

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 NITZAVIM

September 27, 28, 2024 • 25 Elul 5784

### TORAH

Deuteronomy 31:1 – 31:30  
Page 887 Hertz Humash  
Page 1173 Humash Etz Hayim

### HAFTARAH

Isaiah 61:10 — 63:9  
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### TORAH READER

Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz

### HAFTARAH READER

Marcia Webber

Thank you to Shelley and Roy Schwartz for sponsoring today's expanded cake kiddush in memory of Shelley's mother, Joan Kornblum.

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### Shabbat Nitzavim (September 27, 28, 2024 | 25 Elul 5784)

Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	6:30 PM
Light Refreshments	7:30 PM
Selichot: Hush of Midnight	8:00 PM

#### Rosh Hashanah, Day I (October 2, 3, 2024 | 29 Elul 5784, 1 Tishri 5785)

Wednesday Evening:

Evening Service	6:15 PM
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Thursday Morning:

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Family Service	10:30 AM

Thursday Evening:

Tashlich and Evening Service	5:30 PM
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#### Rosh Hashanah, Day II (October 3, 4, 2024 | 1, 2 Tishri 5785)

Friday Morning:

Morning Service	9:00 AM
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Friday Evening:

Evening Service	6:15 PM
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#### Shabbat Shuva | Ha'azinu (October 4, 5, 2024 | 3 Tishri 5785)

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 PM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	6:20 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-Sept24](https://tinyurl.com/Services-Sept24) 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!

## YAHARZEITS

September 21, 2024 to September 27, 2024  
18 Elul 5784 to 25 Elul 5784



Lillian Ackerman	Joseph L.W. Greenbaum	Louis Newman
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Abraham Bornstein	Herman E. Jacoby	Harvey Schwartz
Sylvan Braun	Edward Alan Jaspan	William Meyer Singer
Harry Brest	Solomon Kahn	Paul Sloan
Betty Stern Buchman	Samuel Kauffman	Elizabeth Sluizer
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Samuel Edwin Goren	Cyril B. Myers	
Kate Green	Katie Nemir	



### 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 readers and Haftarah reader!**

## PARASHAT NITZAVIM

### MAFTIR

Gerrí and Ron Fash,  
Rickey and Stephen Goodman,  
Rachel and Arthur Pottash  
*in honor of our children and grandchildren*

### BIBLICAL SYMBOLS, PATRIARCHS, AND MATRIARCHS

#### ALİYOT

Lorraine Cowan

Deuteronomy 29:9-11 — Rishon

*in honor of my grandchildren, Marina, Amalia, Micah, Josh, Beth and Noah*

Lila and Albert Kroser

Deuteronomy 30:1-6 — Revi'i

*in honor of our children and grandchildren*

The Kanfer Family

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 — Shishi

*in honor of Stephen C. Sussman  
on becoming the President of Adath Jesharan*

Torah Fund Committee of AJWA Sisterhood

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 — Shishi

*in honor of Rabbi Seymour J. Rosenbloom  
with great appreciation to him for his 36 years of devoted service  
to Congregation Adath Jesharan and his loyal support of Torah Fund*

Margie and Aaron Green

Deuteronomy 30:18-20

*Dr. Howard Weitz  
in honor of your kindness, support and wonderful care for  
Aaron during his recent illness*

#### P'SUKIM

Debra and Edward Strauss and  
Eileen and William Rosner and Families — Deuteronomy 30:9  
*in honor of Barbara Black's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Alan, Leslie, Jordana and Daniel Grodnitzky — Deuteronomy 30:19  
*in loving memory of Helene Genter*

Jeff Shender and Sandy Berkowitz — Deuteronomy 30:19  
*in memory of Sandy Schinfeld: We miss your fun already. "Choose Life"*

## 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, September 28: Selihot: Hush of Midnight.** This year, AJ and KI will be presenting "Hush of Midnight: An American S'lihot Service," written by was written by Cantor Charles Davidson z"l for Adas Israel Congregation in Washington in 1968 and was presented there for 30 years. It is an hour-long service, based on traditional *nusach ha-tefilah* with additional texts by Ruth F. Brin and has won the Television Media Award. You must be registered to attend. Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah at 6:30; Light Refreshments at 7:30 PM; Service/Program at 8:00 PM.

**Shofar Workshop: Sunday, September 29.** Learn to blow the shofar with Rav Hazzan Glantz and then attend the Yom Kippur Neilah service at 5:30 PM on October 12! Sign up is first-come, first-served, so register today by clicking here! We have 20 shofarim to give away with registration. Bring your own or use ours! Donations to Hazzan's discretionary fund are not obligatory but are always appreciated. 6:00 PM

If you'd like to blow the shofar on Yom Kippur, contact Rav Hazzan Glantz at [hglantz@gmail.com](mailto:hglantz@gmail.com) or call the office at 215.635.6611.

**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.

There are some CSP programs in October that Rav Shai would like to alert you to. **Rabbi Avi Strausberg** teaches at Hadar Institute and will be presenting "Midrash in the Wake of Crisis: Marking a Year Since October 7th." **Rabbi Sally Priesand** was the first woman Rabbi and will be teaching "Breaking Barriers: Reflections on a Trailblazing Journey." **Dr. David Kaufman** will be teaching a multi-part series on "History and Memory:

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### The Congregation's Torah

The image at left 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](http://www.CongregationAJ.org) for more information.

Key Themes in the Jewish Experience.” Finally, **Rabbanit Nechama Goldman Barash** teaches contemporary halakhah and Talmud and taught with Rav Shai in South Africa. Her topic will be “Talmudic Perspectives on Women: Historical Insights and Their Lasting Impact Today.” We hope you’ll take advantage of this opportunity to learn from these speakers and others from the comfort of your own home!

**JUST ANNOUNCED!** As we celebrate the High Holidays, CSP invites you to join them for an insightful online session exploring our Jewish tradition’s unique capacity for facing adversity with creativity and resilience. Can we find that capacity even now? Known for his engaging lectures and deep insights, Rabbi Ed Feinstein will help us harness our historical strengths to navigate contemporary challenges. Go to [www.occsp.org](http://www.occsp.org) to learn more and to register.

**Monday, September 30: JFGP Mitzvah Grocery Gift Card Drive Begins.** 2024 has been a challenging year for families facing financial hardship, compounded by SNAP assistance ending this past February. Food insecurity is significantly higher among those at or below poverty thresholds, with 46% of Jewish households that are at or below 200% of the federal poverty index identified as food insecure. From September 30 through October 28, you can purchase grocery store gift cards to be distributed directly to clients of the Mitzvah Food Program so they can purchase items they need from their local grocery store. We recommend gift cards from ShopRite, Acme, and Giant, as these are the stores most easily accessible to our clients. Gift card values up to \$50 are the most helpful. Give any purchased cards to Amy Devine-Stretch or, if the office is closed, put it into the lock box to the right of the security doors that lead to the office area (near the keypad). You can purchase food through the Mitzvah Food Program Amazon Wish List so that products are shipped directly to a pantry. You can find out more by going to [tiny.cc/2024MFPOYR](mailto:tiny.cc/2024MFPOYR).

**Monday, October 7: Commemoration of the Anniversary of 10/7.** There will be a Kehillah program in commemoration of the anniversary of October 7 at Congregations of Shaare Shamayim, located at the Keneseth Israel building. Nova attendee Matan Boltax will share his experience narrowly surviving the October 7th massacre. His story and presence inspires us all with strength and resilience. RSVP is required: call 215.677.1600 or send an email to [office@shaareshamayim.org](mailto:office@shaareshamayim.org). 7:00 PM. Please note: Evening minyan will not be held at AJ that night but Rav Hazzan Glantz will lead Ma’ariv after the program at Shaare Shamayim. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA.

**Saturday, October 12: Break the Fast.** Break your fast with us on Yom Kippur at approximately 7:30 PM. We’ll have all of your favorite Break the Fast fare including lox, whitefish, herring, kippered salmon, bagels and cream cheese. kugel, cheese, lettuce and tomato, fruit, assorted

cakes, and beverages. The cost is \$36 for adults, \$20 for children 6 to 12, and free for children under 6. **RSVP and payment MUST be received by noon on Monday, September 30.** Call Beryl Rosoff-Verbit in the synagogue office at 215.635.6611, send her an email at [brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info](mailto:brosoff-verbit@adathjeshurun.info) (include number of adults and children 6 to 12), return the registration form that was included in the High Holiday mailing, or use this online form. You must be pre-registered to attend.

**Tuesday, October 15: Sukkah Decorating and Pizza Party (Sponsored by AJWA Sisterhood).** Everyone is invited! We’ll eat, shmooze, and hang decorations. Bring the kids and any decorations that you’d like to contribute (original artwork encouraged)! Preschool families welcome! (All children must be accompanied by a parent.) 5:00 PM.

**Wednesday, October 16 to Tuesday, October 22: Dinners in the Sukkah.** Throughout the week of Sukkot, we’ll be celebrating the holiday by gathering inside AJ’s sukkah and having dinner! See the offerings for each night below. All dinners will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the evening service at 7:00 PM, except where noted. You can learn more about the dinners at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/hhd-5785.html>, or go <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/HHD-2024.html> to register. **Please RSVP no later than October 11.**

Please note that the sukkah dinner on **Sunday, October 20**, will feature our special guest, Zoe Marks, a Captain in the IDF in the Etzion Region. She is currently an active reservist, 24 years old, and born and raised in Israel. Zoe will be sharing about herself, her own personal experience from this past year, and of course, the war efforts from YATAR’s perspective and more. It will be a “Bring-Your-Own-Dairy-Dinner” dinner and the program will be followed by dessert provided by AJ.

**Starting Wednesday, October 30: Exploring Judaism with Rav Shai.** *This series of classes is intended for non-Jews and/or interfaith couples.* *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 Belonging trimester of *Exploring Judaism* will take place on Wednesdays, beginning October 30 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).

## 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 שְׁבַשְׁמַיִם, צוֹר 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.