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Rabbi's Message

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"Rabbi, I am really going to miss that moment this year!" "Which moment? I asked. "The great moment of transition." It is a moment which will be very different this year, as will most moments of the Yamim Noraim. On the first night of Rosh Hashana, after mincha, the custom of our shul is to recite a beautiful prayer called "Achos Ketana". This prayer refers to the Jewish people as the "little sister", the way Hashem refers to us in Shir Hashirim. It is a song which helps us transition from mincha to maariv and from one year to the next.

After the tefillah, I always give a short talk on the new year about to enter; it is a very powerful moment. The Yamim Noraim of 5781 will be very different. While we will be in different locations, we will remain as a united kehilah in spirit. We will all sing this influential tefilla at the same time. Why is it special enough to be included and recited this year particularly when we are leaving out certain parts of davening? The answer is that each stanza concludes with the verse תכלה - שנה וקללותיה "let the year and its curses end".

Every year I wonder about these words. For some
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President's Message

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Shana Tova!

I will always remember the first night of Rosh Hashanah last year, sitting with Rabbi Zwickler on the bima, truly proud and excited to be entrusted as President to help the Shul. Of course, I could not have imagined then what the journey to the following Rosh Hashanah would look like, one that will be different from any we've experienced before.

As we enter the Yamim Noraim and take stock of the year that was, my thoughts - and I imagine many of yours - are dominated by the national images and language of the last 6 months: COVID-19. Lockdown. Social distance. Hospitalizations. Ventilators. "I can't breathe." Protests. It's an impossible amount to process as a nation and as

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a specific year may have been a good year, full of blessing and success, while for others, it may have been a difficult and disappointing year. As a people, any year in which we are not redeemed is, on a certain level, cursed.

This year however, the end of each stanza takes on new meaning, as it has been very challenging for all of us. Some of us have lost family or friends, others have lost their livelihood, and all of us have lost a certain sense of safety and security. We have a newfound appreciation for our health, the small things in life, and the term "loneliness".

As we bid farewell to the year 5780, we beseech Hashem to heal the pain of those who experienced loss, those who are in need of a refuah, those struggling financially, and those who have never felt more alone. May the year and its curses end, and may all of Klal Yisrael be blessed with a year of good health, parnassa, comfort, and healing. The final stanza of this tefilla ends with the words "let the year and its blessings begin". This year we will recite those words with great meaning.

On behalf of Sharon, Yitzzy, Tziporah, Menachem, and Zevi, may your family be blessed with a Ksiva V'Chasima Tova! תחל שנה וברכותיה --May the year and its blessings begin!

President's Message *cont'd*

individuals. For me, I try hard to focus on what I can manage, influence or oversee - things at home, at work and, with an amazing group of fellow volunteers, at our Shul.

In our community, we have done an incredible job coming together to meet the challenges we are facing by developing a virtual Shul, building an infrastructure of temporary outdoor Minyanim, displaying daily acts of Chesed and more. Now, with 12 Minyanim for roughly 625 attendees, our preparation for the Yamim Noraim may be the biggest example of us all rising to the occasion. As I write this, I have no idea what the weather will be like, how often lawnmowers will turn on or how many airplanes will fly by. I can't tell you whether the tents will withstand winds or protect you from the sun. I don't know how it will feel indoors with new seating configurations. All I know is that we should be proud of what we've been able to control, and there are many people (too many to name here) to thank for preparing us: our Rabbis and a small group driving the planning; the many gabbaim, baalei tefillah, baalei tokeah, and baalei kria; the backyard minyan hosts and organizers; and finally the entire membership that has been so incredibly supportive and flexible as we plan best we can. I thank you all for your help, guidance, suggestions and patience.

I hope that this time next year we are all back in our usual seats for the Yamim Noraim. Regardless, I know we are up for whatever challenges might come our way as we go forward.

Nili and I wish you and your families a happy, healthy and sweet New Year!



God's Righteousness

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Every year we approach Rosh Hashana with excitement and a sense of renewal. We turn to God hoping for a new year filled with blessings, happiness and joy. We pray to Him that we should have a year of financial stability and good health. We are ready to utilize the high holiday season as a time to rattle off our list of requests and aspirations.

Rav Yosef Shlomo Kahaneman, known also as Ponevezher Rav, wonders how can we comfortably and arrogantly stand in front of Hashem with our demands? Perhaps we need to shift our perspective and realize that we really deserve nothing and should not be granted anything. We do feel uncomfortable “pressuring” God and with great humility we first submit ourselves to Hashem.

We realize this feeling of submission every day when we begin our selichot services by saying לך Hashem is the righteousness, and to us is the shamefacedness. Whatever Hashem does for us is an act of righteousness as he owes us nothing. We recognize that we do not deserve His benevolence and kindness.

But we will merit his righteousness because we blush from embarrassment knowing that he pardons our sins and blesses us with everything materially and spiritually. Selichot and the high holidays is a time for us to introspect and think of our relationship with Hashem. It's the time for us to strengthen our relationship with Him and recognize that as crazy and uncertain as the world may be, לך Hashem's righteousness that runs the world and hope to be the recipient of his blessings.

Batya and I wish you and your families a Shana Tova U'metuka!

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True Tzaddikim

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I'm not a *tzaddik*. While I believe I do what's right, I don't always enjoy it. I don't 'feel' every *tefillah* I daven, love every *daf gemara* I learn, or get excited by every *mitzvah* I do. I'm working on it but, in the meantime, it's a reality I've come to accept. I'm not the guy that gets excited by every *vort* he hears or feels uplifted by a *niggun*. Maybe you can relate.

Rav Tzaddok haKohen of Lublin, one of the outstanding Chassidic masters of the late nineteenth century, however, says *we are all tzaddikim*. Most often, we reserve that term for the exceptionally devoted and the incredibly devout. Rav Tzaddok, however, wants us look at *ourselves* a little differently. In analyzing the posuk in Tehillim "*or zaruah l'tzaddik u'l'yishrei lev simcha*" ("light is planted for the tzaddik and for the straight of heart, joy"), Rav Tzaddok explains that a *tzaddik* is someone who does as Hashem asks, *even if he doesn't experience the depth and sweetness of the mitzvah*.

Avodas Hashem is meant to be hard. We are in a constant struggle with our *yetzer harah*, with those things that seem more enticing than Torah, and with the normal distractions of life. So long as there is that struggle, the sweetness of our mitzvos might be missing— but we *are still tzaddikim*. We, who simply show up to daven, who come to hear a shiur, who set up a *succah*— we *are tzaddikim*.

Rav Tzaddok explains further, it is only someone who begins by doing what's right— even without 'feeling it'— that comes to a place of 'straight heartedness,' a state in which one's emotions are in line with the reality of the Torah and mitzvos radiate with joy. This is what the posuk means in saying "light is *planted* for a *tzaddik*." We, who simply show up to do what's right, have so much good in store.

Interestingly, explains Rav Tzaddok, this is the *bracha* we give each other when wishing "*shana tova u'metuka*." In the *posuk* in Yeshaya (3:10),

tov, as an ideal, is attributed to the *tzaddik*— "*imru l'tzaddik ki tov*" ("praise the righteous for he is good"). When we wish for a "*shana tova*," we give each other the *bracha* that we should continue on the right path. When we wish for the year to be "*metuka*," we give each other the *bracha* that our *tzidkus*, our commitment to Torah and mitzvos, should lead them to become sweet for us as well.

My wife, Bracha, and I are truly excited to be joining the AABJ&D family. We've heard so much about the community's warmth and Rabbi Zwickler's and Rabbi Sharbat's passionate leadership. B'ezeras Hashem, we look forward, as the year progresses, to experiencing that warmth and passion in person. In the meantime, my wish for us all is that our year be filled with an unwavering commitment to help one another, learn Torah, and fulfill Hashem's Will. With that, may Hashem bless us that we should experience the depth and the sweetness of these things as well. *Shana tova u'm'tuka!*

Let's Get Shakin'!

Congregation AABJ&D is pleased once again to offer you beautiful Lulav and Etrogs straight from Israel.

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Guide for the Perplexed



Dear Members:

Tishrei is a month filled with awe and joy. This month is a time when we step back and appreciate all of our blessings and beseech Hashem to bestow upon us a sweet, healthy and peaceful New Year. It is also a time when we beg for forgiveness from Hashem and our fellows in the hope that our names are sealed in the Book of Life. Succot and Simchat Torah are a time for us to celebrate with joy the customs and traditions of our wonderful Torah heritage. This Tishrei will be different than in the past. As you will see in the guide below, we have made adjustments to certain customs as a result of the Covid pandemic.

May we internalize the messages of this sacred month and blessed by Hashem with a year of health and happiness.

The Zwickler family wishes the entire AABJ&D community a Ksivah Vachasima Tovah – A happy, healthy and sweet new year!

Rabbi Eliezer Zwickler

Selichot

We began to recite Selichot on Motzei Shabbat, September 21. Selichot will be said each day until Yom Kippur. Due to the pandemic the shul will be reciting selichos on the first night at 2 different times. The first will be at 10pm in the parking lot. The second minyan for Selichos will be in the main shul at 12:54am. Please consult the shul calendar for the full list of Selichos times. It is appropriate to say Selichot at the earliest time

possible in the morning. If one cannot recite Selichot with a minyan, one may recite them alone, but he or she should omit the Aramaic portions and the יג מידות the 13 attributes of G-d, or read the 13 attributes as a portion of the Torah with the traditional cantillation. For those who cannot say Selichot at the suggested times, the shul has a minyan for Selichot beginning with Maariv at 10 PM each night.

Rosh Hashana

Not fulfilling vows is a very serious transgression. There are times when we make certain promises or commitments during the year which remain unfulfilled when the year comes to a close. In order to absolve ourselves of this transgression it is customary for one to perform הותר נדרים the presence of a tribunal of 3 men. All people involved in the procedure should be acquainted with the ideas of הותר נדרים. The individual who is reciting the text should understand what he or she is reciting. If one neglected to do הותר נדרים before Rosh Hashana, he or she may do so during the עשרת ימי תשובה Ten Days of Repentance. One may fulfill Hataras Nedarim over Zoom as long as the three men serving on the tribunal are in the same room.

It is customary for men to immerse themselves in the Mikvah in the afternoon on Erev Rosh Hashana. Due to the pandemic and health concerns the West Orange Mikvah will be closed to men during this period. In lieu of Mikvah use one can fulfill this custom by having 9 kabin of water poured over them. This can be done by positioning oneself directly under the spout of the shower and remaining in one place with the water flowing for five minutes.

It is customary on Rosh Hashana to eat foods which might be regarded as auspicious signs, to demonstrate our hope that the year will bring good fortune and success. The following is a list of foods customarily eaten on the nights of Rosh Hashana and the prayers we say when eating them. Please note that the יהי רצון for the apple, eaten first should be said only after tasting the apple preceded by the bracha of בורא פרי העץ. The other יהי רצון is said before tasting each food.

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Apple with honey- יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו

שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה

We ask Hashem for a good and sweet New Year.

Carrots- יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו שירבו זכויותינו

We ask Hashem that our merits be multiplied.

Leek or Cabbage: יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו שיכרתו שונאנו

We ask Hashem that our enemies be vanquished.

Beets- יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו שישתלקו אויבנו

We ask Hashem that all enemies should be removed.

Dates- שיתמו שונאנו יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו

We ask Hashem that our enemies be silenced.

Gourd/ Squash- יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו

שיקרע גזר דינו ויקראו לפניך זכויותינו

We ask Hashem that the evil decree shall be torn and our merits presented before Him.

Pomegranate- יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו שנרבה זכויות כרמון

We ask Hashem that our merits be as abundant as the seeds of a pomegranate.

Fish – יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו שנרבה כדגים

We ask Hashem that we should multiply as fish.

Head of sheep or fish – יהי רצון מלפניך ד' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו שנהיה לראש ולא לזנב

We hope that the Jewish people may be the head of nations, not the trailing people.

Tashlich

On the first day of Rosh Hashana there is a custom of going to the bank of the river to say Tashlich. Due to the pandemic we will not be formally gathering to say Tashlich together as a community on Rosh Hashana. One should find a

time between Rosh Hashana and Hoshana Rabbah to recite Tashlich at a body of water containing fish, such as Degnan Lake.

Rosh Hashana Day 2

On the second night of Rosh Hashana, the Brachot that are recited are להדליק נר של יום טוב and Shehecheyanu. Candles may not be lit before 7:38pm.

Since the two days of Rosh Hashana are considered a single Halachic day, it is doubtful whether or not the blessing of (Shehecheyanu) can be said on the second night of Rosh Hashana. Therefore, during candle lighting for women and Kiddush for men, one should wear a new garment or place a new fruit on the table, so that the Shehecheyanu can be related to one of these. If a new garment or a new fruit is not found, the bracha should be recited anyway.

A second Shofar blowing will take place before Mincha on both days of Rosh Hashanah, for those who missed the Shofar earlier in the day. This year due to the pandemic, our Baalei Tokeah will be blowing Shofar in a number of different places throughout the community. Please see the shul website for further details.

One who cannot daven with a minyan should plan his or her prayer to coincide with that of the congregation.

Aseret Ymai Teshuvah Ten Days of Repentance

These days should be focused on scrupulous mitzvah observance. Many have the custom to only eat Pat Yisrael (bread baked by a Jew) during this period. All products at the West Orange Bake Shop are Pas Yisrael. In addition, the mitzvah of Tzedakah should be increased during this period.

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Guide for the Perplexed



Yom Kippur

There is a Torah obligation to eat on Erev Yom Kippur.

Individuals who have an issue with fasting, such as the sick, or those who are pregnant, please consult with me before Yom Kippur.

It is customary for men to immerse themselves in the Mikvah in the afternoon on Erev Yom Kippur. Due to the pandemic and health concerns the West Orange Mikvah will be closed to men during this period. In lieu of Mikvah use one can fulfill this custom by having 9 kabin of water poured over them. This can be done by positioning oneself directly under the spout of the shower and remaining in one place with the water flowing for five minutes.

One should perform and recite Kapparot. The more prevalent custom is that of using money and donating it to the poor.

The meal preceding the Fast is called the Seudah Hamafseket. One should daven mincha before partaking of this meal. The meal should be accompanied by songs and divrei Torah.

The special prayer of Zaka should be recited before Kol Nidrei. Every man should arrive at his minyan location while it is still day, in order to put on his Tallis with a bracha.

It is customary to light Yahrzeit candles for deceased relatives.

The "kittel" has been accepted as the most proper article of clothing to be worn by adult males on Yom Kippur.

It is customary to bless one's children before the Fast begins.

When lighting candles the brachot of להדליק נר של ששהעשירי and יום הכפורים Shehecheyanu should be recited. After Kol Nidrei, when שחיינו is recited by the congregation, women should refrain from saying the bracha a second time.

There are 5 abstentions on Yom Kippur:

- a. eating and drinking
- b. washing
- c. applying ointments or lotions to the body
- d. wearing leather shoes
- e. marital relations

All laws of Shabbat apply to Yom Kippur.

As children approach adulthood, they should be educated gradually to fast longer each year on Yom Kippur.

The Havdalah candle at the conclusion of Yom Kippur must be lit from a fire which was burning all of Yom Kippur.

After Yom Kippur Ends:

One must hear Havdallah before breaking the fast. To celebrate being forgiven for our sins, one should eat well and be in a joyous mood on this night.

The custom is to say Kiddush Levanah after the Fast. It is also customary, on this night, to commence the building of the Sukkah.

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Sukkot

The Sukkah walls may be constructed from any material sufficiently sturdy to withstand normal winds of the given area. The Sechach (covering) must be of vegetable origin, not subject to ritual defilement, and severed from the ground. It should not be built under a tree or house projection. Please contact me if you have any questions.

The entire seven days of *Sukkot*, one should eat, drink, and spend one's free time in the *Sukkah*. Snacks, such as a quantity of bread up to the size of an egg, or fruit of any quantity, need not be eaten in the *Sukkah*. One should strive to do all of his/her eating and drinking in the *Sukkah*.

At times when one does not make *Kiddush*, while eating in the *Sukkah*, one should make the *Bracha* *אחרי חמץ* "Hamotzi", and intend that this *Bracha* apply to all activities in the *Sukkah* until the next meal.

Erev Sukkot: We make our necessary preparations in honor of the *Yom Tov*.

Candles are lit in the *Sukkah*. The brachot of *אחרי חמץ* (and *יום טוב להדליק נר של Shehecheyanu*) should be recited.

First Day Sukkot: We may not make *Kiddush* on the first two nights of the holiday until nightfall.

Kiddush for *Yom Tov* consists: *בורא פרי הגפן, אשר, לי שב בסוכה, followed by the bracha of Shehecheyanu.*

On the first two nights one is obligated to eat in the *Sukkah*. Even if it is difficult, uncomfortable, or if it rains, one should eat at least an olive's size (*katayit*) of bread in the *Sukkah*. However one should not make the *Bracha* *אחרי חמץ* if it is raining. On the other nights, and during the days, anyone who suffers distress from rain or from any physical condition or malady is exempt from staying in the *Sukkah*.

The Mitzvah of the Four Minim is done through the taking of:

Lulav- the spine should be a minimum of approximately 14 inches long. Tip should not be split, nor should the majority of the leaves be split, broken off or dried out.

Hadasim- 3 myrtle branches whose stems are a minimum of approximately 12 inches long. The majority of the stem must be covered by clusters of 3 leaves emanating from the same point on the stem. The tips should be whole and the leaves fresh.

Aravot- 2 willow branches with a minimum length of approximately 12 inches. The edges of the leaves should be smooth and not wilted. The tips should be whole and the leaves fresh.

Etrog- the yellow citron or *Citrus medica*

In the morning, the *Bracha* over the Lulav and Etrog (Four Species) can be said from sunrise on (in extenuating circumstances, from when the sky begins to brighten). The *Bracha* over the Four Species is: *אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על נטילת לולב*

On this first day of the mitzvah the bracha of Shehecheyanu is recited as well.

The *Brachot* are made with the *Etrog* held upside down (the *pitum* facing down) so that the *Mitzvah* is first performed in its proper manner after the *Bracha*, when the *Etrog* is held the right way (with the *pitum* facing up). One holds the *Etrog* in the left hand, and the *Lulav*, with the other species, in the right hand, with the back of the *Lulav's* spine facing the person holding it.

When the Four Species are held together properly, they are [according to *Nusach Ashkenaz*], shaken three times back and forth in front of the person [who is facing East], three times to his right, three times behind him, three times to his left, three times above, and three times downward.

Second Day Sukkot: We delay lighting candles and doing any preparations for the second day of *Yom Tov* until after. At candle-lighting we make the *Brachot* *אחרי חמץ* and *יום טוב להדליק נר של Shehecheyanu*

Kiddush is the same as the night before.

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Guide for the Perplexed,

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Shabbat Chol Hamoed: We read the book of Koheles Shabbos Day and do not take the 4 minim.

Hoshana Rabba: From the perspective of its status as a *Yom Tov*, *Hoshana Rabba* is the same as any other of the Intermediate Days. However, many extra prayers are added to the service on *Hoshana Rabba*. The reason for this is that throughout the *Yom Tov* of *Succot* we are judged concerning the fate of our water supply. On *Hoshana Rabba*, the Judgment is finalized. The conclusion of any period of judgment is our last chance to influence the Divine Judgment and, therefore, it is of great importance to us. The *Chazzan* wears a *Kittel*. We conduct ourselves as with every *Erev Yom Tov*: we bathe, (many immerse themselves in a *Mikvah*), and we make our necessary preparations in honor of the *Yom Tov*.

Shemini Atzeret: The brachot of להדליק נר של יום טוב and שהחיינו Shehecheyanu should be recited.

We make the *Yom Tov* *Kiddush*, with *Shehecheyanu*, in the *Succah*; however, we do not make the *Bracha* "*Leishev Basuccah*". We eat in the *Succah* both the night and day of *Shemini Atzeres*, without making the *Bracha* "*Leishev Basuccah*".



Simchat Torah

At candle-lighting we make the same *Brachos* as yesterday של להדליק נר טוב and שהחיינו
We no longer sit in the *Succah*.

Kiddush is the same as the night before.

Hakafos with the Torah take place in the Shul both at night and during the day.

One should be careful on *Simchat Torah* to refrain from any wild and unbecoming types of behavior. One should act in a joyous, but proper, fashion that reflects reverence and love for Hashem and His Torah, *Simcha Shel Mitzvah*.
Maariv followed by *hakafot*.

We complete and begin the Torah once again.



Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

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**The women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur, given by Rabbi Yosef Sharbat,
will take place on Tuesday, September 22 at 8:00 PM via Zoom.**

This Shiur is co-sponsored by:

*Lili Jammam in memory of her mother, Dorothy Zeifman/ Devasha Tamara
and her father, Lou Zeifman/ Yehuda Zev
and by*

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Lauren Elise Bier
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After being home for six months it has been very exciting to start school in person once again and have all the children and teachers back in the building together. The Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School opened on August 31st after the teachers were in the building setting up and preparing for the students the week prior.

This year looks different for us with the new state guidelines surrounding COVID-19 but nonetheless the children are still enjoying exploring and learning with their friends and morahs and our day to day is very similar to what is familiar to all of us. The children have adjusted well to wearing their masks while learning and we are trying to do as much learning as possible outdoors if weather permits. It is so nice to be able to see the friendships forming and happy children playing together again.

New this year, parents can enroll their children in our program from 7:30AM-6:00PM, which has allowed for more families to become part of our nursery school. We are also gaining new students as more families move into our community during this time and we are eager to welcome them to our school and larger shul community.

We are excited to have most of our wonderful teachers return to us and simultaneously are happy to welcome some new staff members to our growing team both full time and part time. I encourage you to read the bios below of our full time staff and learn about the incredible team we have put together. I encourage you to read the bios below of our staff and learn about the incredible team we have put together.

We look forward to sharing our year with you and encourage you to follow us on Instagram at [@LaurenEliseBierNS](https://www.instagram.com/LaurenEliseBierNS) and/or look for our posts on the AABJ&D Facebook page and in the Jewish Link.

Shana Tova U'Mituka!

Introducing our Nursery School Staff for 2020-2021

Pre-K



Randi Beil is so very excited to be working at AABJ&D as the Pre-K teacher and returning for her third year. Randi taught at the JEC for 28 years, teaching preschool through third grade. Teaching Jewish children is a passion of hers. She is the proud mom to her son Joshua, who is married to Rachel and her daughter Esther who is married to Jeffrey and the proud Savta to Max, Charlie and twin girls, Madeline and Juliet and loves spending time with her family! Randi is looking forward to an incredible year with her Pre-K class.



Dalila Rosenstrauch has a lot of experience working with children as a physical science teacher in public schools for 15 years and teaching in Hebrew Sunday School for many years as well. She loves to teach and help children grow intellectually, mentally and spiritually. She looks forward to being part of our Pre-K class and thanks you for sharing your children with us.

3A



Jenifer Steingart joined our team in January and is very excited to return this year as a teacher in our 3's class. Her passion has always been to work with children. She has worked in many different schools and with many different age groups. She looks forward to being a teacher in 3A. Her and her husband and live locally in Fanwood with our 3 daughters, ages 12, 9, and 3 and is very active in their lives with all their sports and activities. Not only has all the experience I have had working with children of different ages and abilities given me the proper tools to work with children of this age group, but watching my own children grow and helping them has also given me the proper tools.

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Reut Segall has a B.A. in management from Ben Gurion University of the Negev. She is a mother to Amit, Ethan and Noga. After a career in pharmaceuticals she found a new passion for working with kids. She moved to the US in 2018 with her family and since then has been teaching Hebrew and Art. She is excited to be back for her second year at the Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School.

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3B



Aliza Maslansky is thrilled to be starting her third year working at AABJ&D. This year she is excited to be a 3's teacher and Nursery School Director. With over 11 years of professional teaching experience Aliza is looking forward to continuing her career and following her passion for teaching and working with kids here. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Hartford and has her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education from Touro College. She has also completed the Jewish New Teacher Project and is a graduate of the OTZMA Graduate Seminar. She lives here in West Orange with her husband Saul, daughter Rebecca and son Gabriel. Aliza is thrilled to be working with the AABJ&D staff in growing and enhancing The Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School for her 3rd year.



Danielle Bier is very excited to be joining the team of the Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School. She grew up in West Orange and came to the nursery school as a child. She has taught for six years in different schools and is excited for a fantastic first year teaching in 3B. She is engaged and getting married this fall as well and will be living in Fair lawn.

2's



Tamar Arie is a wife and a proud mother of three. She is an Israeli that has been living in the USA for the past 19 years. She misses her family and friends in Israel and visits them every year. Tamar loves reading, playing music (to children), photography and walking. She loves working with young children and has been doing this for many years, especially singing, dancing, and making art. Tamar believes that children are naturally curious and as teachers, we should just help them to express their drive to explore the world.

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Heather Gable is joining us for her first year working at Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School. She has years of experience working with young children in many different capacities. One of her favorite hobbies besides reading is watching a child learn through play. She loves being part of a team with a goal in creating a safe environment where children are eager to come and learn through music, art, and play. In addition, she hopes to always demonstrate positive behavior and loves doing acts of Chessed.

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The Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School

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Tiny Tots



Camesha Cawley is returning for her third year in our school. She is an immigrant from Jamaica. She migrated to the USA, over twenty years ago. She has two children, my son Dontae who is 17 and plays soccer for Montclair High school. My daughter Dominique who is 6, she is a gymnast and loves to dance. We live

in Montclair with my fiancée Damian, who owns a demolition company. She has been in the Education field for the last 13 years. I'm currently pursuing a degree in special education K-3rd and psychology at Caldwell University. I enjoy reading, cooking, working out, traveling and singing. In the words of Plato "The Most important part of education is proper training in the nursery." Let me take your precious ones on a journey through later, play, books and songs.



Jana Basch is originally from Hillside, NJ. Last summer she got married and moved to West Orange. She has worked in early childhood education for the past 13 years. Working with children has always been her passion! It's amazing to watch them grow and learn, and to be part of that experience. She looks forward to applying her to her students this year. She can't wait to meet all of you and to have an amazing year.

Exciting News From The Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School!!!

We are thrilled to announce that The Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School is one of the recipients of Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ's Synagogue Based Early Childhood Center COVID19 Emergency Grant. These funds are made possible by generous donors to the UJA Annual Campaign and signify Federation's investment in early childhood education and synagogues.

As our partner, Federation believes that Jewish early childhood education provides the basis for Jewish identity building in children and serves as a foundation for your family's involvement in Jewish life. In recognizing the central role The Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School and AABJ&D plays in the lives of our families, and especially working parents, Federation made our re-opening a critical priority.

We are very grateful for the Federation's support and help during this difficult time of reopening.

Camp Shemesh



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Camp Director
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For much of the spring we didn't even know if camp would be possible. Not only was it possible, but it was amazing! We were able to give our campers and counselors a little normalcy in the midst of a pandemic. While we were not able to do many of the activities we are used to in camp, the kids were so happy to just play with their friends. The highlight of the summer was definitely our chick hatching project. Farmers delivered a dozen eggs and we watched them hatch and then played with the chicks for a week before they had to return to the farm. The chicks were well loved by our campers and it was hard to say good-bye. A special thank you to all of our amazing counselors who worked so hard in the heat wearing masks to give our kids a great summer!



Youth

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Although this summer was not as many had hoped it would be, the youth department was still very active! The youth of our community did get to see each other and play together - online over zoom! We've had shiurim, Thinkin' Thursday Kahoot games, and a talent show for the residents of Daughters of Israel! We are always so happy to see everyone even online!

We had two Rosh Hashanah themed events this year! Our first was a wonderful family apple picking event at Wightman farms. All of the families that participated had a great time in person! It was nice to see families and children spending time together picking apples and getting ready for Rosh Hashanah! We roamed the endless apple fields and picked all different types of apples. Hope everyone's apple dishes come out delicious!

Our second Rosh Hashana event was apple carving with Sheina Herrera. Sheina is a professional fruit decorator and carver who makes beautiful designs out of fruit. We had a really fun online event with her where we learned different carving techniques and our freshly decorated apples came out beautifully!

Wishing everyone a Shana Tovah Umituka, a year filled with health and happiness and lots more youth programming!





Sisterhood News

Channie Gotleib
Sorahleah Mandelbaum
Co-Presidents

As we embark on a new year, we at the AABJ&D Sisterhood are excited about the possibilities ahead. This year is like no other and in this uncharted Covid environment, we face new challenges in bringing the community together while remaining safe and healthy. However, we are also emboldened and determined to get creative and not only achieve, but exceed our goals. We are so grateful to be surrounded by such wonderful neighbors and friends here in West Orange and we look forward to being able to enjoy time together in a safe way this year.

The Sisterhood has already been hard at work planning fundraisers and events and will continue to do so in the next couple of months!

Our **Rosh Hashanah Zoom Challah Bake**, which took place on Sunday, September 13th, was so much fun! Thank you to everyone who joined, thank you to Michal Strauss for leading us in making delicious challahs that we will be enjoying over Rosh Hashana and beyond, and thank you to the Sisterhood team who put the event together! (Robin Amster, Susan Teich, Rimona Kroll, Hannah Kestenbaum, Alana Schwartz).



Our **Rosh Hashanah Gift Basket** fundraiser was a success! Thank you so much to everyone who purchased a basket, whether for yourself or for someone else! The baskets are beautiful and plentiful and will no doubt sweeten the new year of anyone who received one! Thank you also to Sharon Zughaft for designing the beautiful assortment of fruit, wine, and snacks, and thank you to the rest of the Sisterhood team for making



this project happen! (Hannah Kestenbaum, Alana Schwartz, Shani Gutmajer).

The beautiful **Rosh Hashana Bouquets** made available to the community via our local Midtown Florist (Barry Geiger) were a big hit as always! Thank you to those who bought a bouquet and to those who continue to do so throughout the year (the Sisterhood has been running the flower delivery program every Shabbat since Shavuot)! Weekly order deadline for Shabbat delivery is Wednesdays at 8:00PM. Click the link below to put a smile on someone's face any time of the year! Bonus: you can also donate any amount (on the bottom of the form) towards bouquets to be delivered to our local nursing homes.



<https://www.aabjd.org/form/Sisterhood%20%20Flower%20Fundraiser%202020>

The **Scrip program** has been a mainstay within the AABJ&D Sisterhood and we are excited to bring new life to the program with our brand new webpage, and gift cards from many new vendors. The great thing about this fundraiser is that you can raise money for the Shul without spending a penny extra! Here's how it works: Whenever you buy Scrip gift cards, and use them at stores instead of your credit cards/ cash, the Shul makes money. You pay the same amount of money that you would have anyway, plus the Shul gets \$5 for every \$100 you spend. Also, most of the cards can now be electronically delivered. Alternatively,

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Men's Club

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Co-Presidents

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we will bring the Scrip cards to you at home with contactless delivery, if that's preferred. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support the Shul through Scrip and to the rest of you that will join!! Additionally, many thanks to the team that made our new interface possible! (Yosef Birnboim, Sharon Zughaft, Alisha Blugrind).



Ordering Scrip is easy! Simply click on the link: <https://www.aabjd.org/scrip>

The AABJ&D Men's Club holds special outings and events throughout the year and provides members with the unique opportunity to serve the Synagogue and Community by working on various special fundraising projects and social events. The Men's Club commits to \$10,000 of the Shul budget every year, making each and every fundraiser and event an important and beneficial one for the entire community.

We would like to thank everyone in the West Orange community for their ongoing support of the AABJ&D Men's Club and look forward to providing many more activities and programs for you throughout the year.

Men's club meetings are held monthly and we are always looking for individuals to take an interest in what we do and join us as we proceed with our programming of future events. If you have any questions about the Men's Club or would like to help plan any activities, please contact our co-presidents, Saul Maslansky and Ilan Rosenrauch.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Esther Schultz, for everything she does every day to pull all these and other events together!

Be on the lookout for announcements coming soon about events around Sukkot time!

Most of all we want to take this opportunity to wish you all a sweet, happy, HEALTHY, successful new year!!

Please feel free to reach out to us with any thoughts, suggestions, comments or feedback!

Marketing Update

Esti Buskin

It has been a busy few months for the Marketing Committee. Here is an update on what we've been up to, across our 3 key focus areas:

Prospecting & Hospitality

As you know, our annual Discover West Orange Shabbaton was canceled due to Coronavirus back in March. While we had hoped to be able to reschedule by now, we are finding alternate ways of engaging prospective families. In fact, we recently held our second virtual Discover West Orange information session via Zoom, in partnership with Ohr Torah. We've had close to 20 families attend our virtual information sessions and over five of those families have moved to West Orange!

Communications

You may have noticed a change in the emails you receive from AABJ&D. Everything you need to know about what's happening at AABJ&D is now in one convenient location! Look out for the AABJ&D daily emails, which hit your inbox every morning at approximately 6:30am. These emails are a great way to stay informed of all the amazing programs and events that are taking place. Be on the lookout for:

- The Sunday "AABJ&D Weekly" email which includes all of the programming and events that are taking place during the week ahead
- The "AABJ&D Daily" email which includes timely news, information, and events that are taking place that day or within the upcoming few days
- The AABJ&D Shabbat announcements continue to arrive every Friday, and can easily be printed and enjoyed over Shabbat

We recognize that while the shul is closed, it is even more important to find different ways to communicate with members. In addition to our emails, please be sure to join the AABJ&D WhatsApp groups and follow us on Facebook.

Welcoming

We are thrilled to announce that the Welcoming Committee is now under the co-leadership of Stephanie Hartman and Alanna Ben-David. Backed by the support of the entire Marketing Committee, they will be reimagining our Welcoming program to ensure we engage new families and help ease their transition to a new community, especially during this challenging time.

On behalf of the entire Marketing Committee, stay tuned for more exciting updates in the months ahead.

Ketiva V'chatima Tova!

Want to get involved? If you would like to get involved in any of the above areas of the Marketing Committee, please reach out to Esti Buskin at estibuskin@gmail.com

Welcoming

Stephanie Hartman and Alanna Ben-David

Covid-19 is not keeping people away from West Orange!

AAB&JD is thrilled to welcome the new families who moved to our community recently. The following is a list of new families who have moved to West Orange within the last six months:

- Michal and David Burstein, along with their son and daughter, moved to Hoover Avenue.
- Rivka Rosen-Elbaum, with her son and daughter, moved to Dale Drive.
- Rena and Jonathan Eskowitz, along with their son, moved to Curtis Avenue.
- Rachel and Yony Fox, with their son and daughter, moved to Stanford Avenue.
- Shani and Morey Katzourin moved to Edgemont Road and recently welcomed a newborn baby girl.
- Steven and Estee Lowinger, with their daughter, moved to Curtis Avenue.
- Esther and Yossi Maymon, with their son and daughter moved to Devore Drive.
- Naomi and Hadar Weiss, with their son, moved to Carteret Street.
- Simone Wruble, moved to Moran Road in the Woodlands.

We would also like to welcome the following families who are scheduled to move to West Orange in the near future:

- Allegra and Arthur Shmulevsky, along with their sons and daughter, to Cliff Street.
- Marni and Mitch Weinberg, with their sons and daughter, to Cleveland Terrace

Please accept our sincere apologies if there are names missing from the list above. We try our very best to keep track of new families who are moving to town, but sometimes we are simply not aware. If you know of a family who has moved (or is moving) to West Orange, please email welcome@aabjd.org.

Although it may be challenging to move to a new community during this time, the AABJ&D community is welcoming these new families with open arms.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sorahleah Mandelbaum for her efforts in leading the welcoming committee for the last few years. Under the new leadership of Stephanie Hartman and Alanna Ben-David,

the Welcoming Committee is planning several new exciting initiatives, so stay tuned for more information! Would you like to get involved in Welcoming? Please email us at welcome@aabjd.org.

AABJ&D and Ohr Torah Youth Depts Present:

Rosh Hashanah
APPLE CARVING
WITH
Sheina Herrera
Over Zoom!

RSVP encouraged but not required

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HASHANA SEPT 18TH
2:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89228213170>
Meeting ID: 892 2821 3170

You will need:

- Apple
- Toothpick
- Berries/grape
for decor
- Knife
- Melon baller

Children under 8 will need adult supervision

AABJ&D's Adult Education Committee presents a series of upcoming inspiring and educational Zoom lectures



Sunday, September 13 at 10AM
"An Inspiring Tour of the Mount of Olives and an Examination of How This Special Mountain is Connected to the Days of Awe"

An exclusive session with world-renowned Israeli tour guide and lecturer Shulie Mishkin.

This shiur is sponsored by Stan and Lee Staal, and by Michael and Bobbi Luxenberg in memory of Irwin Luxenberg z'l.

Tuesday, September 15 at 8PM

"Rambam Hilchot Tshua- Practical insights from the Rav."

Joel Rich, our resident and esteemed scholar, will help us prepare for the Yomim Noraim with a shiur focused on the Rav's teachings related to the laws of repentance.



Thursday, October 22 at 8PM

"Jewish Genetics and The Tragedy of Fritz Haber: What modern genetics can teach us about ancient Jewish genetic lore" Join New York Times best-selling science author and lecturer, Sam Kean, for this unique session.



With an Introduction and Dvar Torah from Dov Lando. The event is sponsored by the Lando family in honor of the sixth yahrzeit of David Lando, z"l.

AABJ&D Zoom Room: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/289217360> Meeting ID: 289 217 360

Sponsorship Opportunities Available: Please Contact Gregory.Zuckerman@Wsj.com

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Mazel Tov

- Mazel Tov to Susan and Shuli Moskowitz on the birth of a new grandson.
- Mazel Tov to Larry Rein who was honored on by the JCC MetroWest Mensches Inaugural Event.
- Mazel Tov to Davida & Gary Stadtmauer on the birth of twin granddaughters Madison and Rayna Pianko. Mazel Tov to parents Lindsay & Joshua Pianko and big sister Haley Pianko. Mazel Tov to great grandmothers Margaret Block and Marilyn Stadtmauer and grand uncle and aunt Ira & Ora Bloom.
- Mazel Tov to Davida & Gary Stadtmauer on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Shlomo Stadtmauer of Beit Shemesh Israel. Mazel Tov to parents Jamie & Daniella Stadtmauer and to brothers Akiva and Azarya and sister Eliana. Mazel Tov to great grandmothers Margaret Block and Marilyn Stadtmauer and to grand uncle and aunt Ira & Ora Bloom.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Chaim & Toby Block on the birth of a grandson. Mazel tov to the parents Avi and Rachelle Wisotsky.
- Mazel Tov to Jennifer & Liron Meller on the birth of a baby girl, Talya Chanah.
- Mazel Tov to Karen & Gary Eisenberg on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to parents Moshe & Alexi Eisenberg. Mazel Tov to grandparents Ellen & David Lubel, great grandparents Sandra & Joel Gross, Sue & Ben Eisenberg and Iris & Alan Lubel and the extended Eisenberg and Lubel families.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Marcus on the engagement of their grandson Joseph Marcus to Gabrielle Reich. Mazel Tov to parents Chany & Shye Marcus and Lisa & Michael Reich.
- Mazel Tov to Dov Levitan on his marriage to Shifra Schroff. Mazel Tov to parents Judy & Ari Levitan and Devorah & Chaim Schroff. Mazel Tov to grandparents Joanne & Irwin Asher, Shirley & Phil Levitan, and Judy & Stuart Schroff. Mazel Tov to Dov and Shifra's siblings and to the extended Levitan, Schroff and Asher families.
- Mazel Tov to Jason Wien on his engagement to Maya Ivgi. Mazel Tov to parents Meryl & Steve Wien and Leron & Yizhaq Ivgi. Mazel Tov to grandparents Rebbitzen Sylvia Avrech and Rutie & Amram Azrad. Mazel Tov to siblings Kerry Bell, Adam Wien, Danielle Ivgi and Joseph Ivgi.
- Mazel Tov to Daryl & Edward Shapiro on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Eytan Shapiro of Boca Raton, Fl. Mazel Tov to parents Orly & Evan Shapiro and siblings Talia, Itamar, and Asaf. Mazel Tov to Aunt Lauren & Uncle Marc Shapiro and family.
- Mazel Tov to Mark & Eta Levenson on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to parents Hadassa & Emanuel Korn in Florida. Mazel Tov to aunt Jessica & David Mirsky and cousin Elliot. Mazel Tov to great grandfather Dr. Irwin Krasna.
- Mazel Tov to Lisi and Eli Sipzner upon the birth of a son, Yisrael Shabtai (Jack Israel). Mazel Tov to grandparents Linda and Robbie Sipzner, and to the entire family.
- Mazel Tov to Abbie & Larry Cohen on the birth of a granddaughter to Danit & Josh Cohen. Mazel Tov to Grandma Toby, Aunt Anita, and Dr. Shira and Rabbi Arthur Weiner.
- Mazel Tov to Julie & Eric Applebaum on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to sisters and brothers Kayla, Dani, Ariella, Eli, Eliana, Noa and Aaron. Mazel Tov to grandparents Marilyn & Ed Croman and Patricia & Joseph Nardini.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Zvi & Robin Karpel on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents Nachi & Tobey Karpel, siblings Joey and Layla, grandparents Bennett and Susan Lass, and the entire Karpel and Lass families.
- Mazel Tov Eitan Hammerman on his Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to parents Shira & Barry Hammerman. Mazel Tov to siblings Ariel, Aliya, and Dalia. Mazel Tov to grandparents Rabbi Howard & Sarah Alpert and Dr. Marc & Vivian Hammerman.
- Mazel Tov to Abbie & Larry Cohen on the birth of a granddaughter to Shira & Elie Cohen. Mazel Tov to Grandma Toby, Aunt Anita, Sharon Jason, Lance Jason, and Bubby Phyllis Wachtel.
- Mazel Tov to Debra & Aaron Bassan on the birth of a granddaughter, Nili Hodaya. Mazel Tov to parents Leah & Dvir Wechsler and grandparents Shira & Nafty Wechsler. Mazel Tov to great grandparents Pearl Bassan, Moshe Handler, Cecile & Abe Wechsler, Malka Robbins and the entire Bassan and Wechsler families.
- Mazel Tov to Naomi & Chaim Goldman on the birth of a grandson, Amram Levi Yitzchak. Mazel Tov to parents Miri & Binyamin Goldman and to big brother brother Elya. Mazel Toc to Aunt and uncle Hadassah and Akiva Bruce and cousins Yocheved and Elimelech.
- Mazel Tov Mindy Sabel & Avi Rosenberg on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to the big brothers Dovid and Eli. Mazel Tov to grandparents Sabel and Rosenberg and great grandparents Krausz, Sabel, Dorfman and Rosenberg.
- Mazel Tov to Hilda Mann who made Aliyah.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Marcus on the engagement of their grandson Aaron Marcus, son of Leah & Joshua Marcus to Stephanie Kushner of Ft Lauderdale, Florida. Mazel Tov to the entire Kushner and Marcus families.
- Mazel Tov to Andrea & Bryan Bier and Deborah & Robert Greenfield on the engagement of their children Danielle and Harry. Mazel Tov to the entire Bier and Greenfield families.
- Mazel Tov to Barbara & Yosef Muskin on the birth of a grandson, Amichai Meir. Mazel Tov to parents

Mazel Tov, cont'd

Eliana Muskin & Oren Wintner of Yerushalayim. Mazel Tov to sisters Shira, Tehila and Ayala, and to aunts Hani Muskin Sterngold, and Dorit Muskin Cohen, and families. Mazel Tov to great-grandmother Miriam Muskin of Cleveland.

- Mazel Tov to Erica Silverman on her engagement to Evan Wiesel of Cedarhurst. Mazel Tov to Michael & Nadine Wiesel and Jared and Kara, and Jonathan. Mazel Tov to Debra & Chaim Silverman, Yisroel, Shevy and Basya. A Special Mazel Tov to David Silverman, Boomy & Helen Hagler & Thea Intrator.
- Mazel Tov to Pnina & Mayer Popack and to Helen & Jeff Lichtman on the upcoming marriage of their children Avi and Adina. Mazel tov to siblings Jennifer Popack, Yehuda & Leba Popack, Daniella & Steven Esses, and Jeremy & Simi Lichtman. Mazel Tov to all the nieces and nephews.
- Mazel Tov Sarah Bassan on her marriage to Tom Gelbman. Mazel Tov to parents Debra and Aaron Bassan and Orna and Kobi Gelbman. Mazel Tov to grandparents Pearl Bassan and Moshe Handler and to the entire Bassan and Gelbman families.
- Mazel Tov to Robbin & Joel Singerman on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to parents Rebecca & Yaakov Kosoff, and big brother Gavi. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Ethel & Edward Kosoff, great grandparents, Fajga Brym and Harold Singerman, and aunts and uncles, Abra and Yitz, Avigayil, Menachem, Esther and Ben, Renee and Avi, Rivky and Shragy, Adina and David, Leah and Sholom, Malky and Michael, Bracha and Reuven, and Hadassah.
- Mazel Tov to Andra & Craig Goldman on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to parents Michael & Avigayil Wiener and sister Shifra. Mazel Tov to grandparents Rabbi Ezra & Adina Wiener and the entire Goldman and Wiener family.
- Mazel Tov to Lior Fusman on her engagement to Joe Lever of Tel Aviv. Mazel Tov to Arden & Benjamin Fusman and sisters Hana, Judi, Raquel and Eden. Mazel Tov to grandparents Roy & Karmela Waldman. Mazel Tov to Joe's parents, Sally Ann and Stephen Lever and siblings Benjy and Josh of London.
- Mazel Tov to Marcia & Jay Goldfischer on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Amitai Yehuda Goldfischer in West Hartford, CT. Mazel Tov to parents Efrat & Howard Goldfischer and Batsheva & Rob Oberstein and the many siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins.
- Mazel Tov to Debbie & Bruce Buechler on the birth of a grandson, Yonah Azariyah, born in Jerusalem to Nediva & Aaron Buechler. Mazel Tov to Aunt Deena & Uncle Henry Bernstein and Aunt Rachel Buechler.
- Mazel Tov to Robbin and Joel Singerman on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to parents, Rabbi Yitzchak and Abra Mandel; big brothers,

Dovid Aharon, Tzvi Yehuda, and Efraim Mordechai; grandparents, Sylvia and Yosie Mandel; great grandfather, Harold Singerman; and the entire family.

- Mazel Tov to Pnina & Mayer Popack on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to parents Yehuda and Leba Popack and siblings Zevi, Rivky and Tzvi Elazar. Mazel Tov to Aunt Jennifer Uncle Avi and Aunt Adina.

Condolences

We extend our condolences on the passing of...

- Gertrude Podhorcer beloved mother of Ted Podhorcer.
- Michael Cohen, beloved husband of Elaine Cohen and father of Chanan, Seth, Mark.
- Ann Dershowitz, beloved wife of Harold Dershowitz, mother of Aliza and Daniel Reishtein, Adina and Simcha Shapiro and Shira and Avi Schmidman,
- Joseph Mendelow beloved father of Robert Mendelow.
- Edward Druce, beloved father of Howard Druce.
- Irwin Luxenberg, beloved father of Michael Luxenberg.
- Rabbi Yitzchok Noach Popack Halevi, beloved father of Mayer, Oritte and Shuly Popack.
- Betty Rosman, beloved mother of Susan Scher and David Rosman.
- Rubin Pizem, beloved husband of Judy Pizem and father of Sophie and Chaim.
- Seymour Braverman, beloved father of Roger Braverman.
- Jerry Parker, beloved brother of Elaine Sherman.
- Morton Saul Zelikman/ Motel Mordechai Shalom ben Moshe Aron, beloved father of Nancy Dattelkramer.

Shana Tova Greetings



Mickey Weiss and Family
wish a happy and
healthy new year to
the entire AABJ&D
community.



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Shana Tova Greetings



L'Shana Tova U'metuka to the
entire AABJ&D Membership!

Nili, Andrew,
Koby, Nava and Jonah Yolin





There are so many things happening and ways to get involved. Below you will find a list of some of our Shul committees and chairpersons. Please feel free to contact them to either volunteer or inquire about their activities. If you have a special skill or talent that you would like to share or an idea that you would like to discuss, contact us at office@aabjd.org.

- **Adult Education**—Gregory Zuckerman- Gregory.zuckerman@wsj.com. Plans and coordinates all classes, lectures, and scholar-in-residence programs.
- **Cemetery Committee**—Judy Israeli- idadesq@aol.com, Chaim Silverman- Chaim@silverlaining.com, Anna Chosak- chosakhouse@comcast.net
- **Chesed/ Bikur Cholim**—Andrea Sultan, Debra Lando, and Lorraine Gold. A branch of Sisterhood that coordinates visits to the sick & meals.
- **Chronicle**—Office- office@aabjd.org
- **Chevra Kadisha**—Avi Laub- avilaub@yahoo.com
- **Constitution Committee**-Harvey Okin- hokin@kpmg.com
- **Dinner Committee**—Plans & coordinates the shul's annual dinner—many volunteer opportunities for all skills and talents.
- **Early Childhood**—Judy Birnboim- judybirnboim@gmail.com. Oversees our Nursery School and Summer Camp programs.
- **Endowment Committee**-Harvey Bell- harveybell@earthlink.net
- **Events Committee** - Chaired by Rob Greenfield- robdebg@yahoo.com. Develop policy for outside caterers to ensure shul kitchen is always left clean, uncluttered, and with all appliances in working order.
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