

Adas Israel Congregation • Summer 5783

# CHRONICLE



## Welcome Home

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2023 / 5784







It is joyous to  
dwell at **home**.

אשרי יושבי ביתך

*ashrei yoshvei veitekha*



“But...

“I’m not observant enough.”

“I don’t really know enough people here.”

“I’m not typically there on Shabbat.”

“I don’t fit in somehow.”

“I don’t know Hebrew, or the prayers.”

“I don’t always agree with what’s being said.”

“I don’t think I believe in God”

You are what makes Adas... **Adas**.

*Welcome Home.*

*L'shana  
Tova  
Tikatevu!*

This year’s High Holy Day theme is  
**NOT** about houses or bricks or mortar.



It is an invitation to a place where  
**we breathe a bit easier**,  
and can be our fullest selves.

“Home” is that space in the world  
where we can **recenter**,  
and where we find we belong...  
**no matter what**.



Selichot

Saturday, September 9



Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 15 - Sunday, September 17



Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 24



Yom Kippur

Monday, September 25





# Service Schedule

## 🍏 EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15

**COMMUNITY SUNSET SERVICE** 6:45-7:45pm**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Krinsky • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎵 🎶 🗣️

## 🕒 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Saturday, September 16

**SHACHARIT** 8:15am**Led by Adas Clergy** • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🗣️**TEM-Led** (8:45am) • Gewirz Beit Am**FAMILY SERVICE** 9am**Led by Rabbi Solomon** • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🗣️**TORAH SERVICE** 9:15am**Led by Adas Clergy** • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵 🎶 🗣️**TEM-Led** (9:45am) • Gewirz Beit Am**MUSAF** 10:45am (including sermon)**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵 🗣️**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎵 🗣️**TEM-Led** (11am) • Gewirz Beit Am**MINCHA/MAARIV** 6pm**Led by Adas Clergy** • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🗣️

## 🕒 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Sunday, September 17

**SHACHARIT** 8:15am**Led by Adas Clergy** • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🗣️**FAMILY SERVICE** 9am**Led by Rabbi Solomon** • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🗣️**TORAH SERVICE** 9am**Led by Adas Clergy** • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🗣️**SHOFAR & MUSAF** 10:45am (including sermon)**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵 🗣️**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🗣️**Singing Circle**, (11:30am) Led by Rabbi Krinsky, Micah Hendler & Rabbi Novick • Gewirz Beit Am**MINCHA/MAARIV** 6pm**Led by Adas Clergy** • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🗣️

## 🕒 KOL NIDRE

Sunday, September 24

**MINCHA** 5pm**Led by Hazzan Goldsmith** • Biran Beit Midrash**KOL NIDRE** 6:30pm**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵 🗣️**TEM-Led**, Sermon by Rabbi Krinsky • Gewirz Beit Am**OUTDOOR SOULFUL KOL NIDRE** 7:30pm**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎵 🗣️

## 🕒 YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 25

**SHACHARIT** 9am**Led by Adas Clergy** • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🗣️**TEM-Led** (9:30am) • Gewirz Beit Am**FAMILY SERVICE** 9am**Led by Rabbi Solomon** • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🗣️**TORAH SERVICE & YIZKOR** 10:30am (including sermon)**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵 🗣️**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎵 🗣️**TEM-Led** • Gewirz Beit Am**MUSAF & MARTYROLOGY SERVICE** 1:30pm**Led by Adas Clergy** • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎵 🎶 🗣️**TEM-Led** • Gewirz Beit Am**AFTERNOON DISCUSSION** 3:45pm

Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🗣️

**MINCHA** 5pm**Led by Adas Clergy** • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🗣️**LATE YIZKOR** 5pm**Led by Adas Clergy** • Biran Beit Midrash**N'EELAH** 6pm (Shofar ~7:45pm)**Led by Adas Clergy**, Sermon by Rabbi Krinsky • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎵 🗣️**TEM-Led** (6:30pm) • Gewirz Beit Am

🎵 With the Band 🎶 With Cantor Brown &amp; Ensemble 🗣️ Closed Captions

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# The Adas Fund 2023

In honor of the incredible work of the Adas-member leaders and volunteers of the Anne Frank House.

Once a year, we ask you to contribute to a special campaign. It is the engine that drives all of the meaningful work in our community. We simply cannot operate and continue to serve our community the way you deserve without it. This is **The Adas Fund**.

This year's campaign will honor the incredible work of the Adas-member leaders and volunteers of the Anne Frank House. Anne Frank House is a DC-based non-profit, founded and built right here at Adas Israel, by Adas members, that provides long-term supportive housing to formerly homeless individuals.

We can't think of a more fitting group of leaders and justice-seekers to honor through this year's campaign, and we seek 100% participation, at any level of giving. Whether that's \$36 or \$3,600 or \$36,000. Whatever is practical and meaningful for you.



Donate online at

# adasisrael.org/adasfund



# From the President

BETH HEIFETZ, ADAS PRESIDENT



When I became Adas president in June, I thought my years as an Adas member, a Gan and Religious School parent, a Religious Practices Committee member, a Board member, and most recently an Executive Committee member meant that I know Adas inside and out. It turns out there is much more happening at Adas than I ever could have imagined. Over the past few months, I've been meeting with Adas staff and exploring more of what goes on at Adas. The range of activities at Adas is wide and inspiring. As we go through this year, I hope to share with you what I am seeing and enjoying.

First up for me – morning minyan. I was a regular at morning minyan in the year following my father's death. I remain grateful to all the people who showed up each day to make a minyan for people like me who need to say kaddish. Morning minyan is a welcoming community – everyone feels at home at morning minyan right from the start, whether you are an experienced service-goer or a novice, whether you come regularly or occasionally. And you'll love the post-morning minyan breakfasts. Even more than that, you may find morning minyan to be a great way to start the day, with intention, with gratitude, with singing, with community.

Morning minyan is in the Beit Midrash, weekdays at 7:30 am, Sundays and national holidays at 9:00 am. My goal this year? To attend morning minyan once a week. Truth be told, this has been my goal – as yet unrealized – for the past several years.

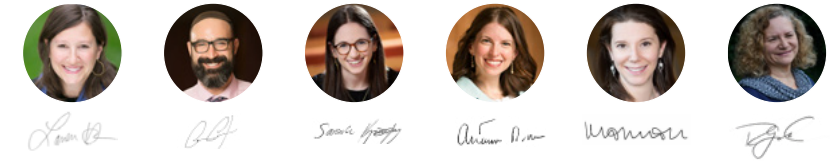
Second up – learning. Like morning minyan, joining in one of the many learning opportunities at Adas has been a goal of mine for the past several years. There are so much amazing learning going on at Adas. MakomDC, Adas's center for learning and immersion, provides everything from deep dives into Jewish texts to an introduction to Judaism and everything in between, including a book club on Israel and learning resilience from ancient teachings. In recent weeks I have attended the "Weekly Torah Bite" with Rabbi Yolcut, a compelling and accessible 20 minute session on each week's Torah portion.

The Weekly Torah Bite meets in the Beit Midrash on Wednesdays, immediately following Wednesday morning minyan. You can see where this is going – I can achieve both of my goals by attending morning minyan on Wednesdays and staying after for the brief but focused learning session!.

There is so much that is amazing about Adas – our incredible clergy who infuse meaning into our services, our learning, and our lives; our staff who bring creativity and energy to all that goes on in this building; our security team members who protect us and greet us each time we come to Adas, and our committees who do so much to reach out to support members of the Adas community and the world beyond our walls. I hope you will join me in exploring all that Adas offers.



# Clergy Corner



Dear Adas,

There is a legend that on Friday nights when we sit down for Shabbat dinner, ministering angels visit our homes. We invite them in, they see us, they bless us with peace, and then they leave, journeying to the next home to offer the same. This is all captured liturgically with the singing of Shalom Aleichem, a 4 part poem of open-hearted invitation.

**Shalom Aleichem** – Hello. Welcome. We are so glad you are here. Your presence matters. You belong here, because here is yours, too. Here you are an angel. We all are.

**Boachem L'Shalom** – This is an invitation to enter. We know it isn't always easy. We know there are other pressing matters in your life. We know you don't always feel the open arms intended for you. Nevertheless, the loving invitation persists. Because after all, this is your home.

**Barchuni L'Shalom** – You are a blessing. You receive blessings upon entry. You give blessings as you enter as well. It is no small thing that our tradition recognizes the power of one person's blessing, conferred upon another. After you enter, don't hold back. Give and receive abundantly.

**Tzeitchem L'Shalom** – Thank you for offering us your presence and blessings. No need to linger. The next residence is waiting for your gracious company as well. See you next week, if not

before then amidst the whirling of the week to come.

This time-honored Friday tradition is larger than Friday nights, though. It is a paradigm, a blueprint, for drawing out an ancient formula for what it means to create the idea and feeling of "home."

**A space** in which we encounter each other as more than what we've known ourselves to be in the past, but also pure potential and possibility.

**A space** in which we recognize one another as a force for blessing, for light, for love, and even redemption.

**A space** in which the High Holy Day tendons—the melodic embrace of ancient liturgy—wraps us in sacred memory and nudges us toward the next opportunity.

**A space** in which words of Torah become both the candle and torch blazing a trail toward a New Year.

As we step over the threshold into a new year, we are grateful for your presence and hopeful that together we will continue to build a home together. A home with doors and windows wide open so that the work that we do in our sacred home flows out to the city and the world.

May this be a sweet year.

**Shanah tovah.**





## *“This I Believe—On Faith, God, Belief, Doubt, and the Space Between”*

We often tell our Introduction to Judaism students in the opening class: to be a Jew is to wrestle. It is to wrestle not only with who you are but how you practice and what you believe in the deepest recess of your soul. This wrestling happens in all aspects of Jewish life but one of its happiest homes is in the Beit Midrash—the House of Study—the primary space of Jewish learning. Our texts there often lift us up in a way we might not otherwise engage—over a page of Jewish wisdom, with other people and teachers we can find deep questions, challenges, and maybe even a few answers. Each year we take the theme of MakomDC to explore something with which we want to wrestle as a community of learners, and we are thrilled this year to present our MakomDC theme: “This I Believe—On Faith, God, Belief, Doubt, and the Space Between.”

God is often left to the realm of other religious traditions. Jews don’t talk about God or so we are told; Judaism is a religion of deed not creed. For too much of Jewish life, we have left God outside the Beit Midrash (house of study). Ever wonder what your rabbis believe about God? To whom do they pray? Why is God important to us?

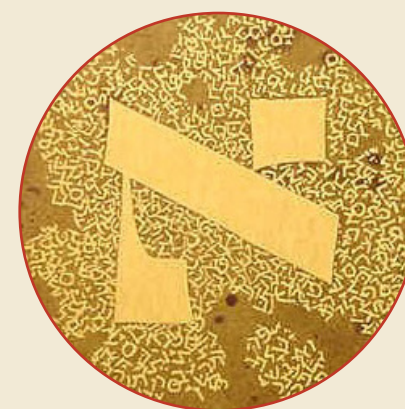
Join us as we explore, through texts and tradition and world-renowned scholars, what we believe about God and faith, doubt and uncertainty, and the roots of it all in the Jewish tradition.

It is true that Jewish life and practice is rooted in mitzvot, the spiritual technologies that pepper our everyday life, kashrut, Shabbat, tefillah, tzedakah, and many more. However, the notion that our tradition doesn’t care about why we do what we do is missing the deep well of wisdom found in Judaism about faith. Jewish wisdom is deeply engaged in the wrestling we need to do in searching for and understanding how we connect to the Divine. So join us during the MakomDC 2023-2024/5784 season of Jewish learning where your rabbis and visiting scholars will wonder what it would look like to share our faith, the deepest beliefs we hold, and the ways in which we struggle with God. We are looking forward to the MakomDC’s learning theme this year, “This I Believe—On Faith, God, Belief, Doubt, and the Space Between,” as we explore these ideas and so much more.

Details forthcoming.



## Find Your Path.



*A Course on Jewish Tradition,  
From The Ground Up*

LEARNING @ ADAS ISRAEL

## Intro to Judaism

 **WEDNESDAYS, 7:30- 9:00 PM**  
**AUGUST 30-MARCH 30**

 **\$350 FOR INDIVIDUALS / \$450 FOR COUPLES\***  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in exploring the Jewish tradition from the ground up, with master Jewish teachers? Have you been wondering about the core beliefs and practices that animate the Jewish religion? Are you looking to deepen your experience of God and prayer into the rhythm of your life?

This course will give you the raw materials with which to appreciate and access the Jewish tradition. Whatever it is you may be seeking, we offer a safe space for acquiring the experiential and intellectual knowledge that allows you to deepen your own religious life. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- The World of the Bible
- Ritual exploration
- Lifecycles (Birth, Marriage, Death)
- Shabbat (The Sabbath)
- Prayer and Liturgy
- Jewish Holidays
- Israel
- Theology

**Note:** This class will be a hybrid of virtual and in-person learning. Most of the sessions will meet on Zoom, with in-person gatherings at Adas once or twice a month.

**REGISTER ONLINE: [ADASISRAEL.ORG/MAKOMDC](https://adasisrael.org/makomdc)**





# tikkunolam

'REPAIRING THE WORLD'

## SOCIAL ACTION



### Reproductive Freedom and Justice Is a Jewish Value

June 24, 2023, marked one year since the Supreme Court of the United States struck down *Roe v. Wade* and nearly 50 years of reproductive rights. The Reproductive Justice Team (RJT), one of the social action teams based at Adas, marked this anniversary with two events.

We sorted and packed items for the Comfort Care Kits and delivered them to an independent clinic for their out-of-state patients. The success of this project was made possible by the generosity and commitment of RJT members, the Adas Rabbis and staff, and the wider Adas community.

On June 23, at the start of Kabbalat Shabbat, we joined with those celebrating Pride Month to light a candle to mark the Yahrzeit of Roe and mourn for all those who have been harmed and killed by abortion bans. As Rabbi Lauren wrote in the introduction to the candle lighting, "These two anniversaries are, of course, intrinsically linked. Both are about the fundamental rights to privacy, to control our own destinies, to be who we are, and to live our lives how we wish to."

In this first post-Roe year, 20 states have passed abortion bans, and millions of people now live in states where they cannot access abortion. We are fortunate to live in the Washington DC metropolitan area, where abortion is legal, but many residents face unequal access to this essential health care, an issue that our members continue to address through their support and work for local abortion-funding organizations.

Abortion bans have also emboldened anti-abortion extremists. In 2022 major incidents such as arsons,

burglaries, death threats, and invasions increased, even in area such as ours that is protective of abortion rights.

The fall of Roe is not solely a political problem because opposition to abortion, and the justification for banning, it is based on moral and religious grounds that claim human life begins at conception, so the human zygote, embryo, or fetus is a person and therefore has a right to life. Thus abortion bans favor one religious view over others, in spite of the First Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees no one religion should be enshrined in law or public policy.

It is our role, as people of faith, to challenge the justification behind abortion bans and change the cultural, political, and practical realities of reproductive health care. The Reproductive Justice Team is working to bring conversations about Judaism, abortion, and reproductive freedom and justice to our community, and we invite you to join us.

Lesley Frost and Lauren Weiss  
Co-Chairs, Reproductive Justice Team  
Social Action Committee of Adas Israel  
[rjatadasisrael@gmail.com](mailto:rjatadasisrael@gmail.com)



The Adas Israel Hesed Committee has been busy this year supporting the members of the Adas community in a variety of ways. With thanks to Rabbi Lauren and the entire clergy team for their continued guidance and support, and to Marcy Spiro for her assistance in so many ways, Hesed has touched the lives of hundreds of congregants. The numbers below represent some of the deeds of loving kindness that our community has received.

If you have not had the privilege and pleasure of doing Hesed acts of kindness for your fellow congregants, join now. Just drop a note to [hersed@adasisrael.org](mailto:hersed@adasisrael.org) and we will find a place for you to volunteer. As always, if you know anyone who needs some Hesed love, please contact us at [hersed@adasisrael.org](mailto:hersed@adasisrael.org).

A huge THANK YOU to all of the Hesed Team Leaders and all the Hesed volunteers. Hesed works because of YOU.



### HESED PHONE CALLS

Shabbat Calls: We currently have 31 volunteers making calls on Shabbat to wish people a Shabbat shalom, ask how they are doing, and offer any information about upcoming events at Adas. Each week 50 people are receiving calls.

Holiday Bereavement Calls: We call families who have experienced a loss before Rosh Hashanah and Passover. Before Rosh Hashanah we called 94 congregants to wish them a happy new year and ask how they are doing, and before Pesach we called 50 congregants to wish them a happy Passover.

Check-in Calls: We call approximately 100 congregants at Hanukkah and again in June to check in with them to see how they are doing.

New Member Calls: We contacted approximately 177 new members to say, "Welcome to Adas Israel," and answer questions about the congregation.

### HESED VISITS

We currently have 6 visitors going to the homes of congregants to spend time with them and offer companionship and support.

### HESED BAGS

We delivered more than 220 Hesed bags to new members and families with new babies. Recipients welcome these bags with delight and appreciation. A special Hesed bag delivery is always organized around Rosh Hashanah to bring Hesed's famous honey cakes to the golden age members of our congregation. This year, 25 volunteers hand delivered approximately 150 RH bags. In addition, all conversion students receive special Hesed bags on completion of their conversion process.

### HESED MEAL TRAINS

Hesed organized approximately 15 Meal Trains to send a series of meals to those who are ill or recovering from surgery for a total of about 100 meals.

### HESED COOKING

In the past year, we held 7 in-person and 7 cook-at-home sessions for Hesed. Approximately 236 cooks participated in these events. The Hesed cooking team has prepared over 200 casseroles and 250 desserts at in-person



cooking events. Even more food has been prepared at home to deliver to our Social Action Committee partner organizations, such as Anne Frank House, Sasha Bruce House, etc.

Hesed Cooking will also work with Rabbi Krinsky's Introduction to Judaism class to teach students classic Jewish recipes.

### HESED VARSITY TEAM

A new team organized this year was able to fill one-off special requests, such as picking up groceries or taking someone to the doctor. The Hesed Varsity Team fulfilled over 20 individual requests this year.

### HESED SOCIAL WORK SUPPORT

Our new Hesed Clergy Liaison Social Worker, Mick Neustadt, has been very busy in his first year at Adas. He has already run several groups serving approximately 40 people.

- One 8-session Mindfulness Group; this group has continued to meet weekly
- One 8-week Aging Solo Group
- One 7-session Grief Group

Mick has chatted with approximately 25 people who needed short-term support. He meets regularly with several people at Adas and does 1-2 home visits each week. In addition, he has helped connect several people to individual therapists.

### MORE HESED

- We arranged for shofar blowing at home for 6 congregants.
- We work with b'nai mitzvah students to help them find a meaningful Hesed project if they choose that path for their b'nai mitzvah experience.
- We delivered 30 bouquets/plants to congregants going through a difficult time.
- We have arranged a recurring soup and falafel delivery (6-8 weeks) for a congregant with very special dietary needs.
- The Hesed freezer is filled with casseroles, sweet breads, soup, and challah to feed the body and soul of anyone who needs it—no questions asked.

Thank you, Team Hesed!





ADAS ISRAEL DAILY MINYAN

## WEDNESDAYS WITH ELIANNA

*Our Rabbinic Scholar now leads a class about Shabbat's upcoming parsha (Torah portion) after morning services.*

If you attend one of Adas Israel's study programs, you've probably seen Rabbi Elianna Yolkut in action. Rabbi Yolkut, whose official title at Adas is Rabbinic Scholar and Director, Beit Midrash and Mikvah, teaches regularly at several venues, including Friday parsha study, Boker Or, and MakomDC. What you might not know, though, is that Rabbi Yolkut now has a regular gig at the Daily Minyan on Wednesday mornings, a program that she launched in October 2022.

Rabbi Yolkut and minyangoers have settled into a routine. Wednesday morning services begin at 7:30 am. About 10 minutes after we start, Rabbi Yolkut delivers some explanatory remarks about the service itself. After we conclude services, typically by 8:15 am, we grab breakfast, then gather around a long table to study the following Shabbat's parsha. We end promptly by 9 am.

To learn more about Rabbi Yolkut, her teaching style, and her plans for the upcoming year, read on. To keep informed about those occasional Wednesdays when she does not expect to be present (due to childcare issues; for example, she has three school-age kids), subscribe to the minyan email list by writing to [adas-daily-minyan@googlegroups.com](mailto:adas-daily-minyan@googlegroups.com).

**When did you decide to become a rabbi and why?** The first moment I can remember thinking about being a rabbi was at my desk in my Auburn Street apartment in Waltham, MA, during my senior year at Brandeis. I held rabbinical school applications in my hand and wondered, could I really be a Jewish leader? But when I look at my childhood, the trajectory was clear from early age when my parents discovered me in the living room wrapped in my father's large tallit. They asked, "What are you doing, Elly [that's what my family calls me]?" I quickly responded, "I am talking to God." I loved Jewish text study and ritual practice from the time I was a small child. And after a short stint in the corporate world, I realized there was nothing I could do day in and day out that would be more worthwhile than mining Jewish texts, building community, and connecting modern life to ancient wisdom to make lives deeper, more attuned, joyful, and with a sense of purpose.

### What are your responsibilities at Adas?

The short answer is I am in charge of visioning two ancient Jewish wisdoms and practice: ritual immersion in the Mikvah and Jewish learning. There's a lot more to it than that simple sentence but ultimately my rabbinic portfolio focuses on helping people find connections, meaning, intellectual stimulation, and spiritual and religious growth through two of our most sacred Jewish rituals.

### Is teaching the favorite part of your job?

Favorite is a hard word, as I often tell my kids. I think Jewish text is the secret sauce of Jewish life. It isn't flashy but it's dynamic, growth-oriented, and offers everyone a way into Jewish wisdom; it's an equal opportunity inspiration. It can change how you've looked at something for your whole life, or it can ask you a question you simply aren't sure of the answer to. It keeps you humble and growing. Also, Jewish texts are outlandish, irreverent, funny, challenging, and so much more; you never know what you will find. And you don't need to know Hebrew to begin learning (though, of course, I want everyone to learn Hebrew). Jewish wisdom and text covers every topic imaginable: it challenges your heart, brain, and soul and it soothes and brings joy and so much more. So when I get the chance to open up a text with a person or group of people, those moments where we meet over some ancient text as it addresses a modern problem the person is facing or reorients his or her life in a certain direction, those are often the most light-filled moments I have as a rabbi.

### How would you describe your teaching style?

Loud and fast? I am easily excited by Jewish text. It triggers a passion that not much else does, so my brain and soul are in overdrive. I have been told to slow down, and that's a challenge for me. I want Jewish text to be accessible to all, so ultimately my style tries to respond to the question, how does this speak to an essential human life and how can I share it?

**For morning minyan this year, you chose to focus on the writings and commentaries of the Netziv, the acronym for**



### Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin. Who was he, and why did you choose to base your teaching around his works?

The Netziv was the Head of a Lithuanian Yeshiva known as Volozhin for almost 40 years. I am fascinated by him for a number of reasons. One, he had a growth mindset before that was a thing; he thought the Yeshiva world was too closed and could offer wisdom to a broader audience. Under his tenure the Yeshiva grew exponentially. Sometimes people think Judaism is a hard sell to the modern person. I do not; I am a passionate believer in its power to change lives and the world and so was the Netziv. And the Netziv was also a secret Hasid in my opinion. What does that mean? Well, he is thought of as cut from the cloth of a Litvak—that is, someone who was born into a world of Jewish learning and was focused on strict ritual practice and a particular method of Jewish learning. And Litvaks weren't huge fans of Hasids. They thought Jewish mysticism was verboten. I think if you study the Netziv very closely, you will see that he is playing with the intersection of these two worlds. I am drawn to people in my professional and personal life who are boundary crossers, who don't feel the need to label or pigeonhole

themselves. And while it's pretty high-level chutzpah to say this, I think the Netziv was an early version of this.

### Will the minyan group continue to study him through the end of the Torah cycle?

I am taking a few weeks off over the summer to refresh and rejuvenate and spend time hiking and swimming and relaxing with my wonderful wife and kids, but I am planning on teaching all summer other than a few Wednesdays (look out for another summer offering soon as well). Keep up to date on when I am teaching with the Daily Minyan email.

### What are your plans for future classes?

Too many to name. But in the summer I hope to teach a class on Teshuvah and how we really engage in the process of repairing a damaged relationship. And I'll reveal a big hint about the MakomDC theme for the year: people are always saying Jewish community does not talk about God enough. Well we are about to change that....

# Coming Soon At Adas



### Hesed Honey Cake Bake-A-Thon SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 @ 1 PM

Bake. Pack. Deliver. Each year, we have an amazing group of volunteers who help bake, pack, and deliver hundreds of Rosh Hashanah gift bags (which, of course, include our Hesed Honey Cakes!) to our veteran members. Please join us in this mitzvah full of Hesed! Save the date and look out for registration online!



### New Member Reception in the Sukkah TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 5:30 PM

We invite all our wonderful new members at Adas Israel to join us for a relaxed "meet & greet" with the Adas Israel clergy, lay leaders, and community members!



### High Holy Day and Shabbat Morning Volunteers Needed!

Our amazing volunteers help create a warm and welcoming experience for our community! And in doing so, we fulfill the mitzvah of hacnasat orchim (welcoming guests). We are always looking for new volunteers. Please be on the lookout for online registration or contact Marcy Spiro, [Marcy.Spiro@adasisrael.org](mailto:Marcy.Spiro@adasisrael.org), for more information.





# MM <sup>23</sup>/<sub>24</sub>

## Musical Moments at Adas

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

Music is an integral part of our community. When our voices join together, we feel embraced by each other's energy and a communal spirit that uplifts us. We have many ways for you to get involved in musical activities here at Adas.

## Get Involved!



### Flash Choir

Did you sing in your high school choir or college a cappella group? Perhaps you just enjoy singing with others and even harmonizing on your own? Or maybe you have formal training and time makes it difficult to immerse yourself in music? This is a group for you! The Flash Choir is a commit-per-event choir. The only requirement is being able to sing on key. Contact Rae Grad at [rgrad@comcast.net](mailto:rgrad@comcast.net) to join!



### Kolot: The Young Voices of Adas Israel

**Sundays, 11:45 am-12:30 pm, including pizza lunch: Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, May 5**

Do you like to sing? Then come and be part of Kolot, the young voices of Adas Israel with Cantor Arianne Brown! To register, please email [Ariel.maloney@adasisrael.org](mailto:Ariel.maloney@adasisrael.org) with your name and grade. Kolot will sing at Lechu Neranena Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, March 15, and as part of a concert on Sunday, June 2.



### DC Klezmer Workshop

**Sundays, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 11 March 17, April 14, May 12, June 19**

DC Klezmer Workshop is an informal but enthusiastic collective of Metro Area musicians. We meet monthly at Adas Israel to learn and play klezmer tunes together by ear and from sheet music. Join us from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Gewirz Beit Am. Contact [howard\\_ungar@yahoo.com](mailto:howard_ungar@yahoo.com).

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



## ANNE FRANK HOUSE



Anne Frank House DC will mark a big milestone this year: our 36th "Double Chai" anniversary. For 35 of those years, we have relied entirely on volunteers—and our strong association with Adas Israel Congregation—to fulfill our mission of providing long-term supportive housing to people who would be homeless without our assistance.

But changes are afoot as we lay the groundwork to expand the number of people we serve over the next decade. On that front, we have exciting news: we have raised the funds to allow us to support a new resident in 2023.

One need only look around the city, with tent cities springing up in parks and public places, to know that the need for housing is great, especially in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. In 2022, our Board adopted a strategic plan for growth. The first step toward enacting the Board's vision came with the hiring of the first Anne Frank House Executive Director, Pam Mendelson.

Pam is professionalizing our operation and working with our volunteers to make the Board's vision a reality. Here's a look at some of what she and our volunteers have accomplished during the past year:

- **Launched a new meal preparation program** delivering two meals per month to Anne Frank House residents.
- **Developed a curriculum on homelessness for K-6 students** that was tested at the Adas Israel religious school.
- **Renewed our connection with several components of the congregation**, namely, Sisterhood and the Social Action Committee.
- **Hosted our first-ever House Party at the home of Seth Rosenthal**, our board president, and Steve Schwat, a long time board member and volunteer, with the specific goal of introducing our organization to new people and sharing our strategic vision with longtime supporters.
- **Initiated an outreach campaign to introduce Anne Frank House to other actors in the supportive housing sector**, including faith-based institutions, peer housing organizations, social service providers, real estate developers, and advocacy groups such as Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development. Most important, out of this initiative,

we launched a new relationship with Holy Trinity Catholic Church, which will enable us to support a new resident this year.

- **The work of Anne Frank House goes beyond merely providing shelter.** Three of the 11 people we house currently have a home health aide to keep them capable of independent living as they cope with diabetes, mobility issues, and other geriatric needs. We provide services through our longtime partnership with Friendship Place, an established support services provider in Washington. As more of our residents age in place, we expect to find ourselves on the front lines of providing stable shelter to older citizens.

Here's where you come in:

We are always looking for new volunteers to serve on our Board, act as liaisons to our residents, or work on projects like our food delivery program. And in order to assist more clients, we'll need more apartment units, so we're seeking to identify individuals and organizations who can sponsor the purchase of new apartments.

**If you would like to volunteer or have suggestions, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Pam Mendelson at [pam@afhdc.org](mailto:pam@afhdc.org).**

We could not do what we do without you, the members of Adas Israel. It is our hope that you will continue to support us as we grow, so together we can have an even greater impact on our community. For more information, visit us online at [www.theannefrankhouse.org/what\\_you\\_can\\_do/](http://www.theannefrankhouse.org/what_you_can_do/).

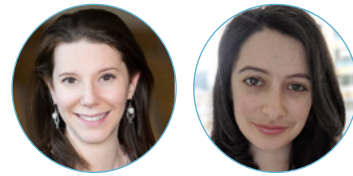






## From the Director of Education & Director of Schools

RABBI KERRITH SOLOMON, LEILAH MOONEY JOSEPH,  
LINDSAY KAGIN AND THE ED TEAM



Religious School families, our first week back will begin with school on Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10! We are planning an open house style weekend to allow both students and their families to meet their teachers, see their classrooms, and get a feel for the rhythm of the school day. We then hope to see our students at many of the services and programs over the month of holidays and look forward to reopening classes beginning October 10.

We love the summer hours that allow us to dream, plan (and clean!) in preparation for the upcoming year, but the quiet reminds us that everything we do is meant for that moment when we see our students' faces, hear their voices, and welcome our families back. We can't wait to see you.

We hope that our students and their families have had wonderful adventures this summer. We are always thrilled to see everyone's growth (literally and figuratively) and to hear about their experiences whether at camp, traveling, with family, and more. From school to services and programming to joyous gathering, we are ready to welcome you back!

We are excited to announce the dates of the expanded 2023-2024 school-year Shabbat programming. All are welcome, and we have suggested age ranges so that you can best meet the needs of your family. Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

**Families with Young Children Friday Night Service:** geared toward families with children 6 and under

October 13, November 10, December 8, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 7

**Ma Tovv Service:** 45 minutes geared toward our 0-6 population  
September 9, October 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9, 16; January 6, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 27; May 4, 11, 18; June 1, 8, 15

**Lechu Neranana:** led by Rabbi Kerrith Solomon and Cantor Arianne Brown along with our Adas musicians highlighting participation and leadership from our 3rd-6th grade students throughout the year.  
Fridays: October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, March 15, May 17



**Junior Congregation:** includes singing, a short service, and learning centered around the weekly Torah portion for 2nd-6th grade  
September 9, October 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9, 16; January 6, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 2, March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13; May 4, 11, 18

**We are also excited to announce our special program calendar for youth and families!**

Sept, 5: 7th-12th Grade Back to School Picnic  
Oct. 15: Adas Animals at the Ark  
Nov. 5: Camp Fair  
Nov. 11-12: 6th Grade Sleepover

Nov 17: Teen Shabbat Dinner  
Dec 2: 5th Grade Sleep Under  
Dec. 10: Dan Kaufman Memorial Hanukkah Party  
Jan. 6, 2024: Families with Young Children Havdalah  
Jan. 20: K-2nd grade Families Tu B'Shevat Havdalah  
Feb. 3: Ice Cream for Breakfast  
Feb. 10: Kindergarten Consecration  
Feb. 10: 3rd and 4th Grade Havdalah  
March 15-16: 5th Grade Shabbaton  
March 24: Family Purim Carnival  
April 5: Yom Israel  
May 17: 3rd grade Chagigat Hasiddur  
May 21: Teen End-of-Year BBQ







# High Holy Day Youth Services

We are blessed to have so many families in our community. Children, like adults, can feel drawn toward different modalities of prayer. Stay tuned for a variety of service options to allow our children and their grown-ups to engage in meaningful, communal experiences over the holidays.

## ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**9:00 am-10:15 am:** Family Service with Rabbi Kerrith in the Tent. While everyone is welcome to join us, this service is geared toward elementary and middle school students and their families.

**9:00 am-1:00 pm:** Babysitting for kids ages 2-5 years old who are potty trained and fully vaccinated for COVID are welcome. Pre-registration is required. The charge for babysitting is \$10 per child.

**10:00 am-10:45 am:** Ma Tovu Service in Kay Hall, meant for children who are 0-7 years old and their parents.

**10:00 am-1:00 pm:** Youth Programs for kids ages Pre-K 4 (must already be enrolled in a full day pre-K program)-5th grade. Pre-registration is required.

**10:00 am-12:00 pm:** Teen Open Lounge for 6th-12th grade.

## ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**9:00 am-10:15 am:** Family Service with Rabbi Kerrith in the Tent. While everyone is welcome to join us, this service is geared toward elementary and middle school students and their families.

**9:00 am-12:00 pm:** Babysitting for kids ages 2-5 years old who are potty trained and fully vaccinated for COVID are welcome. Pre-registration is required. The charge for babysitting is \$10 per child.

**10:00 am-12:00 pm:** Youth Programs for kids ages Pre-K 4 (must already be enrolled in a full day pre-K program)-5th grade. Pre-registration is required.

**10:00 am-12:00 pm:** Teen Open Lounge for 6th-12th grade.

**12:00 pm - 12:45 pm:** Family Tashlich; all kids must be accompanied by an adult.

## YOM KIPPUR, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**9:00 am-10:15 am:** Family Service with Rabbi Kerrith in the Tent. While everyone is welcome to join us, this service is geared toward elementary and middle school students and their families.

**9:00 am-1:00 pm:** Babysitting for Kids ages 2-5 years old who are potty trained and fully vaccinated for COVID are welcome. Pre-registration is required. The charge for babysitting is \$10 per child.

**10:00 am-10:45 am:** Ma Tovu Service in the Kay Hall. This service is meant for children who are 0-7 years old and their parents.

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm:** Youth Programs for kids ages Pre-K 4 (must already be enrolled in a full day pre-K program)-5th grade. Pre-registration is required.

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm:** Teen Open Lounge for 6th-12th grade.

## SUKKOT DAY 1, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**11:00 am-12:00 pm:** Shabbat/Sukkot Songs and Books in the Tent in the parking lot. This is meant for children who are 0-7 years old and their parents.

**11:00 am-11:45 am:** Shabbat Tinok Oneg in the Beit Midrash.

**11:45 am:** Shabbat Tinok in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary.

## SUKKOT DAY 2, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

**11:00 am-11:45 am:** Sukkot Crafts in the Tent in the parking lot.

## SIMCHAT TORAH EVE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**6:00 pm:** Simchat Torah Family Dinner. Pre-registration is required.

## SIMCHAT TORAH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

**10:00am-10:45 am:** Simchat Torah Songs and Books in the Beit Midrash, meant for children who are 0-7 years old and their parents.



## THE GAN

Early Childhood @ Adas



### Gan HaYeled—Garden of the Child: Full- and Part-Day Preschool

We continue our journey at the Gan to meet and serve the needs of Adas and the DC metropolitan Jewish community. Last year celebrated the Gan's 50th birthday, a monumental event for a preschool, while we continue to respond dynamically to our current families. Read below to learn about our new points of engagement that stretch what the Gan is and how we serve families, such as through our family center and evaluation center. These are both "first of their kind" offerings: postpartum care and multidisciplinary therapies do not exist in other faith-based communities, and we are proud to push that envelope forward within the Gan. Likewise, the preschool welcomes in 12- 24-month-old students for the first time this year, a novel addition to the landscape of the local Jewish community.

As a preschool, we know that families benefit from having their needs met here, with us, in one holistic space. As families enroll their children in school settings at increasingly young ages nationwide, we are committed to accommodating that need within our preschool structure. We are the "old Gan"—deeply established traditions stretching back 50 years, building generation after generation of Jewish family identity. We are the "new Gan"—perinatal groups, in-house therapy, and full-day toddler care. We are your Gan!

For questions about the Gan please contact Noah Hichenberg, School Director, at [noah.hichenberg@adasisrael.org](mailto:noah.hichenberg@adasisrael.org).

### Gan HaNeshama—Garden of the Soul: Multidisciplinary Evaluation Center

Gan HaNeshama (GHN), a component of our Gan ecosystem, is a multidisciplinary evaluation center for children 12 months-4 years old. A multidisciplinary approach that centers on individual differences and includes evaluations from a range of professionals from different domains, collaborating as a team, offers the most comprehensive approach in understanding the whole child. GHN opened its doors in Fall 2021 and has since supported more than three dozen families and children. Early intervention, offered when a young child's brain is still forming (at or before preschool ages), maximizes future outcomes, meaning it is more "plastic," or changeable, than at older ages. Treatments have a better chance of being effective in the longer

term because of this neuroplasticity. Early interventions give children the best start possible and the best chance of developing to their full potential. The sooner a child gets help, the greater the opportunity for learning and progress for that child.

We are thrilled to be a part of this beneficial trajectory. Our clinical team, made up of a social worker, speech pathologist, occupational therapist, and developmental neuropsychologist, understands the complexities of early childhood development and does everything necessary to make this process seamless and comprehensive. We are available to Adas Israel members and Gan students, as well as community members in the greater DC area.

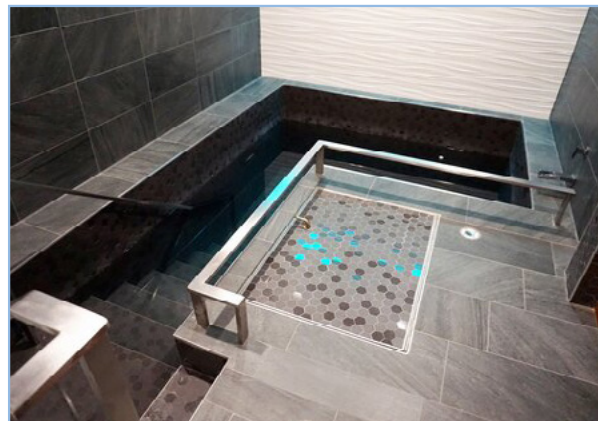
To learn more about Gan HaNeshama, and/or to make a referral, reach out to Stephanie Slater, Director of Early Childhood Development and Family Support, at [Stephanie.Slater@adasisrael.org](mailto:Stephanie.Slater@adasisrael.org).

### Gan HaMishpacha—Garden of the Family: Family Center

Gan HaMishpacha (GHM), the Family Center at Adas Israel, wishes you a Shanah Tovah, as we enter 5784. Gan HaMishpacha, born in the Fall of 2020, is the place for young families looking for support, connection, community, and education here at Adas Israel. We offer perinatal groups—both prenatal and postpartum, as well as lactation support, and focus on perinatal mental health. These groups are held seasonally, providing much needed peer connection for families as they welcome a new baby into their home. Additionally, families can participate in our long beloved "Kangaroo Class," which provides children and a loving adult an introduction to life in our preschool, Gan HaYeled. Shir-a-Song with Ms. Ellie brings children into the world of Jewish rhythm and music, and the Havurah Program brings families together through a year-long series of community programming, centered around Shabbat and the cycle of the Jewish year.

Gan HaMishpacha experiences are curated by certified perinatal professionals and early childhood experts. If you or someone you know is in the season of life that involves birth and becoming a young family, please reach out to Gan HaMishpacha Director, Darci Lewis ([darci.lewis@adasisrael.org](mailto:darci.lewis@adasisrael.org)) and visit our website—<https://www.adasisrael.org/gan-hamishpacha.html>. We look forward to embracing you and your family.





## Mikvah Stories

WRITTEN BY RABBI ELIANNA YOLKUT

We are approaching the season of renewal, a time to reflect on our life's journey and the winding roads we often travel and the places where we miss the mark. Last year more than 100 people immersed in our Adas Israel Mikvah the month before Rosh Hashanah. When I explain this tradition to our community, I remind people that immersing in the mikvah is not limited to a certain transition or time; the Mikvah is a chance to mark all liminal spaces, those in our calendar and in our lives, to reflect during a transition of any kind. Sometimes though, the best voices to bring to fore how powerful this idea can be is to hear the story of those who immerse. A few months ago when I talked with someone who used our mikvah for just this reason, in moments of deep transitions, those of joy and challenge, I knew her story would speak volumes. So when I asked Catherine Salsman Rubenstein to tell her Mikvah story, this is what she wrote:

*When my Beit Din welcomed me as a member of the Jewish people, the mikvah at Adas Israel stood ready to accept me completely. Its warm waters and enchanting echo reverberated as the Rabbi and I recited the blessings. I can still hear the beauty of the song in that space as she and I chanted the Shema together for my first time as a Jew.*

*When I studied for 18 months with fellow adults and was called to the Torah for the first time, I turned again to the mikvah to mark the momentous occasion. The cadence of trope and Torah ritual no longer a mystery to me, I settled into my Jewish identity with the rite of passage I now shared with countless other Jews.*

*When I entered the mikvah space for the third time, it took me a while to select the reading that I most connected to. I was unsure exactly what moment I was marking. As I perused the "life transitions" blessings, I thought initially that I'd be looking for something to mark a loss. But I settled on a reading for a joyous transition because that has been the truth of my experience.*

*Upon learning last year that I carried a BRCA1 genetic variant that put me at high risk for breast and ovarian cancer, I knew I had some difficult choices ahead.*

*The decision on how to address BRCA1 is a profoundly personal one. After weighing all the information I'd gathered, I decided to proceed with the surgery my gynecologic oncologist recommended: removal of my ovaries, tubes, and uterus.*

*This was the most difficult decision I have ever made. I had so many fears leading up to my surgery, but as the anniversary of my surgery approached, I realized how much I had to be thankful for. The BRCA1 gene had inspired me to make healthier choices. I was in better physical shape than I'd been in years. I had the love and support of an amazing husband, a community of others facing difficult choices themselves, and overall more energy, resilience, and optimism. How could I acknowledge all of this in a tangible way?*

*The mikvah had been there for me twice before. I knew it would help me once again integrate my spiritual being with my physical body. So let me be, if not the first, among those who count hysterectomy as a simcha to be marked in a sacred and holy way in the mikvah.*

*Finally, let me say thank you for making the community mikvah at Adas such a welcoming place. I've never felt not Jewish enough, not observant enough, or in any other way anything less than completely in my element there.*



## JMCW@ADAS

jewish mindfulness center of washington

*When we forget the essence of our own soul . . . everything becomes confused and in doubt. The primary teshuva, that which immediately lights the darkness, is when a person returns to himself, to the root of his soul—then he will immediately return to God, to the soul of all souls.*

~ RAV ISAAC KOOK, *OROT HATESHUVA*

*Our home is a river, a fluid place, a place where there is no stopping point—a place where we can stop clinging, and stop being driven out of life. A place of Teshuvah, a place that will return us to ourselves, where we can feel our lives, flowing, healing, toward home.*

~ RABBI ALAN LEW, *THIS IS REAL AND YOU ARE COMPLETELY UNPREPARED:  
THE DAYS OF AWE AS A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION*

Sometimes it is hard to remember who we really are. We often wear many hats, as the saying goes, playing different roles with different people. Perhaps being lost in our busyness, we don't even have the time to address this question. Or all of this is a muddle in the mixed messages we get from more media than the mind can hold. However, here we are again in the cycle of our spiritual Jewish calendar that gives us time and space (a lot of time and space!) to create a journey of reconnection. It is with that intention that we now enter Elul, not merely a month in the Hebrew lunar year, but as our preparation for the High Holy Days. The wisdom of Elul holds that before entering shul on Rosh Hashanah, we need time to get ready for this journey of repentance, renewal, and returning—of teshuva.

Our tradition refers to the month of Elul as a period of *cheshbon hanefesh*, an accounting of the soul. While there are variations on this theme throughout the liturgy, one way to look at the soul's accounting is as a coming home to our true nature. In his book, *Orot Hateshuva*, Rav Isaac Kook, the first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of British Mandatory Palestine, talks about teshuva as the returning to one's self. And Arthur Green, in his book, *Judaism for the World: Reflections on God, Life, and Love*, reminds us of the themes of birth and rebirth running through the High Holy Day Torah and prophetic readings. "The message could not be clearer," he writes, "The shofar calls us to come back to ourselves, to turn to that place where the priest will enter on Yom Kippur—our inward Holy of Holies, the place of the soul. That coming homeward, an act of checking in with our truest selves, will give us the strength to reset our course."

We know from our own experience that the journey to what Rav Kook calls "the root of our soul," reflects an array of emotions. The High Holy Day liturgy is filled with beautiful words, melodies, and teachings that honor these many states: gratitude, love, fear, awe, joy, sorrow, forgiveness, a quest for courage, and a recognition of where our soul has wandered over the past year. Rabbi Alan Lew teaches that this process of teshuvah is "a place that will return us to ourselves, where we can feel our lives, flowing, healing, toward home." JMCW seeks to bring programming that will help us do this individually and as a community. Please follow our offerings during the month of Elul, the High Holy Day season and throughout the year. Wishing all a *shanah tovah* filled with meaning, joy, and the sweetness of coming home.



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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# Ma TovU

Rhoda Ganz

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

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

**Rhoda, you are celebrating your 50th anniversary of being an Adas member this year! You and your beloved husband, Joel (z"l), joined in September 1973. Our theme for the High Holy Days this year is "Welcome Home." What first brought you to Adas 50 years ago, and what keeps you here all these years later?**

My history at Adas actually starts before Joel and I joined in 1973. I was a toddler when my parents joined the congregation in 1940. I gave Adas the original letter—done on a manual typewriter—that my father received from Adas Israel Hebrew Congregation welcoming him as a member and listing the privileges of membership. I went all through Hebrew and Sunday School and was a member of the first confirmation class in the current building. My four brothers celebrated their bar mitzvahs when Adas was at Sixth & I. Joel and I were married at Adas. Every one of our family's Jewish milestones has been celebrated at Adas: the naming of our children; our children's bat mitzvahs and confirmations; our daughters' weddings (they walked down the same aisle as Joel and I); funerals—my parents and Joel. The connection goes on and on.

When we moved to Rockville and wanted to enroll our children in Hebrew School, Adas seemed like too much of a trek for two afternoons a week, Shabbat mornings, and Sunday mornings. So we joined a congregation that was closer to home. When our oldest daughter was 10 years old and in fifth grade, we realized that we were just not comfortable in that congregation. We decided to join Adas; also, my parents were still alive and active members. Throughout all the years our children went to Religious School, we drove back and forth to Adas, usually part of a carpool. Did you know that, for two or three years, weekday Hebrew School met at the Jewish Community Center in Rockville for a few suburban families?

Joel grew up in a non-observant home in Brooklyn, NY. But he came to love Adas because of my family's

connection. What keeps me here all these years later is that—for me—Adas is "home." Through all the rabbis, all the cantors, all the Religious School directors, all the Executive Directors, all the Presidents, all the Shabbats, all the holidays, all the special events, all of my involvement as a lay leader, and on and on, it has always been my Jewish religious center. At this stage of my life, though, one very important aspect of Adas also keeps me here—the Bereavement Committee. Enough said.

**Over the years, you have made donations in honor and in memory of loved ones to our Lillian & Daniel Ezrin Fund for Ritual Objects. Can you tell us more about this fund and why it is meaningful to you? What are some of your most cherished ritual objects, and why are they so special?**

I cannot begin to describe the love that my parents had for Adas Israel and how my brothers and I were always aware of it. My father was an active member of the congregation and the Men's Club. He often read torah at services. I think that, because he worked seven days a week from early morning to late at night, the synagogue was a place of comfort and companionship for my dad. When my father died in 1976, the extended family wanted to do something to honor his love for Adas. We established a fund, and Rabbi Rabinowitz suggested that it be used to purchase ritual objects. My recollection is that the first purchase from the fund was a kiddush cup that Rabbi Rabinowitz brought back from Israel. It was in a display case in the hallway outside the rabbis' office for a long time. I'm not sure what other ritual objects have come from the fund; I do know that one year I was asked if new books could be bought. When my mom died in 2002, her name was added to the fund.

Some personal ritual objects that I cherish and use are a silver menorah that was a gift from the best man at our wedding; my mother's grandmother's Shabbat

candlesticks; my father's kiddush cup; a challah knife that we bought at a synagogue in Savannah, GA; and a kiddush set that belonged to Joel's grandparents. They are all special because they are integral parts of my heritage and legacy.

**And speaking of cherished. You and Joel brought Adas one of our most cherished staff members—Charles Mallory. You presented Charles with the Yad HaKavod Award at our Annual Meeting this past June and shared the beautiful story about how you first met Charles and how Joel fought to bring him to Adas. First off, thank you, thank you, thank you! For those who didn't get to hear the story, can you please share it with us?**

Charles! Now there is my favorite Adas Israel story and one I love to tell because it not only honors the all-time mensch—Charles; it also gives insight into my amazing husband Joel. So, here's the story:

In 1986, Joel took a hiatus from his practice as a child and adolescent psychiatrist and acted on a long-held dream of owning a restaurant. He purchased a large, successful sandwich shop at L'Enfant Plaza, known as Gourmet Too. The restaurant came with about 20 employees, including a young, very skinny kid named Charley. It was clear to Joel from the beginning that Charley was a great, trustworthy, hard-working, wonderful employee, loved by everyone (including the young female customers). Joel and Charley had a special connection from the very beginning. Joel saw something in Charley that really stood out, made Joel care for him deeply, and wanted to make sure that Charley was a successful young man.

Four years later, we sold the restaurant, employees included, and Joel went back into private practice. But Joel knew that he wanted to make sure that Charley—and only Charley—would not stay at the restaurant but, instead, would get a better job. So, Joel said to me, "I want to get Charley a job at Adas Israel. All of the guys working there are like family, and I think Charley would fit in perfectly. I want him to work where he will be appreciated and get benefits. I need to make sure that Charley gets benefits."

Joel arranged a meeting with Thelma Becker, who was then the Executive Director, and asked her to give Charley a job. Thelma said that they weren't hiring anyone for the maintenance staff, and they didn't need anyone. But Joel would not give up. He hounded Thelma with phone calls or reached out to her whenever we were in shul and saw her. He nagged and nagged Thelma to hire Charley.

Thelma finally relented and told Joel that she would try Charley for one or two months. If it didn't work out, she would let him go and have no hard feelings. And Joel agreed.

The rest is history. Charley—now all grown up and known as Charles—has been at Adas for 33 years. The congregation saw in Charles exactly what Joel saw in him—a hardworking, dedicated, loyal, kind, caring, honest, ethical, sweet man who will do anything that's asked of him without hesitation and with a smile. And Joel is grinning from ear to ear because Charles is getting benefits!

**While planning for the High Holy Days, our staff team has spoken a lot about what makes something or somewhere feel like home. It can include the sounds, the scents, the people. What are some of the sights, sounds, and smells that you connect with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?**

I have so many memories of the High Holy Days at Adas Israel. As a child, I remember the women sitting in the balcony and the men downstairs. I remember being awed by the "important men of the congregation" wearing tuxedos and top hats on the bimah. I remember I Street being closed so everyone could mill around outside (especially my friends). Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur always conjured up pomp and circumstance. Even when we moved to the current building, there was the organ, the choir, the Court of Honor on Kol Nidre, the white torah covers, the Martyrology service on Yom Kippur, the adapted service on the second day of Rosh Hashanah—I could go on and on. Now, services on the High Holy Days are so much more relaxed and family-friendly and spiritual, which I really like. But, of course, the best part of the High Holy Days is being with family at services and for traditional meals. Chicken sandwiches on challah for lunch after Rosh Hashanah services. Yum!!!

**What do you wish for in 5784?**

What I wish for in 5784 is basically what I wish for every year. I wish for good health for my family, my friends, and me. I wish for continued happiness and success for my children and grandchildren. I wish for genuine peace in this country, in Israel, and in the world. And I wish that I can continue working two days a week!





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

### *Martinis and Memories in a California Garden*

BY ROBIN JACOBSON  
LIBRARY & LITERARY  
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR



Early in 2020, Julian Künstler receives an unexpected phone call from his 93-year-old grandmother, Salomea (“Mamie”) Künstler. Mamie invites Julian to stay with her in California for a few weeks while she recovers from a broken wrist. She and her elderly housekeeper-companion, Agatha, need a short-term family chauffeur.

For Julian, this is a perfectly timed, golden opportunity. Twenty-four years old, he has just lost his job, his roommate, and his girlfriend. He is eager for a respite from his New York City life and full-of-advice parents. And thus begins the magical, multigenerational novel, *Künstlers in Paradise* by Cathleen Schine, blending tales of German-Jewish émigrés in 1940s Hollywood with the experience of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### LOCKED DOWN IN LOS ANGELES

After settling into Mamie’s charming Craftsman bungalow in the Venice Beach neighborhood of Los Angeles, Julian spends several pleasant weeks ferrying Mamie to doctors’ appointments and to the beach. Spirited, carrot-haired Mamie, a retired violinist, is a fun companion, and the amusingly sardonic Agatha is a fabulous cook. The excursions come to a sudden halt as Covid-19 morphs into a public-health threat, and Los Angeles goes into full lockdown.

Julian is now housebound with the aged pair, watching lots of scary TV news, lounging in Mamie’s glorious garden, and marking time by the daily cocktail hour. Every afternoon at four o’clock, Agatha enters the garden carrying a martini shaker, a jar of olives, and frosted glasses on a jingling silver tray.

Bored and restless, Julian is also terrified for his parents in New York City and sister in Chicago. He feels guilty in his safe garden refuge, indulging in oranges right off Mamie’s tree. When he telephones his parents and sister, he notes with alarm the continuous blare of ambulance sirens in the background.



### FROM VIENNA TO HOLLYWOOD

Julian’s feelings of fear and guilt make him receptive to the stories Mamie tells of her childhood, although he knows there is no comparison between his situation and hers. Mamie was ten years old, living in Vienna with her parents, Otto and Ilse, and adored grandfather, when Germany annexed Austria in 1938. After a year of isolating at home to avoid Nazi violence against Jewish pedestrians, the family was able to secure visas through Hollywood’s European Film Fund, which brought endangered artists to California. Otto was a composer and Ilse an actress; despite her limited English, Ilse was offered a position as a screenwriter.

The Künstlers (German for “artists”) joined Los Angeles’ colony of 10,000 German-speaking émigrés. They felt grateful to be alive, but fearful for their relatives in Europe and homesick for pre-war Vienna, their cherished city of music, art, and cafés.

Mamie regales Julian with memories of long-ago California parties overflowing with whipped-cream-topped coffee and apple strudel. She grew up around composer Arnold Schoenberg, novelist Thomas Mann, socialite Alma Mahler, and other prominent émigrés. For any famous names that Julian does not recognize, Mamie pauses her stories, announcing, “We will have an intermission while you google.”

The protests following George Floyd’s murder prompt Mamie to recall racial discrimination in early Venice Beach, designed by an eccentric millionaire to mimic the piazzas, waterways, and colonnades of Italy’s Venice. Beyond California history, *Künstlers in Paradise* offers a tender portrayal of three generations—the good-hearted, directionless Julian; his concerned parents, who want him to settle on a practical career; and Mamie, who decides that a deeper understanding of his family’s story will help Julian mature. Schine is a perceptive and witty writer—she’s been called the “Jewish Jane Austen”—and her characters and their conversations sparkle.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**Approaching the High Holy Days through New Fiction  
with Authors Michelle Brafman and Martha Toll  
Sunday, September 10, 4:00 pm (Beth El, Bethesda)**

In this unique prelude to the Days of Awe, authors Michelle Brafman and Martha Toll will discuss their new novels, *Swimming with Ghosts* and *Three Muses*. Characters in these books struggle with issues that often surface during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur—loss, past trauma, regret, obsession, and the potential for renewal. How have the authors grappled with these universal concerns in their work, and what helpful insights can we take with us as the Jewish season of reflection begins?

**To register, email Robin Jacobson at [librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org).**



**Jewish Museum Virtual Tour: The Sassoons  
Thursday, October 19, 12 noon**

Join us for an exciting virtual museum presentation of *The Sassoons*, “the fascinating story of a remarkable Jewish family, highlighting their pioneering role in trade, art collecting, architectural patronage, and civic engagement from the early 19th century through World War II.” Richly illustrated with artwork, *The Sassoons* explores critical issues—discrimination, diaspora, colonialism, global trade, war—that shaped the family’s destiny and continue to impact today’s world.

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**Book Chat: The Postcard by Anne Berest  
Sunday, November 12, 10:00 am (Adas Library)**

Join the discussion of Anne Berest’s remarkable true story of her French Jewish family, told as a novel. What was and is the experience of being Jewish in France?

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## So, what's the deal with Sisterhood?

It's just for old ladies or women who don't work and have time for lunch . . . right? Not so fast. Sisterhood members reflect Adas Israel's diverse membership. Our members, who range in age and ethnicity, are doctors, lawyers, teachers, playwrights, authors, reporters, artists, accountants, technology experts, social workers, architects, chefs, professors, rabbis, physical therapists, musicians—you name it. We work full-time, part-time, and as volunteers. We are moms, daughters, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, single, married, divorced, and widowed. Sisterhood is an intellectually and socially stimulating group. Indeed, from its origins in 1897 until today, Adas Israel Sisterhood has attracted Jewish women of all ages who want to learn, grow, address pressing issues, support the community, and build lasting friendships.

Sisterhood opens new doors to rewarding experiences and friend opportunities. And the more one participates, the more doors open and feel like home. Sisterhood has been, and continues to be, at the forefront of important activities and changes at Adas Israel. As an example, in 1908 (nine years before the 19th Amendment), Sisterhood women prevailed (over vociferous objection) in our demand to have a voice and a vote in hiring the new Adas rabbi. During the remainder of the 20th century, Sisterhood continued to evolve with, and in several instances, herald significant changes to, the roles of women in American society.

Sisterhood continues to thrive, increasing membership and expanding opportunities at every level to learn more about Judaism, to participate actively in synagogue life, to promote fundraising that benefits the synagogue and its families as well as other Jewish organizations, to pursue social action programs, and to gather together for book clubs, Torah study, and timely educational programs that promote the continued intellectual, religious, and social needs of Sisterhood members of all ages and backgrounds. Most important, Sisterhood opens doors to lasting friendships with other like-minded Jewish women.

Programs during 2022-23 were particularly stimulating and reflected the expertise and experiences of professional women across several fields, fields that 50 years ago were not, for the most part, populated by Jewish women. Sisterhood's activities last year included:

- **Reverse Tashlich:** Led by the Rock Creek Conservancy, Sisterhood and Adas community members removed invasive plant species, allowing native plants to thrive near the water in Rock Creek Park.
- **Capital Jewish Museum Presentation:** Jonathan Edelman, Curatorial Associate for the Capital Jewish Museum, introduced the new museum and explained its growing archival collection. Jonathan wove in Adas Israel's 153-year history, its involvement in the complex history of our Jewish community, and Sisterhood's activities over 125 years.
- **Recovering Jewish Sites in Western Ukraine:** Miriam Gusevich, Sisterhood member, Cuban-American urban designer, scholar, teacher, and founding principal of GM2 Studio, LLC, spoke about her NGO, Restoring our Places, and its work to recover Jewish sites in Western Ukraine.
- **Sisterhood Shabbat:** Sisterhood members organized and led Shabbat morning services. Sisterhood members also led the Thursday morning minyan preceding Shabbat. Guest scholar, lecturer, storyteller, and renowned author Dr. Ellen Frankel spoke at Kabbalat Shabbat, on Shabbat morning, and after Shabbat lunch.
- **Sisterhood Salon:** Sisterhood member and former Sisterhood President Marcy Feuerstein spoke about her career in architecture and teaching. Marcy described contemporary architectural projects by women as presented in the book she recently co-authored, *Expanding Field of Architecture: Women in Practice Across the Globe*.
- **Jewish Views of Sex and Torah Study:** Rabbi Hanna Yerushalmi spoke on Jewish views of sex and her experiences with marriage counseling in a Jewish context.



- **Children's Book Author:** In conjunction with National Reading Month, award-winning Jewish children's books author Erica Perl spoke with children and their families about her books and how she began her writing career.
- **Americans Saving Jews during WWII:** Dr. Rebecca Erbelding, a historian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, shared stories of extraordinary individuals and groups of Americans who worked to save Jewish lives during the Holocaust.
- **Celebrating Israeli Women Past and Present:** Dr. Lauren B. Strauss, Senior Professorial Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Studies in American University's Jewish Studies Program, explored the history of women in Israel. A panel discussion followed, featuring Israeli women identified by the Israeli embassy, who currently are leaders in their various fields.

Sisterhood is programs and so much more: celebrating Hanukkah; gathering for brunch, tea, and wine; cooking and delivering food when members and others need a helping hand; making and receiving a call just to touch base. As members, we get that wonderful feeling when people open their doors and let us feel like family. Doors open to our hearts, our minds, our souls, our stomachs!

Sisterhood is a door to camaraderie, teamwork, support, and laughter.

It's not too late to renew your membership in Sisterhood for this fiscal year. Renewing is easy. Just visit our web page at [www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood](http://www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood) and renew online or follow instructions for sending a check to our treasurer.

If you are already a current Sisterhood member, make the most of your membership. Participate this year in our many activities (check our web page often for upcoming programs and the Calendar of Events). Bring us your talents, interests, ideas, and energy. We will all benefit!

If you are not yet a member of Sisterhood, now is the time. Our doors are open! We invite you to join and become part of the richness of our community of Sisterhood, joined by the bonds of friendship. Join online through the Adas Sisterhood web page or contact our Membership Co-Chairs, June Kress ([junebkress@gmail.com](mailto:junebkress@gmail.com)) and Ozana Papados ([opapados@gmail.com](mailto:opapados@gmail.com)).

Wishing everyone a peaceful and healthy upcoming holiday season.

Margie Corwin

*ruth & simon albert*

## sisterhood gift shop

Summer has arrived, a time when we can kick back and work fewer hours in the gift shop. Our summer hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 am-12:30 pm. Of course, as always, we are available for special appointments by emailing us at [adasgiftshop@gmail.com](mailto:adasgiftshop@gmail.com).

Our big news is that, because we reopened with regular hours, we were able to donate \$18,500 to the congregation, much, much more than were able to do either of the past two years. We presented a check for this amount at the congregation's annual meeting in June. We appreciate our members coming to us to find gifts for all occasions, religious as well as every-day events.

Our second bit of news is that we will be attending the annual gift show in August, **New York Now**, at the Javits Center in New York. This is the first time since the advent of the pandemic that we will be there. If you've visited us lately, you've seen that our shelves are somewhat bare. We hope to restock at the show and offer a wider range of items during the coming year.

Our final bit of news is that we are replacing the software we use to run the shop. Our previous software is being discontinued, much to our chagrin. Please bear with us during the remaining summer months while we orient ourselves to this major change.

*Every purchase benefits Adas Israel.*  
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# B'NAI MITZVAH



## Henry Rubin

Henry Rubin, son of Dana and Jake Rubin, is an 8th grader at the Edmund Burke School. Henry has been a member of the Adas Israel community since joining the religious school in kindergarten. For his mitzvah project, Henry volunteered at sites around Washington, DC, through the Tzedek B'Nai Mitzvah Fellowship at the EDCJCC. He shares this simcha with his sister Alice, his parents, his grandparents, and other family and friends.



## Joshua Nussdorf

Joshua Nussdorf, son of Benjamin Nussdorf and Inna Dexter, is in 7th grade at the Georgetown Day School. Josh is celebrating his special day with his beloved siblings, Max and Sasha, his grandparents Melanie Nussdorf and Igor and Marina Dexter, and his cousins Luke and Reid, as well as other family members from around the country. On this special day, we want to remember Josh's grandfather, Larry Nussdorf, as well as his great-grandparents, Gusta, Ella, and Ilya, who all played a foundational role in his life. Josh is an avid mathematician, sportsman (soccer, tennis, baseball player, and golfer), musician, and baker. For his mitzvah project Josh will be supporting Ukrainian refugees, especially focusing on those who have fled to Israel.

This project is particularly personal to Josh, and honors his maternal ancestors, including his mother and grandparents, who were born in Kiev.

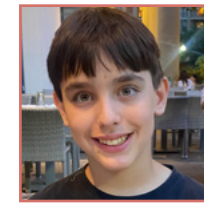


## Dylan Jacobson

Dylan Jacobson, son of Karyn Schwartz and Murrey Jacobson and brother of Isaac Jacobson, attends Gunston Middle School in Arlington, VA, and began nursery school at the Gan Adas. Dylan will be celebrating with his brother, who will share the service with him on the same day. He will celebrate in-person here and at the homes of his grandmothers, Joy Gorodess and Kathy Schwartz. During this time, we remember his grandfathers, Larry Schwartz and Charles Gorodess, and Stuart Jacobson. He is also blessed to celebrate this fall with his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and his friends, of course. Dylan is in the bilingual Spanish program at Gunston. He spends whatever time he can during the winter skiing, and is dedicated to playing the French horn, and is a member of the DC Youth Orchestra. He also enjoys sailing and is a member of a sailing team here in DC. Together with his brother and several friends, Dylan has worked on robotics in the First Lego League for a number of years.

## Isaac Jacobson

Isaac Jacobson, son of Karyn Schwartz and



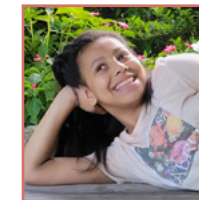
Murrey Jacobson and brother of Dylan Jacobson, attends Gunston Middle School in Arlington, VA, and began nursery school and his Jewish education at the Gan. Isaac will be celebrating with his brother, who will share the service with him on the same day. He will celebrate in-person here and at the homes of his grandmothers, Joy Gorodess and Kathy Schwartz. During this time, we remember his grandfathers, Larry Schwartz and Charles Gorodess, and Stuart Jacobson. He is also blessed to celebrate this fall with his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and his friends, of course. Isaac is in the bilingual Spanish program at Gunston. For fun, he loves to go rock climbing at the gym with his friends and as a member of his team. He is a member of his school orchestra and plays both the tuba and the euphonium. Along with his brother and their friends, he has been a member of a robotics teams in the DC area for several years and has competed in the First Lego League.



## Atticus Davis

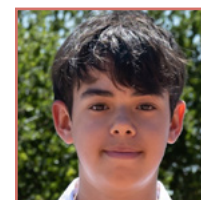
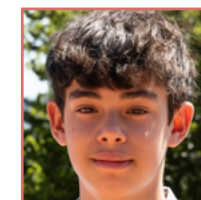
Atticus Davis is one of the youngest and tallest eighth graders at the Edmund Burke School and one of the oldest and tallest pitchers on the Northwest Little League Summer All Star Team. In addition to baseball, he is passionate about hockey, guitar, and fishing with his mom's family. While he has never been spotted either doing homework or preparing for his bar mitzvah, somehow his work always gets done on time and well, much to the delight of his mother, Charlene Cho. He's been part of Adas most of his life, starting when his grandfather Charles Cho

served as his sandek in the Wasserman. Perhaps Atticus's favorite Adas moment was a Tuesday evening when he emerged from Ma'alot and excitedly told the tale of a Jewish war veteran who killed a presidential assassin, Jacob Leon Rubenstein aka Jack Ruby. Atticus is excited to celebrate this simcha with his big sister Rose, father Greg, grandparents Madelyn & Michael, and many other relatives and friends.



## Mary Ellen Leach

Mary Ellen Leach, daughter of Ada and Terry Leach, is an 8th grader at Deal Middle School. An enthusiastic learner and performer, she began her Jewish education as a two-year-old at the Gan and at Tot Shabbat led by Menuhah. We are honored, after a decade of attending services, to celebrate this simcha with our dearly loved Adas community, family members, and friends. At this special time, we remember with love grandmothers, Maya Ellen, after whom Maya is named, Mary Hellen Leach, and Elizabeth Goldovsky, of blessed memory.



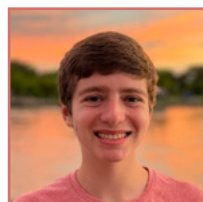
## Alexander, Ethan, and Jacob Kozolchik

Alexander Kozolchik, Ethan Kozolchik, Jacob Kozolchik sons of Diana Rubin and Raphael Kozolchik, are in the eighth grade at Basis DC. They are honored to share the bima for their b'nai mitzvah. They also share this simcha with their sister Rebecca, their grandfather Eben Rubin, their bubbly and





zeydeh Billie and Boris Kozolchyk, and their aunts, uncles, and cousins. At this special time, we remember with love grandmother Jerilyn Rubin great-grandparents Ruth and Irving Fine, Frances and David Rubin, Chana and Abram Kozolchyk, and Sylvia and Abraham Herman. We also remember with love Raphael's tio Oscar and godparents Lolita and Sam Grabb. Alex, Ethan, and Jacob's mitzvah project supports two interests of theirs, cooking and helping those in need.



### Sam Koch

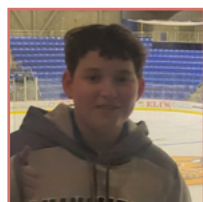
Sam Koch, son of Rachel and Alan Koch, is a 7th grader at Alice Deal Middle School. Sam began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and attended the Alvin Browdy Religious School. He is honored to share his simcha with his parents, his sister Lila, his grandparents and extended family, and many supportive friends. At this special time, his family remembers with love Sam's grandfather Scott Kleier (z"l), whose loving memory has inspired him to choose his mitzvah project. Sam is fundraising for the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, two organizations that work to prevent and treat heart diseases and strokes. Sam hopes to make a positive difference in the lives of others.



### Henri Kauders

Henri Kauders, son of Halie Soifer and Andrew Kauders, is a 7th grader at Silver Creek Middle School. Henri, who enjoys politics, sailing, technology, and golf, began his Jewish

education at the Gan and has continued ever since at Adas Israel. Henri celebrates this simcha with his brothers Max and Eli, and numerous family members, including grandmothers Sandy Soifer and Hella Kauders. At this special time, we remember Henri's beloved and deeply missed grandfathers, Howard Soifer and George Kauders, of blessed memory.



### Danny Saltz

Danny Saltz, son of the late Pamela Saltz, Ian Saltz, and Ilyse Schuman, is celebrating his bar mitzvah with sisters Callie, Maddie, and Jemma as well as grandparents Peter and Jocelyn Saltz and Ann Schwartz. Danny is a rising 7th grader at Pyle Middle School and likes playing basketball and technology. For his mitzvah project, he will be participating in an annual coat drive for the children of new immigrants.



### Ariel Alexander

Ariel is a 7th grader at Milton. Most days you can find him training for table tennis tournaments at the Washington DC Table Tennis Center, shooting baskets with his friends, following the NBA, and caring for his two dogs, Ruby and Mae. In between all that, he hangs out with his two younger brothers, Eliav and Amos, which usually means schooling them on the secrets of Roblox or baking hack recipes together in the microwave. His Bar Mitzvah project, Ping Pong For Good/Parkinson's, combines several of his passions—table tennis, hanging out with people, and helping to bring joy to those who need it most.



## BIRTHS

- Ethan Waxman, son of Seth & Debbie Waxman, and Nina Mullen welcomed their child, Lola Mullen Waxman, on March 1.
- Kira Epstein Begal & Billy Begal welcomed their child, Louis Emmanuel Begal, on March 2.
- Bianca Faccio-Gonzalez & Zack Kleinbart welcomed their child, Alexandra Selina Kleinbart Faccio, on March 4.
- Corinne Hoffman & Ari Fried welcomed their child, Tabitha Belle Fried-Hoffman, on March 17.
- Amy Mackinnon & Ilan Greenberg welcomed their

child, Lior Brock Greenberg, on March 30.

- Rebecca Maltzman & Michael Maya welcomed their child, Libby Arielle Maya, on April 14.
- Cathryn & Joshua Marcuse welcomed their child, Emmeline Miriam Marcuse, on April 14.
- Gabe Willes, son of Rennie Sherman & William Willis, and Darian Willis welcomed their child, Sinai Reuben Willis, on May 20.

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

## IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

- Edith Baldinger
- Faezeh Foroutan
- Orli Wildman Halpern
- Arnold Alan Hammer
- Judy Heumann
- Marilyn Kincaid
- Alan Laskin
- Frances Geraldine Lish
- Adam Robinson
- Hubert Schlosberg

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

- Birdie Grace Benator, mother of Debra Benator
- William Marchal Brinly Jr, father of Vincent Brinly
- Henry Cohen, XXX of Susan Ordene
- Joel Colman, sibling of Jeffrey Colman
- Rabbi Zvi Dershowitz, father of Toby Dershowitz
- Mitzi Rochelle Dickstein, mother of Dara Dickstein
- Harry Feiger, father of Jonathan Feiger
- Joseph Gordon, father of Shereen Rubenstein
- Charles Edward Gorodess, father of Murrey Jacobson
- Barbara Doris Hirsch, mother of Audrey Crane-Hirsch
- Frederick Kay, father of Susan Kay
- Helen Klein, mother of Rebecca Lawlor
- Helen Tobman Kruskal, mother of Rona Walters
- Dorian Zev Kweller, nephew of Ronnie Kweller
- Robert Lassner, father of Sarah Marks
- Edward Meltsner, mother of Jim Meltsner
- Julia Miller, grandmother of Evan Sills
- Joseph Morton Natterson, father of Amy Kroll
- Adrienne G. Rosenberg, mother of Sally Rosenberg
- Joyce Shirley Rubenstein, mother of Lauren

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- Lynn Schwat, mother of Steven Schwat
- Donna Stone, grandmother of Jennifer Saperstein
- Harold Strickberger, father of Adam Strickberger
- Margot Stern Strom, sibling of Paula Stern
- Cynthia Weiner, mother of Stacy Weiner
- Anne Rosenzweig, mother of Linda Rosenzweig
- Stanton E. Samenow, father of Jason Samenow
- Toni Singer, mother of Harold Singer
- Eleanor Sokol, mother of Jake Sokol
- Seymour Strongin, father of Laurie Strongin
- Andrew Swire, father of Samuel Swire
- Irving Tobin, father of Yoel Tobin
- Rita Teiler, mother of Steven Teiler
- Richard Josiah Tillery, nephew of Debra Benator
- Bat Zion Yahana, mother of Shlomo Yahana

### 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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