Caroline Scheuer
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20 Kislev 5781 to 26 Kislev 5781

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27 Kislev 5781 to 4 Tevet 5781

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DECEMBER 20, 2020 to DECEMBER 26, 2020

5 Tevet 5781 to 11 Tevet 5781

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DECEMBER 27, 2020 to JANUARY 2, 2021

12 Tevet 5781 to 18 Tevet 5781

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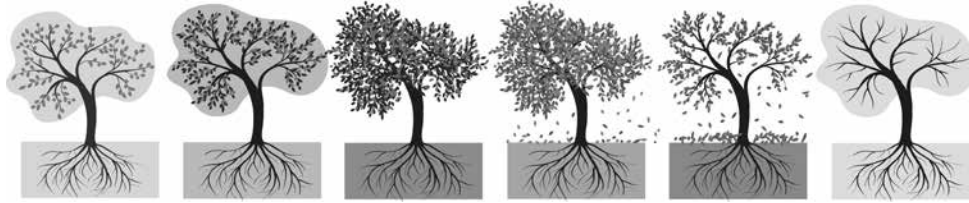
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Births

Ava Simone Meyers Rosenbloom, granddaughter of Rabbi Seymour and Cindy Rosenbloom

June 27, 2020

Dean Marc DelVecchio, son of Annette and Anthony DelVecchio, grandson of Barbara and Steven Shotz

August 2, 2020

Miriam Triebwasser, Michal Pertzovitz, Meir Triebwasser, and Tzvi Yisroel Royde, great-grandchildren of Emmanuel Triebwasser (Lenora z"l)

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Remi Lane Cytryn, daughter of Rachel (Zanan) and Marc Cytryn and granddaughter of Bill and Jill Zanan

October 5, 2020

Don't See Your Milestone Anniversary?

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

Marriages

The following couples celebrated marriages this summer and fall:

- Sara Sokolow, daughter of Leslie Sokolow, and Mitch Arch
- Jonathan Atkins, son of Naomi and Skip Atkins, and Elana Estrin
- Lee Black, son of Barbara and Mickey Black, and Molly Crane
- Zoe Rosoff-Verbit, daughter of Beryl and Art Rosoff-Verbit, and Daniel Lutz

Deaths

Dr. Richard (Dick) Hockstein, husband of Marilyn, father of Gail Chase

August 25, 2020

Paul Arost, Past President of AJMA

September 16, 2020

Dr. Alvin Pecarsky, brother of Phyllis Weber

September 17, 2020

Richard Lavi Zisserman, father of Adam (Onit) Zisserman

September 30, 2020

Vicki Lipton, mother of Nancy (Howard) Wenocur

October 15, 2020

November Milestone Anniversaries

45 YEARS

• Arthur and Mona Steiger November 23, 1975

30 YEARS

• Judy and Paul Izes November 11, 1990

25 YEARS

• Hillary and Raul Walter November 16, 1995

10 YEARS

• Michael and Wakana Spina November 23, 2010

December Milestone Anniversaries

50 YEARS

• Barry and Maxine Montague December 20, 1970

25 YEARS

• Thomas and Maria Federman December 2, 1995

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Good luck with your new home
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Quick and easy recovery and
return to good health
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