

Adas Israel Congregation November/Cheshvan-Kislev

CHRONICLE

A group of people, including men, women, and children, are singing in a choir. They are all looking upwards and have their mouths open as if singing. The background is dark with blue vertical light beams. In the foreground, a young woman with long brown hair is wearing a long, shaggy brown wig. To her right, another young woman with blonde hair is also singing. Behind them, several other people are visible, including a man in a white shirt and a woman in a white sweater.

Join us for our Featured Musical Performance!
Jewish Music, Jewish Soul on November 4th

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From the President

RICKI GERGER, ADAS PRESIDENT



Because our *Kol Nidre* services were abbreviated this year (it's at this service in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary that the President addresses the congregation), I delivered a shortened message just before *N'eelah* on *Yom Kippur*. Several people have asked for the complete version, so here it is, after some usual introductory remarks.

... Put simply, Adas Israel provides each of us a home, whether one realizes it or not, and whether one wants it or not. We all have a home here. We don't charge you anything for it; you just get it when you walk through the door. And while the word "home" surely means something different to each of us, I believe there's a thread that runs through all our definitions, and that's the notions of safety and acceptance and refuge: concepts with a direct line to gratitude.

So who are we? We're a place where 175 little children come to a nursery school every weekday, and where their parents are assured that their kids have a physically safe home here. We're a place where the people who take care of us—our security guards and our maintenance staff—are our friends, and where they're loved and respected and acknowledged. And we're a place where there are no bad questions and no bad ideas; that's another kind of safety.

We're a place where there's no litmus test for membership based on age or race or political affiliation or any kind of personal orientation or finances or nationality, or who your spouse or your life partner is. And Adas Israel is the place where, four years ago, a woman who has lived in DC since 1971, a divorced woman with no children, with no family here in DC, who spent nearly 50 years working in Texas politics and teaching people how to be real estate agents—where that woman retired from her work and began to strip away those façades and find her authentic self for the first time in her life—and found, to her great surprise, that she's accepted here the way she really is. *And I thank you for that.*

Finally, REFUGE: I think "home" means that this is where we can come when we want to feel surrounded by something bigger than ourselves, or when we need help with things that are beyond our understanding, or when we feel gratitude—or guilt—and want to give something of ourselves to someone less fortunate. Adas Israel provides the opportunity to sit quietly when we feel overwhelmed. It provides access to those parts of ourselves that are open and honest and good. It creates an environment where we can learn how to ask the right questions so we can formulate *our own* answers.

In sum, Adas Israel is a safe place where we can shut out the noise of the day and where our thoughts and ideas are welcome.

Now, we have a name for the people who are with us in places that make us feel safe and accepted and calm. We call them "family." Betty Adler and Margie Siegel have told us that so lovingly; through our Hesed Committee, we provide a way to help our community members AND a way to teach some of us (*raise my hand*) how to allow ourselves to be helped. This is what a family does.

I said these three concepts of "home"—safety, acceptance, and refuge—give us a direct line to gratitude. Here's how:

We are with you every step of the way. Whatever journey you're on, whatever path, we are with you. However much pain you're experiencing, now or ever, or however much joy, now or ever, you can share it with us. Whomever you find underneath all the prayers tonight and tomorrow, we are here for you. Because you have a home and a family here at Adas Israel.

The imagery of our liturgy this holiday has the *Kodesh Baruch* sitting up on a throne in Heaven, passing judgment on each one of us one more time, to see if we have indeed turned a corner this year. And at the very same time this Higher Power or Supreme Being or Almighty God or whatever other name you choose, has been demonstrating before our very eyes the absolute raw power God can wield with a snap of the fingers, because, as we Jews surely know, it is God who controls the weather.

Whether you're someone who believes any of what I just said or not, I trust we can agree that we are nearing the point in these High Holy Days when we have one last chance to put it all on the line. Please take home with you tonight—and hold this very close—the comforting truth that our clergy, our staff, and our lay leadership stand by you no matter who you think you are deep down, no matter what. This truth fills me and, I hope you, with gratitude.

Thank you for being part of our family, of our spiritual home. And on behalf of the lay leadership of the congregation, it is my honor to extend our best wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling 5779. *G'mar chatimah tovah.*



Clergy Corner

RABBI AARON ALEXANDER



"Defining Jewish Home"

Of the numerous ancient and rabbinic techniques for teaching lessons and virtues, the "parable" is perhaps most beloved. A *talmudic* (or *midrashic*) parable consists of two parts: the *mashal* (story) and the *nimshal* (lesson). Here's a really good example, also applicable to MakomDC's year-long theme:

One time the evil empire (Rome) decreed that Jews could not be studying/involved with Torah. Pappos ben Yehuda came and found Rabbi Akiva, who was convening assemblies in public and engaging in Torah study. Pappos said to him: Akiva, are you not afraid of the empire? Rabbi Akiva answered him: I will relate a parable (mashal). To what can this be compared? The story is told of a fox walking by the riverside. He saw fish darting from place to place and asked them, "Why do you take flight?" They said to him: "We are fleeing from the nets that people cast upon us." He said to them: "Do you wish to come up onto dry land, and we will reside together just as my ancestors resided with your ancestors?" The fish said to him: You are the one of whom they say: 'He is the cleverest of animals?' Um...no! You are actually quite foolish. If we are afraid in the water--our natural habitat which gives us life--then in a habitat that causes our death, all the more so! [Rabbi Akiva now describes the nimshal]: So too, we in the Jewish community...If we were to cease from Torah, how much more so [might we forfeit our lives]!

Babylonian Talmud,
Tractate Berakhot, Page 61b

As you can see, rabbinic story-lessons are often taught in the extreme to amplify the importance of the particular virtue. But just beyond the boldness of the teaching, a more universal and eternal message emerges.

For quite some time (forever!) human beings have been darting about trying to balance the seeming polarities in our choices. We know that there's a "water" which gives us life, but also a dry land which also contains life, if often quite different.

Each "home" requires sacrifice that we don't always want to make, and sometimes even can't make. So we walk as best we can in two-worlds, usually in the one that feels more comfortable--quite beautiful sometimes--but at other moments, awkwardly foreign.

And while this particular teaching suggests one or the other: a) Torah and danger, or b) no Torah, more danger; beneath the surface lies a more textured and thick teaching, and it's this: The true home may not be water or land. The binary is a false dichotomy.

The home in this lesson (*mashal/nimshal*) is portable, transferable, and permeable: Torah. The safety--the spiritual haven--is not a scroll, per se, but the capacity to animate and translate what was, for what is, and therefore what might be.

Ein Mayyim Elah Torah our sages teach. Water is Torah. Torah is water. Torah is home. Home is Torah.

It's constantly flowing, nourishing, entering and exiting, consuming and being consumed. And when we enter into its embrace--open-hearted, curious, and critical--we breathe a living and dynamic air that expands the soul. When we add our own voices, when we inhabit the white spaces between the black letters, we uniquely encourage the soul's ever-blossoming.

This year we've designed the MakomDC (pages 8-9) learning series to dart back and forth between these ideas: defining and understanding the many homes of Jewish life, physical and metaphysical, by giving each participant the opportunity to swim with our primary home, Torah.

Join us when you can. It'll be just like home.



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Musical Moments at Adas

Brought to you by Cantor Arianne Brown
& the Musical Moments Committee

Featured Musical Performance



Jewish Music, Jewish Soul

Starring Cantor Simon Spiro

Joined by Cantor Arianne Brown, DC's Thomas Circle Singers, and our own Flash Choir

Sunday, November 4 @ 3:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENT

A gift to the Jewish community as the first of our incredible *Kramer Family Concert Series*. Come join world-renowned performer Simon Spiro in a dazzling concert of powerful Jewish music encompassing various genres and styles. A wonderful dessert reception in Kay Hall follows.

Cantor Simon Spiro is recognized by his colleagues as one of the foremost cantors alive today. He is known as “the British jazz singer” for balancing dual careers in cantorial and pop music. His hit singles on Israeli and British pop charts are rivaled only by the emotional depth of his prayers, boosted by gorgeous choral and orchestral arrangements.

Free of charge with advance RSVP by visiting adasisrael.org/musicalmoments or calling 202-362-4433; \$10 at the door.



A Message From Cantor Brown



Thank You!

Every year, after the High Holy Days, we talk as a staff and share some of the moments that were most meaningful to each of us. Every year, without fail, my most powerful and precious memories involve you—moments when our own Adas community members participate on the *bima*, helping to lead musical moments of *tefillah*. I would like to thank all of you who rehearsed, prepared, and added beauty to our prayers.

Shofar Callers: Ariel Alexander, Atalia Berger, Bayla Berger, Maayan Berger, Yonah Brown, Eric Fromson, Isabella Fromson, Mia Gerson, Elizabeth Hare, Eli King, Ruby Madden, Abigail McGraw-Traster, Alex Nehrer, Jonah Rakitt, Micah Rosenbaum-Solomon, Sadie Rosenbaum-Solomon, Brooke Walker, Grier Walker, and Maya Yahana.

Teen Singers: Elizabeth Hare, Lizzy Kolbrener, Nell Kolbrener, Allyn Martus, Jennifer Nehrer, Courtney Pine, Ari Rubinstein, Jacob Zuckerman, and Rachel Zuckerman.

Haftarat Yonah readers: Rochelle Berman, Nechama Masliansky, April Rubin, Elior Waskow, and Shifra Waskow.

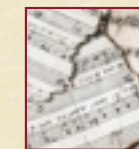
Flash Choir: Geoff Berman, Nathaniel Berman, Rochelle Berman, Morris Chalick, Rachel Eitches, Julia Gordon, Rae Grad, Judy Madden, Rachel Mauro, Jennifer Nehrer, Nancy Silverman, Healey Sutton, and Cathy Toren.

Flash Choir Chamber Singers: Geoff Berman, Ian Cohen, Taylor Cusack, Rae Grad, Michelle Kanter-Cohen, Jonah Richmond, Emma Rosenthal, and Joan Wolf.

Violin: Michelle Kanter-Cohen.

If you love to sing and would like to participate in Kolot (youth choir) or Flash Choir (a commit-per-event congregational choir), please reach out to me so that we can include you in the future.

2018–19 Program



Singing in the Sun

Monday, February 4 @ 4:00 pm



Lost at Home

Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:00 pm

PURIM SPIEL



Move & Groove

Sunday, February 10 @ 10:00 am



Nefesh Mountain

Shabbat, May 17 – 18



Kol HaOlam 2019

Saturday, March 2 @ 8:00 pm

adasisrael.org/musicalmoments



Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

with Dr. Prof. Daniel C. Matt

FROM KABBALAH TO THE BIG BANG:
ANCIENT WISDOM & CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY

FRIDAY, NOV. 30–SUNDAY, DEC. 2

Dr. Daniel Matt, one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah, will introduce us to some of the central themes of the Jewish mystical tradition. On Friday night, Nov. 30, he will focus on the concept of *Shechinah* (the feminine aspect of God) in the context of Shabbat. In his subsequent presentations, he will show how the Zohar interprets and reimagines the Torah, and how the mystical tradition enables us to discover God in the material world. Finally, he will address the question of "God and the Big Bang," exploring parallels between Kabbalah and contemporary cosmology, and seeking to find harmony between science and spirituality.

- **Friday night, Nov. 30:** *Shechinah*: The Feminine Half of God
- **Shabbat morning, Dec. 1:** *Derash*: The Mystical Meaning of Torah
- **Shabbat after Kiddush:** Raising the Sparks: Finding God in the Material World
- **Sunday morning, Dec. 2:** God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality



Shechinah: The Feminine Half of God

One of the boldest contributions of Kabbalah is the idea that God is equally female and male. Dr. Matt will briefly trace the development of Kabbalah and then focus on the concept of *Shechinah* (the feminine aspect of God) from its rabbinic origins to its full flowering in the *Zohar*, where *Shechinah* is identified with the Sabbath Bride.



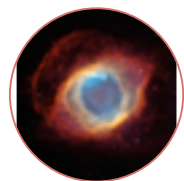
The Mystical Meaning of Torah

How does the mystical approach to Torah differ from a literal approach? From a midrashic approach? How can a mystical approach enrich our lives today? Dr. Matt will explore these questions with us by teaching several passages from his award-winning translation, *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*.



Raising the Sparks: Finding God in the Material World

How can we encounter God in our daily life? Dr. Matt will explore this question with us by teaching passages from Kabbalah and Hasidism on the nature of God, the act of Creation, and the challenge of discovering God in the material world.



God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality

Our scholar-in-residence will explore the parallels between Kabbalah and contemporary cosmology. How does the mystical understanding of Creation compare with the modern theory of the origin of the universe? Is there a way to harmonize these two approaches—the scientific and the spiritual?

Dr. Daniel Matt is one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah and the Zohar. He has been featured in *Time* and *Newsweek*, and has appeared on National Public Radio and the History Channel. He has published over a dozen books, including *The Essential Kabbalah* (translated into seven languages), *Zohar: Annotated and Explained*, and *God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality* (revised edition, 2016).

Recently Dr. Matt completed an 18-year project of translating and annotating the Zohar. In 2016, Stanford University Press published his ninth volume of *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*, concluding the Zohar's main commentary on the Torah. For this work, he has been honored with a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award. The latter award called his translation "a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought."

For twenty years, Dr. Matt served as professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, and has also taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He lives in Berkeley with his wife, Hana.



An Evening with Yossi Klein Halevi

A Special AIPAC Evening: 70 Years of Friendship

With Guest Speaker Yossi Klein Halevi, Senior Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 @ 7:30 PM

Senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, Yossi Klein Halevi co-directs the Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative with Imam Abdullah Antepli of Duke University. Halevi has written several books, including *Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*, published by HarperCollins in 2013, which won the Jewish Book Council's Everett Book of the Year Award. He also writes for the op-ed pages of leading American newspapers and is a former contributing editor to the *New Republic*. His latest book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, released May 15, 2018, hit the *New York Times* Hardcover Nonfiction best seller list in June. Born in New York, Halevi has a B.A. in Jewish studies from Brooklyn College and a master's in journalism from Northwestern University. He moved to Israel in 1982, where he lives in Jerusalem with his wife, Sarah, a landscape designer. They have three children.



THEATER J'S 2018-2019 SEASON, 'AROUND TOWN'

WRITTEN BY STEVE LACHTER

As many of you know, the Washington DCJCC has begun a major renovation of its historic 16th Street building. One of the gems of the Jewish cultural scene, Theater J will use this opportunity to present its 2018-2019 season at a variety of exciting neighborhood venues "around town," including the Kennedy Center, Arena Stage, and Georgetown University. As an Adas Israel member and a member of the Theater J Council (the governing Board of the theater), I, along with other Adas/Council members (Rae Grad, Lois Fingerhut, Al Munzer, and Ellen Malasky) want to share our enthusiasm for Theater J with you during this special season by inviting members of the Adas community to support Theater J by subscribing, attending individual productions, attending the **Theater J Gala on November 1, 2018**, and getting involved with this unique Jewish institution right down the street.

Theater J is a nationally recognized, professional theater that celebrates and explores the complexities and nuances of the Jewish experience and the universal human condition. As the nation's largest, "most prominent" (*American Theater Magazine*) and "most influential Jewish theater company in the nation" (*Washington Post*), Theater J deserves the continued support of the DC Jewish community and, most particularly, the membership of Adas Israel. Theater J's productions are thoroughly professional, on a par with the high quality of professional theater produced in our region. In addition to first-rate productions and courses for theater lovers, Theater J recently has started an ongoing initiative dedicated to preserving and reviving the forgotten literature of the Yiddish theater. For the upcoming months, while the DCJCC is under renovation, Theater J will produce four shows in four different venues: *The Pianist of Willesden Lane*, an acclaimed one-woman show with music, at the Kennedy Center; *Actually*, a timely contemporary drama by Anna Ziegler, at Arena Stage; *Talley's Folly*, a revival of a fabulous period love story by Lanford Wilson, at GALA Hispanic Theater; and *The Jewish Queen Lear*, a new adaptation (in English) of the famous Yiddish theater classic, *Mirele Efros* at Georgetown University.

Information about Theater J is readily available online, at theaterj.org, brochures are available at Adas Israel and, for the next month at the Edlavich DCJCC. Subscribe to the season (which gives you an opportunity to add-on tickets to three exciting productions at Arena Stage, the Lansburgh Theater, and Woolly Mammoth), see one or more shows and get to know Theater J, a truly wonderful addition to the rich Jewish experience of living in the Washington area.



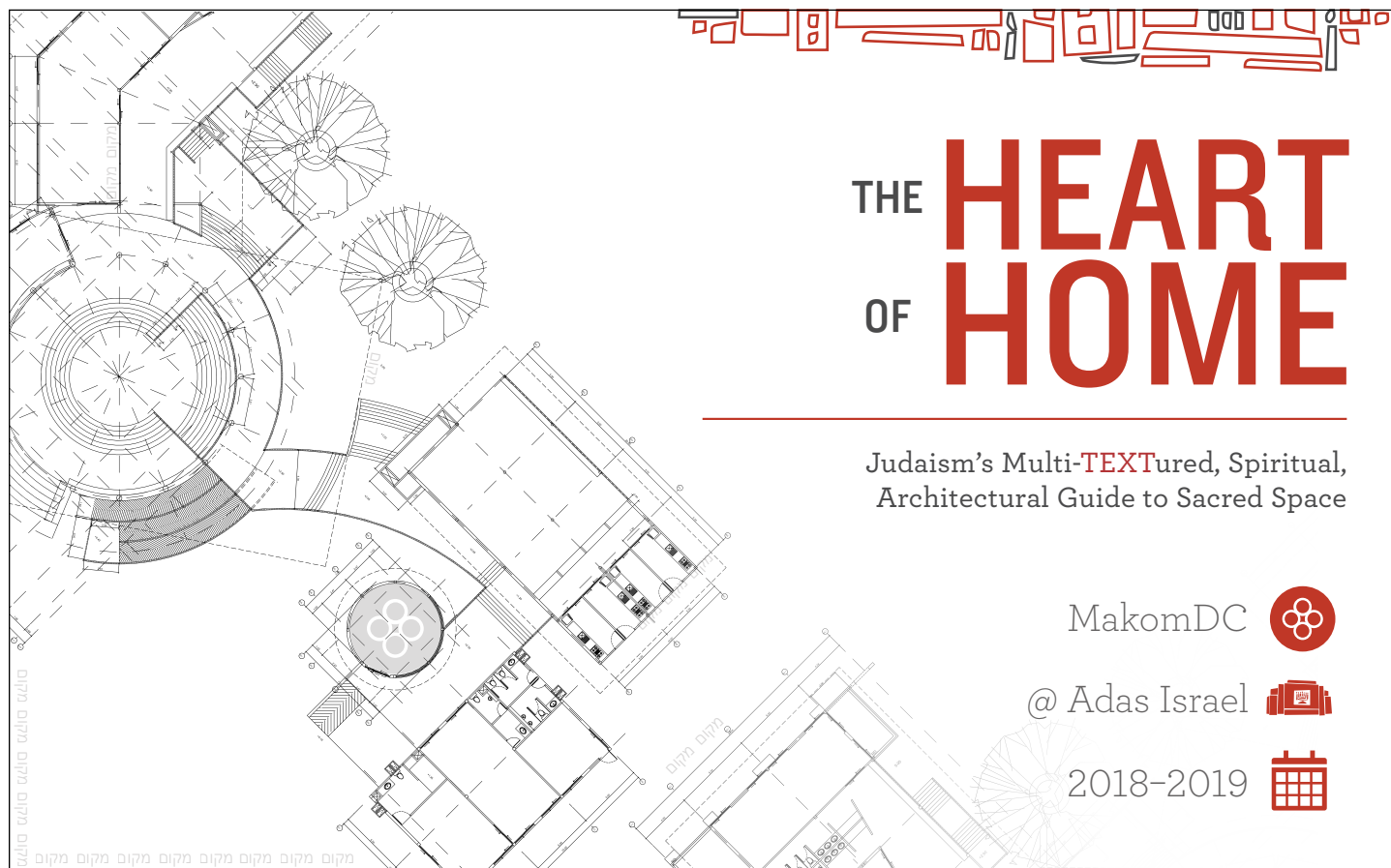
Actually By Anna Ziegler; Directed by Johanna Gruenhut

OCTOBER 17–NOVEMBER 18, 2018

At Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater in the Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle,
1101 6th St SW, Washington, DC

Tom and Amber, freshmen at Princeton University seem to be on the same page about where their relationship is heading, until suddenly they aren't. What begins as a casual hook up turns into a Title IX hearing in which both students have everything to lose. Tackling the highly charged topic of sexual consent, this provocative new play by Anna Ziegler investigates the intersection of gender and race in campus politics today, offering a nuanced and psychologically rich portrait of a generation. Featuring Sylvia Kates and Jaysen Wright. *Los Angeles Times* raved: "Gripping. Beautifully rendered and complex...destined to trigger discussion." **Tickets and information at TheaterJ.org and 202.277.3210.**





MakomDC 2018–19 Season

The Heart of “Home”: Judaism’s Multi-Textured, Spiritual, Architectural Guide to Sacred Space

Over the course of the year, our rabbis and distinguished scholars will lead us in guided text study, conversations, and presentations that explore the Jewish tradition’s essential teachings on defining holy community. Together we’ll navigate the particular values that bind us and the universal ideas that inspire us, and then think together about where they do and don’t intersect. **To learn more visit adasisrael.org/makomdc.** Register for lectures or classes online or by calling Courtney Tisch, 202-362-4433, ext. 125.

2018–2019 MENDELSON SHABBAT SCHOLAR



POST-KIDDUSH HALAKHA CLASS

Dr. James Loeffler

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 1:00 PM

Join us as our November Mendelson *Shabbat* Scholar, Dr. James Loeffler, guest teaches this month’s text-based class, after *kiddush*, using *halakhah* (Jewish life and living) as a prism through which to access our monthly topic. Dr. Loeffler is the Jay Berkowitz Professor of Jewish History at the University of Virginia and the author of the recently published *Rooted Cosmopolitans: Jews and Human Rights in the Twentieth Century*, which was a finalist for the Natan Prize for best Jewish book of the year.



The Text with Rabbi Elianna Yolkut

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ 7:30 PM

On the third Tuesday of the month, we will explore transformative Jewish texts in their original Aramaic and Hebrew. This means that we will break our teeth together and study with no translations but with lots of support from your peers and teachers.

ONGOING LEARNING:



The Text 2.0: In Depth *Halakhah* (Jewish Law) with Rabbi Aaron Alexander

TUESDAYS, NOV. 13, JAN. 29, MARCH 19, & MAY 21 @ 7:30 PM

Rabbi Alexander will lead learners in a textual exploration of a topic in Jewish Law, using original sources without translation. This series is designed primarily for those with previous experience studying classical rabbinic texts in Hebrew/Aramaic.



Jewish Hyperlinks with Hazzan Goldsmith

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18 @ 10:15 AM

Being Jewish is all about asking questions—and every question you ask will lead you to another question! Let’s follow some of these links from our services and liturgy and explore the relationships they have to our Jewish and human experiences. We will start with some questions about *Shabbat* and the calendar and see where the links lead us. Come for one session or all three.



Boker Or Shabbat Study

SATURDAY MORNINGS @ 8:30 AM

Boker Or meets Saturday mornings in the Biran *Beit Midrash* with the weekly portion as its focus.

NOVEMBER 3, Rabbi Sarah Krinsky

NOVEMBER 10, Rabbi Aaron Alexander

NOVEMBER 17, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

NOVEMBER 24, No *Boker Or*



Friday *Parsha* Study

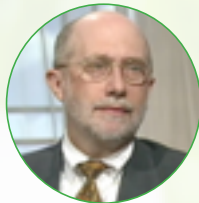
with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Rabbi Aaron Alexander, or Rabbi Sarah Krinsky

FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 10:00 AM

Please join us Friday mornings in the Biran *Beit Midrash* for an exclusive look at the weekly *parsha*. On the first and second Friday of the month, Rabbi Holtzblatt will explore the *parsha* through the lens of Hassidut and mysticism; on the third and fourth Fridays, Rabbi Alexander will use the Talmud as the prism for the weekly reading; and on the fifth Friday, Rabbi Krinsky will lead the exploration.

JMCW@ADAS

jewish mindfulness center of washington



A mystic is anyone who has the gnawing suspicion that the apparent discord, brokenness, contradictions and discontinuities that assault us every day might conceal a hidden unity.

RABBI LAWRENCE KUSHNER

Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition, literally means “to receive.” According to Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, “God is not only involved in everything, God is everything,” and through spiritual study and meditation Jewish mystics sought to receive God’s wisdom and the mystery of creation. A popular creation legend promoted by 16th century Kabbalist Isaac Luria speaks of vessels that shattered because they were unable to contain God’s creative power of divine light. These broken pieces of God’s light were scattered throughout the world and left behind for humanity to piece together and repair, a concept known as *tikkun olam*. JMCW’s programming revolves around practices that strengthen our ability to stay open to receiving, liberating, and repairing those divine sparks. We invite you to join our ongoing meditation and yoga classes, *Shabbat* services, and special workshops. And if you want to know more about Kabbalah, come learn with one of the foremost authorities, Dr. Daniel Matt. He will be at Adas at the end of this month for a weekend of teaching (see below for details). We look forward to joining with you in this season of transition and gratitude.

ONGOING OFFERINGS

Our weekly JMCW meditation and yoga classes offer a home to those who wish to explore embodied spirituality. The yoga program includes an array of practices that seek to awaken and stimulate the senses through full mind/body exploration. Classes often draw on Mussar, *Kabbalah*, and the wisdom of Jewish thinkers. Meditation sits offers participants an opportunity to come together for guided teachings, a wide variety of meditation techniques, and silent community sits.



Vinyasa Lunar Flow

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30–7:20 PM

A slow-paced asana practice for all levels, led by a rotating roster of JMCW faculty.



Weekly Meditation Sit

WEDNESDAYS @ 7:30–8:30 PM

A community sit that integrates meditation techniques with guided teachings, led by a rotating roster of JMCW faculty.



Morning Awakening Led by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

TUESDAYS @ 9:00 AM

Come join JMCW for an uplifting 45 minutes of mindful prayer and song as we begin the day together. Morning Awakening is a new take on the traditional Jewish morning service led by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt. Start your Tuesday with a dose of mindfulness!



The Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW) offers services, programs, and workshops that help deepen contemplative practices as part of our individual and communal religious and spiritual lives. Watch this space each month to follow these JMCW offerings. Visit our Adas web page at adasisrael.org/jmcw, where you can also subscribe to our weekly newsletter. Find us on Facebook, JMCW at Adas Israel!

It is not enough to know God only in the mind. Bind understanding to your heart so that the awe of The Holy One’s greatness results in true devotion.
— Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

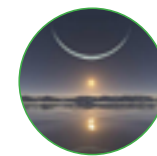
SPECIAL SERVICES & WORKSHOPS



Return Again to *Shabbat* with Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander, Cantor Brown & The Return Again Band

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ 6:30 PM

This monthly service is an intergenerational favorite in our congregation! Join us for a reflective journey into the power of *Shabbat*. The evening features seasoned musicians and a spiritual, personal excursion into prayer and song. A festive Israeli tapas-style feast follows. *Please register for dinner on the Adas JMCW web page.



Rosh Chodesh: Celebrating The New Moon Led by Core JMCW Faculty

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 7:00–9:00 PM

Women of all ages, experiences, and identifications are invited to join for a nourishing evening of Jewish yoga and mindfulness practice. Jewish tradition teaches that our bodies are deeply in sync with the lunar cycle, and *Rosh Chodesh* calls us to listen to these timeless, embodied rhythms. Following the asana practice, we will gather for a group discussion circle. **Please register for this special offering on the JMCW Adas web page.** This ongoing monthly offering is co-sponsored by the Adas Mikvah and usually includes an optional immersion in the *mikvah*. We are excited that the *mikvah* is being renovated this fall; please contact us if you need access to another *mikvah* in DC through the end of December and stay tuned for a beautiful (and accessible) space.



Rock Creek Sh'ma A Walking Meditation

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 2:00–4:00 PM

Immerse in the stillness of Shabbat and set your *kavannah* for the week ahead with this silent walking meditation in Rock Creek Park. Current research finds that microdosing on nature has profound healing effects. Join us for this new JMCW offering, a Shabbat walkabout.

SPECIAL WEEKEND SCHOLAR!



God and the Big Bang and Other Topics in Kabbalah with Dr. Daniel Matt

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30–SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

Join us for an extraordinary opportunity to study with this preeminent Kabbalah scholar right here at Adas! Dr. Matt was a professor of Jewish spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley and is best known for his remarkable translation of the book of Zohar. A labor of many years, this translation is transforming how the Zohar is studied and appreciated. Dr. Matt received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University and has taught at Stanford and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. *Read more about the weekend on page 6 of The Chronicle.*

JMCW RECOMMENDS . . .



The Essential Kabbalah: The Heart of Jewish Mysticism by Daniel C. Matt

While the study of Jewish mysticism has traditionally felt out-of-reach, this accessible translation is aimed toward a wider audience. By including historical context, along with a compact presentation of each primary text, Dr. Matt provides the reader with an insightful and practical analysis of various aspects of the Kabbalah. This book and others by Dr. Matt are available at the Adas library. Additional books on Jewish spirituality, meditation, and mindfulness can be found under call number 175.01, or speak with Adas Librarian Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org) for more information.

For registrations, updates, and additional information and offerings, please visit the JMCW web page, adasisrael.org/jmcw or the JMCW Facebook Group. Please direct any questions to: Alesandra.Zsiba@adasisrael.org.

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From the Director of Education

RABBI KERRITH SOLOMON



Just as our students have unique learning styles, they also have their own interests and passions. One of our favorite things about Ma'alot, our high school program, is that our students have the opportunity to "choose their own adventure" as part of their learning. Each semester, our seventh, eighth, and ninth graders have the opportunity to pick an elective as their second period class. Our staff members have the chance to share exciting courses that fill out the diverse nature of our curriculum. From content to style, they all have their own, distinct character but each is in service of the same goal: broadening our offerings through meaningful, deep learning.

Take a look at last year's classes and stay tuned to hear what our students are taking this year!

2017 Fall Electives

2017

Ma'alot Fall Electives
(7th - 9th grade)

Ask Big Questions
with Noa Havivi

Conversational Hebrew
with Ben Beraha

IncomPARABLES: Traditional Storytelling & Story Writing
with Lindsay Goldman

Jewish Activism Through The Ages
with Ariel Rubin

Jews in the News
with Guy Ziv

Mensch-in-Me in the Movies
with Ben Wacks

Tractate Debate
with David Schreiber

2018 Spring Electives

2018

Ma'alot Spring Electives
(7th - 9th grade)

Conversational Hebrew
with Ben Beraha

Global Jewish Communities
with Lindsay Goldman

Harry Potter & the Sacred Text
with Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum

Jewish Inspiration in Your Art
with Ariel Rubin

Judaism in the Social Media Age
with Ben Wacks

Leaders & Leadership
with Guy Ziv

Nefesh V'Guf: Mind, Body & Soul
with Noa Havivi

The Voyage to the Garden
with David Schreiber

2019 Electives: Coming Soon!

2019

Ma'alot Electives
(7th - 9th grade)



SEEING & TEACHING EACH CHILD

Each person has a unique learning style. If you are a visual learner, you learn by reading or seeing pictures. You understand and remember things by sight. You can picture what you are learning in your head, and you learn best by using methods that are primarily visual. You like to see what you are learning. You often close your eyes to visualize or remember something. You may have difficulty with spoken directions and be easily distracted by sounds. You are attracted to color and to spoken language (like stories) that is rich in imagery.

Here are some ideas that visual learners can do to help their learning:

- Sit near the front of the classroom.
- Try to visualize things that you hear or things that are read to you.
- Write down key words, ideas, or instructions.
- Draw pictures to help explain new concepts and then explain the pictures.
- Color code things.
- Avoid distractions during study times.

Visual learners need to see things, not just hear them, to learn well. Our program uses a multi-modal approach to learning, so students will have opportunities to read from books and look at video clips and our teachers write down key thoughts on the board—all ways to help all students, but particularly helpful for our visual learners.

—Pamela Gorin, Assistant Director of Education

ANNOUNCING MACCABIAH 5779!

New to the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School, Maccabiah will be a year-long opportunity for *Gishron* through sixth grade to compete for the Maccabiah Cup. Points will be awarded for triumphs in: *hesed*, *kavod*, participation during *Mincha/Ma'ariv/Shachrit* Live, vocabulary Hebrew words of the week, *ruach*, and *mitzvot*! Each grade will have its own hourglass *Hanukkah* branch on the third floor, where points will be publicly recorded. At the end of the year, the grade with the most points wins the Maccabiah cup, a great honor. There will be intermediate prizes and awards honoring grades in the lead at different points during the school year.

Check the *Chronicle* each month for additional ways for grades to earn extra points. For November: write your favorite thing about religious school and bring it to the religious school office with your name and grade!

GAN HAYELED

In this season of gratitude, words of thanks are often exchanged, and discussions of "What are you thankful for?" occur. Here in the Gan we want our young students to have authentic discussions and meaningful experiences that help them, whether they be 2, 3, 4, or 5 years old, and truly feel the power of giving and receiving gestures of gratitude. Beyond words, gestures are powerful for children. Giving a hug, making eye contact, or even exchanging a big, excited smile, can convey powerful emotions to a child. In the Gan, we strive to create a culture of gratitude all year long, one that embraces Jewish values, as well as illuminates this season of thanks.

In the early childhood world, we embrace and believe that, "It is not joy that makes us grateful, but gratitude that makes us joyful." A focus on joy and gratitude guides us each day in the Gan, and this is what we wish for the entire Adas Israel community!



Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2–3:
Sixth-Grade Shabbaton Retreat at Capital Camps
Sunday, Nov. 4:
Camp Fair in Wasserman Hall, 11:30 am
Wednesday, Nov. 21:
Thanksgiving Break, NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Sunday, Nov. 25:
Thanksgiving Break, NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div>2819 Cheshvan</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:30 amBeginner's Hebrew Class</div> <div>10:30 amJMCW Wise Aging 2.0</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>2920 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Miyan</div> | <div>3021 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Awakening w/ Rabbi Lauren</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>7:30 pmMakomDC: Synthesis & Application</div> | <div>3122 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pmJMCW Lunar Flow Yoga</div> <div>7:00 pmJSC Class</div> <div>7:30 pmJMCW Meditation Session</div> <div>8:15 pmJSC Class</div> | <div>123 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>12:15 pmJCC Bible Class</div> <div>1:00 pmSisterhood: Mah Jongg</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>224 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amParsha with Hassidut</div> <div>6:00 pmKabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Goldsmith</div> <div>6:30 pmShir Delight Happy Hour</div> <div>7:30 pmShir Delight Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt</div> <div>8:30 pmShir Delight Shabbat Dinner</div> <div>5:48 pm</div> | <div>3 PARSHAT CHAYA SARAH25 Cheshvan</div> <div>8:30 amBoker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 amShabbat Morning Service/Return Again Lite</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah: Edward Davis</div> <div>Sermon by Rabbi Alexander</div> <div>9:30 amTraditional Egalitarian Minyan with Rabbi Krinsky</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah: Adam Strong-Jacobson</div> <div>9:45 amHavurah Shabbat Service</div> <div>12:00pmCongregational Kiddush</div> <div>11:00 amNetivot</div> <div>11:00 amTot Shabbat</div> <div>12:30 pmHavurah Shabbat Kiddush</div> <div>1:00 pmMincha</div> <div>6:48 pmHavdalah</div> |
| <div>426 Cheshvan</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:15 amAdas Book Chat</div> <div>10:15 amJewish Hyperlinks w/ H. Goldsmith</div> <div>10:30 amBeginner's Hebrew Class</div> <div>3:00 pmJewish Music-Jewish Soul Concert</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>527 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>628 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Awakening w/ Rabbi Lauren</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>729 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pmJMCW Vinyasa Lunar Flow</div> <div>7:00 pmJSC Class</div> <div>7:30 pmIntro to Judaism</div> <div>7:30 pmJMCW Meditation Session</div> <div>8:15 pmJSC Class</div> | <div>830 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>12:15 pmJCC Bible Class</div> <div>1:00 pmSisterhood: Mah Jongg</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>91 Kislev</div> <div>7:15 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amParsha with Hassidut</div> <div>6:30 pmReturn Again Service with Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander</div> <div>8:00 pmCommunity Shabbat Dinner</div> <div>4:41 pm</div> | <div>10 PARSHAT TOLDOT2 Kislev</div> <div>8:30 amBoker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 amReturn Again Shabbat Morning Service</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah: Daniela Klein</div> <div>9:30 amTraditional Egalitarian Minyan with Rabbi Alexander</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah: Benny Hasenberg</div> <div>11:00 amTot Shabbat</div> <div>11:00 amNetivot</div> <div>12:00 pmCongregational Kiddush</div> <div>1:00 pmShabbat Mincha</div> <div>5:41 pmHavdalah</div> |
| Change Your Clocks: Fall Back | | | | | | |
| <div>113 Kislev</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amYP Learning w/ Rabbi Krinsky</div> <div>10:15 amJewish Hyperlinks w/ H. Goldsmith</div> <div>10:30 amBeginner's Hebrew Class</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>124 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>135 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Awakening w/ Rabbi Lauren</div> <div>10:00 amWeekday Torah w/ Sisterhood</div> <div>12:00 pmDowntown Study Group</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>7:00 pmRosh Chodesh: Celebrating New Moon</div> <div>7:30 pmMakomDC: The Text 2.0</div> | <div>146 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pmJMCW Vinyasa Lunar Flow</div> <div>7:00 pmJSC Class</div> <div>7:30 pmSisterhood Sewing Circle</div> <div>7:30 pmAIPAC: Yossi Klein Halevi Event</div> <div>7:30 pmIntro to Judaism</div> <div>7:30 pmJMCW Meditation Session</div> <div>8:15 pmJSC Class</div> | <div>157 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>12:15 pmJCC Bible Class</div> <div>1:00 pmSisterhood: Mah Jongg</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>168 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amParsha with Talmudic Commentary</div> <div>5:30 pmYoung Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Alexander</div> <div>6:00 pmTraditional Lay-Led Shabbat Service</div> <div>4:35 pm</div> | <div>17 PARSHAT VAYETZE9 Kislev</div> <div>8:30 amBoker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 amShabbat Morning Service</div> <div>Bat Mitzvah: Amelia Oscherwitz</div> <div>Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt</div> <div>9:30 amTraditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>9:45 amHavurah Shabbat Service</div> <div>11:00 amTot Shabbat</div> <div>11:00 amNetivot</div> <div>12:00 pmCongregational Kiddush</div> <div>12:30 pmHavurah Shabbat Kiddush</div> <div>12:45 pmShabbat Mincha</div> <div>1:00 pmMakomDC: Dr. James Loeffler</div> <div>5:35 pmHavdalah</div> |
| <div>1810 Kislev</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 amDCJCC: Everything But The Turkey</div> <div>10:15 amJewish Hyperlinks w/ H. Goldsmith</div> <div>10:30 amJMCW Wise Aging</div> <div>10:30 amBeginner's Hebrew Class</div> <div>2:00 pmDC Klezmer Workshop</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>1911 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pmDCJCC: Everything But The Turkey</div> | <div>2012 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Awakening w/ Rabbi Lauren</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>2113 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pmJMCW Vinyasa Lunar Flow</div> <div>7:30 pmJMCW Meditation Session</div> <div>8:15 pmJSC Class</div> | <div>2214 Kislev</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan (Thanksgiving)</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>2315 Kislev</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmKabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>4:31 pm</div> | <div>24 PARSHAT VAYISHLACH16 Kislev</div> <div>9:30 amCombined Smith/TEM Service</div> <div>D'var Torah by Rabbi Alexander</div> <div>12:00 pmCongregational Kiddush</div> <div>1:00 pmMincha</div> <div>5:31 pmHavdalah</div> |
| <div>2517 Kislev</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>2618 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>2719 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Awakening w/ Rabbi Lauren</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>2820 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pmJMCW Vinyasa Lunar Flow</div> <div>7:00 pmJSC Class</div> <div>7:00 pmAdas Book Chat: Paula Shoyer</div> <div>7:30 pmIntro to Judaism: Kashrut</div> <div>7:30 pmJMCW Meditation Session</div> <div>8:15 pmJSC Class</div> | <div>2921 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>12:15 pmJCC Bible Class</div> <div>1:00 pmSisterhood: Mah Jongg</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> | <div>3022 Kislev</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amParsha with Hassidut</div> <div>6:00 pmKabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Brown</div> <div>4:28 pm</div> | <div>1 PARSHAT VAYESHEV23 Kislev</div> <div>8:30 amBoker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 amShabbat Morning Service/Return Again Lite w/ Rabbi Alexander</div> <div>Bat Mitzvah: Rachel Kolko</div> <div>9:30 amTraditional Egalitarian Minyan with Rabbi Holtzblatt</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Steindecker</div> <div>9:45 amHavurah Shabbat Service</div> <div>11:00 amNetivot</div> <div>11:00 amTot Shabbat</div> <div>12:00 pmCongregational Kiddush</div> <div>12:30 pmHavurah Shabbat Kiddush</div> <div>1:00 pmShabbat Mincha</div> <div>1:15 pmScholar in Residence Weekend w/ Daniel Matt</div> <div>5:28 pmHavdalah</div> |

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.

Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: Join us for our Shabbat morning services in the renewed Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, the synagogue's largest worship space, led by our inspiring Rabbi and Cantor. The service includes a D'var Torah and sermon by the Rabbi and often includes participation by members and B'nai Mitzvah.

Traditional Egalitarian Minyan (TEM): Every Shabbat morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around 10:30 am. Led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of Adas clergy, the TEM is a participatory service with a full P'sukei D'Zimrah (introductory Psalms), Shacharit, and Musaf, a complete reading of the weekly Torah portion, and a d'var Torah. For more information, e-mail traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org.

Havurah Service: Lay-led, participatory service at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. A kiddush follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.

Youth Shabbat Services: Starting with Tot Shabbat for children ages 5 and under led by Menuhah Peters. Netivot, for students in grades K–3, is led by Sarah Attermann or Jeremy Kadden.

‘Dial-in’ for Programs & Services: If you are unable to attend programs, lectures, or services, dial in to hear them. Call 202-686-8405.

Library Open on Shabbat: Our third-floor library is open on Shabbat following services. You may sign out materials using our “no-writing Shabbat method,” explained in signs on the check-out desks. For assistance during the week, contact our Director of Library Services, Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).



sisterhoodnews

NETWORKING, NURTURING, LEARNING, SUSTAINING



Examining Women's Breast Health WITH DR. RACHEL BREM

In partnership with the Brem Foundation, please join Dr. Rachel Brem, Director of the Breast Imaging and Intervention Center and Program Leader for Breast Cancer Center, and Andrea Wolf, President/CEO of the Brem Foundation at the George Washington Cancer Center for a discussion of risk factors, screening options, and self-advocacy, arming women with the information they need to have educated conversations with their physicians about proper screening for breast cancer. Genetic testing and the latest screening information with genetic testing for more than 30 cancer markers will be available on-site (there is a fee for testing). The event is free. Please register at www.adasisrael.org/Sisterhood.

Not Your Mother's (or Grandmother's) Sisterhood...

By June Kress, Membership Chair

A recent issue of Sisterhood's e-newsletter proclaimed that "We've Got an Incredible Year Ahead." It's true. The Sisterhood Program Committee has put together a remarkable set of special events, ongoing activities, and numerous opportunities for Jewish women in the congregation and beyond to have fun, make new friends, socialize with friends you haven't seen in a while, celebrate customs, share cultures, and gain knowledge.

We're all about embracing women of many ages and stages of life, and there really is something for everyone, whether you want to focus on learning, doing good for others, or just having fun in a comfortable social setting. And, when there's food, it's always the best!

I recently heard from a woman who is new to DC and to Adas Israel, has a six-month-old baby, and is on the job market. She was interested in hearing more about Sisterhood as a way to

enhance her synagogue experience. She came to the right place for community, and the potential is always there for job-related networking. For women under 30, the dues are \$36, and trust me, this is NOT your mother's (or grandmother's) Sisterhood.

Renewing or joining is now so much easier than in the past. Visit this link to fill out a simple form—www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood—and you can use your credit card or send a check. The form tells you exactly what to do. And, if you have any questions, just call (202-316-3439) or e-mail me (junebkress@gmail.com). I'm more than happy to help.

Our wonderful Membership Committee worked hard last year, increasing the number of members to well over the 200 mark. We're committed to maintaining and even surpassing that goal, so we hope you'll renew or join today.

ruth & simon albert

sisterhood gift shop

Hanukkah means gifts for family and friends, little presents each night of *Hanukkah* for the kids, decorations for the home, *menorahs*, and candles, candles, candles! We have an outstanding array of items from which to choose. Shop early and often! **First candle is DECEMBER 2!**

Shop Hours:
Sunday–Monday,
Wednesday–Friday:
9:30am–12:30PM
Special Tuesday Hours:
9:30am–3pm & 6–8pm

We will be closed:
Nov. 22, 23, & 25.

*Every purchase benefits
Adas Israel Congregation.
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adasgiftshop@gmail.com*



For more information and to register, visit
jewishstudycenter.org.

Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 pm & 8:15 pm

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- **Conflicting Memories, Unreconciled Narratives: How the Memory of World War II Continues to Haunt Eastern Europe**, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7
- **The Practical Politics of Historical Memory: Protecting Burial Sites**, Nov. 14
- **Untangling the Psalms**, Nov. 7, 28
- **Magic in Jewish Tradition**, Nov. 14
- **'You'll Get Used to It': German Jewish Fugitives in Canada**, Nov. 28

Conflicting Memories, Unreconciled Narratives: How the Memory of World War II Continues to Haunt Eastern Europe and Why It Matters

Three sessions: Wednesdays, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7 @ 7:00 pm

Instructor: Izabella Tabarovsky

Recent controversy over Poland's problematic "Holocaust Law" has put a sharp focus on the fundamental differences between Western and Eastern European collective memories of World War II. For the West, the Holocaust became a defining historical memory of the war; however, it remained entirely outside the collective memory of Eastern European and Soviet states. The post-independence encounter in these countries with the centrality of the Holocaust to Western memory has produced denial and a search for alternative interpretations. Today, the region is home to widespread Holocaust distortion, selective memory, and whitewashing, while Russia uses some of that history in a propaganda campaign of its own.

JSC, Adas members, \$40; all others, \$55. Single sessions \$15/\$20. (F-6 a, b, c)

The Practical Politics of Historical Memory: What Can We Do to Protect Jewish Burial Sites in Eastern Europe?

Wednesday, Nov. 14 @ 8:15 pm

Instructor: Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld

Co-sponsored with Congregation Ohev Sholom-The National Synagogue.

Rabbi Herzfeld recently led a group on a "spiritual pilgrimage" to

sites of mass murder in Eastern Europe, including Babi Yar, on the outskirts of Kiev, and other places of Nazi murder outside concentration camps. To respect these and other Jewish burial sites and preserve them for memory is an ongoing struggle. This class is envisioned as a practical workshop for those who want to help. If you like, pair it with Izabella Tabarovsky's class on historical memory (Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7).

JSC, Adas, and Ohev Shalom members, \$15; others, \$20. (F-7)

Untangling the Psalms

Nov. 7, 28 @ 8:15 pm

Instructor: Amy Schwartz

The 150 religious poems that make up the Book of Psalms are deeply familiar and deeply strange. Entwined in both Jewish and Christian tradition, they form the backbone of the liturgy and yet speak to us in a modern, sometimes perplexing voice. We'll read, compare translations, and trace the powerful imagery in these works. Readings in English.

JSC, Adas members, \$25; non-members, \$35. (F-11)

Do Jews Believe in Magic?

Wednesday, Nov. 14 @ 7:00 pm

Instructor: Marilyn Cooper

Have you ever wondered what to do if you're possessed by a dybbuk, or how to discover if demons are lurking in your house? You may be surprised to learn that classic Jewish texts offer answers to these questions. Join Marilyn Cooper to explore the fascinating and little-known history of Jewish magic.

JSC, Adas members, \$15; others, \$20. (F-12)

'You'll Get Used to It': The Story of German Jewish Internees in Canada

Wednesday, Nov. 28 @ 7:00 pm

Instructor: Howard Isaac

In mid-1940, as the Battle of France was ending, and the Battle of Britain was about to begin, five ships carrying German Jewish internees left Britain for Canada. These refugees from Nazism were held in prisoner-of-war camps in Canada for as long as two years. Eventually released, the former internees contributed to their new countries in a variety of ways. This class will explore this little-known chapter in the Holocaust and what it was like for these refugees to be held behind barbed wire.

JSC, Adas members, \$15; others, \$20. (F-13)

Adas Office Closings

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 22
Schools/Offices Closed

Day After Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23
Schools/Offices Closed



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'REPAIRING THE WORLD'

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

SOME Labor Day Event

On Labor Day, Adas funded another meal, and our volunteers turned out to prepare and serve it to SOME clients. To get involved with Adas's work at SOME, e-mail Sharon Burka, slburka@aol.com.



Ezra Pantry Kol Hakavod! Yom Kippur Food Drive a Success!

Many thanks to all who contributed food to our annual *Kol Nidre* Food Drive, enabling us to send hundreds and hundreds of pounds of food to SOME (So Others Might Eat). The Ezra Pantry project continues all year long (in addition to the special food drives during High Holy Days and *Pesach*), so please remember

to "bring one more" when you come to Adas. Contact Healey Sutton, healey.sutton@gmail.com, for more information or to get involved.



November Winter Coat Drive to Benefit SOME

The Ezra Pantry rolls out its November Winter Coat Drive to benefit SOME (So Others Might Eat). Please consider donating clean and in good condition winter coats of all sizes. You'll see large white bins in the coat room for our contributions. Let's fill them! Bring in winter coats by November 30, and they will be donated to someone in need. Thank you! **COATS ONLY, PLEASE!**



Ma Tovu Jennifer & Daniel Rosenthal

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Senior Director, Engagement & Programming Operations

You just celebrated your six-year Adas-versary this past August! Why did you choose Adas?

We're among friends, so here's the real story. We were waitlisted for our first year of pre-school (yes, you heard that right) that was in walking distance to our home. Jen remembered Adas events from her days interning in college, so we visited the Gan and the rest is history. We loved the genuine, organic warmth of the families, teachers, and happy children. There was a certain very mild chaos that suited us as well. Our co-parents became our friends and Adas our home. Even if we get off the pre-school waitlist for our now third grader, we're sticking with Adas!

You have three adorable children and your youngest, Ellie, is the only one left at the Gan. Can you name all of the different Gan classrooms you've been a part of? What are some of your favorite memories at the Gan?

Sammy: Keshet, Circles, Olives; Louie: Kangaroos, Puppies, Ovals, Olives; Ellie: Kangaroos, Kofim, Rimomim. That's a tough one. We've had so many fabulous memories with each child, and they are all so different. We invariably loved seeing their first moments at the Gan, walking in with their new school bag and enjoying the wonders of their first year: circle time, *Shabbat* snacks, and, eventually, *Shabbat* sing. One went with the flow, one launched a rebellion his first year, and our youngest is somewhere in between. We loved building the mud house with so many other Gan families (so happy it is still on the playground), and we loved *Shabbat* sing and still do. We're also huge fans of all of the young family events, especially *Shabbat* dinners (cool music, drums, dinner, and the happy chaos of kids running around), and GPA events that get us all together (and where we don't have to cook or clean).

Please tell us your secret to time management. You have three kids under the age of eight, full-time jobs, and you volunteer your time at Adas by being room parents, serving on the Gan Parents Association, and calling and welcoming our newest members. And that's what I know about. I'm sure you're giving your time other places as well. How do you do it?

Please, do not aspire to manage time like we do. To be frank, we are very poor time managers outside of work. In fact, we are incapable of planning for anything more than a few days in advance. This certainly limits our options, which is helpful, and that is our secret. For what it's worth, we have also shown up for birthday parties on the wrong weekend more than a few times, and some of our Adas friends now make sure to call us

the morning of their children's birthday parties so we don't come on the wrong day. That said, we feel very fortunate to have built guardrails around our free time, and love nothing more than spending that time with our children, doing things we love together and being active in our Jewish community at Adas. Like we learned in the Ovals class, we are work in progress. Ask us again in five years.

Jen, you have been on my "new member calling team" for several years now. What do you like most about connecting with our newest members?

I have connected with some of the nicest families by making these calls and have made some good friends. I feel grateful that I've found a way to be involved and get young families excited about Adas from the comfort of my couch in the evenings!

Danny, you can often be seen working in the Biran Beit Midrash. I often describe that space in the mornings as a shared working space. For those who don't know, what are the benefits of setting up shop in there?

Can you say, "WiFi, coffee, plus leftover food from morning events?!" But you gotta be fast. I feel like it is the heart of Adas on a regular day. After Gan drop-off, I park it at a table after saying hello to friends, jump on WiFi, and take in everything around me like a happy fly on the wall. Granted, I'm focused on my work, but there is a beautiful lull of spirituality, friendship, and the happy muffled voices of the little ones echoing through the hallways that surround. It feels good being close to my child, knowing she is all smiles at the Gan. Talk about inspiration!

Thanksgiving is almost here! What are your favorite ways to celebrate this holiday? And what are some of your favorite foods to enjoy?

Our children dress as turkeys to lure in the real ones. Danny makes turkey calls and Jen pounces when they get close enough. Seriously though, we love the usual—celebrating with family and friends. It's hands-down Jen's favorite secular holiday. I (Jen) love the food, the crisp air, and being cozied up with family. Danny (a Floridian) loathes fall as a harbinger of winter, so he's less excited. I (Danny) am red-green color blind, so I can only appreciate the foliage with Jen as my guide ("Danny, look, that tree is bright red!"). That said, just keep the sweet potatoes covered in marshmallows coming, and our cornucopia overfloweth.



ATTENTION: BAR/BAT MITZVAH CANDIDATES FOR CLASS OF 5782

We are in the process of organizing the *b’nai mitzvah* class of 5782, which includes children who will celebrate this milestone between August 2021 and June 2022. Below is a list of children of our members who, according to our records, should celebrate becoming *b’nai mitzvah* with the class of 5782 (this means that they were born between July 2008 and July 2009).

Bar/bat mitzvah dates are assigned to members in good standing with children enrolled in the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School or in a Jewish Day School. Members delinquent in their synagogue account or whose children are not enrolled in school will delay the assignment of their child’s date.

- **If your child is missing from this list and you believe that he or she should be included with this *bar/bat mitzvah* group and celebrate between August 2021 and June 2022 . . .**
- **OR, if your child is in the fourth grade and you would like him or her to be included in this *bar/bat mitzvah* group . . .**
- **OR, if you have any questions . . .**

PLEASE CONTACT: Beryl Saltman in the rabbis’ office at 202-362-4433, ext. 121, or beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org, so that we can add your child to the group below.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 9:30-11:00 AM

5782 ***B’nai Mitzvah*** Parent’s Meeting with the Clergy and *B’nai Mitzvah Team* to discuss the *b’nai mitzvah* program and *bar/bat mitzvah* date assignments.

Apple, Dahlia
Borovay, Leo
Carroll, Lucy
Cutler, Tabitha
Ehrenberg, Nathan
Fox, Benjamin & Ruby
Freedman, Abigail
Gehman, Leo
Gershberg, Brooke & Tolly
Gibbons, Ezekiel
Goldblatt, Symon
Goodglick, Adam
Gordon, Silas
Grant, Cecelia
Green, Talia

Henderson, Noa
Hood, Aliyah
Jacobson, Daniel
Kahn, Daniel
Kolko, Jacob
Lasensky, Evan
Levine, Emma
Luzzatto, Maeve
Magder, Ayelet
Margolis, Daniela
Miranda-Weiner, Sol
Mishalove, Jonah
Morris, Yonatan
Neaville, Evelyn
Nehrer, Alexandra

Pearlman, Orly
Perelman, Serena
Perlmutter, Elizabeth
Rashkin, Ben
Ravitz, Miriam
Reisner-Merenstein, Caleb
Rosenkranz, Reese
Rosinplotz, Gideon
Saltz, Madeleine
Sann, Shayna
Saxon, Rina
Scott, Edward
Sharon, Adele & Eden
Shefferman, Mirabel
Shi, Talia

Sivak, Alexis
Strait, Jillian
Strouse, Isabelle
Szubin, Micah
Temchine, Asher
Thornton, Elena
Tolin, Asher & Coby
Trommer, Noam
Tucker, Abigail & Samuel
van den Broek, Alexander
Wachs, Louisa
Weinstein, Joshua
Wenthe, Shira Rose
Wiesenfelder, Sarah
Wildman Halpern, Orli

BEHREND-ADAS SENIORS FELLOWSHIP



COME FOR LUNCH AND STAY FOR FRIENDSHIP. ALL ARE WELCOME!

You are invited to join the Behrend-Adas Senior Fellowship, a daily lunch and social program that meets at Adas Israel Congregation (2850 Quebec Street, NW) Monday-Friday. Come for coffee, tea, snacks, and camaraderie beginning at 10:30 AM and stay for lunch at 12:00 PM. No need to RSVP, just show up and bring a friend!

Our daily program features a kosher lunch, exercise classes, film screenings, art classes, live entertainment and a brief Shabbat Service on Fridays. We host experts on health, nutrition, Judaic Studies, elder law, cell phone photography, individual computer, tablet, and smartphone lessons, and more. We even enjoy monthly ice cream socials!

This program is open to all seniors (ages 60+) residing in the District of Columbia. All are welcome regardless of background or affiliation. The Fellowship is run by the Edlavitch DCJCC’s Manager of Senior Adult Programs, Kim Cauthen, in partnership with Adas Israel Congregation. **For more information contact Kim at seniorsd@edcjjcc.org, or visit www.edcjjcc.org/seniors.**



ATTENTION, STOCKHOLDERS!



A Good Time to Donate Appreciated Stock

We thank the firm of Vanguard Institutional Advisory Services for its special arrangement for members who donate stocks and securities to the congregation. The congregation receives 100 percent of all donated stock proceeds. We liquidate all stock when received, and a confirmation letter is sent to donors following the sale.

There are great tax advantages to donating appreciated stock directly to the congregation before the end of the year. For additional information, please contact David Polonsky or Chloe Chemla at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433.

TIPS TO THE STAFF HOLIDAY GIFT FUND



Adas Israel Congregation is fortunate to have a wonderful, dedicated maintenance, clerical, administrative, and support staff, all of whom ensure that the synagogue runs as needed. Our staff serve our members, officers, committees, schools, and clergy in achieving the mission and goals of the congregation.

Several years ago, the synagogue adopted a policy of “no tipping” to individual staff members following events or programs. Some staff members are more visible than others, but it takes all of them to prepare.

In lieu of tipping, the congregation has created a Staff Holiday Gift Fund, which is divided equally among the support staff every December. We appreciate those who contribute to the holiday gift fund to our maintenance and support staff members in honor of their good work during the High Holy Days and throughout the year.

BEFORE YOU HEAD SOUTH FOR THE WINTER



Please contact Marcy Spiro in the synagogue office, 202-362-4433 or Marcy.Spiro@adasisrael.org, and let her know the date you will be heading south and the date you plan to return, so you will continue to receive your synagogue mailings.

HONORING OUR VETERANS



Dear Adas Israel Veterans,

We wish to honor you with an *aliyah* on *Shabbat*, November 10, the weekend of Veterans Day. We hope you can join us!

RSVP to Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith (hazzan.goldsmith@adasisrael.org) and include your Hebrew name.

Warmly,
Adas Israel Clergy



Books & More *The Adas Israel Library Corner*

Resisting Evil: Holocaust Books for Tweens and Teens

BY ROBIN JACOBSON
LIBRARY & LITERARY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

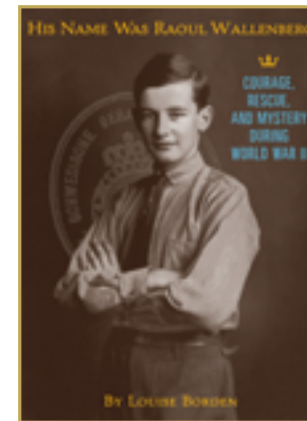
This November marks the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht (“Night of Broken Glass”), considered by many to be the night the Holocaust began. A violent turning point in Nazi Jewish policy, this wave of orchestrated, anti-Jewish riots swept across Germany, Austria, and parts of Czechoslovakia on November 9-10, 1938. This fall, commemorations around the world will memorialize the dead and also, one hopes, inspire audience members to speak out against hatred, bigotry, and violence in our own time.

The Holocaust is a difficult topic for parents and teachers, but books can help. Here are some standout books published in recent years on brave resisters, Jews and non-Jews who made the extraordinary choice to risk their lives to help others.



THE LIBRARIAN OF AUSCHWITZ
BY ANTONIO ITURBE (2017) (AGES 13 & UP)

This is a semi-fictionalized account of events surrounding a tiny library secreted within a clandestine school at Auschwitz concentration camp. Containing only eight tattered but precious books, the library was in the care of 14-year-old Dita Polachova (Dita Adler in the book). Facing daily danger, Dita devised a system for lending these books to teachers for their classes, and then surreptitiously collecting and hiding them each day. The books were a motley assortment: they included a geometry textbook, a geographic atlas, H.G. Wells’s *A Short History of the World*, a Russian grammar book, a French novel, and a treatise by Sigmund Freud—some books were useful to teachers for their content, others were useful merely as a means to teach the alphabet. Dita also lent out six “living books”—teachers who knew particular books or stories well and visited classes on a rotating basis to share them. Author Iturbe based this compelling account on interviews with Dita, who survived the Holocaust and now lives in Israel.



HIS NAME WAS RAOUL WALLENBERG
BY LOUISE BORDEN (2012) (AGES 12 & UP)

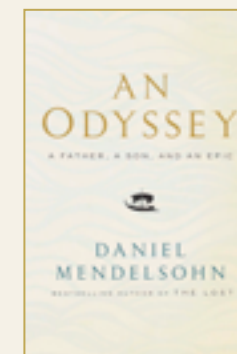
In 1944, the American War Refugee Board recruited Raoul Wallenberg, a young Swedish businessman, for a mission aimed at saving Hungarian Jews from deportation and death. During World War II, Sweden was a neutral country, and its Budapest legation had already begun aiding desperate Hungarian Jews. Wallenberg was to lead a more extensive rescue operation.

Granted diplomatic status by Sweden, Wallenberg leapt into action. He designed authoritative-looking certificates of protection with the Swedish coat of arms and issued them to thousands of Jews. He even slipped passes to Jews already loaded onto deportation trains and then demanded that the “Swedish Jews” be released into his custody. He bought and rented apartment houses, flew the Swedish flag at each entrance, and declared the buildings to be Swedish territory. Within these so-called Swedish houses Wallenberg sheltered 15,000 Jews. Although is credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, his fate remains a mystery. He disappeared into Soviet custody in January 1945.



WE WILL NOT BE SILENT
BY RUSSELL FREEDMAN (2016) (AGES 10 & UP)

This is the inspiring true story of Hans and Sophie Scholl and the White Rose student resistance movement they led in Germany during World War II. As children, Hans and his younger sister Sophie were members of Hitler Youth, but by the time they began studying at the University of Munich, they were fervently committed to non-violent anti-Nazi activism. Under the name “White Rose,” the Scholls and their friends dared to write and distribute leaflets decrying Nazi atrocities and urging German citizens to resist the Nazi regime. Tragically, the Nazi government caught and executed the Scholls and other members of the White Rose in 1943.



ADAS BOOK CHAT *Sunday, November 4, at 10:00 am*

Join us to discuss this unusual memoir. The author is a classics professor (Daniel) who gains a deeper understanding of his father (Jay) when Jay audits Daniel’s college seminar on Homer’s *Odyssey*. Adas book chats are open to the entire community. All welcome! For more information, contact Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).



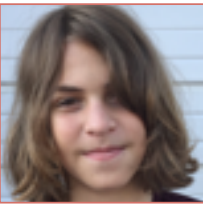
BIRTHS

Lila Ayelet Willis, daughter of Aaron Willis and Rachel Goldstein, was born August 26.
Iris Gillian Linowes, daughter of Brett Linowes & Rachael Vieder Linowes, was born September 8.
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Edward Davis, *November 3*
Eddie, son of Stacey Davis and Andrew Davis, attends Oyster-Adams Bilingual School in Washington. He has studied at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since kindergarten, and currently attends the Ma'alot program. For his *mitzvah* project, Eddie is collecting new and gently used children's books for Reading Partners, a program that supports reading success. He is sharing his *simcha* with his parents; his brother, Sammy; grandparents Betsy and Stephen Davis and Teri and Tom Davis; and other family and friends.



Adam Strong-Jacobson, *November 3 (TEM)*
Adam, the son of Rachel Strong and Michael Jacobson, is a seventh grader at Milton-Jewish Primary Day School in Washington, where he has been since pre-K. Before that, he attended the Gan preschool. He celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his sister, grandparents, uncles, cousins, and friends. Adam's *bar mitzvah* tutor was his grandfather, Howard Jacobson, who also taught Adam's father, uncles, and cousins. For his *mitzvah* project, Adam is focused on food insecurity. As part of that, he regularly helps pack food for the homeless and is working on a food donation project for his school.



Daniela Klein, *November 10*
Daniela, daughter of Cathy Bendor and Shelley Klein, is a seventh grader at Pyle Middle School in Bethesda. She started her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and now attends the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. Dani celebrates her *bat mitzvah* with her parents and her sister, Arielle. For her *mitzvah* project, Dani is sharing her love of art by working with the arts & humanities program at the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown Hospital to design cards and provide art supplies for cancer patients.



Benny Hasenberg, *November 10 (TEM)*
Benny, son of Kimberly and John, and brother of Ellie, began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, attended JPDS/Milton for elementary school, and is now a seventh grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Ben has a passion for all sports—playing, watching, discussing, and reading about them. He is grateful to be able to celebrate his *bar mitzvah* with his family from around the country, his friends from school and camp, and our wonderful community at Adas.



Amelia Oscherwitz, *November 17*
Amelia Maisels Oscherwitz, daughter of Amanda Maisels and Thomas Oscherwitz, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. Amelia shares this *simcha* with her sister, Helena; grandparents Mark and Susan Oscherwitz and Jeffrey Maisels; and extended family and friends from around the country and the world. At this special time, Amelia thinks about her grandmother, Carol Maisels, of blessed memory. For her *mitzvah* project, Amelia is collecting books to donate to Reading Partners, which provides literacy tutoring to students in DC elementary schools who are struggling with reading.

WEDDINGS

Sasha Borowsky and Eli Kaplan, officiated by Rabbi Holtzblatt, on September 2.
Shoshana Risman and David Manowitz, officiated by Rabbi Alexander, on September 2.
We wish the newlyweds and their families a hearty mazal tov.



IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:
Mel Elfin
Charlotte Teicher
Robert Pitofsky
Florence Herman

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:
Corrected from October Chronicle: Arthur Rosen, brother of Judy Cohen
Jeffrey Eder, father of Kevin Eder
Barbara Schlosberg Goldberg, mother of Debra Goldberg
Allan Taskier, brother of Paul Taskier
Miriam Fromberg, mother of Tziporah Fromberg
Ruth Rosenthal Preuss, mother of Ilana and Gil Preuss

LIFE CYCLE INFORMATION



When Death Occurs
When death occurs, please call the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, so that we may inform the clergy and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for Marcy Spiro. After business hours, a staff member on call may be reached by calling the synagogue office at the number above and pressing "2" to be connected automatically, or by calling the answering service, 301-421-5271, which will page the staff member on call. On *Yom Tov* and *Shabbat*, even though detailed funeral arrangements should not be made, a staff member on call can still be reached at 301-421-5271.

Bereavement Committee
The Bereavement Committee assists families with all of the arrangements surrounding the funeral and subsequent burial of loved ones. We welcome your interest and encourage your participation and assistance. We need you; please join us. If you have questions, or know of someone whom you think might be interested in participating in this important work, please feel free to call Edie Hessel (202-244-7189) or contact Toni Bickart (202-244- 2747) regarding the Tahara Committee.



Hesed Committee
The Adas Israel Hesed Committee is committed to fostering a caring, compassionate, and giving community. If you are experiencing an illness, or have surgery or medical treatments planned, or if someone in your family has had a new baby, please let the Hesed Committee know. We want to reach out to you. Contact hessed@adasisrael.org.

Adas Israel Community Mikvah
During this fall's renovation, all *mikvah* appointments will take place at Mikvah Chaim at Ohev Sholom on 16th Street NW. Mikvah Chaim has generously agreed to host us while we are offline. Please contact Mikvah@adasisrael.org for help with scheduling your appointment there.

Also, please save Wednesday, January 30, 7:00–9:00 pm for **Mayim B'Sasson: A Joyful Mikvah Rededication Ceremony**. Join us for an evening of blessings, singing, storytelling, and honoring our Mikvah Guides. The newly renovated, fully accessible space will be open for all to see. Reception and hors d'oeuvres at 7:00 pm and ceremony/storytelling at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Days For Girls
One of Adas Israel's awesome teens, Shifra Waskow, is organizing a program, called Days for Girls, that is co-sponsored by the Adas Israel Community Mikvah with the intention of bringing dignity to women's cycles in other communities and shining a light on how the *mikvah* brings meaning and spirituality to women's cycles in our community.

Days for Girls increases access to women's health care and education and encourages volunteer groups to sew reusable menstrual hygiene kits. We are holding a kit-making day at Adas Israel on Sunday, January 13, 1:00-6:00 pm. We are looking for people to bring (and operate) sewing machines, irons, and ironing boards, but it's not necessary to have one of those to get involved; everyone's help is welcome!

Check out the program web site: <https://www.daysforgirls.org>. In addition to the measuring, ironing, and sewing, we will need help soliciting donations from fabric stores. Please e-mail Mikvah@adasisrael.org to let us know how you can help.



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Ida Mendelson Memorial Prayer Book Fund
In Recognition Of: **Janet Scribner's Simchat Torah** honor by Herlene & Yaakov Nagler. *In Memory Of:* **Marjorie L. Rosenberg** by David & Heather Polonsky.

Kullen Family Fund
In Memory Of: **David Margolis, Dora Margolis, Rose Robinowitz & Joseph Robinowitz**, all by Shirley Kullen.

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In Memory Of: **Masliansky-Bogopulsky** relatives by Nechama Masliansky.

Samuel and Sadie Lebowitz Israel Scholarship Fund
In Memory Of: **Ralph Kirsch** by Martin Kirsch.

Sarah & William Pittleman Special Needs Fund
Mazel Tov To: **Simon Kirschenbaum** on becoming a *bar mitzvah* by David & Toni Bickart.

Shelley Remer Gan HaYeled Enrichment Fund
In Honor Of: **Shelley Remer's** special birthday by Cindy & Glenn Easton. *Mazel Tov To:* **Jacob Zucker & Julia Rich** on becoming *b'nai mitzvah* by Shelley & Stewart Remer.

Siegel-Kalmekoff Family Adult Education Fund
In Honor Of: **Mark Yecies's** generosity by Margie Siegel.

Social Action Fund
In Honor Of: **Michael & Joyce Stern's** 80th birthdays by Alisa Kramer.**Joanie Liebermann's** birthday by Nancy Liebermann & Joe Godles. **Rae Grad & Manny Schiffres** for their generosity by Susan & Morris Klein. *In Recognition Of:* **Janet Scribner's & Irv Lebow's Simchat Torah** honors by Lois & Michael Fingerhut. *In Memory Of:* **Herman Goldberg** by Diane Cross. **Arthur Fingerhut** by Michael & Lois Fingerhut. **Saul Horblitt** by Stephen Horblitt. **Nelson Goldberg** by Jamie & Stuart Butler.

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Youth Department Activities Fund
In Memory Of: **Evelyn Berkower** by Ira Berkower.

The Torah Mantle Project: *Hidur Mitzvah*

A group of Sisterhood members assembled to work on the Torah Mantle Project in response to a need articulated by Arlette Jassel Goldstein. The existing Torah mantles of the 30-year old *Chavurah* study group were in disrepair. The Sisterhood Sewing Group created a set of two beautiful new Torah mantles and accompanying cloths to match the beauty and significance of the unique self-led *Chavurah* services. Interested in learning more about their journey? Visit the Adas Israel lobby exhibit!





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