

CONGREGATION  
ADATH JESHURUN



**Welcome to Shabbat services  
at Adath Jeshurun.**

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## SHABBAT SHIRAH | BESHALAH

January 26, 27, 2024 • 17 Shevat 5784

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**B' Mitzvah of**

**LEILAH SPINA**

**Daughter of Michael and Wakana Spina**



### TORAH READERS

Meryl Sussman Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz  
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### HAFTARAH READER

Leilah Spina

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Nicholas Spina

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### Shabbat Shirah | Beshalah (January 26, 27, 2024 | 17 Shevat 5784)

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

*B' Mitzvah of Leilah Spina*

Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 4:55 PM

*Havdalah will be followed by a Tu B'Shvat Plant Propagation Party!*

*See page 6 for more info.*

#### Shabbat Yitro (February 2, 3, 2024 | 24 Shevat 5784)

Kabbal-Tot Shabbat 5:00 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

*HIAS Shabbat: Luncheon with guest speaker HIAS Pennsylvania*

*Executive Director Cathryn Miller-Wilson, Esq.*

Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 5:05 PM

**REMINDER:** All services are now in person at AJ and available via Zoom. Please continue to register for Friday evening and Saturday morning services by going to <https://tinyurl.com/AJ-February2024-services> or by using the service sign-up form link in the weekly email or on the AJ website. Your registration will help keep the building secure. Thank you!

## YAHREZITS

January 27, 2024 to February 3, 2024  
17 Shevat 5784 to 24 Shevat 5784



Helen Aisenstein	Fannie Goldberg	Marcia Buten Picus
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## PARASHAT BESHALACH

### MAFTIR

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#### BIBLICAL SYMBOLS, PATRIARCHS, AND MATRIARCHS

**Sandy and Jay Sobel**

**The Israelites**

in honor of our dear children and grandchildren,  
Jan, Scott and Harris Seth Edelman; Colby, Craig and Gregson Stone Sobel

**Carol B. Shackmaster and Family and  
Dr. Michael and Susan Beilan and Family  
Miriam**

in memory of Sophie L. Beilan

**Cynthia and Jeffrey Silber**

**Shirat Ha-Yam עירית הים**

in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of our son, Mason, on  
February 7, 2004

נ"ו שבט תשס"ד

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### ALIYOT

**Susan and Paul Steerman**

**Exodus 14:26-15:26 — Revi'i**

in honor of our children, Samuel, Charles and Julia

**Barbara, Chuck, Jonathan and Mindy Steinberg**

**Exodus 14:26-15:26 — Revi'i**

in memory of Miriam G. Menaker

**Bruce Coopersmith**

**Exodus 13:17-14:8 — Rishon**

in memory of my beloved mother, Ceil Coopersmith

**AJWA Sisterhood at Sisterhood Shabbat 2009**

**Exodus 14:26-15:26 — Revi'i**

Lovingly dedicated to the memory of Bernice Oswald and Sandra Schinfeld,  
our leaders and role models

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### P'SUKIM

**Nona and Henry Abrams — Exodus 14:25**  
in memory of Abram and Elizabeth Piwosky and Haroey B. Levin

**Henrietta Kravitz — Exodus 14:31**  
in memory of Dr. Charles H. Kravitz

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### P'SUKIM

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**Wendy and Ian Light — Exodus 15:11**  
in honor of our children and grandchildren,  
Paulette, Jeff, Talia, Stuart, Wiebke, Ana, David, Sharon and Rachel

**The Green, Sholtz and Yohlin Families — Exodus 15:20**  
in honor of Debra Strauss, with our wishes for  
her continued strength, leadership and friendship

**Shelley and Roy Schwartz — Exodus 15:20**  
in honor of our parents, Dr. and Mrs. Sol Kornblum  
and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schwartz

**The Executive Committee — Exodus 15:21**  
in honor of the dedicated service of Barbara Black and Barbara Sholtz  
on the Executive Committee of Adath Jeshuran

**Janice and Stanley Goren — Exodus 15:26**  
in memory of Anne S. Harris

**AJWA Sisterhood — Exodus 15:20**  
in honor of our beloved friend and mentor, Evelyn Berger  
Women's League for Conservative Judaism  
Founders' Day Honoree — February 4, 2007

**AJ Mingannaires — Exodus 15:20-21**  
in honor of Dr. Abby Auerbach

**AJWA Sisterhood — Exodus 15:21**  
in memory of our beloved friend, Barbara Steinberg

**Howard Gershman — Exodus 17:12**  
in honor of Marshall Bernstein and Marvin Demchick  
for their support of AJ's leadership

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### BIBLICAL NAMES

**Denise and Michael Abadi — Deborah**  
in honor of our six years at Adath Jeshuran

**Veatchey and Albert Bloom — Esther**  
in honor of the Bloom children and grandchildren

**Wendy and Leonard Cooper — Miriam**  
in honor of J. Regan Cooper

**Helen Fox — Deborah**  
in honor of my children, Nancy, Kenny, Linda and John

**Shirley and Herbert Kornstein — Joseph**  
in memory of Judith Dinerman

**Jean and Leonard Paul — Miriam**  
in honor of our dear friend, Dr. Miriam Kotzin;  
in memory of Marion and William Steinharst, Stella Steinharst Cantor,  
Bertha and William Weinstein, and George Weinstein

**Judy Picard — Deborah**  
in honor of my daughter, Gracie Picard (Tova Chaya)

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Saturday, January 27: Tu B'Shvat Plant Propagation Party.** AJ is hosting a Plant Propagation Party on January 20 immediately following Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah. Join us as we gather sparks of light, swap plant cuttings, create a greenspace here at AJ and in Israel! Bring your cuttings and teach us about your favorite prolific houseplants, or use some of ours. Then, take home new plant cuttings to nurture. We can't do this without you! There will be two levels of support: \$18 per family or individual, which includes the Plant Propagation Party and a very green dinner; or a \$36 registration includes the Plant Propagation Party and dinner AND participating in virtually planting a tree in Israel. **Walk-ins welcome.** Minhah begins at 4:45 PM. Primex Garden Center, in Glenside, will be supplying cuttings, soil, cups, and discounts!

**Sunday, January 28: Israeli Art After 10/7: A Reflection of an Emotional Climate, with Shirel Horovitz.** All areas of life in Israel were shaken on October 7 and the aftermath of this shock, as well as the continuing war, have deeply affected the art scene too. What is the story that art can tell us about the current reality that we don't necessarily see in the news? In this session we'll briefly look at art from 2023 before October and then dive into the images that were and still are created since. Interdisciplinary Israeli artist Shirel Horovitz will explore art responses, exhibitions, and art works that are both praised and challenged to allow a different look at what we're experiencing these days and further understand the emotional climate in Israel in the past months. 10:30 AM, via Zoom only. To register, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/israeli-art.html>.

**Thursday, February 1: Screening of Emmy Award-Winning Film: "Recipe for Change: Standing Up to Antisemitism" and Conversation with Emmy-winning Producer Todd Shotz.** Adath Jeshurun is hosting a screening of 2023 Emmy Award-winning documentary "Recipe for Change: Standing Up to Antisemitism" and a conversation with its Consulting Producer, Todd Shotz. Shotz, who is a leading consultant on Jewish representation in film and TV, will discuss his role on "Recipe for Change" and the importance of accurate and authentic portrayals of Jews and Judaism in Hollywood. Shotz is also the son of Barbara and Steven Shotz. The film will be screened at Adath Jeshurun at 7:30 PM and will be followed by discussion and dessert. To register, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/recipe-for-change.html>.

**Beginning Sunday, February 4: Hebrew Jumpstart.** The Hebrew Jumpstart consists of two levels of classes—one for pure beginners (refreshing their knowledge of the aleph-bet and "decoding" Hebrew words) and another for those with more advanced Hebrew skills. This series of the Hebrew Jumpstart, Levels 1 and 2, will be divided into three sessions: from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Feb. 4, 11, and 18. Devoted primarily to assist congregants in davening in Hebrew as well as reading and compre-

hension, those interested in the basic level can also enroll in a class to receive follow-up guided practice sessions to hone the skills they acquire. Level 1: Elementary decoding, with Rabbi Peretz Rodman, PhD. Dr. Rodman is a Hebrew educator based in Jerusalem and has a PhD in Bible studies from Brandeis University. Level 2: Advanced skills (Hebrew translation, comprehension) taught by Rav Shai Cherry. The Hebrew Jumpstart is free of charge. To register, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/hebrew-jumpstart.html>

**Thursday, February 8: Grandparents Group Program: How to Be a Soulful Grandparent.** Dasee Berkowitz will be our guest from Jerusalem as our February guest. Dasee is a sought-after educator, facilitator and founder of Ayeka's "Becoming a Soulful Parent" program, based on her book of the same title. She has led hundreds of classes to inspire parents and grandparents on their journeys of self-discovery, asking many important questions, such as, "What is my legacy? What am I leaving to the next generations?," and "How can I be both supportive as a parent and grandparents while still honoring my adult children's choices?" 1:00 PM via Zoom only. To register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/GP-dasee>.

**Saturday, February 10: PB&J Family Shabbat Service.** Join us for the PB&J (Prayers, Blessings, and Judaism) Family Shabbat Service! For roughly 45 minutes, we'll have a family-friendly Shabbat service (preschool, K, 1, and 2) in the library. The service will begin at 10:45 AM. Remaining dates this year: March 9, April 6, and May 11. Please register using the February online service registration form.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On **Sunday, February 25**, we will be welcoming two members of Kibbutz Kfar Aza, one of the kibbutzim that was attacked on 10/7. Stay tuned for more information!

**Starting Wednesday, January 31: Exploring Judaism with Rav Shai.** *This series of classes is intended for non-Jews and/or interfaith couples.* *Exploring Judaism* offers 21 sessions divided into three trimesters focusing on belonging, behaviors, and beliefs. For those interested, these sessions will prepare such individuals for conversion to Judaism. If you have friends or family that may be interested, they can learn more at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/exploring-judaism>. They can also call Rav Shai at 215.635.6611, x. 115, with any questions or to register. The Behaviors trimester of *Exploring Judaism* will take place on Wednesdays, beginning January 31 at 7:30 PM at Congregation Adath Jeshurun and via Zoom. \$100 per trimester (no charge to include the Jewish spouse of an interfaith couple).



## Congregation Adath Jeshurun

Established in 1858, our congregation was one of the founding members of the United Synagogue of America. Men and women worship with equal standing in our services which, while grounded in Jewish tradition, seek to respond to the modern intellectual, spiritual, and aesthetic needs of today's congregants. In 2004, our congregational family grew with the addition of Oxford Circle Jewish Community Centre-Brith Israel. Our unique prayer book, *Seder Avodah*, was compiled, edited, and translated by Rabbi Max D. Klein, of blessed memory, who was our spiritual leader from 1910 until 1960. It was extensively revised and reissued under the direction of Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom in 2008, as part of our 150th Anniversary year, and dedicated by Marvin N. and Mildred W. Demchick.

As members of the Conservative movement, we expect all men to wear a *kippah*/head covering during religious services. Jewish men are further requested to wear a *tallit*/prayer shawl during morning services. Women are also encouraged to observe these practices. Both men and women are required to wear a head covering when ascending the *bima*, particularly when called to the Torah for an *aliyah*. We request that you enter or exit the sanctuary only when the congregation is seated.

If you must have your cell phone with you, please silence it. Smoking is not permitted in the building or on the grounds. Guests are reminded that photography is not permitted on Shabbat.

We offer an audio enhancement system. Please ask an usher for a personal headset and receiver. The systems are to be returned to the ushers prior to leaving the synagogue. Please note that a large-print *Seder Avodah* is also available from the ushers.

We at Adath Jeshurun are proud of our award-winning religious, education, music, and youth programs, and our nationally accredited preschool. Our congregation offers a full calendar of religious, educational, and cultural events through Men's and Women's Associations, Adult Education, Social Action (AJ Acts), L'olam (Judaism and the environment), and B'Bayit (catering) committees.



Contributions to Adath Jeshurun to honor B' Mitzvah celebrations, births, weddings, or in memory of loved ones is greatly accepted.  
Please contact the office for more information.

# Prayer for Our Country and Our World

*Rav Shai Cherry*

May it be Your will *Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu*,  
That the leaders and advisors stewarding our planet  
Be graced with Your light and wisdom.

May the insight that every human is created in Your image  
Animate our pursuit of liberty and justice for all,  
And give to bigotry no sanction.

May our leaders wed justice to mercy as they contend  
With emerging challenges and dire threats.

May our government's checks and balances safeguard the ideals and  
Free institutions which are the pride and glory of our country.

May our leaders forsake immediate gratification to pursue long-term weal.  
May they be faithful to our founders' motto: *E pluribus unum*,  
To promote conditions for a common bond in true harmony.

"He has told you what it is to be good.  
What the Lord demands from you:

Only this—Do justice and lovingkindness,  
And walk modestly with your God."

Bless us, O Lord, with the fortitude to free the fettered, raise the fallen,  
Straighten the bent, bind the wounded, and heal the afflicted.

May rivers of righteousness overflow, sprouting seeds of justice along the banks,  
Until peace fills the earth as water fills the sea.

As our ancestors responded to God's call,  
So will we, together, *Hineinu*.

## Prayer for the State of Israel

אָבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמִים, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בָּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רִאשִׁית  
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*Avinu she-ba-shamayim, tzur Yisrael v'go-alo bareikh et m'dinat yisrael,  
reishit tz'mihat g'ulateinu. Hagein aleha b'evrat hasdekha, u-f'ros aleha  
sukkat sh'lomekha.*

*Avinu she-ba-shamayim*, stronghold and redeemer of the people Israel:  
Bless the State of Israel, the beginning of our redemption. Shield it with  
your love; spread over it the canopy of your peace.

# A PRAYER OF STRENGTH AND RESOLVE

*Rav Shai Cherry*

*Eloheinu v'Elohei Avoteinu*, Our God and God of our Ancestors,  
Again, alas, our differences dissolve.  
Adonai Echad, The God of Unity,  
We come together in crisis and covenant.

*Ro'eh Yisrael*, Shepherd of Israel,  
Your flock has been culled.  
Sh'chinah, divine presence,  
You've been exiled, Your presence diminished.

*Magen Avraham*, Shield of Abraham,  
Give us the strength to protect ourselves.  
HaMakom, the Place of God,  
Our place, we have no other.

*HaRachaman*, Merciful One,  
How can death and devastation be anything but merciless?  
Avinu she'beshamayim, Our Father in Heaven,  
How can war, raining ruin on Your children, be a mitzvah?

*Adonai Tzva'ot*, Lord of Armies—not Hosts,  
There is a time for war.  
We must beat their swords into ploughshares,  
Their spears into pruning hooks.

*Pokeach Ivrin*, the Giver of Vision,  
May this reveal to all that for the wicked,  
Our crime is not what we do, but who we are,  
Not our policies, but our presence.

*Tzur Yisrael*, Rock of Israel,  
May our devotion remain steadfast.  
Israel's defenders require arms and voices.  
May we persevere in providing arms and lifting our voices against all evil doers.

*Shomer Yisrael*, The Guardian of Israel; Go'el Yisrael, The Redeemer of Israel,  
Great is peace, for the name of the Blessed Holy One is "Peace."  
Spread over us the shelter of your Peace,  
Over us, over all your people Israel, and over Yerushalayim.

Amen.

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