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## The Right of Self-Protection versus The Responsibility for Public Safety

by Rav Shai Cherry

Have a great summer but don't forget us here at AJ! We'll be holding services here all summer.



To be honest, I'm not able to decide whether I am a Jew because I treasure Jewish wisdom or that I treasure Jewish wisdom because I'm a Jew. With relatively few exceptions, I'm so grateful to have a tradition to rely upon for moral and political direction in a world with so many competing claims. At some point, I imagine, my neutrality towards Jewish wisdom tipped into a predisposition towards

acceptance. It is not always clear, though, how to translate ancient wisdom into contemporary prescriptions.

Guns were not around until 2,000 years after the Torah was written and at least 500 years after the Talmud was stitched together. That means that we need to rely on analogies to extrapolate Talmudic wisdom about gun use. We know that Jewish values include self-defense and public safety. The question was, and still is, when these two values are in tension, which gives way and under what conditions. Let the analogies begin!

It is taught: One may not sell weapons to idolaters or equipment of weapons. One may not sharpen weapons for them. And one may not sell them feet cuffs, neck chains, foot chains, or iron chains.

The assumption here is that idolaters are not to be trusted because they lack a moral framework. From this piece of Talmud, it strikes me as a reasonable analogy to argue that there should be mandatory background checks and requirements for weapon purchases and services. Some people should be prevented from purchasing weaponry because they've demonstrated a lack of morality.

But doesn't Rav Na<u>h</u>man say Rabba bar Avuh says: Just as the Sages said that it is prohibited to sell to an idolater, so too it is prohibited to sell to a Jew who is suspected of selling to an idolater?

Rav Dimi bar Abba says: Just as it is prohibited to sell to an idolater, it is prohibited to sell to a bandit who is a Jew. B. Avoda Zara 15b

There are unscrupulous Jews who serve as white-collar procurement agents for these bad guys. They need to be

boycotted, too. There are even bad Jews! Perhaps store owners who are in violation of mandatory background checks for potential purchasers should lose their privilege to sell weapons.

But what about for those of us who *can* possess weapons — what are our responsibilities? Let's move to a different analogy.

Rabbi Natan says: From where is it derived that one may not raise a vicious dog in his house, and that one may not set up an unstable ladder in his house? As it is stated: "You shall not bring blood upon your house." (Deuteronomy 22:8) B. Baba Kamma 46a

Might this mean that we can't have a loaded gun in the house?

A person may not raise a dog unless it is tied with chains. The Sages taught: A person may not raise a dog unless it is tied with a chain. But he may raise a dog in a city that is close to the border of the wilderness. In that case he should tie it during the day but may release it at night. B. Baba Kamma 83a

This piece of Talmud suggests that if you are in need of protection, like a guard dog, you are permitted to have it as long as you take measures to assure that the dog won't do unintended damage. So, combining these two sources, might one be required to store a loaded gun in a safe if one feels the need to own such a weapon?

But let's acknowledge what's different: we all live on the edge of the wilderness/wildness. There is no place — not a school, not a synagogue, and not a supermarket — where we can assume our security. Does that render these pieces of Talmud inappropriate for analogies for purposes of policy? Maybe.

But should the second amendment's right to "keep and bear arms," which in 1791 could only refer to muskets, apply to AK-15s? The value being protected by the second amendment was the right to protect ourselves from a tyrannical government. The most bitter irony, and

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## Service Schedule

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SHABBAT <u>H</u> UKKAT	ROSH HODESH AV	SHABBAT EKEV
July 1, 2, 2022 3 Tammuz 5782	July 29, 2022 1 Av 5782	August 19, 20, 2022 23 Av 5782
Light Shabbat Candles8:15 PM	FRIDAY MORNING	Light Shabbat Candles7:33 PM
FRIDAY EVENING	Morning Service7:00 AM	FRIDAY EVENING
Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM	•••	Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM
SATURDAY MORNING	SHABBAT MASEI	SATURDAY MORNING
Shabbat Service10:00 AM	July 29, 30, 2022 2 Av 5782	Shabbat Service10:00 AM
SATURDAY AFTERNOON	·	SATURDAY AFTERNOON
• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah8:15 PM	Light Shabbat Candles7:59 PM	• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah7:35 PM
•••	FRIDAY EVENING  • Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM	•••
SHABBAT BALAK	SATURDAY MORNING	ROSH <u>H</u> ODESH ELUL
July 8, 9, 2022 10 Tammuz 5782	• Shabbat Service10:00 AM	SHABBAT RE'EH
Light Shabbat Candles8:13 PM	SATURDAY AFTERNOON	August 26, 27, 2022 30 Av 5782
FRIDAY EVENING	• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah8:00 PM	Light Shabbat Candles7:23 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM	-	FRIDAY EVENING
SATURDAY MORNING		Devotion by the Ocean (Ventnor, NJ)6:00 PM
Shabbat Service10:00 AM	EREV TISHA B'AV   SHABBAT <u>H</u> AZON	• Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM
SATURDAY AFTERNOON	August 5, 6, 2022 9 Av 5782	SATURDAY MORNING
• Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah8:15 PM	Light Shabbat Candles7:51 PM	Shabbat Service10:00 AM
•••	FRIDAY EVENING	SATURDAY AFTERNOON
SHABBAT PINHAS	Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM  CATURDAY MARNING	• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah7:25 PM
July 15, 16, 2022 17 Tammuz 5782	SATURDAY MORNING  • Shabbat Service10:00 AM	•••
Light Shabbat Candles8:12 PM	• SHADDAY AFTERNOON	ROSH <u>H</u> ODESH ELUL
FRIDAY EVENING	Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah7:55 PM	August 28, 2022 1 Elul 5782
Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM	Chanting of Eicha	SUNDAY MORNING
SATURDAY MORNING	•••	Morning Service
Shabbat Service10:00 AM		•
SATURDAY AFTERNOON	TISHA B'AV	•••
• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah8:15 PM	August 6, 7, 2022 10 Av 5782	SHABBAT SHOFTIM
•••	SUNDAY MORNING	September 2, 3, 2022 7 Elul 5782
FAST OF 17TH OF TAMMUZ	Morning Service9:00 AM	Light Shabbat Candles7:12 PM
July 17, 2022 18 Tammuz 5782	•••	FRIDAY EVENING
•	SHABBAT NACHAMU   VAET' <u>H</u> ANAN	Devotion by the Ocean (Ventnor, NJ)6:00 PM
SUNDAY MORNING     Morning Service9:00 AM	August 12, 13, 2022 16 Av 5782	• Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM
• Morning Service9.00 AM	Light Shabbat Candles7:43 PM	SATURDAY MORNING
•••	FRIDAY EVENING	Shabbat Service10:00 AM SATURDAY AFTERNOON
SHABBAT MATOT	Devotion by the Ocean (Ventnor, NJ)6:00 PM	Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah7:15 PM
July 22, 23, 2022 24 Tammuz 5782	• Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM	• MIIII <u>II</u> aII-Ma aIIV-IIavualaII
Light Shabbat Candles8:07 PM	SATURDAY MORNING	
FRIDAY EVENING	Shabbat Service10:00 AM	
• Kabbalat Shabbat6:15 PM	SATURDAY AFTERNOON	Newport Avenue Beach
SATURDAY MORNING	• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah7:45 PM	Ventnor, NJ 08406
Shabbat Service10:00 AM		
SATURDAY AFTERNOON Minhah Ma'ariir Haudalah		Devotion by the Ocean
• Min <u>h</u> ah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah8:10 PM		Three Fridays this Summer
		Three Fridays this Summer!

August 12 and 26, and September 2

#### **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)	

#### **EVENING SERVICES**

Sunday through Thursday ......7:00 PM

#### **SHABBAT HAVURAH 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.

#### 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 (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

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.

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most instructive lesson, is how the Bill of Rights can be interpreted to strip us of our rights to life and liberty to allow the wrong guns to get into the hands of the wrong people. Jewish values can't necessarily prescribe specific policies, but whatever policies we champion should be motivated by our right to protect ourselves from unreasonable government tyranny and our responsibility to ensure public welfare and safety.

## Birthdays Abound!

NEAR RIGHT: Manny Triebwasser celebrated his 97th birthday on March 31, 2022 with his two sons visiting from Israel and his sister and grandson.

FAR RIGHT: Marvin Black celebrated his 97th birthday on May 30, 2022!

Happy birthday to both of them!

### Services: In Person at AJ and via Zoom!

As of the printing of the July/August AJ News, all services are being held both in person at AJ and via Zoom.

Our current requirements are:

- Attendees must pre-register for Shabbat 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.) Pre-registration won't be necessary for daily minyan but sign-in at the synagogue will be requested (for contact-tracing purposes).
- 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.
- All adults entering the AJ building must have had their booster shot, once eligible.
- Masks are mandatory inside the building. As local rates of transmission change, our masking policy will be adjusted.

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.

### Honey From the Heart



You can send a jar of honey to family, friends, and business associates near and far. This is a great way to wish everyone a L'Shana Tova! And you'll be supporting both the AJWA Sisterhood and ORT America.

Each 8 oz. jar contains delicious golden honey which is certified Kosher by the Orthodox Union and guaranteed to be 100% pure honey. Honey From The Heart is gluten-free. It's just \$13.00 per jar, including free shipping until August 1.

It is traditional to eat apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah. The apples symbolize the constant cycle of life and the honey symbolizes the sweetness that we hope will characterize the year to come. The blessing is printed on a beautiful keepsake card that is enclosed with each jar of honey you send.

To order, go to www.honeyfromtheheart.org/CAJ. For more information, contact Leslie Sokolow at 215.758.2404.







## In the Cantor's Corner

By Hazzan Howard Glantz

Recognizing our blessings can be a challenge. The world around us seems more inclined to point out that which we don't possess rather than to help us feel gratitude for what we have in the here and now. Sometimes, however, the exact opposite can be the case when the outside world helps us identify more blessings than we might have otherwise noticed. That was my experience just a few months ago, on April 28.

The night prior began the experience, when we marked Yom HaShoah with the Kehillah of Old York Road. This year, Old York Road Temple—Beth Am hosted the event and I was delighted to see so many AJers despite the sadness of the annual event. Seeing and singing with my colleagues of the corridor is such a blessing, a blessing affected by the pandemic but certainly not brought to an end.

The next evening, I had an event on my calendar but I have to admit, I didn't read about it all that carefully. I simply knew that it was an event close to Violet Zeitlin's heart and that was more than enough for me. At the dinner that preceded the event, I spoke to our member Naomi Housman who is the Director of Institutional Advancement at Gratz and learned so much about the great work being done there throughout the pandemic.

This evening was actually titled, "The Inaugural Event of the Founding Stakeholders Campaign for the Center for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights at Gratz College." Like the evening prior, this event was also fashioned to commemorate Yom HaShoah while honoring "extraordinary individuals whose leadership, advocacy, and scholarship have significantly advanced Holocaust education and human rights in the world."

After the dinner, we proceeded to a conference room with a high-tech setup. The Honorable Irwin Cotler (Isaacman Distinguished Visiting Professor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Gratz College) delivered a lecture, "The Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights: Universal Messages for the Preventing and Combatting of Mass Atrocity in Our Time." The material on which he spoke passionately was stirring and the young 82-year-old did so at 3:00 AM Israel time. You can find more about this impressive man at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irwin\_Cotler.

Next we heard an explanation and performance of *The Mandell Fantasy* by Gratz alumna Ronna Zallman Honigman. Honigman based her original composition on the liturgical themes of the late Cantor Eric Mandell, a Holocaust survivor whose music library of over 15,000 items is housed at Gratz College. Cantor Eric Mandell z"I served as choir director of Har Zion Synagogue in Philadelphia from 1941 to 1966. He is best known as the composer of the most dominant melody for Ahavat Olam, the text that immediately

precedes *Shema* on Friday evenings. For nearly every Hebrew liturgical text, many melodies and cantorial compositions exist, but only a handful withstand the test of time and are so indelibly connected.

Then came the pièce de résistance — the Presentation of the Gratz Medal to our very own **Violet P. Zeitlin**. I asked Violet to tell me more about her involvement at Gratz College and learned that she began taking courses shortly after moving to Elkins Park in 1986, and completed her BA in Jewish Studies in 2001 at the age of 64. Along the way, Violet met Josey Fisher who explained the work she did with The Holocaust Oral History Archive housed at Gratz. Violet subsequently inquired about volunteering and that began a commitment that has lasted nearly 25 years. Violet related:

Most of the volunteers at that time were survivors themselves with a very varied set of experiences, itself a Holocaust education. They are all gone now but we have a great group of people to continue the work. We have a unique collection of testimonies from liberators and witnesses to the liberation. One of the highlights of my work was facilitating the publication of about 30 of the best testimonies, including an introduction which was part of my final paper for my degree. I have also created pamphlets for commemoration and study of Kristallnacht and liberation. I see our work there as Kodesh, and a responsibility to preserve the voices of the Shoah.

Josey Fisher presented the Gratz Medal of Honor to Violet and it capped a beautiful evening that helped me feel the blessings that surround us, blessings that can easily go unnoticed. What are the blessings in your surroundings and what form do they take? Like Violet, we can count our blessings, be more aware of our blessings and a be a blessing to others.



RIGHT: Violet Zeitlin is presented with the Gratz Medal at the Inaugural Event of the Founding Stakeholders Campaign for the Center for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights at Gratz College.

## In Defence of Being British

#### By Jonathan Goldhill

Carrie and I, with three very young kids in tow, moved from Britain to America in 1997 for what we anticipated would be a two-year stint abroad. Within a few weeks, we joined AJ in an effort to find a community we could call home. And, as two years extended to a quarter of a century, AJ has been an important part of our lives: attending services, classes, and fundraisers; helping our three children navigate preschool, Hebrew school, and *b'nai mitzvot*; experiencing the warmth and support of our fellow AJ congregants, and making many firm friendships.

However, recent events have made us feel disenfranchised from the AJ community. On January 30, Rav Shai held the first of three Adult Education Classes on the Mussar Movement. I participated by Zoom, joining the class slightly late, and was only beginning to follow the thread of the discussion when I heard Rav Shai referring to British antisemitism followed by the statement, "This is Rav Shai's probably number one prejudice: There's a special place in *Gehenna* [Hell] for the Brits." As I struggled to unmute myself, I heard laughter from some participants. A person on the line suggested we might be offended. Rav Shai responded "But they're not living in Britain". Someone else said "They made a better choice".

I wrote to Rav Shai about his comments. We spoke on the phone, and he said he was going to apologize during his upcoming Shabbat sermon. The following Shabbat he indeed apologized. But then — as part of his argument linking British Government policy towards Jewish emigration to Palestine with Amnesty International labelling Israel an "Apartheid State" — he compared Britain with the Nazis: "They didn't pull the trigger, they didn't open up the valves in the showers, but...". This made us feel even more upset and detached from AJ than Rav Shai's initial comments.

In a subsequent discussion, Rav Shai was clearly surprised at our reaction, and we all agreed to explore how this experience could be turned into something positive. What could we all learn from this? We have a few suggestions.

#### Be sensitive

There's a reason why definitions of prejudice extend to national origin as well as religion, race, gender, and disability. Hearing our compatriots consigned to hell in a room full of Americans felt a little like hearing an antisemitic comment in a Baptist convention. Maybe people don't understand that you can move to another country, become a citizen, and still greatly value where you came from. A bit like being Jewish in America.

#### "Words matter"

This is actually a quote from Rav Shai's sermon on Britain and Amnesty International, so maybe it's a cheap shot. But — as I'm sure Rav Shai agrees — a freedom of expression comes with responsibilities. Rav Shai pointed out to us that he doesn't regret giving a sermon on gun control, even though it annoyed his NRA-supporting congregants. Nor should he. But using inflammatory rhetoric to prove a point isn't always the best way to advance one's argument.

#### Take a broader view of history

If you're the world's sole superpower — Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries, or the United States today — there's always a tendency to think you have the moral high ground. For the record, we believe that antisemitism in Britain is clearly a problem, but is broadly comparable to the situation in the U.S. and Europe; and that Britain's policy towards Jews trying to get to Palestine in the 1930s and 40s was appalling, but so was U.S. government policy towards Jews trying to escape to the U.S.

I think it's perfectly reasonable for rabbis to use their position to opine on political, social, or other issues outside their sphere of rabbinical expertise. But when they do, I believe one has a right of reply in the public domain, and really appreciate being given this opportunity to raise our concerns.

A proud dual American/British citizen

## This Year's Selihot Service: Hush of Midnight!



It is official! We will hold a Hush of Midnight service for the AJ Selihot Service, September 17, 2022. Open rehearsals (dates and times to be announced) will take place in late August and September. These reviews will give everyone a chance to feel more equipped to participate and familiarize or re-familiarize themselves with the work.

Many of you may be very familiar with this worldrenowned work: a cantata of Ruth Brin poetry and traditional selichot liturgy composed and arranged by

our own Hazzan emeritus, Charles S.

Davidson. I find that people who hear it for the first time are

swept into the emotional poetry and pleasing rhythms. This choice for Selihot, written by Hazzan Davidson in 1986. has withstood the test of time.

The Hebrew word *selichot* refers to the collective penitential liturgy, the daily recitation of which commences prior to Rosh Hashana and continues through Yom Kippur. Designed to set the mood within us for the impending High Holy Days, the focus of the Hebrew liturgy is repentance and renewal. The poetry of 20th-century poet Ruth Brin (1921–2009) is matched in such a way that it allows and encourages us to imagine being "in darkening shade" "on city streets" and "wood and meadows." In the execution of the service the words and music stir us and "take us to far countries of pretended peace."

A fine recording is available free and online at the Milken Archive. The soloist is Hazzan Ray Edgar, a classmate of Cantor Davidson at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Go to https://tinyurl.com/hushofmidnight or use the QR code at right.



In addition, you can familiarize yourself with the full video and audio recordings made in 2013 in our sanctuary, part of the celebration year leading to Rabbi Rosenbloom retiring. Go to https://tinyurl.com/4dvtyk4h or use the QR code at right.



## ANNUAL FUNDRAIJER 2022 IN PICTURES

Thank you to all the members of the SPEC committee, the Patrons, and all who participated in working on the events. It was a wonderfully successful evening in terms of fund-raising and in creating yet another special AJ night.

Lana Dishler and Sandy Nadel
SPEC Co-Chairs















- 1. Event Co-Chair Sandy Nadel and Shelley Reibstein greet guests with bags of snacks.
- 2. Event Co-Chair Lana Dishler with Robert Friedman.
- 3. Robert Friedman presents Calvin Thompson and Amy Devine-Stretch with much-deserved gifts: official jerseys and box seats for their favorite sports teams (76ers and Flyers, respectively).
- 4. Jemma Bleu Greenbaum and David Seltzer serenade Amy and Calvin with a special version of "Wind Beneath My Wings."
- 5. Calvin with his mother Debbie, and his sons Jaiden and Logan.
- 6. Amy with husband Joshua and son Jacob.
- 7. Event Committee members Dayna Glantz, Sandy Nadel, Lana Dishler, and Rene Smith put together snack bags before the event.



When I started working at AJ in 2001, I thought it would just be for a few months. Here I am 20 years later, still going strong. When people hear I have been at my job for 20 years, they are amazed. What made you stay so long? That is an easy answer: **the people**.

I have made many friends over the years here at AJ and was excited to share the honor with my good friend, Calvin. He is one of the hardest-working, most dedicated people I know. When there is any kind of event happening here, we bounce ideas off of one another and figure out the pieces we need for each puzzle thrown our way. Thank you, Calvin, for being my friend, for being here at AJ, for listening to me when I am super worked up about something, for helping me problem solve, and for just being you.

I am grateful to my family, my AJ family, to everyone who supports our community. I would like to thank everyone who attended the event, placed an ad, and for all of your kind words for me and Calvin. You have made me feel truly appreciated and loved. I have shared in your simchas and sorrows for 20 years and I hope that I can continue to serve the AJ community for 20 more. Thank you!

Amy Devine-Stretch



Now that we are a little over a month past SPEC, I thought it would be a perfect time to reflect on that evening.

As children, we all dream about who we'd like to be when we get older. My first career choice was to be Spider-Man. After realizing Peter Parker made that goal unattainable, I wanted to become a professional athlete. While watching my favorite teams fall short each season, I just knew I could be the difference maker. Although I am a pretty good athlete...that was not in the cards for me. I, instead came to AJ. It has really been an eye-opening experience. And as I think about it, I believe I have found exactly what I had always wanted. I can be a superhero. I get to be a difference maker everyday. Those childhood dreams are realized everyday I walk through our doors at AJ. Whether it's interacting with a preschooler in the hallways or fixing something as simple as audio for a presentation... I can make someone smile. I may not be able to carry my Sixers to a title but I get to be part of a championship team daily.

So, for me, May 1st was the culmination of many seasons of showing up and putting in the work. Being able to share that night with my family and all of you, it's indescribable. My boys are still at an age where Dad is their hero. That night they were able to see that I am also a hero to many others.

May 1st was a celebration of both myself and my best friend Amy. I just wanted to truly thank each and everyone of you for putting us on your shoulders. Thank you so much for your trust and faith in our abilities. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this amazing community. Thank you for our championship moment. I could say so much more but I don't want my blurb to shorten Amy's space in this newsletter. Again, thank you for such an amazing honor. We will always have the season of 2022.

Graciously,

Calvin Thompson

With great thanks to our religious school teachers and clergy, Adath Jeshurun continues to witness the joyous B'nai Mitzvah of our young people each month. We are so proud of the tremendous thought and effort they put into preparing for their special simcha.

### **Sydney Silverstein**

## D'var Torah. | Kedoshim (April 30, 2022)

Shabbat Shalom. First I would like to thank you all for being here, virtually and in person to celebrate this very special day with me. I greatly appreciate it and I am delighted that you are all here.

My Torah portion is Parashat Kedoshim. This parasha talks about the commandment to be holy, to show compassion to others, and to love your neighbor as yourself. The central verse reads:

לְא־תִקֶּם וְלָא־תִטּר אֶת־בְּנֵי עַמֶּׁדּ וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרַעֲדָּ כָּמִוֹדְּ אֲנִי יְהֹוָה:

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against members of your people. Love your neighbor as yourself: I am הו-ה". The rabbis explain the first part of the verse, which Rashi sites, as distinguishing between not bearing a grudge and not taking vengeance. FOR EXAMPLE: If Ploni says, "lend me your sickle" and Almoni says "no," and the next day Almoni says, "lend me your hatchet," and Ploni says, "I won't because you refused to lend me your sickle" — that's revenge, which is acting on your grudge with someone.

Rashi then explains bearing a grudge is when Ploni says "lend me your sickle, and Almoni says "no!," and the next day Almoni says, "lend me your hatchet!" but Ploni says," Here you go, I'll give it to you because I'm not like you." This is bearing a grudge because Ploni still holds something against Almoni in his heart, but only avenges himself with words.

There are many interpretations of "Love your neighbor as yourself." One of my favorite interpretations of this verse is from the Mussar community of 19th-century Eastern Europe. Just as we love ourselves naturally, we should love others naturally. Most of the time, we love ourselves instinctively and automatically, and it doesn't take any effort. So, this interpretation asks us to love others as automatically and instinctively as we do ourselves. Another interpretation of this verse by Ramban in 13th-century Spain claims that it's not humanly possible to completely love your neighbor as yourself. So, Ramban interprets this verse as commanding that you should want good things for your neighbor like riches, properties, wisdom, etc., just as you would for yourself. However, because of human nature, you will always desire to be

better than your neighbor. Because of this, Ramban's interpretation includes that we should "not nurture these petty jealousies, but one should love one's fellow with the same unlimited love as one has for themself."

Rabbi Akiba thought that this verse, in the middle of Parashat Kedoshim, was the greatest principle of the Torah, and the verse certainly is at the heart of the Torah.

Parashat Kedoshim is in the middle of Leviticus, and Leviticus is in the middle of the Torah. Parashat Kedoshim is like a tree trunk. The branches of the tree that stem from the trunk are all of the lessons of Torah and Judaism, and the roots of the tree are 기술, love your neighbor as yourself.

In today's world, we often don't think much about others, and mostly focus on our personal needs. What we often don't realize is that it doesn't take a great amount to show kindness and compassion to others. Kindness comes in all shapes, sizes, and forms. Whether it's simply giving someone a smile or helping to get something down for someone at the grocery store, we often don't know how impactful that can be to someone. In these very difficult past couple of years, everyone has had a challenging time. You never know what someone could be going through, and how much a kind gesture might help brighten their day.

Another thing that my Torah portion talks about is being compassionate and respectful to the elderly. We often don't realize how much of a joy it is for an elderly person to have someone to talk to. Elderly people are often overlooked just because of their age. Sometimes we forget that everyone needs someone to talk to, no matter their age. I remember going to my Bubby and Zayde's house every Sunday afternoon. Even if I wasn't always excited to go, I went because I knew that my Zayde enjoyed having company. Despite all of the frozen pizza and few menu options, I enjoyed spending time with him. I always knew how much he would enjoy having company, even if he sat in the sunroom watching TV sometimes. I know how much both my Bubby and Zayde loved to see us, and I know how important it was to them.

I also visit my Mom-Mom and Pop-Pop often. I know that both of them are always excited to see my sister and me, even if it is a very short visit. I know how much my Pop-Pop enjoys talking to us and to have some company, and how both of them are always excited to have a visitor.

Sometimes we are going so fast in life, we could miss opportunities to be kind to someone. The Torah teaches

us that you should always be kind and compassionate to people, even if you have reason not to. Kindness prompts kindness, which will continue for eternity. As we love our neighbors, more and more of our neighbors will show us love.

I would next like to thank everyone who has helped me to reach this incredible achievement. First, I would like to thank my parents for always supporting me and always being proud of me. You always help me if I need it, and are always proud even if I don't always succeed. Thank you to my sister Hannah for making me laugh and smile every day. Thank you to all of my friends for always caring about me, and being some of the best friends I could ever ask for. Thank you to all of my Hebrew school teachers, and teachers, for helping me to learn. I would like to say a massive thank you to Hazzan Glantz for helping me learn all of the material for today. You always believed in me, and today truly wouldn't be possible without all of your help. I would also like to give a huge thank you to Merril Stup for helping me learn to speak my D'var Torah. Last but not least, I would like to give a huge thank you to Rav Shai for helping me with my D'var Torah. It was a very colossal task, and I thank you for all of your wisdom and guidance to help me conquer it.

I would also once again like to thank you all for coming today, and I am honored to be able to become a bat mitzvah in front of you all today.



## nly y u c n fill the missing types.

Only 3 out of 100 Americans donate blood—and that's not enough to help patients in need.

Without more donors, patients will not have the type A, B, O or AB blood they will need.
You can help fill the
#MissingTypes this summer.

Make a blood donation appointment today for **AJ's Summer Blood Drive** on July 20 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Go to RedCrossBlood.org



## The Jewish Teen Collaborative

By Ossi Nussbaum, Director of Jewish Teen Collaborative

we'll miss you, ossi!

And so another JTC school year has ended, even though it seems like it just started. It was undoubtedly a more normal year than the one before, first of all because we were together in person, and not through screens; and also because, for a while, we could take off the masks and see each other's smiles.

What did we do this year? Eighth-graders researched themselves and their families and through that learned about biblical figures or important personas in Judaism, the Hebrew calendar, and the recent history of American Jewry. Ninth-graders learned the basics of Jewish ethics in an in-depth discussion on the importance of controversy in Judaism and how to approach the study of ethical issues in cases of tough disagreements. Tenth graders, prior to Confirmation, met with Rav Shai and Rabbi G-K to discuss key Jewish values and theological questions. In the last weeks of May, they trained with the cantors in preparation for the Confirmation service that was held on Friday evening, June 3.

This year, we have offered a variety of elective courses from different fields of Jewish studies. In the first trimester we offered a Bible class, in which we tried to examine the relevance of Bible stories to the present day. The students learned about Deborah the prophetess, Samson, and King David, as well as the various characters who accompany them in the parts we read. Another class was about Jewish movements and identities, and it explored the similarities and differences between the various Jewish movements in the United States and sought to deepen students' thinking about their own Jewish identity. We also offered a Hebrew class, "Hebrew Through Games," where students enriched their vocabulary in Hebrew while playing, having fun, and laughing constantly (we always had to close the door of this classroom so as not to disturb others with the roars of victory). In the second trimester, the elective course became a course for all students, in which we learned about Judaism in relation to the other monotheistic religions — Christianity and Islam. We researched the birth and development of Christianity and Islam while emphasizing their connection to Judaism and their reliance on many Jewish values. Thanks to a wonderful collaboration with Interfaith Philadelphia, we hosted students from several denominations to get a closer and personal look at their beliefs and practices. In the third trimester we offered a course on modern Israel, which focused on recognizing the diversity of Israeli society

today and the social conflicts that result from this diversity. Another class was "Teen Issues Through a Jewish Lens," in which we explored what Judaism has to say about questions of privacy, fashion, success, and more. Lastly, some students expanded their vocabulary and learned how to have short conversations in a Hebrew Ulpan course.

We planted trees and learned about climate change and what we can do to help our environment. We had a workshop on "Encountering Antisemitism and Confronting It," we marked the Holocaust Remembrance Day with watching the touching Oscar-winning movie *Life is Beautiful*, we celebrated together <u>H</u>anukkah and Purim, we enjoyed two Teen Shabbats, we held quizzes and filmed short videos. I very much hope the students collected some good memories.

I, with no doubt, take with me many memories, mostly sweet ones, from the last two years I directed JTC. When I took on the role after Debbie Miner retired, I was especially excited by the trust I was given by the rabbis to plan a curriculum, write lessons, and determine what today's youth will learn in their Jewish education. It was important to me to offer content that, on one hand, would be relevant to their lives today, and on the other hand, would be rich in Jewish texts and sources and would expand the students' knowledge and identity. It was also important for me to give room for questions and doubts, because only in this way can one really learn. Very quickly I discovered that engaging in content is only one part of the job. Each student is not only someone to obtain

knowledge, but a whole world of emotions and sensibilities, sometimes rebellious and resistant, and carries with him/her the expectations of parents and friends. All these made my work more complex, but also far more interesting. As I wrote to my students and families in my farewell words: "In the past two years, I have gotten to know a bunch of beautiful, smart, and thoughtful teenagers, whom I really wanted to challenge and help to grow (something I hope I was able to do), but they, as well, have challenged me constantly and helped me grow as an educator and as a person. For each and every one of you, my wonderful students, I have a special spot in my heart, a special memory, a virtual picture that I will carry with me forever."

I am grateful for the opportunity and the trust, and I hope I did not disappoint. I say goodbye to JTC so I can fulfill a dream that has been burning in me for a long time. I feel privileged to have had this time with JTC and I appreciate the experience so much. A special thank you to all the wonderful teachers I worked with — Talma, Jenny, Hannah, David, Vered, and Rory. They really gave their heart. Thank you to Rav Shai who entrusted me with the task and was always there to brainstorm and direct me to the right sources. Thank you to Hazzan Glantz for caring so much for these teens (you are their Rock Star) and putting up with all my schedule changes. A very big thank you to AJ's staff — Amy, Calvin, Vince, Marjorie, Rachel, and Beryl — who always helped with every question and fulfilled every request so willingly. I will miss working with you all. @

BELOW: The Confirmation Class of 2022 looking great prior to services on Friday, June 3.





## **AJ Early Learning Center**

By Anita Block, Early Childhood Director

Here's One Way! You can buy a personalized brick for the path that will lead to the new playground! Have your child's name or family name as part of a lasting symbol of your experience in the early learning center! See the form at right or go to www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/ajelc.

Want to Support the AJ Early Childhood Center?

The new playground opened, and it is spectacular! On Sunday, May 22, families gathered to dedicate the new toddler playground and to support our 13th Annual Sundaes for Sara fundraising campaign for Sara's Castle. The extremely high temperature and humidity didn't deter folks from enjoying the treats and having fun. Check out the photos of our special day.

It was a total surprise and an overwhelming moment when Rav Shai announced that the playground would be dedicated to me! I am so appreciative for all the support, respect, and confidence that the leadership and staff of Congregation Adath Jeshurun have shown since I arrived at AJ as the Interim Director four years ago. It has been my pleasure to be a part of this vibrant synagogue community.

Camp Kitov, under the directorship of Jason Roe, is off to a fantastic start. With almost 100 campers from infant through kindergarten, everyone is immersed in summer fun. Water play, fitness and fun, music, art, and Shabbat round out the schedule. Each week is theme-based with special events and guests to create an interactive and exciting experience for the campers.

Registration is now open for enrollment in the AJ Early Learning Center for September. Children, three months through five years, are welcomed into our diverse community focused on learning through hands-on experiences in a developmentally appropriate environment. Our licensed, Keystone Four Stars center uses the Creative Curriculum to design age- and interest-centered lessons to inspire, motivate, and spark curiosity in a child's world. To schedule an in-person tour of our school, please contact our school office at 215.635.3490. To register, please visit our website at www.ajpreschool.net and click on "Get Started." Once registered and confirmed, you will receive a link to submit the registration fee.

Enjoy the summer. 🤨

RIGHT, TOP: Anita holds a facsimile of the dedication plaque that will grace the playground in the near future.

RIGHT, BOTTOM: Early Learning Center family Shodhi Manpreetkaur, Adjit Magadum, and daughter Ahana Magadum, enjoy ice cream in the little bit of shade to be found! BELOW, LEFT: The mosaic sign that each Early Learning Center student had a hand in creating. BELOW, RIGHT: Rav Shai tells Anita that the new playground is being dedicated to her!









Congregation Adath Jeshurun Early Learning Center

## **BUY A BRICK PROGRAM**

We are raising money to create a path to our new playground. Have your child's name or family name as part of a lasting symbol of your experience in our early learning center. Two sizes are offered: 4X8 for \$36.00 per brick or 8X8 for \$54.00 per brick. ENGRAVING WILL BE IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

#### Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

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## **AJWA Sisterhood**

Lorna Rosenberg, President, and Karen Moses, Program Chair

Summer is almost upon us and it's been an exciting season for AJWA Sisterhood. We have traveled to India and Broadway via Zoom, davened and cooked together, heard and saw the view from Jerusalem with NPR correspondent Daniel Estrin, read stimulating books and learned some new dishes for our Passover menus. Our Torah Fund Brunch had a record fundraiser for the Jewish Theological Seminary while honoring our own Tammy Zebovitz.

As our programing takes a rest for the summer while we plan for the fall, we are open to your ideas for events and activities. Please feel free to contact me, Lorna Rosenberg at LSRosenberg28@gmail.com or Karen Moses karedlon@aol.com with your suggestions. L'hitraot, see you in September!

You can support the AJWA Sisterhood by buying some honey for Rosh Hashanah... see the article "Honey From the Heart" on page 3!



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The Stitchers group is the Masorot chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework. Our mission is to create community through *bikur mitzvah* — beautifying the mitzvah with the works of our hands. Our current year has concluded and meetings will resume in the fall.

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.

## COLLEGE CONNECTION

## We Would Like To Connect With Your College Student!

**Surprise your college student with a taste of home!** College students enrolled in the **AJ College Connection Program** will receive the monthly *AJ Newsletter* and enjoy holiday packages sent to school. Children of member families only.

Complete this form and return it to the synagogue office or email the information to Sandra Goldberg at saglpt@aol.com.

Student Name
School Address
Student Email Address
Parent Email Address
Expected Year of Graduation
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## AJ Men's Association

By Ed Moses and Howard Goldman, Co-Presidents

## Let the AJ Men's Association "Take You Out to the Ball Game"!

Tuesday, July 26

BUS DEPARTS AJ AT 5:30 PM; GAME BEGINS AT 7:05 PM See details below!



Phillies vs.
Braves

Let the AJ Men's Association "take you out to the ball game!" to see the Phillies beat the Atlanta Braves! The cost is \$40 per ticket (Section 327; rows 3, 4, and 5). The price includes bus transportation from AJ to and from the stadium and snack. The bus will depart at 5:30 PM (the game starts at 7:05 PM). You can pay online at https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/ajma-phillies-2022.html or use the QR code at right. Alternatively, you can send a check to Ed Moses (1129 Alton Place, Philadelphia, PA 19115) and provide the following information: name, cell phone number, email address, number of tickets you are purchasing, and the amount of the check you are enclosing. Questions? Email Ed Moses at karedlon@aol.com.

The Men's Association is pleased to recognize the AJers listed below who have generously contributed to the FJMC Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle program. Proceeds in the amount of \$497 have been donated to KAVOD, the highly regarded non-profit which provides emergency relief to Holocaust survivors.

Bettyruth Aisenstein Anita Rowen Ann Kalmanor Claire Russakoff Marcus and Carol Kaplan Geraldine Schneeberg Gail Klein Mark and Gail Schwartz Harry and Wendy Lessig Carol Shackmaster **David and Janet Maharam** Sheldon and Rene Smith Michael and Nancy Markowich Leslie Sokolow **Edward and Karen Moses** Steven Strauss

David and Viki Pashman George and Judy Szekely

Art Verbit and Beryl Rosoff-Verbit Joan Wohl

Rhoda Rothberg Stuart and Karen Wohl

The AJMA offers its sincere thanks and best wishes to **Dr. Harry J. Lessig** who has served as co-President of AJMA for the past several years. The value of his service cannot be exaggerated. We know that his elevation to the position of Executive Vice President of Congregation Adath Jeshurun will be highly successful.

Mazal Tov to **Howard Goldman** who is assuming the position of Secretary on the Congregation Executive Board. He'll continue (to our great benefit) as co-President of the AJ Men's Association.



## **Etgar Learning Collaborative**

Julie Atchick, Etgar Director

As your child enters the next step in their Jewish education, we are excited to invite them to become part of Etgar, the collaborative elementary educational experience for the children of and Adath Jeshurun and Beth Sholom Congregations. Building on the love of Jewish life that your child has experienced at the AJ preschool, Etgar will enrich your child's relationship to Jewish learning, Jewish life, Jewish values and Jewish community. Our educational goals and curriculum will provide a solid foundation for your child's lifelong Jewish learning.

Our teachers are experienced in providing the best education possible; most of our faculty are seasoned educators who have been sharing their love of Judaism for many years. Our teachers in our younger grades have all had experience teaching in preschool settings and have a unique understanding of the needs and learning abilities of younger children.

As Director of the Etgar Experience, I welcome the opportunity to discuss Etgar in more detail. I will be calling you to set up a time to meet in-person, over the phone or via Zoom. Feel free to email me at jatchick@ bethsholomcongregation.org so I can share my passion for Jewish education with you and your family.



### Our program goals:

- Know the basics of Hebrew reading, prayer, history, culture and ritual so that our students see themselves as an integral part of continuing the Jewish story.
- Learn sacred texts and stories so they can integrate Jewish values into their lives and today's world.
- Understand Jewish history as a way to understand the past and move forward in a meaningful way.
- Reaffirm the importance of a Jewish homeland and part of the lives of all Jews.
- Learn about the importance and practice customs of the Jewish holiday cycle.

### Our pedagogy:

- We want our children to have Jewish life in Jewish time. We integrate Shabbat and holiday experiences into the school curriculum, which means holding Shabbat school once a month so that families will experience Jewish life in Jewish time.
- We respect learning differences and tailor learning to each student's visual, auditory, reading/writing, kinesthetic needs. Because our children are technologically savvy, we incorporate technology as an additional modality of learning.
- Use both online texts and hard copy textbooks to reinforce class experiences and help parents understand their child(ren)'s learning and progress.
- Education model: Teachers use a multi-faceted text-based approach, combining frontal and experiential learning.
- Most texts offer online and app access.

## Emphasis on Hebrew:

- Decode and read Hebrew with confidence and competence. Learn basic vocabulary/concepts based on Hebrew as a Heritage Language.
- Familiarity with the text of the siddur and an understanding of the prayers
- Incorporate Hebrew into all parts of learning, including snack time, where students learn Hebrew months, days and holidays, Milat HaShavuah (word of the week), Birkat HaMazon, and HaTikvah
- Offer concierge Hebrew taught by Israeli teachers with 1:1 weekly sessions to 5th through 7th grades
- Hebrew across curricula linking biblical vocabulary with prayers, keywords, and spoken Israeli Hebrew.



### Book list:

The following is a list of books used by our kindergarten and 1st grade classes. All are available on BehrmanHouse.com.

- Let's Discover Israel: Four-page folders to introduce Israel with pictures, vocabulary and activities
- Let's Discover God: Four-page folders with poems, photos, activities, and discussion to bring to life God's world; basic prayers and blessings to communicate with God, including the Motzi, Sh'ma, Sheheheyanu, Modeh Ani and over Shabbat candles.
- Let's Discover the Holidays: Fall and spring holiday folders with activities, thought questions and descriptive text that engages young learners and helps them discover their connections to the holidays.
- Sam the Detective: Pre-primer that offers letter recognition and written exercises
- Teach Me Torah: Introduces 16 illustrated Bible texts, from Genesis to the Book of Esther, and the Jewish values that can be drawn from them, such as taking care of God's world and asking for forgiveness. Each story is told in simple language but stays true to the text.

#### Schedule:

All kindergarten and 1st grade students attend Etgar once per week, either Shabbat or Sunday, from 9:15 AM to 12:15 PM. A sample day includes:

- 9:15 9:30 AM
   Music with Cantor Agar or Hazzan Glantz
- 9:30 10:00 AM
   Interactive tefillah (prayer) with hand and body movements, instruments, and thought questions
- 10:00 10:45 AM Hebrew

#### · 10:45 - 11:00 AM

Snack with 2nd through 5th grades, including *brachot*, Hebrew word of the day, Hebrew day and month, and *Birkat HaMazon* 

## 11:00 AM – 12:10 PM Learning about holidays, Torah, biblical characters, and Israel

#### · 12:10 PM

Entire school gathers to say a prayer for Israel and sing *HaTikvah* 

## **Order Form for Israeli Olive Oil**

I/We would like to purchase:

Tree and bottle purchases will be accepted until October 31. Please note that the olive oil will arrive at AJ for pickup in December. You will be contacted when it arrives!

One Olive Tree — Six Bottles of Olive Oil with the I	Label of Your	<b>Choice</b> (\$250	)
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## Join AJ in Supporting Israeli Olive Farmers

We are excited to be continuing our partnership with MyTree in Israel! Dozens of AJ members adopted trees or purchased bottles from the 2021 harvest. Your purchase supports Israeli farmers by guaranteeing that their olives will be purchased when they harvest their fields. After the harvest in November, you will receive Israeli Extra Virgin Kosher Olive Oil, shipped to AJ for you to pick up. We expect the delivery in December, right around Hanukkah this year! Bottles with a personalized label make a great gift.

Tree and bottle purchases will be accepted until the harvest deadline in November. Please note that the olive oil will arrive at AJ for pickup in December. You will be contacted when it arrives!

To learn more, place an order, and view a message from Ray Shai, scan the QR code at the right or go to https:// www.mytree.org.il/adath-jeshurun. If you'd like to order but would prefer to pay by check, call the synagogue office at 215.635.6611.

#### **Payment Options**

EXP. DATE:

Please send your payment to:

Adath Jeshurun, 7763 Old York Road Elkins Park, PA 19027						
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## מולם עולם In Remembrance

Anyone interested in perpetuating the memory of a loved one at AJ should contact the office for information at 215.635.6611. Yahrzeits of the following individuals will be observed as follows:

#### JUNE 26, 2022 to JULY 2, 2022 27 Sivan 5782 to 3 Tammuz 5782

#### To be read on Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2 хХ

Joseph Baskin Julia B. Bernstein Sophia Deborah Bittan Vicki L. Blackman Allan H. Blitz Isadore Charles Blumenthal David Buchsbaum Blema Cohen Morris B. Cooperman Svlvia M. Director Benjamin Einhorn Edith Florence Einhorn Mira Eliav Wallace Jay Epstein Deborah Borgenicht Finder Ida Fine Louis J. Fox Philip Galperin Marguerite Lisan Glauser Jacob M. Goldman Albert L. Goldstein Anna Goldstein Sevmour Goldstein Rita Gross Sara Hawtof Benjamin Hoffman Evelvn Kalos Dr. Joseph M. Kane Rose Daroff Kaplan Jacob Karabell Adolf Katz

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#### JULY 3, 2022 to JULY 9, 2022 4 Tammuz 5782 to 10 Tammuz 5782

#### To be read on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9

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Anne D. Klasky

George E. Helfand Bernard C. Hopen Eva Jacobs Anna Jaffe Sidney E. Jaffe Isabel J. Jelinek Dora S. Kabler Jacob Kahn Bertha Kaplan Samuel Kasser Leo Kauffmann Charles Kirkel Mindel C. Kleinbard Julius L. Korson Dr. Louis A. Kustin Sidney W. Lang

Harry Lavine Rose G. Leopold Dr. Philip M. Lessig Harry S. Levin Mae Lisman Mina Loeb Rachel A. Mayer Claire G. Mink Adelaide Mitchell Emanuel B. Newman Yetta Newman Hyman Novack Jennie Oswald Jack Paller Michael Pfeffer Rosemary Post Bessie Raphael William Reibstein Loeb Hirsh Rosenberger

David Salus Moses Scheuer Esther Schinfeld Harry Schneeberg Joseph Schwartz Sarah Schwartz Abraham M. Shaffran Hilda Shaffran Irvin E. Silverman Phyllis Silverman David Snader Maurice Staub Claire Kun Stern Evelyn Alter Stern Hattie Tapper Adolph Tobotsnick Rachel Venetzky Anna Weinstein Bella Zemble

#### JULY 10, 2022 to JULY 16, 2022 11 Tammuz 5782 to 17 Tammuz 5782

#### To be read on Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 苁

Louis Jacobson

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Reuben Leib Berkowitz Fannie Bolen Samuel H. Brodsky George David Brooks David Caplan Reba Ceasar Harry E. Cohen George Creed Harriet Schneeberg Ellis Dorothy S. Fleisher Rae Altman Fogel Shelomo Zalman Friedman Harry W. Fuller Dr. Marvin Aaron Gershenfeld Cora R. Gerson Judith E. Glavmen Jeannette Goldhammer

Nathan J. Gottlieb

Toby Snyder Grosswald

Rose Pasternack Hirsh

Vove Katzman Ida R. Kramer Pearl R. Lamb Simcha Landau Jack J. Lashin Rosetta Alkus Lederer Max Levin Barnett Levy Rose S. Maybaum Betty Naide Sophie Oppenheimer Clare Z. Parness Beniamin Polsky Fannie Kahn Price William Reibstein Geraldine Beryl Reichman Samuel G. Sanders Mollie Schiff Manuel Shenker Pauly Shenker Cecilia Jeannette Simon Frances Spear Herman Strauss Benjamin Strouse Dr. Edward C. Viner Louis Wellenbach

Irvin A. Winegrad

#### JULY 17, 2022 to JULY 23, 2022 18 Tammuz 5782 to 24 Tammuz 5782

#### To be read on Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23

Yetta C. Apothaker Julia Arronson Stanley L. Basche Eve Bender Jerome Bera Rose Shuman Bernstein Florence Bliss Annie Blume Rabbi Bernard Cantor Ida R. Caplan Minnie Clair Rose Claster Bertha Jacobs Cleaver Perry David Cohn, MD Harry Donsky Martin Dubin Abram Epstein Henry David Epstein Stanton Bernard Felzer Rae Fisher William Fleishman Rhoda M. B. Frankel Professor Israel Friedlaender Rita Friedman Anna Geller Josephine R. Gluck Dr. Milton S. Greenberg Sophie Greenberg Oscar Guggenheim Anne Haven Eva Heidelberger

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## To be read on Friday, Aug. 19 and Saturday, Aug. 20

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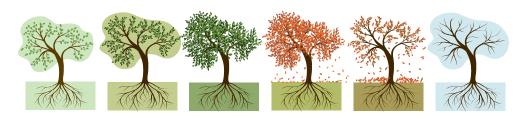
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#### **Births**

Jacob Zachary Brender, grandson of Richard and Andrea Zeises and son of Lisa and Mark Brender

April 19, 2022

Leo Herman, great-grandson of

Dr. Jerry and Judy Herman May 24, 2022

#### **Engagements**

Sophia Waldstein, daughter of Elissa and David Waldstein got engaged to Sam Black, son of Rachel and Andy Black.

#### **July Milestone Anniversaries**

#### 25 YEARS

**Bruce and Marcia Cohen** 

July 20, 1997

#### **August Milestone Anniversaries**

#### **60 YEARS**

**Edward and Sharon Masarsky** August 26, 1962

· Mark and Bernice Schwartz August 6, 1972 · Laurence and Lynn Brown August 20, 1972

#### **45 YEARS**

 Jack and Beth Rosenbloom August 14, 1977

 Jeffrey Shender and Sandra Berkowitz

**Howard and Nancy Wenocur** 

Yaacov and Terri Sutton-Kravitz

 Michael and Sandra Goldberg August 16, 1987 Mitchell and Amy Russell August 30, 1987

**30 YEARS** 

· Sheldon and Rene Smith August 16, 1992

· Gene and Cathy Salkind August 25, 1992

25 YEARS

Steven and Anne Fassler August 31, 1997

Douglas and Elizabeth Turk-Karan August 31, 1997

20 YEARS

August 21, 1977

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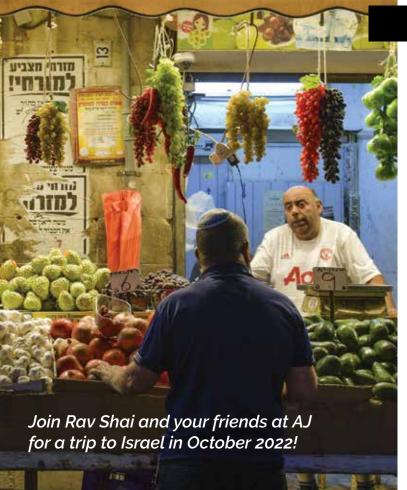
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