

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 EMOR

May 17, 18, 2024 • 10 Iyar 5784

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Exodus 23:23 – 24:23
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HAFTARAH

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TORAH READERS

Richard Zeises Marjorie Shribman
Meryl Sussman

HAFTARAH READER

Allan Freedman

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Shabbat Emor (May 18, 2024 | 10 Iyar 5784)

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
*Followed by Adult Ed Lunch and Learn with Rav Shai:
“Awe and the Written Word”*
Minḥah-Ma’ariv-Havdalah 7:55 PM

Shabbat Behar (May 25, 2024 | 17 Iyar 5784)

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
Minḥah-Ma’ariv-Havdalah 8:00 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-May24 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

May 18, 2024 to May 24, 2024
10 Iyar 5784 to 17 Iyar 5784

Passed away this week:

Gloria Schwartz, mother of Robyn (Jordan) Felzer

Lee R. Aaronson	Anna Frank	Martin O. Mechanic
William Alkus	Lester L. Freedman	Joseph A. Metzger
Sarah Alkus	Louis Goldberg	Leopold Neiman
Rhea Asher	Roslyn Goldberg	Marvin Aaron Pasternack
Melvin Atlin	Irene Dora Goldblum	Ruth Korff Pitkow
Hattie Bachenheimer	Joseph M. Goldfarb	Fannie Rayman
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John Balis	Israel Gross	Marcel Rowen
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Goodman Bernstein	Jeffrey S. Hofberg	Samuel Schiff
Lester M. Block	Rose Jacobi	Bernard Schmerling
Mr. Stephen Donald Blumenfeld	Dr. David Jaeger	Ethel Silberg
Betty Marjorie Brodsky	Betty Prusack Kleit	Harry Solomon
Seligman Burger	Lillian Landesman	Minnie Starr
Harold L. Croul	Milton S. Leidner	Eleanor Miller Strauss
Joseph R. Dietz	Fanny Levy	Hannah Strouse
Hanna Einhorn	Joseph W. Loeb	Freda Torrens
Rhea Eisner	Clark Lustig	Ethel Udell
Joseph Eisner	Joseph Manusov	Abraham Waxman
Abraham Fleishman	Morris Marmer	Sol Whiteman
	Jacob Israel Maxman	Edward Worker

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 EMOR
Shelley and Jay Krakovitz
in honor of Erica's Bat Mitzvah

MAFTIR

BIBLICAL SYMBOLS
Roslyn and Don Waldman
The Sakkah
in memory of Harry and Reba Kramer

Michele Ripkin Wernick and Neil Wernick
The Calendar of Holy Days
in honor of our daughters, Arielle and Molly

ALİYOT

Nathan Brillman
Leviticus 23:23-32 - Hamishi
in honor of my wife, Miriam, who has read this portion on the second day of Pesach and two days of Sakkot for many years; in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary

P'SUKIM

Janet and Harris Lewin - Leviticus 23:3
in honor of Adam Lewin and Jamie Lewin
Her loving daughter, Donna - Leviticus 23:32
in memory of my mother, Madeline Berman, on Mother's Day

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, May 18: Adult Ed Series on Awe: Awe and the Written Word, with Rav Shai. In our fourth and final installment of our series on Awe, Rav Shai will bring together an eclectic array of texts meant to inspire awe. Poetry and prose, fiction and non-fiction, and religious and secular writings will each feature in this exploration. Unlike the previous three sessions which relied on our senses to stimulate awe (visual and aural), awe in the written word relies on your imagination. At 12:00 PM (during lunch following services).

Sunday, May 19: AJWA Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch. We're sorry, registration is now closed.

Tuesday, May 28: CSP Exclusive Book Launch: *The Madwoman in the Rabbi's Attic*, by Gila Fine/Rav Shai Interview with the Author. How does the Talmud portray its heroines? Why are they never as they first seem? And what does this tell us about the rabbis' views of marriage, sex, childbirth, and what it means to be a woman in the world? In this first international launch of her new book, Gila Fine sits down with Rav Shai to discuss the stories of six talmudic heroines, how to read them, and why she came to write about them. Join us for this exclusive Orange County Community Scholars Program event. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/CSP-Gila-Fine>. 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (via Zoom).

Tuesday, May 28: Bereavement Support Group with Rav Hazzan Glantz. 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. A warm invitation is extended to everyone interested in attending these meetings. Feel free to contact Rav Hazzan Glantz in advance with any questions (hglantz@gmail.com or 215.635.6611, ext. 122). Following evening minyan at 7:30 PM at AJ. (**Note change of date.**) (Next date: June 26.)

Sunday, June 2, 2024: AJ Annual Fundraiser ("SPEC"). This year, AJ's annual fundraiser will honor beloved congregants David and Shari Seltzer! You'll be entertained by internationally renowned performer Modi. Voted one of the top 10 comedians in New York City by *The Hollywood Reporter*, Modi is one of the comedy circuit's most sought-after performers. Featured on HBO, CBS, NBC, ABC, Comedy Central, Howard Stern, and E! Entertainment, Modi has received rave reviews in *The New York Times*, *Time Out NY*, and *The New York Post*. Now a regular performer at the New York and Los Angeles comedy clubs, Modi also headlines around the

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country and across the globe. Modi has played himself on HBO's *Crashing* and Netflix's *When Jews Were Funny*. He's also appeared in several feature films and played leading roles in two: *Waiting for Woody Allen*, which won the LA Film Festival, and *Stand Up*, a feature-length film. In 2018, Mayor Bill De Blasio declared June 26 "Mordechi Modi Rosenfeld Day" in the city of New York for his accomplishments and contributions to the artistic community. Minyan at 6:15 PM; Doors open at 6:45 PM; Program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. A dessert reception will follow.

In lieu of a printed ad book this year, AJ is going green again! We will be displaying digital copies of ads at AJ on the evening of June 2 and thereafter, on the AJ website. The ads will also be available for viewing on the AJ website for several weeks following the event. In addition, flash drives will be available upon request. We are grateful for your support of Congregation Adath Jeshurun. Tribute Journal submissions cannot be accepted after Wednesday, May 22. Photographs, logos, camera-ready, or electronically delivered artwork are acceptable. Please provide all electronic images at the highest resolution possible. Artwork will be returned upon request. Artwork should be emailed to: mtrager@adathjeshurun.info. Please put "Tribute Journal" in the subject line of your email.

Tuesday, June 4: 166th Annual Meeting. Please join us on Tuesday, June 4, to celebrate this past synagogue year and to inaugurate the new one! We will be installing a new president of the congregation and a dinner will precede evening minyan and the meeting. Dinner (by reservation): 5:30 PM; Minyan and Annual Meeting: 7:00 PM, followed by a Dessert Reception. To register, go to tinyurl.com/AJ-166meeting. Please reply for the dinner by Friday, May 24. The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person.

Summer Wednesdays, beginning June 5: Walking with Wonder. Are you looking for ways to connect with friends and nature? Walk with us! Meet Beth Shapiro at AJ in the downstairs lobby at 6:00 PM...walking, talking, silence, and nature-watching welcome! Bring your children, bring a pet, or bring a friend! Walks will be one mile or less, weather permitting. Wednesdays, through August 21.

Thursday, June 13: Rise Against Hunger Packing Event. Join us in the Orleans Auditorium from 5:00 to 7:00 PM 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. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/AJ-RAH-061324>. Please note: we have raised all of the funds necessary to support this event but when you register, feel free to contribute to the RAH packaging event we are planning for next spring. *RAH does not get involved in regions where war would inhibit distribution.

Tuesday, June 18: AJMA Trip to the Jewish Heritage Night Phillies Game. *This event is sold out!*

Friday, June 21: Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached. Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by 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 June Online Service Sign-Up form. 6:15 PM

Friday, June 28: Devotion by the Ocean. Kabbalat Shabbat at the beach, with a live band...what could be better? For more information, please visit www.ShiratHayamNJ.org or call 609.822.7116. Newport Avenue Beach, Ventnor, NJ 08406 (behind the Ventnor Library). Presented by Shirat Hayam Downbeach Synagogue, Ventnor, NJ. Devotion by the Ocean dates this summer: June 28 (C), July 5 (C), July 19(C), August 16 (R), and August 23 (C). C = Conservative; R = Reform.

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 May 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. In blog format, 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!>

TO RSVP: You can find most AJ events on the **Events and RSVP webpage** on the AJ website. Go to www.CongregationAJ.org and click on "Events and RSVP" in the top menu bar. This page lists upcoming events and their descriptions. Just click on the event name (in blue) to go to the registration form.

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 שְׁבַשְׁמִיִּם, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלְתֵּנוּ. 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.