THE STORM

PURIM @ ADAS
You’ve probably noticed that over the last few years that Purim has become like a mini-High Holiday here at Adas. Over the course of the evening the building fills up with every possible demographic this community experiences over the course of the year. We pay close attention to the physical space of Adas, thoughtfully transforming it in an attempt to allow its versatility to significantly impact the way in which we experience the holiday together. The Smith is packed, the halls are consistently filled with people, and the parking lots is... well, very, very, full.

That’s precisely how it should be. Purim has it all when it comes to Jewish communal expression.

- A mandatory reading of sacred scripture (Kriyat Ha-Megillah)
- Required communal meals (Se’udat Purim)
- Obligation to give tzedakah (Matanot le’Evyonim)
- Sending gifts to friends (Mishloach Manot)

From these core observances, you can see that the early rabbis who crafted this holiday were invested in not only telling the story of Purim, but ensuring it would become a centerpiece of Jewish religious life. This goes even further. The common play on words that Purim takes from The Day of Atonement -- Yom KipPUR -- already lends itself to this day’s elevation to primary status. It is also in many ways Yom Kippur’s opposite (food prohibited, food required, disembodied, fully embodied, wear all white, wear costumes, show ourselves fully, hide our faces).

But it is also important to note how Purim is differentiated from all other holidays, and why this is the case. Most obviously, the Jewish calendar and its holidays invite a series of “serious” investigations into our relationships with God, Torah, Israel (people & land), community and the world around us. Each holiday’s theme lends itself to any or all of these particular areas.

And then Purim comes along and asks us to do something religiously counter-intuitive, yet essential. We are to visit these various relationships from an opposite place -- a place of silly, irreverent, and off-the-wall upside--downness. In other words, even our most serious expressions of religiously need a new angle of discovery every once in a while. Hence the costumes, tricks, pranks, and especially the laughing at ourselves. In this way, Mary Poppins perfectly captured the upcoming holiday and the way we observe it here: “WHEN THE WORLD TURNS UPSIDE DOWN, THE BEST THING TO DO IS TURN RIGHT ALONG WITH IT.”

So please check out page (insert page) for all the relevant information about Purim @Adas, step into this year’s theme with a funny and/or clever costume take on it, and enjoy the ways in which everything sometimes becomes clear by looking right into the eye of the storm.

Purim Sameach!
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This year our Purim prism will be “The Storm.” Why? Because sometimes the best way to appreciate the ways in which we try to control so much around us, especially the potential dangers, is to let go in ways we normally can’t. In other words, in order to see the reality that is “Adas” in all of its holy facets, once in a while we must imagine it from the other side—the stormy side.

To that end, we’ll be gently playing with some of the building’s more common features to create a sensation that begs one more glance, one more moment of reflection, and one more attempt at clarity. Instead of clearing away the stuff you don’t always see, we’ll embrace it, recreate it imaginatively, and consciously inhabit its wild dimensions.

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**FAMILY PURIM CELEBRATIONS - NEW FOR 2020!**

**PURIM SING-ALONG & COSTUME PARADE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, BEGINNING @ 9:30 AM**

On Sunday March 8, all families are invited to join us for a Purim Sing-Along starting at 9:30 AM and leading directly into our Costume Parade in the Charles E Smith Sanctuary.

**2020 ADAS ISRAEL PURIM CARNIVAL**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8 @ 10:15 AM-12 PM**

Join the Adas Israel Education Department at the Purim Carnival on March 8. The Full Purim Carnival opens at 10:15 AM for all. For children under 5, join us in the Gewirz Beit Am and Cohen Hall for games, inflatables, and art. For children in kindergarten and older, join us in Wasserman Hall and Kay Hall for moon bounces, games, and carnival photos.

There is NO Religious School on Sunday, March 8. Please be sure to register ALL CHILDREN online in advance. Light snacks will be available for cash purchase. For families with children who are sensitive to loud noises, feel free to contact inclusion@adasisrael.org for accommodations and other sensory-friendly events at Adas and in the community.

**ADASISRAEL.ORG/PURIM**
UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden of the Righteous

2020 Honoree:
U.S. Master Sergeant
Roddie Edmonds
Yom HaShoah, Tuesday, April 21, at 7 PM

On Yom HaShoah, Tuesday evening, April 21, at 7 pm, Adas Israel Congregation will honor the memory of U.S. Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds. In January 1945, in a German POW camp, Roddie Edmonds, a U.S. soldier, defied the threat of death to protect the Jewish troops under his command.

Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds (August 20, 1919-August 8, 1985) was in the 106th Infantry Division, 422nd Regiment, in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was captured and became the ranking U.S. non-commissioned officer at the Stalag IX-A POW Camp in Germany, where, at the risk of his own life, he prevented an estimated 200 Jews from being singled out from the camp for Nazi persecution and possible death.

On February 10, 2015, Yad Vashem recognized Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds as Righteous Among the Nations, Israel’s highest award for non-Jews who risked their own lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. Of the more than 27,000 people to receive the award, Edmonds became the fifth American to be honored by Yad Vashem, the first and only American serviceman and the first whose actions saved the lives of American Jews.

Pastor Chris Edmonds, the son of Roddie Edmonds, will join us to talk about his father. Pastor Edmonds serves as Senior Pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church in Maryville, TN. He is also founder of Roddie’s Code and The Roddie Edmonds Foundation, organizations committed to extending the legacy and leadership of Sergeant Edmonds to future generations.

The Adas Israel Garden of the Righteous is a beautiful reminder of numerous acts of decency and daring performed by many non-Jews in the midst of one of the most tragic moments in human history. This program, initiated in 1992 by Rabbi Jeffrey A. Wohlberg to honor non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust, is supported in part by Peter Dreyer Memorial Fund, the Scott Dreyer Fund, and the Ryna & Melvin Cohen Senior Rabbi Program Fund. The entire community is cordially invited to this moving event. We look forward to seeing you there.

BRIYUT

Healing Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Krinsky
Designed for those in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing as well as caretakers, Rabbi Sarah Krinsky will create a space to explore and process challenges, and to access places of support and resilience. Grounded in Jewish prayer and ritual, the service will include moments of liturgy, song, meditation, and learning to build a community of compassion, comfort, and strength. Note: This service will meet during the beginning of Shabbat morning services. For those who want to join other prayer spaces, we will conclude by the end of Shacharit.
Saturday, March 14 @ 9:30-10:30 AM, Sisterhood Hall

Al-Anon Family Group Addiction Meetings
Do you have a family member or friend whose drinking or using drugs, legal or illegal, causes you to be worried or anxious? Do you want to get help from the shared experiences of other families and friends? Come to Adas Israel to be a part of a new Al-Anon group. I can tell you that they work. When my husband and I first learned that our son was addicted to drugs and alcohol, the hospital social workers told us about Al-Anon. We went to several meetings and learned that we were far from alone and that the struggles we faced others did as well. Alcoholism and addiction are family diseases, and together we all learn and grow from each other to take care of ourselves.

Al-Anon family groups are relatives and friends of those with alcoholism and addiction who come together to share their experiences, strengths, and hopes in order to help solve their common problems. While the primary focus of Al-Anon is on families and friends of those battling alcoholism, the experiences, strength, and hope of families and friends of those suffering from addiction are often the same, and you are most welcome to attend. Through Al-Anon, family and friends have the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others who have faced similar problems. Al-Anon meetings incorporate the 12 steps adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous.

Meetings will be held weekly at Adas Israel beginning Wednesday February 12, 7:30-8:30 PM. If you have questions, contact Lois Fingerhut, loisafingerhut@gmail.com.
Wednesdays (weekly) @ 7:30-8:30 PM

Fostering Anshei Hayyim
The Physical, Spiritual, and Emotional Journey of Men
Over the course of three sessions, we’ll hear from experts about critical issues in men’s health, and talk about fostering the holistically healthy lives we seek.
March 22 & April 5

“The day you were born is the day God decided that the world could not exist without you.”
–Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

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MakomDC 2019–20 Season: "The Way In"

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To learn more visit adasisrael.org/makomdc.

Register for classes or special programs online or by calling Courtney Tisch, 202-362-4433, ext. 125

Dr. Deborah Barer
POST-KIDDUSH HALAKHA CLASS, SATURDAY, MARCH 21 @ 1 PM

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MakomDC 2019-20 MENDELSON SHABBAT SCHOLAR IN MARCH

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.

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

ONE CLASS REMAINING: APRIL 28 @ 7:30 PM

Inside Out: Text, Translation and Transformation (Yolkut)

DR. DEBORAH BARER
SPRING SESSION $180
REMAINING CLASS DATES: MARCH 11, 25, 31

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MAKOMDC MARCH LEARNING

Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik (1903-1993): Lonely Man of Faith, Halakhic Man, & Selected Writings

WITH RABBI LAUREN HOLTZBLATT

TUESDAYS, MARCH 3, 17, 24 @ 7:30 PM

Known as ‘The Rav,’ this towering figure in 20th-century Jewish life left an indelible imprint on not only Modern Orthodoxy, but all modern-day Jewish theology and practice. We’ll learn together some of his key writings and religious concepts—in particular, how to live in the midst of dialectical tension—humility and majesty, alone and together, submissive and autonomous. We read Talmudic passages to try and unpack these questions and challenges.

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 Hasidut 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.

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jewish mindfulness center of washington

To be a Jew means to wake up and to keep your eyes open to the many beautiful, mysterious, and holy things that happen all around us every day.

RAVI LAWRENCE KUSHNER

We live in a goal-oriented society, especially here in the DC area. But how often do we think about our spiritual goals? And what does that even mean? Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel says: “Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement... get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.”

As we enter the lovely spring season, opportunities for amazement abound: a patch of earth we walk by one morning becomes a bunch of daffodils the next; a barren tree seems to sprout green leaves in slow motion before our eyes; and it can look like an artist arrived while we were asleep and delicately daubed bright colors of paint around town. It’s hard to miss the miracle of a DC spring, which makes paying close attention to its fluid beauty a perfect mindfulness practice. This can help us develop the capacity for amazement, and we can begin to sense that in every corner, even those of personal or communal darkness, mystery and wonder are there to be seen.

JMCW’s offerings can cultivate this capacity by quieting the mind and creating space to connect with ourselves and others through song, prayer, breath, and movement. As the late poet Mary Oliver teaches: “When it’s over, I want to say: all my life I was a bride married to amazement. I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.” Enjoy the spring anew this season. And 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. Start your Tuesday with a dose of mindfulness! 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. Start your Tuesday with a dose of mindfulness!

ON GOING OFFERINGS

Weekly Meditation Sit
Led by JMCW Faculty
WEDNESDAYS @ 7:30-8:30 PM* (NO CLASS APRIL 8 OR 15)
Each week we come together for a community sit. Our time is marked by explorations of meditation techniques, guided teachings, and silent sits. No experience necessary—all are welcome, including drop-ins. Open to beginners and experienced practitioners alike.

Monthly Yoga
Led by JMCW Faculty
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30-7:20 PM* (CLASSES HELD ON MARCH 25, APRIL 29, & MAY 27)
Our monthly Jewish Yoga practice offers a home to those who wish to explore embodied spirituality. This class seeks to awaken and stimulate the senses through a full mind/body exploration of asana. Drawing inspiration from Mussar, Kabbalah, and the wisdom of Jewish thinkers, this class reinterprets “Jewish Yoga.” Mats and props are provided.

Morning Awakening
with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt
TUESDAYS @ 9 AM* (MORNING AWAKENING WILL NOT MEET ON MARCH 10 OR MAY 7 & 14)
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. Start your Tuesday with a dose of mindfulness! *Please note: Since the Chronicle schedule is printed in advance, check the JMCW web page at www.adasisrael.org/jmcw or e-mail JMCW@adasisrael.org for up-to-date schedule information.

NEW: A Podcast by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt!
Awake: Finding the Holy in the Everyday
In this new podcast, Rabbi Holtzblatt will bring the teachings from Jewish mystical texts and the Hasidic masters from the 15th to the 20th century into everyday life. The podcast will offer a few minutes to pause and open ourselves to the possibility that holiness, connection, and presence are around us all the time. Check it out at adasisrael.org/awake!

Shamayim Va’Aretz — The Space Between & Community Shabbat Dinner
MARCH 13 @ 6:30 PM
With Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Rabbi Aaron Alexander & Band, join us for a reflective journey into the power of Shabbat. Featuring seasoned musicians and a spiritual, ecstatic excursion into prayer & song. Followed by a festive Shabbat dinner feast: Dinner requires reservations at www.adasisrael.org/jmcw.

Into the Mystics, taught by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt
MARCH 10 @ 7:30 PM
This class offers a once-a-month dive into Jewish mystical practices of centering the mind. We will explore the teachings of the Placezno Rebbe, Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, the Zohar, and Rav Kook. We will look into the specific Hasidic theologies of each teacher and delve into their mindfulness practices. Each class will conclude with a “mindfulness lab,” giving us an opportunity to try on the practices that we studied. Please register online at www.adasisrael.org/jmcw.

Nishmat Kol Chai, Meditative Pesukei & Shacharit Service
MARCH 14, APRIL 18, JUNE 13 AT 9:30 AM
Join Rabbi Holtzblatt for a one-hour meditative opening to Shabbat. We will use the tefillot (prayers) in the siddur, chanting, and meditation to awaken ourselves to Shabbat. This service will begin at 9:30 am.

JMCW RECOMMENDS . . .

I Asked For Wonder: A Spiritual Anthology
by Abraham Joshua Heschel
Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel is considered one of the most influential Jewish thinkers of the 20th century through his writing, social activism, and many teachings, including concerning the interdependence of God and humanity. This volume contains beautiful essays on wonder and radical amazement. Other books on Jewish spirituality, meditation, and mindfulness can be found at the Adas library under call number 175.01, or speak with Adas Librarian Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org) for more information.

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!

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Contemplate the wonders of creation, the Divine dimension of their being as not as a dim configuration that is presented to you from a distance, but as the reality in which you live — Rav Abraham Isaac Kook
What Purim Teaches Us About Jewish Women’s Voices

BY LESLEY FROST

The Purim story tells us that when Vashti spoke up—used her voice to defend herself—she defied the accepted norm of obedience to the king and set in motion the events that followed. Vashti paid a price for finding her voice, and from her example we have learned that a single voice can be silenced.

Many voices joining together, however, are not so easily ignored. From women’s suffrage to feminism and #MeToo, women have found a way to use their voices to shake the status quo and create a climate for change.

With Vashti’s removal from the Purim story, Mordechai used his voice to persuade Esther to audition for the role of queen. At first, after winning the beauty contest, Esther was merely a powerless, voiceless member of the seraglio and property of the king. But when Mordechai convinced her to use her talents to try to save the Jews, pliant, obedient Esther evolved into a woman of action. She used her voice to plead for her life and that of her people, in the process defying gender stereotypes to play a role in public affairs.

Esther is a role model for all of us who use our voices to advocate for an issue, using facts and personal stories to persuade those in power to make different choices.

With a combination of Vashti-like disruption and Esther-like persuasion, women have been effective in changing their role in the Jewish community. In many quiet ways, they have stepped forward to address a perceived need, and they have taken the initiative to found large and effective organizations like the National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah.

Women have shown that their talents and skills entitle them to be leaders in Jewish religious and communal life. Yet in the world of Jewish organizations, where 70 percent of the workforce is female, only 30 percent of the CEOs are women. Too few Jewish organizations recognize that female leadership is important, that it takes both feminine and masculine strengths to solve our problems.

The redemption that we know as Purim took the combined strengths of Vashti, Mordechai, and Esther, owning their voices and speaking out, to change the course of events. If we make them our role models, then Purim is about us. It’s about taking ownership of our voices, and about using them to make a difference.

Lesley Frost is leader of the National Council of Jewish Women Maryland Action Team and leads the Adas Israel Sisterhood’s Knit, Sew, & Craft Group.

Declutter and Downsize Your Home—and Manage the Stress of Transitioning to a Smaller Home

MARCH 22, 1-3 PM

Are you overwhelmed by the thought of decluttering, downsizing, and moving a home full of memories? The decision to downsize is far more than just the sale of the big house and a move to a smaller living space. While every other sale and purchase has been a move up, this move is letting go. Giving up possessions, memories, and the familiar is often the hardest part of the downsizing transition. Lori James and Theresa Taylor, two of the best in their fields, will discuss strategies, processes, and plans that will help minimize the stress when you are downsizing.

Mah Jongg

WECKLY, THURSDAYS AT 1 PM, SISTERHOOD HALL

Soap, Barn, Dot. Whether you’re a novice or a Mah Jongg champ, there’s a space for you at the table of this game.

Take a Walk!

MONTHLY, MONDAYS AT 6 PM OR SUNDAYS AT 10 AM (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Take a Walk! explores different Washington neighborhoods on foot. All are welcome, so bring a friend!

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood

MONTHLY, 3RD TUESDAY AT 10 AM, FUNGER HALL

NEXT UP: MARCH 17, SPECIAL TIME 11 AM

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood will meet at 11 am (please note the change in time) on Tuesday, March 17, in Funger Hall. Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt will lead the one-hour text study class.

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood is an engaging approach to traditional text study that offers participants the opportunity to study and discuss challenging texts and ideas. Classes are monthly, except in the summer, and meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Students of all levels and backgrounds are welcome. Please contact Marilyn Cooper (MarilynCoooper70@gmail.com) with questions.

Knit, Sew & Craft Group

MONTHLY, 1ST WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM, YOUTH LOUNGE

All are welcome to join our members working on annual group projects or their ongoing knitting, sewing, crocheting and crafts.

Sisterhood in Your Community & Sunday Salons

MARCH 1, WINE & CHEESE, KALORAMA, DC, 3-5 PM

MARCH 15, SALON FEATURING LEAH CHANIN

Join us for these members-only gatherings to deepen friendships and make new ones!

Help Educate the Next Generation of Jewish Leaders: Contribute to Sisterhood’s 2019-20 Torah Fund Campaign

Adas Israel Sisterhood proudly joins Women’s League for Conservative Judaism’s annual Torah Fund campaigns to help educate our future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars. Please send a check payable to Torah Fund to: Rona Walters, Torah Fund Chair, 5117 Linnean Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008.
THE ADAS SHLICHA’S CORNER
BY TALIA GARBER

This month is the month we celebrate Purim (if you haven’t noticed yet . . .). I feel that my placement at Adas is a very good one, as I love Purim and apparently so does Adas! This is one of my favorite holidays in Israel and, much like in this synagogue, it is celebrated over several days, so you get to dress up in many costumes!

I think this is one of my favorite holidays for many reasons, but one big one is that you get to be a kid again for a few days. You expect to dress up, you are expected to be happy and giddy, you are expected to eat candy and oznei Haman (hamantaschen) and share all your candy with others. I love all those things and I’m very happy to celebrate this with family and friends who are “into it” as I am.

There are a few things I think might be special to Israel, so I would like you to share my fondest memories of them while I prepare to celebrate with my new community and see new traditions. We have a parade (in almost every city), which also takes place in my hometown and brings a huge crowd every year. We have the Adas Shlomowicz (which is taken from the mitzvah of drinking Ad Lo Yada, until one doesn’t remember—what would you expect? These parades are colorful, joyful, usually have lots of school kids participating in them, and are a lot of fun. They have themed floats, dancers, musicians, whole grades dressed up together and so much more . . . even the mayor dresses up and kicks off the parade!

Another wonderful memory is from my school years, in dressed up together and so much more . . . even the mayor lots of school kids participating in them, and are lots of fun. Remember). These parades are colorful, joyful, usually have place in my hometown and brings a huge crowd every year, neither of us knew the area or the Jewish community well. A family friend recommended Adas, so we came here on a Shabbat and went to the minyan and loved it. It reminded Jerome of the Conservative synagogue he was growing up in Philadelphia. We enrolled our son in the Gan, and things progressed from there. We stay because it really feels like our community, and, anyway, we wouldn’t want to give up the Kiddush Club!

You live in the Mountain Pleasant neighborhood. How long have you lived there? What drew you to that neighborhood? Any neighborhood gems that you are willing to share with us?

Since both our sons were in Spanish-speaking schools in Spain, we wanted them to go to a bilingual immersion school in DC to ease the transition. We enrolled our son in Mount Pleasant and eventually bought a house there. The community feel and Latino presence remind us very much of the village we lived in outside of Madrid. Elle cafe is fabulous, and Dos Gringos is a lovely place for lunch. We suspect the owner and chef, Alex, keeps a ‘kasher style’ kitchen, judging from her menu, because the Reuben doesn’t come with cheese. That’s one reason we asked her to cater Nils’s bar mitzvah party, and it was superb.

Purim is this month! As you know, Adas goes all out for Purim with our theme, building decor, food, and costumes. Imagine your family is in charge and you have an endless budget; what theme would you love to see Adas pull off and how would you decorate the building, what food would you want, costumes, etc.? We really like the way it’s been done in the past years. But in the spirit of Scandinavian-Jewish harmony, we propose that we drink like Vikings!
**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES:** Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.

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**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 Menahah Peters. Netivot, for students in grades K-3, is led by Sarah Attman or Jeremy Kadden. 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 Ei’ni Mitzvah.

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- 11:30 am: Traditional Egalitarian Minyan
- 9:45 am: Havurah Shabbat Service
- 10:00 am: Tot Shabbat
- 10:00 am: K-3rd Grade Services
- 10:45 am: 4th-6th Grade Services

**PARSHAT KI TISA:**
- 8:30 am: Kabbalat Shabbat
- 9:30 am: Shabbat Morning Service
- 9:45 am: Tarbutan Shabbat
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- 8:30 am: Kabbalat Shabbat
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- 9:45 am: Tarbutan Shabbat
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THE MOMENTS WE FOSTER HERE

In religious school, teachers and administrators spend hours upon hours creating meaningful learning opportunities for our students. Even with all this effort, however, sometimes the most important educational moments come when students disrupt the plan for the day. Take, for example, this moment from a fourth-grade class:

The story begins as so many famous tales do: “A long time ago, there lived a very wise man . . .”

One of the students interrupts, however. In fourth grade, we are reading the story of Honi the Circle Maker and the Carob Tree, but ten words in I already have a displeased student.

“I pause, but before I can answer, she’s already come up with a solution. “I’m just going to make him be a woman.”

She begins the story: “A long time ago, there lived a very wise woman named Horin the Circle Maker. As wise as she was, Horin sometimes saw something that puzzled her.”

We take turns reading the story and the two girls who follow continue in the same way. Each time they switch the pronouns, they grin. The fourth student to read is a boy and my heart sinks a bit. I know that our feminist story swap is probably over.

He starts to read: “As Horin passed by a little house, he—I mean, she saw an old man planting a tree and . . .”

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—from Tessa Rudnick

In 2001, his grandmother died in the World Trade Center attacks, and the ripples from the emotional toll this took on his family and on him spiritually are still felt today. Rory did his undergraduate work at Hofstra, where there was a big Jewish community, but he didn’t particularly seek out Jewish experiences, other than the occasional Jew-zy Sushi and Torah study at Hillel. He would join his NYC family for holidays—breakfast after Yom Kippur, seders, etc., and he always stayed connected through family gatherings, but this year was the first time he had been to High Holy Day services in 10 years.

Rory’s journey toward greater participation in Jewish experiences began after the terrorist attack on the synagogue in Pittsburgh. Non-Jewish friends didn’t feel as deeply affected as he did, and that began his return to the Jewish community. He went to the Sixth & I’s I Stand Together service and began to participate in some Friday night services there. When Sixth & I’s programming was relocated over the summer, he started coming to Adas for Shabbat morning services.

He was visiting a friend who lives at the Moishe House in Northern Virginia when he saw a card for Camp Nai Nai Nai, a Jewish summer camp for adults. He met Ben Wacks and Elizabeth Gooen there, and they encouraged him to come teach at Adas. He’s been studying conversational Hebrew through Duolingo for about a year and went on Birthright this past December. We look forward to being part of Rory’s continuing Jewish journey and are so happy that he is with us.

Tessa Rudnick works as a full-time educator in the Education Department, spending time in the Gan, the religious school, as one of our teaching teams this year, and this month are lifting up two of our full time Ed Team members (who also happen to teach 4th grade!)

Some of the best things about working on a team are benefiting from the collective experience of all of the team members, celebrating the paths that brought them here and learning from their stories. We have highlighted a number of our teachers and teaching teams this year, and this month are lifting up two of our full time Ed Team members (who also happen to teach 4th grade!)

We hope you enjoy reading about them as much as we enjoy working with them!
Add to the poignant story of our trip, one of our members, Jackie Hoffenberg, and her sister encountered two Cuban asylum seekers who told them that they were kidnapped by Mexican police, beaten and held hostage for five days before a relative paid a $4,000 ransom. The men feared for their lives. Jackie, an immigration lawyer, was able to arrange an interview that could have resulted in the men being allowed to remain in the U.S. while they awaited their asylum hearings. Ultimately, both of their requests were denied, and the men were returned to Mexico.

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It was God’s reflection after creating Adam and before creating Eve. It is powerful that a reflection on loneliness is baked into our creation story (as well as its antidote).

The Adas @ Home project is designed to help you meet new people. Recognizing that Adas is a big place, the Adas @ Home program is a way to make small connections to tie us together as a community.

This project is ongoing, so go to the Adas website to host or be hosted. Adas will support all these meals through hosting! Ritual coaching and Adas-themed Shabbat boxes complete with blessings, explanations of Shabbat customs, and challah.

As Rabbi Sarah Kirosky reminds us, “Gathering over Shabbat is one of the most powerful and radical practices Judaism offers. It says to us: holiness isn’t just in a synagogue, and religion isn’t just about prayer. Holiness can be brought into our most intimate spaces, and religion works best when it brings us together with meaning and purpose, wherever that may be.” Sharing food, building community. That’s the Adas way.

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On our first day, several of us participated in the weekly sidewalk escuela, helping to teach kids art, math, and yoga. That night, we served dinner to about 1,000 people. A local restaurant prepared the meal with funds raised by Adas members. On day two, we prepared, slept, and served 1,000 meals.
Lev B’Lev - Confronting Hate in Post-Charlottesville America

An Evening with Tom Gutherz, Senior Rabbi of Charlottesville’s Congregation Beth Israel, Doron Ezickson, Washington DC Regional Director of ADL, and Alex Horowitz, Adas Israel Congregant and Community Leader

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 @ 7 - 9 PM

Join Adas Israel and the Capital Jewish Museum on Wednesday, March 4, 7 - 9 PM, for a dessert reception, film, and panel discussion on confronting the environment of hate American Jews face today. Since white supremacists paraded outside his Charlottesville synagogue in August 2017, Rabbi Tom Gutherz has led his congregation on a journey against hate. That journey has been one of both internal soul-searching and outward, interfaith communal action. Rabbi Gutherz will share his experience, as well as his insight into building bonds within his community. He will be joined by ADL’s Doron Ezickson, who will bring a national perspective to building coalitions at a time of shifting dynamics and to confronting anti-semitism in the current climate. The discussion will follow a screening of the documentary short Reawakening, about the Charlottesville Jewish community’s response to the 2017 Unite the Right rally. Reawakening was directed and produced by Adas Israel congregant Alexandra Horowitz, who will also be moderating the conversation.

New Member Reception

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 5:30 PM
BEFORE THE SOULFUL MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE

Please join us in the Biran Beit Midrash for our new member reception. This is an invitation to all of our wonderful new members to join us for a relaxed “meet & greet” with the Adas Israel clergy, lay leaders, and community members! Long-standing members of the community are also encouraged to attend to welcome our new friends to Adas Israel! After the reception, we hope you will stay for our Soulful Musical Shabbat Service and community Shabbat dinner. To register for the dinner, please visit adasisrael.org.

Esther Safran Foer

In Conversation with Franklin Foer

MARCH 31, 7 PM, AT SIXTH & I

Esther Safran Foer grew up in a home where the past was too terrible to speak of. She was born in Poland after World War II, and her mother and father were each the sole survivors of their families. The Holocaust loomed in the backdrop of her daily life, something felt but never discussed. The result was a childhood marked by painful silences and continued tragedy.

Even as she built a successful life, Esther always felt herself searching. In her forties, she learned that her father had a previous wife and daughter, both murdered in the Holocaust; this marked the beginning of the search that would define her next 20 years.

When Esther’s son, Jonathan, visited the shtetl Trochenbrod in Ukraine to look for the family who hid her father during the war, he didn’t find anything. Lacking facts, he wrote the novel Everything Is Illuminated, whose success awakened worldwide interest in Trochenbrod and led to new clues for Esther.

In I Want You to Know We’re Still Here, Esther recounts her journey to find the missing pieces from her past and let her ancestors know that, despite everything, their family was still here. Esther will be in conversation with her eldest son, journalist Franklin Foer. Book signing to follow. Register for tickets at sixthandi.org/event/esther-safran-foer/

Sip & Siach

with Talia Garber and special guest speaker: Or Cohen, the first-ever female commander of a naval combat vessel in the IDF

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 4PM IN THE BIRAN BEIT MIDRASH

Or is coming to speak with us just in time for International Women’s Day and share her personal story. She is currently the Stitcha in Rohde Island and is an example of someone who has pushed the limits, showing that women are capable and exceptional. Her story portrays how she was raised to try, fail and repeat, to ask questions and to dream. What is the key to success? How can we promote equality? How does it feel to be ‘the first?’ Or shares her own personal challenges and achievements that can motivate women everywhere to be pioneers and push the limit.

Want to learn about DC’s affordable housing crisis and how to get involved? Mara Cherkaskys and Sarah Schoenfeld, founders of ProLogueDC, will open the evening with a short video based on the work of Richard Rothstein and his book, The Color of Law followed by Professor Kathryn Howell of Virginia Commonwealth University, an expert on affordable housing and DC’s housing history. Rabbis Aaron Alexander, Hannah Goldstein and Sarah Krinsky will provide our moral frame and a Call to Action. Program starts 7:30 sharp. Light refreshments available before the program so join us a little early. Co-sponsored by Adas Israel’s WIN (Washington Interfaith Network) Core Housing Team, together with Core Teams from Temple Sinai, National United Methodist Church and Tzedek DC.

Honest Talk About Housing

Understanding DC’s Affordability Crisis, and Our Role in Its Potential Solution

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 7:30-9:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS
Incorporating the legend of the lamed-vovniks, a popular motif in Jewish folktales, the novel explores the idea that a small number of righteous individuals can save humankind from destruction. The detective work is enhanced by the investigation into a boisterous Chassidic farbrengen in Brooklyn, sometimes aided by a disgraced Manning and his partner, Covina “Dewey” Duwai.

Against this backdrop, New York City homicide detectives James Manning, a hardboiled, veteran cop with a tragic past, and his earnest young partner, Covina “Dewey” Duwai, are called to investigate a series of baffling murders, linked by the letters “LV” branded between the eyes of each victim. One clue that something otherworldly is afoot comes via an anonymous text to Manning: “LV is Hebrew. The letters ‘lamed’ and ‘vav’ are called ‘LV’ and ‘lamed-vav’ respectively. Google it.” An old-school investigator, Manning goes instead to a Jewish library. There, he encounters a young professor of Jewish studies who explains that the numerical value of the Hebrew letters is “36,” an allusion to the legend of the lamed-vovniks (lamed-vav tzaddikim — the common Yiddish shorthand). According to tradition, there are 36 righteous individuals in every generation, and the world continues because of their merit. They are unknown to each other and even to themselves. For this reason, they are also called the tzaddikim nistarim, the “hidden righteous ones.”

A popular motif in Jewish folktales, the legend of the lamed-vovniks was famously reworked in the 20th century by French novelist André Schwarz-Bart in The Last of the Just. In Schwarz-Bart’s imagining, lamed-vovnik status is passed down through a family of Jewish martyrs. The last of the dynasty dies in an Auschwitz gas chamber.

More recently, artist Peter Leventhal has won accolades for his series of paintings, “Lamed Vav,” portraying the lamed-vovniks as ordinary people from his own life. The beautiful implication of the legend, says Leventhal, is that since there is no way to identify a lamed-vovnik, we must treat each person with the respect due someone who is one of the pillars of the world.
What does it mean to live in your body? What does it mean to live in a Jewish body? WellBodies is a monthly program that delves into body-related topics such as healthy boundaries, food and eating, growth and aging, disability wisdom, and sexuality—all through the lens of Jewish text and ritual.

Please join us March 24 for WellBodies, our monthly gathering on topics in Embodied Judaism. This month, Mac Freudenrich will guide us in an exploration of the role of gender and sexual diversity through the lens of Judaism and mikvah. Through text sources new and old, as well as modern media, participants will gain a greater understanding of these topics and their ritualistic importance. Participants will also be able to cultivate ritualistic understanding of their own identities and genders.

Bio: Mac (They/Them) is a graduate of American University’s Jewish Studies Program and currently a registered nurse at White Oak Medical Center. They have a passion for the inclusion of diverse genders and sexualities in religious spaces. They have previously written two theses about gender presentation of diverse genders and sexualities in religious spaces. They have a passion for the inclusion of diverse genders and sexualities in religious spaces.

WellBodies: A Monthly Course in Embodied Judaism

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

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

Voices of Women in the Poetry of Itzik Manger
Wednesday, March 4 @ 7 PM, Instructor: Miriam Isaac

In the biblical poems of the Yiddish poet Itzik Manger (1901-1969), readers are able to experience traditional texts from the perspective of the women who appear in them, and some who barely appear. Manger reimagines the women of the Torah and megillot, setting them in the world of the street and giving them powerful voices. Through him, Hagar, Avishag, and Vashti finally have their say. In this class, we’ll examine the roles of women in Manger’s work and some of the extra characters he adds. Young Ba’htsheva writes a tear-stained letter home after her marriage to King David. Esther, before winning the favor of King Ahasueros, had been in love with a tailor. JSC, Adas members $15; others $20 (W-8)

Beyond the Big Three: The Rich, Diverse World of Jewish Sects
Three sessions: Wednesday, March 4 @ 8:15 PM; Wednesday, March 11 & 18 @ 7 PM
The major denominations of Judaism are well-known—Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and so on. But Judaism is also a sprawling civilization with many far-reaching subtribes, not just cultural or geographic but religious as well. In this series, we’ll introduce you to three groups that some Jews may find exotic or improbable, and yet all of which have thriving presences within Judaism in the here and now.

Karaites, March 4
Instructor: Rabbi Ken Cahen
Karaites are deeply religious, but since they reject the authority of the Talmud, their religious practices are very different from ours. Karaites eat milk and meat together, as long as they are from different species (“Do not cook a kid in its mother’s milk,”), and they don’t celebrate Hanukkah (it’s not mentioned in the Bible). Karaites are aghast that we light Shabbat candles (doesn’t the Bible clearly say that we are not to kindle candles?), and they don’t celebrate Hanukkah (it’s not mentioned in the Bible). Karaites are aghast that we light Shabbat candles (doesn’t the Bible clearly say that we are not to kindle a flame on Shabbat?) and think it is appalling that we rabbinic Jews compound our explicit transgression by saying a blessing, thanking God for commanding such a desecration?

Satmar Hasidim, March 11
Instructor: Dr. Morris Faierstein
Satmar is an ultra-Orthodox Hasidic group that is unusual in many respects. The class will consider its origins and its core beliefs and attitudes toward the contemporary Jewish world.

A particular aspect is its attitude toward the state of Israel and rejection of Zionism and modernity. Dr. Morris M. Faierstein is a Research Associate at the Meyerhoff Center of Jewish Studies at the University of Maryland. He has published 12 books and more than 125 scholarly articles and reviews in Hasidism, Kabbalah, and Early Modern Yiddish Literature.

Jewish Witches, Wiccans, and Neopagans, March 18
Instructor: Marilyn Cooper
A growing movement of secular Jews—mainly but not exclusively, women—is reclaiming the divine feminine and goddess worship. With strong ties to eco-feminism, practitioners are using new liturgies and rituals to create diverse and radically inclusive Jewish communities. How are neo-paganism and witchcraft compatible with traditional Jewish practice? What’s the role of the modern Hebrew priestesses? What is a “Jewitch”? We’ll explore this phenomenon as well as Jewish texts and traditions about witchcraft. Marilyn Cooper has studied Jewish magic and its history since childhood. She davenes with the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan at Adas Israel and is a writer, poet, and certified yoga and meditation teacher.

Three sessions: JSC, Adas members $40; others $55 (W-9, W-10, W-11), Single session $15/$20

Two Quick Looks at the Israeli Election
Wednesdays, March 11 and 25 @ 8:15 PM
March 11 with Paul Sharm, March 25 with Michael Brenner
Israel’s third general election in less than 11 months takes place on March 2, held because the previous two were deadlocked and unable to produce a government. The third time has to be the charm, as politicians and citizens alike are sick and tired of the stalemate. In each of these one-session classes, the speaker will examine the March 2 results, try to make sense of them, and hazard some guesses on where Israeli politics and society may be headed in the wake of the election.

Both sessions: JSC, Adas members $25, others $35 (W-12, W-13), Single sessions $15/$30

The JSC Book Club Examines the Promised Land
Wednesday, March 25 @ 7:00 PM, Instructor: Marilyn Cooper
For the winter meeting of the JSC book club, please join us for a lively discussion about journalist Avi Shavit’s award-winning book, My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel. This gripping narrative history, which is based on hundreds of interviews with Israelis—both Jews and Arabs—tackles some of the most challenging issues of the Zionist endeavor.

Free program; donations are welcome! (W-13)

How to Make Your Seder Unforgettable
Wednesday, April 1 @ 7 PM
Instructor: Murray Spiegel
Do you want to add a new twist to your seder this year? This one-hour multi-media presentation covers a rich variety of topics—the history of the seder, the origins of its customs, and novel approaches that anyone can use.

JSC, Adas members $20; others $20 (W-14)
BIRTHS

Edith Ruth Kravitz, daughter of Dr. Neal & Margaret Kravitz, was born Nov. 25
Abigail Stogner, daughter of Ariel Linsky & Kevin Stogner, was born Jan. 6
Sloane Paige Liss, daughter of Harrison & Dr. Paige Liss, was born Jan. 10
Hallel Ahaya Packman, daughter of Rachel Rosenthal & Joshua Packman, was born Jan. 13

We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

B’NAI MITZVAH

Nora Sachse, March 7
Nora Segal Sachse is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. A graduate of the Gan, she has attended religious school at Adas since Kindergarten. Nora looks forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah with her parents, Michael Sachse and Erin Segal, her brother Teddy, and her grandparents Carl Segal, Cassie Segal, and Harry Sachse. She’s also keenly aware of the loss of her grandmother, Elinor Sachse, who has been in Nora’s thoughts. For her mitzvah project, Nora will prepare and serve a meal for women living in Miriam’s House, a transitional housing program operated by N Street Village.

Josh Goodglick, March 14
Joshua Parker Goodglick, son of Lisa and Todd Goodglick and big brother of Adam Goodglick, will celebrate his bar mitzvah with parshat Ki Tisa. He is a seventh grader at the Lab School in Washington, where he combines serious studying with a large dose of humor. He is celebrating with his family and friends, including his grandparents, uncle, aunts, and cousins, all of whom have set a rather high bar for accomplishment, Jewish life, and all around goodness. The memory of his uncle, Professor, Dr. Lee Goodglick, will be deeply felt. His mitzvah project supports Challenge Aspen, which has pioneered techniques enabling people with all forms of disabilities to participate and enjoy sports in the natural mountainous beauty around Aspen, CO. He has seen personally how the organization has transferred ability, independence, and a big smile to his own brother on the slopes.

Jacques Bassat, March 21
Jacques is a seventh grader at Westland Middle School in Bethesda. He is thrilled to celebrate his bar mitzvah with his siblings, Daniel and Gabriel, his parents, Nathalie and José Manuel; his grandparents, Sima and Jo Goldfarb from Caracas/Miami and Carmen and Luis Bassat from Barcelona, as well as his aunts, uncles, and cousins, who will all gather for this joyful occasion.

Benjamin Pollack, March 29
Benjamin Walter Reed Pollack, son of Becky Reed and Barry Pollack, is in the seventh grade at the Landon School. His Jewish education began at the Temple Sinai Nursery School, she has attended religious school at Adas since Kindergarten. Nora looks forward to celebrating her bar mitzvah with her parents, Michael Sachse and Erin Segal, her brother Teddy, and her grandparents Carl Segal, Cassie Segal, and Harry Sachse. She’s also keenly aware of the loss of her grandmother, Elinor Sachse, who has been in Nora’s thoughts. For her mitzvah project, Nora will prepare and serve a meal for women living in Miriam’s House, a transitional housing program operated by N Street Village.


IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:
Marion Kraskin
Gertrude Himmelfarb Kristol

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of
Leonard Norman Arnold, father of Deborah Arnold
Mannie Edelstein, father of Darryl Edelstein

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 who 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, or contact Wendy Kates about Shmirah (wendy.kates.30@gmail.com).

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Mark Litowitz, father of Rob Litowitz
Fred Lowit, Husband of Denise Lowit
John H. Rosenthal, father of Miriam Rosenthal
Diane Strauss, mother of Scott Strauss
Vivian David Wantuch, mother of Susan David

Visit www.mikvahcalendar.as.me to make an appointment, go to www.adasisrael.org/mikvah, and to learn more about mikvah. Mikvah Immersion is an embodied Jewish ritual. It is an opportunity to reflect on the times that brought you to this moment in your life. Mikvah is a chance to return again. Mikvah is a turning point.

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Hazel G. Schreiber by Tablet Schreiber.


Tzviya Slater by Nina Daniel.

Rhoda Baruch by Dr. William Stark, Renée & Roger Federich.

In Memory Of: Rhoda Baruch in her 90th birthday by Susan & Richard Fendrich.

In Memory Of: Beverly Blake in her 90th birthday by Marilyn & Howard Goldstein.

In Memory Of: Raheel Hammad in her 80th birthday by Mindy Leventhal & Danny Cohen.

In honor of: Michael & Alexandra Jozsef Karpati in his memory by Jodi Macklin.

In Loving Memory Of: Yettah Chiswick for his service to Egalitarian Minyan Community by John Epstein & Philip Epstein.

Lawrence Buckhantz by Adele Slawsky.

Ira and Ruth Kline by Jodi Macklin.

In Memory Of: Abraham Aronson by Helen M. Weinberger.

In Memory Of: Abraham S. & Mary Israel Keffer Minniss by Maxine Kramer.

In Memory Of: Miriam Baruch by Baruch Kaufman.

In Memory Of: Amazing Shalom Tinok Fund for the benefit of: Elijah Gershon & Shoshana Baruch by Jodi Macklin.

In Memory Of:,Egalitarian Minyan Community for celebrating Miriam’s bat mitzvah so wonderful by Beth Kanter & Jeffrey Rubin.

In Memory Of: Bette Rusoff & Ruth Agus on her 70th birthday by Sophie Silfen.


In Memory Of: Leon Weinberger, Bob Rovinsky, Robert Sarn, René LeBlanc, Philip Goodell, and John A. Blum by Nick Quadrato.

In Memory Of: Marilyn Rongold by Beth Kanter & Jeffrey Rubin.

In Memory Of: William Stern by Donald Kates.

In Memory Of: James Dreeben Gopin.

In Memory Of: Yetta Chiswick by Barry Kleiman.

In Memory Of: Eliezer D. & Shalom R. Gopin.

In Memory Of: Miriam Cramer by Barry Kleiman.

In Memory Of: Arthur B. Ceitel.

In Memory Of: Debra Benvenisti by Dorothy Block.

Executive Director Discretionary Fund in Appreciation Of: David Polonsky for making Miriam’s bat mitzvah so wonderful by Beth Kanter & Jeffrey Goodell.

Fannie & Frederick Groth Endowment in Appreciation Of: Marion Kraklin in her memory by Lee Kantor.

In Memory Of: John Ronkin by Toni & David Bickart.

Idda Mendenhall Memorial Prayer Book Fund by Ann & Morris Friedman by Barry Friedman.

In Memory Of: Jennie Litvak Memorial Fund in Appreciation Of: Eliezer D. & Shalom R. Gopin, Frieda & Russell Braun, Rabbi Allan & Al Litvack, Sam Geier, Tzeitel, & Job Baum by Etheil & Robert Baum.

In Memory Of: Jewish Mindfulness Center by: Karen Levitt, Sharron Libby by Russell Ross, mitzi & Michael Stein, Nina& Jeffrey Josephson.


In Memory Of: Jack Slater by Nancy, Daniel & Jonathan Kruskal in honor of: Jack Slater by Nancy, Daniel & Jonathan Kruskal.

In Memory Of: Martha S. & Gerald Freedman Endowment Fund in Appreciation Of: Rabbi Joel Schell by Barry Friedman.

In Memory Of: Rabbi Joel Schell, Carol Schell & Paula Lipton, by Barry Friedman.

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