

CONGREGATION
ADATH JESHURUN



**Welcome to Shemini Atzeret | Simḥat Torah 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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SHEMINI ATZERET | SIMHAT TORAH

October 24, 2024 • 22 Tishrei 5785

TORAH READING

Deuteronomy 33:1 — 34:12; Genesis 1:1 - 2:3;

Numbers 29:35 - 30:1

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Joshua 1:1 — 1:18

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TORAH READER

Robert Friedman

HAFTARAH READER

Robert Friedman

Mazal Tov to our Simhat Torah honorees,
Judy Stutman Izes and Howard Levin!

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Shabbat Bereisheet (October 25, 26, 2024 | 24 Tishri 5785)

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 5:50 PM

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan (November 1, 2024 | 30 Tishri 5785)

Morning Service 7:00 AM

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan | Shabbat Noah

(November 1, 2, 2024 | 1 Heshvan 5785)

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 PM

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM

Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah 5:50 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-Oct24 or tinyurl.com/Services-Nov24 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

October 23, 2024 to October 24, 2024

22 Tishri 5785

Passed away this week:

Marvin Weilerstein,
husband of Lillian, and father of Kenny Weilerstein

Rose Aaron
Maurice Abramson
Dr. Cindy Jo Bix
Fannie Carmosin

Horace Goldhammer
Arthur A. Jacobs
Herman Isadore Kass
Joseph Stein

One is obligated to recite a blessing for the bad that befalls him just as he recites a blessing for the good that befalls him, as it is stated: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might" (*Deuteronomy 6:5*). The mishna explains this verse as follows: "With all your heart" means with your two inclinations, with your good inclination and your evil inclination, both of which must be subjugated to the love of God. "With all your soul" means even if God takes your soul. "And with all your might" means with all your money, as money is referred to in the Bible as might. Alternatively, it may be explained that "with all your might" means with every measure that He metes out to you; whether it is good or troublesome, thank Him. (*Mishna, Brachot 9:5*)

You have people whose property is dearer to them than their bodies (life), and it is on this account that there is added, "and with all thy property." (*Sifrei Devarim 32:6*)

Our God, God of our Matriarchs:

Remember one who laughed, cascading laugh like water
Whose way of women You resumed, blood flowing out as water
The babes of kingdoms from her breasts she nursed with milk like water

Her children You made numerous as sea sand by the water
For Sara's sake send water!

Remember one who, in her youth, went down to draw well water
A weary servant asked her for a little drink of water
She hastened, drawing until the camels all drank water
Blessing for her son she got, by going around, like water
For Rivkah's sake send water!

Remember one, whose eyes got soft; her tears flowed down like water
Who had to fill the lack of love in secrecy, like water
Her sister met her love in kiss and tears upon the well of water
For her children's pain she's weeping still, shedding tears like water
For Leah and Rachel's sake send water!

Remember one who watched through reeds her brother float on water
Who, with her drum, swept circles of dancing dames on water
Her merit gifted Your thirsty flock with a miraculous well of water
Her prophesy, in times of doubt, flowed from You like water
For Miriam's sake send water!

Remember sitting under palm, upon a spring of water
Her song and wisdom bringing victory upon Kishon river's water
As You appeared, the mountains melted and the clouds dropped water
Your rescue came through one, offering milk instead of water
For Devorah and Yael's sake send water!

Rabbi Ruth Gan Kagan

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.

Now Through October 28: JFGP Mitzvah Grocery Gift Card Drive.

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. 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. You can find out more by going to tiny.cc/2024MFPOYR.

Saturday, October 26: Havdalah Rocks! Yes, Havdalah really can Rock! Every Saturday at AJ, as the sun is getting lower in the sky, we gather for a Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah service blooming forward already to the next Shabbat. On Saturday night, October 26, we are adding an event for all ages with the Dave Zipse Band. Many of you recall dancing for hours to their top-notch party music after the Purim Shpiel, and the atmosphere they brought with them. Rav Shai and Rav Hazzan Glantz will lead the Havdalah Rocks service right there on the dance floor between sets. Refreshments and crafts for the kids will make this an early evening to remember. Donations are welcome! Please register at <https://www.https://tinyurl.com/AJ-Rocks-102624.html>. Minhah-Ma'ariv: 5:50 PM; 6:30: Havdalah Rocks!

Sunday, October 27: Jewish Federation: One Year Later: 10/7 Commemoration Service and Program. ***Registration is now closed, and they will not accept walk-ins (for security reasons), but you can view the livestream at www.jewishphilly.org. See link in the weekly email.*** Join us to honor the victims, share messages of hope and resilience and unite as a community. Your presence and participation will make a meaningful difference. Israel has declared that the Hamas attack and massacre will be remembered annually on the 24th day of the Hebrew month, Tishrei. While this will also be our community's annual remembrance date, in observance of Shabbat, we will commemorate this year on Oct. 27. 1:30 PM.

October 28: Fall Blood Drive. Perform a potentially life-saving mitzvah by donating blood at AJ between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Please consider being a donor; the supplies are low while the need remains high. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org/. Walk-ins welcome.

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Tuesday, October 29: Know Your Medicare Options — Refresh. During this seminar, you will learn: how Medicare works and what it covers; timelines to enroll to avoid a late enrollment penalty; how Part D prescription cards work and how to pick the right one for you; how plans and coverages are changing for 2025 (big changes are occurring for 2025); and the difference between Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans. This seminar is suitable whether you have decisions to make during the upcoming Open Enrollment period (Oct. 15 through Dec. 7), turning 65, or retiring in next 6-12 months. Presented by AJ's own Terry Smerling, Medicare planning specialist with Delval Senior Advisors. Please register by calling the AJ Main Office at 215.635.6611. Feel free to submit any questions ahead of time to tsmerling@delvalseniors.com. Two sessions: 10:30 AM at AJ and 7:30 PM via Zoom.

Sunday, November 3: Bagels and Broadway. Please join the AJWA Sisterhood for their second chapter of Bagels and Broadway — a brunch with the history and songs of Jewish composers and lyricists performed by our own AJWA Sisterhood members and guests. We will also have a singalong portion of the event. This will be followed by a short meeting. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/ajwa-sis-bagels-broadway.html>.

Wednesday, November 6: AJ Bereavement Support 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.

Wednesday, November 7: Challah Baking with the AJWA Sisterhood. We'll be baking challah at AJ with our resident expert AJWA's Karen Moses. Come to AJ at 5:00 PM to watch the dough being made! Learn to make perfectly scrumptious challah! Do you love a sweet raisin challah, a savory garlicky challah, a fluffy round challah? If you are already a challah baker, come perfect your skills or help others learn! After we braid, we will be making challah covers and hamsas. We'll break for those who want to attend minyan and the challah or dough will be ready to take home after services! When you register on the AJ website you are welcome to include your favorite recipe! We will share all of your recipes during the event! Please register here: <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/ajwa-sis-challah-baking.html>

Saturday, November 9: Adult Ed Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt. He will give us an update on the successes and challenges facing the Jewish community's relationship to Israel. Rabbi Weinblatt is the Founder and Chair of the Zionist Rabbinic Coalition. The Zionist Rabbinic Coalition fosters love and dedication to Zionism and Israel among generations of American Jews. Their mission is to promote unity, understanding, and cooperation among the Jewish communities of Israel and the Diaspora. \$18 per person. Please register using the November Service online registration form.

Sunday, November 10: L'olam Kosher 2.0 with Author Sue Fishkoff. Sue Fishkoff will present "Kosher Nation — The Ins and Outs of Eating Kosher in America." This is a continuation of our discussion and exploration of Kashrut in the 21st century. At 11:30 AM via Zoom and in person at AJ. Please register at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/kosher-nation.html>.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, November 17: A Tribute to Charles and Frances Davidson z"l: A Musical Legacy. We invite you to join us on November 17 as we celebrate the musical legacies of Dr. Hazzan Charles S. Davidson z"l and his beloved wife, Frances S. Davidson z"l. Experience the beautiful sounds of various choruses, musicians, soloists, and personal tributes that will evoke cherished memories and moments of heartfelt joy in our community. A reception will follow the event. This event is made possible by the Don z"l and Ros Waldman Hebraic Arts Series. Registration info coming soon. 3:00 PM

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, 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 Aath Jeshurun and via Zoom. \$100 per trimester (no charge to include the Jewish spouse of an interfaith couple).

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 שְׁבַשְׁמִים, צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלְתָּנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיךָ בְּאַבְרַת חֶסֶדְךָ וּפְרוֹס עָלֶיךָ סִפַּת 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.