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## Rabbi's Message

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Not long ago I was having a conversation with the director of a summer program. I suggested that the day camp ends is probably the most relaxing day of the year for him. His response was a bit surprising. He said that he could not relax, take a vacation, and begin planning for next summer until he closes the books on this summer. I realized that we are all in a similar predicament at this time of year.

As we prepare for the special Tishrei season; the start of a new year, and the excitement that comes with a renewed sense of purpose, we must first reflect and close the books on the year that has passed. As individuals this concept is the process of Teshuva we are focused on during these special days. We take the time to reflect on what has gone right and what we wish we had done differently over this past year. We commit to trying to be better than last year, and grow by learning from the past.

As the Rabbi of our shul I look back at this year with a sense of pride but also a sense of frustration. While we have seen our community grow over the past year, with the addition of

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## President's Message

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As I write this message, I reflect back on how much has changed since last Rosh Hashanah, and yet how little has changed. Last year, there was no vaccine, we had outdoor minyanim, and we were masked. This year we have a vaccine, we have outdoor minyanim, and many are still masked, which may be change to all by the time you read this. It's a powerful demonstration of how little control we have, and how we can make all the plans that we want, yet HaShem, Master of the Universe is in total control.

On Erev Rosh Hashana, in both Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities, the piyut אנוח

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dozens of family units, we have also unfortunately become distant with some of our families, because of the continued concern regarding the Covid pandemic. While the shul has started to come back to life, it will not be the same until all of our members are comfortable returning to their second home, our shul building. I hope that this year at some point we will be able to welcome everyone back into our shul building in good health on a regular basis.

While we are confident and hopeful that the worst of the pandemic is behind us, we must remain cautious and respectful of the feelings and sensitivities of all our community members in this regard. Whether one is comfortable inside the shul or not, comfortable wearing a mask or not, we are all part of one big family and must remain connected as such.

I want to personally thank all of the extraordinary members of our shul family who have gone above and beyond to keep our community connected and together, even though we have been physically apart for quite some time. Finally, in the spirit of Elul and the Yamim Noraim I ask forgiveness from any of our members who have been inadvertently hurt by my actions over the course of this year.

May Hashem bless His people and our community with a year of health, spiritual growth in Torah, success and nachas from our united AABJD family. Shana Tova!

## President's Message *cont'd*

קטנה Little Sister is recited. It is one the few piyyutim that is recited by both communities and it references the Jewish People as the little sister based on chapter 8 verse 8 of שיר השירים where HaShem refers to Israel in this manner. The theme of this prayer is to appeal for HaShem's mercy on his "sister" and for him to accept our prayers. Each verse ends with the refrain "Let the year and its curses conclude". The final stanza, however, closes with an expression of hope that the worst is over and a new brighter year is about to begin. We are ending a full year of Covid, and we're still not out of the woods yet, with numbers trending in the wrong direction. However, let us hope that the worst is over and a new and brighter year is about to begin.

I would like to thank all those who volunteer and work hard for our shul, as well as the Shul employees who contribute no less. All of you help make our community what it is, and we have much to be proud of.

At this time of year, I also want to recognize the work of the ritual committee as they work diligently to staff all the various minyanim and the seating committee of Meyer Reichman and Jason Munk as they try to accommodate all our members requests.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for מחילה forgiveness from anyone that I might have upset or offended in the past, and may we all be inscribed in the ספר החיים for the coming year.

I wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year.



## What Does It Mean To Be Living

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Over the course of the *סוּמִיּוֹת*, our additions to the *amidah* focus on the request for life. The word *חַיִּים* life, is mentioned and repeated so many times in our Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur prayers. In Parashat Nitzavim we find the commandment of *וּבָחַרְתָּ בַּחַיִּים*, to choose life.

The Torah values life, charges us with guarding our health and commands us to choose life in all circumstances. We take it for granted that we are alive and often don't realize that life is a gift from Hashem.

Based on this, there is a passage in the Talmud in Eruvin 13b that is difficult to understand. We are told that for two and a half years, Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel disagreed. One group would say that better a person had not been created that to have been created and the other group would say better a person to have been created than had not been created. Ultimately, they came to the conclusion that it would have been preferable had man not been created than to have been created.

However, now that he has been created, he should examine his actions that he has performed and seek to correct them.

How can there even be a debate whether it is better to live or not, or debate whether it's better to be created or not?! Doesn't the verse in Nitavim command us to choose life and focus on the blessings of life?

Rav Mordechai Leiner, the Izhbitzer, explains that the key word in the Talmud is *נוח*, convenient. Everyone agrees that it is better to have been born. Rather, Bet Shammai and Bet Hillel were questioning whether it is **convenient** for a person to have been born. Would a person rather live life with its

challenges or prefer to take the easy road and avoid everything. If we choose life properly, then we understand the challenges that come with a life of spirituality and a life connected to Torah and mitzvot and don't just want to take the easy, convenient path. May this year be a year of connection *to Hashem and full of life*.

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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 as we 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. Succos and Simchat Torah are a time for us to celebrate with joy the customs and traditions of our wonderful Torah heritage. We continue to stay safe and careful in regard to the Covid pandemic. While some of us are davening indoors and others outside, some of us will be wearing masks and others will not, we continue to be united in spirit as one kehilla with respect for each other and our personal level of comfort.

May we internalize the beautiful messages of this sacred month and blessed by Hashem with a year of health, growth in Torah and mitzvos, nachas and happiness.

**The Zwickler family wishes the entire AABJ&D community a Ksivah Vachasima Tovah – A happy, healthy and sweet new year! May we all be inscribed in the book of life for this coming year and beyond.**

*Rabbi Eliezer Zwickler*

### Selichot

We began to recite Selichot on Motzei Shabbat, August 28th. Selichot will be said each day until Yom Kippur. 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 הוהתרת נדרים the presence of a tribunal of 3 men. All people involved in the procedure should be acquainted with the ideas of הוהתרת נדרים. The individual who is reciting the text should understand what he or she is reciting. If one neglected to do הוהתרת 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 on Erev Rosh Hashana. Fully vaccinated men may use the mikvah by appointment only. You can sign up for an appointment at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cz4d8GCxmDchfgdwDy-MeVPKGTxAB0SGUZjdx2aXGog/edit?usp=sharing>. 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 ירי רצון for the apple, eaten first should be

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said only after tasting the apple preceded by the bracha of בורא פרי העץ. The other is said before tasting each food.

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 שיסתלקו 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 ויקרא 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 שנפרה ונרבה 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 a body of water

containing fish to say Tashlich. The shul will gather at Degnan Lake after Mincha on the first day of Rosh Hashana. One may recite Tashlich any time between Rosh Hashana and Hoshana Rabbah.

## Rosh Hashana Day 2

On the second night of Rosh Hashana, the Brachot that are recited are להדליק נר של יום and טוב שיהיה לנו Shehecheyanu.

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. T

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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### 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. Fully vaccinated men may make an appointment to use the Mikvah on the West Orange Mikvah website. 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 Hamafsekes. 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 יום הכפורים and שהחיינו Shehecheyanu should be recited. After Kol Nidrei, when שהחיינו 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 חמוצי* "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 *שהחיינו* (and *יום טוב להדליק נר של*) 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* followed by the bracha of *שהחיינו*.

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 חמוצי* 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 *שהחיינו* 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 *שהחיינו* and *להדליק נר של יום טוב*

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Kiddush is the same as the night before.

**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

### Simchat Torah

At candle-lighting we make the same Brachos as yesterday *להדליק נר של יום 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.



# 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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<b>Standard Lulav &amp; Etrog</b>	<b>\$45</b>
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All orders must be in no later than 9/10.

All orders **MUST** be placed and paid for through ShulCloud. Unfortunatley we can not accept checks this year.

Lulav & Etrog pick-Up will be at the Shul on Motzei Shabbat, September 18 from 8:45-10:00PM.



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Lauren Elise Bier  
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The Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School opened on August 30th after the teachers were in the building setting up and preparing for the students the week prior. We are very excited to be welcoming returning and new students and families into our school and larger shul community this year.

While we will once again be navigating our way through COVID-19 with different state guidelines, the children are still enjoying exploring and learning with their friends and morahs. Our day to day routines are very similar to what is familiar to all of us even while wearing masks. This year we will be bringing back some of our favorites like after-school clubs for our 3's and Pre-K classes, Music class for all the classes and our lunch program.

Our loving staff is eager to provide the children with a developmentally-appropriate, creative and stimulating curriculum and learning experience. We are thrilled to have a staff full of returning teachers who are familiar with our students and program. I encourage you to read the bios below of our staff and learn about the incredible team we have.

We look forward to sharing our year with you and encourage you to follow us on Instagram at @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 2021-2022

### Pre-K



**Randi Beil** is so very excited to be working at AABJ&D as the Pre-K teacher and returning for her fourth 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.



**Aliza Maslansky** is thrilled to be starting her third year working at AABJ&D. This year she is excited to be a Pre-K teacher and Nursery School Director. With over 12 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 4th year.



**Danielle Bier** is very excited to return for her second year teaching at the Lauren Elise Bier Nursery. She will be an educator in the 4's. Danielle grew up in West Orange and attended this preschool as well. She got married last year and was even surprised with a school wedding celebration, where she had the chance to dance with her students. She lives in Fair Lawn and is looking forward to seeing smiles this year!

### 3's



**Jenifer Steingart** 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 the 3's. Her and her husband live locally in Fanwood with our 3 daughters, ages 13, 10, and 4 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.



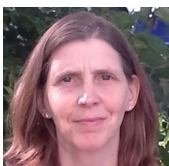


**Dalila Rosenstrauch** has 16 years of experience working as a High School and Middle School Physical Science Teacher in various NJ public schools. She has also taught for many years in a Hebrew Sunday School setting. She loves to teach and help students of all ages grow intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. Dalila and her husband are proud parents to a son and two daughters. They have been blessed with three granddaughters in the past 20 months! She looks forward to being part of our 3's class and thanks you for sharing your children with us.



**Lilli Tammam** has been living in West Orange for 25 years. She has been a pre-school teacher for the past 20 years. After years of subbing at AABJD, she ran the three year old program at Suburban Torah in Livingston for 11 years. Now she is back at AABJD and very excited to be the early morning drop off teacher for the Three's. She cannot wait to meet your children and watch them grow! Lilli will also be teaching Parsha every week. Your children will become so excited to learn about how Hashem created the world!

## 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 20 years. Tamar just finished her second master's degree in Jewish Education. She misses her family and friends in Israel and visits them every year. Tamar loves reading, playing music (to children), photography riding bicycles 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 help them express their drive to explore the world.



**Heather Gable** is returning for her second year working at Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School. She has years of experience working with young children in many different capacities. Heather loves reading, art, helping children and going for walks. She enjoys being part of the remarkable stages where children grow and 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



**Bernice Yoselovsky** is a former RN. She spent 25 years being a pediatric nurse in a wonderful but busy doctors office. Once she retired from that she began babysitting. Last year she began working in the nursery school and as they say the rest is history. This will be my second year working with and loving your children. This job brings me so much happiness.

## Tiny Tots



**Camesha Cawley** is returning for her fourth 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 18 and is in his first year of college. My daughter Dominique who is 7, 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 14 years. I'm currently pursuing a degree in special education K-3<sup>rd</sup> and psychology at Caldwell University. She enjoys 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. When she got married she moved with her husband to West Orange. She has worked in early childhood education for the past 14 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.

## Camp Shemesh



Sura Rozenberg  
Camp Director  
[aabjdsummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:aabjdsummercamp@gmail.com)

This year we had a fantastic summer at Camp Shemesh. We were so fortunate to have a normal camp summer filled with sprinklers, arts and crafts, sports, music class and more. This summer our theme was "All about me" Each week we focused on different mini theme such as My favorite color, My favorite Book or My favorite animal. We had a great time learning about our friends' favorite things and doing themed activities. We loved welcoming the West Orange children's librarian for book week and lots of reptiles for animal week. As always, we had an amazing group of counselors. They served as perfect role models to our young campers and were such a responsible, fun, warm and loving bunch. Thank you to all the amazing counselors for your hard work and dedication! Looking forward to seeing everyone in another nine months!!



## Youth

Shaindy & Dovid Saleman  
[youth@aabjd.org](mailto:youth@aabjd.org)

We are so excited to join the AABJ&D community as your new Youth Directors. We have been hard at work all summer planning fun and exciting programming for the youth of the community. We held a very successful Meet & Greet at Degnan Park on August 21; it was so lovely getting to know many of you. Thank you all for coming out, despite the muggy weather!

We recently held our leader interviews and training, and are highly impressed with the energy and enthusiasm shown by the teens; we are so eager to work with each and every one of them. Groups started out with a bang and there are many surprises to come! Join us at groups on Shabbos mornings at our new start time: 9:45 am.

We are looking forward to a jam-packed September, starting with our Pre-Rosh Hashanah Aleynu cloths and honey jar decorating. Special babysitting/ programming will be held during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur davening. For our Pre-Yom Kippur event, we will be teaching about the Yom Kippur service in a unique fashion, with an exciting relay race extravaganza! We will be gearing up for Sukkos by adorning the shul's Sukkah with decorations made by our very own youth. We will be celebrating Sukkos with many exciting programs including: a teen Simchas Bais HaShoevah in the shul Sukkah, the annual community Sukkah hop, KinderCufot, and so much more!

We wish everyone a Shana Tov U'Mituka, a happy and sweet new year!





Get ready for Rosh Hashanah with  
Aleynu Cloth & Honey Jar Decorating!

When: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: Shul Parking Lot in the tent

Ages: K - 3rd Grade

**Please let us know you are coming!**  
**RSVP @ Youth@AABJD.org**

If you have any questions or are interested in  
sponsoring, email Youth@AABJD.org

As per shul guidelines, all unvaccinated individuals must wear masks.  
Your cooperation is necessary for a safe and enjoyable experience!



## Sisterhood News

Channie Gotleib  
Sorahleah Mandelbaum  
Co-Presidents

Shana Tovah!! We are excited to embark on another great year with the AABJ&D Sisterhood team. With the school year beginning again and the crisp fall air coming soon, we are looking ahead with hope that the new year will bring exciting events and activities and that we will all remain in good health. We wanted to share with you some of the fun events that the Sisterhood has been up to.

With the summer weather and the ability to have an outdoor event, Sisterhood was excited to have been able to put together the **New Community Members Sisterhood Sereni-Tea!** We were thrilled to meet some of the wonderful women who have recently joined our community and really enjoyed getting to know them with the super fun "Favorite Things Bingo Game". The setting under the elegant outdoor tent with the pristine white lounge chairs created an ambiance that felt warm and inviting. Thank you to **Hannah Kestenbaum and Robin Amster.**



In preparation for Rosh Hashana, we had a terrific time at our **Sisterhood Ceramics Night** where we painted Rosh Hashana honey jars and apple dishes. The event, hosted by the amazing and talented Debbie Beuchler, was held in two sessions. The first session was a mother-daughter event with delicious snacks and drinks, and it was a wonderful bonding and creative experience. The second session was a ladies only event with wine and cheese and the creativity flowed! Thank you

to **Debbie Beuchler, Gail Novick, and Alana Schwartz.**



The beautiful **AABJ&D Sisterhood Sukkah Poster** is back by popular demand! Don't miss out on this classically traditional addition to your sukkah decorations. The poster is a wonderful way to support your shul and also brighten up your sukkah. If you haven't already ordered one, use the link below and place your order before we run out! Thank you to **Hattie Dubroff, Anna Chosak, and Hannah Kestenbaum** for all your efforts in putting this together. [www.aabjd.org/form/sukkah-poster](http://www.aabjd.org/form/sukkah-poster)



Our beautiful **Midtown Florist Bouquets** are made available to the community every week for Shabbat and of course Rosh Hashana would not be

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complete without a beautiful bouquet to grace your New Year's table! 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>

**“Hey. We were thinking that it'd be kinda cool if you'd maybe buy Scrip please?”** Does this quote look familiar? If so, you've got a keen eye and have noticed our latest **#HowdoyouScrip** campaign! We hope you all took advantage of the scrip available from so many of our local proprietors while you completed your Rosh Hashana shopping, and that you continue to do so for the upcoming Chagim! If you sign up for monthly scrip delivery, signing up would be a one-time process and the cards or e-cards will automatically be delivered to you on a monthly basis... it's literally as simple as that! 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 Scrip team that dedicates so much to this project: **Yosef Birnboim, Hannah Kestenbaum, Alana Schwartz, Robin Amster, Sharon Zughaft, and Larry Rein.** Ordering Scrip is easy! Simply click on the link: <https://www.aabjd.org/scrip>



**amazon**



A special thank you to **Esther Schultz** for all her help with all our events!

We're looking forward to an exciting and eventful year ahead. We would like to wish all of you in our West Orange community a new year filled with HEALTH, happiness, success, sweetness and many brachot!

L'Shana Tovah!

Sorahleah Yudkowitz Mandelbaum and Chanie Goldstein, Co-Presidents



## “Insider” Or “Outsider”?

Bryan Bier

Are you an “insider” or an “outsider”? I am not referring to where you daven these days. I am referring to your attitude towards our shul and community.

As we say goodbye to 5781 and usher in 5782, the days of Rosh Hashana are a good time to contemplate our own attitudes. A focal tefillah is that of the חוֹנֵתָנָה תִּקְרָה which we say is “וּתְשׁוּבָה וּתְפִלָּה וְצִדְקָה מַעֲבִירִין אֶת רֹעַ הַגְּזֵרָה.” Simply translated as – but repentance, prayer, and giving charity, will avert the severity of the decree. What we are experiencing in life should cause us to contemplate refocusing our attitudes to showing appreciation for what we have and for all those people around us; appreciation to those who give of their time and efforts to make our shul the center of our lives. Of all years, now is the time to think about Teshuva in terms of our attitude towards our shul and our community.

Sometimes I wonder if the average person has any idea how much time and effort is invested on our behalf by those around us, our fellow members: to make our shul what it is and to make our and community what it is. Do we show appreciation for what we have and for those around us? Do we “ride on other’s coat tails” or do we offer to get involved to better our shul and our community?

Membership in a shul is an opportunity - an opportunity to involve ourselves, an opportunity to help others, an opportunity to share our abilities, share our passions, and be a part of something that enables others to participate, learn together, and grow together. An insider is someone who views him or herself as part of something bigger – one who attends, contributes, assists, speaks positively to others about our shul and community, and works to better what we have. An outsider is someone who criticizes from the outside without ever offering to lend a helping hand, speaks negatively, and works against what we have and what we are.

If we only agree to change our attitudes towards one of appreciation, then our tefillot this Rosh Hashana and giving of tzedakah thereafter, will be that much more successful and rewarding. It depends on how we see ourselves.

A community that meets the challenges before us is a community that shows appreciation to others around us. Will you be an Insider or an Outsider in 5782?



## Jewish Culture Series

Debbie Buechler

Jewish Culture will begin Israeli Dance on October 5. We will meet each Tuesday night beginning at 7:30 pm in the social hall. Cost \$10/ week, all dancers welcome - experience does not matter. For more information contact Elyse Litt at [dances.from.the.heart@gmail.com](mailto:dances.from.the.heart@gmail.com) or Debbie Buechler at [njbuechlers@aol.com](mailto:njbuechlers@aol.com)

## Men's Club

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.

## AABJ&D Marketing

Esti Buskin

This year, the end of summer means two things: a chance to welcome the many new families that recently moved into West Orange and, continue our efforts to attract more prospective families to our amazing community. It is also a chance to engage with all of the many West Orange families through upcoming programs, events and communications. Here's a brief glimpse into what we have been up to and just a few things we have planned across marketing, including prospecting, welcoming and communications.

**AABJ&D Welcomes New Families:** Many new families continue to make West Orange their home!

Rabbi & Sharon Zwickler hosted their largest annual New Member BBQ in July. It was exciting to welcome so many new families who moved to our community over the last year.

Since the last edition of The Chronicle (Shavuot), we have welcomed the following families to West Orange:

Daniella & David Rosenwein

Sara & Jonathan Greenstein

Barrie (Cohen) & David Chaise

Talia (Liben) & Gabriel Yarmush

Aliza & Michael Cinamon

Dina (Polack) & Jeff Rabinowitz

New families received a welcome gift and are invited to join our active Welcome WhatsApp group, where new families have an opportunity to network with each other and ask questions related to the neighborhood. If you moved to West Orange within the last year, and you would like to join the WhatsApp group, email [welcome@aabjd.org](mailto:welcome@aabjd.org).

Please join us in welcoming all of our new families to our community and be on the lookout as more families will be moving in over the coming months!

**Discover West Orange – in new and exciting ways!**  
**Road Trip to West Orange – Podcast With Nachum Segal-** Nachum Segal, host of JM in the AM recently welcomed Rabbi Zwickler and Rabbi Sharbat as guests on the "Road Trip" show. The show, which highlights different Jewish communities in the United States, gave our Rabbis the chance to tell the audience what makes West Orange unique.

Rabbi Zwickler and Rabbi Sharbat did a fantastic job discussing what makes West Orange special –

including: our Sephardic and Ashkenazic minyanim under one roof, our growing kosher food options, amazing local day schools, the fantastic people who make up the community, and more. Nachum Segal summed up by saying that West Orange is "one of my favorites communities in the United States." We couldn't agree more!



Listen to the podcast recording of the interview here: <https://bit.ly/3jnNdaD>, and share with your friends who may be interested in moving to our amazing community.

### **OU Community Fair is Going Virtual This Year!**

This February, AABJ&D will once again be representing West Orange at the OU Jewish Community Relocation Fair. This year, the fair is going virtual, so prospective families will be able to visit with communities from the comfort of their homes!

This virtual OU Community Fair will be an exciting way for our representatives to engage with young couples, families, retirees, and singles who are interested in relocating and want to hear more about West Orange. The Marketing Committee will be hard at work getting ready for The Fair over the next few months.

**Stay Informed!** In partnership with the Shul office, we continue to deliver AABJ&D communications to you in multiple ways to help you stay informed of programming, events and important AABJ&D information. As a reminder:

The "AABJ&D Weekly" email comes out on Sundays and provides the schedule, programming, events, and reminders for the upcoming week. The "AABJ&D Daily" email comes out every morning, and includes the schedule of the day, and other timely information. Be sure to check your inbox every morning for the latest information from AABJ&D!

The **AABJ&D WhatsApp Group** provides news and other important updates. Join the group at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/los1BLEp5qM307yaAUzS7e>. (There are also a number of additional AABJ&D WhatsApp Groups which offer learning and inspiration- including Rabbi Zwickler's daily *Points to Ponder*)

**AABJ&D FaceBook** - please go to [www.facebook.com/aabjd](http://www.facebook.com/aabjd) and follow us, like us, and share our posts with your family and friends. This is a great way to amplify all of the great things that are happening in our community.

**AABJ&D website** at [www.AABJD.org](http://www.AABJD.org) includes replays of our classes and events, so they can be conveniently viewed on-demand and much more.

Many thanks to Esther Schultz for all of her hard work. Shana Tova!

## Tomchei of West Orange/ Livingston Launched

Larry Rein

The West Orange/Livingston Committee has launched a new project: Tomchei of West Orange/Livingston Chesed.

The goal is to distribute food packages to those who have health issues, recuperating from surgery, dealing with a family emergency, facing economic difficulties, or experiencing other challenges.

In just the last few weeks of being in operation, over 200 food boxes have been distributed, plus began the food collection from Smachot.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**Become a Packer** - pack up food from a Simcha, repack food into family size containers

**Become a Driver/Deliverer** - deliver boxes/packages of food locally to West Orange and Livingston

**Pick up Food packages from designated organizations**

### Having a Simcha?

Donate your excess food, which will be repackaged and distributed or frozen following the Simcha. Contact Alisha Blugrind 917-287-2594, Abbie Cohen 862-224-6145 or Rivky Moradi 973-626-4704.

### Know of Someone Who Could Benefit?

Please let us know.

Names will be held in the strictest level of confidence possible.

Many of us at one time or another need a little help, but may feel reluctant to ask for it. We always strive to maintain the dignity of all those involved.

Any questions or to make a donation, reach out for Moshe Glick, Renee Glick or Larry Rein.

## Hakarot Hatov

Larry Rein

The Hakarat Hatov event (aka Annual Shul dinner or 2nd Gratitude event) took place on July 10th, where this will be known as our first ever Shabbat journal luncheon. Maybe, this will become a new tradition for our shul.

This gave our shul an opportunity to pay tribute to so many wonderful people who stepped up to the plate throughout this unprecedented year. The "honorees" were Rabbi Zwickler and Rabbi Sharbat, Andrew Yolin, our president, Torin Rutner, our COVID tester par excellence, COVID Committee, Minyan leaders, Chesed Committee, plus leaders who have finished their positions as committee chairs, Executive committee members or Board members.

**Committee chairs:** Rob Wagner - House Committee/ Barbara Muskin - Israel Action and Advocacy Committee/ Shira Waldstricher, Jenn Minsky, Pam Greenwood - Youth Committee/ Alanna Ben-David-Welcoming Committee

**Executive Committee members:** Andrew Yolin - President/ Jeff Lichtman - First VP/ Chaim Goldman, Doron Zeif, Stephen Isler - VP/ Matt Greenwood - Treasurer/ Paula Peikes - Vice Chair of the Board/ Bryan Bier - President Emeritus

**Outgoing Board members:** Evan Galatz/ Betty Lando/ David Moskowitz/ Barbara Muskin/ Paula Peikes/ Juliet Rutner/ Aaron Strauss/ Mica Usdan

Thank you so much to all these leaders who navigated uncharted waters and tried to help us get through things and maintain *some* semblance of normalcy.

Please check out the Journal on the website to see how so many people impacted the lives of your friends and neighbors in so many beautiful ways.

Since the theme here is Hakarat Hatov, I want to thank the following people who helped make the Hakarat Hatov event a reality: Sharon Zughaft, Event chair/ Bryan Bier - Fundraising chair/ Shimon Nissel of Shimtal caterers/ Barry Geiger of Midtown Florist / Chaim Lauer of In Novel Ways promotions/ Neal Alexander of Sandy Alexander Printing for binding the journal books/ Esther Schultz, for keeping the office home fires burning, but not burning out of control/ Mali Schwartz, the shul's historian, who provided the fun and informative quiz about our shul history.

Looking forward to next year's event, hopefully in person again.

## Mazel Tov

- Mazel Tov to Bernie & Helen Neustadt on the birth of a grandson, Binyamin Yaakov. Mazel Tov to parents Ephie & Rivka Sinowitz. Mazel Tov to grandparents Dr. Mel & Betty Sinowitz, the baby's siblings, and the entire Neustadt and Sinowitz families.
- Mazel Tov to Andrea Bier on becoming the incoming president of Jewish Family Service of Metrowest.
- Mazel Tov to Eta and Mark Levenson for being honored at the recent virtual Gala of Jewish Family Service of Metrowest.
- Mazel Tov to Rivka Hindin for being honored this coming week at the JKHA/RKYHS Annual Dinner.
- Mazel Tov to Liat Greenwood on her upcoming marriage to Chaim Chernoff of Skokie, IL. Mazel Tov to parents Pam & Matt Greenwood, siblings Dov, Sefi and Sarit, and grandparents Rosanne and Al Skopp.
- Mazel Tov to Bernie & Helen Neustadt on the birth of a great granddaughter. Mazel Tov to parents Shabsi & Henny Neustadt and to grandparents Dr. Mordy & Aviella Neustadt, Dr. Batya Travitsky, Rabbi & Mrs. Aaron Rivlin and their entire families.
- Mazel Tov to Marcia & Jay Goldfisher on the engagement of their grandson, Moshe Tov of Modin'in to Elanit Atkin of Efrat. Mazel Tov to parents Debbie & Rabbi Barry Goldfisher and Yael & Joel Atkin. Mazel Tov to grandparents Janet & Avi Toledano of England and all the siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins.
- Mazel Tov to Shari & Herb Faleck on the birth and bris of their grandson, Eyal Matan. Mazel Tov to parents Deena & David, to big sisters Liana, Kira and Maytal, and to the entire Faleck and Peyser families.
- Mazel Tov to Jared & Atara Rutner on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to grandparents Torin & Juliet Rutner and Seth & Ilana Friedman. Mazel Tov to Bernie & Judy Schanzer and Jack & Wendee Rutner on the birth of their first great grandchild. Mazel Tov to Atara's grandparents. Mazel Tov to all the aunts, uncles & cousins.
- Mazel Tov to Stephanie Bassan on her recent marriage to Jonathan Buring. Mazel Tov to parents Debra & Aaron Bassan, Donna Buring, and Martin Buring. Mazel Tov to grandparents Pearl Bassan, Moshe Handler, Rhoda and Norman Kagan and to the entire Bassan and Buring families.
- Mazel Tov to Bernie & Helen Neustadt on the birth of a great-granddaughter. Mazel Tov to parents Yehudas & Zippora Guttman and to grandparents Dr. Mordy & Aviella Neustadt and Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Guttman, great grandmother Dr. Batya Travitsky, and their entire families.
- Mazel Tov to Mira Braverman on her Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to parents Sara & Roger Braverman.
- Mazel Tov to Shari & Herb Faleck on the marriage of their daughter Elana to Nachi Feit. Mazel tov to their boys, siblings and to grandmother Alitta Irwin.
- Mazel Tov to David Amster on his engagement to Rachi Goldman of Holliswood, Queens. Mazel Tov to parents Robin & Danny Amster and Tami & Moshe Goldman. Mazel Tov to grandparents Phyllis Novick and Stella Konigsberg and to siblings Sherry, Joe, David, Koby, & Chanie and to the entire Amster and Goldman families.
- Mazel Tov to Mark Levenson on being elected to the Executive (committee) of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Mark has also been appointed to the Presidium of the Zionist General Council.
- Mazel Tov to the RKYHS varsity baseball team on winning the metropolitan Yeshiva High school championship- as they defeated Frisch 13-2. Congratulations to our very own Eytan Kaynan, Josh Teich, Ethan Sinnreich, and AJ Keiser who were members of the championship team.
- Mazel Tov to Sandy & David small on the engagement of their daughter Ashley to Jonny Ufland of London, England. Mazel Tov to Carolyn & Stephen Ufland. Mazel Tov to Jamie, Dena & Aaron, Ryan, Talia & Liam, Leanne & Moshe & Daniel. Mazel Tov to grandparents Ruth Small, Shirley & Bertram Ufland.
- Mazel Tov to the graduates of the Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School: Hailey Brand, Theodore Daichman, Emuna Gordon, Shalom Maymon, Nava Sharbat, Judah Vogel.
- Mazel Tov to Nava Yolin on her Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to Nili & Andrew Yolin and brothers Koby and Jonah. Mazel Tov to grandparents Felicia Schipper and Leba & Neal Yolin, and all the aunts, uncles and cousins.
- Mazel Tov to Kimberly Schwartzman on her recent engagement to Alan Schachter. Mazel Tov to parents Mindy Schwartzman and Denise and Glenn Schachter of New Milford, NJ. Mazel Tov to grandparents Rhoda Berger and Martin Schachter, and siblings Sandra (and Daniel), Nicole (and Michael) and, Lauren and Steve Fitzpatrick.
- Mazel Tov to Karla Gross on the birth of two great-grandchildren, Aryeh Zev Mordechai Citer, son of Yacov and Brittani Citer of Passaic, and Leah Meira Wolman, daughter of Elana and Avi Wollman of Passaic. Mazel tov to grandparents Judy and David Citer of Passaic, New Jersey.
- Mazel Tov to Michele and David Glazer on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to parents Rachel and Josh Aron, and siblings Dalia, Gavi, Ahuva and Shaya. Mazel Tov to Aunts and Uncles, Dara and Jason Silverstein and Josh Glazer, and to the entire



## Mazel Tov, cont'd

Glazer and Aron families.

- Mazel Tov to Deborah and Howard Druce on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to parents Eliana and Nathaniel Druce and to big brother Avi. Mazel Tov to the extended family.
- Mazel Tov to Susan and Abbi Warshaw on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Moshe Mittel. Mazel Tov to Parents Rachel and Yitzzy Mittel and the entire Warshaw and Mittel families.
- Mazel Tov to Yael Chamama on her engagement to Hananya Haridim. Mazel Tov to parents Roland and Tova Chamama and Yosef and Ofra Haridim, grandmothers Bernice Weinberger and Dina Barshalom, and to the entire Chamama/Haridim families.
- Mazel tov to Rebetzin Bessie (Batya) Kra on the Bar Mitzvah of her great grandson Moshe Mordechai Kra. Mazel tov to parents Amira and Yossi Kra, grandparents Ruth and Ethan Kra and Gila and H Saltzman and to siblings Akiva, Noam and Ariella.
- Mazel tov to Arthur and Allegra Shmulevsky on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to siblings Asher, Amital and Avi.
- Mazel Tov to Rachel Reichman-Hersey on the marriage of her daughter, Rebbecca Hersey to Adam Gutman, son of Rabbi Moshe and Judy Gutman of Livingston, NJ.
- Mazel Tov to Yisroel and Debra Daichman on the birth of a baby boy, Naftali Zev Ben Yisroel Meir Levi (Alexander Julian Daichman). Mazel Tov to Becca and Theo on the birth of their new brother. Mazel Tov to grandparents Abe Brody, Karen Brody, David and Debby Daichman on the birth of their new grandson.
- Mazel Tov to Rhoda & Bruce Chait on the birth of a grandson, Simon Chait Minkove/ Simon Ohr. Mazel Tov to parents Nicole & Sam Minkove of Baltimore, Maryland. Mazel Tov to siblings Matthew and Rae.
- Mazel Tov to Moshe & Carmela Furer on the Bat Mitzvah of their great granddaughter Batsheva Malavsky.
- Mazel Tov to Moshe & Carmela Furer on the Bar Mitzvah of their great grandson Aryeh Mehl.
- Mazel Tov to Paul & Cheryl Bier on the birth of twin baby boys Ariel Shlomo and Uri Yechezkel to daughter Bethany, Mazel Tov to great grandma Irene Bier.

## Condolences

**We extend our condolences on the passing of...**

- Malka Tokayer, Bracha Malka Bas Chayim Yosef, mother of Ricki Roth.
- Helen Hagler beloved mother of Debra Silverman.
- Toby Cohen, beloved mother of Larry Cohen and Anita Cohen.
- Kurt Altmann, husband of Tivona, and longtime member and builder of our shul and the West Orange Jewish community.
- Harold Singerman, Chaim Aba ben Yosef Leib beloved father of Joel Singerman.

## Welcome

- Our new youth directors, Shaindy and Dovid Saleman.
- Aliza & Michael Cinamon, and their children Arielle (Age 6) and Judah (Age 3) who moved to Suburban Drive.
- Jeff, Dina (Polack) and one year old Neil Rabinowitz, who move to Suburban Drive.



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](mailto:office@aabjd.org).

- **Adult Education:** Gregory Zuckerman ([Gregory.zuckerman@wsj.com](mailto:Gregory.zuckerman@wsj.com)). Plans and coordinates all classes, lectures, and scholar-in-residence programs.
- **Cemetery Committee:** Judy Israeli ([idadesq@aol.com](mailto:idadesq@aol.com)), Chaim Silverman ([Chaim@silverlaining.com](mailto:Chaim@silverlaining.com)), Anna Chosak ([chosakhouse@comcast.net](mailto:chosakhouse@comcast.net))
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- **Early Childhood:** Judy Birnboim ([judybirnboim@gmail.com](mailto:judybirnboim@gmail.com)). Oversees the Nursery School and Summer Camp programs.
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- **Inclusion:** Eta Levenson ([jeserichad@aol.com](mailto:jeserichad@aol.com))
- **Israel Action & Advocacy**
- **Kiddush Society:** Larry Liebman ([liebmancpa@gmail.com](mailto:liebmancpa@gmail.com)). Helps provide the weekly kiddush and Seudah Shlishit.
- **Legal:** David Cherna ([davidchern@gmail.com](mailto:davidchern@gmail.com))
- **Marketing:** Esti Buskin ([estibuskin@gmail.com](mailto:estibuskin@gmail.com)). Responsible for recruiting, hospitality, welcoming new members, and shul communications.

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