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Mussar, Israel Education, and a Soft Ask

by Rav Shai Cherry



It is easier to become an expert in the entire Talmud than it is to correct a single stubborn character trait. — Rabbi Israel Salanter

Many Jews are familiar with the antagonism between the Hasidim and Mitnagdim in 19th-century Eastern Europe. Their disputes were either theological or political, depending on one's level of cynicism. One byproduct of that battle for Jewish minds came to be known

as the Mussar Movement and focused on one's character. This seems like an excellent time to review such wisdom! Beginning **Sunday morning, January 30 at 10:00 AM**, I'll be teaching a **three-session course on Mussar** by introducing Rabbi Israel Lipkin of Salanter, the founder of the movement. We'll explore his focus on self-control and virtuous behavior through his writings and those of his students. We will also experiment with some of the exercises he pioneered in order to instill those character traits.

While our traditional adult education programming continues strong, we are excited to roll out a new series of Israel offerings. Last Spring's *milchamonet*, the "little war" between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, was quickly characterized by conflicting narratives. My written response during the *milchamonet* prompted a group of congregants to meet, and we decided that the congregation would benefit from a better understanding of the history and politics of Israel with a focus on the Arab—Israeli conflict.

In the background to that discussion was my knowledge that AJ would be offering a congregational trip to Israel slated for October of 2022. (See page 10 for itinerary details.) We are thrilled to be presenting three learning bundles that will appeal to so many of you regardless of whether you'll be coming with us to Israel this year.

Many of you already know **Kobi Cooper**, Len and Wendy's son. He has served as a tour guide for AJ on previous trips and recently brought us love stories of Jerusalem through the magic of Zoom. Kobi will be one of our guides on our 2022 trip, and he'll be offering a series of Zoom sessions for us related to modern Israel, including one focused on technology.

The next educator in our stable is **Dr. David Bernat**. We studied together at Brandeis where he received his doctorate in Hebrew Bible and early Judaism. David's Zoom contributions will involve pivotal moments in our early history and their ongoing influences on today's world. David will also be coming to AJ for an in-person Israeli wine-tasting evening where he will discuss ancient and modern Israeli viticulture!

Our capstone educator will be **Kenneth Stein**, Professor Emeritus of Contemporary Middle Eastern History, Political Science, and Israeli Studies at Emory University. In my opinion, there is no one, anywhere, better suited to lead American Jews through the intricacies of the Arab-Israeli conflicts and the relationship between America and Israel than Professor Stein.



To learn more about him, scan the QR code or go to https://ismi.emory.edu/director/index.html

Professor Stein will be kicking off his programming with a three-day Shabbaton from April 8–10. The Shabbaton will be followed up by a return to AJ in the fall. Professor Stein brings star quality to AJ, and he is bringing it more than once! Hence, we are looking for sponsors for Professor Stein's teachings. Sponsors are requested to contribute \$1,000 towards his programs and will be invited to a special patrons' event on Saturday night, April 9. If you'd like to sponsor Professor Stein, please be in touch with me.

As you can see, we've put together an Israel curriculum that combines ancient and modern, history and politics, and arts and science, with the requisite pretext to drink a *l'chaim*! We are very excited.

Just the anticipation of it all is enough to warm up your winters!

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We have three Zoom links for all of our 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

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

By phone for all services: Please dial 929.436.2866 or 301.715.8592 and use the Meeting ID#.
*The password for Friday evening and Saturday morning services is distributed to congregants via email each week.

DAILY MINYAN MORNING SERVICES

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

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday through Thursday7:00 PM

See the blue box at right for details about in-person and Zoom services.

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. For now, the Havurah is not meeting on a regular basis. Please call the office if you are interested in finding out more about the havurah service.



Kindly RSVP by January 4, 2022.

Please bring your vaccination card with you. If you are eligible, please get your covid-19 booster by January 1, 2022.

Services: In Person at AJ or via Zoom?

As of the printing of the January/February AJ News, all Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat and Saturday morning Shabbat services are being held both in person at AJ and on Zoom. Shabbat Minhah, Ma'ariv, and Havdalah as well as daily minyan remain on Zoom only (except where noted).

Our current requirements are:

- Attendees must pre-register for services by completing the online registration form or calling the office. You can go to www.CongregationAJ.org/ RSVP.html for the link to pre-register. (Please note: The registration link will change for each month.)
- Attendees must use hand sanitizer before entering the sanctuary. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.

- Only fully vaccinated people may attend in-person services and events at AJ and everyone must wear a mask.
- NEW as of December 1, 2021: All adults entering the AJ building must have had their booster shot by January 1, 2022, or once eligible, so that they reach peak protection by January 15, 2022.

The Reopening Committee is monitoring the COVID-19 case trends locally. Any updates to AJ's policies will be posted on the AJ website (www.CongregationAJ.org) and in the weekly email. You may also call the AJ office for more information. Our overriding goal is to make sure that our congregation and community stay healthy.

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What's Happening at AJ

- 5 PURIM SHPIEL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
 Come find out what Hazzan Glantz has in mind for the 2022 Purim Shpiel and how you can participate! 7:30 PM. In person and on Zoom.
- 7 FIRST FRIDAY WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ
 At 5:30 PM on the first Friday of each month, congregants of any age are welcome to come to AJ with or without an instrument. Each week we will review a few of the psalms, melodies, and choreography in the Friday night service.
- 7 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED
 Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat
 service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz. 6:15 PM
- 9 PURIM SHPIEL INFORMATIONAL MEETING See January 5 above. 4:00 PM.
- 10 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

 January's book is *The Vixen: A Novel,* by Francine Prose.

 Please read the book before the meeting! Sponsored by
 AJWA Sisterhood. 7:45 PM.
- 20 GRANDPARENTS' GROUP
 Rabbi David Levin, a local expert in the field of passing on our legacy to the next generation, will take us through the creation of the ethical will in a way that will enrich all of our lives, and the lives of those that follow us. Part 1 of a two-part program. See page 14 for details.
- 23 AJWA SISTERHOOD AND AJ MEN'S ASSOCIATION PRESENT JOURNALIST DANIEL ESTRIN
 The AJWA Sisterhood and AJMA have invited NPR

Israel Correspondent Daniel Estrin and Rav Shai Cherry to share the Zoom stage and discuss "A View from Jerusalem." Since joining NPR in 2017, Daniel has reported from Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and the United Arab Emirates. He has chronicled U.S. policies that have shaped the region and told stories of everyday life for Israelis and Palestinians. 10:30 AM.

- 26 HEALING SERVICE WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ

 Join Hazzan Glantz on Zoom at 6:15 PM.
- ADULT ED. CLASS: THE MUSSAR MOVEMENT, WITH RAV SHAI (PART 1 OF 3)

Rav Shai will teach a **three-session course on Mussar** by introducing Rabbi Israel Lipkin of Salanter, the founder of the movement. See page 1 or 14 for details. 10:00 AM — 11:30 AM. In person and via Zoom.

AJWA SISTERHOOD: ART EXHIBIT AND LECTURE

AJWA Sisterhood will be hosted for a special tour and lecture from award-winning printmaker, sculptor, and mixed media artist Diana Myers at the Old City Jewish Arts Center. See page 20 for details.

february

2 SPECIAL ACADEMIC CONVOCATION HONORING HAZZAN GLANTZ AND OTHER CANTORS

The Jewish Theological Seminary will present Hazzan with an honorary Doctorate of Music at a special academic convocation honoring cantors at 3:30 PM. The convocation will be held at JTS's new 21st Century Campus, 3080 Broadway, New York City.

- 4 FIRST FRIDAY WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ
 See description at left for January 7.
- ADULT ED. CLASS: THE MUSSAR MOVEMENT, WITH RAV SHAI (PART 2 OF 3)

See January 30 for description. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

- 11 KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH K'LEI AJ
 Join Hazzan Glantz and some talented congregants
 who play instruments for this musical Kabbalat
 Shabbat. 6:15 PM.
- 13 WORLD WIDE WRAP

 AJ Men's Association will continue an annual tradition. teaching the process and mitzvah for wrapping tefillin. At AJ. Stay tuned for details.
- ADULT ED. CLASS: THE MUSSAR MOVEMENT, WITH RAV SHAI (PART 3 OF 3)

See January 30 for description. 10:00 AM — 11:30 AM.

- 14 ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB
 February's book is *Eternal,* by Lisa Scottoline. Please read the book before the meeting! Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood. 7:45 PM.
- 16 HEALING SERVICE WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ
 Join Hazzan Glantz on Zoom at 6:15 PM.
- ADULT ED AND GRANDPARENTS GROUP PRESENT AUTHOR ROBERTA KWALL

 Prof. Roberta (Bobbi) Rosenthal Kwall, author of Remix Judaism: Preserving Tradition in a Diverse World,
- 17 BETH SHOLOM AND AJ PLAYERS PRESENT THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Support your fellow congregants and Beth Sholom members by seeing this year's musical production, *The Addams Family*. 7:30 PM. See page 13 for details.

will join us via Zoom. 7:30 PM. Stay tuned for details.

- 19 BETH SHOLOM AND AJ PLAYERS PRESENT THE ADDAMS FAMILY
 See February 17 for description. 8:00 PM.
- 20 BETH SHOLOM AND AJ PLAYERS PRESENT THE ADDAMS FAMILY
 See February 17 for description. 3:00 PM.
- AJMA: SPORTS WITH MOSHE KRAVITZ

 AJMA will present Moshe Kravitz, producer at SportsRadio
 94 WIP and son of our congregants Terry Sutton-Kravitz
 and Rabbi Yaacov Kravitz. 7:30 PM, via Zoom.

FIRST FRIDAY WITH HAZZAN GLANTZ

See description at left for January 7.

AJWA SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Save the date for this annual event.

COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL

Save the date for the 2022/5782 Community Purim Carnival! Pre-K Admission: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; General Admission 12:00 PM-2:00 PM. \$10 per family. At Keneseth Israel.

ROBYN ORODENKER BOOK CLUB

March's book is Florence Adler Swims Forever, by Rachel Beanland. Please read the book before the meeting! Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood. 7:30 PM.

AJ PURIM SHPIEL 16

Save the date for the Shpiel!

SHABBAT LUNCHEON AND HAZZAN GLANTZ'S PRESENTATION OF HIS THESIS PAPER

Stay tuned for more information!

GRANDPARENTS' GROUP

Part 2 of a two-part program with **Rabbi David Levin**. See January 20 for more info.

KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Hazzan Howard Glantz. 6:15 PM

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" in the top menu.

If you need help with Zoom during most AJ online events, contact Rachel Palitto at rpalitto@adathjeshurun.info.



Do You Know Me?

By Howard Levin, President of Adath Jeshurun

Since you are reading this article in 2022 and I am writing it in 2021, I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year. A lot is going on in the upcoming month of December, so I'm sure the best person won the Latke Throwdown, and everyone enjoyed the Nefesh Mountain concert. Mazel tov to Dr. Hazzan Glantz on his honorary Doctorate of Music from the Jewish Theological Seminary and to Rav Shai and Rebecca on the bar mitzvah of their son Shalev.

I know a lot of us are still wondering when the synagogue will be fully open again. The only answer I can give is we don't know. As soon as it looks like things are getting better, a new variant rears its ugly head. I know it's frustrating but our main concern is the health and wellbeing of all congregants so we will continue to err on the side of caution.

Finally, those of us of a certain age may remember the American Express ads that asked "Do you know me? That's why I carry the American Express card." It started me thinking that I'm not sure how many congregants know me and I'll be the first to admit I do not know many of you, so here is a heads up...you are about to hear from me. Over the next several months it will be my goal to meet with as many congregants as I can to get to know you better. It may be a coffee at Starbucks, a lunch, a Shabbat dinner at my house (heads up, Eydie), or weather-permitting, homemade pizza. I look forward to meeting as many congregants as I can.

Until next time take care of yourself and if you can, someone else.

Stay Jewish,

Howard





The Adath Jeshurun Hanukkah Palooza was a big success! On Sunday, November 21, the community gathered in the AJ parking lot to prepare for and celebrate Hanukkah! From music, to carnival games, shopping, and crafts, there was something for everyone. It was amazing to get to see so many AJers in person as well as the many members of our greater community that came by. I cannot thank the volunteers enough for running the event so smoothly. A big thank you as well to my fellow AJ staff members for everyone's hard work in putting together such a large event. We are looking forward to more events and celebrating more holidays together in 2022!

Rachel Palitto, Programming Director



In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

When I began rabbinical school in 2018, most classes were on Zoom. Yes, you heard right. The Academy for Jewish Religion (www.AJR.edu) in Yonkers, NY, had already distinguished itself by offering interactive Jewish learning online well before the pandemic. Before then, like most of us, I only knew that word "Zoom" from the zooming-in toggle on my old 30 lb. camcorder and from a Boston PBS kids show from childhood (think Sesame Street but cooler. 0...2–1...3–4... anyone?). I began cantorial studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary when becoming a hazzan there did not include a thesis and the technology we take for granted today was seen only on *Star Trek* and other futuristic fantasy TV and movies.

The whole idea of returning to structured academic studies after 30 years, frankly, intimidated me. I was quickly pleased to learn from the start that it was both demanding and nurturing. I found the seriously spiritual and academic atmosphere refreshing and the technology made it possible to learn without a long commute. I have made new friends whom I value greatly and I look forward to our relationships as colleagues.

My Thesis

Some of you have heard me moaning about this for months. Just choosing a subject was the first struggle. Whatever the challenge at AJR though, there's a lunchtime or afternoon workshop. In the first session of the workshop, we were advised to choose a topic about which we care a great deal. When I heard that, it brought me right back to an early morning class at JTS in 1986. The professor was going to be significantly delayed and instead of us simply waiting, a member of the administration filled in by teaching what was current: the weekly *parasha*.

He began by describing a need for *mohalim* to serve *everyone* in the Jewish community, accommodating the diverse lifestyles within the more liberal movements. Our guest went into some heartfelt detail regarding phone calls he received from frustrated parents and clergy. He explained the obstacles that would arise, especially when conversion to Judaism or intermarriage existed among the parents and/or grandparents. A *mohel* might challenge the converting rabbi's credentials and/or the religiosity of the witnesses leaving everyone involved with negative feelings.

Back to the thesis workshop — when the facilitator urged us to narrow down our topic, I knew that it had to involve my role as a *mohel*. I was not sure exactly how, but I managed by choosing an extremely controversial practice that I believe should be completely eliminated. Rather than go into detail here, I will be presenting the thesis to our congregation and the way it connected to the *parasha* Shemot/Exodus. Rav Shai has been wonderfully supportive of my learning and keenly interested in my progress. At every turn, he has been there with more texts I should look at and consider including in my arguments. Then, when we were finalizing the calendar for 2021–2022, Rav Shai graciously invited me to teach and present the topic of my thesis to the congregation. Those dates and times will be annnounced.

Doctor, Doctor, Give Me the News...

Allow me to jump back to cantorial school at JTS for a moment. I recall classmates and others ribbing each other from time to time about the honorary doctorate that was promised after 30 years in the field. Each commencement, we would see upper-class persons graduate with much older past graduates from all over the country, even the world, who were receiving their honorary doctorates. It seemed so remote, at the time; I still wondered if this whole "being a Cantor thing" was for me. Still, I recall meeting those seasoned professionals attending for their special occasion and it made a lasting impression.

Now Luna, our standard poodle, will lie on our bed for hours and not stir from anything. But... if the mailbox opens ever so slightly and makes the softest sound, off she bounds to the door with one goal — to terrify the mail carrier. When she resists getting up, one benevolent trick to get her outside for a walk, is to open the front door and make a noise with the mailbox... it works like a charm. A few months ago I had to do just that and was surprised to see a letter that had been missed. Addressed to me with an added stamp, "Open at Once — Response Required" I thought, "Oh boy! Another offer to refinance our home we just refinanced." But then, I saw the return address of the relatively new chancellor of the Seminary, Dr. Rabbi Shuly Rubin Schwartz. I stopped walking towards the recycling bin to pitch it in, I sat down, and I opened the envelope.

Immediately after reading the contents, I called my closest cantorial friend who received investiture from JTS with me the same year. He answered the phone, "Doctor!" Sure enough, inside that envelope was my invitation, along with many classmates, to receive an honorary doctorate this coming February 3, 2022. I admit that I am looking forward to both the event and being together with my colleagues although, I am fully aware that I did little if anything to earn it save for sticking with the cantorate. (See the letter on the next page.)

Hebraic Arts Music Series — Bluegrass Hanukkah Celebration

Allow me to express some gratitude for the way everything came together for our Hanukkah Hebraic Arts Concert. It would not have been possible without chairperson Merril Stup. She gave generously of her time and attention to detail. Led by duo Doni and Eric Zasloff, the Nefesh Mountain band was a big hit that appealed to all ages. It felt great to be able to congregate albeit with responsible protocols in place and enforced.

This was the first time we held a family-oriented concert in the late afternoon followed by a more adult-oriented concert in the evening. It was also our first Hebraic Arts Music Series program since the passing of the endowed music series founder, Don Waldman. Knowing how Don would have loved the music and been thrilled to see the sanctuary filled gave the evening an element of the bittersweet.

A Greased Purim: Hopelessly Devoted to Jews

Yes, it is that time of year and our informational gatherings for the Purim Shpiel take place in January and I got chills. In fact, they're multiplying. The fun begins now, preparing for the Shpiel and the Megillah reading, so you better shape up! I need you to get out your pocket comb, poodle skirt and '50s attitude. 'Cause the power you're supplying... It's electrifying!

The informational sessions will be held on Wednesday, January 5 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, January 9 at 4:00 PM.

We connend to this Halandeless well deserved honor!



October 21, 2021

Hazzan Howard Glantz 509 Rodman Avenue Jenkintown, PA 19046

Dear Hazzan Glantz.

It is my great pleasure to inform you that The Jewish Theological Seminary wishes to confer upon you an honorary Doctorate of Music at a special academic convocation honoring cantors on **Wednesday**, **February 2**, **2022**, at **3:30 pm** (procession registration at 3:00 pm). The convocation will be held at JTS's new 21st Century Campus, 3080 Broadway, New York City.

The occasion will enable JTS's faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees to express our collective esteem and thanks to you for the contributions you have made during your long and distinguished career in the cantorate—a career of service which has brought blessing to the Conservative Movement and *klal yisrael*. We will celebrate your achievements and voice appreciation for your devotion.

With high regard and deep gratitude.

Sincerely,

Shuly Pro Schwartz

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz

Chancellor

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Many thanks to the Waldman family, and Don Waldman z"l in particular, for making this evening possible!





ABOVE: From left to right, Hazzan Glantz, Lenny, Rachel, Vicki, and Kevin Gottlieb; Gary and Sloane Waldman; and Rav Shai. Missing from picture are Ros Waldman, Howard and Lisa Waldman, and Jody and Peter Abrams.

















ISRAEL 2022

Join Ray Shai and your friends at AJ for a trip to Israel in October 2022!

By now you've heard that Rav Shai has planned a congregational trip to Israel in the fall of 2022. The two-track program will give travelers both unique and shared experiences regardless of their familiarity with Israel. The first track, the "Pioneers," is for folks with limited exposure to Israel. They'll hit the Yad Vashem, the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery, and Masada. The second group, the "Veterans," will be focusing on food, energy, and the environment. They'll be going to Kibbutz Magal for an agri-tech tour, Kibbutz Ein Zivan for a hands-on workshop at the De Karina Boutique Chocolate Factory, and wine tasting in the Golan Heights.

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator.
- All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
- This itinerary is proprietary to Keshet and is intended for the promotion of and to inform those considering joining this Keshet trip. It is not to be transmitted to any other party without prior authorization from Keshet.

Pioneers Intinerary (Please note: Each day begins with breakfast at the hotel.)

Thursday, October 13 **DEPARTURE**

• Departure from Newark

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- · Visit the Neot Kedumim Biblical Nature Reserve to see the special Sukkot exhibit (depending upon flight arrival time).
- · Proceed directly to hotel in Jerusalem to check in and prepare for Shabbat.
- · Candle lighting.
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at the "Ezrat Yisrael" egalitarian Kotel or local synagogue.
- · Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel. Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Shabbat, October 15 **SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

 Shabbat services at Moreshet Yisrael. Shira Hadasha, or other synagogue.

- Torah study with the Conservative Yeshiva.
- Day at leisure to explore the city on your own. (The Biblical Zoo and The Israel Museum are open 10-5; The Tower of David Museum is open 10−2, The Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, The Botanical Gardens are open 9–5.)
- · Late afternoon walking tour of Jerusalem neighborhoods with the poetry of Yehuda Amichai.
- · Group Havdalah.
- Dinner and evening at leisure. Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, October 16 **HOL HAMOED SUKKOT**— THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM

- Begin the day with a spectacular outlook over Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade. Delve into the story of the Binding of Isaac and discuss whether Abraham (or Isaac) passed the test.
- Visit Yad L'Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah!

- Explore the Southern Wall excavations to gain a better understanding of the role of pilgrimage to the Temple in ancient times.
- · Private time at the Kotel.
- · Lunch break (on own) and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and Cardo.
- Return to hotel to prepare for Chag.
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Monday, October 17 SHMINI ATZERET/SIMHAT TORAH

- Join a local synagogue for Chag services.
- · Day at leisure.
- · Late afternoon meeting with Issam Sa'ad, a former Gaza resident who fled Hamas and is now involved in a unique Jewish-Palestinian dialogue project OR with Arab-Israeli journalist, Khaled Abu Toameh.
- Group Havdalah.

• Dinner and evening at leisure. (You may wish to join the "Hakafot Shniot" celebrations in the city.) Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, October 18 **SHOAH TO TEKUMAH**

- · We learn and remember at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial complex, with visits to the Historical Museum and Childrens' Memorial.
- · Lunch break (on own).
- · We remember Israel's heroes at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery.
- · Return to the hotel for lecture: Rabbi Peretz Rodman, on conversion and the Masorti movement in Israel.
- Group dinner at The Eucalyptus restaurant.
- Evening lecture options:
 - Archaeologist Dr. Haim Goldfus
 - Advocate Rahel Benziman, who specializes in Women's Issues

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, October 19 WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?

- Early breakfast and checkout from the hotel.
- Depart for the Dead Sea Region. En route, optional photo op with "Shushi" the camel at the "Sea Level" marker.
- Ascend Herod's mountain fortress of Masada by cable car. Explore why the Jewish rebels chose to live here after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. Descend by cable car to the visitor's center.
- Lunch break (on own) at the Visitor's Center.
- Enjoy floating in the Dead Sea at a private beach at Ein Bokek.
- · Continue to the Negev.
- · Check-in and dinner at hotel.
- Evening: Lecture on Solar Energy Resources, Technology, and Policy in Israel with faculty of Ben Gurion University.

Overnight: Kedma Hotel, Negev

Thursday, October 20 NEGEV ADVENTURE

- Morning at leisure to enjoy the hotel spa or pool.
- Optional activities:
 - Hike in Maktesh Ramon (Crater)
 - Mitzpeh Ramon visitor's center in memory of Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon z"l.
- Check-out and lunch stop (on own) in Mitzpeh Ramon.
- Continue to your Partnership 2Gether community of Sdot Negev for a program with local residents and <u>dinner</u>.
- · Continue to Tel Aviv.
- · Check-in at hotel.
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

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Friday, October 21 THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Visit the newly opened ANU-Museum of Jewish People.
- Stroll through the weekly arts and crafts fair at Nahalat Binyamin.
- · Lunch break (on your own).
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Sunday, October 23 EXILE AND RETURN

- Join a "virtual" Palmach unit at the multimedia Palmach Museum, dedicated to this elite unit of the Haganah OR Learn more about the Israeli hi-tech sector at the Taglit Innovation Center.
- Lunch break (on your own).
- Walk along the "Independence Trail" to learn more about the founding of the city of Tel Aviv and the State of Israel. (time permitting).
- Visit "Save A Child's Heart," a project of the Wolfson Hospital, in which Israeli pediatric surgeons provide pro-bono cardiac surgery for children from all over Africa and the Middle East.
- Enjoy a group dinner at the Whiskey Bar in Sarona.

Overnight: Tal by the Beach, Tel Aviv

Monday, October 24 MYSTICS AND MOUNTAINS

- Travel to the Talmudic City of Zippori, where Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi compiled the Mishnah and site of some of the most beautiful mosaics in the Middle East.
- · Packed lunch.
- Drive to Tzfat, the heart of Jewish mysticism, to explore the alleyways and synagogues of the mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th century.
- Art and Kabbalah program with local artist, David Friedman, in his studio.
- Shopping time in the Jewish Quarter.
- Continue to Kibbutz Hotel for check-in and dinner.
- Evening: Meeting with kibbutznik about kibbutz life in 2022.

Overnight: Kfar Blum Pastorale Hotel, Upper Galilee

Tuesday, October 25 GOLAN HEIGHTS 3600

- Enjoy a refreshing nature walk through the Tel Dan Nature Reserve, one of the tributaries of the Jordan River.
- · Ascend the Golan Heights.
- Outlook over the Hula Valley from Mitzpeh Gadot, background to the battles during the Six Day War.
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Wednesday, October 26 WESTERN GALILEE

- Morning at leisure or optional kayaking adventure on the Jordan River.
- · Check-out and load bus.
- Cross the Upper Galilee to Rosh Hanikrah.
 Descend by cable car to walk through these beautiful sea grottoes on the Mediterranean.
- Lunch break (on your own) en route
- Outlook over the beautiful Baha'i Gardens in Haifa.
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Veterans Intinerary (Please note: Each day begins with breakfast at the hotel.)

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 Visit various vendors in the shuk with a chef to buy ingredients for the <u>lunch</u> we will all cook together.
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- Learn about Netafim, which revolutionized drip-water agriculture around the world, at the factory on Kibbutz Hatzerim.
- Enjoy a home hospitality lunch featuring North African cuisine prepared by one of the "Culinary Queens of Yerucham." Over lunch, our hosts will share their family's personal story of aliyah in the 1950s and arrival to Yerucham.
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- Lecture on Israeli policy regarding renewable resources with a representative of Teva V'Din.
- · Lunch stop (on own).
- Learn how Israel leads the world in reclaiming waste water at the Igudan visitor's center at the Shafdan Water Treatment Facility.
- Visit the KKL-JNF Educational Center in Tel Aviv.
- Enjoy a group dinner at the Whiskey Bar in Sarona.

Overnight: Tal by the Beach, Tel Aviv

Monday, October 24 BLUE AND WHITE GOES GREEN

- Travel to Kibbutz Hanaton. Program with Rabbi Dr. Haviva Ner David.
- Enjoy wine tasting and <u>lunch</u> at the Jezreel winery, founded by Jacob Ner David.
- Continue to the Galilee.
- Visit the Kaima organic farm at Hukkuk, which employs youth at risk.
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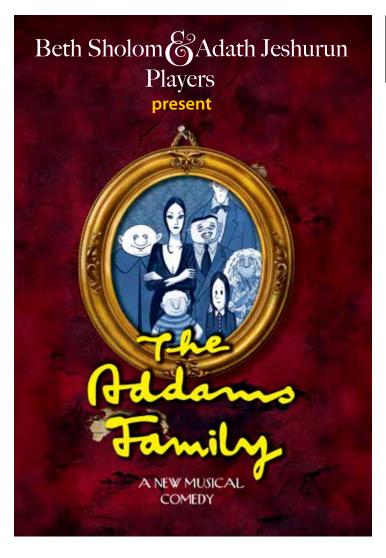
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Bernie Dishler is chairing the Israel Committee. Send him an email at dishyork@gmail.com to let him know if you're interested, if you have questions, or if you're ready to put down a deposit.



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Snow Date: Monday, February 21, 7:30 PM Tickets from any show will be honored that evening.

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Adult Ed. with Rav Shai: The Mussar Movement Starting January 30

Many Jews are familiar with the tensions between the Hasidim and Mitnagdim in 19th-century Europe. In the competition between these two broad ideologies emerged distinctive teachings and practices including what came to be known as the Mussar Movement. This three-session class will introduce Rabbi Israel Lipkin of Salanter, the founder of the movement within the Lithuanian yeshiva world of the Mitnagdim. His emphases on self-control and virtuous behavior will be explored through his writings and those of his students. We will also introduce some of the exercises he pioneered in order to instill those character traits. Go to the RSVP page on the AJ website to register. In person and via Zoom.



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Grandparents' Group

By Sheva Cohen and Barbara Shotz

Telling Our Story

Our AJ Grandparents' Network is off to a great start.

Our theme for the year, "Telling our Story," will continue with a two-session series entitled "Ethical Wills: Modern Approaches," led by Rabbi David Levin of the Jewish Relationships Initiative. Rabbi Levin's work includes a reimagining of Ethical Wills. He has written and developed many creative ways of transmitting our values, beliefs, and ethics to our children and grandchildren, including how to use new technological platforms to do so, as well as guidelines for making sure you create the stories you want your family to remember. All adults are welcome to these sessions — you don't have to be a grandparent!

Save these important dates for the next two sessions: **Thursday, January 20 at 7:45 PM** and **Thursday, March 24 at 7:45 PM**, following minyan, both on Zoom.

Previous AJ Grandparents' Group Programs Available Through the AJ Office

Our first program featured Marshall Duke, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Emory University who presented his research demonstrating how sharing your family narratives can help build resilience in children. That program was followed by a presentation by Debbie Friedman, creator of the Tell and K'vell game. Debbie brought us dynamic tips for enhancing connections with family and friends of all ages. In addition we had a terrific time in our breakout sessions, where we not only learned tips for sharing the game with our family and friends, but we also strengthened our own friendships with our fellow congregants. These programs are available for on-line viewing by contacting Rachel Palitto at rpalitto@ adathjeshurun.info or 215.635.6611.

Social Action Update

By Michele Rifkin

Our Social Action Committee has met several times since the High Holidays with ongoing efforts to collaborate with other related committees at AJ. These committees include the Adult Education Committee, L'Olam Committee that addresses issues related to the environment and climate change, AJWA Sisterhood, and the Stitchers Club that, with Karen Moses's leadership and guidance, made blankets for the refugees housed at Fort Dix, NJ. Top issues identified by our committee members include common sense gun laws, Afghan refugee re-settlement, and reproductive rights.

The AJ community responded generously with clothing donations for the Afghan refugees. We spent two afternoons sorting through the donations and then delivered them to The Wardrobe, a non-profit that is working to meet the material needs of the refugees.

At the \underline{H} anukkah Palooza table, we organized a postcard campaign with messages to our congressional leaders for voting rights protection and common-sense gun laws. We

also gave away Signs and Magnets for Solidarity to those who made a donation for HIAS. (See the photo on page 17.) We are continuing to accept donations for new and replacement signs for your lawn and magnets for your car. A special HIAS Shabbat is planned for March 4–5, 2022 by the AJWA Sisterhood with Social Action involvement.

Several of our members continue to work with the Keshet Connection for LGBTQ rights and inclusion.

We hope to collaborate with St Paul's Church across the street from AJ for MLK programming. Our focus is likely to include racial disparity and climate change. Stay tuned for details.

Social Action invites interested congregants to join our committee. Issues abound and all help and support is welcome. Contact Michele Rifkin and Carra Minkoff at socialaction. AJ@gmail.com. Keep up to date on congregational and community events via our AJActs Facebook page.





AJ Adult Education Committee

By Co-Chair, Skip Atkins

Our friends at the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program have a special treat for us in January. The extra-talented faculty at Hadar will be offering a series of classes on prayer, Israeli women's midrash, and much more. Do yourselves a favor and check out their January schedule which begins on the January 4 at 3:30 PM with Rabbi Elie Kaunfer discussing "What to Do When You Don't Know: Talmudic Stories of Rabbinic Ignorance."

For more information about January courses, and for the Zoom links, go to https://occsp.net/csp-online-events/. Please note that times on CSP web pages are Pacific Time and times below are Eastern.



If you register for a class and can't attend, a link will be sent to a recording after the event. There is also an archive of classes that you can view by scanning the QR code at the right.



January Adult Ed Offerings from CSP!

Tuesday, January 4; 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"What to Do When You Don't Know: Talmudic Stories of Rabbinic Ignorance," with Rabbi Elie Kaunfer

Wednesday, January 5; 8:00-9:00 PM

"The Torah of Music (Part 1 — Introduction to the Torah of Music)", with Joey Weisenberg

Thursday, January 6; 3:30 - 4:30 PM

"Praying Anew: Unlocking Meaning in the Words of the Siddur (Part 1— New Ways to Understand the Siddur: The Literary Method of Interpretation)," with Rabbi Elie Kaunfer

Sunday, January 9; 8:00-9:00 PM

"Pride and Privilege: How Do We Sensitively Navigate and Appreciate Having More Than Others?," with Dena Weiss

Tuesday, January 11; 3:30 - 4:30 PM

"Dirshuni: A Taste of Israeli Women's Midrash (Part 1— The Kiss of Death: Reflection on Miriam)," with Rabbi Avi Killip

Wednesday, January 12; 8:00-9:00 PM

"The Torah of Music (Part 2 — From Psalm to Song: Uncovering the Hidden Melodies of Our Texts)", with Joey Weisenberg

Thursday, January 13; 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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Sunday, January 9; 8:00-9:00 PM

"Autonomy, Community, and Everything in Between," with Rabbi Micha'el Rosenberg

Tuesday, January 18; 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"Dirshuni: A Taste of Israeli Women's Midrash (Part 2— From the Flood to the Rainbow)," with Rabbi Avi Killip

Wednesday, January 19; 8:00-9:00 PM

"The Torah of Music (Part 3 — Singing Through the Sea, Lamenting at the River: Song Narratives in Tanakh," with Deborah Sacks Mintz

Thursday, January 20; 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"Praying Anew: Unlocking Meaning in the Words of the Siddur (Part 3— The Mourners Kaddish: A New Interpretation," with Rabbi Elie Kaunfer

Sunday, January 23; 8:00-9:00 PM

"Speaking Up: The Audacity of Prayer," with Rabbi Aviva Richman

Tuesday, January 25; 3:30 - 4:30 PM

"Dirshuni: A Taste of Israeli Women's Midrash (Part 3—For Love is as Fierce as Death: Modern Women's Midrash as a Tool for Reading Our Most Difficult Texts)," with Rabbi Avi Killip

Wednesday, January 26; 8:00-9:00 PM

"The Torah of Music (Part 4 — Music as Midrash:

A Collaborative Workshop," with Deborah Sacks Mintz

Thursday, January 27; 3:30 – 4:30 PM

"Praying Anew: Unlocking Meaning in the Words of the Siddur (Part 4— The Non-Cognitive Aspects of Prayer)," with Rabbi Elie Kaunfer

Sunday, January 30; 8:00-9:00 PM

"Finding God in Nature and Torah: Exploring Psalm 19," with Rabbi Shai Held 10

Want to improve your Hebrew before the 2022 AJ trip to Israel?

Gratz is offering Hebrew Ulpan classes in the spring. Their Continuing Education department is offering a number of sessions at various levels and times.

To register for any of them, scan the QR code at the right or go to https://gratzcollege.formstack.com/forms/language_spring_2022.



BELOW TOP: Hazzan Glantz donned his <u>H</u>anukkah duds for the Community Menorah Lighting that the Kehillah of Old York Road hosted on Tuesday, November 30 at Baederwood Shoppes on the Fairway in Jenkintown. The Old York Road cantors entertained kids and adults with festive <u>H</u>anukkah songs. Below, Hazzan sings with Cantor Amy Levy and if you look closely, you can see his wife Dayna and congregant Violet Zeitlin in the background!

BELOW BOTTOM: Rav Shai and Hazzan Glantz light the menorah and entertain the students in the lobby of AJ's Early Learning Center.







AJ Early Learning Center

By Anita Block, Early Childhood Director

Often the calendar challenges us when it comes to celebrating holidays. Such was the case this year. No sooner had we finished the last morsels of left-over turkey, we were frying latkes and *sufganiyot* for <u>Hanukkah</u>. However, without missing a step, the staff of the AJ Early Learning Center were ready with spatulas in hand and *hanukkiyot* ready to light.

Classes celebrated Thanksgiving by creating lots of culinary delights and then gathering to feast on their delicious menu. Check out the photos of all the special ways our children commemorated the first Thanksgiving. Naturally, there were stories read and songs sung to create a festive time for all. We added a little humor, too. Maggie Goldstein dressed up as a pumpkin to greet families on Tuesday morning and then as a turkey to welcome the children on Wednesday. Then Samantha Ozeri dressed as the pumpkin on Wednesday. What fun!

When we returned to AJ following the Thanksgiving holiday, the <u>H</u>anukkah Bears were there to greet us and the huge *hanukiyah* was in the foyer to let us know that <u>H</u>anukkah was here. Each afternoon we gathered at 4:00 to light another candle on the *hanukiyah* with Rav Shai or Hazzan Glantz to lead us in the blessings and songs. The <u>H</u>anukkah-Arama was held mid-week with lots of games, activities, and crafts to engage all the children in everything <u>H</u>anukkah. Thanks to Onit Zisserman and Jill Slobotkin for organizing the whole event and to the entire staff for their enthusiastic participation.

In addition to all the holiday celebrations, we've added some wonderful activities to our already-exciting curriculum and large motor space. The sensory hallway outside of the Lavan classes/Youth Lounge has been a great attraction for our highly spirited children. They love watching the LED Bubble Wall as the water cycles through the columns and changes colors, stepping on the liquid sensory floor tiles, jumping on the soft-zone tree climbers, hopping on the ribbit trail, pushing the handprints on the wall and stroking the sequined mermaid sensory art. The new bike riding area opened the week before Thanksgiving and provides a safe space for our three-, four-, and five- year-old children to ride bikes (wearing helmets, of course). It's equipped with road signs for extra safety and fun play.

Our January program will include events to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Tu B'Shevat. In the past we have prepared hundreds of sandwiches for Manna on Main Street in Lansdale and Five Bean Vegetarian Soup Mix for the Mitzvah Food Pantry. Sadly, we cannot prepare the sandwiches this year because of COVID-19, and I'll let you know which community service project we chose in the next article.

Registration is now open for our summer camp program, Camp Kitov, once again directed by Onit Zisserman. Check our website for links to the registration forms: www.ajpreschool.net.







Hanukkah Pa"looza" was a Winner!

By Onit Zisserman, Early Learning Center Coordinator

Attending the <u>H</u>anukkah Palooza as an AJELC staff member was almost as much fun as coming as a family. We really loved tasting the pickled turnips, marinated mushrooms, <u>H</u>anukkah gelt, and Tuscan-style gin (that was Abba's treat!). And that was just the culinary experience! Then there were the games with "real prizes" as the preschool and older children informed me with excitement.

The scene was a combination carnival, street fair, and shopping strip with vendors who were happy to be "vending" once again. Children were busy painting and designing hamsas to take home. Adults were schmoozing at the tables with old friends and new. The energy of the event was Hanukkah-themed, lighthearted, and welcoming. Friends from all over the neighborhood popped in to be part of AJ's Hanukkah Palooza. The highlight for my son was Rav Shai's Hanukkah Bowl where kids ages 3 to 10 competed (kindly) to answer questions about Maccabees, traditions, song lyrics, and Hebrew words.

We bought some unusual cookie cutters, two weeks' worth of Moishe's pickles, handmade bracelets picked by our daughter, and a winter hat with the Flyers logo embroidered on the front. The weather, the joy, and the camaraderie was all a gift. Happy Hanukkah! The Zissermans hope we can do it again next year!







LEFT: Lillian Weilerstein and Laura Frank staffed the Social Action Table at <u>H</u>anukkah Palooza. The table offered people the opportunity to write to local and state legislators, Governor Wolf, and President Bident, and weigh in on Gun Violence Prevention and the importance of Voters' Rights. The table also featured the Signs of Solidarity Lawn Signs and Magnets, which were available for a charitable donation. The proceeds are going to HIAS. (See "Social Action Update" on page 14.)



The Jewish Teen Collaborative

By Ossi Nussbaum, Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative

On Sunday, November 21, our teens engaged in their first social action for the school year — learning about climate change and planting trees to help fight it.

Thanks to AJ's wonderful congregants, Lorna and Murray Rosenberg — who are both environmental experts and activists through their education, professions, and life — a wonderful program was created for our teens. Lorna and Murray prepared an interesting learning session about climate change and its impacts on our lives. They highlighted the Jewish connection and commitment to the environment, and they discussed the ways to fight climate change with the teens. It was wonderful to see how much our students already knew, and how much they care.

Lorna and Murray are also responsible for the "shidduch" between JTC and Mindy Lemoine, from the PA Horticultural Society Tree Tenders. PHS Tree Tenders program is planting and caring for thousands of trees throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. The program is based on hundreds of volunteers who together from more than 80 local Tree Tender groups who are planting trees in residential neighborhood to better the communities they live in.

Mindy, together with Tree Tender Dan, met with us on a Sunday morning in a Wyncote neighborhood. They brought three bare-root trees for us to plant and explained the planting process step by step and with plenty of patience. Our students learned that as trees grow, they help stop climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. They learned that the tree canopy reduces surface temperatures by shading homes and releasing water vapor into the air. They also block cold winter winds, attract birds and wildlife, clean our water, and make our neighborhoods more beautiful, healthier, and safer places to live in.

Armed with work gloves and shovels, JTC students began digging. They removed damaged roots with a pickaxe when needed, and measured, covered, watered, and even fenced the trees. The teens really got their hands dirty, worked very hard, but seemed to enjoy every minute of it. In Hebrew there is a common saying people use when coming back from trips: "chazarnu ayefim ach merutzim," which translates to "we came back tired, but well-contented. "I think it summarizes our day perfectly!









AJ Men's Association

By Ed Moses, Dr. Harry Lessig, and Howard Goldman, Co-Presidents



Sunday, January 23 at 11:00 AM via Zoom

Daniel Estrin will share his experience as a frontline correspondent covering the politics, culture, technology, and everyday happenings from Israel. Rav Shai will interview Daniel and the event will be live on Zoom, with Daniel joining us from Jerusalem.

Go to www.CongregationAJ.org/RSVP.html to register.(AJWA Sisterhood is co-sponsoring this event.)



World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 13

Join the AJ Men's Association and congregations around the world as we teach the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin! At AJ. Stay tuned for details.



Sports with Moshe Kravitz

Monday, February 28 at 7:30 PM

The AJ Men's Association will present Moshe Kravitz, producer at SportsRadio 94 WIP and son of our congregants Terry Sutton-Kravitz and Rabbi Yaacov Kravitz.



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

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

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

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You can pay your AJMA dues online now! Just go to the AJ website, click on "CONNECT," and scroll down to AJ Men's Association.



Did you miss an AJMA event, or do you want to revisit one you attended? You can view some of them on YouTube:

Veterans Day Program with Elizabeth Turk-Karan, Ph.D. On November 7, 2021, our guest was congregant Elizabeth Turk-Karan, Ph.D. who talked about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a condition that many of our veterans exxperience. https://youtu.be/k8TFbtCp5CM

The Jewish Mafia. This October 3, 2021, program explored the myths, stories, and events surrounding controversial figures such as Louis Lepke, Bugsy Siegal, Arnold Rothstein, Dutch Schultz, and others. It was presented by Herb Kauffman, teacher, lecturer, and historian for more than 20 years. Herb has taught at Camden County College, Katz JCC of Cherry Hill, and is a founding member of the Civil War institute and History Institute at Manor College. https://youtu.be/il1o2Thrm18

Shirei Ahava — Songs of Love with Phyllis Chapell. On Saturday, February 13, 2021, the AJMA welcomed singer Phyllis Chapell. Ms. Chapell has spent her life developing a universal musical style singing "world songs." Her repertoire includes songs in 13 languages from Brazil, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, as well as American folk, jazz, originals, and popular music. She has been named as one of the top 500 jazz vocalists of all time by Scott Yanow (Down Beat, Jazz Times, and AllMusicGuide). https://youtu.be/eq9QwXgowbg

Ruben Amaro Jr. On Sunday, January 10, 2021, the AJMA presented a discussion with Ruben Amaro Jr. via Zoom. Ruben Amaro Jr. is a former Philadelphia Phillies outfielder and General Manager. A native of Northeast Philadelphia, Amaro joined the Phillies broadcast team two seasons ago with NBC Sports.

https://youtu.be/TVA4ep07pWo

The Last Million. On November 18, 2020, the AJMA presented a 20-minute audio podcast interview with David Nasaw, author of the new book, The Last Million. The book presents 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 who refused to go home or had no homes to return to. Following the podcast there was discussion among the attendees. https://youtu.be/PQAXiYVhtzU

AJWA Sisterhood

Lorna Rosenberg, President, and Karen Moses, Program Chair

AJWA is on the Move from India to Broadway to Israel!

AJWA Sisterhood and Congregation Beth Sholom Sisterhood co-sponsored an exciting virtual trip to Jewish India on November 17. Rahel Musleah joined us from New York and Joshua Shapurkar, master tour guide and member of the Bene Israel community, joined us from Mumbai. Rahel is a New York-based award-winning journalist, author, singer, speaker, and educator. She and Joshua took over 100 viewers on a virtual tour of three Jewish communities of India: Calcutta, New Delhi, and Coochin. Our guides enlightened us to songs, foods, and traditions from these communities and enticed many to jump on a plane and take a trip as soon as the CDC gives us a thumbs up to travel!

On December 19, AJ audiences tuned their TVs to stream a private showing of *Fabulous Fanny Brice*, straight from off-Broadway. The one-woman show, with actress Kimberly Greenberg as Fanny, included classic show tunes, good old-fashioned fun, and hilarity. We traveled through time with Fanny Brice, the legendary Jewish comedienne, Ziegfeld Follies/Broadway star, recording artist, and film actress extraordinaire. Kimberly took us on an unforgettable nostalgic journey throughout Fanny's life and jaw-dropping infamous relationships, while she entertained with many of her popular hits and songs inspired by her legacy. It was a fun night out at the theater without ever leaving our living rooms!

On January 23 at 11:00 AM we'll get the "The View from Jerusalem — with NPR Jerusalem Correspondent Daniel Estrin."

Daniel will share his experience as a frontline correspondent covering the politics, culture, technology, and everyday happenings from Israel. Rav Shai is very excited about interviewing Daniel and the event will be live on Zoom, with Daniel joining us from Jerusalem. (AJ Men's Association is co-sponsoring this event.)



Artist Diana Meyers (aunt of our own Denise Portner) will be hosting AJWA Sisterhood on Sunday, January 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM for her exhibit "Branching Out: A Celebration of Trees" at Old City Jewish Arts Center (119 North Third Street, Philadelphia). Branching Out is a multi-media/multi-dimensional exhibit commemorating the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. It honors trees featured in the Bible and celebrates the four seasons. The exhibit was influenced by Diana's experience living in Israel as well as her love of Jewish life and ritual. Also on display will be SOS: 2020, a series developed in response to the unprecedented year of pandemic, racial strife, and more. Light refreshments will be served, and chairs will be available for those who need to sit during the talk. See more details at the right.

Many thanks to Sue Lawson and the early morning Cook for a Friend team which has been re-invigorated and making meals for seniors in the AJ kitchen!

Our **Robyn Orodenker Book Club** will be meeting to discuss the following books: *The Vixen: A Novel* by Francine Prose (**January 10**) and *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline (**February 14**). Please consider joining us for interesting reading and discussions! Questions? Contact Liane Sher at 215.635.4613 or Judy Szekely at 215.635.8812.



Stay warm and safe this winter! @



Special Art Exhibit and Lecture with Artist Diana Myers Sunday, January 30 from 2:00–4:00 PM

AJWA Sisterhood is pleased to announce that we will be hosted for a special tour and lecture from award-winning printmaker, sculptor, and mixed media artist Diana Myers at the Old City Jewish Arts Center. Ms. Myers studied Art History and Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania and the Academy of Fine Arts among other places. She has had solo exhibits at the Theatre for the New City in New York and has participated in group shows at the National Liberty Museum; Da Vinci Art Alliance in Philadelphia; Island Center for the Arts in Skopelos, Greece; and other galleries.

"Branching Out: A Celebration of Trees" Old City Jewish Arts Center at 119 North Third Street, Philadelphia

"Branching Out" is a multi-media/multi-dimensional exhibit commemorating the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. It honors trees featured in the Bible and celebrates the four seasons. The exhibit was influenced by Diana's experience living in Israel as well as her love of Jewish life and ritual.

Also on display will be "SOS: 2020," a series developed in response to the unprecedented year of pandemic, racial strife, and more.

Light refreshments will be served and chairs will be available for those who need to sit during the talk.

Transportation is on your own. Parking near the gallery can be secured at Old City parking lot (304–12 Race Street) or the Wyndham Hotel Garage (400 Arch Street).

Questions? Please send an email to Karen Moses at karedlon@aol.com and put "Art Exhibit" in the subject line.



2022 One Book, One Jewish Community Selection

Gratz College's One Book, One Jewish Community program, along with the Initiative in Jewish Studies and Hillel at Drexel University, has chosen the book for this year: People Love Dead Jews, Reports from a Haunted Present, by Dara Horn. On January 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM, there will be a reading, interview and book signing at Drexel University, Mitchell Auditorium. Join us in this lively conversation with Dara Horn as she reads from and discusses her highly-charged new book. Following her reading, Gratz College president, Zev Eleff, will interview Dara and take live questions. You can attend in person or online.



The Robyn Orodenker Book Club will be discussing the One Book, One Jewish Community selection on May 9, 2022.



B'yachad — Together

On Sunday, May 15, 2022 we will have our Annual Torah Fund Brunch.

Please save the date ... and join us in celebrating this year's esteemed

Woman of Achievement

Tammy Lebovitz

Details will follow in early 2022. Any questions, please call or e-mail me.

Merril Stup Torah Fund Chair 215.782.3735 tantemem@aol.com

Violet Zeitlin Special Gifts



AJ College Connection Program

Surprise your college student with a taste of home! College students enrolled in the AJ College Connection Program will receive the monthly AJ News and enjoy holiday packages sent to school. Open to children of member families only. Please send the following information to **Sandra Goldberg** at saglpt@aol.com or call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611: student name, school address, student email address, parent email address, and expected year of graduation.

AJWA SISTERHOOD DUES 2021-2022

AJ Women's Association Sisterhood 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".

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The deadline for 2021–2022 dues was December 31, 2021, but we'd be happy to accept your payment now!		
Name	☐ I would also like to get involved in the	
Phone #	tiniest or grandest way! Contact me.*	
Email	I have an idea for a program, event, outreach project, etc. Contact me.*	
Address	*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.

L'olam Committee **Update**

By Lorna Rosenberg and Rav Shai Cherry

L'olam is AJ's Climate Change Team, focused on education, advocacy, and action. On October 20 we invited Meryl Sands of The Energy Co-Op to educate us on the considerations and pathways to purchasing renewable energy for our personal use and for AJ. Whew! It's complicated and everchanging! Our own Michael Freeman is an Energy Consultant and is assisting us on making a choice about AJ's next energy provider, based on affordability and environmental ethics.

On November 19, our L'olam team walked the AJ property with staff from the Tookany Tacony Watershed Partnership and the Wyncote Academy (housed at Gratz) to assess our property for managing stormwater and reducing the amount of lawn to mow (which reduces greenhouse gas emissions). Projects are being developed and funding will be acquired.

On November 21, our AJ teens participated in a treeplanting project in Wyncote through the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Tree Tenders program to sequester carbon in the soil. This was followed by an interactive lesson with Lorna and Murray Rosenberg on science and impacts of climate change and the impacts on our area. (See photos on page 18.)

We are beginning to work with POWER Metro and the Jewish Climate Action Network for advocacy to reduce greenhouse gases in Pennsylvania.

L'olam is establishing a regular meeting time. Look for announcements and please join us — the next generation is counting on us! @





מולם עולם In Remembrance

Anyone interested in perpetuating the memory of a loved one at AJ should contact the office for information at 215.635.6611.

Yahrzeits of the following individuals will be observed as follows:

JANUARY 2, 2022 to JANUARY 8, 2022 29 Tevet 5782 to 6 Shevat 5782

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



Dr. Henry Abrams Joseph Abrams Hannah Ball Herman Baylson Benjamin Berg Annette W. Black Dora Braun Dorothy Saltzburg Brenner Betty Brody Raymond Charles Brown Hilda Ceasar Dr. Maxwell Cherner Norman DuBois Charles C. Fuller Lena Gelberg Sima Ginns Esther Medow Goldberg Dorothy Goldstein Ruth Goldstein Fannie Wise Goodman Svia Greis Henry Gross Terri J. Guth Paul Jacobs Laibesh Katzner Joseph Kligman Adolph Koppelman Melina Frechie Lam Fannie Pollack Marcus

Matilda Muchnick Elaine Nepiarsky Sanders Newmayer Sophia Oberfield Janet Parker Lewin Ida S. Rachmell Arnold Raynor Herman Robbins Rachel Robinson Wolf Robinson Zipporah Rosenberg Lester Rosenberger Anna Rosenthal Doris G. Rosenthal Louis Harry Schinfeld Rebecca Schlesinger Bertrand Schneeberg Caroline Esther Schneeberg Wolf Silberman Aida Simon Sarah Slonimsky Nathan Suzmer Ruth R. Vigderman Harry William Wachstein Shep Waldman Emanuel Wirtschafter Theresa Wise David A. Wolowitz Louis H. Young

JANUARY 9, 2022 to JANUARY 15, 2022 7 Shevat 5782 to 13 Shevat 5782

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



Fannie Marmer

Stanley Gershman Martin T. Glass Bessie Goldberg Karen Goldman George Goldstein Gussie Goldstein Rose Greenberg Ellen J. Greenfield Dora A. Gross Julius A. Gross Sophie Gross Carrie Loeb Harris Gertrude Weiss Hirsch Beatrice Hoffman Henry Hyman Helen W. Jacobs Sadona Katzen Richard V. Kirsh Raymond Klein Mayer Levine

Adolph Levy

Dora Lipman Morris Love Ruth Margolis Samuel N. Markowich Julius Michel Martha Moldawer Eric Nahan Jacob Poons Newman Jean Bertha Orgiefksky Sophie Chffas Pasternack Ellis Pecarsky Jerome Portner Lillian Reichman Fay Riegner Berthold Rosenberger Blanche H. Rosenfelt Goldie Reinhart Rosenthal Irving M. Schepp Mary Sherman Arthur E. Shore

Nettie P. Shubert Pearle Siplet Maurice T. Sloane Alan Slotkin Vera Mandel Stein Louis Stern Regina Bacharach Strouse Phyllis P. Sussman Samuel (Shmuel) Sussman Fav Teblum Harry T. Titman Jerome Udell Philip Veit Lottie Weiner Samuel David Weller August Wise II Carrie Wise Albert M. Wolf Perle Russ Zinman

JANUARY 16, 2022 to JANUARY 22, 2022 14 Shevat 5782 to 20 Shevat 5782

To be read on Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22



Max David Kendall

Fanette Kornfeld

Margaret F. Kotzin

Laura Schwartz Kooperman

Noah Aarons Max Abrams Seth Richard (Rick) Arkans Frank G. Barnett Ida Minnie Baskin Nelson Berger Pauline Bloch Frances Copelin Bolno Kreney Brodsky Anna Brown Nathan Brown Selma Corn Morton J. Dannenhirsch David Davidson Hanna Samuel Dektor Carrie V. Ellis Milton Falkenstein Dora Gainor Gertrude Gainor Brenda (Bunny) Gekoski Isadore Geller Abraham Ginns Stanley Charles Glauser, MD, PhD Louis Gluck William Goldhammer Samuel H. Goldstein Herbert F. Hertz Chana Hirsch Tobias Horwitz Sarah Hyman Emil Jaffe Dr. Leon Kacher Fannie Kadane Abraham Kaplan

Gail M. Katz

Chaya Sarah Katzman

Stanton M. Kroungold Sara Fanny Levine Jacob Loewenstein Joseph London Balbina Mann Mina Marcus Moritz Marcus Lewis Medoff Morris Mustokoff Rebecca N. M. Nathans Max Needelman Pauline Parker Gerda Podel Charlotte B. Richter Ruth Rosenbloom Reuben Rosenthal Ida Cecilia Schwartz Marc Alan Shapiro Rolf Shuster Fannie Silow Michael M. Sklar Matilda Starr S. Stefan Strauss Victor Temkin Thomas Toretch Joseph Turoff Katherine Uknis Tillie Vizak Michael Warren Harry Weingast Saly Weiss Charles Wisneski

JANUARY 23, 2022 to JANUARY 29, 2022 21 Shevat 5782 to 27 Shevat 5782

To be read on Friday, Jan. 28 and Saturday, Jan. 29



Menachem Mendel Mandel Jacob Marbin Norman Martin Michael Moldawer Goldie L Mustokoff Harry Novey Gerson Oppenheimer Marcia Buten Picus Harry Platt Herman Prager Marcus Price Samuel Rapp Eleanor Reibstein Frances Robbins Solomon Rogasner Shirley Rosenthal Morris Rothbera Geraldine Rudman Eleanor Sands Anna Schlesinger Barney Schulman Philip Selbst Mary Silverman Milton Singer Abraham Slotnick Bella Politz Snyder Ruth Sukol Samuel P. Verstein Ada Vigderman Estella Alkus Weil Morris Weinstein Minnie Wildstein Fannie Wirtschafter Carl H. Wolf Fannie Wolf Annie Bacher Young

JANUARY 30, 2022 to FEBRUARY 5, 2022 28 Shevat 5782 to 4 Adar I 5782

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



Frances Alpern Clara Bloch Rachel E. Bregman Sophie Brown Johanna Buschel Ruth Wiser Chamow Adele King Cohan Shirley Cohen Max Cohn Rosa Rosenberger Demchick David Derewitz Anna Feld Esther E. Forbes Harry Forbes Dr. Reuben Friedman

Sara Ann Makransky

Louis O. Fuhrman Albert Gerstley Isabelle S. Gichner Everett Glantz Yetta Glashofer Fannie Goldberg Benjamin Greenbaum Orldie Greenbaum Dr. Benjamin H. Harris Sara Haas Herz Sima Hollander Bernard L. Izes Joseph Jacobs Simon Kabler Samuel S. Klein

Ida Fleisher

Louis Friedman

Theresa Garfinkel

Bernice Florence Friedmann

Shlomo Kleit Tibie Gever Klinger Samuel Kornstein Dora Levinson Kramer Monroe Levin lda Levv Fannie Goldenberg Lyon Bert Miller Rae Needelman Alex Neiman Sigmund Neubauer Henry Newman Robert Pasternak Henrietta Schiff Pollacheck Bertha Reyes Solomon M. Rosenberg Max Rosenblatt Sara Rosenthal Fannie Rosin Lenore Leidner Rosin Josef Julius Salomon

Marie I. Saltzman

Irving Salus Audrey Schmerling Louis Schweriner Nathan Selbst Morris Shrager Edith Silver Lillian Sklarow Daniel E. Snyder Anna K. Snyderman Ruth Bruner Soll Sophie Solomon Rebecca F. Steinberg Leo Strauss Anna K. Sugarman Fannie Markoff Sussman Lizzie Vederman Benjamin Wagman Bertha Weiner Stella R. Weisfeld Simon Weiss Jennie Milder Wirtschafter Solomon Wise

FEBRARY 6, 2022 to FEBRUARY 12, 2022 5 Adar I 5782 to 11 Adar I 5782

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

Samuel J. Judelsohn

Louise Reinhart Katz



Sarah Abramson Mark Robert Allanoff Rebecca Disenhof Arkow Herman Louis Axe Julia Mann Bayuk Jacob Bender Samuel Bernstein Max Bisk Jean Blatt Renee Blitstein Myron H. Block Mollie Blumbera Charles Blumstein Joseph M. Bodine Leah Borgenski Morris Burak Mollie Butler Natalie S. Chamow Fannie Constantine Bertha Demp Leonard I. Drell Louis Entine Betty First Grace Spicehandler Fisher Reuben Gordon Frechie Minnie Friedman Marion Gershman Louis Gilbert Richard Gingold

Mary Goldsmith

Nathan Grossman

Stanley Goren

Morris Hyman

lda D. Kirkel Maximillian J. Klinger Sidney Kochman Freada Kramer Elizabeth Gratz Kremer Solomon Kwass Edward M. Levin Samuel Levy Elizabeth F. Lipman Sallie Goldenberg Nathan Morris B. Oberfield Jacob Parent Harry S. Platowsky Hattie Pleat Sylvia Frances Robinson Esther Kreloff Roth Lt. David C. Rudolph Jackie Jo Rudolph Calvin Schneeberg Herbert Schwartz Gerald Harris Schwartz, D.O. Herman Abraham Shapiro Rebecca Soffin Sylvia Starr Herbert L. Steinberg Abraham Trifield Gertrude Waldman Miriam Wiesenthal Henrietta E. Wolfe

Lena Worker

Yetta Wurzel

FEBRARY 13, 2022 to FEBRUARY 19, 2022 12 Adar I 5782 to 18 Adar I 5782

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



Marvin Alloy Simon Bacharach Julius Beck Joseph Bekoff Selma Sussman Black Mottie Buten Lewis Coren Florence Bacharach Davis Sophie Elfman David Emas Rabbi Judah Leon Fish Lucille Walker Frank Sophie Galperin Abraham H. Gitlow Claire Gold Etta Gold Edward Goldberg Gertrude Goodman Joseph Gross Fannie A. Gruber Jacob Harris Hannah Hirschberg Bessie Hoffman Marian Karsif Mary Kass Alek Klinman Hannah Resnick Koff Kyle Reed Kravitz, Esg. Max H. Kroungold Yetta Leback Siamund Louis Lebowitz Anna Levin

Jacob Loeb Dana Neva Marcus Minerva Miller Sima Mirrow Bella A. Molod Leonard Oppenheimer Florence F. Rabinowitz Arthur S. Rifkin Isidor Rosenbaum Beatrice D. Rubenstein Rose Maisel Rubenstein Belle Salvin Abraham Schulman Hilda P. Shapiro Edward Shore Leon M. Siegel Philip H. Skaler Milton M. Staub Fannie Staub Joseph Stein Mary Stein Svlvia Stein Rosalind Steinberg Eliza Stern Rose Stern Claire B. Stup Philip Frank Tapper Anna Temkin Jeffrey Scott Vizak Bertha Weiner Rifka Weinroth Rachel Worker

FEBRARY 20, 2022 to FEBRUARY 26, 2022 19 Adar I 5782 to 25 Adar I 5782

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



Jacob Abrams Avram G. Adler John Joseph Allen Carrye Barenkopf Jennie Baruch Harry Beifield Hannah Beildeck Gerson Blankfield Minnie Blankfield Eva Loewenstein Bloch Harry E. Chamow Ethel R. Chernicoff Miriam Copperman Ada Davidoff Lena G. Dean Albert Drell

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Beckie Gettlin
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Freda Goldhirsh
Robert D. Goldman
Maxine Gordon
Albert R. Gross
Lewis Gumpel
Mildred F. Halin
Esther Hertzfeld
Bessie Hunn
Emma Garfield Israel

Minnie Bernstein Feingold

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Gertrude Kancher Rose F. Katzenstein William Keiser David Koppelman Samuel Krieger Theodore Lederer Annie Levin Mussie Love Mary Lyon Betty Libby Mason Annie Maxman Gertrude Metzger Harvey Nevler Rose Nitzberg Harriet Panitch Frances S. Pincus Dora Prager A. Lois Remstein Manly Rider Max Rosen Sarah Rosenthal Joseph Rothbard Dr. Robert W. Rubin Rose Sadowsky

Sarah Schiff Dorothy Schlesinger Herman Schwartz Anna Shalevetz Isabella Shapiro Sadve Shevlin Harry Sigel Mary A. Silberman Louise Stern Simpson Anna R. Sobel Samuel A. Sopenoff Barbara M. Steinberg Arnold M. Stern Matthew K. Stevens Hank Strauss Selma Strauss Dora Warren Samuel Weber Pauline Weinberg Jennie Wildman Isadore Witkin Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe Rickie Wollenberger

FEBRARY 27, 2022 to MARCH 5, 2022 26 Adar I 5782 to 2 Adar II 5782

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



Rabbi Leon Album Sylvia Alloy Alexander A. Aron Franklin G. Banks Jenni Benjamin Milton Berger Morris J. Blitz Margaret Boehm Max E. Cohen Moses Cohen Herbert A. Demchick George J Dishler Benjamin F. Dolfman Dr. Nettie Solomon Edeiken Susan Elaine Edelman Abe Felix Joseph Fine Maurice Fisher Esther Goldman Nettie Goodman Lewis Gordon Mollie Grant Alexander Green Leonard A. Green Ida Haber Rose Heimerling Nathan Hoffman Carrie Isenberg

Dorothy Jacobson

Jennie Abrams

Yetta Katzner Matilda B. Krupnick David E. Lewis Michael Loeb Beth Cravitz Manusov Moses Marcus Dr. William J. Mellman Louis Meyerhoff Simon Mustokoff Charles N. Oberfield Florence Oberfield Sima Robinson Samuel Rosenbaum Bernard Sacks Carrie Blumenthal Saltzman Sarah Winkelman Salvin Dorothy Katz Seidel Sol Shore Jennie Sickles Nathan Smith Morris Steinberg Howard Stern Isadore Strauss Nettie Subin Nathan S. Taksey Nelson Wax Louis Weiss Pauline Weitzenkorn

Israel Werner

Kol HaKavod to our October and November Torah and Haftarah Readers

Rabbi Sandi Berliner
Hannah Berson
Eden Citron
Sophie Citron
Joseph Levi Clark
Debbie Seltzer Cohen
Joseph Esterson
Allan Freedman
Randi Freeman
Hazzan Howard Glantz
Mindy Goldstein
Judy Stutman Izes
Elon Kaplan
Susan Novack

Lorna Rosenberg
Dr. Nathan Schnall
Sion Segal
Meryl Sussman
Brody Ufberg
Dahlia Ufberg
Jacob Ufberg
Jacob Ufberg
Larry Ufberg
Matthew Ufberg
Idelle Wood
Tammy Zebovitz













The Seasons of Our Lives

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

Maya Ruth Roberts, granddaughter of Mona Gold and Les Duman, and daughter of Allison Gold Roberts and Max F. Roberts

December 9, 2021

Colbie Blair Arch, granddaughter of Leslie Sokolow, great-niece of Merril Stup, and daughter

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Marriages

Michael Seth Montague, son of Barry and Maxine Montague, will be marrying Lilli Ruth Leight on February 20, 2022.

Deaths

Paul Aaron October 25, 2021

Rabbi Mimi Polin Ferraro, sister of

Sandra (Michael) Goldberg October 29, 2021

Mary Katz December 12, 2021

Howard "Ozzie" Ozeroff, husband of Carole

December 13, 2021

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45 YEARS

• Nancy and Michael Markowich February 12, 1977

10 YEARS

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