



To support the Jewish community spiritually, provide opportunities for religious and additional experiences, and encourage social interaction.  
To nurture respect, understanding and friendship among all residents and faith groups at Ann's Choice.

**August 2026**

***Av/Elul 5786***

**Saturday, August 1: SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE, CHAPEL 10A.M.,  
DINNER CEDAR ROOM 5:30 P.M  
PRIOR RESERVATIONS ONLY!!**

**Monday, August 3: No *Torah* Study**

**Friday, August 7: *Shabbat* Services in the Chapel or on Channel 980 – 4 p.m. Torah  
Portion: *Re'eh*  
*Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Elul* (preparing for High Holidays)**

**Monday, August 10: No *Torah* Study**

**Thursday, August 13: *ROSH CHODESH ELUL***

**Friday, August 14: *Shabbat* Services in the Chapel or on Channel 980 – 4 p.m. Torah  
Portion: *Shoftim* *ROSH CHODESH ELUL***

**Monday, August 17: No *Torah* Study**

**Tuesday, August 18, 2 p.m. in the Chapel with Rabbi Adam Wohlberg from Temple Sinai to  
announce the new month of *Elul***

**Thursday, August 20: Hadassah meeting, Village Music Room, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cantor Annelise  
Ocant-Romo will discuss the “Jewish Communities of the Caribbean, Past and  
Present.”**

**Friday, August 21: *Shabbat* Services in the Chapel or on Channel 980 – 4 p.m. Torah Portion:  
*Ki Teitzei*, Rabbi Sandra Berliner from Congregations of *Shaare Shamayim* will be  
leading our *davening*.**

**Monday, August 24: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room, 2 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 26: JRC Lecture Series 2 p.m. in the PAC with Richard Libowitz as he  
talks about “Was Lilith a Redhead? or Are You Sure That’s What the Bible Says?”  
Don’t forget your \$5 donation to Resident Benevolent Care Fund  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Friday, August 28: *Shabbat* Services in the Chapel or on Channel 980 – 4 p.m. Torah  
Portion: *Ki Tavo***

**Monday, August 31: No *Torah* Study**

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS  
DONATIONS TO THE JEWISH RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:**

**BY**

Rhoda Sterling  
Mimi Travis  
Phyllis Halpern  
JRC Board of Directors and  
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Mimi Travis  
Phyllis Halpern  
Joan Winokur  
  
Shoshana Gruen  
Roslyn Katz  
  
Rochelle Wismer  
Miriam Schwartz  
Marilyn and Don Webster

**IN MEMORY OF**

Sid Markowitz, beloved father  
Claire Goldstein, dear friend  
Claire Goldstein  
Karen Frye, beloved wife of William Frye  
  
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Karen Frye, beloved wife of Bill Frye  
Benjamin Winokur, beloved father-in-law  
Chaya Gelman, beloved grandmother  
Abraham Kofman, beloved brother  
Eva Spector, beloved mother  
Shirley Katz, beloved sister-in-law  
Janis Shuter  
Bella Abeloff  
James Webster  
Max Newman

**BY**

Donald Seidel  
  
Laurie and Stephen Capin  
  
  
  
Judith Lappen  
Barbara Steiner  
Tamar Adini

**IN HONOR OF**

birth of Barbara Kaplan's great grandson  
well-wishes for our New Year  
the Bat Mitzvah of Barbara Steiner  
Leslie Tropin's special birthday  
Rhoda Sterling's grandson's graduation from Harvard  
Law School  
Lester Altman's granddaughter's graduation of Law  
School  
get well wishes to Jerold Epstein  
get well wishes to Allen Herring  
Lewis Katz for a complete recovery  
Shoshana Gruen's birthday  
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**\*\*HAPPY BIRTHDAY\*\***

Joy Katz, Gloria Salmansohn, Don Simon, Mary Carmen, Martin Sperber, Helene Malenbaum, Helene Peyton, Rhoda Sterling, Ed Lashen, Irene Gorman, Sandra Berman, Bernie Randall, Ellen Sperber, Sue Harrison, Elaine Levy, Cheryl Plunkett, Sheila Richman, Roberta Lonoff, Steven Mayover, and Helen Nemerofsky.

If your name is not on the list, please let me know your birth date and you will be included next August.

**\*MISHEBERACH\*  
WE PRAY FOR HEALING**

For all our residents who are ill, in the hospital or in RG or other nursing homes.

**\*\*\*Yahrzeits for Av/Elul\*\*\***

During the time from 18 *Av* to 18 *Elul*, we remember our friends and family who are no longer with us. Please honor them by attending Shabbat Services and saying the *Kaddish*:

David Eisenhofer, Herman Silverman, Naomi Chary, Samuel Sarowitz, Bruce Winokur, Aaron Altshul, Ruth Marcus, Richard Sailer, Sylvia Shilling, Rhoda Finkelstein, Israel First, Esther Gold, Jay Joslin, Harry Molitz, Tillie Wise Carman, Hadassah Segal, Marilyn Boyer, Albert H. Goldstein, June Levine, George Lipitz, Herman Segan, Becky Horn, Harry Smith, Rose Drobbin, Barry Goldstein, Ruth Katz, Samuel Marks, Gerald Shur, Norman Newman, Rae Roloff, Robert Epstein, George M. Cohen, Katie Carmen, Benjamin Grindlinger, Mark A. Klein, E. David First, Warren Josephs, Maxwell H. Cohen, Stanley Fingerman, Bella Safra, Leon Visnov, Nadine Zuckerman, Judi C. Altman, Letha Maze, Rubin Salmansohn, Lillian Simon, Max First, Sarah Goldie Shander, Earl Gitter, Ervin Chudnow, Esther Factor, Seymour Neadle, Stephen Saunders

**May all their memories be for a loving blessing, and their lives be an inspiration to us all.**

If there are errors or additions, please put a note in Phyllis Halpern's cubby—WP 108.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Included in this newsletter is a schedule for High Holidays which begins September 5, with ***Selichot* at 7 p.m. in the Chapel with Miriam Ginsburg from the Rabbinical Reconstructionist College.** Please send in your donation for the ***Rosh Hashana* card.** There are only a few days left to do so. We hope to include as many members as possible this year. To be included on the card, you **MUST** send in your donation. This is **not** a membership list.

We are making some changes to our **Torah Study** class. We will be **LEARNING TOGETHER.** One or two main points of the *parsha* will be introduced and then we will have discussions with questions and answers from the class participants. Classes are scheduled from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in the Liberty Commons Art Room. Join us for a unique experience and interesting learning sessions. Please note that Rabbi Daniel Miller will leading this discussion on the first and third Mondays of the month, unless otherwise noted. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

B'Shalom



WP 108

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### The JRC Board Members

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**If you meet new residents who are interested in joining us, please refer them to  
Mimi Travis, Membership Chair.**

# What's Happening in the JRC

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## IN MEMORIAM



If you have any news you wish to share with our members, please send me the information and I will gladly print it in our newsletter. It's great to share good news as well as sad news.

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## HADASSAH NEWS

If you are a member or life member of Hadassah in any chapter, anywhere in the country, you can easily transfer your membership to Newtown Hadassah. You are ALWAYS a life member once you pay the life membership dues. Just call or write Mimi Travis and she will help you transfer your membership.

Mimi Travis – 215-420-7507 or email me at [miriamtravis551@gmail.com](mailto:miriamtravis551@gmail.com)

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On Wednesday, July 22, we had a very interesting lecture on the history of the typewriter given by Bryan Kravitz, owner of Philly Typewriter Company. He had many interesting examples of early communications.

*Rosh  
Chodesh*



IS COMING

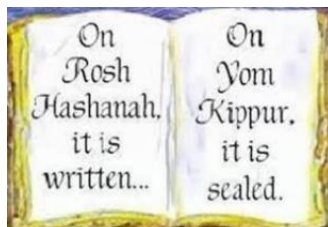
REFLECT  
AND  
RENEW

# **ROSH HASHANA IS COMING**

## **HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**5787 — 2026**

|                                 |                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</b>    | <b>LEIL SELICHOT</b><br><b>7 P.M. with Miriam Ginsburg from</b><br><b>Reconstructionist</b><br><b>Rabbinical College</b> |
| <b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11</b>     | <b>EREV ROSH HASHANA</b><br><b>NO SERVICES</b>                                                                           |
| <b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</b>   | <b>ROSH HASHANA 5787</b><br><b>SERVICES 2 P.M. with Neil Goldstein</b><br><b>TASHLICH 4 P.M. with Neil Goldstein</b>     |
| <b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b>     | <b>ROSH HASHANA II 5787</b><br><b>NO SERVICES</b>                                                                        |
| <b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</b>     | <b>SERVICES 4 P.M.</b><br><b>SHABBAT SHUVA</b>                                                                           |
| <b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</b>   | <b>SHABBAT SHUVA</b><br><b>NO SERVICES</b>                                                                               |
| <b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b>     | <b>EREV YOM KIPPUR</b><br><b>KOL NIDRE with Neil Goldstein</b><br><b>7 P.M.</b>                                          |
| <b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21</b>     | <b>YOM KIPPUR</b><br><b>SERVICES 2 P.M.</b>                                                                              |
| <b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25</b>     | <b>EREV SUKKOT</b><br><b>SERVICES 4 P.M.</b>                                                                             |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2</b> | <b>SUKKOT VISIT OUR SUKKUAH</b>                                                                                          |
| <b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2</b>        | <b>SERVICES 4 P.M.</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3</b>      | <b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b><br><b>YIZKOR SERVICES 2 P.M.</b>                                                                  |
| <b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4</b>        | <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b><br><b>NO SERVICES</b>                                                                               |



## HELP WANTED

Looking for **A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!!!**

**We need your help if the JRC is to continue being as alive and vibrant as it has been for the past 19+ years!!!**

We would love your help

**WORKING IN THE CONTROL ROOM FOR JRC  
LECTURES AND *SHABBAT* SERVICES**

**STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND BE ON THE BEST  
TEAM AT ANN'S CHOICE!!!!**

**PLEASE call Phyllis Halpern at 215-675-3637**

**or**

**Contact any Board Member**



To support the Jewish community spiritually, provide opportunities for religious and additional experiences, and encourage social interaction. To nurture respect, understanding and friendship among all residents and faith groups at Ann's Choice.

This year, 5786, the Board of Directors the Jewish Residents' Council would like to send wishes for a sweet, healthy, happy year to all our members from each of you. **For a donation of \$5, you can be included in the list of well-wishers on the card.** Send your check for \$5 payable to JRC to Mimi Travis, JRC Treasurer and your name(s) will be listed on our New Year Card. Put in **ANY DONATIONS SLOT or JRC LOCK BOX IN VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE.**

Please send your donation **no later than August 10, 2026,** to be included.

**Only a few days left. Don't be left out!!!**

*B'Shalom*

Phyllis Halpern, President and the Entire Board

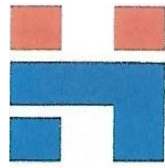
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# **CELEBRATING *ELUL* COME HEAR THE *SHOFAR***



**Tuesday, August 18, 2026  
in the Chapel, 2 p.m.**

**with Rabbi Adam Wohlberg  
from Temple Sinai**



**HADASSAH**

the power of women who **DO™**

Newtown Hadassah  
at Ann's Choice  
Presents

*THE NEXT HADASSAH MEETING IS  
THURSDAY, August 20, 2026  
IN THE VILLAGE MUSIC ROOM AT 1 P. M.  
WE ARE JOINED BY*

*Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo*

*as she presents*

***JEWISH COMMUNITIES  
in the Caribbean  
Past and Present***



Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo was born in Boston, MA but has lived in many places during her childhood, including Caracas, Venezuela, Gainesville, FL, and finally settling in Omaha, NE where she grew up from age nine all through college. Cantor Ocanto-Romo and her husband, Alessandro, a professional photographer, live with their sons Aviv and Matan, in Philadelphia.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**JEWISH RESIDENTS COUNCIL**

**Come join us!**

**“EXPLORE TORAH”**  
Anns Choice Community Class

Join us for a stimulating & lively interactive class about all topics Jewish!

- Enjoy 60 minutes of camaraderie, learning, and intellectual stimulation.
- All are welcome, regardless of background.
- Discover Jewish history, texts, and modern life.

**WHEN:**  
1st and 3rd Monday of every month  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**WHERE:**  
Liberty Commons Building - Art Room

Given by  
Rabbi Daniel Miller

**MORE INFO**  
Contact: Vivian  
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267-342-0369

**JOIN US MONDAY,  
AUGUST 24, 2026  
(the only day this month)**

**LIBERTY COMMONS ART ROOM  
2 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**RABBI DANIEL MILLER  
LEADING DISCUSSION**



**JRC LECTURE SERIES**



**Presents**

**Richard Libowitz**

**on August 26, 2025**

**in the PAC, 2 p.m.**

**Was Lilith a Redhead?**

**or**

**Are You Sure That's What the Bible Says?**

An old joke goes “if you want three opinions, ask two Jews one question.” Never is that statement truer than when it comes to understanding the Tanach, the Hebrew Bible. Our people have read it, recited it, studied it for millennia, and still, we argue over what it says, what it means...and how to chant it.

Together, we are going to look at very well-known passages from the Torah and the Prophets, reviewing some of the differing explanations offered over the centuries and — just possibly — coming to a conclusion or two of our own.



Rabbi Dr. Richard Libowitz is Emeritus Associate Professor in the Intellectual Heritage Program at Temple University. He has taught at many colleges, including Carleton College and Saint Joseph's University. He holds degrees from Notre Dame, the Haim Greenberg Institute, and Temple. The author/editor of more than a dozen books as well as many essays and reviews, he has lectured in Israel, England, Germany and throughout the United States.

**Your \$5 donation will benefit the  
Resident Benevolent Care Fund**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**