

The High Holidays may be over but there's a lot going on at AJ! See *What's Happening in November and December* on page 5.

There is No Greater Mitzvah than Redeeming Captives

by Rav Shai Cherry



When I first heard that Moses Maimonides (12th c., Egypt) wrote that redeeming captives was the greatest *mitzvah*, I assumed he was talking about redeeming youngsters and young adults like I had been from a non-Jewish lifestyle and orientation. We were captive to the majority culture, its values, and its

lifestyle. That interpretation dovetailed with Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch's most important *mitzvah*: honor your parents. For Hirsch, one honored one's parents by keeping the family traditions alive, even if that meant skipping a generation or two. (Hirsch lived in late-19th c. Germany.)

Maimonides wasn't talking about kids like me—he was talking about actual kidnapped people. Hamas, it turns out, is boringly medieval. They have a fanatical medieval ideology and use barbaric, medieval tactics. But our most important *mitzvah* remains redeeming the captives.

You'll excuse me if you've heard this before, but it bears repeating. Israel was able to negotiate a *modus vivendi* with Egypt, Jordan, the PLO, and the countries comprising the Abraham Accords. Even the more religious of those countries treats Israel as a political problem, not a religious offense. Only Hamas is on a mission from Allah to destroy Jewish sovereignty in what was once a land ruled by Islam, *Dar al-Islam*. Waging *jihad* can brook no compromise, and that is why the Israeli government is forced to incapacitate Hamas.

Once you understand that Hamas has never been interested in a two-state solution, then their behavior becomes intelligible. Rather than use the billions of dollars in international aid to take the Gazans out of refugee camps and build homes and an urban infrastructure on the Mediterranean, Hamas poured the money into 300 miles of concrete tunnels spidering under the Gaza Strip. Instead of investing in an infrastructure of peace, Hamas has built weapons factories underground. If you understand Hamas' goal, then it is not surprising that the only thing Hamas has not run out of is missiles. No water, no food, no electricity, no medicines, but plenty of missiles.

Israel is being told by some in the international community to be an accomplice to its enemies by supplying them with those life-giving treasures that they have criminally neglected to provide for their own population. Israel has always agreed to do so—once all the hostages are released.

But as we read Maimonides' legal code, there is an uncomfortable echo.

The redemption of captives takes precedence over sustaining the poor and clothing them. You do not find a *mitzvah* greater than the redemption of captives. *One who averts his eyes from redeeming the captive transgresses* (Deut. 15:7) *Do not harden your heart and shut your hand, and* (Lev. 19:16) *Do not stand upon the blood of your neighbor, and* (Lev. 25:53) *He shall not rule ruthlessly over him in your sight, and nullifies the commandment* (Deut. 15:8) *You must open your hand, and* (Lev. 25:36) *Let him live by your side as your kinsman, and* (Lev. 19:18) *Love your fellow as yourself, and* (Proverbs 24:11) *If you refrained from rescuing those taken off to death, those condemned to slaughter—if you say, "We knew nothing of it," surely He who fathoms hearts will discern. You cannot find a greater mitzvah than the redemption of captives.*

Surely, some of those Gazans are also captives. Just as we distinguish between combatants and non-combatants, we also distinguish between Hamas and ordinary Gazans who are willing to live side-by-side, in dignity and in peace, with their Jewish neighbors. As Jews, we cannot read Maimonides' catalogue of commandments and not realize that they apply to some of those Palestinians squeezed into southern Gaza. How can we harden our hearts and stand upon their blood? Since peace is the ultimate goal, we must advocate for a war waged with the prospect of peace clearly visible on the horizon, not obfuscated by the fog of war.

Hamas is an anachronism that threatens all of us with its medieval version of Islamic Superiority. That's precisely why we need to fight against all such Supremacist ideologies irrespective of whose banner they hold aloft.



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SHABBAT VAYERA

November 3, 4, 2023 20 Heshvan 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....5:37 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 5:40 PM

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SHABBAT HAYE SARAH

November 10, 11, 2023 27 Heshvan 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:30 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

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

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

• Family Shabbat Service 10:45 AM

• Shabbat Luncheon 12:30 PM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:30 PM

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ROSH HODESH KISLEV

November 14, 2023 1 Kislev 5784

TUESDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 7:00 AM

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SHABBAT TOLDOT

November 17, 18, 2023 27 Heshvan 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:24 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbal-Tot Shabbat..... 5:30 PM

Dinner for children..... 5:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat service..... 6:00 PM

Tonight's service is geared to young families and will be shorter than the traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service.

Learn more on page 7.

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:25 PM

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THANKSGIVING

November 23, 2023 10 Heshvan 5784

THURSDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 9:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE: Evening service will be via Zoom only.

SHABBAT VAYETZE

November 24, 25, 2023 12 Kislev 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:20 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:20 PM

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SHABBAT VAYISHLAH

December 1, 2, 2023 19 Kislev 5784

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

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

Hanukkah Bowl!

• Family Shabbat Service 10:45 AM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:20 PM

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HANUKKAH, DAY I

December 8, 2023 25 Kislev 5784

FRIDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 7:10 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY II SHABBAT VAYESHEV

December 8, 9, 2023 26 Kislev 5784

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

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached . 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:20 PM

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HANUKKAH, DAY III

December 10, 2023 27 Kislev 5784

SUNDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 9:00 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY IV THROUGH DAY V

December 11, 12, 2023 28, 29 Tevet 5784

MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS

• Morning Service 7:10 AM

PLEASE NOTE: On Tuesday evening, traditional minyan will be held in the Braemar Auditorium while a family Hanukkah event is held in the Sanctuary.

HANUKKAH, DAY VI ROSH HODESH TEVET

December 13, 2023 1 Tevet 5784

WEDNESDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 7:00 AM

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HANUKKAH, DAY VII THROUGH DAY VIII

December 14, 15, 2023 2, 3 Tevet 5784

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS

• Morning Service 7:10 AM

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RAV SHAI INSTALLATION WEEKEND SHABBAT MIKETZ

December 15, 16, 2023 4 Tevet 5784

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

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbal-Tot Shabbat

Dinner for children..... 5:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat service..... 6:00 PM

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Learn more on page 7.

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:20 PM

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FAST OF ASARAH B'TEVET

December 22, 2023 11 Tevet 5784

FRIDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 7:15 AM

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SHABBAT VAYIGASH

December 22, 23, 2023 11 Tevet 5784

Light Shabbat Candles.....4:20 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:20 PM

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CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2023 13 Tevet 5784

MONDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 9:00 AM

SHABBAT VAYEHI

December 29, 30, 2023 18 Tevet 5784

Light Shabbat Candles..... 4:25 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

• Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

• Shabbat Service..... 9:30 AM

SATURDAY EVENING

• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:25 PM

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2024 20 Tevet 5784

MONDAY MORNING

• Morning Service 9:00 AM

NOVEMBER

Friday/Saturday

Service Sign-up Link

tinyurl.com/AJ-Nov2023-services



DECEMBER

Friday/Saturday

Service Sign-up Link

tinyurl.com/AJ-Dec2023-services



DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday and Thursday 7:20 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 AM

Rosh Hodesh Services (weekday) 7:00 AM

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday through Thursday (except where noted) 7:00 PM

We have three Zoom links for all of our regular services:

For Friday evening and Saturday morning services:

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

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

For Saturday evening services:

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

Meeting ID#: 933131679 (Password required*)

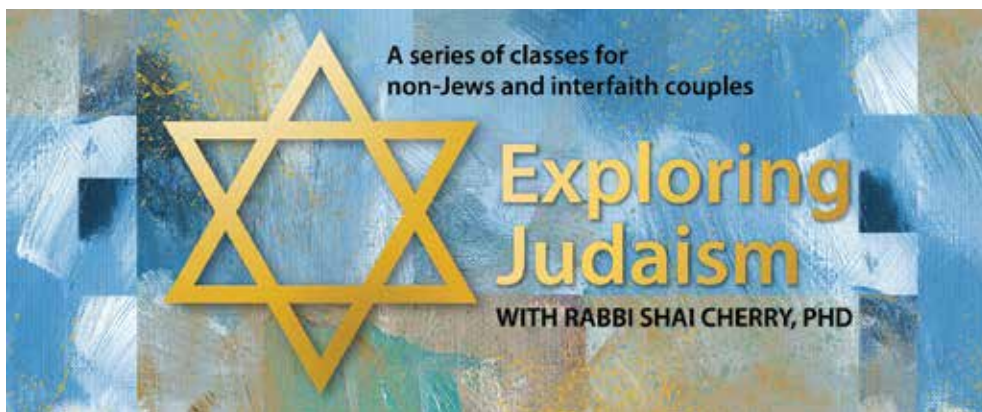
For all other services (Sunday through Friday morning and evening services, and Shabbat services):

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

By phone: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592

Meeting ID#: 109428724

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



This series of classes is intended for non-Jews and/or interfaith couples. Exploring Judaism offers 21 sessions divided into three trimesters focusing on belonging, behaviors, and beliefs. For those interested, these sessions will prepare such individuals for conversion to Judaism. If you have friends or family that may be interested, they can learn more at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/exploring-judaism>. They can also call Rav Shai at 215.635.6611, x. 115, with any questions or to register. The Behaviors trimester of Exploring Judaism will take place on Wednesdays, **beginning January 24, 2024** at 7:30 PM at Congregation Adath Jeshurun and via Zoom. Start anywhere in the trimester cycle. \$100 per trimester (no charge to include the Jewish spouse of an interfaith couple).

Change to Yahrzeits Announcements

At Congregation Adath Jeshurun, we have followed the relatively unusual practice of announcing on Shabbat those Yahrzeits that occurred the week prior rather than the more common practice of announcing the Yahrzeits that will occur in the forthcoming week. Increasingly, we have fielded requests to reverse our practice aligning our congregation with what is the more customary system. There is no *halacha* on this matter to consult; it is simply a common tradition in congregational life that Yahrzeits, the anniversaries of our loved ones' date of death, are announced in some manner.

Beginning the first week of the secular year (January 2024) we will begin following the more customary practice.

Having problems seeing the images in our weekly and standalone emails?

If you are using an iPhone to view our emails to you, you may see a small blue box with a question mark instead of an image. We are looking into why this is happening and whether it is an iPhone issue or a Constant Contact issue.

In the meantime, we have added an option for you to view the weekly email with the images in your browser. Look for it near the top of the email above "QUICK NOTES."

Hanukkah Bowl

How much do you know about Hanukkah? Join us on **Saturday, December 2, at 9:30 AM** to show your knowledge and win prizes!



DON'T FORGET!

**Sunday, November 5
2:00 AM**



AJ Involvement Opportunities

At AJ, there are lots of opportunities to perform a mitzvah and to meet other AJ congregants. Volunteer to help with a short-term activity, assist a congregant in need, or take a role on an event team! Please pick up a form from the lobby counter and let us know how you can help! If you would prefer to fill out an online form, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/aj-involvement-ops.html> or scan the QR code.



What's Happening at AJ

november

1 MITZVAH CIRCLE COAT DRIVE (ONGOING)

The AJ Social Action Committee and the AJ Early Learning Center are collaborating on a coat drive to benefit the Mitzvah Circle. See details on page 9.

2 GRANDPARENTS GROUP: "HOW TO TALK TO YOUR GRANDCHILD ABOUT...ALMOST ANYTHING"

Join us for an informative discussion with child psychiatrist Dr. Kevin T. Kalikow. He'll give tips on starting conversations with your grandchildren and for keeping them going and growing. Register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/GP-Kalikow.html>. 7:30 PM, via Zoom.

5 AJWA SISTERHOOD TEA AND FASHION SHOW

Join the AJWA Sisterhood on Sunday, November 5 at 10:30 AM for a mid-morning tea party and a fabulous Fashion Show by Scarlett Begonias! Tea sandwiches, scones, and sweets will be served. Please write a check to AJWA Sisterhood for \$37.50 or register online by October 27. EVERYONE is welcome!

6 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

The November book is *A Play for the End of the World*, by Jai Chakrabarti. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM via Zoom. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

9 HEALING SERVICE WITH RAV HAZZAN GLANTZ

The service includes healing prayers that may be familiar, steeped in our ancient liturgy as well as more contemporary and current inclusions. Toward the end of our (approximately 45-minute) time and space, we warmly offer participants the option of sharing something brief about their experience. 6:15 PM via Zoom.

9 ADULT ED SERIES: ANTI-JUDAISM FROM THE GOSPEL TO TODAY

Second Session: Protestant Reformation. We tend to think of racial antisemitism as a product of 19th-century German romanticism crashing into antisemitism. Racial antisemitism actually emerged much earlier. 7:30 PM. See details on page 14.

10 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. Bring your friends for this relaxed, casual, and enjoyable service! Then stay for Oneg Shabbat (lite dinner bites and gathering with friends). 6:15 PM

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11 FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

Rav Shai and Rav Hazzan Glantz will alternate leading a Shabbat service for young families. 10:45 AM.

12 ARTS DAY AT AJ, PART 1: MUSICAL CELEBRATION: COME TOGETHER

Rav Hazzan Glantz will sing with guests Nashira, the Jewish Chorale of Philadelphia, and the Zamir Chorale of Boston in a concert called "Come Together," featuring the best of Jewish choral music performed by the most celebrated Jewish chorales in Philadelphia and Boston! The concert will be followed by a wine and cheese reception and the Art Fair. 2:00 PM.

12 ARTS DAY AT AJ, PART 2: ARTS FAIR

Enjoy a wine and cheese reception and an Arts Fair featuring the artwork of nearly 30 AJ congregants and friends. Schmooze, admire the variety of talents of our congregants, and maybe even buy something! The work runs the gamut from watercolors and oil paintings to ceramics and photography. There will be a raffle and a 50/50 at 5:00 PM. The Arts Fair will run from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

15 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this monthly gathering designed to foster a secure, confidential, and non-judgmental environment that encourages individuals to freely express their emotions. Following evening minyan at 7:30 PM at AJ. See details on page 9.

16 KIKAR BEGINS (TEEN EDUCATION)

We welcome teens in the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades (and higher). See details on the back cover.

17 KABBAL-TOT SHABBAT

Children's dinner at 5:30 PM, followed by a family Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00 PM. See details on page 7.

27 KITAN MINI BOOK FAIR

Support your local bookshop (Open Book in Elkins Park) and dive into these beautifully illustrated books for children and deeply meaningful books for adults! Runs through December 9. See page 11 for details.

29 HEALING SERVICE WITH RAV HAZZAN GLANTZ

The service includes healing prayers that may be familiar, steeped in our ancient liturgy as well as more contemporary and current inclusions. Toward the end of our (approximately 45-minute) time and space, we warmly offer participants the option of sharing something brief about their experience. 7:45 PM via Zoom.

2 HANUKKAH BOWL

How much do you know about Hanukkah? Show your knowledge and win prizes! Services begin at 9:30 AM. There will be an extended Kiddush luncheon.

2 FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

See description for November 11. 10:45 AM

3 ADULT EDUCATION: HEBREW JUMPSTART #1

Consisting of two levels of classes—one for pure beginners (refreshing their knowledge of the *aleph-bet* and “decoding” Hebrew words) and another for those with more advanced Hebrew skills—we’ll engage in a marathon Sunday session. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. See details on page 14.

4 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

The December book is *Signal Fires: A Novel* by Dani Shapiro. Please read the book before the meeting! 7:30 PM via Zoom. Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

8 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

See details for November 10.

12 BRING IN THE LIGHT CONCERT

Rav Hazzan Glantz will lead a Hanukkah program called **Bring in the Light!** for families in the AJ Sanctuary. See details on page 11.

15/ 17 RAV SHAI’S 5TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND EVENT

Don’t miss the weekend-long celebration of Rav Shai’s 5th anniversary as AJ’s rabbi! See details at right.

15 KABBAL-TOT SHABBAT

See description for November 17. 5:30 PM.

17 4TH ANNUAL LATKE THROWDOWN

This year, the Latke Throwdown will be part of the Rav Shai 5th Anniversary weekend! Following the teaching session with Rabbi Arthur Green on Sunday morning, we’ll have brunch with lots of latkes and toppings dreamed up by our competitors. See details on page 11.

20 AJ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

See details for November 15.

Did you know you can now find RSVP links to most scheduled events in one place on our website? Go to AJ’s home page (www.adathjeshurun.info) and click on “RSVP and Events” in the top menu.

Rav Shai’s 5th Anniversary Celebration

Friday Evening, December 15;
Saturday Morning, December 16;
and Sunday Morning, December 17

Please mark this auspicious weekend on your calendar. We will be honoring Rav Shai’s 5th year anniversary. Much has happened in the last 60 months. It is time to recognize Rav Shai’s commitment and dedication to Adath Jeshurun. We are delighted to tell you that our esteemed guest speaker/teacher will be Prof. Arthur Green. Prof. Green is a world-renowned theologian and Rav Shai’s mentor.



Prof. Arthur Green

This weekend promises to be a very special occasion. Please save the dates December 15 to 17 for a memorable three days. Your invitation will follow shortly.

Judy Stutman Izes, Leslie Sokolow, and Merrill Stup

ATTENTION READERS!

Do you plan to visit an interesting city or museum? Have you read a great book that you’d like to share with others? Did a recent experience help you see things in a different way? Have you found a great web site that you find valuable in your Jewish life? We’d like to hear about it!

If you have a topic that you think would be of interest to other congregants, let us know! We’ll ask you to write a short article (emphasis on short!) about your experience for possible insertion into the *AJ News*. Provide pictures if relevant. Writing should be conversational in tone. If you mention other congregants in your article, please confirm their approval in advance. Contact Marjorie Trager at 215.635.6611 or mtrager@adathjeshurun.info if you would like to submit an article.

Note: All articles will be edited for grammar and clarity, and their use will be dependent on space. Please, no shoutouts for local businesses. Any photographs should be high resolution (300 dpi at 3”x 4”). On an iPhone, forward any photos at “Actual Size.”



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

We are numb.

The amount of evil that was unleashed is overwhelming. Words escape me. I call upon our precious tradition. The bees represent words to me, words that are swarming all around me but evade alignment that might provide a coherent sentence.

Psalm 118:10-11

סבּוּנוֹי גַּם-סִבְּבוּנוֹי; בְּשֵׁם ה', כִּי אָמַילִם

They (bees) encompassed me, yea, hemmed me in,
With reliance on the Lord, I indeed overcame them.

Translation from Seder Avodah 2008, p. 309

And we persevere. Indeed, we will overcome. As I write, I am also preparing for the vigil to be held tonight at KI. I pray that our community will literally, if not spiritually, return to the Jewish motto of decades past, "We Are One." Put our differences aside and "come together."

In just a few weeks after this newsletter arrives, I hope we will "come together" again in great numbers to "Fill Our Hearts with the Arts" at AJ on Sunday, November 12 (see more details on page 8). The first segment of the afternoon, at 2:00 PM, is a concert titled before the recent atrocities, "Come Together" and it is made possible by the Don z"l and Roslyn Waldman Hebraic Arts. Our beloved choir director, **Dr. Julia Zavadsky**, and treasured accompanist, Soyeon Bin, fulfill these same roles for Nashirah, the premier Jewish Chorale of Greater Philadelphia. Nashirah honored AJ by requesting that we host this program as they welcome The Zamir Chorale of Boston. Zamir is currently celebrating more than 50 years of "music with a mission." The Zamir Chorale of Boston has been described as a "vibrant voice in the presentation, preservation, and perpetuation of Jewish culture."

The founder (in 1969) and director of the Zamir Chorale is **Dr. Joshua R. Jacobson**. Dr. Jacobson holds a Bachelors degree in Music from Harvard College, a Masters degree in Choral Conducting from the New England Conservatory, a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati, and a Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa* from Hebrew College. Before retiring in 2018, Dr. Jacobson served 45 years as Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Northeastern University, including nine years as Music Department Chairman and six years as the Bernard Stotsky Professor of Jewish Cultural Studies.

I was privileged with the opportunity to ask some questions of Josh.

What comes to mind as your earliest musical exposure?

My earliest musical memories are singing *zemirot* around the Shabbat table at my parents' home. I also remember enjoying listening to their collection of "classical" music on the record player. Those were 78 RPM discs and had to be changed every few minutes.

Who were your most influential teachers?

I was enthralled by folk music. As a teenager at my Zionist summer camp, we learned to sing (and to love) what we were told were Israeli folk songs. Of course, I've since learned that they all had composers other than "trad." With a friend, we formed a semi-professional duo and sang and played our guitars for modest audiences. At that same camp, I fell in love with Jewish choral music under the direction of the charismatic conductor Stanley Sperber. Stanley continued to serve as my mentor and eventually invited me to start a Zamir Chorale in Boston.

Outside of choral music, what brings you Jewish joy?

Jewish Joy? My shul community. Shabbat and holidays at home. Visiting Israel. Delving deeply into biblical texts and subtexts; especially at TheTorah.com website (<https://www.thetorah.com>).

Cantillation is a passion that brings me great Jewish joy (see Dr. Jacobson's mega-work, *Chanting the Hebrew Bible: The Complete Guide to the Art of Cantillation*, at <https://tinyurl.com/39mvhkf9>). I treasure teaching cantorial students, and I feel enriched reading Arthur Green's comments on the *siddur*—encouraging me to slow down and think about it.




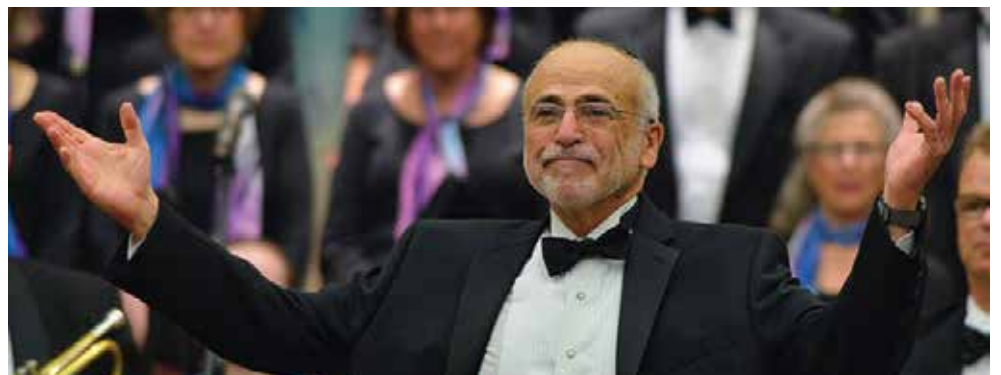
Side note: Dr. Jacobson is referring to a very new and wonderful volume by Rabbi Green, published just this past February. It was one of the rabbinic ordination gifts given to me by Rav Shai and from which I often share little jewels I constantly find for the morning minyan. Read more about Dr. Arthur Green and his forthcoming visit to AJ on page 5.

What challenges are you facing as an artistic director of an ensemble that is mainly focusing on Jewish music?

For 45 years I also conducted a college chorus. So I got to do all the great classics: Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Stravinsky, Orff, etc. Since I retired from that job five years ago—yes, I do miss those masterworks. But Zamir brings me great joy as we investigate repertoire—much of it unknown—much of it deserving to be labeled "classic."

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Our concert will feature the best of Jewish choral music performed by the most celebrated Jewish chorales in Philadelphia and Boston! The afterglow of the concert will serve as a reception for an AJ Arts Fair featuring the artwork of nearly 30 AJ congregants and friends. 





AJ Early Learning Center

By Tracey Perchick, Early Childhood Director

There are always a lot of questions surrounding the holidays. Will the turkey be juicy? Should we serve the latkes with applesauce or sour cream? Who should we purchase gifts for this year? While these things seem to matter at the time, will Cousin Mabel remember this year's side dishes 10 years from now? Of course, she won't. However, she will remember the turkey candle that is placed in the middle of the table every year that Grandma Sylvia bought in the 70s. Why? Because it is a tradition!

My family is very big on traditions. We each receive eight gifts at Hanukkah every year. We may find after opening them a simple household item like a chip clip or something more personal like a scented body lotion. This may seem silly, but it reminds us of the joy of opening the presents each year as kids and the thrill of wondering what may be under the gift wrap. My parents even wrapped items in decoy boxes to throw my brother and me off track.

Now as our family is spread over three states, we still light the candles each night at sundown in our respective homes and open the gift labeled with that night's number. None of us care what's in the wrap. The fun is the phone call that follows where we thank each other and end up reminiscing about years passed.

I have seen some great traditions within the ELC families I have interacted with over the years. Some families select a charity and an age-appropriate way to give back. Some parents will light the menorah and the children will have smaller versions with light bulbs instead of candles. One of my favorites as a dessert lover is the family that had *sufganiyot* (donuts) for dinner and pasta for dessert.

What will your tradition be? Is it a tradition from your childhood or a new one for the family you have created? Will it be simple or complex? Will it be based on a lesson learned in an AJELC classroom? Either way enjoy your holidays and the family time it brings. [aj](#)

Kabbal-Tot Shabbat

November 17 at 5:30 PM

We are pleased to introduce a new Friday night service geared toward young families, created out of the structure of our traditional Friday evening service. Adults and children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to make "holy noise" and sweet sounds as we, together, welcome Shabbat. Children will have dinner at 5:30 PM and the service will start at 6:00 PM. (This service will replace traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service on scheduled nights.)

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Family Shabbat Service

Beginning on Saturday, November 11, Rav Shai and Rav Hazzan Glantz will alternate leading a Shabbat service for young families. The service will begin at 10:45 AM. Mark your calendars for these special days: November 11, December 2, January 13, February 10, March 9, April 6, and May 11.

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Mark Your Calendars!

On Tuesday, December 12, Rav Hazzan Glantz will lead a Hanukkah program called **Bring in the Light!** for families in the AJ Sanctuary. Look for details coming soon!



playground fun



fall in Adom



Miss Angela, Elkins Park Librarian



journal time



little Lego learners

Give Everyone the Benefit of the Doubt

By Rav Shai Cherry

As I embark on year five at AJ, I find this *mitzvah* from Pirkei Avot to be absolutely essential.

Here's a lovely description of what that *mitzvah* entails.


Judging favorably is an aspect of humility. It is an admission that our perception is limited, and a decision not to allow this limited understanding to trick us into hasty conclusions. Judging favorably means realizing that the other person has his reasons, even if we may disagree with them. It is knowing that it is just as important to go into the depths of another person's claim as our own.

Judging favorably means imagining untold stories.

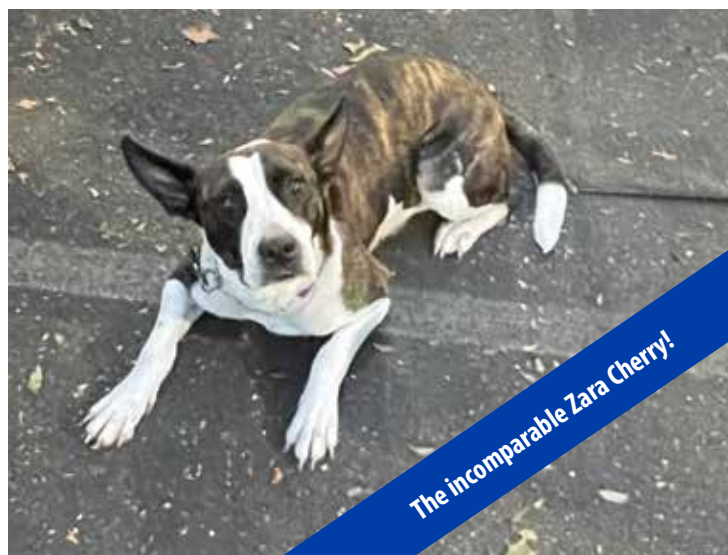
*Finding merit, discovering a *zechus*, is like finding the missing piece of the puzzle. Suddenly the picture becomes clear.*

Giving the benefit of the doubt means recognizing that there might be another side to the story. Then we begin our search as we attempt to acquit the "suspect" or at least reduce his sentence, so that he becomes, again, a person of good standing in our eyes.

— From *The Other Side of the Story: Giving People the Benefit of the Doubt—Stories and Strategies* by Yehudis Samet

"Loving your neighbor as yourself" requires us to cut as much slack for others as we do for ourselves. As we strive to do better ourselves, may this year also bring us greater strength in finding the merit of others. 

BELOW: On Sunday, October 1, the L'olam Committee prepared a sustainable dinner to be eaten in the sukkah. They served a beautiful vegan Moroccan meal.



Moroccan Beet Salad

Served by the L'olam Committee at their sustainable dinner in the sukkah)

5 medium sized beets, tops removed	2 tsp. cumin
1 red onion, cut in half and thinly sliced	1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. olive oil	1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, packed
1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice	1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves, packed
1 Tbsp. orange zest	

In a large pot bring enough water to cover beets to a boil. Add in beets and allow to simmer until beets are tender enough to be pierced with a fork, about 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from pot and allow to cool completely. While running under cold water, remove the skins from the beets using a peeler. Cut beets into 2" pieces and set aside.

In a small bowl combine orange juice, orange zest, olive oil, cumin and salt. Stir well and set aside.

In a large bowl add in beets, fresh mint, fresh cilantro, sliced onions, and dressing and toss until everything is mixed together. Top with more fresh herbs and serve.

Note: Without the fresh herbs, salad will store well for up to 5 days in refrigerator.



AJ Buys Ambulance for Magen David Adom

On Monday, October 16, Rav Shai made a plea for AJers to step up in Israel's hour of need and raise money to purchase an ambulance for Magen David Adom. On October 21, during a Shabbat lunch with representatives from Magen David Adom, Hadassah, Na'amat, and Friends of Ben Gurion University, we announced that it had reached its \$115,000 goal in just four days!

Although there were a handful of contributors who supplied the "chassis," most of our donors came in at the body and bolts level. We should be proud of our commitment to *Am Yisrael!*

For those who are still looking for vetted charities to help in the war effort, below you'll find the links to Magen David Adom as well as the three charities whose representatives spoke to us on Saturday, October 21 during Shabbat. Also included is the link to My Israel, the charity warehouse Rav Shai discussed on Yom Kippur.

Magen David Adom

<https://afmda.org/>



Ben Gurion University

<https://americansforbgu.org/>



Naamat

<https://naamat.org/>



Hadassah

<https://www.hadassah.org/>



My Israel

<https://myisraelcharity.org/>



Kol Yisrael arevin zeh b'zeh—All of Israel is responsible for one another. 



Mitzvah Circle Coat Drive October 29 through November 10

Get ready to clean out your coat closets!

The AJ Social Action Committee and the AJ Early Learning Center are collaborating on a coat drive to benefit the Mitzvah Circle. The Mitzvah Circle, located in Norristown, provides supplies and resources for Montgomery County families in need. We are asking for new or slightly used coats for all ages. The Early Learning Center will focus on collecting coats for kids and the Social Action Committee will focus on adults.

Boxes will be available outside the ELC entrance.

Bring on the coats!



AJ Bereavement Support Group

Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this monthly gathering specifically designed to foster a secure, confidential, and non-judgmental environment that encourages individuals to freely express their emotions. Irrespective of the time elapsed since one's loss, everyone is welcome to participate, as there are no qualifying or disqualifying criteria. A warm invitation is extended to everyone interested in attending these meetings. Feel free to contact Rav Hazzan Glantz in advance with any questions. The meeting will follow evening minyan on selected Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at AJ and via Zoom. The next scheduled dates are **November 15 and December 20**.

Healing Services Led by Rav Hazzan Glantz

The service includes healing prayers that may be familiar, steeped in our ancient liturgy as well as more contemporary and current inclusions. Toward the end of our (approximately 45-minute) time and space, we warmly offer participants the option of sharing something brief about their experience. The services scheduled for the fall are **November 2 at 6:15 PM, and November 29 at 7:45**. Via Zoom only.



Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached

*Come to AJ or meet us on Zoom and sing along!
Followed by an oneg (lite bites)!*

Friday nights at 6:15 PM:

November 10, December 8, January 26, and February 16



Fill Your Heart with the Arts at AJ on Sunday, November 12!

Musical Celebration: Come Together*

with

**Rav Hazzan Howard K. Glantz,
Nashirah, the Jewish Chorale of Philadelphia, and Zamir Chorale of Boston**

The concert will feature the best of Jewish choral music performed by the most celebrated Jewish chorales in Philadelphia and Boston! Nashira is led by someone familiar to AJers, Julia Zavadsky. Conductor Dr. Joshua Jacobson leads Zamir.

**This concert is made possible by the Don z"l and Roslyn Waldman Hebraic Arts Music Series.*

From 2:00 to 3:15 PM

Wine and Cheese Reception during the Arts Fair

Raffle Drawing and 50/50 at 5:00 PM

Free of charge and no registration required

AJ Arts Fair

featuring the artwork of nearly 30 AJ congregants and friends



Schmooze, admire the variety of talents of our congregants, and maybe even buy something! The work runs the gamut from watercolors and oil paintings to ceramics and photography.

From 3:00 to 6:00 PM




Breathe Deeply

By Beth Shapiro, Director of
Programming and New Initiatives

My heart is with Israel. I am struggling. Many members of our extended community are struggling. To be honest, every Jewish person I know is struggling, at one level or another. Chaos is unsettling. Misinformation or a paucity of accurate fact is unsettling. War is unthinkable and yet it is our current reality. I want to express my gratitude for being a part of AJ's community and for the calm I find here. I am sending out caring, loving wishes for peace to the entire community.

To lower my feelings of anxiety, I am spending more time with friends and family. I am exercising more, eating well, and going back to an old mindfulness practice. Jewish mindfulness can be described as "cultivating awareness and the ability to access wisdom and resilience even in the midst of chaos." That is a quote from The Institute for Jewish Spirituality.

Some of us talk when we are facing unforeseen or upsetting news, others get quiet, some will write or call friends, others act outwardly showing anger or outrage. There are many ways to express your thoughts and work through your feelings. Our *Tikkun Middot*, or character traits, are your innate virtues such as gratitude, compassion or love. Relying on the most positive aspects of your nature can be very soothing at times such as these.

One way to tap into these virtues could be through prayer. Spending time in the sanctuary with our Rav, Hazzan, and congregants can be healing and supportive. Another way to find calm could be through a mindfulness practice. A breath meditation can provide a sense of calm in a storm. If you have a mindfulness practice, this is probably a good time to rely on the benefits of sitting in your own way to meditate. If you don't yet have a mindfulness practice and would like to investigate what it looks like, consider going to www.jewishspirituality.org. Mindfulness is good for children as well as adults. It can calm the nervous system and create a space for a moment of kindness for ourselves and those we love. 

GRANDPARENTS GROUP PROGRAM

How to Talk to Your Grandchild About...Almost Anything Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 PM

Join us for an informative discussion with child psychiatrist Dr. Kevin T. Kalikow. He'll give tips on starting conversations with your grandchildren and for keeping them going and growing. Register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/GP-Kalikow.html>. 7:30 PM, via Zoom. This event is open to the members of the synagogues of Old York Road.



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AJ's Kitan Bookfair for All Ages November 27 through December 9

A precious selection of books will be shared with us by Open Book in Elkin's Park. This mini bookfair will include titles about awe, Jewish history, culture, fantasy, and lots of love. Come support your local bookshop and dive into these beautifully illustrated books for children and deeply meaningful books for adults! The books, among several others, will include:

Artists Under Fire

By Lana Melman

The BDS war against celebrities, Jews, and Israel

Hidden

By Loic Dauvillier, Marc Lizano,
and Gregg Salsedo

Children's book about being Jewish
in a non-Jewish world

Judaism Disrupted

By Rabbi Michael Strassfeld

A spiritual manifesto for the 21st century



Hanukkah Celebrations! We're planning for a festive Hanukkah at AJ!

Family Hanukkah Concert Bring In the Light

Tuesday, December 12

Rav Hazzan Glantz will lead a Hanukkah program for families called **Bring in the Light!** in the AJ Sanctuary. Look for details coming soon. (Traditional minyan will be held in the Braemer Auditorium.)



Fourth Annual Latke Throwdown

Sunday, December 17 during Brunch

This year, AJ's **Fourth Annual Latke Throwdown** will be part of the weekend celebrating Rav Shai's 5th anniversary at AJ. The morning will begin with a program featuring Rav Shai's mentor, Dr. Arthur Green, followed by a brunch and lots of latkes! If you'd like to compete, contact Judy Stutman-Izes at jpsizes@aol.com.

**Who makes
the best latke?
Come and find out!**



AJWA Sisterhood

By Karen Moses, President

Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bazeh Torah Fund

September 2023 to June 2024

We're off to a wonderful start—September was a very good month for the Seminary. I just mailed almost \$5,000 to the Torah Fund Office.

Thank you to all of you who already have fulfilled this year's theme, "All the people of Israel are responsible for one another." We have a communal responsibility to care for others. This responsibility is part of *Ahavat Yisrael*, love of Israel. We love our community, we love the stranger as ourselves, and we love G-d with all our heart.

We will be announcing our Torah Fund honoree very soon. Our Torah Fund brunch will be on Sunday, May 19.

When you are ready to make a contribution or pledge, please send your envelopes to AJ. Remember to make your checks out to Torah Fund.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Merril Stup
215.782.3735



Robyn Orodenker Book Club

The Robyn Orodenker Book Club is a guided discussion group held on a designated night (usually Monday) at 7:30 PM via Zoom until further notice. Reading of the book is required! Attend one or more sessions. Here is the reading list for November, December, and January:

A Play for the End of the World

by Jai Chakrabarti
November 6, 2023

Signal Fires: A Novel

by Dani Shapiro
December 4, 2023

Mother Daughter Traitor Spy: A Novel

by Susan Elia MacNeal
January 22, 2024



Questions?

Contact **Liane Sher** at 215.635.4613 or **Judy Szekely** at 215.834.1711

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Honey from the Heart" project this year. We sent over 300 bottles of honey to our families and friends.

It was a pleasure to chair this wonderful fundraiser.

May we be blessed with another year of good health and be able to send good wishes again next year.

Leslie Sokolow



AJWA Sisterhood Mid-Morning Tea Party and Fabulous Fashion Show

Sunday, November 5
at 10:30 AM

On **Sunday, November 5**, please join us for Mid-Morning Tea and a fabulous Fashion Show. We'll enjoy a fashion show presented by Scarlet Begonias while we sip tea and eat tea sandwiches, scones, and sweets! The cost is \$37.50. The tea and show start at AJ at 10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ajwa-tea-fashion>.



All proceeds will be donated to Mogen David Adom.

AJWA SISTERHOOD DUES 2023–2024

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

Make checks payable to "AJWA Sisterhood Dues."

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Address _____

The deadline for 2023–2024 dues is December 31, 2023.

☐ I would also like to get involved in the tiniest or grandest way!
Contact me. (Feel free to explain on a separate note.)

☐ I have an idea for a program, event, outreach project, etc.
Contact me. (Feel free to explain on a separate note.)



It's never too late to pay your AJWA Sisterhood dues!
And you can pay online now! Just go to the AJ website,
click on "CONNECT," and scroll down to AJWA Sisterhood.

PROZDOR

(formerly College Connection)

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

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

Child Name

Child Address

Child Email Address

Parent Name

Parent Email

This program is enthusiastically sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

STITCHERS!

The Stitchers group is the Masorot chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework. Our mission is to create community through *hiddur mitzvah*—beautifying the mitzvah with the works of our hands.



For further information, please contact Karen Moses by email at karedlon@aol.com and put "Pomegranate Info Request" in the subject line.

This program is lovingly sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood.

IN RECOGNITION...

To all of our congregants who have generously contributed to Bonai Adat Yeshurun, we say *Todah Rabah*... Thank You.

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AJ Adult Education Committee

anti-judaism series

Given the resurgence of antisemitism, the Adult Education Committee has decided to offer a series of sessions offering both historical and contemporary views of the longest hatred. Rav Shai will be leading the series, but there will be guest speakers throughout the year including our Scholars-in-Residence weekend.

Anti-Judaism from the Gospel to Today

The first session of this series, The New Testament, was held on October 26. Here are descriptions of the next two sessions. You can sign up for the series at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/adult-ed-antijudaism.html>.



Protestant Reformation, with Rav Shai Cherry

November 9, 2023 — 7:30 PM

We tend to think of racial antisemitism as a product of 19th-century German romanticism crashing into antisemitism. Racial antisemitism actually emerged much earlier and played a significant role in the Jewish Expulsion from Spain and the Protestant Reformation just 30 years later. This presentation will feature the earliest antisemitic caricatures.

Jews and the Third Reich, with Rav Shai Cherry

February 22, 2024 — 7:30 PM

Too often, people think of the Shoah as an event. It was a process. This session will look at the social death of the Jews in the Third Reich, from 1933 to 1941, that was a necessary prerequisite to systematic extermination.



The Adult Education Brochure of 2023–24

If you weren't able to pick up the 2023–24 Adult Education brochure when you attended High Holiday services at AJ, we encourage you to get one! You can pick one up at the synagogue or download one at <https://files.adathjeshurun.info/Adult-Ed-2023-final.pdf> or scan the QR code below.



CSP has full course schedules for November and December.

Go to <https://ocsp.net> for more information and to register. Please note that times on CSP web pages are Pacific Time unless noted otherwise.



hebrew jumpstart

Consisting of two levels of classes—one for pure beginners (refreshing their knowledge of the *aleph-bet* and “decoding” Hebrew words) and another for those with more advanced Hebrew skills—we’ll engage in a marathon Sunday session, either **December 3 or February 4**. Devoted primarily to assist congregants in *davening* in Hebrew as well as reading and comprehension, those interested in the basic level can also enroll in a class to receive follow-up guided practice sessions to hone the skills they acquire. These sessions will be from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** and are open to the community.

Level 1: Elementary decoding, with Rabbi Peretz Rodman, PhD. Dr. Rodman is a Hebrew educator based in Jerusalem and has a PhD in Bible studies from Brandeis University.

Level 2: Advanced skills (Hebrew translation, comprehension) taught by Rav Shai Cherry.

Register by going to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/hebrew-jumpstart.html> or by scanning the QR code at the right.



awe series

Beginning in December, Rav Shai will oversee a wide-ranging exploration of the concept of “awe”—what it is, how we experience it, and the effect it can have on our lives. We will explore the topic from four viewpoints, including musical, artistic, natural, and the written word.

Wild Awe, with Rav Shai Cherry

December 10, 2023 — Time TBD

Ideally, we could all go to Yosemite. Or the Grand Canyon. Or the fjords of Norway. Our treasurer has nixed those options. So, we’re headed to the Holodec, a virtual reality arcade, to strap on a pair of goggles and “experience” those natural phenomena right here in Philadelphia’s Fishtown.

Look for registration info coming soon.

“Awe enables us to see in the world intimations of the divine, to sense in small things the beginning of infinite significance, to sense the ultimate in the common and the simple, to feel in the rush of the passing the stillness of the eternal.”

— Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



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:

OCTOBER 29, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2023

14 Heshvan 5784 to 20 Heshvan 5784

To be read on Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4



Hulda Burger Abrahams
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NOVEMBER 5, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 11, 2023

21 Heshvan 5784 to 27 Heshvan 5784

To be read on Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11



Sophia Aarons
Loretta Arost
Simon Arronson
Carrie Bacharach
Elaine S. Baker
Eva F. Barenkopf
Stanley Bee
Samuel Beilan
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Ida Jaffe Zaslow
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NOVEMBER 12, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 18, 2023

28 Heshvan 5784 to 5 Kislev 5784

To be read on Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18



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Harris Cluster
Abraham Constantine
Max Dannenhirsch
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Isadore Farber
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Abraham Freedman
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NOVEMBER 19, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 25, 2023

6 Kislev 5784 to 12 Kislev 5784

To be read on Friday, Nov. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 25



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20 Kislev 5784 to 26 Kislev 5784

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27 Kislev 5784 to 4 Tevet 5784

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5 Tevet 5784 to 11 Tevet 5784

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12 Tevet 5784 to 18 Tevet 5784

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19 Tevet 5784 to 25 Tevet 5784

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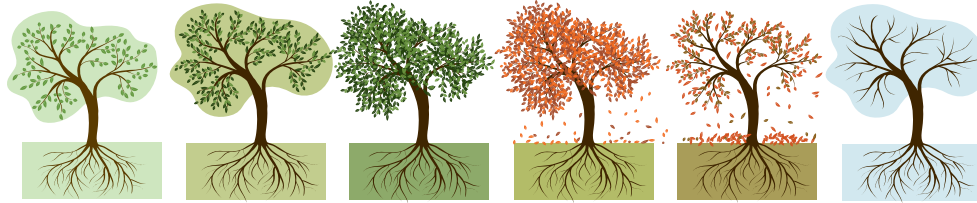


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Adath Jeshurun looks forward to acknowledging significant milestones in the lives of our members. Announcements for *The Seasons of Our Lives* should be sent to the synagogue office in writing or by email to office@adathjeshurun.info with the notation "Seasons of Our Lives" in the subject line. Please include your phone number.

Births

Sloan Amelia Isard, great-granddaughter of Joan Wohl
September 15, 2023

Gavin Avery Green, grandson of our congregant, Margie (Aaron, z"l) Green, and son of Andrew and Tori Green
October 9, 2023

Simchas

Hilary Yohlin Waller, MS, LPC, had a new book published: *The Perinatal Patient*.

Elizabeth Yohlin Baill, WHYY Community Relations Coordinator and Education Specialist, Children's TV Productions, and her team, won a Public Media Award for the Best Educational Resource for the Community for "Albi's Elevator," a new WHYY resource.

Deaths

Rabbi Barry Dov Lerner, husband of Barbara Lerner
August 29, 2023

Howard Kenneth Fisher, brother of John Fisher (Susie Sommovilla)
September 19, 2023

Howard (Heshie) Izes, uncle of Dr. Paul (Judy) Izes
September 20, 2023

Leonard Cooper, husband of Wendy Fein Cooper
September 28, 2023

Shirley Don
October 13, 2023

Charlotte Shanblatt
October 22, 2023

Joshua Katz, husband of Jessica and father of Theo, Lucas, and Spencer
October 23, 2023

November Milestone Anniversaries

30 YEARS
• Howard Levin and Eydie Rudman November 6, 1993

December Milestone Anniversaries

55 YEARS
• Viki and David Pashman December 21, 1968
• Lynne and Martin Rudolph December 28, 1968

20 YEARS
• Mindy and David Reibstein December 12, 2003

15 YEARS
• Arlene and Albert Brest December 7, 2008

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TOP: On Wednesday, October 4, AJ welcomed Dr. Yair Lev, Dr. Shraga Bick, Ken Weilerstein, and the rest of UnXeptable Philly for a lively discussion. BOTTOM: Congregants enjoying AJWA Sisterhood's ziti Dinner in the Sukkah on Thursday, October 5.

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