Hanukkah @ Adas
EIGHT NIGHTS, EIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

Light

Strength

Hope

Perseverance

Joy

Dedication

Intention

Vision
\section*{Clergy Corner} \vspace{-1em}

\textbf{RABBI AARON ALEXANDER}

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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 Hanukkah. 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 a 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 Hanukkah, 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 Hanukkah must not be placed too high up, our 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 becomes 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 hannukah 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.

\section*{From the President} \vspace{-1em}

\textbf{LAURIE ALADJEM, ADAS PRESIDENT}

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As I write this, it is still October.
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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.
Hanukkah @ Adas

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 2: Strength
Night 3: Hope
Night 4: Perseverance
Night 5: Joy
Night 6: Dedication
Night 7: Intention
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

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“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 our 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.

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.

A Heartfelt High Holy Days Thank You
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.

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”
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 flames dance. This meditation might be three minutes or, as for Rabbi Koenig, 30 minutes; our focus will increase with each candle.

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 imagine the parlance of Hanukkah, to rededicate ourselves—to the parts of our inner world that may have been shrouded in darkness by dread, silence, or fear. This year especially, that tradition seems an apt mindful practice. We can use this to reconnect—in the parshat HaShavua, to find a place we may have been yearning for in our souls and bodies. Here is a way to reconnect with that light, with that yearning, with the Hanukkah lights.

One of the miracles to emerge during this pandemic is how we have found ways to both maintain and reimagine rituals. Remember that in the Talmud, 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 Safed, would chant Hanerot Halalu upon lighting the Hanukkah candles, and then gaze at the lights for six minutes, in silence for 30 minutes. This year especially, that tradition seems an apt mindful practice. We can use this to reconnect—in the parshat HaShavua, to rededicate ourselves—to the parts of our inner world that may have been shrouded in darkness by dread, silence, anxiety, anger, fatigue, worry, and joy, but is present within us from these states of mind.

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.

In order to express thanks for Your miracles, Your wonders and Your salvations.

HANEROT HALALU

For Your miracles, Your wonders
And Your salvations.

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One of the ways we can approach this practice is by thinking of all the ways our symbols of light have been shared, both online and in person. This Hanukkah season, let us remember that the Hanukkah lights are sacred and are meant to be seen by everyone.

For more information on upcoming JMCW programming, to join the listserv, and more, visit adasisrael.org/JMCW.
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 Hasidut 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.
Musical Moments at Adas

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.

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.

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.

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

Stay Up To Date!
adasisrael.org/musicalmoments

Musical Moments at Adas

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!
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RABBI KERRITH SOLOMON

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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.

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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

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Our events have gone virtual; in the last few months, we have:
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• Hosted a “Comment Coffee” in response to proposed asylum regulations.
• Worked with WIN on virtual actions and discussions on affordable housing in Ward 3.
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The Adas Israel community was bereaved of the following beloved members:

**5779**
Miran Froimberg
Dr. Jeffrey Eder
Mel Elfin
Ruth Rosenthal
Preiss
Florence Herman
Robert Plotshy
Joseph Tydungs
Charlotte Teicher
Anna Lappig
Hank Salzer
Robert Geatz
Cynthia Sutton
Ruth Rand
Judith Himelfarb
Dr. Lawrence R.
Shapiro
Reva Goldberg
Edgar Aftergood
Barbara Knapp
David Kresch
George Orlovs
Gerard Daniel
James Edward
Drahman

**5780**
Martha Dubrow
Berence Selman
Suzanne Haims
Gladyz Lipkin
Robert Rosinsky
Jerry Daniels
Edward Kasoff
Sarah Gewitz
Berne Klein

**5781**
Joel Merenstein
Rene LeBanc
Lucille Daniels

Remarks from some remarkable members of our Bereavement Committee

Toni Bickart, Tahara Team Coordinator
"Coordinating the men’s and women’s Tahara teams gives us 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, sometimes not, and we off er 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 fi nd 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 Funer al Practices Committee of Greater Washington
"The work has been extremely personally meaningful and moving to me. Helping families navigate the diffi cult times of loss. You walk into an Adas member’s home. Sometimes we know them, sometimes not, and we off er 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 fi nd comfort in knowing we are Adas family who are helping them and not a funeral director."

Wendy Kates, Shenir 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 on and maintain this ancient Jewish practice. It never ceases to move me emotionally and spiritually to perform this mitzvah that is so steeped in tradition and in meaning."

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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, we are not 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 b’mitzvah in the Adas parking lot. The outdoor services not only allowed minyanim—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 include certain minyan-related prayers, but to include the mourner’s Kaddish, Torah reading with a chumash, as well as other celebratory prayers such as the Hallel service.

Dawning over Zoom has its pluses and minuses. Arguably the biggest shortcoming is the cacophony, refl ecting the technology’s amplifi cation of worshippers reading and chanting at different paces. And although the Adas website off ers links to the weekday prayer book, it can be hard to juggle the sidur 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 Fultz, who is in Jerusalem; Mas Mejia, who joins from India, and Ron Lapsig, the former mayor of morning minyan, who signs in from Virginia Beach.

And although we can’t offer k’los, bagels, and other goodies, as we do when morning minyan meets in the Bet Midras during normal times, it turns out that Zoomed services are quite conducive to schmoozing. Our post-land-sometimes pre—Zom 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 marnyschiff@gbmail.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

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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.

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Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.
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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 Israel website).

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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 chanting 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.

Therodora 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 Adams Israel congregant, and has attended Gan Hallele 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, Ben and Esther Foer and Linda Greensfelder. She also remembers her grandmother, 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 JPSI-NC for two years and continued his Jewish education at Adas. He shares his simcha with his parents, grandparents (Eleanor Francis and Samuel Samiti), and family and friends from America to Canada to Israel. He remembers his Bubble, Hinda and Zyeide, Mendel (2’), for whom he is named and who were Holocaust survivors. Theodora Safran Foer, his fifth-grader sister, is named for her late uncle Mattan Moshe Kedem (2’).

Emma Levine
Emma, daughter of Annette and Judah Levine, is a sixth grader at Milton Gesf Pean Jewish Day School. She began her Jewish education at Gan Hallele, and has continued at Adas Israel ever since. Emma celebrates her bat mitzvah with her younger sisters, Lily and Maddy, her grandparents, Molly Myerson, Levine and Joel Levine; and other family and friends.

Evan Shapiro
Evan, son of Yael Weissman 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 Gesf Pean 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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Adas is honored to announce that after seven months of being closed, the Adas Israel Community Mikvah is beginning to reopen. Working with Adas Israel’s COVID-19 Task Force, we have developed a set of protocols for safely accessing the Mikvah. More information about our new modified schedule and the protocols can be found at www.adasisrael.org/mikvah.

Shabbat Services
Friday Night & Saturday Morning
Visit us online to find a comprehensive collection of upcoming services, classes, and other opportunities to engage remotely. We affirm once again that our unwavering connection to each other is among our greatest blessings at Adas, and is felt just as palpably in our hearts, and even online, as it is in our building. We are each of us, arevim zeh la-zeh, deeply bound, one with the other. Let our robust prayer, learning, social, and programmatic offerings over the airwaves serve as a beacon of hope, connection, and inspiration.

Visit Facebook.com/adasisraeldc to join live.

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SATURDAY MORNING
Visit adasisrael.org/adasairwaves for times and to join live or dial in at 202.686.8405.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING CONNECTED.
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Pray with us. Learn with us. Connect with us. Online.
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With Thanks For: All the kindness Rabbi Alexander showed us by Michael & Marion Usher. The imaginative & thoughtful services the rabbis have given these past few months by Valerie Weisberg.


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