

CONGREGATION
ADATH JESHURUN



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

Congregation Adath Jeshurun is an inclusive, egalitarian Conservative synagogue. All are welcome irrespective of gender, race, or sexual orientation. We welcome dual-faith families who want to be involved in the Jewish community.

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Michele Wernick, Social Action Committee

SHABBAT ZACHOR | TETZAVEH

March 7, 8, 2025 • 8 Adar 5785

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Exodus 29:19 — 30:10
Deuteronomy 25:17–19
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TORAH READERS

Allan Freedman Bonnie Kanefsky Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz

HAFTARAH READER

Debbie Seltzer Cohen

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Shabbat Zachor | Tetzaveh (March 7, 8, 2025 | 8 Adar 5785)

Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	5:45 PM

Erev Purim/Fast of Esther (March 13, 2025 | 13 Adar 5785)

Morning Service	7:15 AM
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Purim (March 13, 14, 2025 | 14 Adar 5785)

Thursday Evening

Purim Program for the Early Learning Center and Families with Young Children, including a light meal	5:00 PM
Minhah and Shpiel	6:30 PM
Food and Dance in the Orleans Auditorium	7:30 PM
Full Reading of Megillat Esther	8:15 PM

Friday Morning:

Morning Service including Full Reading of Megillat Esther	7:00 AM
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Shabbat Ki Tisa (March 14, 15, 2025 | 15 Adar 5785)

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 PM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
<i>Sisterhood Shabbat, followed by a luncheon</i>	
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	6:50 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 tinyurl.com/Services-Mar25 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

March 8 to March 14, 2025

8 Adar to 14 Adar 5785

Rebecca Disenhof Arkow	Irving Goldberg	Esther Mayer
Jack Atkins	Dr. Stanley E. Goren	Benjamin Merow
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Miriam Blitz	Eve Harris	Jacob Parent
Philip Blum	Frances Hirsch	Reuben Pollock
Mollie Blumberg	Louis Hoffman	Louis Richter
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Samuel Cowan	Dr. Albert Kroser	Abraham Schulman
Samuel Croul	Solomon Kwass	Roger Segal
Milton Abraham Dauber	Sandor Lederer	Hilda P. Shapiro
Bertha Demp	Frank Leon	Leon M. Siegel
Milton Robert Edelman	Amy Lessack	Charles S. Simon
Bernhard Feigenbaum	Gustav Levi	Sydney Skopp
Samuel Feinberg	Edward M. Levin	Rebecca Soffin
Lillian Freeman	Sadie Levin	Elise Stern
Minnie Friedman	Nona Levin Abrams	Hank Strauss
Regina Friedman	Stella Levy	Martin J. Vigderman
Sophie Galperin	Claire Lewin	Israel Weiner
Simon L. Garfinkel	Jettchen Lowenstein	Rifka Weinroth
Marion Gershman	Salem Harris Lumish	Lena Worker
Louis Gilbert	Marcus M. Lyons	Max Wurzel

Remember to thank the Torah and Haftarah readers!

PARASHAT TETZAVEH

Marjorie and Jeffrey Honickman

*in honor of Sara Morgan Honickman's Bat Mitzvah,
March 6, 2004*

MAFTIR

**Hilda Shapiro, Janet and Robert Mitchell, and
Natacha and Marc Shapiro**

in memory of Herman A. Shapiro on his first yahrzeit

BIBLICAL SYMBOLS, PATRIARCHS, AND MATRIARCHS

**Barbara and Howard Cobert
Ner Tamid**

in honor of our children, Joshua and Jared

**Tamara and Michael Steinberg
The Holy of Holies**

in honor of our children, Aaron, Jason and Laura

ALIVOT

P'SUKIM

*The Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren of Florence Kogen —
Exodus 27:20
in honor of Florence Kogen's 90th birthday, with immense love*

BIBLICAL NAMES

*Shelley and Roy Schwartz — Aaron
in honor of our son, Aaron Samuel*

The Congregation's Torah

The image above highlights the donations to the Congregation's Torah that have been made in the past years, related to this week's Torah portion (Parashat Hashavua). Visit www.CongregationAJ.org for more information.

Making Donations to AJ's Funds

Please go to the AJ website (www.CongregationAJ.org) to learn about and/or donate to one of AJ's funds or to the Congregation's Torah. Alternatively, you can call the AJ office at 215.635.6611.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday Mornings: Midweek Moment of Mindfulness. Sit and engage in a mindful meditation, deep, healing breathing, or gentle movement for 30 minutes. Meet us in the Strauss Chapel immediately after minyan breakfast. Come as you are, come from home or work or from minyan. Join your friends or bring a friend for a moment of mindfulness, calm and community! No registration is needed. Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

Thursday, March 13: Purim Celebration and Megillat Esther Reading.

This year, Rav Hazzan Glantz will be leading the congregation in a shpiel written by Charles and Frances Davidson z"l called "The Story of Purim in Song and Verse." It was first performed in 1958. Minhah and the Purim Shpiel will begin at 6:30 PM. The Purim party will be at 7:30 PM and at 8:00 PM, we'll do the full reading of Megillat Esther. For our Early Learning Center families and other families with young children, we will have an age-appropriate Purim Program with Purim stories from our ELC teachers Carol, Danielle, Naiya, and Renee and a magic & bubble show by George the Magician in the Braemer Auditorium that will include a light dinner. It will begin at 5:00 PM. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/purim-party-2025.html>. You can preview the shpiel at <https://hglantz.wixsite.com/purim2025>.

Saturday, March 15: AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat. See page 7!

Sunday, March 16: Kehillah Community Purim Carnival. Join us for the annual Kehillah Purim Carnival on March 16. Preschool Admission: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. General Admission from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Location: Keneseth Israel. Come in costume! Enjoy hamantaschen, prizes, inflatable obstacle courses, slides and more. Cost: \$10 for individuals; \$25 for one adult and two or more children, and \$30 for two adults and two or more children. Pre-purchase online at www.jewishphilly.org/oyrpurim by March 11. In partnership with Kehillah of Old York Road and Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Wednesday, March 19: AJ Bereavement Group. Rav Hazzan Glantz leads this monthly gathering specifically designed to foster a secure, confidential, and non-judgmental environment that encourages individuals to freely express their emotions. Irrespective of the time elapsed since one's loss, everyone is welcome to participate, as there are no qualifying or disqualifying criteria. A warm invitation is extended to everyone

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interested in attending these meetings. Feel free to contact Rav Hazzan Glantz in advance with any questions. Following evening minyan at 7:30 PM at AJ. No registration necessary.

Sunday, March 30: Grandparents Group Program and Brunch: A Grandparent's Guide to the Newest Trends in Social Media, Part 2! On Sunday, March 30, at 10:00 AM, the Grandparents Group will be bringing back Rob Levin, upon popular demand, to share more of his insights about the social media that competes for our grandkids' attention. It's all new material so prior attendance at the last session is not required for your enjoyment of this session. Rob Levin is founder and principal of Machine Age Digital. Invite your adult children—things are moving so fast that they may appreciate the chance to learn along with us! Feel free to bring your phone, iPad, or computer with you, and your questions and curiosity as we delve into this new millennium social media generation. The cost of the event is \$5 per person. 10:00 AM. Please register for brunch and program at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/GPG-levin2.html>.

SAVE THE DATE!

This year, **AJ's annual fundraiser ("SPEC")** will honor beloved congregant Robert Friedman! You'll be entertained by featuring radio host, CNN host and contributor, columnist, and author Michael Smerconish.

Sunday, April 27, 2025 (in person at AJ)

Minyan at 6:15 PM; Doors open at 6:30 PM; Program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. A dessert reception will follow.

Look for your invitation in the mail, arriving shortly!

Starting Wednesday, March 26: *Exploring Judaism* with Rav Shai. *This series of classes is intended for non-Jews and/or interfaith couples. Please tell your friends you think may be interested in it!*

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 Beliefs trimester of *Exploring Judaism* will take place on Wednesdays, beginning March 26 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).

Saturday, March 15: AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat

Put March 15, 2025 on your calendars! That morning, AJWA Sisterhood will read Ki Tissa—the Golden Calf. It is particularly relevant to women, because the Mishnah says that women were granted Rosh Hodesh for refusing to give their gold and precious things to make that abomination. Our speaker for this year's Sisterhood Shabbat will be AJ congregant Donna Levin. She will update us on her volunteer work in Israel and the situation there. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/sisterhood-shabbat-2025.html>.

Would you like to participate in the AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat service? Say Yes! We are pulling together the service and are currently organizing the parts. If you are an AJWA Sisterhood member (or would like to become one!) and would like to co-lead a Hebrew prayer or participate in an easy, small group English reading, please say so. We'd love for you to be included. If you are interested in participating, contact Mindy Goldstein at mgoldst@comcast.net or 610.506.0632, or Susan Novack at Susantnovack@gmail.com.

Calling All Cooks! Join chefs Lorna Rosenberg and Ossi Nussbaum and friends as we prepare for AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat! Wednesday, March 12: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM; Friday, March 14: 10:00 AM until finished; and Saturday, March 15: 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, and clean-up. Please sign up here.

Are You An Angel? Please consider becoming a AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat Angel! Your donation of \$25 (or more) will help make possible AJWA Sisterhood's 2025 wonderful Shabbat service, speaker, and luncheon. It is a program that reaches out to the entire AJ family and is met each year with great anticipation and enthusiasm! All Shabbat Angels will be acknowledged in the AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat program. Thank you! Please send your name, phone number and email address with your check to AJWA Sisterhood Shabbat Angels, 7763 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027. Make checks payable to "AJWA Sisterhood" with "Shabbat Angel Donation" on the memo line. Alternatively, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/sisterhood-shabbat-2025.html> to donate online.

Take a look at the AJ Community Bulletin Board! We'll be letting you know about things we think may be of interest to you. You'll find non-AJ events that are happening in the Elkins Park community and beyond, thoughts from Rav Shai, content concerning Israel, etc. Check it out at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/bulletinboard!>

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, honor Jewish tradition, and seek to respond to today's intellectual, spiritual, and aesthetic needs. 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, our spiritual leader from 1910 until 1960. Like our *siddur* (prayerbook), AJ has a unique Torah reading system attributed to Rabbi Meir in the Talmud. Over the course of the week, we read the entire *parashah* from Saturday afternoon, Monday morning, Thursday morning, and Shabbat morning. For details, see the explanation beginning on page 971 of our *siddur*. *Seder Avodah* 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.

Conservative synagogues 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 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 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), and L'olam (Judaism and the environment).



Contributions to Adath Jeshurun to honor B' Mitzvah celebrations, births, weddings, or in memory of loved ones are greatly accepted.

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 שְׁבִשְׁמִים, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רִאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתֵנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת חֶסֶדָּךְ וּפְרוּס עָלֶיהָ סֶכֶת שְׁלוֹמָךְ

*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.



Vote Today for MERCAZ USA!

The Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism

Extremists want to exclude our voices from the Zionist vision. Ensure our seat at the table by voting MERCAZ USA (Slate 17) in the 2025 World Zionist Congress elections.



WHO: Jewish adults 18+ (by June 30, 2025), who live permanently in the U.S., and didn't vote in the last Knesset election.

WHEN: Voting opens March 10 and ends May 4, 2025

WHERE: Visit votemercazusa.org or scan the QR code to vote, and select slate 17, "MERCAZ USA."

WHY: Promote the values of Conservative/Masorti Jews at the World Zionist Congress. Stand up against extremism and help direct millions in resources to critical projects in the U.S. and Israel.

Did you cast your vote?

The World Zionist Congress and its affiliates provide millions of dollars in funding and support programs that enrich your community and Jewish life in the U.S. Voting is now open to select delegates for the new Congress. Casting your vote for MERCAZ USA is an investment in the future of the Jewish institutions at the heart of our communities. This funding includes Israel education at Ramah summer camps, programming at our congregation, and critical philanthropy efforts supporting hostage families, the global diaspora, and more. Any Jewish adult over 18 who resides permanently in the U.S. and did not vote in the last Knesset election is eligible to vote for MERCAZ USA in the World Zionist Congress elections.

It's critical that we don't let extremist voices limit the voice of the conservative movement, including our work on environmental and climate initiatives at the WZO. **Vote here: votemercazusa.org and select slate #17 MERCAZ USA. Voting closes on May 4th** and no preregistration or organizational membership is required beforehand.

There is a flyer on the lobby counter with more information.

ELECTING U.S. DELEGATES TO THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS— VOTE **MERCAZ**, MARCH 10–MAY 4

At this pivotal moment in Israel's history, it's critical that our voices as diaspora Jews who care about Israel's future are heard. The World Zionist Congress (WZC), founded by Herzl in 1897, the “parliament of the Jewish people,” is the only democratic body with representatives of all World Jewry—all countries, all streams. ***Here, we diaspora Jews not only have a voice, but a vote!***

When are the next elections for U.S. delegates to the World Zionist Congress? Every five years, we have an opportunity to vote for American delegates to the WZC. Voting this year is from March 10 to May 4. The next meeting of the Congress will take place in Jerusalem in October 2025.

How will my vote affect everyday decisions in Israel? The results of those elections affect who controls the boards, committees, and departments of the four vital “National Institutions”—the [World Zionist Organization](#) (WZO), the [Jewish Agency for Israel](#) (JAFI), [Keren Kayemeth Lilsrael/Jewish National Fund](#) (KKL-JNF), and [Keren Hayesod](#)—which support Israel in areas including aliyah, land reclamation, settlement, strengthening Jewish life in the diaspora, Zionist education, rescue of endangered Jewish populations, combatting antisemitism, fundraising, advocacy, and fashioning Israel as an exemplary society. Every year, those institutions allocate billions of dollars to Jewish organizations and institutions in Israel and globally. ***YOUR VOTE will influence how they allocate those funds!***

What happens at a World Zionist Congress? The delegates elect the leaders of the WZO and vote on resolutions expressing views on important matters facing Israel and the world Jewish community. The issues and disagreements—sometimes passionate—often mirror those in Israel: Orthodox vs. non Orthodox, extreme right-wing vs. more moderate.

What is at stake for communities like Har Shalom? In practical terms, we want to ensure that non Orthodox streams of Judaism, including ours, receive a fair share of funding and fair treatment in Israel. In broad terms, we want to ensure that the World Zionist Congress, in expressing goals and priorities related to Israel, and the four National Institutions, in carrying them out, reflect our values and principles, including religious pluralism, gender equality, and core democratic values.

Who are the delegates to the Congress and how are they chosen? Some worldwide organizations (such as Hadassah) are automatically allocated delegates. The rest—525 this year—are allocated to individual countries, which select delegates in varying ways. Israel gets 190; the United States, 152.

How will the U.S. delegates be chosen? By an election, largely online, conducted by the American Zionist Movement between March 10 and May 4 of this year. Voting is open to Jews who are at least 18 years old. Twenty-two organizations have filed slates of delegates for the U.S. elections.

Which slate represents the Conservative Movement? **MERCAZ** is the organization representing the global Conservative/Masorti movement and its values at the World Zionist Congress and the four National Institutions under its auspices.

How can I vote? Watch for instructions in March. There is a \$5 fee to register and vote, helping to cover the administrative costs of the election. For more information, see <https://www.mercazusa.org/events/votemercaz39thworldzionistcongress/>