

CHRONICLE

Hanukkah @ Adas

EIGHT NIGHTS, EIGHT OPPORTUNITIES



🔥 **Light**



🔥 **Strength**



🔥 **Hope**



🔥 **Perseverance**



🔥 **Joy**



🔥 **Dedication**



🔥 **Intention**



🔥 **Vision**



Clergy Corner

RABBI AARON ALEXANDER

“Look at how a single candle can both defy & define the darkness.”

As I sit here writing this December note to our community, I'm struck that we are about to enter but another holiday on our calendar in the midst of this devastating pandemic. Passover, Shavuot, 9 AV, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and now Hannukah. The loss of life (in this moment almost 250,000 precious souls), loss of presence, loss of normative closure--and the loss of how we as community normatively encounter loss itself--they are all weighing so heavily, even as a less distant beginning of the ending is in sight, thank God.

And still, this mid-December holiday, Hanukkah, feels different because of what it specifically asks of us, of each household. To add light to the darkness. True, this should always be our purpose as Jews, and we do attempt this twice on a weekly basis as Shabbat comes and goes, but the mitzvah of lighting flames, individually, in ascending order, begets something different than our Shabbat rituals. On Hannukah, unlike Shabbat, the creation of light is an end in and of itself. The utility of the hanukkah lights is... simply adding light to the darkest time of the year. And in a year when darkness meets darkness, the significance and potency of intentionally increasing this light, night by night, rings too true.

Jewish Law instructs us that the Hannukiah must not be placed too high up, out of reach, out of sight, thereby missing the chance to fully witness those physical representations of the miraculous in our lives (Shulhan Arukh, Orakh Hayyim, 671:6). Hanukkah and its primary ritual demand that in order to recognize and celebrate miracles, light, as it were, we must purposefully place ourselves in a sacred space of seen potential,

eyes-wide-open and ready to capture that which is right in front of us. For how can we ourselves become partners with God in the miraculous, an essential condition, if we can't see clearly the individual flames of possibility?

The world so needs these lights, on this year. For what they represent is our abiding obligation to fill the world with miracles, one by one, dim to bright, site to might. As you kindle each night and place the hannukiah within view (literally or figuratively) of yourself, and then the public as it is placed in your window, allow yourself to be moved to turn the candle's potential into its intended actual--more light. Another miracle.

Call a loved one.

Reach out to a stranger.

Contact our Hesed Committee for a list of names of those in our community who could use a warm voice on the other end of the line for some extra light amidst loneliness.

Be in touch with our Social Action Committee to find out how you can provide light for those suffering among us, our family more broadly defined.

“Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness,” Anne Frank wrote.

Exactly. May it be so.



From the President

LAURIE ALADJEM, ADAS PRESIDENT

As I write this, it is still October.

The leaves are starting to change, the air feels fresh, and the days are getting shorter. Ordinarily this is my favorite time of year. I love the leaves falling from the trees, and I love fresh apples. I look forward to Thanksgiving and spending time as a family when the world around us is making itself crazy preparing for Christmas. This year though, like many of you, my love of fall is filled with anxiety. Every day feels like yesterday and an eternity at the same time, and as the days get dark it can be hard to avoid feeling that darkness.

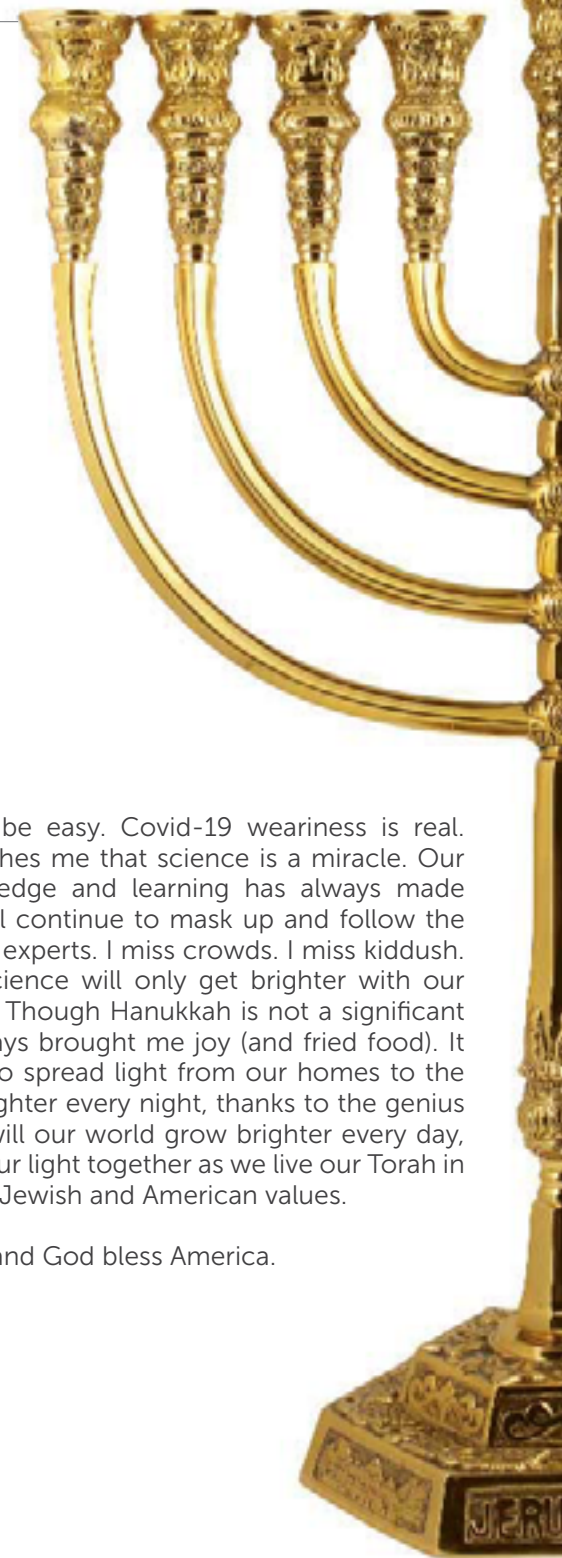
Americans are voting. The American experiment that has led to our unprecedented comfort and achievement as Jews is fueled by the miracle of free and fair elections, and I have never lost the feeling of pride I had the first time I cast my vote. As a little girl I would close the curtain on the voting booth (yes, NYC had real curtains) for my mom as she explained who she was voting for, and why. I don't know what this election will bring, but I do know that whatever the outcome, we will have so much work to do to bring more light to our world.

And Hanukkah is all about light. It comes during a slow season for us, providing light when much of the world is bathed in darkness (literally, not metaphorically). We teach our children that Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of the oil lasting eight nights. But while Hanukkah is a reminder of the miracle of light in the darkness, the miracle was not the oil. The miracle of Hanukkah is standing up to oppression, and having the courage to be Jews at a time when it would have been easier to assimilate. Our moral compass and our values, that is our light in the darkness. In our time, faced with rising anti-Semitism and hate, it is critical that we stand up and speak out. But it is not, nor should it ever be, only about us. Our light can be a miracle for others in our country facing darkness, oppression, and danger. We need to be the light and the miracle the world needs.

So especially now, in Cheshvan of 5781, we need to continue to fight to live our Torah every day, within our own community and out in the world. That is what we have always done at Adas, and this hard work continues.

None of this will be easy. Covid-19 weariness is real. But my Torah teaches me that science is a miracle. Our respect for knowledge and learning has always made me proud. So I will continue to mask up and follow the advice of scientific experts. I miss crowds. I miss kiddush. But the light of science will only get brighter with our help and patience. Though Hanukkah is not a significant holiday, it has always brought me joy (and fried food). It is an opportunity to spread light from our homes to the world, growing brighter every night, thanks to the genius of Hillel. So, too, will our world grow brighter every day, the more we join our light together as we live our Torah in furtherance of our Jewish and American values.

Happy Hanukkah, and God bless America.



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Chag Hanukkah Sameach! This year at Adas we will celebrate this unique opportunity to rededicate ourselves, our community, and our world, for eight consecutive light-filled nights.

This year, as we commemorate the rededication of the holy temple and the miracle of oil and light, we will focus our intention each evening on a specific spiritual theme:

Night 1: Light	Night 5: Joy
Night 2: Strength	Night 6: Dedication
Night 3: Hope	Night 7: Intention
Night 4: Perseverance	Night 8: Vision

Join us for nightly outdoor evening minyanim and candle lightings featuring songs, prayer, sweet treats and some very special video content. Register in person or join via livestream.

#HanukkahLights

The Festival of Light Experience in the Adas Israel Parking Lot!



Each night throughout Hanukkah, the Adas Parking Lot will be illuminated with an interactive Hanukkah lighting exhibit celebrating that evening's spiritual theme. Our own Adas outdoor Winter Wonderland!

Join us each night for our nightly menorah lighting and outdoor minyan to experience this festival of lights. Together we will "light up" the darkest time of the year as only the Adas community can do it!

Registration required. Physical distancing measures will be in effect. Sign up online at adasisrael.org/hanukkah.

Holiday Schedule

Nightly Candle Lighting & Outdoor Minyanim

6pm, Adas Parking Lot & Livestreamed

Every night except Friday night and Saturday Night
Thursday, Dec. 10 • Sunday, Dec. 13 • Monday, Dec. 14
Tuesday, Dec. 15 • Wednesday, Dec. 16 • Thursday, Dec. 17

Registration required. Physical distancing measures will be in effect. Sign up online at adasisrael.org/hanukkah.

"Light the Legend" Livestreamed Musical Hanukkah Concert

Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7pm, Livestreamed at adasisrael.org
with Cantor Arianne Brown

Featuring a celebration of Hebrew, English, Ladino, and Yiddish music. With an array of professional musicians and singers, as well as community faces and voices.



Ways To Celebrate Hanukkah From Home



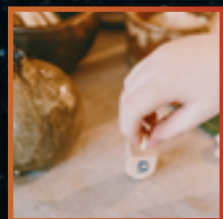
Send us your Family Hanukkah Photos!

Menorah Lighting, Latka making, sufganiyot baking, and more! Send us your holiday photos for us to share and post with the Adas community. Send photos to adasisraelvideos@gmail.com.



Post Your Miracle

Accompanying this Chronicle, please find a Hanukkah sign to post in your window or door, along with your illuminated menorah. Use the sign to share “your miracle” and to celebrate the light together in your Adas community. Keep an eye out for an “Adas Miracle Scavenger Hunt,” and earn “Miracle Points” by collecting and sharing photos of preselected signs around Washington, DC.



Play Dreidel

A famous symbol of Hanukkah is the dreidel, a four-faced top, with one Hebrew letter on each face as follows: Each letter is the beginning of a Hebrew word – Nes Godol Haya Sham – “a Great Miracle Happened There.” Various games can be played with the dreidel, and it is a custom among some to eat potato latkes at this time because they are fried in oil.



Light the Hanukkah Menorah

Place the Hanukkah Menorah in a conspicuous place in your home. The lights should be kindled as soon as possible after nightfall with all members of the family present. Any members of the family, including children, may kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Light the “Shamash” candle first. On the first evening of Hanukkah, one candle is lit, which is placed on the far right of the Menorah, as you face it. Place a candle to its left on the second night of Hanukkah....and continue placing the candles towards the left on each successive night of Hanukkah. Always light the “new” candle for that night first, and then proceed to the right in the lighting process.

On Friday, the Hanukkah candles are kindled before lighting the Sabbath candles. On Saturday night, the Hanukkah candles are kindled after “Havdalah,” which marks the conclusion of the Sabbath, has been recited. The ceremony of the kindling of lights is the most significant aspect of the Festival. The family should remain standing around the Hanukkah Menorah as the “Shamash” (the candle which is used to light the other candles) is lit. As the candle is held, the first blessing over the Hanukkah lights is chanted.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS



A Heartfelt High Holy Days Thank You

From the very bottom of our hearts, we thank you for being with us, streaming with us, laughing with us, crying with us, praying with us, journeying with us—every step of the way—for a High Holy Day experience none of us will ever forget.

While these holidays certainly were different from what we have experienced in the past, they also transcended everything we could have imagined. From in-person experiences including ark visits, shofar blowing, and Selichot services to online High Holy Day preparations and services, we have learned through this pandemic that there is simply nothing this community cannot achieve.

This year’s High Holy Day theme, V’lo Neivosh L’olam Va-ed, loosely translated as, “Unify our hearts to love and revere your name so that we never lose hope,” is the message of the moment, and one we are proud to have experienced together loud and clear.

We wish our entire Adas Israel family a truly inspired 5781 of resounding Renewal, Courage, and Faith. Knowing you were out there made all of it possible.

High Holy Days, Forever (Service Archives)

For the full archived recordings of these truly remarkable Days of Awe, please visit adasisrael.org/highholydays.





Thank You to All Who Supported Us The Adas Fund High Holy Day Appeal 2020/5780

The Adas Fund 2020

In Honor of our Incredible “Team Adas”

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank all of you who supported our wonderful community during this year’s Adas Fund drive. This year, as the world grapples with circumstances beyond imagination, our team of dedicated Adas staff members has been there, binding us together through their sacred, diligent work and service. Overnight, these remarkable individuals created a fully digital institution under challenging circumstances, enabling thousands to attend weekly Shabbat services, High Holy Day services, daily minyanim, and continued children’s Jewish education, and allowed us to stay connected with each other and with our remarkable clergy. And so, in honor of their tireless efforts, we dedicated this year’s Adas Fund campaign to them, our incredible Team Adas.

For those of you who have not yet made your contribution, it is not too late. Your contribution of any size will make a big difference to this community. To make your important contribution, please visit adasisrael.org/the-adas-fund.

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Jeremy Schwartz
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*During all eight days of Chanukah
These lights are sacred
And we are not permitted to make
Ordinary use of them,
But only to look at them;
In order to express thanks
And praise to Your great Name
For Your miracles, Your wonders
And your salvations.*

HANEROT HALALU PIYUT BASED ON MISHNAH TRACTATE SOFRIM, 20:6

One of the miracles to emerge during this pandemic is how we have found ways to both maintain and reimagine rituals. Remember how we all rallied for “zeders”? And take a moment to reflect on how we observed the Days of Awe in a different and, perhaps, even deeper way. In the midst of yet another season, with its shorter, darker days, we turn to the gift of l’hadlik ner shel Chanukah, kindling the Hanukkah lights.

The mystical tradition of Ohr Haganuz, hidden light, says that the light of the first day of creation was not the sunlight that brightens the earth; rather it was an illumination saved for the righteous to see from one end of the world to another. Some commentaries suggest Ohr Haganuz was stored in the words of the Torah, while other traditions place this hidden light in the Hanukkah candles.

It is said that Rabbi Gedaliah Aharon Koenig, a leader in the long line of followers of Reb Nachman of Breslov and one of the founders of the Breslov community of Safad, would chant Hanerot Hallahu upon lighting the Hanukkah candles, and then gaze at the lights in silence for 30 minutes. This year especially, that tradition seems an apt mindful practice. We can use this to reconnect—in the parlance of Hanukkah, to rededicate ourselves—to the parts of our inner world that may have been shrouded in darkness by dread, anxiety, anger, fatigue. What wisdom, joy, and light has been hidden from us by these states of mind?

Here is a mindful practice for the eight nights of Hanukkah: In the soft echo of the Hanukkah blessings, close your eyes for a moment and connect with your breath. Open your eyes and acknowledge the amazement of that first candle; Shehekiyanu—we are grateful for being sustained to reach this season. On each subsequent night, focus on the growing glow of the hanukkiah. The goal is not to have our worries disappear, but to nod at them with compassion as they arise, and then set them off to the side while we watch the flames dance. This meditation might be three minutes or, as for Rabbi Koenig, 30 minutes; our focus will increase with each candle. May you find peace, comfort, and meaning in Ohr Haganuz, the hidden light. And in the glow of the nerot, may you catch a glimpse of the world to come.

For more information on upcoming JMCW programming, to join the listserve, and more, visit adasisrael.org/JMCW.



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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Ve-Dibarta Bam—Torah That Speaks To You & Me:

Learning, Living, and Exploring in Adas Israel's Virtual Biran Beit Midrash

There's always a way into Jewish learning. This year we intend to capture the passion and expertise of our core teachers and offer topics in text learning that will inspire deep learning, generate new knowledge, and open up critical conversation. Each month, for the first two Tuesday evenings, a rabbi (Holtzblatt, Alexander, Krinsky, or Yolkut) will offer a two-part mini-series that will tackle essential subjects in Judaism, with close attention to the textual tradition that inspires so much of Jewish life today. The third Tuesday of each month will be taught by one of our Mendelson Scholars. To learn more, visit adasisrael.org/makomdc.

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2020-2021 MENDELSON SCHOLAR IN DECEMBER



Rabbi Dr. Burt Visotzky

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 7:30 PM

Rabbi Dr. Burt Visotzky serves as Appleman Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he directs the Milstein Center for Interreligious Dialogue. Rabbi Visotzky has been named to "The Forward 50" and repeatedly to the Newsweek/Daily Beast list of "The 50 Most Influential Jews in America."

MAKOMDC TWO-PART POD SERIES WITH ADAS CLERGY



***New Offering!** Each of our rabbis will bring his or her passion and expertise to three core areas of Jewish life and living. Each session will be devoted to a deep-dive textual exploration of the chosen topic. While these classes are labeled as "advanced," and may assume some working knowledge of the topic, all are welcome to join, and each learner will gain new insight that will expand his or her knowledge and skills.

Rabbi Aaron Alexander
Tuesdays, December 1 & 8 @ 7:30 pm

Rabbi Sarah Krinsky
Tuesdays, January 5 & 12 @ 7:30 pm

Rabbi Elianna Yolkut
Tuesdays, February 2 & 9 @ 7:30 pm

Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt
Tuesdays, March 2 & 9 @ 7:30 pm

Rabbi Aaron Alexander
Tuesdays, April 6 & 13 @ 7:30 pm

Rabbi Sarah Krinsky
Tuesdays, May 4 & 11 @ 7:30 pm

FEATURED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Friday Parsha Study with Adas Clergy

FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 1 PM

Join us for an exclusive in-depth look at the Torah portion. On alternating Fridays, Rabbi Holtzblatt will explore the parsha through the lens of Hassidut and mysticism; Rabbi Alexander will use the Talmud as the prism for the weekly reading; and Rabbi Krinsky will teach the hidden recesses of the parsha's passages and discover its meaning and relevance.



Boker Or Shabbat Study

SATURDAY MORNINGS @ 8:30 AM

The Boker Or Torah study group meets Saturday mornings at 8:30 am with the weekly portion as its focus. Join our clergy and community over Zoom each week for an engaging, text-based conversation on the week's parsha, before Shabbat services. *Note: Zoom meeting will begin before Shabbat starts. All participants who would like to join the class before Shabbat and leave their devices open for Boker Or study may do so.



Intro to Judaism 2.0 (Quarterly)

WEDNESDAYS @ 7:30-9 PM, JANUARY 13, MARCH 17, MAY 5

This course is designed for alumni of Intro to Judaism. Each of the four sessions will focus on a practical aspect of Jewish life, incorporating the learning from the Intro class into everyday routines and spaces. Topics will include living Jewish space, creating a Jewish kitchen, observing Jewish time, and practicing Jewish ritual. The class will meet virtually until the Adas building has been re-opened (virtual options will continue through the pandemic).

ADVANCED LEARNING WITH ADAS CLERGY



Advanced Halakhah (Jewish Law) with Rabbi Aaron Alexander

JANUARY 26, MARCH 23 @ 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.



Advanced Mysticism with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

DECEMBER 16, APRIL 27, JUNE 15 @ 7:30 PM

This class will offer a deep dive into Jewish mystical practices of centering the mind. We will explore the teachings of the Piacezno Rebbe, Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, the Zohar, and HaRav 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," a chance to try on the practice we study.



Advanced Musar with Rabbi Sarah Krinsky

FEBRUARY 23, MAY 25 @ 7:30 PM

Delve deeply into the practice of musar, a guided journey through middot (traits) that help us to better understand who we are, notice and hone our key attributes, and show up as our best selves in the world. Each session will focus on one particular middah and will include text study from rabbinic sources about the trait as well as guidance for incorporating reflection and practice in our own lives.

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Musical Moments at Adas

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

Fall/Winter 2020 Programming



Light the Legend Hanukkah Concert Saturday evening, December 12 @ 7 pm

As we light our menorahs together and say goodbye to Shabbat, we embrace the ways we can celebrate Hanukkah together this year. Light the Legend features a celebration of Hebrew, English, Ladino, and Yiddish music. With an array of professional musicians and singers, community faces and voices, and a sing-along grand finale of beloved Hanukkah standards!

Composers' Corner Series Wednesday Torah Bite @ noon



November 25

Michael Isaacson, distinguished prolific composer of over 600 works sung in synagogues worldwide and graduate with a Ph.D. in Composition from the Eastman School of Music and teaching college.



January 27

Cantor Magda Fishman is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary's H.L. Miller Cantorial School in New York. Her musical repertoire includes liturgical masterpieces, Israeli songs, jazz, musical theater and her own compositions.



December 23

Ellen Allard, "the queen of Jewish early childhood music." Ellen has been privileged since 1976 to perform children's concerts and present teacher workshops, seamlessly moving between both the Secular and the Jewish world of Early Childhood.



February 24

Noah Aronson, energetic contemporary composer of hits such as "Am I Awake," is known for his unique, engaging, and deeply soulful approach, and is considered one of the most sought after Jewish musicians in North America.

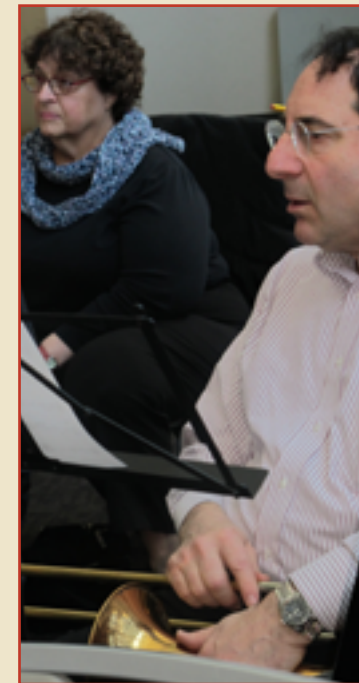


Havdalah Singing Circle with Rabbi Josh Warshawsky Dec. 5, Jan. 23, Feb. 27

Join us over Facebook Live for special musical Havdalah services led by Rabbi Josh Warshawsky. As Shabbat leaves us in the early evening, Josh will lead us in song following Havdalah, to keep the warm Shabbat feeling lingering in our homes.

DC Klezmer Workshop

The DC Klezmer Workshop is a community of musicians and dancers who meet regularly to play and dance to traditional and modern forms of Jewish folk music. We are open to all levels and instruments, and even those who just want to listen. Our guest teachers include well-known Klezmer musicians and scholars. We continue to meet on Zoom most Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9:30 pm. Contact Howard Ungar to be added to the mailing list or Facebook group: howard_ungar@gmail.com
<https://www.dcklezmer.com>



Music of Shabbat

Stay posted for our weekly emails as the months ahead will include our soulful Shamayim Vaaretz band, our special guest Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, and other combinations of community musicians. We strive to uplift our prayers with music that is engaging from wherever, in person or at home, that helps us delve into the meaning and feeling of our prayers, and that touches our hearts.

Flash Choir and Kolot

Stay tuned for upcoming virtual choir opportunities for singers of all ages! If you'd like to be on our list, please email Rae Grad for Flash Choir (teens and adults) (rgrad@comcast.net), or Cantor Brown for Kolot youth choir (cantor.brown@adasisrael.org). We continue to find innovative ways to join our voices together in song!

Stay Up To Date!
adasisrael.org/musicalmoments



Education & Youth

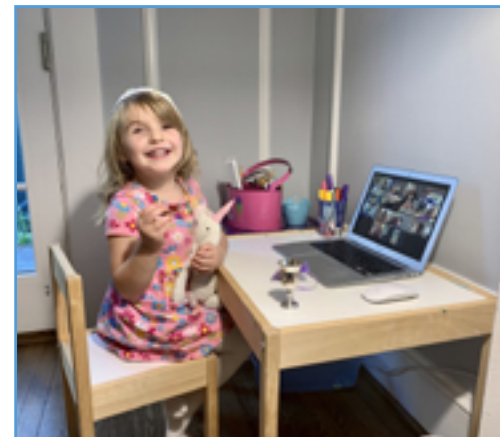
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From the Director of Education

RABBI KERRITH SOLOMON

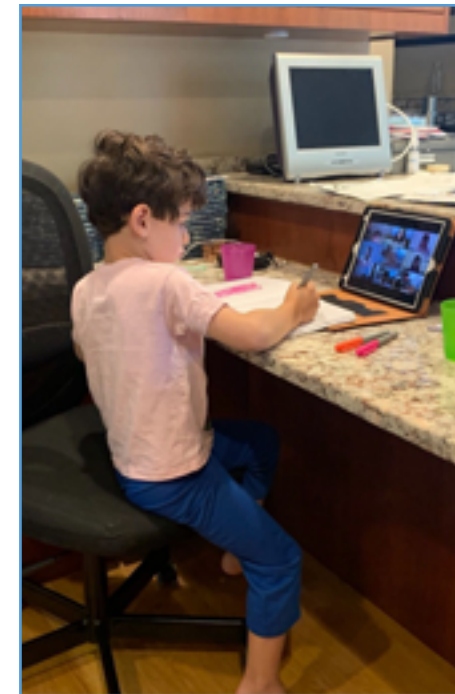


From Shabbat services to the High Holy Days, and from religious school classes to social programming, these last four months are a testament to the resilience, commitment, and creativity of our students and families. At the beginning of the year, over Rosh Hashanah, I spoke about bravery—what it means to be learners and parents in today’s world and how inspired I am by all of you. And as we head into Hanukkah, that sentiment still resonates. These past months have brought our students opportunities to pray together, to learn together, to connect with Adas friends, and to build strong class communities, and we are excited for what the next few months will bring. More than ever we believe that our children deserve safe spaces, joyful interactions, and wisdom from our traditions, and we feel honored to be able to be on this journey with you all.



CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

TESSA RUDNICK



As we sit at home on our various digital devices, we have all become increasingly aware of and concerned with the idea of connection. Particularly on the Education Team, where connection and community are always important values, we’ve found them skyrocketing to the top of our list of priorities.

We’re finding points of connection all the time: as we set up youth group events or as we watch our younger students gather for chugim, reading together, cooking together, making art with each other. In my own Ma’alot classes, we mark time together, too. I hear about tests, essays, and school clubs, but also the weekly and monthly emotional ups and downs that my students (and I!) are dealing with.

Every year, we find ourselves guided by Jewish rhythms. One of our Education Team goals is always to keep our students and youth connected through prayer, holidays, and cycles of Jewish time. This year those cycles seem to ground us in something even more basic; as we cultivate connection to our Jewish rhythms, we find ourselves more in touch with our own rhythms, as well as the rhythms of our peers, our community, and our world. As we continue through the year, we’ll continue to seek out and create these places of connection. We look forward to continuing to gather with you in exciting and meaningful ways.

A PEEK INTO OUR VIRTUAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

PAMELA GORIN



As the Education Team began to create our virtual school for this year, we knew that we would have to translate the curriculum in new ways. As part of that effort, I searched out opportunities to learn more about ways to enhance learning through virtual tools. I participated in three different workshops—through the Jewish Education Project in New York, a seminar funded by the Federation of Greater Washington (along with Tessa Rudnick), and in a three-session workshop run by Matan, entitled, “Reaching All Learners in the Virtual World.” As a result of these workshops, we are working with our teachers to create connection and learning through fun, interactive ways.

The biggest takeaway from all three learning programs was that connection/relationships are vitally important this year, and with that in mind, we have instituted some new procedures. One of the benefits of being virtual is that we have the opportunity to bring in some outstanding and inspiring Shacharit leaders from around the country to join us. We are so pleased that Rabbi Ben Shalva and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky will be part of our rotation of leaders this year.

All classes have created their own beginning and ending rituals with their students, and our pre-K and kindergarten teachers had “home” zoom visits with their families.

In addition, if you could peek into our different classrooms, you might see our pre-K classes, joining together to celebrate Havdalah as they begin their class on Sundays; kindergarten and first-grade students working diligently in their Hebrew textbooks; and our older students in breakout rooms, having small-group discussions. You might also see some students participating in online quiz games as a way to demonstrate their learning. In other grades, the students might be playing freeze tag or doing a scavenger hunt as a way to take a break from the screen.

We are looking forward to continued learning, for ourselves, for our teachers, and, most important, for our students as we navigate our way through the challenges and opportunities this year brings us.



ATTENTION: CLASS OF 5784 BAR/BAT MITZVAH CANDIDATES

Please join us for our **5784 B’nai Mitzvah Parents’ Meeting** led by the Clergy and B’nai Mitzvah Team to discuss our B’nai Mitzvah program and date assignment process.

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 8:15-9:30 pm via Zoom

The B’nai Mitzvah Class of 5784 includes children who will celebrate this milestone between **July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024**. Below is a list of children of our members who, according to our records, should celebrate in this time frame. Our list includes all children born between **July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011**.

B’nai mitzvah dates are assigned to members in good standing with children enrolled in our Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School or in a Jewish day School.

If your child is missing from this list and you believe he or she should be included with this B’nai Mitzvah group, or if you have any questions, please contact Courtney Tisch, Director of Programmatic Engagement and B’nai Mitzvah Services at courtney.tisch@adasisrael.org.

- Alexander, Ariel

Apple, Aviva

Becker, Andrew

Berman, Boaz

Carroll, Eli

Cohn, Ari

Cook, Lihi

Davis, Atticus

Dubin, Sarah

Dunn, Elana

Dunn, Samuel

Dzubow, Asher

Edelstein, Naomi

Flax, Casey

Gayer, Nathan

Gehman, Anna

Goldberg, Isaac

Gordon, Eyal

Grant, Roger

Halpern, Dylan
- Holtzblatt, Elijah

Horowitz, Phoebe

Hyman, Elizabeth

Jacobs, Yael

Jacobson, Emma

Jacobson, Isaac

Jacobson, Dylan

Jamieson, Naomi

Jinich, Milton

Jossen, Orly

Kadden, Siegmund

Kantor, Samuel

Kasargod-Staub, Priya

Katz, Sophie

Kauders, Henri

Kinnaird, August

Kirschenbaum, Alexis

Kirschenbaum, Samantha

Koch, Samuel

Kumin, Idan

- Lasensky, Gabriel

Laskey, Harriet

Leach, Maya

Leigh, Dina

Levenstein, Henry

Levine, Lily

Lowit, Ruby

McKinley, Lily

Minkove, Sebastian

Mishalove, Leo

Neaville, Calvin

Netter, Naomi

Nicolson, Amalia

Nussdorf, Joshua

Pearlman, Jonathan

Rakitt, Jonah

Rand, Maya

Rich, Joshua

Robbins, Jack

Rosenbaum-Solomon, Micah
- Rosenkranz, Samuel

Rubin, Henry

Saltz, Daniel

Samenow, Evan

Schuman, Jemma

Shefferman, August

Shi, Milo

Shrank, Tori

Shron, Nathaniel

Siegel, Clara

Sokolov, Aaron

Steiner, Avi

Strait, Ryan

Van den Broek, Aline

Wachs, Olivia

Wallace, Jemma

Wander, Julia

Wiesenfelder, Aaron

Wolitz, Michael



Safe, wonderful ways for children to engage with peers, teachers, and community, every day.

About Pathways

What shines through at Adas are the relationship strengths and the joy they bring into our lives. This value of the Adas community has always been present in Gan HaYeled Preschool, where children, teachers, and families have grown up together and formed lifelong friendships. The physical proximity and intimacy of a nursery school classroom helps cement these relationships, as parents bump into each other at drop-off, and children spend the day next to one another in circle time, snack, and free play. When our preschool closed its doors in March and moved into our diaspora, these relationships were extended and sustained through virtual class meetings, remote read-alouds, and breakout room play dates.

Our full-year classrooms said their final goodbye over Zoom at the end of August, and then the beginning of the new school year presented us with a unique challenge. Keeping the school closed due to the pandemic, we were pressed to find new ways to invite the youngest members of our Adas community to make new friends, to find their own new relationships.

Pathways, our new program for children and their families, offers opportunities for peer connections for our children without placing them in a space of potential exposure. Pathways Outdoors offers dozens of weekly sessions through which children and their adults meet up with peers in a small group and engage in a teacher-guided activity, either on the Adas campus or in nearby Rock Creek Park; all participants submit a daily health check, wear masks, and maintain physical distance.

Pathways Online offers several daily time slots for groups of young children to connect virtually with each other and do crafts, projects, and investigations with our educators. Pathways for Parents offers peer connections, expert advice, and group support that parents typically would receive during an in-person school year. Our brave children, many of whom embarked from their homes and met their peers for the first time in months when we started in September, have rewarded our decision to pursue Pathways; they are making friends.

The first few sessions of Pathways felt akin to bears leaving hibernation, stretching and rubbing their eyes as they looked around cautiously. And now, several weeks later, these same children are squealing in delight when they see their new friend, racing around the playground, or splashing in puddles when it rains. What I loved hearing from Gan alumni as I settled into our community a year ago was how they first met in preschool and are still friends all these years later. I can’t wait to hear back from our new Pathways friends, decades down the road: Remember where we first became friends? Remember our Pathways adventures together?



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'REPAIRING THE WORLD'

SOCIAL ACTION

Ever since March, the Social Action Committee has been hard at work reaching out to those in our community most affected by COVID-19. Looking for ways to help? You can find a list of concrete, up-to-date actions to take on our website, adasisrael.org/socialaction. Please join us in this critical (and remote!) work.

Our events have gone virtual; in the last few months, we have:

- Hosted a presentation and community discussion of Bryan Stevenson's Just Mercy, led by Benjamin Schaefer from the Equal Justice Initiative.
- Hosted a "Comment Coffee" in response to proposed asylum regulations.
- Worked with WIN on virtual actions and discussions on affordable housing in Ward 3.
- Welcomed Grace Hu, the founder of Digital Equity in DC Education (a parent-led group working to close the digital divide for DC students) to speak to a large group of SAC activists.
- Co-sponsored a special screening of and discussion on "They Ain't Ready For Me," the story of Tamar Manasseh, the African-American rabbinical student who is leading the fight against senseless killings on the south side of Chicago.

Our key initiatives for this year:

- We are partnering with WIN, a broad-based, multiracial, multifait, nonpartisan organization, to address community issues such as housing affordability and public safety. Our current campaign, in partnership with Temple Sinai, is supporting efforts to bring affordable housing to Ward 3.
- We continue to deliver food and much-needed supplies to the Martinsburg Union Rescue in Martinsburg, WV, which serves veterans, those affected by the opioid epidemic, and others in need throughout the area. We also remain in close touch with organizations in DC providing direct service to local communities, despite changes in protocols.
- We are advocating on behalf of refugee and asylum-seeking communities, through the IRC Family Mentoring Program as well as increasing efforts to provide remote tutoring to students from refugee families through Solutions in Hometown Connections and other organizations.
- We are collaborating with community leaders and other synagogues to address the "digital divide" in DC during a sustained period of virtual learning in which severe racial inequities are deepening.

We thank you for all of the hard work you do and the kindness and caring you show to the world in this difficult time.

—Brad Brooks-Rubin and Liz Scheier
SAC Co-Chairs

INCLUSION



Beginning on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the Inclusion Task Force has offered captioning of certain Shabbat and holiday services. So far, more than 100 people have accessed this service. Following the success of captioning during the High Holy Days, we are continuing

to caption one Shabbat morning service each month.

Anyone can follow along with the captions via a link to a publicly viewable Google document. A link to the document can be found right below the livestream window. Viewers should watch the service in one window and the text feed in a second window, either side by side or on two devices. Our hope is to serve our deaf and hard-of-hearing community members as well as everyone who enjoys seeing as well as hearing text. For any questions about how to access the captions, please email inclusion@adasisrael.org.



Hesed has continued its work during the pandemic to care for and support Adas members as needed. Though there is much we cannot do because of Covid-19, such as visiting people or attending in-person cooking events, we have continued many fulfilling activities these months of social distancing.

Hesed Honey Cakes

What would the Adas High Holy Days be without the Hesed Cooking Team's herculean effort to bake mountains of honey cakes? This year was no exception. Under the cooking guidance of Susan Barocas, combined with the innovative organizational skills of Marcy Spiro, a group of intrepid bakers gathered in the Adas parking lot at socially distanced tables to bake nearly 200 honey cakes. Thanks to the help of many volunteers, those cakes were delivered, along with machzorim and High Holy Day



information, to our golden age members to help them celebrate the holidays. Rabbi Lauren provided an inspirational teaching, and with the luck of good timing, the bakers were also able to experience the Adas shofar-blowing event in the parking lot.



Hesed Pen Pals

The Hesed Committee launched a Hesed Pen Pal project this summer organized by one of our exceptional Adas teens, Sami Himmelfarb, and Hesed volunteer extraordinaire Oz Papa. Here is Sami in her own words explaining the project, along with one of the pen pal pairs, Hazel Keimowitz, offering her response to the project.



From Sami

This summer, I knew I wanted to give back to my community in a meaningful way and turned to Adas's Hesed Committee for guidance. Rae Grad and Marcy Spiro had a brilliant idea to maintain the intergenerational connections that Adas Israel values so much. Through creating a pen

pal program between teen and veteran members, we wanted to provide some of Adas's longtime members with companionship in this isolating time and to see what the two generations could learn from each other, whether it be a book recommendation or the value of Jewish community. Rae and Marcy gathered a group of 11 teens and veteran members and paired them, and I reached out to each teen to provide them with their pairs and a sample introduction letter. From there, the teens were all on their own corresponding with their pen pal via paper mail, and many have reached out to us to share how valuable the experience has been and how they've stayed in touch with their pen pal into the school year. One teen even invited his pen pal to his virtual bar mitzvah celebration. For the future, we are hoping to do an oral history where the teens interview their pen pals about their years at Adas or some of their life experiences. We would also love to expand this program and give more teens the opportunity to make connections with older members; please reach out if your teen would like to be involved. If you would like to get involved in the Hesed Pen Pal project, please contact Sami at samirose588@gmail.com or Oz at opapados@gmail.com.

From Hazel

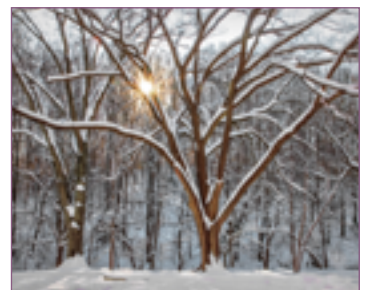
When I heard about the Adas Hesed Pen Pal Project between teen and veteran members, I thought it would be fun to have a



young pen pal. I was really pleased when my first letter came. How nice to find a personal letter in the mailbox, especially at a time when we feel isolated. Corresponding with my pen pal has definitely made me feel connected to Adas in a way that I hadn't been before. We've shared ideas about books and other interests. I am also

learning about his school experience and I've been able to share some of my background. I look forward to attending his virtual bar mitzvah and to continuing this friendship.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE



Honoring the Work of the Adas Israel Bereavement Committee

As we hope you saw during the short video presentation over Yom Kippur, the Adas Israel Bereavement Committee is a truly sacred undertaking established over 30 years ago to bring comfort and support to our mourners, and to honor those whom we have lost. The committee assists families to make all funeral arrangements and perform the traditional sacred rituals that prepare the deceased for burial.

This ancient practice has an integral and profoundly meaningful place in the Jewish community. As far back as the 1300s, we have commentary on the Chevra Kadisha performing funerals and burials, promoting community cohesion, and supporting Jewish continuity. The Chevra Kadisha helped to comfort the bereaved during time of need. It was "bedrock," not a peripheral part, in the lives of Jews. Accompanying the dead to the grave is considered a Hesed Shel Emet, the greatest act of love. Participating in these mitzvot is an opportunity to serve the Adas community in a compassionate and meaningful way.

We are profoundly moved and grateful for this dedicated group of Adas Israel community members, who are prepared to step into some of the most challenging moments our fellow community members face, and serve and support with diligence, care, and steadfast commitment.

How Can You Participate Right Now? Become a Chaver

Chaverim assist newly bereaved families, in coordination with clergy, synagogue staff, and Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, to honor their loved ones with a traditional Jewish funeral, in accordance with the fixed-price contract arranged by the Jewish



Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington. Chaverim are trained to work from a detailed checklist and to provide assistance and guidance with funeral arrangements and, as needed, at the funeral and burial. For more information, please email Edie Hessel, edith_hessel@yahoo.com.

Become a Shomer

Jewish tradition stresses that the body should not be left alone from the time of death until burial. Shmira is the act of “guarding” the soul or spirit of the deceased until burial and is done as a sign of respect for the deceased. Between the death and the burial, the shomer reads or chants psalms or other appropriate literature in the Shmira room at the Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home. The deceased lies in an adjacent room. If you would like to volunteer to perform this mitzvah, please email Wendy Kates, wendy.kates.30@gmail.com.

Remarks from some remarkable members of our Bereavement Committee

Toni Bickart, Tahara Team Coordinator

“Coordinating the men’s and women’s Tahara teams gives me a special opportunity to interact in a very personal way with members of our community, for our community. When I perform Tahara with a small group of women, I feel a unique bond of support. We are a team working quietly together to wash and dress the body of the deceased. We are the last people to see the face of each person we care for.”

Jamie Butler, Chaver

“It’s been a privilege to support families at a time of profound loss. You walk into an Adas member’s home. Sometimes we know them, oftentimes not, and we offer a space for them to talk. To share, to cry, and to work through all of the details involved in preparing for a funeral. It’s hard. I’ve always felt that even if a family doesn’t know us, they always seem to find comfort in knowing we are Adas family who are helping them and not a funeral director.

Art Hessel, Bereavement Committee Member and President of the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington

“The work has been extremely personally meaningful and moving to me. Helping families navigate the difficult times of burying a loved one and guiding them through the sometimes complicated funeral process.”

Wendy Kates, Shmira Coordinator

“The work is meaningful to me for three reasons. One is that it’s a way of providing comfort to the family who feel reassured that their loved one is being cared for even after death. Two is that it’s a way for me to honor the deceased and to provide some kind of small assistance in their spiritual journey. And three, it’s a way of connecting me—to my ancestors and to my history, and to carry forth and maintain this ancient Jewish practice. It never ceases to move me both emotionally and spiritually to perform this mitzvah that is so steeped in tradition and in meaning.”

The Adas Israel community was bereaved of the following beloved members:

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Miriam Fromberg
Dr. Jeffrey Eder
Mel Elfin
Ruth Rosenthal
Preuss
Florence Herman
Robert Pitofsky
Joseph Tydings
Charlotte Teicher
Anita Lapping
Harvey Taylor
Robert Gratz
Cynthia Sutton
Ruth Rand
Judith Himmelfarb
Dr. Lawrence R. Shapiro
Reeva Goldberg
Edgar Aftergood
Barbara Knapp
David Kresch
George Orlove
Gerard Daniel
James Edward
Draheim
Marian Hoechstetter
Ethel Kaplan
Lawrence Friedman
Frederick Sutton
Lillian Podgorsky
Irene Belsky
Michaela Miller
Stanley Bobb
Stanley Macklin
Sarah Toren
Samuel Sharin
Richard T.
Gershbock
Tamara Kleinfeld
Selden
Marianne Hyman
Karen Marks
Frances Burka
Sam Miller
Raquel Gonzales
Pineda
Harold Sadin
Allan Weinstein
Richard Robins
Dianne Elkin
Harry Weinrauch
Florence Snyder
Adam Wallace Glass
Lorita Herson
Mendelson

Shirley Kaplan
Rabbi Henry Weiner
Robert Rosenthal
Ursula Ehrmann
Roberta Sands
Sara Jo Kobacker
Jennie Litvack
Anita Epstein
Joan Ruth Grebow
Jack Ray
Ernest Fontheim
Max Kahn
Robert Sann
Joel Merenstein
Rene LeBlanc
Ethel Lucille Daniels

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Marsha Dubrow
Bernice Seidman
Suzanne Haims
Gladys Lipkin
Robert Rovinsky
Jerry Daniels
Edward Kassoff
Sarah Gewirz
Benice Kosan
Edward Abramson
Joyce Sills
Irving Jacobs
Jonathan Horn
Allan Gerson
Ronald Baker
Eve Bailey Robins
Martin Blumenfeld
Jim Gordon
Richard Mass
Norma Frank
Helga Bear
Rose Singer
Erika Schlesinger
Gertrude Kristol
Marion Kraskin
Fred Lowit
Vivian Wantuch
Mannie Edelstein
Mark Litowitz
Diane Strauss
John H. Rosenthal
Leonard Arnold
Bruce Hainsfurther
Arthur Isack
Harry Rossen
Shirley L. Cohen
Razi Yitzchak
Gaby Davis
Sheila Rogovin

Edward Geltman
David Wolin
Howard Siegman
Mildred Jacobs
Alan Kaplan
Phillip Schonberger
Ruth Gleimer
Pearl Strasser
Shirley Steinberg
Stanley Cohen
Zalma Slawsky
Diane Plotkin
Helen Hurwitz
Meyer Kolodner
Carol Ann Usher
Kremer
Beth Feldgarden
Celia Henick
Feldman
Bob Lasken
Anne Serota
Marilyn Greenberg
S. Robert Cohen
Wendy Good
Rita Stern
Sara Rubenstein
Jack Moskowitz
Harry Friedman
Anne Yerman
Gloria Macklis
Thomas Mariani
Ann C. Lerner
Sylvia Kaplan
Sterlon Queen
Michael Stern
Lawrence A.
Horowitz
Allan Fried
Sydney Polakoff
Mel Krupin
John Bielenberg
Michael Cramer
Steven Siegman
Gusta Fuhrmann
Lilla Aftergood
Alan Stein
Milton Jay
Minneman
Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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Jackie Hughes
Ira Singer
Avram Bar-Cohen
Adele Adelman
Buckhantz

When Death Occurs

When death occurs, please call the synagogue emergency line answering service, 301-421- 5271, which will page the staff member on call. We will be back in touch to support you promptly.

Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee assists families with all of the arrangements surrounding the funeral and subsequent burial

THE DAILY MINYAN AT ADAS ISRAEL

Neither rain nor snow nor heat nor Covid-19 keeps the Adas Israel Daily Minyan from its appointed rounds. Since Adas effectively shut down in March, the Daily Minyan has continued to meet regularly—six mornings a week (Sunday through Friday), five evenings a week (Sunday through Thursday), and for a new Friday afternoon Mincha service that was launched in September.

For the most part, of course, we are no longer meeting in person. Daily Minyan services are conducted via Zoom. A typical morning service has been drawing 15 to 25 worshippers; 12 to 20 people normally attend our 6 pm service, at which we daven Mincha and Maariv back-to-back.

Over the summer and fall, a limited number of worshippers were able to attend five socially distanced weekday minyan services, including a Rosh Chodesh bat mitzvah, in the Adas parking lot. The outdoor services not only allowed minyan-goers the opportunity to greet each other from a socially proper distance, it also enabled worshippers—both those in the parking lot and those accessing the services via Zoom—to participate in full services, complete with Torah readings and aliyot (those honored with aliyot called out the blessings from their seats in the parking lot).

Our Zoom-only services are modified liturgically (with direction from our clergy) to omit certain minyan-required prayers, but to include the mourner’s kaddish, Torah reading from a chumash, as well as other celebratory prayers such as the Hallel service.



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, or Wendy Kates about Shmira (wendy.kates.30@gmail.com).



Davening over Zoom has its pluses and minuses. Arguably the biggest shortcoming is the cacophony, reflecting the technology’s amplification of worshippers reading and chanting at different paces. And although the Adas website offers links to the weekday prayer book, it can be hard to juggle between the siddur and the Zoom session.

On the plus side, we get to worship with people from all over the world. We’ve had visitors from Boston, New York, New Jersey, and Florida, among other places. And we’ve been able to reconnect with old friends, including Dena Bauman, who now lives in California; Linda Yitzchak, who is in Jerusalem; Mas Mejaru, who joins from India; and Ron Lapping, the former mayor of morning minyan, who signs in from Virginia Beach.

And although we can’t offer lox, bagels, and other goodies, as we do when morning minyan meets in the Beit Midrash during normal times, it turns out that Zoomed services are quite conducive to schmoozing. Our post- (and sometimes pre-) service schmooze sessions are a great way to stay in touch with fellow Adas members, clergy, and others during a pandemic.

If you want to learn more about what’s ahead at Daily Minyan, join the minyan email list by writing to mannysschiffres@gmail.com.



Sisterhood’s new year is off to a fantastic start. Our October Opening Event, *Women’s Path to the Pulpit*, was a great success. We again thank Rabbi Sarah Krinsky, Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith, Cantor Arianne Brown, and our moderator, Rabbi Gilah Langner.

Staying connected, learning, having fun, and building community are all on the agenda. We began monthly “Get Happy” Hours via Zoom back in May and they were an instant hit. For Fall/Winter there will be a new twist: happy hours will include a special guest and we will alternate happy hours in the late afternoon one month and late morning coffee klatches the following month.

Our monthly programs include the Sewing, Knitting & Craft Circle and Weekday Torah with Sisterhood. In addition, Sisterhood members can look forward to a special, exclusive Sunday Salon featuring lifelong disabilities advocate Judith Heumann. Judy will share her story, and discuss *Crip Camp*, and her book, *Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist*. In December, we’ll feature our “artist-in-residence,” Arlette Jassel.

Events also on tap for later this winter include In Discussion with JCADA, the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse; The Blue Dove Foundation, addressing mental illness and addiction in the Jewish community and beyond; and scholar, author, and American University professor Pamela Nadell returns to discuss her latest book, *America’s Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today*.

Sisterhood Programming Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Wed 4 Nov	7:30 PM	Sewing, Knitting & Craft Circle
Thu 5 Nov	7:00 PM	Event: Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Gabrielle C. Sherb & Vanessa N. Gonzalez, Speakers
Tue 19 Nov	10:00 AM	Weekday Torah with Sisterhood, Rabbi Krinsky
Sun 22 Nov	11:00 AM	Sunday Salon: Judith Heumann*
Wed 2 Dec	5:00 PM	Event: “Get Happy” Hour: Guest Abi Weber, JTS Student*
Wed 2 Dec	7:30 PM	Sewing, Knitting & Craft Circle
Sun 6 Dec	11:00 AM	Book Chat: The Convert by Stefan Hertmans
Sun06 Dec	12:00 PM	Event: Scholar, Author, and AU Professor Pamela Nadell, Guest Speaker
Sun 20 Dec	11:00 AM	Sunday Salon: Arlette Jassel*
Tue 22 Dec	10:00 AM	Weekday Torah with Sisterhood
Wed06 Jan	7:30 PM	Sewing, Knitting & Craft Circle
Sun 10 Jan	11:00 AM	Book Chat: Meet the Author, Jonathan Kaufman
Mon 11 Jan	5:00 PM	Event: New Member Happy Hour*
Tue 19 Jan	10:00 AM	Weekday Torah with Sisterhood
Wed 3 Feb	7:30 PM	Sewing, Knitting & Craft Circle
Tue 16 Feb	10:00 AM	Weekday Torah with Sisterhood
		* Denotes Sisterhood-Only Events



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sisterhood gift shop

Erev Hanukkah is Thursday, December 10

Please join us in an online experiment.

For the first time, the Ruth & Simon Atlas Adas Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop is offering online (sort of) sales for your Hanukkah needs.



We are offering dreidels and candles galore and a limited selection of nut-free gelt (milk and pareve) and menorahs.

We are posting photos of the items we have available on the Gift Shop website (www.adasisrael.org/adas-gift-shop).

Please visit that site to see what is available. Each item has a full description to assist you in making your choices. Please note, however, that the number of menorahs is limited, and we may only have one of some of the designs.

We offer two means of shopping:

1. Peruse our offerings on our website, then email us at adasgiftshop@gmail.com with your desired items and your home or cell telephone number. We will check our stock and call you to let you know which items are available and to charge your purchase to your credit card. We are not able to process charges on our website. We will bag the items, affix your charge receipt, and deliver them to you curbside. The days and hours for curbside delivery are listed on our website.
2. We are offering a limited number of in-store appointments allowing you to come into the shop (masked, of course) to make your holiday selections and browse the many other items we carry. These appointments must be made in advance, and each one will be for 30 minutes only. You may make these appointments by emailing us at adasgiftshop@gmail.com.

Please keep in mind the following: DO NOT CALL the shop because our hours will be irregular, and we’re not sure anyone will be there to answer the phone. Our email is much more reliable.

In addition, ALL SALES ARE FINAL, as is always the case for holiday items.

For more information, you may email the shop at adasgiftshop@gmail.com.

Every purchase benefits
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Books & More *The Adas Israel Library Corner*

The Jewish Dynasties of Shanghai

BY ROBIN JACOBSON

LIBRARY & LITERARY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR



The intertwined history of two Baghdadi Jewish families in China—the Sassoon and Kadoorie families—is the stuff of epic novels. *The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties that Helped Create Modern China* by Jonathan Kaufman vividly tells the families' drama-filled story of ambition, generosity, and exploitation within a world of successive wars and societal upheaval. Kaufman is a former China bureau chief for *The Wall Street Journal* and a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and editor. Hear him discuss *Last Kings* and today's China on **Sunday, January 10, at 11:00 am** (register on the Adas website).

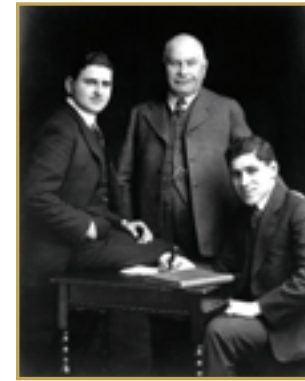
FROM BAGHDAD TO SHANGHAI

Kaufman's multigenerational tale begins with David Sassoon. In 1829, David fled Baghdad, where his illustrious family had prospered for 800 years, to escape angry Baghdadi rulers who threatened to hang him. Within a dozen years, David rebuilt his fortune in Bombay. To expand his business globally, he strategically deployed his eight sons in far-flung cities. In 1850, David's son Elias arrived in Shanghai.

In time, the Sassoons took on a young apprentice, a Baghdadi cousin, Elly Kadoorie. While overseeing a warehouse, Elly displeased his bosses by offering disinfectant to Chinese employees for home use during an outbreak of bubonic plague. When the Sassoons reprimanded him for giving away company products, Elly took offense, quit, and decided to launch his own business. This daring decision made the Kadoories rich; the family later joked that it should add a barrel of disinfectant to its coat of arms.

LIVING IN HISTORY

Last Kings portrays the Sassoon and Kadoorie families building wealth and living lavishly amid tumultuous historic change. The Sassoons' entry into China was made possible by China's defeat in the First Opium War (1839-42). The victorious British forced the Chinese Emperor to cede Hong Kong to Britain and open up five cities to Western trade. In Shanghai, the Sassoons developed a bustling trade in silver, gold, silk, spices, cotton, wool, wheat, and, to the family's later shame, opium.



Elly Kadoorie bypassed opium, investing instead in hotels, land, and utilities in Shanghai and Hong Kong. An active Zionist, Elly donated funds to acquire land in Jerusalem for Hebrew University; he also persuaded Sun Yat-sen, China's first president, to endorse Britain's Balfour Declaration, favoring a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

As World War II approached, Jews fleeing the Nazis headed for Shanghai, a city that required no entry visa. Despite their rivalry, Elly Kadoorie and Victor Sassoon (David Sassoon's grandson) collaborated to provide meals, housing, education, and employment for the refugees. Most crucial, Victor persuaded Japanese authorities to permit the Jews to remain in Shanghai (then under Japanese control) by implying that he might consider investing in Japanese factories (which he never did). By the time war broke out, 18,000 Jews had found refuge in Shanghai.



The Communist takeover of China in 1949 decimated the Sassoon and Kadoorie enterprises. The Sassoons gave up on China, but the Kadoories redoubled their investment in Hong Kong, becoming its first billionaires. For decades, the Communist leadership branded the Sassoons and Kadoories as imperialists and exploiters of the Chinese people, a charge Kaufman says is partly deserved. Yet Kaufman also credits the families for igniting an economic boom that aided China's metamorphosis "from a sclerotic, feudal society into a modern industrial one."

Today, Kaufman reports, the Chinese government acknowledges the two families' contributions. The Kadoories meet regularly with Chinese leaders, including President Xi Jinping. And, at the reopening of the grandly restored Cathay Hotel in Shanghai, Chinese officials applauded as staff ceremoniously hung a portrait of the hotel's original owner, Victor Sassoon.

UPCOMING BOOK & AUTHOR CHATS VIA ZOOM



Meet Author Jonathan Kaufman

Sunday, January 10 @ 11 am

Jonathan Kaufman, former China bureau chief for *The Wall Street Journal*, will discuss his latest book, *The Last Kings of Shanghai* (see accompanying review) and share insights about modern China.



Book Chat on *The Tunnel* by A. B. Yehoshua

Sunday, February 7 @ 11 am

Join our discussion of this comic and thought-provoking new novel by celebrated Israeli author A. B. Yehoshua, about the building of a secret road in the Ramon Crater in the Negev Desert.



Meet Author David Biespiel

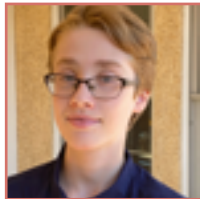
Sunday, March 14 @ 11 am

Acclaimed poet David Biespiel will discuss his memoir, *A Place of Exodus: Home, Memory, and Texas*, which tells the story of his Jewish boyhood in Texas, and muses on the meaning of home, family, and identity.

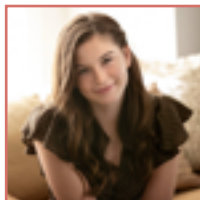
Register for these programs on the Adas Israel website or contact Robin Jacobson (Librarian@adasisrael.org) for the registration links.



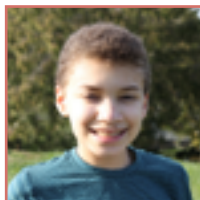
B'NAI MITZVAH

**Benjamin Beeson**

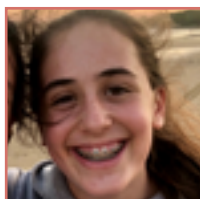
Ben, son of Steven Beeson and Karen Fox, is in seventh grade at Maret. He has attended Adas Israel's Hebrew School since he was six (as his mother). In addition to clarinet lessons and playing basketball, Ben likes to read, build things, play chess, and bike around the city. He is looking forward to celebrating his bar mitzvah in a combined virtual/in-person way with his family and friends. Special thanks to all of Ben's family, and especially to Ben's grandfather, Eric Fox, for his support and for years of amazing Passover seders.

**Theodora Safran Foer**

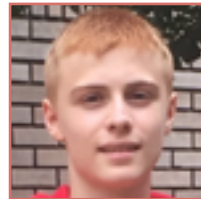
Theodora, daughter of Franklin Foer and Abigail Greensfelder, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She is a fifth-generation Washingtonian, a third-generation Adas Israel congregant, and has attended Gan HaYeled and the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. A ball-winning midfielder on the soccer pitch, Theo is hoping to use her bat mitzvah project to help bring the game to less-privileged neighborhoods. She celebrated her bat mitzvah with her sister Sadie, and her grandparents, Bert and Esther Foer and Linda Greensfelder. She also remembers her grandfather, Ted Greensfelder, for whom she was named.

**Raphael (Rafi) Fox**

Rafi, son of Abraham and Selena Fox, is an eighth-grader at Alice Deal Middle School. He began his Jewish education at the Gan. Rafi attended JPDS-NC for two years and continued his Jewish education at Adas. He shares his simcha with his parents, grandparents (Eleanor Francis and Samuel Samm), and family and friends from America to Canada to Israel. He remembers his Bubbe, Hinda and Zeyde, Mendel (z"l), for whom he is named and who were Holocaust survivors. Through the Jewish Holocaust Survivors & Friends of Greater Washington's Remember A Child program, Rafi also remembers Motik Tender, who died in a concentration camp at age eight. Rafi encourages future b'nai mitzvah to remember one of the 1.5 million Jewish children who perished during the Holocaust.

**Noa Gordon**

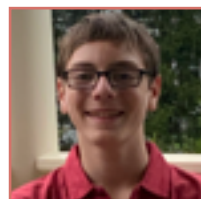
Noa, daughter of Lilah Pomerance and Dan Gordon, is a seventh grader at Oyster-Adams Bilingual School. She's been attending the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since she was in kindergarten. Noa celebrates her bat mitzvah with her younger brothers, Eyal and Asher; her grandparents, Lenore and Rafe Pomerance and Judy Gordon; and all her family and friends from Adas, DC Minyan, Camp Ramah, school, and sports teams. At this special time, she remembers with love her Pop-Pop, Jim Gordon.

**Mattan Johnson**

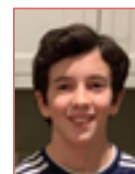
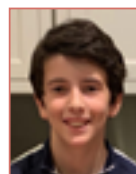
Mattan, son of Calanit Kedem and David Johnson, is an eighth grader at the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital, which he has attending since kindergarten. He is the grandson of Mrs. Carmella Kedem, who taught a generation of students at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, and Prof. Benjamin Kedem. He celebrates his bar mitzvah with friends and family from all over the country, Israel, and Japan. For his pandemic-era mitzvah project, to combat loneliness, he corresponded with older members of the Adas Israel community. Mattan is named for his late uncle Mattan Moshe Kedem (z"l).

**Emma Levine**

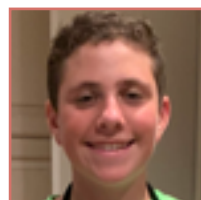
Emma, daughter of Anneben and Judah Levine, is a six grader at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School. She began her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, and has continued at Adas Israel ever since. Emma celebrates her bat mitzvah with her younger sisters, Lily and Madelyn; her grandparents, Molly Myerowitz Levine and Joel Levine; and other family and friends.

**Eitan Moscovitch**

Eitan, son of Jacqueline Arrowsmith, and Marko Moscovitch (of blessed memory), is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. He is hoping to be at Adas for this simcha with the clergy and a few close family members while family and friends from the DC area to Shanghai participate virtually. He looks forward to finding a mitzvah project that incorporates his love of basketball when we can be in real life again with more people.

**Oliver and Theo Perl**

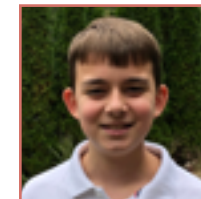
Oliver and Theo, sons of Elana and Jonathan Perl, are in the seventh grade at Georgetown Day School. They celebrate this simcha with their older siblings, Eli and Lucy; grandparents Carol and Nortin Hadler and Susan and Michael Perl; and other family members. They look forward to a festive gathering with their friends in person at some future date.

**David Satloff**

David, son of Robert Satloff and Jennie Litvack (z"l), is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and attended Gan HaYeled. David's mitzvah project is to collect gently used baseball gear to deliver to kids in the Dominican Republic who share his passion for the game. David is excited that his older brothers, Benji and William, will celebrate with him, along with his grandmother Naomi (aka "Bubby Eldge"), extended family, and teammates, camp friends, and classmates, virtually and in person.

**Ezra Schwartz**

Ezra, son of Adam Schwartz and Sara Kropf, is an eighth grader at Alice Deal Middle School. He began his Jewish education in the Gishron Pre-K at Adas Israel. Ezra celebrates with his older brother, Jacob; his grandparents, Gil and Bonnie Schwartz, Gail Kropf and Tony Morris; and virtually with his family and friends in DC and around the country. Ezra also remembers his grandmother, Marcy Schwartz, and his grandfather, Anthony Kropf, at this special time.

**Zachary Shapiro**

Zach, son of Yael Weinman and Andrew Shapiro, is an eighth grader at Silver Creek Middle School and a student at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He began his Jewish education at the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School. He is celebrating his bar mitzvah at Adas Israel with his parents and his brother, Sam, and—virtually—with his grandparents, Natan Weinman and Miriam Shapiro; and his aunts, uncles, and other family and friends. Zach, who has spent several summers at the Emma Kaufmann Camp in Morgantown, WV, was inspired by his love for Jewish camp and is raising money for the Foundation for Jewish Camp, an organization that supports Jewish camps and provides scholarships for campers.

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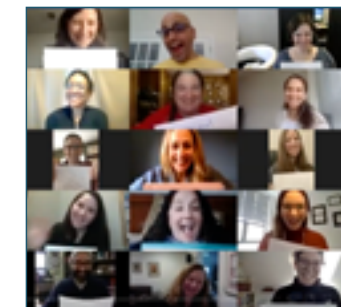


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