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# CHRONICLE







# From the President

JANICE MOSTOW, ADAS PRESIDENT



As I sit at my desk writing this letter to you, I look out my window and see the dance of the leaves in the wind. When I left DC on November 3 to visit my Dad in Florida (amazing fact: he is 102 years old and very engaged in his life), the leaves were brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow. Today, November 7 (we write these Chronicle letters a month or so before they reach you!), the leaves are mostly gone from the trees and now have their home on the ground below. The natural world continues to show us that life is ever-changing, one day can make a difference--large or small--in our lives. As the days grow shorter and the nights longer and darker, we see how light and darkness co-exist. The truth of continuous change is an awesome reality that connects me to the presence of the Divine. I am very grateful for that connection and for the honor of serving you as president of Adas. Your dedication to and participation in our community keep us together as we continue to grow and move forward.

While we will be processing the election results in the weeks ahead--each in our own way--we will also be in the midst of preparing for or celebrating Hanukkah. Many of us have childhood memories of how our families celebrated the holiday. For some, the children enjoyed favorite fried foods; for others, the main event was gelt and gift giving and receiving. What most of our families shared in common, though, was the lighting of the hanukkiyah. The lighting of the candles is what Hanukkah asks of us: each family is asked to add light to the darkness and then, if we can, to share that light with our larger community.

In our world today, some think of this darkness mainly as a function of the time of year when days are shorter and nights are longer. Others may see this darkness as a metaphor for some of the deep, painful divisions that exist in our world. Some may see the darkness as sadness or grief carried in our hearts at this moment in time. The beauty of Hanukkah is this: the lights of Hanukkah illuminate our lives, no matter what the cause of the darkness. The light promises hope for us as individuals and for our world.

When each family lights its hanukkiyah, it brings some light into the world. When many families light their hanukkiyahs, as we do in our Adas community, we not only bring fuller light, we also join together as a loving, spiritual community. Together, with hope and prayer and support for one another, we can experience the potential for joy and love in our world. We can lead others in the direction of that love, joy, and thoughtful action to support one another. That is, after all, an obligation we as Jewish people hold dear. This is what Hanukkah represents.

We are approaching the end of 2022. I am grateful that now we have Hanukkah, the holiday that honors, in the most elemental and spiritual way, our belief in the power of light, of our Judaism and of our God to lead us forward.

May you feel safe  
May you feel love  
May you feel strong  
May the lights of Hanukkah warm your heart and give you joy.

With gratitude for your presence and your continuing support to our Adas community,

Janice



# Clergy Corner

RABBI SARAH KRINSKY



The rabbis of our Talmud had an interesting relationship with miracles. On the one hand, the recognition and praise of miracles is baked into - inextricably linked with - what it means, in their eyes, to be a Jew. The rabbinic tradition is replete with songs, liturgy, and exclamations of God's greatness in bringing us out of Egypt - a redemption that is, in their very words, miraculous.

And yet they also, at times, seem wary of miracles. In Masechet Shabbat, Rabbi Yannai teaches:

"A person should never stand in a place of danger and say to themselves that God will perform a miracle for them, lest God does not perform a miracle for them. And, moreover, even if God does perform a miracle for them, [having said to themselves that God will perform such a miracle] will reduce the miracle's value."

In essence, Rabbi Yannai warns against hoping for miracles for two reasons: (1) they might not happen, and then we will have gotten our hopes up, and (2) if a miracle does end up happening, having anticipated it will somehow diminish its power. What Rabbi Yannai reveals here is both his own potential cynicism (which, to be honest, I do find resonant and relatable), and also a new read of what a miracle can be. Because what we see is that for Rabbi Yannai, one of a miracle's most defining traits seems to be its element of surprise. Miracles, in this definition, are not a given. They are not

something we can make happen or whose course we can alter. Miracles are, or at least should be, unexpected. Hanukkah is, in our tradition, the season of miracles. It is when we celebrate the miracles performed for our ancestors, and pray for that same divine grace to appear in our lives as well. And while there are moments or years in which this plea feels resonant, it also has the potential to fall flat. What does it mean, really, to pray for miracles?

Rabbi Yannai can help us answer that question. Perhaps this year, as we enter into our holiday season and surround ourselves with the liturgy of miracles, what we are asking for is actually something much simpler than the splitting of the sea. Perhaps what we seek is a moment of surprise. Perhaps what we bless is the potential for something unexpected to emerge. An openness to outcomes we could not have foreseen. Something turning out better, or at least differently, than we might have thought or planned. Maybe the real miracle is not what happens out in the world, but is our own expanding sense of belief and wonder at possibilities beyond what we could have imagined.

This Hanukkah, may we find these miracles in our everyday lives. May we encounter them with open hearts. And may we bless them.

Hanukkah sameach.





# Chag Hanukkah Sameach



## Hanukkah 2022

SUNDAY, DEC. 18 - MONDAY, DEC. 26



### Blessing over the Candles

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam, asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav, v'tzivanu l'had'lik neir shel Chanukah.*

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe  
Who has sanctified us with His commandments and  
commanded us to light the lights of Hanukkah.

## Hanukkah Highlights @ Adas

As you celebrate Hanukkah this year, may your homes be bright with happiness, joy, and light. We hope you will join us for an array of Adas happenings and community events including a family Hanukkah party, community Shabbat oneg, and more.



### Community Shabbat Service, Kabbalat Shabbat and Hanaukkah Oneg

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 6:30PM

Celebrate the 6th night of Hanukkah here at Adas! We will feature a community candle lighting, a festive Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Arianne Brown, and a fun singalong of all your favorite holiday songs, followed by some tasty oneg treats.



### Family Hanukkah Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 9:30AM

Join us for a morning filled with latkes, music, and plenty of Hanukkah fun! Open to all Adas families.



### Teen Hanukkah Party

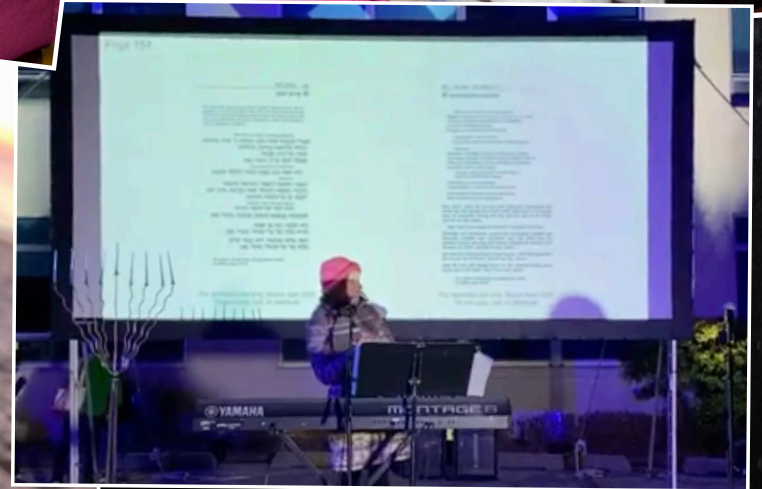
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6PM

Join us at the National Zoo for a Zoo Lights Hanukkah celebration! We'll meet at the Connecticut Ave entrance to the Zoo at 6pm and after spending some time exploring Zoo Lights, we'll walk over to Woodley Park for a backyard bonfire.

[adasisrael.org/hanukkah](https://adasisrael.org/hanukkah)



# *Year after year the glow of Hanukkah brings warmth to our community*



Candle lighting with Adas members at Somerset House

Visit our beautiful menorah displays in the Brian Beit Midrash

Religious School students light a chanukiah on the beach in Caesarea while on their Israel trip

Outdoor Menorah lighting with Adas clergy





# tikkunolam

'REPAIRING THE WORLD'

## SOCIAL ACTION



### Afghan Family Assistance



#### SAC Refugee Team Does Rapid Response

Oz Papados has become a key leader in the Social Action Team's refugee efforts in recent months, with her willingness to use her flexible schedule to the SAC's advantage.

She has stepped up to help coordinate a lot of quick turnaround projects like helping provide food this fall for a large Afghan family that was in a transitional period before their government benefits kicked in.

Oz has been impressed by the congregation's willingness to fulfill these emergency calls for help. SAC sent out an email and was hoping to collect \$250, she said. Within an hour they had collected \$1,600.

"That was incredible how the community just came together in a heartbeat," Oz said. Because of the large pool of funding Adas was able to help two other families in a similar situation.

SAC gets requests for help from a wide range of organizations serving refugees in our area because these groups know they can count on Adas members, she said.

"There's a constant stream of requests, which tells me that Adas has created a reputation as being a place where you ask for help, and your request will be addressed."

Oz is also part of a SAC refugee team plan to prepare a spreadsheet of the various volunteer services or donations area synagogues and their members can provide to groups assisting refugees. This way, when a need arises, there is an easy-to-access source of who might be able to assist.

The goal is to enable organizations serving refugees to put their requests for assistance into the document and to streamline efforts.



#### MEET MICK NEUSTADT – HESED CLERGY LIAISON

We are thrilled to introduce Mick Neustadt to the Adas Israel community. A social worker working with the clergy and the Hesed Committee, Mick will be available to Adas Israel congregants to help sort through life challenges, whether by joining one of the support groups Mick will be running or by meeting with him in person or on zoom to talk through issues you are facing. Stay tuned to announcements in @Adas to find out ways to connect with Mick. Welcome, Mick!

**Tell us a little bit about yourself. What are your interests, hobbies, favorite foods, where did you grow up?**



I grew up in Bethesda, MD. Over the years I left for college, traveled nationally and internationally, and always ended up back in the DC area. I enjoy being active and outdoors, walking in Rock Creek or Sligo Creek. I'm a big baseball fan and softball player. I enjoy traveling, reading nonfiction, and meditating. I always enjoy spending time with my family and extended family.

#### Why did you choose social work as a career?

My first "career" was working as a schoolteacher and sports coach. I always enjoyed the one-to-one connections with students and colleagues and felt that I couldn't do quite as much as I wanted to help students. I turned to social work because it gave me the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and help people of all ages from many different backgrounds.

#### What Jewish values guide your work?

Growing up in a Jewish home I learned the values of family/community, generosity/kindness, and responsibility. My grandparents and parents exemplified and lived these values. As a social worker I aim to see the good in everyone and to realize our interconnectedness. I believe that if you can offer generosity and help someone, you should do so. Supporting one person and his or her needs can have a positive ripple effect through one's family, friends, and community.

#### What are your goals for Adas as the Hesed Clergy Liaison?

Being a part of Adas offers a unique opportunity to work with greatly compassionate and caring people. The clergy and Hesed volunteers are so intent on connecting and supporting the members of Adas. I am looking forward to our collaboration and finding a variety of ways to support our members and create connections and community. My goal is for Adas members to feel seen and heard, connected, and supported.

To reach Mick, please contact [mick.neustadt@adasisrael.org](mailto:mick.neustadt@adasisrael.org) or [hesed@adasisrael.org](mailto:hesed@adasisrael.org).



Hesed Bag Delivery  
Leader Extraordinaire

#### HESED BAGS TEAM ON THE MOVE!

While many synagogues around the country are losing members, Adas Israel continues to thrive. The clergy, spiritual opportunities, educational programs, and feeling of community all make it very attractive to join Adas. Every new member gets a hand-delivered Hesed Welcome Bag filled with fun goodies, including yummy home-made Hesed sweet treats. Those bags don't deliver themselves!

Thanks to the Hesed Bags Team leadership of Michael Fingerhut and Gilbert Holland, the Hesed Bags team delivered about 113 bags in early November to new members who had joined over the summer and through the High Holidays. Yes, you read that correctly--113 new member Hesed bags delivered (a few of them were for new babies)! Huge thanks to Michael and Gilbert and the rest of Hesed delivery team. If you want to join the team and experience the joy as you deliver a bag to a very happy recipient, please contact [hesed@adasisrael.org](mailto:hesed@adasisrael.org).





## ADAS ISRAEL DAILY MINYAN 10 THINGS—SOME NEW, SOME OLD—YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WEEKDAY SERVICES

### 1. Minyan is back in the building (mostly).

Morning minyan began meeting in-person in the Biran Beit Midrash on Sundays through Fridays last February. On October 25, PM minyan re-opened to in-person worship on Tuesdays, and starting January 4, Wednesday evening services will re-open to in-person davening.

### 2. Weekday services continue to be available via Zoom.

Morning minyan starts at 7:30 am Monday through Friday and at 9 am on Sunday and national holidays. Afternoon/evening services start at 6 pm on Sunday through Thursday and, during standard time, at 4 pm on Friday (and at 5:15 pm during Daylight Saving Time). You can find the links to Zoomed minyan services at <https://www.adasisrael.org/schedule#minyan>.

### 3. Learn from our rabbis at minyan.

Rabbi Elianna Yolkut, Adas Israel's Rosh Beit Midrash, Rosh Mikvah, and Rabbinic Scholar, now attends morning services in-person on Wednesday mornings and teaches afterwards (see picture above). And, upon returning from maternity leave, Rabbi Sarah Krinsky has re-assumed her position as the leader of Thursday evening services on Zoom. Rabbi Krinsky teaches during PM minyan and often introduces new melodies.

### 4. We read Torah at morning minyan

on Mondays and Thursday and minor holidays, including Rosh Chodesh and the intermediate days of Sukkot and Passover. We will read Torah every day during Hanukkah, starting this year on December 19 and finishing on December 26. If you want to request an aliyah in advance, email Adas Israel's ritual director, Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith, at [Hazzan.Goldsmith@adasisrael.org](mailto:Hazzan.Goldsmith@adasisrael.org), or just ask for one when you arrive.

### 5. We celebrate simchas at morning minyan.

Bar and bat mitzvahs and their families are invited to attend morning minyan on a Torah-reading day before the big day on Shabbat. The b'nai mitzvah receive aliyot and a blessing from the member of the clergy who is presiding at the service (usually Hazzan Goldsmith on

Mondays and Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt on Thursdays). On occasion, the minyan also celebrates baby-naming ceremonies and aufrufs for couples about to be married.

### 6. Minyan services are relatively quick.

Morning minyan typically lasts 40 minutes on non-Torah reading days, 50 minutes on Torah-reading days, and an hour on Rosh Chodesh and most other holidays. During Daylight Saving Time, PM services, when we daven mincha and maariv back-to-back, take about 30 minutes. During standard time, when we replace mincha with a psalm and a mourner's kaddish for mincha, the service lasts about 15 minutes. Our Zoomed Friday afternoon mincha-only service lasts less than 10 minutes.

### 7. We dress casually at minyan.

Save your fine attire for Shabbat, the High Holidays, and festival services.

### 8. We serve breakfast after morning minyan.

Our breakfasts are not only filling but give people a wonderful way of getting to know their fellow worshipers. We serve special breakfasts (smoked-fish platters) on Rosh Chodesh, and many Adas members provide platters on special occasions, such as yahrzeits and the aforementioned simchas. If you'd like to order a platter, contact Adas Israel's Food and Beverage Manager, Juliana Nieto, at [Juliana.Nieto@adasisrael.org](mailto:Juliana.Nieto@adasisrael.org).

### 9. Leaders and Torah readers are welcome.

If you want to lead a service or read Torah, contact Hazzan Goldsmith ([hazzan.goldsmith@adasisrael.org](mailto:hazzan.goldsmith@adasisrael.org)).

### 10. We would love for you to attend services in the building.

As successful as the re-opening of in-person services has been, we don't always get a quorum of 10 adults, which allows us to conduct a complete service (our rabbis have determined that Zoom participants don't count toward making a minyan). So join us anytime you can and seize an opportunity to make a difference. You will be doing a mitzvah, and you'll make new friends.



# Ma Tovv

Ben Rosenblum & Jane Fidler

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

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

**Jane and Ben, you have been Adas stalwarts for decades! What originally brought you to Adas, and what keeps you as active members here?**

Jane: I've been a member of Adas for over 50 years. My children grew up here, and so did I. Adas is my spiritual home. It's a place where I learn and keep on growing Jewishly, which is very important to me. The ruach of the service and the quiet contemplative moments of prayer balance me. The synagogue has evolved before my eyes. When I joined Adas it was a different time and place. Things were more formal and structured. Today, there's a lot more smiling that takes place. The informality and warmth is infectious. I love and feel so fortunate to be rooted here.

Ben: I'm relatively new to Adas, as Jane and I are married for 14 years. I originally thought after we were married, I would whisk her away to New York, which is where I was living. But when she took me to Adas, and told me what an important part of her life it is, and I could see how she loved being in HER SYNAGOGUE, I knew we weren't going anywhere. Also, as an Israeli, I was not accustomed to going to synagogue on a regular basis. But Adas is a special place, and I actually love coming to services.

**Jane, you are a professor at Montgomery College and the University of Maryland. Can you tell us about the work you do?**

I am a professor in the English Department at Montgomery College and the University of Maryland. I teach the basic English 101 course that every college freshman must take. However, most of my students dislike writing and are challenged for several reasons, the least of which is that they would rather be on their cell phones than study. Also, many students work to help support their families and are not native English speakers. They have many struggles in their lives. My job is to give them the fundamental tools so they can be successful in their writing and their academic careers. I structure my classes so that my students can succeed and build on their successes. When they reach their goals, they become the teacher and share their knowledge with their peers. Their success is my success, and I delight in their accomplishments. (Can you tell I love what I do?)

**Ben, you just returned from an inspiring mission on the Polish-Ukrainian Border with the organization Lev Echad (One Heart). Can you please tell us more about this organization and your experience as you and other volunteers helped tens of thousands of refugees fleeing for their lives from the Russian invasion?**

Lev Echad is an international volunteer organization that provides medical and humanitarian aid to people in crisis all around the world. Founded in 2005 in Israel, it mobilizes its 4,000 volunteers to help during times of war, floods, and storms. This past October, I had the good fortune to participate in this extraordinary 10-day mission to Poland and Ukraine with 12 volunteers. My daughter and five other physicians provided the medical care to over 350 patients in Polish refugee camps and a hospital in Ukraine. My son and I were the "Fix It Team." We painted the walls and floors of the bomb shelter in a children's hospital in Lviv, and fixed broken machinery and furniture and built toys in the refugee camp in Krakow, Poland. We also had the great opportunity to spend

quality time with the children, and bought them toys, games, and books as we played with them. For many children, it was the first time they smiled since they fled their homeland. One of my greatest joys came when my granddaughter, who was also with us, brought her guitar, and was able to sing Ukrainian songs with the children. I am not the same man I was when I began this mission, and I cannot wait to go back to help again--this time with Jane. Interested in joining Lev Echad on its next mission? Contact Shir in Israel at +972 54-3100686.

**Jane, you are reinvigorating our Adas Chaverim as part of our larger Bereavement Committee. Can you tell us more about Chaverim and how others can get involved?**

The Hebrew word chaverim means friends. That's what this group is all about. Under the guidance of Rabbi Holtzblatt, we are redesigning an important aspect of Adas Bereavement. The chaver (friend) will be a source of help and support for the bereaved. This can include visiting the bereaved's home, helping them prepare the house for shiva, being there for them during the memorial service, and accompanying them to the cemetery. In short, Chaverim is all about reaching out with the greatest Hesed (loving kindness) and doing for others what you would wish to be done for you during the most difficult time. I consider this to be the most important effort I have ever been a part of at Adas, and I am so fortunate to be sharing this responsibility with so many experienced and truly caring Adas members. For me, the reward for the mitzvah is the mitzvah itself (Pirkei Avot). As we expand Chaverim services, we would love to expand our Chaverim volunteers as well. Interested? Contact Jane at 301-520-4564.

**Ben, you are celebrating your second bar mitzvah this spring--yasher koach! For all of our students who are currently preparing for their first bar mitzvah, what wise words can you give them?**

I will celebrate my second bar mitzvah in March 2023. My first bar mitzvah was held in Israel. My family and I walked to the little synagogue around the corner, I read from the Torah, chanted the haftarah, and said "Thank God it's over." For this milestone, I feel very different, and actually feel very lucky. Lucky that my family and friends will be with me. Lucky that I am in good health. And lucky that I can celebrate this simcha in a synagogue that has come to mean so much to me. To the yeladim (children) who will celebrate their first b'nai mitzvah, I will tell them in light of what I have just experienced in Ukraine, to be proud to be Jewish, and remember to thank your abba and ema once in a while. I cannot promise you it will be easy, but I can promise it will be worth it.

**By the time this *Chronicle* is in mailboxes, Hanukkah will be near!**

Hanukah is a fun holiday for us, but in all honesty it doesn't have the profound impact that the other chagim do. The tradition we love to share is making latkes together. We always make far too many and wind up giving a great deal away to our friends. The intense smell of the crisp latkes permeates the house for eight days, reminding us how lucky we are to celebrate this festival of light.





# MakomDC

## *The Why And What of a Beit Midrash*

**אין ישנים בב"ה אפילו שינת עראי אבל בבית המדרש מותר:**

It is forbidden to sleep in a synagogue, even for a short nap, but this is permitted in a house of study. (Shulchan Aruch 151:3, 16th century by Rabbi Joseph Karo)

We, along with many Jewish thinkers over the course of history, might ask why in Jewish law the rabbis going back 500 years distinguished between the house of study and a synagogue. The commentators to this minute point of Jewish law suggested that the distinction is made here, that you are permitted to rest in a house of a study, a Beit Midrash, and not in a synagogue, because the Beit Midrash's purpose, its mission, is to become your home, the place where you spend the most time outside of your literal home. Which begs the question, exactly what is a Beit Midrash and how do we understand its use and purpose in our community? Hint: it isn't for nap time.

In English "Beit Midrash--**בית מדרש**" can be translated as a "house of inquiry." This translation, paired with the aforementioned point of Jewish law, gives us a number of clues as to how we might understand and use this incredible and ancient spiritual technology. The Beit Midrash is meant to be an ideal Jewish home, a place where we are rooted and where we can return again and again. It is a space that welcomes us at every station along our journey.

First and foremost, it is a place of learning and cultivating in that learning a growth mindset. The process of learning is as important as the discoveries we make therein. The offerings of MakomDC in the Beit Midrash are about the process of learning as much as the discovery or acquisition of knowledge. Rather than seeking the "right answers," Beit Midrash learning is centered around asking generative, probing, thoughtful questions. This is why we have created a new shelf space for so called "banned books"--no ideas, no wrestling of meaning or language is out of bounds. We aren't seeking a space to all agree or where one opinion is correct; we want the acquisition of knowledge and the process of learning to be sacred and holy, to challenge us to be in the conversations of our ancient tradition and modern ideas.

The Biran Beit Midrash at Adas Israel sits, literally, at the center of our building because we center the values of creating a sacred learning place as central to our communal life and also your lives as Jewish people. It is a place where we can let go of artifices and other roles we play in life in order to enter into a process of collaborative inquiry through authentic conversation with ourselves, our teachers, and our community while poring over ancient and modern wisdom. In our sacred home of learning, we won't let each other or the texts off the hook; we will find ways to push and nudge for deeper access, wisdom, and learning.

Perhaps this is why the rabbis of days gone by describe it as a home. The conversations that happen around a cup of coffee with a new member offer as much as insight, learning, and growth as a class taught by one of your clergy. The "banned books" shelf might be the only one in a Beit Midrash anywhere in this country. We want to be new and innovative while rooting ourselves in the ancient words and practice of debate and discussion. Like an ideal home, the Beit Midrash is a place where we feel the threads of connection between ourselves, whoever currently resides in that space with us, and whoever has come before us in that space, including elders and ancestors. Done in this way, Beit Midrash cultivates empowered, engaged, inquisitive learners where the learning and connection informs our ordinary, lived lives imbuing them with sacred learning.

WRITTEN BY RABBI ELIANNA YOLKUT



## LEARNING THE TORAH OF RESILIENCE FROM THE TALMUD TO THE MYSTICS WITH JMCW



with Rabbi Holtzblatt

SERIES #2: TUESDAYS, MARCH 14, MARCH 21, AND MARCH 28  
AT 7:30 PM IN THE BIRAN BEIT MIDRASH

Lately, every day seems like another wave of bad news from the war in Ukraine, the climate emergency, the state of politics in the United States and abroad. How do we face troubling times with an open heart and a resilient spirit? Our rabbis faced a world that was in tumult and continued to innovate, re-charge, find their footing, and carry on. How do we learn from their experiences?

In this two-part (three-week session), we will explore stories from the Talmud, the Zohar, and the teachings of the mystics on building a resilient spirit. All texts will be provided in both Hebrew and English. We will study the contexts in which these texts were written, how the rabbis and mystics approached their struggles, and how we might integrate resilience into our own lives.



## FROM ANTIQUITY UNTIL TODAY: CLAIMING OUR RABBINIC HERITAGE IN FORM AND CONTENT



with Rabbi Alexander

SERIES #2 LITERATURE OF LORE & LOVE: EXPLORING THE MIND OF MIDRASH  
TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 7, FEBRUARY 14, AND FEBRUARY 21 AT 7 PM

There is simply no detaching modern Jewish life from its ancient rabbinic foundation. The challenge has also been opening up the depth of these texts to those of us untrained in the technical, academic, medieval, and modern methods of learning rabbinic literature.

In two three-week sessions (one in the fall and one in the spring), we will closely study selections of Talmud and Midrash (in the original with translations provided), unpacking them with tools scholars have developed and used throughout history to better understand what the original authors, editors, and redactors created and intended. We'll explore the layers of a Talmudic passage (sugya), and the genres of Midrash--halakhah (law), aggadah (lore), and mashal (parable)--in order not only to understand the many forms of rabbinic literature, but also mine them for the content that inspires our religious lives.



## THE SPIRITUALITY OF EMOTIONS: EXPLORE TEXTS DEALING WITH ANGER, JOY, DESPAIR, AND HOPE



with Rabbi Yolkut

SERIES #2: SUNDAYS, APRIL 23, APRIL 30, AND MAY 7  
AT 10 AM, IN-PERSON IN THE BIRAN BEIT MIDRASH

The sustained uncertainty, grief, and fear of the last several years have left many of us unsure of how to harness our emotions toward hope, possibility, growth, and anchoring. With an ever-changing reality we vacillate among myriad emotions. So what does Judaism think about and ask of us when it comes to our emotional well-being? What are we to do when anger burns inside of us in our personal lives? How do we navigate the global anger coursing through the world today? How can we cultivate a heart of joy? What happens when we are blocked by life circumstances and joy seems elusive and distant? How do we find hope in dark periods?

Join Rabbi Yolkut for two three-week sessions (in-person) in which we will explore how the tradition deals with the universal and challenging myriad human emotions and how they intersect with a religious and spiritual world view. Study texts (translations provided) from the Torah all the way through modernity that ask these questions and offer deep exploration of the panacea of emotions we all experience. Gain some practical skills to work on cultivating an intentional spiritual life.

## MENDELSON SCHOLAR SERIES

**Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin and Rabbi Avram Israel Reisner**  
January 21  
Yishuv Ha'Olam: The First Mitzvah You Never Heard Of:  
On Sustainability and Jewish Law

**Dr. Judith Hauptman**  
March 4  
On New Halacha in Surrogacy



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## Musical Moments at Adas

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



# Stepping Back In: The Waters of Return, Covenant Concert

**Saturday, February 4, 7:00 pm**

**Celebrate Shabbat Shirah with a musical journey through time, space, memorial, and healing.**

Together, we take communal, ritual steps to process the pandemic and to enter our next phase of life. Performers include Theater J, Cantor Arianne Brown, Micah Hendler, Flash Choir, and top DC musicians. You will experience transformative congregational song and prayer, meaningful musical moments, and original theater inspired by our congregants' pandemic experiences.

This concert is supported by Covenant Foundation grant.

[adasisrael.org/musicalmoments](https://adasisrael.org/musicalmoments)

## Upcoming Events



### Shabbat A Cappella with Shir Appeal

**Friday, January 6 - Saturday, January 7**

Join us for a special Shabbat experience with the a capella group, Shir Appeal. Shir Appeal will sing during Friday night TEM Kabbalat Shabbat, in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary for Shabbat morning, and more!

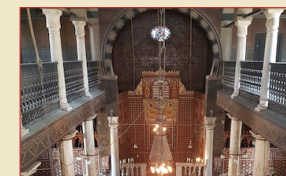
Shir Appeal, Tufts University's mixed-gender Jewish a capella group, is touring the D.C. area in January 2023! Shir Appeal has toured in Los Angeles, Florida, New York, and Philadelphia, performing at synagogues, nursing homes, day schools, private parties, and fundraisers. It is our goal to share our love for Jewish music and spread Jewish messages with audiences all over.



### Havdalah & Sing for Justice

**February 11 & March 11 @ 7:00 pm with Micah Hendler**

We return to these evenings of collective singing and social action. We will focus on social issues, learning on-theme songs that can feed our souls and galvanize us to action as we connect with community members who are driving impact in these areas. Our voices can help power the change we want to see in our world. Visit [adasisrael.org/musicalmoments](https://adasisrael.org/musicalmoments) for upcoming dates.



### Save the Date! A New Opera in Concert

### Geniza: Hidden Fragments by Arnold Saltzman

**Sunday, April 23, 4:00-6:00 pm, Charles E. Smith Sanctuary**

*Geniza: Hidden Fragments* will be a featured opera in concert presented by the Adas Israel Congregation with members of the Chesapeake Orchestra forming a klezmer/chamber ensemble, and eight opera singers with national and international reputations conducted by Jeffrey Silberschlag.

This new opera, *Geniza: Hidden Fragments*, is a 90-minute neoclassical light opera, with arias and ensembles in a melodic and memorable setting with the libretto of Rabbi Arnold Saltzman, who has drawn upon some of the writings and texts of Solomon and Mathilde Schechter, and twin sisters and scholars Agnes Smith Lewis and Margaret Dunlop Gibson.

## Thank You!



One of the highlights of High Holidays 5783 was the ability to have members of our congregation participate on the bima again. Thank you to those who sang with us!

**Kolot Shofar Callers:** Nathaniel Brown, Yonah Brown, Gabriel Cutler, Zachary Cutler, Eli King, Ayla Wethington-Yolkut, Maya Yahana, Mallory Yedwab

**Teen Musicians:** Charlotte Green, Eliana Green, Courtney Pine, Sonia Skolnik, Noah Pan Stier

**Flash Choir:** Chana Engel, David Olson, Debby Joseph, Ely Merenstein, Healey Sutton, Jonah Richmond, Laura Benbow, Michael Rodgers, Oz Papa, Rachel Mauro, Susan Calderon, Toni Bickart, Wendy Doernberg





# Education & Youth

## @ ADAS ISRAEL

From the Director of Education & Director of Schools

RABBI KERRITH SOLOMON & LEILAH MOONEY-JOSEPH



As I looked at the names of the students in this year's b'nai mitzvah class, I couldn't help but picture them as the three-year-old Gan students they were when I first arrived nine years ago. It is humbling to be part of a community where you get to watch families and children grow, and it has been our privilege to watch our school community and the numbers of families with young children grow as well.

We are committed to continuing to find new, meaningful, creative ways to serve our congregation and we are so proud that this year it has been bringing Leilah Mooney Joseph in as our new Director of Schools, K-12 to oversee our religious schools, working alongside Lindsay Kagin, our Director of Youth & Family Programming.

Each of them brings her own particular passions around Jewish family life and learning as well as her own professional strengths and gifts. I'm feeling such joy and gratitude working with the two of them--joy as we dream together about what congregational life for our Adas families can look like, and gratitude as I reflect on our amazing congregation that continues to make these dreams possible. Looking forward to more learning, more playing, and more laughing together!

Lindsay Kagin, Director of Youth & Family Programs  
Tessa Rudnick, Youth Programming Educator

## YOUTH & FAMILY UPDATE

This fall has been chock-full of amazing youth and family programs! Every Shabbat morning we hear our young children singing in our Ma Tov services and our school-age children praying and learning together in Junior Congregation. On Friday evenings we welcome family and student participation in our Lechu Neranena and Families with Young Children services.

Over the High Holidays, we saw so many faces, not just over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but at our Breakfast in the Booth Sukkot event and on Simchat Torah for dinner, services, and music. Just after the holidays ended, we had Adas Animals on the Ark for Parshat Noach and saw so many animals and their families at our patio celebration.

We've also had some amazing programming for our older students. We started the school year with a Back to School BBQ on the patio for our middle and high school students. In October we had the Cleveland Park Chess Challenge, a USCF-rated chess tournament for over 40 youth participants. In November, we had a 6th Grade Shul-In, where our students got to spend the night at Adas in a fun shul sleepover.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

As we wrap up an amazing fall, we are ramping up for an equally amazing winter. Take a look at all the fun things the Youth and Family Department has planned. Please go to the Youth and Families section of the Adas website ([adasisrael.org](http://adasisrael.org)) to learn more about these programs and to register.

### Teen Hanukkah Party, Saturday, December 17, 6:00 pm

Join us at the National Zoo for a Zoo Lights Hanukkah celebration! We'll meet at the Connecticut Ave entrance to the Zoo at 6 pm and, after spending some time exploring Zoo Lights, we'll walk over to Woodley Park for a backyard bonfire.

*We have loved seeing so many families for Shabbat programs over the last few months. We have many more shabbats together coming up. Please save the dates and join us for the following shabbat programs.*

## FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE OPTIONS

**Shabbat Sing:** The Shabbat Sing for our families with kids typically ages 2-5 meets monthly on Friday night at 5:15 pm. We will join in the Cohen Hall for a 30-minute Shabbat song session with Micah Pickus. Join us on December 16, February 17, April 21, May 19, and June 16.

**Families with Young Children Shabbat Service:** This monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service for our families with young children (typically ages 0-5) meets monthly on Friday night at 5:30 pm in the Kay. We join a service led by Rabbi Solomon and the Adas Band, followed by an informal, Shabbat dinner. Join us on December 9, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9.

### Family Hanukkah Party, Sunday, December 18, 9:30 am

Join us for a morning filled with latkes, music, and plenty of Hanukkah fun! Open to all Adas families. Grown-ups are required to attend with their children.

### Young Family Pajama Havdalah, Saturday, January 21, 5:00 pm

### Tu B'Shvat Family Celebration, Saturday, February 4, 5:00pm

**Lechu Neranena Community Service:** Come sing! Join us for a spirited musical community service. Rabbi Solomon, Cantor Brown, and Adas musicians create an inclusive and joyful atmosphere engaging children and offering adults an uplifting experience of t'filah (prayer). We will feature our students in this multi-generation Kabbalat Shabbat service. An informal, family-and-friend-style Shabbat dinner will follow the service. Join us at 6:00 pm in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary on January 20, March 17, April 21, and May 19.





## SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE OPTIONS

### Family Services with Rabbi Kerrith Solomon:

This Shabbat morning service is meant for families who want to share the experience with their elementary-school-age children. The Family Service is open to children and adults to participate together. Join us at 10:45 am in the Beit Midrash on January 28, February 25, and March 25.

**Ma Tov Shabbat Morning Service:** Join other families for a joyful, song-filled Shabbat morning service. Come ready to sing, dance, and pray (typically ages 0-5)! Join us at 11:00 am in the 3rd-floor Youth Lounge on December 3, December 10, December 17, January 7, January 21, February 4, February 11, March 4, March 11, March 18, April 1, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, June 3, June 10, and June 17.

**Junior Congregation:** Come together to form your own prayer community with others your age! Junior Congregation, for children in K-6th grades, is a chance for all students to experiment with prayer, learn the elements of the Shabbat morning service, and have fun. This service happens at 11:00 am on December 3, December 10, December 17, January 7, January 21, February 4, February 11, March 4, March 11, March 18, April 1, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, and May 20.

*From the Assistant Director of Schools,  
Jenna Shaw:*

## CURRICULUM UPDATES



The Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School has made some exciting and innovative curricular additions this year focusing primarily on access to Jewish texts and Torah learning. Our youngest learners, in Gishron through 2nd grade, are learning Torah stories through a play-based and experiential teaching approach called Torah Godly Play. Torah Godly Play combines social-emotional learning, emotional regulation, and Jewish content to allow students to feel as if they are a part of Jewish stories and tradition. Using sand, rocks, and wood figurines, the

teacher tells stories from the weekly parsha as students watch closely. After the story is told, students are invited into the practice of “wondering.” Through this process, they are asked to explore where they see themselves in the story, what makes the story important, and how they would change the story to connect to their modern lives.

Our older learners, in grades 3 through 6, are using a new Torah learning curriculum created by Hadar, an educational institution that empowers Jews to create and sustain vibrant, practicing, egalitarian communities of Torah learning. They are engaging in weekly text study and Torah-related debates geared toward kids. They explore theological questions such as: Can we pray in English? What does it mean to welcome? Did G-d write the Torah? This goes hand-in-hand with our prayer curriculum where students are encouraged to ask questions and learn the meanings behind the prayers we say.



# THE GAN

50 Years of Early Childhood @ Adas



It's party time at the Gan! We're celebrating our 50th birthday as a preschool this year and reflecting on the journey that has brought us to where we are today. We will be capping off our year of celebration with a 50th Birthday Party on May 21, a gala event at which we will wine and dine and dance the night away with past and present Gan community members.

Our school opened in 1972, and I am privileged to be the Gan's fifth school director-- Alice, Charlotte, Shelley (at 20 years, the longest-serving), Sheri, and me, Noah, in my fourth year here. I feel the history at the Gan, of those who came before, of those who did the building, of those who passed their love down through the generations. History gives gravity, gravity gives weight, weight gives importance. This is an important place, not only because of who we are today but because it holds so many stories, so many lives.

I see that gravity as I walk throughout our school. One of our families moved to DC from Chicago several months ago, and I watched as the mother dropped off her four-year-old child in one room and then walked to the neighboring classroom. She re-introduced herself to one of our teachers who had taught her when she was here as a preschooler herself, a literal lifetime ago. To be in a place where you are known, where your history is still living and breathing, it matters.



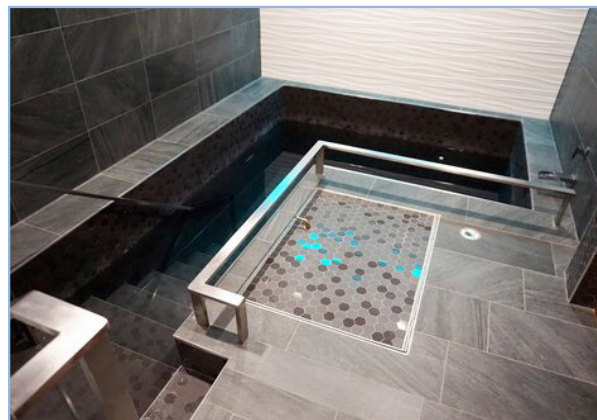
And the amazing thing about the Gan is that what I saw that morning is not uncommon. Just a few months later, I was greeting families for morning drop-off in the parking lot and wound up chatting with a grandmother as her adult daughter dropped off her own preschooler. I offered my standard, go-to chit-chat question with DC grandparents, “Are you local, or are you in visiting your daughter?” The grandmother responded with a wry smile, “Quite local. I came here years ago to drop my daughter off at the Gan for school, and now I accompany her as she drops off her own son at the Gan.” What a treat; what a gift. And what a rarity in American social life--institutional stability to sustain these interactions.



**שְׁהַחֲנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגַּעְנוּ לְזִמְנוּ הַזֶּה**--We are grateful to have been kept alive, sustained, and brought to this moment in our journey. Here's to the last 50, and the next 50!

If you or a member of your family has a past or present Gan connection to the Gan and have not yet received an email invitation from us to the 50th Birthday Party, please let me know! Email me at [noah.hichenberg@adasisrael.org](mailto:noah.hichenberg@adasisrael.org), and we will make sure you get the invite.





## ADAS ISRAEL COMMUNITY MIKVAH

WRITTEN BY RABBI ELIANNA YOLKUT

In the fall of 2020 archaeologists in Jerusalem unearthed a 2,000-year-old ritual bath, or mikvah, near a site believed to be the location of the biblical Garden of Gethsemane. Researchers from the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) and the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum uncovered the mikvah, near the foot of Jerusalem's Mount of Olives. How incredible that layers of Jewish life were right underneath the feet of those who have lived and walked Jerusalem—evidence of a lived Jewish life using this ancient spiritual technology!

For nearly all of Jewish history, more than 5,000 years, Jewish people have been using mikvah as a profound spiritual technology, one that can help human beings transition in moments of shifting and change. While the mikvah has some traditional uses (conversion, immersing before marriage, and after the completion of a menstrual cycle), it is more than that list; it is a spiritual method of uplifting the liminal moments in our lives. From illness to wellness, from needing space of your own to desiring physical intimacy, from a single person to one who is partnered, and so much more.

Our Mikvah guides and Mikvah users can share even more about how this experience can be a deep and moving experience:

*"Whether you are healing from a trauma, illness, or surgery, marking a coming out, preparing for Shabbat or holidays, celebrating a simcha, or just need a space for any type of sacred transition, the mikvah is there for you. You don't need to have any experience or knowledge of the mikvah to visit. You can enlist the help of one of the incredible mikvah guides or just go on your own. In my own experience as a regular mikvah user the experience feels like a spiritual spa, and the room is stocked with resources to help you experience the mikvah in the most spiritual way possible. I am so grateful to have the Adas mikvah in the DC community and am looking forward to many more visits!"*

- Paige Plucker, Mikvah User

*"As an Adas Israel Mikvah guide, I have the opportunity to help women observe an ancient and meaningful Jewish ritual. It is a meaningful and spiritual experience for me and the woman immersing. One of the most exciting aspects of being a guide is seeing the revival of the mikvah ritual for so many women: brides preparing for their wedding day, b'not mitzvah, and, of course, to witness conversions for those who are choosing a Jewish life. Each and every time it has the feel of doing a mitzvah."*

- Leah Chanin, Mikvah guide

We are so incredibly blessed to have the mikvah as part of our culture and religion, but for us here at Adas Israel, it is a profound blessing that we have this technology in our very own building. Feel free to reach out to me via email to get a tour or learn more about Mikvah: [rabbi.yolkut@adasisrael.org](mailto:rabbi.yolkut@adasisrael.org), or to schedule an appointment, <https://www.adasisrael.org/mikvah>.



## JMCW@ADAS

jewish mindfulness center of washington

*One discovers the light in darkness, that is what darkness is for; but everything in our lives depends on how we bear the light. It is necessary, while in darkness, to know that there is a light somewhere, to know that in oneself, waiting to be found, there is a light.*

~ JAMES BALDWIN

*That glimmer of light, surrounded by so many shadows, seemed to say without words: Evil has not yet taken complete dominion. A spark of hope is still left.*

~ ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER, *THE POWER OF LIGHT: EIGHT STORIES FOR HANUKKAH*

Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev during the dark days of the moon with Rosh Chodesh, the new moon, falling on the last days of the holiday. There is ambient poetry in the heavens as we begin the eight days under a dark sky and move throughout our celebration toward the promise of light with the new moon. Rabbi Jill Hammer writes: "Holidays that fall during the waning days [of the moon] include Chanukah (which extends into the new moon), a holiday celebrating victory after near defeat, and Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, a holiday that marks the end of the Torah and its beginning. These are holidays of descent and ascent—of gateways from death into life."

Like many cultures, there is ample use of light as metaphor in Jewish ritual and myth. We often remind ourselves of the debate of Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel: Hillel prevailed, of course, and rather than beginning with eight lights and decreasing, we start with one candle and slowly increase the light each night to a final crescendo. And there is the mystical tradition of Ohr Haganuz, hidden light, which 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 was the practice of Rabbi Gedaliah Aharon Koenig, one of the founders of the Breslov community of Safad, to chant the traditional Hanerot Hallahu prayer while lighting the hanukiah and then gaze at the lights in silence for 30 minutes. Decades later, this Hanukkah mindful practice resonates. It is a reconnection—in the parlance of Hanukkah, a rededication—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?

We can try our own version of this practice. 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 hanukiah. 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 last for one minute, three minutes, or, like Rabbi Koenig, thirty 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.



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](https://adasisrael.org/jmcw), where you can also subscribe to our weekly newsletter. Find us on Facebook, JMCW at Adas Israel!

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# Adas Israel Library

## Books & More *The Adas Israel Library Corner*

### *Snapshots of Israel*

BY ROBIN JACOBSON  
LIBRARY & LITERARY  
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR



Israeli author Omer Friedlander, only 28 years old, made a stunning entrance onto the literary stage this past spring. Big-name publisher Random House published his debut short story collection, **The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land**, and announced that it would also publish Friedlander's upcoming novel. To add to the excitement, the prestigious One Bay One Book program run by San Francisco's Jewish Community Library selected *The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land* for its 2022-23 book.

Even if you're not usually a short story reader, try one of Friedlander's beguiling tales, set in Israel in different locations and time periods. In the time it takes to drink a cup of coffee, you can encounter intriguing characters and explore Israeli communities rich with culture.

### AN ISRAELI AUTHOR WRITING IN ENGLISH

Born in Jerusalem in 1994, Omer Friedlander grew up in Tel Aviv, except for two years spent in Princeton, NJ, as a small child. Friedlander's parents are academics: Tel Aviv University professors Eli Friedlander (philosophy) and Michal Grover Friedlander (musicology). Friedlander's paternal grandfather, Saul Friedländer, is a renowned Holocaust scholar honored with the Israel and Pulitzer prizes, among other notable awards.

After completing his Israeli national service, Friedlander studied for three years at the University of Cambridge in England, receiving a BA in English literature, before earning an MFA from Boston University.

As a native Israeli, Friedlander is often asked about his decision to write his first book in English, rather than in Hebrew, his mother tongue. In a recent interview, Friedlander explained: "Writing in English gives me some distance from [my] home. It allows me to do more probing, to see Israel's strange contradictions and complexities more clearly."

### PORTRAITS OF ISRAELI LIVES

Although Friedlander's stories encompass Israel's wars, tumultuous history, and current conflicts, these are mostly in the background. Friedlander says he chose to focus on the personal struggles and longings of individuals--the universal human experience.

Some of the stories in *The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land* stem from Friedlander's own life. The story *Alte Sachen* (Yiddish for "old things"), about two grief-stricken brothers continuing their late father's junk-collecting business, was sparked by Friedlander's childhood memories of hearing the early morning *alte sachen* call from the street beneath his window. Friedlander decided to set the story in Tsfat, with its distinctive blue-domed synagogues and narrow cobblestone lanes, where he served during his national service.

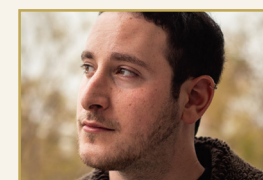
A conversation with an Israeli Iraqi friend inspired *The Sephardi Survivor*. The friend confided to Friedlander that, as a child, he had felt jealous of Ashkenazi classmates who had Holocaust survivor relatives, which had become a status symbol of sorts. In Friedlander's story, two brothers of Sephardi heritage befriend an elderly Holocaust survivor and try to convince him to pretend to be their grandfather for the school program on Shoah Memorial Day.

*The Miniaturist*, about two young girls from Iran living in a refugee absorption camp in Israel in the 1950s, is partly based on Friedlander's maternal grandmother's painful experience after emigrating from Egypt to Israel.

The title story, *The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land*, riffs off a classic Jewish archetype, the luftmensch, a man of impractical dreams, to create the character of Simcha. This con artist sells empty bottles of "holy" air to naïve tourists. Simcha relies on two loyal sales assistants: his young daughter, Lali, and Lali's one-eyed cat, Moshe Dayan.

The stories are laced with sensitivity, compassion, humor, and whimsy, and all share a strong sense of place: the age-old, yet ever-new Land of Israel.

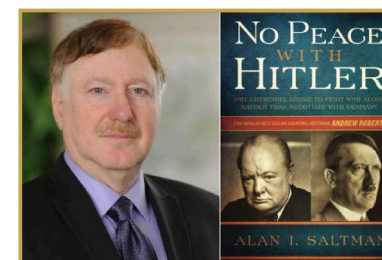
### BOOK CHAT (VIA ZOOM)



**Sunday, January 22, 11 am**

**Book Chat & Meet Author Omer Friedlander via Zoom**

Join us to discuss *The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land* by Israeli author Omer Friedlander. Halfway through this Zoom program, Friedlander will pop in for a virtual visit and to answer questions. To register, email Robin Jacobson at [librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org).



### MAZAL TOV TO NEW ADAS AUTHOR ALAN SALTMAN

Alan Saltman is the author of *No Peace With Hitler*, which explores Winston Churchill's refusal to negotiate a peace treaty with Germany in May 1940, a decision many decried as insane and suicidal at the time. Acclaimed Churchill historian Andrew Roberts praises *No Peace With Hitler* as a "well-researched, well-written and above all wise book," which "conclusively proves that all of Churchill's past life had also been a preparation for his refusal to negotiate peace with Hitler . . ."





## My Vision for Sisterhood: Mix Tradition with Innovation for Rewarding Results

"A community of sisterhood, joined by the bonds of friendship." This is the guiding principle of Adas Israel Sisterhood, and it could not be more accurate. When I retired and moved to Washington, DC, I wanted to find a new community and friends and connect with people. Just a few years later, I enjoy a robust Sisterhood community, many new friends, and greater purpose in my life. Getting involved—truly involved—with Adas Israel Sisterhood has been life-changing. And don't you want that, too?

I was elected president of Adas Israel Sisterhood in June 2022. There were big shoes to fill, and I continue to rely on my predecessors' counsel. My vision is to honor the traditions of this 125-year-old organization while leading this impressive group of women to new heights.

Have you joined yet? Thanks to those who have renewed membership or joined for the first time, our membership is near a record high for recent history.

I look forward to meeting every Sisterhood member. But until we meet in person, I can connect with each of you (and all Sisterhood members) through our new online directory. All current members can access the directory through Sisterhood's page on the Adas Israel Congregation website ([www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood](http://www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood)). Using the directory search function, members can contact other members, find women with similar interests, or connect with those who live nearby. We use this new online system for event registration and to update Sisterhood's Calendar of Events.

I want to especially thank those members who have renewed or joined at the Chavera level. Your added contributions allow Sisterhood to accomplish more of our goals. And in appreciation, the Gift Shop offers a one-time 25 percent discount on many items in the shop. (You might want to use that discount when doing your Hanukkah shopping.) These goals include continuing familiar programming (from Weekday Torah with Sisterhood and the Knitting, Sewing, and Craft Circle to Sisterhood in Your Community gatherings) and continuing Sisterhood's traditional support for the synagogue (including gifts to our students who become bat/bar mitzvah and operation of the Gift Shop). Our goals also include new initiatives, such as working with the Rock Creek Conservancy to organize Reverse Tashlich (where Sisterhood reversed the tradition of casting our "sins" into

the environment and, instead, helped to remove litter and invasive species), as well as broadening our outreach and support to Sisterhood members and the entire Adas community in times of need.

Our monthly programming is top notch, and many programs are open to all, for example, Sisterhood's Opening Event, whose more than 70 attendees in the Gewirz Beit Am enjoyed delicious refreshments and an illuminating presentation by Jonathan Edelman, Curatorial Associate at the new Capital Jewish Museum. He discussed the history of Jews in the District of Columbia, focusing on Adas Israel and our Sisterhood.

Programs planned for the balance of 5783 range from serious presentations about urban design projects in Ukraine and Americans' response to Jewish refugees during the Holocaust to lighter topics, such as exploration of children's books during National Reading Month, a welcoming Hanukkah celebration, and much more. In short, our regular programming is insightful, fun, and rewarding!

Check out the Calendar of Events on Sisterhood's page on the Adas Israel website for regularly updated information and program registration.

One of our greatest traditions, Sisterhood Shabbat, is back this year in its entirety, January 27-28, with Friday night services followed by a Sisterhood member dining experience. Sisterhood members will lead meaningful Saturday morning services, which will include thought-provoking remarks by a specially chosen scholar, followed by kiddush and a second opportunity for our scholar to provide insights. Sisterhood Shabbat weekend is not to be missed!

Whether you are new to Sisterhood or have been a member for many years, I encourage you to get involved. It is an easy opportunity for women of all ages to find community, purpose, personal growth, and fun. Attend programs, join a committee, take advantage of our outreach initiatives. Whatever you do to get involved, it will make a difference for you and for Sisterhood.

**Wishing all a Happy Hanukkah. Chag Sameach.**  
**Margie Corwin, Adas Israel Sisterhood President**



## *ruth & simon albert* sisterhood gift shop

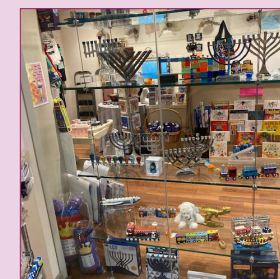
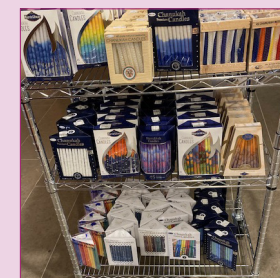
As most of you probably know, the first Hanukkah candle is lit Sunday, December 18. But many of you may not know, The synagogue is giving its staff the week off from December 20 through 26. This means that you need to plan to finish your Hanukkah shopping by December 19. To accommodate as many holiday shoppers as possible, we have set up the following schedule:

- **Monday, December 12 and 19**, we will be open **9:30 am to 3:00 pm**, and again from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**.
- **Tuesday, December 13**, **9:30 am to 3:00 pm** and again from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**.
- **Sunday, December 18 (Erev Hanukkah)**, **9:30 am to 3:00 pm**.
- **Monday, December 19**, **9:30 am to 3:00 pm** and again from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**.

We will post these hours on the shop door.

**If these dates and times are not convenient for you, please email us ([adasgiftshop@gmail.com](mailto:adasgiftshop@gmail.com)) to set up an appointment. Emailing is better than calling us because we're more likely to respond in a timely manner.**

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## Tips to the Staff Holiday Gift Fund

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

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

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





# B'NAI MITZVAH

**Madeleine Goldberg**

Madeleine Goldberg, daughter of Elyse Wasch and Ben Goldberg, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. She has attended the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since pre-K. Madeleine looks forward to celebrating this simcha with her parents, sister Gabriella, grandparents, and all of her family and friends. She also lovingly remembers her grandfather, Charles Goldberg, and others in her family who are of blessed memory. For her mitzvah project, Madeleine is working with Wands for Wildlife, a nonprofit organization that repurposes and recycles used mascara wands to help wildlife and the environment.

**Samuel Leveton**

Samuel Reid Leveton, son of Amy and Jay Leveton, is in the seventh grade at Georgetown Day School. His Jewish education began at the Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center in Scottsdale, AZ, and has continued at Adas Israel since 2015. For his mitzvah project, Samuel has chosen to work with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to connect with survivors about their experiences and share their stories with members of his generation to help combat future atrocities. Samuel is thrilled to celebrate this important milestone with his family and friends and is thankful to his community for their support.

**Leo Namerow-Entenberg**

Leo Namerow-Entenberg, son of Bruce Namerow and Adam Entenberg, is in the seventh grade at Bullis School. He began his Jewish



education as a preschooler at the DCJCC, an elementary student at Adas and currently attends the Ma'alot program at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He is celebrating this simcha with his grandparents Ken and Marcia Namerow, as well as other family members. At this special time we remember with love his uncle, Chris Mohr, and his grandparents, Leon and Ronni Entenberg. For his mitzvah project Leo is supporting Covenant House to promote awareness of unhoused youth throughout the metropolitan area. An all-around athlete and avid traveler, Leo is looking forward to an inspirational trip to Israel this December with his family.

**Elliott Etter**

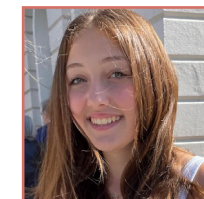
Elliott Etter, son of Erin Davis and Jonathan Etter, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. He began his Jewish education as a Kangaroo at Gan HaYeled and has been at Adas Israel ever since. He currently attends the Ma'alot program. He shares this simcha with his sister, Madeleine, his grandparents, Mark and Janie Davis and Mark and Fyllis Etter, as well as many other family members. In his free time, Elliott enjoys playing tennis and basketball and is a voracious reader of adventure fiction. Elliott is also passionate about environmental causes, and for his mitzvah project this year he hopes to promote the ecological health of the Chesapeake Bay.

**Zach Prober**

Zach Prober, son of Bonnie and Rafi Prober, is in seventh grade at the Norwood School. Zach feels a great connection to Adas Israel as



a graduate of the Gan HaYeled Nursery School, and as a result of the close friends he has made as part of the Adas community, and his great-grandmother's (Micki Smith's) long-time membership in the congregation. Zach shares this simcha with his sisters (Elie Prober and Arielle Popovsky), his grandparents (Leslie and Ronald Schreiber and Sharon and Daniel Prober), and many other friends and relatives. At this special time, he thinks about his aunt, Lisa Schreiber, of blessed memory. Zach enjoys baseball, cross country, acting, and spending time with his family (including his two dogs). Zach also started his own business making custom soap (Sudz by Zach), which was featured at the Adas Holiday Bazaar last winter. His mitzvah project supports Comfort Cases, which is committed to providing comfort and dignity to children in foster care.

**Sage Vogelstein**

Sage Vogelstein, daughter of Rachel Brauner Vogelstein and Jacob Vogelstein, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She began her Jewish education at Tot Shabbat services and has continued at Adas Israel ever since. She shares this simcha with brother, Parker, as well as other family members, including beloved grandparents Joan and Abe Brauner and Ilene and Bert Vogelstein, and great-grandparents Helen Sossen and Shirley Vogelstein. For her mitzvah project, Sage is hosting a donation drive on behalf of N Street Village for women and girls experiencing homelessness who need essential toiletries.

**Abigail King**

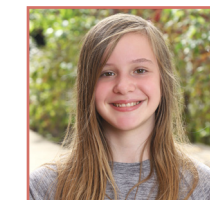
Abigail Kendall King, daughter of Heather Rothman and Peter King, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. She has been a student at the Melvin Gelman Religious School since first grade and attends Perlman Camp in Lake Como, PA. Abby loves lacrosse, running, puzzles, and building with Lego bricks. In April, she and her



family will travel to Israel for the first time and she will read her Torah portion on Masada. Abby celebrates her bat mitzvah with her brother, Eli, her grandparents, Susan and Herman Siegel, and many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. She also remembers her grandparents, Elizabeth and Charles King (z"l). For her mitzvah project, Abby is continuing her work with Hesed and focusing on food dignity.

**Sadie Elleithee**

Sadie Elleithee, daughter of Mo Elleithee and Tali Stein, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She began her education at Gan HaYeled as a Kangaroo and has continued her Jewish education at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. Sadie is excited to celebrate her bat mitzvah with her brother, Oliver, her grandparents, extended family, and friends, and the Adas community.

**Abby Feffer**

Abby Feffer, daughter of Miriam Feffer and Jeremy Nalewaik, is in seventh grade at the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital. Her Jewish education began at home, has been nurtured by Milton, and is enriched at Camp Ramah in New England. She is also an avid student of karate. She celebrates this simcha with grandparents, Beth Feffer, Linda Nalewaik, and Peter Nalewaik; aunts, uncles, and cousins from across North America; treasured friends from school and camp; and her beloved labradoodle, Waffles. At this special time, we remember with love her grandfather, Rabbi Abraham Feffer; great-aunts Tikvah Weis and Janet Waldron; and great-grandmother Tzipah Weis. For her mitzvah project, Abby is collecting supplies and raising funds and awareness for Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, recognizing the importance of home and family for all creatures.

**Elias Arbitman**

Elias Arbitman, son of Marianna Sachse and Nathan Arbitman, is in the seventh grade at





Hardy Middle School. Elias began his Jewish education at one of the oldest synagogues in the Netherlands and now follows in his mother's footsteps as a student at Adas. He celebrates this simcha with brother, Felix, and many loved ones from across the country. We also remember with love grandmother and devoted Adas member, Elinor Sachse, and grandfather, William Arbitman. For his mitzvah project, Elias is supporting the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and its important work on genocide prevention and Holocaust education.



#### Scout Wolin

Scout (Zoe Rose) Wolin, the child of Nicole Elkon and Neal Wolin, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. Scout started their Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and has been a student at Adas Israel's Religious School since pre-K. Scout is an avid reader, soccer player, and baker. They are celebrating their b'mitzvah with their parents; their brothers, Ethan and Oliver; their grandmother, Mimi Liebeskind; and with other family and friends. For their mitzvah project, Scout is collecting and donating books to children in the DC area.



#### Teddy Sachse

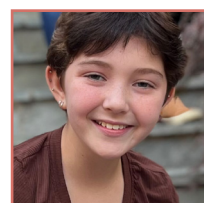
Teddy Sachse is an Adas lifer. He began his education in the Puppy class and has been a mostly regular attendee since. He is in the third generation of Sachses to be part of the Adas community. His grandfather, Harry Sachse, will be in attendance. We will acutely miss Teddy's grandmother, Elinor Sachse, who loved Adas. His father Michael Sachse (Adas Bar Mitzvah '90) will look on proudly, along with his mother, Erin Segal (who came to Adas as an adult). Teddy looks forward to maternal grandparents, Carl and Cassie Segal, joining him for his big day. His older sister Nora, who became a bat mitzvah on March 7, 2020,

will be there to show him the ropes. Teddy is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. He plays drums, enjoys 3D printing, will tell you all about why rats are superior pets, and swears by the efficacy of hook shots in basketball. Teddy is a committed vegan and cares deeply about animal welfare, which will be the focus of his mitzvah project.



#### Jake Waterman

Jake Waterman, son of Rachel and Jeremie Waterman, is a seventh grader at Sheridan School. His Jewish education began at Temple Sinai Nursery School and continues at Adas Israel and Camp Ramah, where Jake has joined three generations of Waterman campers. He celebrates this simcha with his brother, Joshua, and family members including grandmother Marion Robboy and grandparents Muriel and Jeff Waterman, along with many aunts, uncles and cousins. At this special time, we remember with love his grandfather Stan Robboy, and his great grandparents, of blessed memory, all of whom instilled Jewish values through teaching and the examples they set. Jake is an avid soccer player, piano player, and dog-lover of his four-year old lab, Stella.



#### Margalit Shane Brandriss Schonebaum

"Margie" Schonebaum, daughter of Chava Brandriss and Andy Schonebaum, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. She has attended the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since pre-K. Maggie looks forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah with her sisters, Ella and Molly; her grandparents, Ruth Shane, Marc Brandriss, Nancy Eisenberg, Pat and Bob Vogt, and David and Lyn Schonebaum, along with many other family and friends. For her mitzvah project, Maggie is continuing her work with, and hoping to raise awareness of and funding for, Food For All DC, which delivers food to the homebound throughout the District.



## BIRTHS

- Rachel DeLong, daughter of Susan Wedlan & Harold Rosen, and Chase DeLong welcomed their son, August Wedlan DeLong, on October 26
- Naveh Berner-Kadish, child of Nicole Berner & Debra Katz, and Solimar Aponte-Huerta welcomed their son, Ori Mateo Aponte-Berkad on August 18
- Gabriella Krohmal & Frederico Cohen welcomed their daughter, Emilia Cohen Freue, on July 19
- Rose Andreatta & Antonio Levy welcomed their son, Adam Charles Levy, on July 15
- Shira Anderson & Yochai Ben-Haim welcomed their daughter, Aya Louisa Ben-Haim, on July 12
- Emily Yu & Zuri Linetsky welcomed their daughter, Zoey Eugene Linetsky on June 20th
- Xueli Qiu & Aaron Levin welcomed their daughter, Lindsey "Eliana" Quinn Levin on May 17

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

## WEDDINGS

- Marcy Feuerstein & Ron Schwarz were married July 24
- Harry & Judie Linowes celebrated 70 years of marriage on July 6

## IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

- Fae Rubin Brodie
- Martin David Grebow
- Fradel Kramer
- Emilie Lynton
- Phyllis Mindell
- David Povich

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

- Sharyn Aplebaum, mother of Darci Lewis
- Jacqueline Elaine Berner, mother of Nicole Berner
- Larry Carroll, father of Shuli Carroll
- Maxine Easton, mother of Glenn Easton
- Joan Rubin, mother of Robert Rubin
- Martin M. Ezrin, sibling of Rhoda Ganz
- Anita Fischer, mother of Lorraine Fischer
- Charles Goldberg, father of Ben Goldberg
- Rhona Nachbar Gordon, mother of Julia Gordon
- Anne Horowitz, mother of Michael Horowitz
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#### 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 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 Billy Begal ([bbegal@begal.net](mailto:bbegal@begal.net)), or contact Toni Bickart (202- 244-2747) regarding the Tahara Committee, or Wendy Kates about Shmira ([wendy.kates.30@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.kates.30@gmail.com)).





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