

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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SHABBAT VAYIKRA

April 4, 5, 2025 • 7 Nisan 5785

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TORAH READERS

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HAFTARAH READER

Meryl Sussman

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Shabbat Vayikra (April 4, 5, 2025 | 7 Nisan 5785)

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
Pesah Bowl!

Followed by a Lunch 'n Learn with Roald Hoffman sponsored by Sharon Webber & Hillel Hoffmann in memory of Sharon's parents, Burton and Marcia Webber z"l, and in honor of Hillel Hoffman's parents, speaker Roald and Eva Hoffman (by reservation only)
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:10 PM

Fast of the First Born and Siyum Bechorot and Lecoff Siyum Breakfast (April 10, 2025 | 12 Nisan 5785)

Thursday Morning Service followed by Breakfast 7:15 AM

Erev Pesah | Shabbat HaGadol (April 11, 12, 2025 | 14 Nisan 5785)

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:20 PM

REGULAR WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Evenings (in person and via Zoom)
Sunday through Thursday: 7:00 PM

Mornings (in person and via Zoom)
Sunday: 9:00 AM; Monday and Thursday: 7:20 AM;
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7:30 AM

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-Apr25 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!

YAHRZEITS

April 5 to April 11, 2025
7 Nisan to 13 Nisan 5785



Martin Aaron	Anna Freedman	Sandra Raynor
Dr. Paul Abramson	Ruth Feigenbaum Freedman	Jack Abraham Richman
Helen Atkins	David Gelberg	Raymond Rosen
Esther Bacharach	Dr. Louis Gershenfeld	Lillian Rosenberg
Solomon Baruch	Elka Gitlow	Morris Rosenberg
Adeline Berger	John Goldberg	Mina Rosenblatt
Marshall A. Bernstein	Harry Goldfarb	Samuel Rovins
Rubin Bernstein	Ruth B. Goren	Pauline Green Rubin
Clara B. Block	Joseph Gottfried	Mollie Rudnick
Harry Blum	Rose A. Greenbaum	Gloria K. Salikof
Harry Blumberg	Joy C. Horman	Rebecca Saller
Carolina Blumenthal	Irene Jaffe	Meyer Samson
Harry Brodsky	Louise Rosenthal Karp	Benjamin S. Sands
Leo Brooks	Dr. Joseph W. Kauffman	Frances Schleifer
Alfred Cachelin	Anna Kaufman	Edith Omanoff Schwartz
Lt. Com. S. Walter Clayman	Rhoda Kleid	Samuel Schwartz
Harry Cohen	Joseph Q. Klein	Sarah Shaffer
Morris Derewitz	Harry Kurtzberg	Jack Harris Shapiro
Abraham Dordick	Fan Lapping	Bertha M. Sichel
Rose Dreyer	Jennifer Lesnik-Emas	Henry S. Sichel
Jennie Rosen Drill	Walter Love	William H. Singer
Louis Edeiken	Mary Longer	John Felix Stern
Jack Edelson	Dina Moog Love	Charles Stone
Bertha Feldsher	Ethel Malke Metzger	Jacob Strauss
Harry I. Fingles	David C. Miller	Harry Subin
Benjamin Fox	Myer Muchnick	Sidney Traurig
Judith Gottfried Fox	Isadore Neumann	Irving Turner
Mathilda Frank	Seymour Piwoz	Mary B. Wallfield
Leon Frank	Lillian Polsky	



Remember to thank the Torah and Haftarah readers!



PARASHAT VAYIKRA

MAFTIR

BIBLICAL SYMBOLS

ALIVOT

Elaine and Robert Charny
Leviticus 1:1-13 - Rishon
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of our grandson,
David Louis Charny, on March 18, 2000

Leslie and Alan Grodnitzky
Leviticus 5:11-23 - Shevi'i
in honor of our son, Daniel's Bar Mitzvah

P'SUKIM

Irene and Stephen Blumenfeld - Leviticus 4:26
in honor of Candace Blumenfeld

Marian Sherman and Janice and Shep Goren - Leviticus 1:1
in honor of The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Simmy and Mort Meyer

BIBLICAL NAMES

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.

Saturday, April 5: Pesah Bowl. Test your knowledge of Passover for prizes! During morning Shabbat service! Services begin at 9:30 AM.

Saturday, April 5: AJ Adult Ed Lunch 'n Learn with Roald Hoffmann: "Returning, Remembering, Forgiving." The AJ Adult Education Committee is greatly honored to welcome Professor Roald Hoffmann, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Chemistry & Chemical Biology at Cornell University, for a catered Lunch 'n Learn on Saturday, April 5 at 12:15 PM. Among his many achievements, Professor Hoffman won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1981 and has published extensively in the chemical sciences as well as in general nonfiction, and is author of several plays and poetry. Professor Hoffman, who is also the machuten of AJ's own beloved Marcia Webber z"l, was born in the small Polish (now Ukrainian) town of Zolochiv in 1937 and is a survivor of the Holocaust. In his talk, "Returning, Remembering, and Forgiving," we will learn his personal story of survival and postwar wandering, leading ultimately to great acclaim as an academician in America. It promises to be a poignant and deeply moving experience. 12:15 PM. Lunch will be sponsored by Sharon Webber and Hillel Hoffmann in memory of Sharon's parents, Burton and Marcia Webber z"l, and in honor of Hillel Hoffman's parents, speaker Roald and Eva Hoffman. **Registration for the lunch is now closed but you are welcome to stay for the presentation.**

Monday, April 7: An Evening with Phillies Owner and Manager of the Phillies, John Middleton. Sold out!

Wednesday, April 9: 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 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.**

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Thursday, April 10: Fast of the First Born and Siyum Bechorot and Lecoff Siyum Breakfast. Services will begin at 7:15 AM and the breakfast will be in the Braemer Auditorium.

Thursday, April 17: Passover Celebration at Delaware Valley Veterans Home. On Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 3:30 PM, Rav Hazzan Glantz will lead a Passover celebration at the Delaware Valley veterans Home, including elements of the Seder, Singing, and eating all while celebrating our freedom. Please join us! Contact Rav Hazzan Glantz at hglantz@gmail.com or 215.635.6611, ext. 122, if interested.

Saturday, April 19: Luncheon Speaker Ran Shaham. On Shabbat of April 19, we will mark the last day of Passover in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM in a service that includes Hallel and Yizkor with choir and organ accompaniment. The service is followed by a Passover luncheon by registration. An opportunity has just come our way which was not in previous announcements or newsletters. After lunch we will hear from Ran Shaham, an Israeli whose brother was killed in a military operation. He explains his presentation as follows: "I title the lecture as "We Were Two," which delves into my story of losing my beloved elder brother, Shani, during his military service. I was only 15 at the time of the tragic event, and will share the story of the family and Shani, details of what happened on September 3, 1985, and the complexities of coping with the new circumstances as a bereaved family. My brother, was a talented student and promising musician, who decided to serve the country in the special EOD unit of the Engineering Corps. I have worked for many years in the leading hi-tech companies in Israel and recently moved to the Main Line of Philadelphia with my wife and youngest son, who is now a junior in the Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy. I have two elder daughters who live in Israel." Please let us know you'll be attending this special luncheon by using the April Online Service Form (tinyurl.com/Services-apr25) or by calling the office at 215.635.6611.

Tuesday, April 22: L'olam Committee's Rise Against Hunger. Join us in the Orleans Auditorium to help pack food for the food-insecure! We have space for 40 to 80 people, of any age. Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is a non-profit organization based in New York that sends food to areas of our world that are significantly impacted by hunger and malnutrition. Adath Jeshurun has raised money to host an event for packing meals that RAH will send out to 10,000 people in regions of the world where hunger is a major issue. There will be water and light snacks available to eat outside of the packing room. All ages, including preschool, and all abilities, including people using wheelchairs, are welcome. There is a variety of work to do for everyone! Feel free to bring canned goods to donate to a local Jewish pantry. Donations are welcomed. Go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/RAH-2025.html> to register. 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Friday, April 25: Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached. Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. For all ages, from babies to bobbies. Bring your friends for this relaxed, casual, and enjoyable service! Then stay for Oneg Shabbat (lite dinner bites and gathering with friends). Register using the Service Sign-up Form for April 2025. 6:15 PM.

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.

To RSVP online, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/spec-2025.html>.

Orange County Community Scholar Program (CSP). AJ, dedicated to the Jewish value of learning for its own sake (*Torah lishmah*), has a partnership with the Orange County Community Scholar Program (CSP). You can find details on the programs and the presenters, as well as register, at <https://occsp.net/csp-online-zoom-events/>. If you register and can't attend, a link will be sent after the event to a recording.

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!>

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Parents and grandparents of high school and college graduates! Let us know name and alma maters by April 15 and we'll publish them in the May/June *AJ News*.

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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 שְׁבַשְׁמִים, צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלְתָּנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיךָ בְּאַבְרַת חֶסֶדְךָ וּפְרוּס עָלֶיךָ סֶכֶת שְׁלוֹמְךָ

*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.