

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 SHEMINI

April 25, 26, 2025 • 28 Nisan 5785

TORAH

Leviticus 13:16— 11:47
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HAFTARAH

II Samuel 6:1–19
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TORAH READERS

Rebecca Cherry Meryl Sussman Susan Novack Ariana Burrows

HAFTARAH READER

Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Shabbat Shemini (April 25, 26, 2025 | 28 Nisan 5785)

Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	7:35 PM

Rosh Hodesh Iyar (April 28, 29, 2025 | 30 Nisan, 1 Iyar 5785)

Monday Morning Services	7:00 AM
Tuesday Morning Services	7:00 AM

Shabbat Tazria | Metzora (May 2, 3, 2025 | 5 Iyar 5785)

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 PM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	7:40 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-May25 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

April 26 to May 2, 2025
21 Nisan to 4 Iyar 5785

Passed away this week:

M. Harold Berliner, father of Roy (Rabbi Sandy) Berliner

Abraham Abramowitz	Dorothy F. Fischer	Harry Schlesinger
Elizabeth Balter	Ray Fleishman	May Schneeberg
Fannie Baruch	Meyer Ginsberg	Bertha Schultz
Sayde Bayuk	Jennie Goldstein	Gustave Schultz
Selig L. Belber	Mrs. Lynda Gross	Maurice Sherman
Sarah Bernstein	Harold Hoffman	Abram Shnaper
Leonard Samuel	Frances Isdaner	Abraham Silverman
Bernstein	Rose B. Jaffe	Arthur M. Smuckler
Louis Blitstein	Goldie Kartoz	Anna Rachel Spiller
Morton E. Brenner	Samuel Kornfeld	Sadie Staub
Rose Brest	Sophie Lederer	Tanchen Steiman
Rose Burak	Gertrude J. Levi	Gimbel Steinberg
David Carmosin	William A. Levick	Matilda Steiner
Harold M. Carson	Hannah Loewenstein	Arthur D. Strauss
Richard Brad Charny	Augusta Merow	Stephen C. Sussman
David Solomon Cohen	Sarah Engle Moskowitz	Matilda C. Tubis
Ethel Cramer	Anne W. Moskowitz	Larry Jay Vogel
Fannie Cushman	Mr. Stanton S. Oswald	Solomon Weitzenkorn
David J. Dean	Harry Perlstein	Florence G. Wise
Bertha Dordick	Irene Rosenberger	Dr. Milton A. Wohl
Solomon A. Epstein	Dr. David Alan Russell	Max Wohlberg
David Harris Fineman	Louis Saller	Beatrice F. Young

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.

Remember to thank the Torah and Haftarah readers!

PARASHAT SHEMINI

MAFTIR

עֲשֵׂה לָנוּ

BIBLICAL SYMBOLS, PATRIARCHS, AND MATRIARCHS

עֲשֵׂה לָנוּ

ALIYOT

Jerome Verlin and Deborah Kotzin

Leviticus 11:1-32 — Shishi

in memory of Joseph N. Kotzin

Oxford Circle Jewish Community Centre-Brith Israel
Women's Council

Leviticus 11:33-47 — Shevi'i

in honor of the dedicated women of OCJCC-BI 1948-2004

עֲשֵׂה לָנוּ

P'SUKIM

Sam, Candè and Saal Mangel — Leviticus 9:1

in honor of Cali Mangel reading Torah for the first time on
Saturday, April 8, 2006

עֲשֵׂה לָנוּ

BIBLICAL NAMES

Jean and Leonard Paul — David

in honor of the Paul Family:

Jean and Dr. Leonard Paul, Kate Galer and Dr. David Paul and Will;
in memory of Betty and William Paul and Jean Lewis

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.

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 שְׁפָשְׁמִים, צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בָּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתָנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת חֶסֶדָּךְ וּפְרוֹס 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.

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.

Sunday, April 27: AJ's Annual Fundraiser ("SPEC"). This year, we'll honor beloved congregant **Robert Friedman!** You'll be entertained by featuring radio host, CNN host and contributor, columnist, and author **Michael Smerconish.** Minyan at 6:15 PM; Doors open at 6:30 PM; Program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. A dessert reception will follow. The deadline for placing an ad in the Tribute Journal has passed but General Admission tickets will be available at the door.

Tuesday, April 29: Jewsdays Night at the Movies: Code Name: Ayalon. We had originally scheduled Golda for this Jewsdays Night at the Movies but we have the opportunity to show Code Name: Ayalon and host its producer, Laurel Fairworth and couldn't pass up the opportunity! Following the movie, we'll have a Q & A with Fairworth and snacks will be served. Code Name: Ayalon is the tale of 45 teenagers who toiled underground secretly manufacturing and smuggling the bullets used by freedom fighters on the front lines during Israel's War of Independence. The factory hidden beneath a laundry facility was surrounded by enemies and discovery meant death. The courage of these young people changed the course of history. The ammunition plant at Ayalon was built in 1947, almost under the noses of the British, who had a nearby base. The site was a place where pioneers would go for training in kibbutz life before moving on to establish cooperatives around the country. Under the code name "the Ayalon Institute," a group of pioneers from the Hatzofim Aleph Scout movement and members of the Haganah dug a large underground chamber the size of a tennis court, 13 feet underground with nearly 2-foot-thick walls and ceiling. The entire project was completed in 22 days. To conceal the clandestine project, the Jews built housing, a dining hall, chicken coop, cow barn, workshops, a laundry, a bakery, and a vegetable garden to give the outward appearance of an ordinary kibbutz. To register, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/JNAM-ayalon.html>.

Saturday, May 3: Shabbat Services Followed by a Luncheon Prepared by the AJ Men's Association. Join us for a special lunch following services! Please register using the May Online Services Registration Form.

Thursday, May 8: Adult Ed Program with Rabbi Sharon Brous. Acclaimed as one of the most influential rabbis in America by *Newsweek/The Daily Beast* and the *Jerusalem Post*, Rabbi Brous is a well-known author, educator, commentator, and senior and founding

rabbi of IKAR, a leading-edge synagogue and Jewish community in Los Angeles. Rabbi Brous will be joining us for a conversation with Rav Shai about the themes in her recent book, *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World*. Expanded from one of her most impactful sermons, her book delves into the power of community in an era marked by loneliness, social alienation and ideological extremism, and makes the case that our deepest spiritual work is finding our way to one other — in celebration, sorrow, and solidarity. Rabbi Brous's programs are extremely popular and highly sought-after, and we're proud and excited to host her at AJ. 8:00 PM via Zoom. To register, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/brous.html>.

Friday, May 9 and Thursday, May 10: Celebration of the Covenant. Please join Congregation Adath Jeshurun on Shabbat Aharei Mot/Kedoshim as we celebrate and recognize the newest additions to the Jewish people: Theo Fisher (Elior Tsuril ben Avraham v'Sarah), Yudy Lantigua (Yehudit bat Avraham v'Sarah), Vance Ragland (Yitro ben Avraham v'Sarah), and Julianne Remus (Eliana bat Avraham v'Sarah). Services begin Friday evening at 6:15 PM and Saturday morning at 9:30 AM. Following services on Saturday morning, there will be a congregational lunch open to everyone for which we request you register. Please use the May Online Service Registration Form or call the office at 215.635.6611.

Tuesday, May 13: L'olam Screening of *Feeding Tomorrow*. Join us on Tuesday, May 13 following evening Minyan. We will be screening the film, *Feeding Tomorrow*. In this documentary, farmers, nutritionists, and educators work to transform a broken food system. Fighting ecosystem destruction, climate change, inequality and health epidemics, these innovators build a regenerative and resilient system in their local communities. The film will be followed by a discussion about sustainable farming and eating led by Judith Rosenberg, Produce Manager and Manager of Farmer Relations at Riverwards Produce in the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/feeding-tomorrow-051325.html>. 7:45 PM.

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