

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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Lorna Rosenberg, President, L'olam Committee
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SHABBAT AHAREI MOT | KEDOSHIM

May 9, 10, 2025 • 12 Iyar 5785

TORAH

Leviticus 19:1— 20:27

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HAFTARAH

Amos 9:7–15

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TORAH READERS

Allan Freedman Merrill Stup Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz
Marjorie Shribman Donna Levin Richard Zeises

HAFTARAH READER

Karen Moses

Mazel Tov to Julianne Remus, Yudy Lantigua, Theodore Fisher,
and Vance Ragland on their conversions to Judaism!

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Shabbat Aharei Mot | Kedoshim (May 9, 10, 2025 | 12 Iyar 5785)

Celebration of the Covenant Weekend:

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

Followed by a luncheon

Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:40 PM

Shabbat Emor (May 16, 17, 2025 | 19 Iyar 5785)

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

*Bat Mitzvah of Arielle Gillen, Daughter of
Marlie Robbins and Kevin Gillen*

Followed by a luncheon sponsored by Arielle's parents

Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 7:45 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

Remember to thank the Torah and Haftarah readers!

YAHREITS

May 10 to May 16, 2025

12 Iyar to 18 Iyar 5785

Lee R. Aaronson

Sarah Alkus

Melvin Atlin

Joseph Barg

Julius Bergman

Samuel Bernheim

Goodman Bernstein

Bernard Bernstein

Edith Levinson Bernstein

Mr. Stephen Donald

Blumenfeld

Nathan Bushman

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Joseph R. Dietz

Samuel Dubin

Gladys Eilberg

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Elizabeth Goldhammer

Pauline Gottlieb

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Martin Hirsh

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Lilly Kramer

Reba Levin

Hans Loeb

Bernard Loev

Rose Loewenstein

Morris Marmer

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Samuel Schiff

Bernard Schmerling

Alexander J. Schmerling

David Schneeberg

Dr. Alvin J. Schrager

Jonas Schwartz

Ethel Silberg

Minnie Starr

Meyer Stern

Minnie Goldenberg

Straus

Shirley Tauber

Violet Teitelbaum

Abraham Waxman

Sol Whiteman

Moses Wise

David Wise

Edward Worker

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!

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.

PARASHAT AHREI MOT

(ALSO PARASHA FOR YOM KIPPUR)

Barbara and Barry Glaser

in loving memory of our fathers, David Field and Samuel Glaser;
in honor of our mothers, Jerry Field and Claire Glaser;
in honor of our children, Corey, Dana and Dean

MAFTIR

Cynthia, Jeffrey, Mason and Ilana Silber

in loving memory of Harry Silber and Abraham Grossel

BIBLICAL SYMBOLS, PATRIARCHS, AND MATRIARCHS

ALIYOT

Bruce Coopersmith

Leviticus 16:18-24 — Shení

in memory of my beloved father, Benjamin Coopersmith,
on the anniversary of his yahrzeit

Bruce Coopersmith

Leviticus 16:25-34 — Sh'lishí

in memory of my beloved father, Benjamin Coopersmith,
on the 15th anniversary of his yahrzeit

Andrea and Herbert Shiroff

Leviticus 17:8-18:5 — Hamishi

in honor of our marriage, April 8, 1984

P'SUKIM

Their loving daughter, Donna — Leviticus 16:1
in memory of my parents, Madeline and Ben Zion Berman on Yom Kippur

Kate and Arthur Hill - Leviticus 16:18

in honor of Arthur reading Torah on Yom Kippur, October 13, 2005

Their loving daughter, Donna — Leviticus 16:29

in memory of my parents, Madeline and Ben Zion Berman on Passover

BIBLICAL NAMES

PARASHAT KEDOSHIM

MAFTIR

BIBLICAL SYMBOLS, PATRIARCHS, AND MATRIARCHS

ALIYOT

Marion and Howard Gershman

Leviticus 19:1-13 — Rishon

in honor of Daniel Gershman

Sharon and Steven Katz

Leviticus 19:14-22 — Sheri

in honor of Steve's Presidency of The Angelman Syndrome Foundation

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

Leviticus 19:33-37 — Revi'i

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

P'SUKIM

Donna and Charles Bolno — Leviticus 19:2
in honor of Selma Corn

Joan and Melvin Braude — Leviticus 20:26
in honor of Barbara and Bruce Braude

BIBLICAL NAMES

The Congregation's Torah

The images above and at the left highlight 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.

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.

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.

Wednesday, May 14: Healing Service/Bereavement Group. *Please note change of date!* Hazzan Glantz will lead a service that includes healing prayers that may be familiar, steeped in our ancient liturgy, as well as more contemporary and current inclusions. It will include support for bereavement. Feel free to contact Rav Hazzan Glantz in advance with any questions. Following evening minyan at 7:30 PM at AJ. No registration necessary.

Friday, May 16: 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 May 2025. 6:15 PM

Sunday, May 18: Torah Fund Brunch. Join the AJWA Sisterhood at 10:30 AM as they honor Karen Moses with the 5783 Torah Fund Woman of Achievement Award on behalf of Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Admission by Contribu-

tion to Torah Fund: Couvert \$36 plus minimum contribution \$18. Checks must be made out to Torah Fund for all contributions in Karen's honor. Couvert checks must be made out to AJWA Sisterhood. For more information, contact Merrill Stup at 215.782.3735 or tantemem@aol.com.

Thursday, May 22: Adult Ed Series: About Zion, Part 6. This is the final part of the six-part series led by Rav Shai that takes a deep dive into the history of the relationship between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel. This session will be a discussion of Israel's War of Independence. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/about-zion-part6.html>. 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, May 27: Jewsdays Night at the Movies: *Incitement* (psychological thriller). Once a month this winter/spring, we come together to watch a Jewishly-inspired movie. We'll start by watching the film (popcorn included) and finish the evening with a discussion or Q & A led by Rav Shai. This month, it's the Israeli movie *Incitement*. *Incitement* details the year leading to the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin (1922–1995), from the point of view of the assassin. In September 1993, Rabin announces the Oslo Accords, which aim to achieve a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians after decades of violence. Yigal Amir, a law student and a devoted Orthodox Jew, cannot believe that his country's leader will cede territory that he and many others believe is rightfully—by the word of God—theirs. As the prospect of a peaceful compromise approaches, Amir turns from a political activist to an extremist. He recruits fighters and steals weapons to form an underground militia intent on killing Palestinians. He soon learns of an ancient Jewish law, the Law of the Pursuer, that he believes gives him the right to murder Yitzhak Rabin. Convinced he must stop the signing of the peace treaty in order to fulfill his destiny and bring salvation to his people, Amir's warped mind sees only one way forward. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/incitement.html>. 7:30 PM.

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!>

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*.

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, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתָנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאֶבְרַת חֶסֶדְךָ וּפְרוּס עָלֶיהָ 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.