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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

As Jews, we never stop learning. Our value of constant learning—not just for the elite, but for everyone—is among the crown jewels of the Jewish tradition. We have been doing a lot of thinking and planning this year about how to create more and deeper opportunities to learn and study in all aspects of life here at Adas Israel. We're excited about two new kinds of learning experiences that will be a part of our regular *Shabbat* morning services this year.

The first is called "A Shabbat of Exploring T'filah." On November 13 and March 19, when you come to the services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, you will find a full program of learning about t'filah, Jewish prayer. Whether you are total novice or have been a lifelong shul-goer, there's always something to learn about the way we pray as Jews. The service will have all of the normal components as always, only this time, we will explain all about what Jew-

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Adas *Oneg* Service to Feature William Kristol, Oct. 8



William Kristol

The Hebrew word oneg means pleasure or delight. The great pleasure of *Shabbat* is that it's a time to be together with one another, and to learn, study, and grow together. At the Adas

Oneg Service, we welcome extraordinary guest speakers, teachers, and performers who will education and enlighten us and deepen our experience of Jewish culture, knowledge, and heritage.

William Kristol, our featured speaker on Friday, October 8, is founder and editor of the *Weekly Standard*, a Washington, DC, journal

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Musical *Shabbat* Service Featuring the Book of Psalms, Oct. 22

Join us on Friday, October 22, at 8:00 pm for our new musical *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Maariv* service, featuring the talents of *Hazzan* Jeffrey Weber. In this second evening in the series, we will explore the

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Torah Lishma Weekend, Oct. 29–31

Join us for an amazing new kind of weekend learning experience at Adas! *Torah Lishma* means learning for its own sake, and the greatest goal of our tradition is to provide opportunities to



Rabbi Ethan Tucker

study, learn, and grow. As Jews, our learning has sustained us for thousands of years. When we engage in *Torah Lishma*, we learn simply for the pleasure of learning. We delve into texts, explore challenging ideas, and find new pathways for our Jewish lives that we didn't know existed. The ancient sages teach us that the purpose of study is to inform our actions, that study leads to actions that heal the world.

At Adas, we want to give everyone, regardless of background—even if you're not Jewish!—the chance to experience the power of *Torah Lishma*. Come and learn in the way our people have learned for thousands of years—learn a fascinating text with a study partner and engage in conversation. Then come together for a *shiur*, a lesson based on the texts we have studied.

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Join Us in Honoring Our Simchat Torah Honorees on Oct. 1 at 9:15 am



Andy Lipps



Betty Adler



Steven Kleinrock



Leah Chanin

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ish prayer is, how it works, and how to access meaning in the prayers. This Shabbat experience is particularly fitting for those who will be taking my seven-week mini-course, "Finding Meaning in Jewish Prayer" (Sundays, Oct. 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12, 9:30 am). But it's open to everyone in the community, re-

gardless of background. There will be no sermon on those dates; instead, the morning will be about *daven*ing, teaching, and asking questions throughout the service. So come prepared to learn and experience new understandings of the prayers and, by all means, ask questions!

Our tradition also recognizes that there are many different ways of learning and approaching knowledge. At Adas, we celebrate multiple approaches to seeking and finding knowledge of *Torah* and of Judaism. With this in mind, we are proud to present a special program of learning in the middle of our Shabbat services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, called "Arba Kanfot—Four Corners Shabbat." On January 8, and February 5, you can come to synagogue for our regular Shabbat services. However, for 30 minutes in the middle of morning, we will find arba kanfot, literally four corners around the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary where different kinds of learning opportunities will be going on simultaneously—you can choose which learning opportunity you want to experience.

Our ancient sages teach us that all texts of the *Torah* have not one, but four different levels of interpretation known by the acronym, **PaRDeS**: first, there is the *pshat*, or direct meaning of the text in its original context in the *Torah*. Next, there is the *remez*

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level, or "hinting" level of the text, where the text hints, sometimes very playfully, at deeper meanings beyond a simple reading of the narrative.

Third, there is the *drash* ("expounding") level of the text, the level where we compare various texts, and seek out personal and existential meanings suggested by the *Torah*. Finally, there is the *sod* ("hidden") level of interpretation, where words, letters, images, and metaphors in the *Torah* serve as gateways to esoteric and mystical insights.

With these four levels in mind, we will set up four different "corners" around the sanctuary where people can explore their chosen level of the text, in a short session led by clergy or teachers. At the *pshat* corner, we will study the text traditionally with commentators, both ancient and modern. At the *remez* corner, we will explore the text through creative learning. At the *drash* corner, there will be meaning-making facilitated discussion of the text. And at the *sod* corner, we will learn *Kabbalistic* and *Hasidic* insights in the *Torah*.

We hope you will come with family and friends to these very special *Shabbat* experiences. Come with an open mind and lots of questions, and we will forward to your feedback and suggestions about these and other kinds of opportunities to insert learning into more aspects of our congregational life.

The Talmud famously says, "Talmud Torah keneged kulam," "Torah and study are up against [that is, as important as, if not more important than] all other activities" (Shabbat 127a)—because study gives us the wisdom and insight to act and live more fully engaged as Jews and as human beings. This year, may we all find ways to live the wisdom of this great insight of Judaism. •

United Contributions for Worldwide Conservative/ Masorti Judaism

As in past years, the Adas Israel dues statement includes voluntary contributions to Masorti, Mercaz, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. By supporting these organizations, we demonstrate our commitment to religious pluralism in Israel and Jewish education at home and around the world. Our support of these organizations is proving more vital every year. I strongly encourage all of us to make commitments to them through our dues statement and additional donations if you are able. In doing so, we can help to ensure that the Jewish traditions and values that are so important to us will continue to resonate in our lives.

Masorti, meaning traditional, is the organization of Conservative congregations across Israel. Many Israelis are eager for the kind of spiritually engaging and forward-looking Judaism we offer. Masorti congregations are fulfilling the religious and social needs of the 80 percent of the Israeli population that is not Orthodox. In spite of their vital role, these congregations

receive no support from the Israeli government.

Currently boasting nearly 60 congregations from the far north to Eilat, the Masorti movement provides nursery schools, camps, and youth groups, in addition to social services, clothing distribution centers, and more. There are 20 chapters in the Noam youth movement, and 600 Israelis attended the Ramah/ Noam camp this summer. In addition, 4,000 young adults are involved in post-Army chapters. Your donations to Masorti are critical for this crucial work to continue. We need to send the message that American Jews are concerned about the increasing religious extremism, and that we support efforts to encourage religious pluralism.

Mercaz is the Zionist membership organization of the Conservative Movement, the voice of Conservative Jewry within the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Zionist Movement, and the Jewish National

Holidays

Erev Simchat Torah, Sept. 30

The final day of this holiday season, Simchat Torah (which in Israel is the same day as Shemini Atzeret), celebrates the Festival of Rejoicing in the Torah, at which time we give thanks for the Torah, by parading the scrolls around the synagogue in a joyous ceremony known as seven hakafot, in which men, women, and children of all ages participate. It is on this day that we complete the annual reading of the *Torah* and begin again with the first words of *Bereshit* (Genesis).

Simchat Torah begins this year on Thursday evening, September 30. Celebration of Simchat Torah at Adas Israel begins at 6:00 pm with Mincha, followed by Maariv, at 6:30 pm and hakafot at 7:00 pm.

The schedule for the hakafot is below. Members from the assigned cohort will be invited to come up, lead us in song, and take sifrei Torah.

First hakafah: Gan

Second hakafah: Elementary School

Third hakafah: Minyanim: Ruach Minyan, Traditional Egalitarian

Minyan, Havurah

Fourth hakafah: Young Professionals

Fifth hakafah: USY

Sixth hakafah: Jewish Educators and Volunteers Final hakafah: Members of the Congregation

Hakafot begin in the Smith Sanctuary, move into the Kay Hall,

and thenoutside for the final hakafah.

The celebration continues on Friday morning, October 1, at 9:15 am, when we honor Betty Adler, Steven Kleinrock, Leah Chanin, and Andrew Lipps. Please come to honor them and the Torah.

On Simchat Torah morning, all hakafot will be outside on the front patio, weather permitting. •



RESHET



Simchat Torah Game Night

September 30, 6:00 pm

Everyone in their 30s and 40s is invited to join Reshet DC for a night of fun and games. We will meet upstairs in the newly refurbished Youth Lounge at 6:00 pm, before we join the rest of the Adas community for our festive Simchat Torah services and Hakafot Come have a drink (or two) and get to know other Reshetgoers by playing favorites like Human Bingo, Trivia, and more.

The cost is \$5.

Due to the holiday, please send payment to the synagogue, att.n.: Beth Ann Spector. Please RSVP by emailing ReshetDC@adasisrael.org

Synagogue Office Closing

Simchat Torah, Friday, October 1: Schools/Offices Closed

From the President

I am writing this just after two more innovative and wonderful Adas programs have taken place. It occurred to me that we advertise our programs in advance, but do not often review them afterward. So here is my admittedly unbiased review and a preview of coming attractions.



Bob Peck

This past Friday night (September 3rd), we had our monthly L'Dor VaDor service. Only this month, it was a barbecue and prayers on the Connecticut Avenue plaza. The Shabbat Services Under the Stars (well, we ended a little too early in the summer light to see the stars) are a wonderful outdoor, urban experience. If you've never davened (participated in a Jewish service) al fresco, you've missed a spiritual high. I think we sometimes forget that, even with a movable tabernacle, Moses and the Twelve Tribes, were worshiping (and sometimes bickering) in the great outdoors for the most part. Additionally, 175 young professionals gathered for *Shir* Delight, our monthly *Kabbalat Shabbat* experience. In addition to our Happy Hour Oneg and spirited lay-led service, young professionals were treated to the first of many free monthly Shabbat dinners. Make sure to get your reservations in early, as the event was a sellout!

Then the following evening, we had our revamped Selichot service, the late-night service on the Saturday night preceding Rosh Hashanah. Selichot at Adas has always been a musical experience, and this year it started with a performance by the Robyn Helzner Trio. Robyn, an Adas member, and her group are one of the most respected and popular performers of worldwide Jewish music. Singing in Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino, and accompanied by guitars, mandolin, bass, and keyboard, Robyn covers the world of Jewish music, from toe-tapping renditions of Psalms to mournful ballads. Following a dessert reception, we had Selichot at 11 pm, ushering in the High Holy Days. Check Robyn out on CDs available at the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop.

A few weeks earlier, Hazzan Weber headlined Friday night services with a short history and concert of Yiddish music, one of his hobbies. And this year, he'll lend his musical expertise (he trained at Juilliard, remember) to more Friday night musical services.

This past year, we've seen so many new or revitalized programs. The hilarious Purim shpiel featuring Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren, New York Times columnist David Brooks, and cookbook author Joan Nathan. The oversubscribed community Second Passover Seder led by Rabbi Steinlauf. Literary and topical lectures on Friday nights. Hebrew School parent meetings. The confirmation ceremony conducted on Friday night, with the class creating much of its own meaningful and musical program during the service (full disclosure of ultimate bias: my daughter was in the class). Speaking of Confirmation, we've announced the incredible gift of Jack and Barbara Kay that will send future Confirmation Class graduates to Israel. The Men's Club hosted the regional Blue Yarmulke award to Rep. Henry Waxman, an Adas member, who spoke about how Judaism has inspired his life of public service.

The Gan continues its successful carnival and auction, its special Friday morning Shabbat celebrations, and its phenomenally active parents association. The Hebrew School has begun a Shacharit Live on Sunday mornings, and you have to see it. Most

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Schools

Gan HaYeled

Gan HaYeled Open Houses for Prospective Families

Come learn about the wonderful opportunities at the Gan for you and your children! Once again, we are holding four Open Houses for prospective families: Wednesday, Nov. 10; Tuesday, Nov. 30; Tuesday, Dec., 14; and Wednesday, Jan. 12, 9:30–11:00 am.

For more information contact Shelley Remer, Gan director, 202-362-4491 or shelley.remer@adasisrael.org.

Budding Gan Artists!





Rabbi Steinlauf commissioned the Gan 2009–10 Sunflower class to create a mural for his office. After interviewing the rabbi on his favorite colors, styles, and interests, the Sunflowers went to work. This original beautiful mural is displayed in the Rabbinic Suite. (Check out Rabbi Feinberg's office as well for the mural created by the 2008–09 Seashell class.)

Fourth Annual Gan HaYeled Silent Auction; We Need Your Help!

On Wednesday, November 17, at 7:00 pm, Gan HaYeled will hold its fourth annual Silent Auction fundraiser in conjunction with Back to School Night. All proceeds from the auction go directly to fund the Gan Parents Association's amazing projects and school improvements. Last year, the money raised purchased a piece of equipment for the playroom, a supplemented science program, and computer services for the staff. All of these items have enriched our children's school experience!

We are asking again for your generous donations to this year's auction. Donations can be anything from specialty service vendors and store or restaurant gift certificates to sporting event tickets or vacation weeks. Be creative!

In the past, some of the most successful items have been experiences that truly are priceless—something you couldn't otherwise buy yourself. This could be lunch with a celebrity, watching a taping of a TV show, meeting an athlete, etc. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Please contact Sanda Blank, sandablank@yahoo.com or 202-904-7113, to donate to the auction or if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation to make this year's auction a great success!

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's Jim Joseph Preschool Scholarship Fund for its generosity in providing scholarships to the preschool community, including Adas Israel families.

The Jewish Federation places a high priority on Jewish educational experiences as these are the building blocks that produce informed citizens who integrate Jewish values and practices into all aspects of their lives.

Established in 2006, the Jim Joseph Foundation is committed to a sustained program of grant making in pursuit of a vision that leads to ever-increasing numbers of young Jews engaged in ongoing Jewish learning and choosing to live vibrant Jewish lives.

Religious School Spotlight: Welcome New Faculty!

Anne Kristol grew up in McLean, VA, and attended Congregation Olam Tikvah. She graduated with honors from Washington University in St. Louis, MO, where she studied history and psychology. While in college, she taught kindergarten and elementary Hebrew for two years at Temple Emanuel in St. Louis. Anne is a political analyst for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).





Amy Berelowitz is thrilled to be joining the Adas team this year. After attending Jewish Day School in Atlanta, GA, for nine years, Amy continued her involvement with the Jewish community with leadership positions at Hillel and Chabad at the University of Georgia. After graduating with a degree in international affairs, Amy moved to

Washington and has been working for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee for the past two years. Amy enjoys working with students to help them find their passion for Judaism and strengthen their Jewish identity, and she is looking forward to an enriching and fulfilling year ahead!

October Religious School Calendar

- 2: USY Fall Kick-Off Dance
- 3: School Resumes: Machar Event
- 6: Torah Club starts
- 10: Parent Orientation for grades K-7; USY Event
- **12:** Ma'alot DC Parents' Open House Wine & Cheese and TeenChat #1
- 16: Kadima Event
- **17:** Zayin (7th Grade) Field Trip; Chaverim Event; Faculty Meeting
- 22-24: Fall Kadima Kallah
- 24: Parents' Corner; Mini-Walk for Anne Frank House
- 29-31: Torah Lishma Weekend
- **30:** Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service for grades K
- 31: NO SCHOOL; PJLL Faculty Education Day

Save the Dates!

Parents' Orientation for Grades K-7

Sunday, October 10, 9:30-11:00 am

Ma'alot DC Open House Wine & Cheese for 7th–12th Grade Parents

Tuesday, October 12

Don't Miss It ... Special **Bruchim Habayim (Welcome Back) Parents' Corner** for K–7th grade parents. Meet and reconnect with your fellow parents, learn about our new initiatives in the religious school, hear from our staff and clergy, meet our Religious School Steering Committee, and interact with your child's teacher.

Bagels and coffee will be served. Students will participate in separate organized programming during this time. We look forward to setting the tone for what we know will be a year full of Jewish learning and growth for all!

Support Anne Frank House in Efforts to Combat Homelessness



Parents, students, and congregants encouraged to sign up for the Mini Walk for Anne Frank House, which takes place Sunday, October 24, 11:30 am–12:15 pm.

Last year, over 200 parents and students participated in the Anne Frank House Mini-Walk to raise

money for the homeless in DC. This year, we're hoping to have 300 walkers. Please come out to support this important cause.

Contact the Education Office for more information, education@adasisrael.org.

New and Expanded *Shabbaton* Program for 5th-Grade Religious and Day School Students

Research has shown that Jewish immersion experiences such as trips to Israel, Jewish summer camps, and *shabbatonim*/retreats are some of the most successful ways to connect our youth to Jewish tradition and community. To this end, we have expanded



our offerings for shabbatonim for the 2010–2011 school year.

An overnight *shabbaton* will take place at Capital Camps this year for fifth-grade religious and day school students on November 19 and 20. This is the first year we are bringing together students from the religious and day school communities to experience a *shabbaton* together.

Shabbatonim are particularly important during this time as students become b'nai mitzvah and make decisions about how they will live their lives as Jews in their teen years and beyond. Contact our education office, education@adasisrael.org, for more information.

Fall Schedule for Shabbat Youth Services

Welcome back! Our *Shabbat* youth services are in full swing, with a whole lineup in October, including Tot *Shabbat*, *Shorashim*, *Netivot*, and Junior Congregation serving preschool to 6th-grade students. Please visit our website for a complete fall schedule.

October 2: Tot Shabbat, Shorashim, Netivot, Jr. Congregation October 9: Tot Shabbat, Shorashim, Netivot, Jr. Congregation October 16: Tot Shabbat, Shorashim, Netivot, Jr. Congregation

October 23: Tot Shabbat, Shorashim, Netivot

October 30: *Shabbat* Unplugged, Tot *Shabbat*, *Shorashim*, *Netivot*, Jr. Congregation

L'Dor VaDor

Join us on Friday, November 5, for a *L'Dor VaDor* Friday night *Shabbat* service and dinner for all members—families, children, grandparents, and everyone else (\$20 for adults; \$12 for children age 12 and under).

Services are led by the rabbi and *hazzan* with the help of our students. Please contact Talya Baiamonte (*talya.baiamonte@adasisrael.org* or 202-362-4449) to register.

NEW! Shabbat Unplugged, a Musical Service for Families with Children in Kindergarten and Above

We are introducing a new once-a-month musical family service for families with children in kindergarten and above on Saturday mornings. The service is designed for K–3 families, but those with older children



are welcome, and older students are encouraged to take on leadership roles.

Shabbat Unplugged will be led by Josh Bender, director of education, and Elie Greenberg, director of informal programming. Modeled on Shacharit Live, a Sunday morning musical service for K–2 students in the religious school, the service will build a prayer experience that is fun, interactive, and spirited.

This will also be an opportunity for families to explore some of the key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer. Guitars and other instruments will be used to enhance the experience and to teach Jewish and Israeli songs, and the *Torah* portion will come alive through the art of Jewish storytelling. Join us on Oct. 30, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26, April 30, and May 21!

THANK YOU!

Todah rabbah to Hannah Spector, Joelle Spector, and Noah Steinlauf for their help with tasks in the School Office.

Services Update

Ruach Minyan

The Ruach Minyan invites everyone—those new to the area, visitors, and those looking for a new Shabbat experience—to join us at Adas Israel on the second and fourth Friday of each month for a spirited and engaging Shabbat experience. The lay-led egalitarian Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv service combines song and soulfulness, and is followed by a catered Shabbat dinner at Adas Israel or a potluck at a nearby home.

We welcome people from all backgrounds and of all ages, and we provide a warm environment for prayer, study, growth, and getting to know one another. If you're looking for an engaging and fun *Shabbat* experience, please join us for *Shabbat* evening services and dinner at *Ruach Minyan* on October 8, 22, and 29.

Ruach Minyan is also sponsoring some of the events in the October 29 Torah Lishma weekend with Ethan Tucker, one of the founders of Yeshivat Hadar in New York. Rabbi Tucker has been working for several years with independent and emerging minyanim, to grow and develop both spiritually and educationally. Ruach Minyan attended the bi-annual conferences, bringing together 90 minyan leaders from 32 communities over three days for learning, networking, sharing best practices, and defining major upcoming issues.

We welcome everyone to join us for an amazing weekend of learning, and to kick it off by coming to a special *Ruach Minyan* dinner on Friday, October 29. (See page 1 of this issue for more information about the weekend.

To learn more about upcoming events visit our website, adasisrael.org/ruachminyan or e-mail the RM leadership team at ruachminyan@adasisrael.org. •

The Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Welcomes You

The Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* is a lay-led, participatory *Shabbat* morning service that meets every Saturday morning in the Kogod Chapel at 9:30 am, with the *Torah* service beginning around 10:30 am. People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome, and children regularly participate in parts of the service.

The Minyan has a full reading of the weekly parasha, or Torah portion, and a full repetition of the Shacharit and Musaf Amidah. Minyan-goers participate fully in all aspects of the service. Your presence and participation are welcome!

For more information on the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*, e-mail *traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org*. We look forward to celebrating *Shabbat* with you in 5771! •

Havurah Service

This lay-led, participatory service has met for more than 35 years, September through June, on the first, third, and fifth *Shabbat* morning of the month, generally at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read *Torah*, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly *Torah* portion.

All are welcome, including children, who are included in age-appropriate roles in the *Torah* service. A *kiddush* follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail *Havurah@adasisrael.org*. •

New Friday Night Service Schedule, 2010–2011

1st Friday of the Month

6:00 pm: *L'Dor Va Dor* Service & Dinner **7:00 pm:** YP Shir Delight Service & Dinner

2nd Friday of the Month 6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

6:30 pm or 7:00 pm: *Ruach Minyan* Service (off-site potluck) **8:00 pm:** Adas *Oneg* Service with guest speaker or performer

3rd Friday of the Month 6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

5:30 pm: Gan Family *Shabbat* Dinner & Service (except in June)

4th Friday of the Month 6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

6:30 pm or 7:00 pm: Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner **8:00 pm:** Kogod Service (Musical Service) on the following dates: October 22, January 28, February 25, March 25 (Sisterhood Shabbat), April 29 (tentative–this is the 5th Friday in April), May 20 (Israel Weekend with guest speaker), June 24 (tentative Shabbat Under the Stars, 7:30 pm)

5th Friday of the Month 6:00 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Please watch the *Chronicle*, our website (*www.adasisrael. org*), and *Kesher Ishi* e-news for occasional changes. •

Librarian's Fall Hours

Sunday: 9 am-1 pm Monday: 11 am-3 pm Tuesday: 2 pm-9 pm Wednesday: 2 pm-7 pm

Please note: These hours are for the librarian only and may vary. The library is accessible on *Shabbat* and whenever the Education Department (Religious School) office is open.

Access our library catalog online anytime at adasisrael.org/library.

Kiddush Support Appreciated

Thanks to the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* (TEM)
Coordinating Committee, a portion of the TEM Kiddush Fund will be used to help sponsor all of the Saturday morning *kiddushim* this year when there is no *bar* or *bat mitzvah*. Our newly expanded weekly *kiddush* menu now includes *challah*, Israeli salad, pita, fresh vegetables, hummus, fish balls, cookies, whole fruit, pastries, juice, coffee, tea, and punch.

We also appreciate those who contribute to the Havurah Kiddush Fund, a portion of which supports our Saturday morning *kiddushim*.

And todah rabbah to the Gan Parents Association for underwriting the weekly carrots and bagels on our special Nursery Kiddush table. •

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Shalom, Adas Israel!

Our youth activities are kicking off the new year as sweetly as apples and honey. We have some amazing events planned for every age group.

Our AIUSYers began their year with an insanely fun kick-off event! The combination of fun mixers, tie dyeing, ice cream . . . and, of course, a beautiful *Havdalah* service—what more could one ask for?

On Sunday, October, **AIUSY** (9th–12th grade) has planned a day in the sun that's sure to add color to anyone's week! We'll have a wonderful field day at Fort Reno that will be full of sports and friends, and what would an event be without food? All high schoolers welcome!

Our *Kadima* chapter's (6th–8th grade) first event of the year should STRIKE anyone's attention! Saturday, October 16, is Al *Kadima*'s cosmic bowling night. Strike Bethesda's incredible facility is the site of our night of unprecedented music, noshing, and our perpetual search for the perfect game. Don't miss out!

Hey, *Machar* (3rd–5th grade)! Do you like to create, have fun, and get messy? Well, Adas Israel's Art Fest is just the event for you! Join us after Sunday school on October 3 in Wasserman Hall for a wide range of creative projects. We'll have activities from tie dyeing to spin art. Help us create a little more beauty in this world, and have way too much fun in the process!

Shalom, **Chaverim** (K–2nd grade) kids! Do we have a story for you?! On Sunday, October, 17, we'll hear the tale of tales. Marc Young, a Maryland-based Jewish storyteller, will sit us down and lead us on an astonishing journey through stories that explore the significance of the Jewish New Year. It's an event you don't want to miss!

Please check the youth bulletin boards for more details. I truly hope to see you all there!

-B'Shalom, Zack Portman, Youth Advisor

Yasher Koach to Our Four JCC Maccabi Games Participants!

Four Adas Israel teens represented the Greater Washington community at this year's National JCC Maccabi Games and Mid-Atlantic Junior Games: Emily Aron, Maddie Cannon, and Marissa Cannon played on the girls basketball team, and Sam Kroll played on the inline hockey team.

We applaud the four of them for their hard work and hope you will continue to participate in the Maccabi games in the future. *Kol hakavod* . •

Join our "Adas College Connection" Facebook group and catch up with all your old Adas friends!



Attention: Parents of College Students

Are you looking for a way to keep your college student connected with Adas Israel? Complete and return this form with your child's contact information. Students receive each issue of the Chronicle, a subscription to New Voices Magazine, letters from our rabbis, and special holiday packages

Please Note: To keep our database current, this information needs to be updated each year.

Student's Name
School Year of graduation
Address
City, State, ZIP
E-mail Return to Youth@AI, Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, or e-mail

the information to youth@adasisrael.org. If you have any



questions, call 202-362-6295.

YP@Al is a community for young adults between the ages of 21 and 35. Singles can meet singles, young couples can meet young couples, newcomers can connect with other newcomers.

Get 'All Fired Up' with YP@Al October 10, 3:00-6:00 pm



Join us for an afternoon of ceramics and fun with your friends at 3:00 pm at All Fired Up (3413 Connecticut Avenue, across from

the Uptown Theater), one block from the Cleveland Park Metro Stop. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Cost for ceramic pieces ranges from \$4 to \$50. There is no charge for the event, but you will be responsible for paying for your piece(s) of choice.

YP Paintball October 24, 12:30–5:00 pm Come out for an afternoon of competitive fun with your friends for a series of different paintball games. Do you have what it takes to be the best Jewish paintball warrior? Sign up today and show us what you've got!

'Shir Delight' November 5, 6:30 pm Shir Delight is Adas Israel's *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Shir Jelight

experience for young Jewish professionals between the ages of 21 and 35. Our evening begins at 6:30 with a happy hour *onea*, follow

begins at 6:30 with a happy hour *oneg*, followed by a lay-led *Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv* service and a *free Shabbat* dinner. While everyone is welcome to join us for our happy hour *oneg* and services, we can only accommodate a limited number for dinner. Please register at *adasis-rael.org/yp* by November 2 to reserve your spot today. If we're filled up, we apologize and hope to see you at the following Shir Delight. •

Sisterhood

Sisterhood's Taste of Tanakh

Sisterhood's Taste of *Tanakh* class will meet in the Library on Tuesday, October 19, 10:00–11:30 am, with Rabbi Feinberg. For more information, contact Roselle Abramson, 202-244-8885, or visit *adasisrael.org/sisterhood*. ○

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

NEW REGULAR HOURS

Sun-Mon & Wed-Fri, 9:30 am-12:30 pm **Tues,** 9:30 am-3:30 pm & 6:00-8:00 pm



Don't forget the first night of Hanukkah is DECEMBER 1!

Now that the High Holy Days are over, come in and see the many items we purchased at the International Gift Show!

Hostess Gifts, *B'nai Mitzvah* and Wedding Gifts, Countless Children's Items, New Greeting Cards

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Daily Minyan Moment

Join us at the Adas Israel daily *Minyan* services! You never know who you might meet: "You had me at *shalom*! I met my *beshert* at daily minyan!" Who knows who YOU might meet...

This is just one of many reasons to join us at our daily *Minyan* services, every morning (M–F, 7:30 am; Sundays and civil holidays, 8:30 am) and every evening (6:00 pm).

Contact *Hazzan* Greenberg for more information, and please feel free to share a Daily *Minyan* Moment with her for our monthly *Chronicle*.

Dreaming About the Future of the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Service, Oct. 27

What kind of a service would you like to experience on a Shabbat morning at Adas Israel? How can the services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary be the best possible for you, your children, and grandchildren as a part of your Jewish lives throughout the year? What ideas, reflections, and experiences can you suggest to help us achieve our goal of being as family-friendly as possible? What are your family's needs and hopes for Shabbat experiences?

We want to meet with you, hear from you, and learn from you! Come and dream together with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf on Wednesday, October 27, at 7:30 pm, as we contemplate possibilities for our weekly Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Services.

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of politics and ideas. He is also a regular panelist on *Fox News Sunday*, a contributor to the Fox News Channel, and a monthly columnist for the *Washington Post*. Before starting the *Weekly Standard* in 1995, Kristol led the Project for the Republican Future, where he helped shape the strategy that produced the 1994 Republican congressional victory.

Earlier, Kristol served as chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle during the George H. W. Bush administration, and to Education Secretary William Bennett under President Ronald Reagan. Before coming to Washington in 1985, Kristol was on the faculty of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government (1983–1985) and the Department of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania (1979–1983).

Kristol has published widely in areas ranging from foreign policy to constitutional law to political philosophy. He has coedited several books, including *The Neoconservative Imagination* (with Christopher DeMuth, 1995); *Educating the Prince: Essays in Honor of Harvey Mansfield* (with Mark Blitz, 2000); *Present Dangers* (with Robert Kagan, 2000); *Bush v. Gore: The Court Cases and the Commentary* (with E. J. Dionne Jr., 2001); and *The Future is Now: America Confronts the New Genetics* (with Eric Cohen, 2002). He also co-authored, with Lawrence Kaplan, the best-selling 2003 book, *The War Over Iraq*.

Kristol received both his A.B. (1973) and Ph.D. (1979) from Harvard University.

Save the date for our next Adas *Oneg* speaker, Flory Jagoda, November 12. O

MUSICAL SHABBAT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Book of Psalms.

There is a wonderful diversity of emotion and expression throughout the Book of Psalms. Judaism is but one world religion that looks at the psalms as a resource and includes them as an integral part of the worship service. We will learn a bit and experience some of the many different styles that use these texts as the basis of the music that has been written to help express the text. Join us for an enjoyable evening of prayer and music. •



CPR Draws More Folks

This year's CPR training drew a larger crowd than last year's. On August 31, the Men's Club sponsored its 33rd Community CPR Program. The instructors—under the leadership of Steven Miller, program director—included Francisco Cano, CPR trainer, Rescue One; Jennifer Knaef, CPR trainer, Rescue One; and Dr. Sander Mendelson, cardiologist, Washington Hospital Center. Thirty-six men and women attended the class.

The Men's Club is grateful to the synagogue staff for their help in planning, setting up, and running the program, and to Sandy Mendelson and Wendy Miller for the Men's Club CPR Certification Cards. Special thanks go to Steven Miller for directing the program for the 26th consecutive year. This invaluable service helps us disperse more people throughout the congregation who are able help in the event of an emergency. With 5,000 people milling around the *shul* during the High Holy Days, it never hurts to have capable people ready, willing, and able to help. Next year, maybe you'll come, too! E-mail *mensclub@adasisrael.org*, and we'll put you on the list.

Last Chance to Be a 'Sukkah Stud'

The good news is the holiday of *Sukkot* is not over yet; the bad news is that, when it's over, someone has to take down your *sukkah*. If you need help taking it down without watching it fall down, e-mail us and we'll send you a "*Sukkah* Stud." Think you're

smart enough to join our team? E-mail us at mensclub@adasisrael.org and volunteer to become a Stud. We'll be heading back into the community on October 3 to take them down and help put them away for the year..

Card Night—Gin with Gin



Poker, Gin, Black Jack, Pinochle, Onze—hey, guys, what's your game? We're interested in starting up a card night. To entice you, we thought we'd supply the munchies, cards, and a few mixed drinks. All you have to bring

is a smile, a little luck, and a winning

streak! We can't promise you Vegas girls, but we can promise an evening filled with card sharks! E-mail mensclub@adasisrael.org and let us know which evening of the week works best for you.

Bagel Boyz with a USY Twist

Last year it was bagels and coffee **on the house**; this year we're teaming up with USY to sell bagels on Sunday mornings. The kids will be in the Gan hallway every Sunday morning offering four to six varieties of bagels. All proceeds go to the USY *Tikkun Olam* Fund, so stop by and pick up a half-dozen every Sunday morning. If you'd like to help pick up bagels to



sell, set up the drawer, or count the proceeds, e-mail us at *mens-club@adasisrael.org*.

Wellness Fair on Men's Health



We know the women in your life are constantly harassing you to work out, walk more, and take better care of yourself. We thought we should give you a hand. So...we're planning a Men's Wellness Fair for this winter. Bring a friend and learn about the latest improvements in

nutrition, home workouts, sports equipment, clothes, medical advancements, health care approaches, and the latest health crazes. There will be samples, prizes, and food. Interested in helping us plan this event? E-mail mensclub@adasisrael.

org and join the group to make this fun, entertaining and educational event a reality. •

Adas-Behrend Senior Lunch & Fellowship Resumes Monday, Oct. 4

After a break for the High Holy Days, the Adas-Behrend Senior Lunch & Fellowship returns full time on Monday, October 4, at 10 am in Gewirz Hall.

Adas Israel and our Sisterhood, in partnership with the Jewish Council on the Aging and the DCJCC, offer a hot lunch and programs for seniors each weekday. These daily programs are for D.C. residents age 60 and over.

The Adas Israel Seniors welcomed the Israeli Scouts Tzofim Friendship Caravan for an afternoon of Israeli songs and dance.

RSVPs are welcome but not necessary. Call Aviva

Atkin, 202-363-7530, or e-mail seniors@adasisrael.org. Learn more at adasisrael.org/seniors



Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Daniel Charles Saltz, son of Ian and Pamela Saltz
Julia Louise Wander, daughter of Mitch and Emily Wander
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

Marriage

Ori Fox & Sarah Doverspike were married on September 5, with Rabbi Wohlberg officiating.

Zachary Fried, grandson of our members, **Norma Lee & Morton Funger**, was married to Alison Beirne on July 24.

We wish the newlyweds and their families a life of joy, good health, and connection to the Jewish community.

B'nai Mitzvah



Calla Rosenfeld, October 2

Calla, daughter of Beryl Howell and Michael Rosenfeld, began her religious studies at Gan HaYeled and has continued at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Calla, who is in the eighth grade at Georgetown Day School, is happy to celebrate this *simcha* with her grandparents, Judy Rosenfeld and Col. (retired) Leamon and

Ruth Howell; her two siblings, Jared and Alina; and her family and friends.



Michael Fine, October 9

Michael, son of Beth Heifetz and Glenn Fine, is an eighth grader at Sidwell Friends School. He is a graduate of Gan HaYeled, attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School, and has spent the past five summers at Camp Ramah. Michael is the grandson of Jack and Irma (z'''I) Heifetz and Morton (z'''I) and Alice Fine. He looks

forward to sharing his *simcha* with his sister, Julia, and family and friends. For his *tzedakah* project, Michael helped to prepare and serve dinners to residents of N Street Village; he is also contributing to Hope for Henry.



Eliana Mendelson, October 16

Eliana, daughter of Jennifer and Daniel Mendelson, is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Sharing her joy are her sisters, Claire and Dora; grandparents Sandy and Adina Mendelson and William and Lois Loew; and many family members.



Marc Shapiro, October 23

Marc, son of Lauren Rubenstein and Steven Shapiro, began his religious studies at Gan HaYeled and continues at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. He is a seventh grader at McLean School. Marc's *tzedakah* project supports the Homeless Children's Playtime Project. He is the grandson of Joyce Rubenstein of Chicago and Albert

Rubenstein (z''I), and Wendy Shapiro of Chevy Chase and Ira Shapiro (z''I). Marc looks forward to sharing his *simcha* with his brother, Jake, and his grandparents, friends, and the Adas community.

Members in the News

Rabbi Avis Miller was included in the *Jewish Daily Forward*'s list of "The Sisterhood 50" of women rabbis playing important roles in America and Israel.

Frederic R. Siegel recently published his latest book, *The Exploding Population Bomb: Societies Under Stress—Corrective Strategies and Solutions*.

Stephen Trachtenberg will be honored on October 24 at *Moment Magazine* 35th Anniversary Symposium, which will explore "The Influence of the Jewish Ethos on American Culture."

Mark Berlin and **Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlberg** have been nominated to serve as Vice Presidents of MERCAZ USA, the Zionist organization of the Conservative Movement. Glenn Easton serves on the MERCAZ USA Board of Directors.

Rebecca Grad, daughter of **Rae Grad**, has been appointed Cantor of Temple Isaiah in Fulton, Maryland

Judy Heumann will receive the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes S. Robert Cohen award at their annual gala on October 26.

Liz Norton, daughter of **Diane & Norman Bernstein**, was featured in the August issue of The Washingtonian magazine highlighting her nonprofit organization, Stone Soup Films which produces films for other nonprofits to help them raise awareness and funds for their causes.

Joan Nathan was honored by Washington, DC's Martha's Table at their 30th Anniversary.

Robyn Helzner and her Trio were selected to be one of the three representatives from the United States in the 2nd International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam/The Netherlands on October 28-31.

Welcome New Members

Jordan Acker lives in Washington.

Benjamin Braun lives in Washington and is an imagery analyst at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Ellen Feldman lives in Washington and works at SeQure Underwriters.

Lauren Fell is a recruiter for Teach for America and lives in Washington.

Merrick Garb is a policy analyst for the federal government and lives in Silver Spring.

Emily Heppen is an executive assistant at Sotry Partners, LLC, and lives in Washington.

Ilana Jolson, who works in Supply Management at the USPS, lives in Silver Spring.

Life Cycle Continued

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

David Joseph lives in Washington and is a data manager for UFCW.

Michael & Jennifer Kagan live with their daughters, **Julia** and **Maya**, in Chevy Chase. Michael is an executive with Constellation Energy, and Jennifer is a school volunteer and tutor.

Hershel & Andrea Kamen live in Washington with their children, **Jessica** and **Marcus**. Hershel is in management with Continental Airlines.

Jason & Miwa Kamras and their son, **Ezra**, live in Washington. Jason is in school district administration with the DC Public Schools, and Miwa is in nonprofit human resources at Teach for America.

Janet Kolodner, a professor/program officer at the National Science Foundation, lives in Washington.

Shelby Parish lives in Washington and is a coordinator at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Ellen Pressman, a paralegal at Savit & Szymkowicz, LLP, lives in Silver Spring.

Eric & Sarah Rosand live in Washington with their children, **Sam** and **Leo**. Eric is a foreign policy adviser at the U.S. Department of State.

Adina Rosenthal is an educational consultant for a private family and lives in Arlington.

Joel Salesky, a physician at Walter Reed Medical Center, and his wife, **Winona**, a consultant librarian, live in Washington with their children **Hannah** and **Elsie**.

Ari Silbermann & Amy Cahill live in Washington. Ari is an analyst with the Department of Justice, and Amy is a high school teacher in the DC Public Schools.

Jerome Socolovsky, a journalist at the Voice of America, and his wife, **Petra**, also a journalist, live in Washington with their children, **Mendel Yngve** and **Nils Chaim**.

Ellie Tiemann is a teacher and lives in Fairfax.

Matthew & Rachel Waas live in Arlington. Matthew is a consultant for Stone Source, and Rachel works for DCI Group.

Michael & Marjorie Waxman, and their children, **Eva** and **Jacob**, live in Rockville. Michael is a consultant at Hyde Park Communications, and members Janet and Henry Waxman are Michael's parents.

Matthew Wein is a special assistant/advisor at the Department of Homeland Security and lives in Washington.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Jacob Rabinovich Maj. Eric Rehfeld (Ret.) David H. Schwartz Stanley Segal

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Rabbi Bruce Cohen, brother of Susan Lubick Leonard Cohen, father of Sandra Kalter Mary Goldstein, mother of Robyn Wagman Hannah Kaiser Henrietta Limberg, mother of Candyce Stapen Mollie Maryn, grandmother of Stacy Merenstein Tsippora Masliansky, mother of Nechama Masliansky Berta Perkins, mother of Patty Andringa Sally Remer, mother of Stewart Remer Stephen Rosskamm, uncle of Ronald Schlesinger Eileen Kaufman Rosson, mother of Julia Small Sylvia Sapperstein, mother of Richard Sapperstein Bernard "Buddy" Timberg, brother of Roz Timberg Elsie Wolf, cousin of Sally Kurstin Audrey Yashar, mother of Susan Yashar

Life Cycle Information

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 either Jane Beller (301-986-1133) or Edie Hessel (202-244-7189) or contact Toni Bickart (202 244-2747) regarding the *Tahara* Committee.

Cemetery Hours

Visitation at the Adas Israel Cemetery is by appointment only. Contact Henry Silberman at the synagogue office (202-362-4433 ext.144) to schedule a visit.

Celebrating *Simchas* and Comforting Our Mourners; Congregational Notices

If you would like to receive notices regarding recent simchas or bereavements regarding members of the congregation, please send an e-mail to *jane.baldinger@adasisrael.org*. E-mails regarding the deaths of congregants and their family members are sent automatically to those who request such notification. By sharing this information, our entire congregation can comfort the mourners in our synagogue family.

TODAH RABBAH

... from our B'nai Mitzvah

We express our sincerest thanks to Joseph and Ellen Goldstein for providing the books we give as gifts to our *b'nai mitzvah* from the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein Lande B'nai Mitzvah Book Fund. Through this fund, the children receive *Siddur Sim Shalom* and *Tough Questions Jews Ask: A Young Adult's Guide to Building a Jewish Life*, which are useful to them now and will continue to be in the coming years.

Last year's b'nai mitzvah also received the book, Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, a gift from the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, made possible by the Apelbaum family. These gifts are in addition to the kiddush cups given by the Sisterhood and the Men's Club.

We know these gifts are practiced because we hear from previous b'nai mitzvah and their parents that they use them while in high school and take them when they go off to college. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide these special items. •

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SHABBAT HIGHLIGHTS & ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

Adas Oneg Service with guest William Kristol: Friday, October 8, 8:00 pm; *Oneg Shabbat* follows services and guest presentation

Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner: Friday, October 22, 7:00 pm. RSVP to *ruachminyan@adasisrael.org* to reserve your spot **Musical Shabbat Service, featuring the** *Book of Psalms*: Friday, October 22, 8:00 pm; join *Hazzan* Weber as he explores the many different styles that use the Psalms as the basis of Jewish music.

Shabbat Morning Guest Speaker: Ruth Messinger: Saturday, October 23, during the 9:30 am service; Ruth Messinger from the American Jewish World Service discusses "From Disaster to Development: A Jewish Response to Global Crises."

L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service: Friday, November 5, service at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm; join Rabbi Steinlauf for a Friday night *Shabbat* experience for all generations. RSVP to *talya.baiamonte@adasisrael.org*.

In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: *Hazzan* Jeffrey Weber will chant the liturgy. *Hazzan* Jenna Greenberg will read *Torah*. Congregational *kiddushim* co-sponsored by the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein–Lande Shabbat Kiddush Fund and the members of Adas Israel.

'Dial-in' for Programs & Services: If you are unable to attend programs, lectures, or services, dial in to hear them. Call 202-686-8405.

WEEKDAY SERVICES: Morning *Minyan*, Monday–Friday, 7:30 am; Evening *Minyan*, Sunday–Thursday, 6:00 pm; Civil Holidays, 8:30 am & 6:00 pm; refer to calendar for *Erev Shabbat* and *Shabbat Mincha* times.

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Ma Tovu

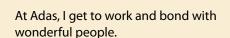
Why we are: Two years ago, members of the Yad Hakavod Committee agreed that we should honor and acknowledge congregants in our midst who work to make Adas Israel the special place it is. Much goes on behind the scenes, and volunteers spend many hours helping to keep Adas running and create what we expect of our Adas Israel experience. This column, which we intend to publish regularly and coordinated by Stephen Lachter, will highlight one special member of our community in each *Chronicle* issue. We will also include a small token of appreciation to mark the occasion of publication of each honoree's *Ma Tovu* interview.

Jean Bernard, interviewed by Steve Lachter

A self-proclaimed "Indian," not a "chief," Jean—along with her husband, Larry, and her daughter, Rachel—has been a member of Adas Israel since 1985. Jean, a freelance copyeditor and proofreader, has edited the *Chronicle* since fall 1995. Her activities range from serving on the Bereavement Committee to various positions in Sisterhood, working as one of three co-managers of the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop, and formerly sitting on the synagogue Board of Directors for two terms. If you attend meetings at Adas, you will see Jean, working quietly on her needlepoint, and then firmly stating her opinion.

S: What inspires you to expend so much effort and time at Adas Israel?

J: For me, Adas is home, a *hamish* place; it allows me to participate easily and form friendships that are dear to me.



S: What Jewish principles motivate you?

Jean Bernard

As Rabbi Hillel said, "What is hateful to you do not do to your neighbor." How you treat others, what small differences you can make in life, those are the qualities that mark a person's life. Find your niche, work hard, "don't just take up space."

S: Can you provide some personal examples of your work at Adas?

J: One of the most moving experiences I've had was going to St. Bernard's Parish outside New Orleans with Rabbi Feinberg and a small group of Adas volunteers. We helped to rehab a house owned by a Katrina victim. We mudded and sanded walls, not a glamorous task, but one that needed doing. For me, doing something right, something nice is "selfish"—the feeling I get more than compensates for the effort I put in.

S: Tell me about your work at the Gift Shop.

J: Being able to support the synagogue financially is a good feeling. But I have to say that shopping at the International Gift Show in New York each August is a blast! •

Adas Simcha Stimulus Package Hold Your Simcha at Adas Israel

To assist our members celebrate their family *s'machot* such as weddings and *b'nai mitzvah*, Adas Israel has inaugurated a "*simcha* stimulus package" eliminating room usage fees for catered events. Families will only be required to reimburse the congregation for our outside security personnel and maintenance overtime expense.

Celebrate your family *simcha* at your home synagogue. For additional information, please contact Glenn Easton in the synagogue office, 202-362-4433. •

R. Robert Linowes Library Bookshelf Fund Continues to Expand

We express our grateful appreciation to Ada Linowes for her generous contribution to expand our library bookshelf in memory of her beloved husband, R. Robert Linowes, of blessed memory. An important part of our library collection, the R. Robert Linowes Bookshelf Fund enables us to purchase contemporary adult books for our growing library.

One of the largest Jewish libraries in the community, the Adas Israel Sisterhood-Freudberg Library has more than 10,000 titles, including books, videos, and musical cassettes. We are honored to have the name of R. Robert Linowes linked with our congregation in such a meaningful way.

The First Southeast Seaboard District Shabbaton

Thursday-Sunday, October 14-17, Atlanta, GA

- Exchange ideas, share synagogue successes and congregational challenges
- Over eight hours of hands-on leadership training with top USCJ staff
- Network with other synagogue leaders from the 120 congregations in our district
- Observe a meaningful, spiritual Shabbat through prayer, study, and friendship
- Develop new and refined synagogue leadership skills
- Torah and Judaic learning opportunities throughout the weekend

The *Shabbaton* will take place at Congregation B'nai Torah, 700 Mt. Vernon Highway, NE, Atlanta, GA

The Saturday night social event, A Jew Grows in Brooklyn, starring Jake Ehrenreich, will be at the Marcus JCC.

Transportation will be provided.

For information, contact silverman@uscj.org.

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What's more, we want to make learning relevant and exciting to new generations of Jews. No ideas, questions, or insights are

out of bounds in the discussions and ideas we bring to you. All you need is an open mind, curiosity, and a willingness to encounter new ideas to inspire you to new horizons in your life.

Torah Lishma Weekend is also a wonderful community-wide event; all are welcome. Members of many different independent Jewish communities around Washington will come and learn with us. Please feel free to invite friends of all backgrounds to this exciting new/old way of accessing Judaism.

This year, we welcome Rabbi Ethan Tucker as our special guest facilitator. Rabbi Tucker is *Rosh Yeshiva* at *Mechon Hadar* and chair in Jewish law. He was a faculty member at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, where he taught *Talmud* and *Halakhah* in the Scholars Circle. He was ordained by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and earned a Ph.D. in *Talmud* and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a B.A. from Harvard College. A Wexner Graduate Fellow, he was a co-founder of *Kehilat Hadar* and a winner of the first

Grinspoon Foundation Social Entrepreneur Fellowship.

The celebration of Jewish learning for all ages continues

throughout the weekend, the theme of which is "Enriching Our Spirituality and Observance in a Pluralistic Setting." Rabbi Tucker

will make three presentations. On Friday night, following services at 6:00 pm, the *Ruach Minyan* has organized a dinner where Rabbi Tucker will make first presentation. On Saturday morning, he will give a *d'var Torah* at 11:45 am so the different services can hear it. Following *kiddush* luncheon, Rabbi Tucker will give his second talk.

A special feature of this weekend is a celebration of the close of *Shabbat*. Rabbi Tucker will give his third talk at 5:00 pm on Saturday, followed by *Mincha* at 6:00 pm. After *Mincha*, there will be potluck supper (*seudah sheleesheet*) with lots of singing. After *Maariv* and *Havdalah*, a movie with a social justice theme will be shown, followed by discussion and refreshments.

On Sunday morning, the learning continues with a special *Beit HaMidrash* program. At 10:00 am, a light breakfast will be served, after which Rabbi Tucker will organize special *hevrtua* study, which means people studying a *Talmud*ic text in small groups. The small-group study will conclude with Rabbi Tucker's fourth presentation. All of these programs are open to all and do not require any reading knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic.

Come and be part of a new wave in Jewish life in the 21st century, as we take our age-old practices and evolve them for new

generations. We look forward to sharing this remarkable weekend experience with you, your family, and friends. •

Torah Lishma Weekend Schedule

Friday, Oct. 29

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 pm Dinner & Presentation by

Rabbi Tucker

Saturday, Oct. 30

9:30 am Morning services, *D'var Torah* by Rabbi Tucker at the end of services

12:15 pm Kiddush Luncheon 1:00 pm Rabbi Tucker's second

presentation 5:00 pm Rabbi Tucker's third

presentation

6:00 pm Mincha

6:30 pm Seudah Shleesheet

(Third Meal–Potluck)

Ma'ariv & Havdalah

8:00 pm Movie & Discussion

Sunday, Oct. 31

7:30 pm

8:30 am *Shacharit* 10:00 am Breakfast

10:30 am Hevruta Talmud Study: Small-group discussions on the text led

by Rabbi Tucker

There's No Business Like Show Business!

Interested in participating in an intergenerational Adas Israel sensation? Have greasepaint in your veins? Want to flex your thespian wings?

Adas Israel will perform a musical the first weekend in March 2011! Please come to an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to actors, the production involves set design and construction, costumes, makeup, publicity, tickets, lights, programs, stagehands, stage managers, prop masters, production assistants... you get the picture. There is a role for everyone to play.

Auditions for the cast will be held at a date to be announced.

The show? Come to the meeting, where all will be revealed! RSVP to Ken Ingber, *Kenneth.Ingber@verizon.net* to let him know your area of interest.

FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Shabbat mornings, there are at least three services going at once. I enjoy watching the b'nai mitzvah kids, and Rabbi Steinlauf futilely urging their friends to "gently shower" them with candy at the appropriate time.

This year, under Rabbi Steinlauf and Rabbi Feinberg's leadership, we are consolidating our various scholar-in-residence programs into three major weekends, beginning with on October 29 to 31, focusing on "Enriching Our Spirituality and Observance in a Pluralistic Setting." Other weekends will focus on *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world/social justice) on Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend (Jan 14–16) and Israel, on May 20–22.

Somewhere in this kosher smorgasbord is a program you'd love. Most of them come with food, as if you couldn't guess.

Sometime this year, we'll know when our building renewal and renovation gets underway. Stay tuned on that. We're very close to starting Phase I, after which we'll need your help. Check out the drawings on our website.

I hope you had a meaningful *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, and *Sukkot*. May this new year bring you health and peace to our country and to Israel.

—Bob Peck •

Kol Nidre Appeal Chairs Recruit Honorary Committee 100% Member Participation is the Goal!

Judie and Harry Linowes, our 2010 Kol Nidre Appeal chairs have been working diligently all summer and into the fall to recruit our Honorary Committee and major donors to provide leadership of and support for this important synagogue fundraising campaign. While Kol Nidre has passed, it is not too late to be counted and participate.

Judie and Harry, along with our vice chair, Jeri Greenberg, are proud to announce that we are more than two-thirds of the way toward our financial goal but very short of our additional goal this year to attain 100 percent member participation at any giving level. Synagogue dues alone do not cover our synagogue budget. We rely on the *Kol Nidre* Appeal to support the many programs, services, classes, and events at the synagogue. The 2010 *Kol Nidre* Appeal will be the **only** synagogue fundraiser of the year!

To make your contribution, please return your pledge card, call the synagogue office (202-362-4433), or send an e-mail to adas.office@adasisrael.org.

We thank our major supporters (as of September 7) for their leadership and support. All contributors to the appeal will be listed in the next Chronicle. Honorary Chairs, Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Committee: Anonymous, Melvin & Ryna Cohen, Jack & Barbara Kay, Robert & Arlene Kogod, Joseph & Sonia Herson, David & Harriet Bubes, Morton & Norma Lee Funger, Michael & Susie Gelman, Joseph & Alma Gildenhorn, Sylvia Greenberg, Larry & Melanie Nussdorf, Jeffery & Jean Yablon, Dorothy Linowes, Mark Yecies & Ellen Roche, Diane Dennis, Joe & Jamie Baldinger, Raymond & Marilyn Greenberg, Michael & Alexandra Horowitz, Eric Koenig & Amy Schwartz, Ada Linowes, Arnie Podgorsky & Christy Larsen, Stanley Scherr, Ron & Rise Schlesinger, Robert & Adele Buckhantz, Arthur Lerner & Linda Dreeben, Samuel & Karen Winer, Robert Peck & Lynn Palmer, and Marvin Weissberg Benefactors, Patrons, and Sponsors: David Buck, Harry & Ellie Sachse, Brian Schwalb & Mickie Simon, Leonard & Frances Burka, Michelle Leavy & Steve Grayson, David & Toni Bickart, Stuart & Diane Brown, Elliot Burka, Johanna Chanin, Michael & Meredith Cymerman, Bob & Beth Feldgarden, Ed & Jeri Greenberg, Richard & Carol Margolis, Yaacov & Herlene Nagler, David & Constance Povich, Bert & Barbara Rein, Joel & Cynthia Rosenberg, Alan Roth & Michael Rodgers, David Bruce Smith, Russell & Judith Smith, David & Mimi Strouse, Robert & Gail Wilensky, George & Trish Vradenburg, Leah Chanin, Ian Gershengorn & Gail Levine, Robert Goldberg, Marvin & Dolly Kay, Adrian & Annette Morchower, Geraldine Pilzer, Sydney Polakoff, Chuck & Rhoda Steiner, Seth Waxman & Debra Goldberg, Elyse Kaye, Sandy Bieber & Linda Rosenzweig, Lisa Gill, Harry & Tamara

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Lifelong Learning

Context—Formerly Me'ah

The Jewish Theological Seminary is launching **Context** in the fall. **Context** (formerly known as *Me'ah*), the flagship program of JTS's newly established Institute for Jewish Learning, is an intellectual journey that provides a sophisticated understanding of Jewish history and thought. It offers a framework within which to understand the Jewish past, refine one's own personal approach to the challenges of contemporary Jewish life, and develop a unique and informed outlook toward the Jewish future.

Context is a four-semester program conducted over two years, and each semester includes eight academic sessions. The curriculum explores the span of Jewish civilization and examines two broad areas of study:

- Jewish Texts and Interpretation (year one)
 The Bible; Rabbinic Texts
- Jewish Cultures and Communities (year two)
 Jews in the Medieval World;
 The Jews in the Post-Enlightenment World

Context's Core Values

Access: Top-quality Jewish studies programming should be accessible to all members of the Jewish community. During the inaugural cycle of the program, tuition is \$695/year, and lowcost educational materials will be available online.

Faculty Excellence: Instructors, experts in their field, are drawn from an array of leading secular and religious academic institutions. Each has a demonstrated passion for adult Jewish learning.

Autonomy: Each student's intellectual autonomy is valued and respected. Similarly, instructors bring their own expertise and approach to the material, creating their syllabi in concert with the program curriculum.

'Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren'

This two-part discussion series focuses on ways grandparents can introduce and foster Judaism with their interfaith grandchildren. "Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren" focuses on how to acknowledge the entire family, promote Jewish experiences, take pride in your children and grandchildren, celebrate the Jewish holidays, and attend to the complex feelings that grandparents experience dealing with this area of their lives.

The series takes place on two Sunday mornings, October 24 and November 21, from 9:30 to 10:45 am in the Miller Chapel. Dr. Marion Usher and Rabbi Charles Feinberg will lead the classes.

Dr. Usher has led interfaith couples groups for the past 15 years and has worked with more than 450 couples. Her film, Love and Religion: The Challenges of Interfaith Relationships, premiered at the Washington Jewish Film Festival in December 2009. Rabbi Feinberg has led discussion groups for parents of adult children who have intermarried in Poughkeepsie, NY, and Vancouver, BC.

Community: Community-based education can be a galvanizing force. In most cases, **Context** is hosted by multi-institutional collaboratives that transcend denominational boundaries. In addition, partner institutions share in hosting the program.

Context Schedule

The first semester meets on Wednesday evenings, Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22; Jan. 5, 12, from 7 to 9:45 pm. Second semester dates TBA. All classes are held at Adas Israel.

To learn more about the program, come to the upcoming free **Introduction to Context** featuring a lesson taught by a **Context** instructor, Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 pm. RSVP to Marcia Miller, marcia.miller@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433, ext. 112. •

Fall Lifelong Learning Classes

To register for classes, please visit adasisrael.org/lifelonglearning or contact Marcia Miller at 202-362-4433 ext. 112 or marcia.miller@adasisrael.org.

Sundays at 9:30 am

Finding Meaning in Jewish Prayer

7 sessions; Sundays, Oct. 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12, 9:30 am

Taught by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf
Do you feel overwhelmed when you come to synagogue by all the prayers in Hebrew? Do you want to explore what we mean by Jewish prayer in the first place? Are you interested in how and why Jewish prayers developed over the centuries? Do you come to synagogue and fail to find a meaningful connection

to the prayer experiences?

In this course, taught by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, we endeavor to answer these questions. Not only will we learn about the meanings, structures, and contexts for our prayer services, but we will also explore practices and approaches to discovering personal meaning in *t'filah* (Jewish prayer). Come prepared for both intellectual and creative approaches to learning and engaging the material. No previous background or Hebrew language skills is necessary. Cost: \$25 for members; \$50 for non-members

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

7 sessions; Sunday, Oct. 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12, 9:30 am

Taught by Rabbi Charles M. Feinberg
This four-minimester adult education
program taught by Rabbis Feinberg
and Steinluaf and Hazzanim Greenberg
and Weber will culminate in a group
bar/bat mitzvah service in the winter of
2011–2012. The first unit of the Adult
Bar/Bat Mitzvah program will focus on
the structure of the Hebrew Bible and
its theological and ethical themes. There
also will be an introduction to Jewish
commentary.

In addition, the class will read and study selections from the *Torah*, along with selections from different ancient, medieval, and modern commentaries.

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Subsequent units of the class will cover the *siddur* (the Hebrew prayerbook), an introduction to the *Mishnah* and *Talmud*, and a class on *Torah trope*. There will also be classes on how to lead different parts of the service. The class will cover three minimesters this year and will culminate with a fourth minimester in fall 2011. *Cost: \$450, which includes all books and materials*

Sundays at 11 am

Hebrew Literacy I, II, III, IV

7 sessions; Oct. 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12, 11 am Taught by volunteers

We offer four levels of Hebrew reading and comprehension. The program's goal is to help students read with understanding the Hebrew prayerbook and selections from the narrative sections of the Torah. Hebrew I: for those who need to learn the Hebrew alphabet and how to decode words. Hebrew II: for those who know how to decode but who want to learn the basic vocabulary and the rudiments of syntax. Hebrew III: the class will advance to a fuller understanding of grammar and understanding. The goal of Hebrew III is for students to read with understanding prose sections of the Bible and the siddur. Hebrew IV: for those who can read with some understanding but want to increase their knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. All four levels are offered in each minimester.

Cost: \$100/level for members; nonmembers, \$150; includes all books and materials

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Introduction to Judaism

Taught by Rabbis Charles Feinberg, Jeffrey Wohlberg, Avis Miller, Herb Schwartz, Gil Steinlauf, Morris Faierstein, and Lyle Fishman

Tuesday, September 14–April 12, 7:00–9:00 pm

Along with Ohr Kodesh Congregation, Adas Israel sponsors an in-depth program of study of Judaism leading to conversion. The Conversion program, which includes lectures, discussions, beginning Hebrew classes, learning prayer services, and special holiday and *Shabbat* dinners, is designed for but not limited to individuals interested in conversion. Candidates must have a sponsoring rabbi to enroll.

To learn more about how to find a sponsoring rabbi and to receive more detailed information about the Conversion program, please contact class co-coordinator Marcia Miller, Marcia. Miller@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433, ext. 112.

Cost: \$450, which includes all books, materials, and two dinners

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Jewish Literacy

8 sessions; Wednesday, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 7:00 pm

Taught by Rabbi Charles M. Feinberg

Ever wonder why the Jewish holidays are either early or late but rarely on time, or why we break a glass at the close of a Jewish wedding? Why do rabbis never call the Hebrew Bible the Old Testament? If you have questions like these, then Jewish Literacy is for you. This class looks at the Jewish calendar of holidays, life cycle ceremonies, an overview of the Hebrew Bible, some Jewish history, and basic theological ideas.

Cost: \$100 for Adas members, nonmembers, \$150

Additional Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Downtown Study Group with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

9 sessions; Tuesday, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, April 5, May 3, June 14, noon–1:30 pm

For more than 20 years, the downtown study group has been meeting and studying traditional texts and grappling with powerful Jewish issues on Tuesdays. This tradition continues this year, as Rabbi Steinlauf once again leads the group and explores everything from Biblical texts to Talmud to Kabbalistic teachings. The topics vary from month to month, but the high intellectual level of the group ensures that every class is challenging, intellectually satisfying, and horizonbroadening. This lunch-and-learn group meets at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 1875 K Street, NW. This class is open to the community. For more information, contact Beryl Saltman, Beryl.Saltman@ adasisrael.org. Cost: Free

Boker Ohr: Weekly Study of the Parasha with Rabbi Charles M. Feinberg

13 sessions; Sept. 4, 11, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 11, 18, 25, Saturday, 8:00–9:15 am
Every Saturday morning in the synagogue Board Room, Rabbi Feinberg leads a class and discussion on the weekly *Torah* or *haftarah* portion. Each week, members of the group receive a selection of the reading, a commentary on the reading, and questions about the reading. *Boker Ohr*, which meets every week except when Rabbi Feinberg is on vacation, is open to the community. Please contact Marcia Miller, *Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org*, to register. *Cost: Free*

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School of Greater Washington

10 sessions; Oct. 8–Dec. 17, Friday, 9:15–11:00 am

What do you want to teach your child about being Jewish? Foundations of Jewish Family Living is a new curriculum for parents developed by the renowned Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. At a time in your family's life when your child is beginning his or her own Jewish education, Foundations of Jewish Family Living provides you with the learning, language, and confidence to be a teacher to your own children.

Topics explored in the curriculum include: being created in God's image, welcoming guests, caring for the environment, teaching respect, creating Jewish space, the value of Shabbat rest, prayer, remembering Egypt, pursuing peace, and the Jewish value of hope. Each topic is anchored by a master or foundational story that has come to be identified with a specific Jewish value that parents can share with their children. In addition, each lesson contains a variety of traditional and contemporary texts surrounding the master stories and values, providing parents with an opportunity for sophisticated engagement and discussion.

Sponsored by the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning, www.pjll.org. Contact learnwithus@pjll.org or call 240-283-6200 for further information or to register.

Ruth Messinger to Speak on Global Crises, Oct. 23



On Saturday, October 23, during *Shabbat* morning services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, Ruth Messenger, president of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), a faith-based international human rights organization that works to alleviate poverty, hunger, and disease in the developing world, will give the guest sermon. Her topic is "From Disaster

to Development: A Jewish Response to Global Crises."

In addition to its grant making to more than 400 grassroots projects around the world, AJWS works within the American Jewish community to promote global citizenship and social justice through activism, volunteer service, and education. Messinger assumed the organization's presidency in 1998 following a 20-year career in public service in New York City, where she served for 12 years on the New York City Council and eight as

Manhattan borough president. She was the first woman to secure the Democratic Party's nomination for mayor in 1997. Messinger is continuing her lifelong pursuit of social justice at AJWS, helping people around the world improve the quality of their lives and their communities.

Considered a national leader in the movement to end the genocide in Sudan, Messinger was among leading antigenocide, peace, and human rights advocates called on to advise President Barack Obama and the new special envoy for Sudan, General J. Scott Gration, in March 2009. In recognition of Messinger's leadership, she has served on the Obama administration's Task Force on Global Poverty and Development. She is also involved in organizing faith-based efforts to secure human rights around the world, and recently was the keynote speaker at the National Interfaith Conference on Millennium Development Goals in San Francisco.

Jewish Study Center Classes at Adas Israel

For more information about or to register for JSC classes, visit www.jewishstudycenter.org.

Far-Flung Jews: Jewish Cultures Around the Globe

8 sessions; Wednesdays, 7:00–8:15 pm, Oct. 6–Dec. 1 (no class Nov. 24). *Various instructors*. *Cost:* Full series, \$90 for Adas and JSC members, \$120 non-members; individual sessions, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members

How to Give a Great D'var Torah

4 sessions; Wednesdays 8:30–9:40 pm, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Taught by David Nemeth, davening coordinator for the Adas Traditional Minyan, has long experience delivering divrei Torah and getting other people to do so. **Cost:** \$55 for Adas and JSC members, non-members \$80

Discovering Kabbalah

3 sessions; Wednesdays 7:00–8:15 pm, Oct. 13, 20, 27 *Taught by* Jay McCrensky, Fabrangen member, who has taught Kabbalah for more than 30 years at numerous local groups and congregations and has written two books on Kabbalah: Understanding Evil: Insights from Kabbalah and Receiving Holiness: Understanding Judaism through Kabbalah. *Cost:* \$45 for Adas and JSC members, non-members \$60

The Biblical Roots of Warrior Heroes: The Roots of the King Arthur Saga in *First Samuel*

1 session; Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8:30–9:40 pm Taught by Ian Nathaniel Cohen is a member of the Traditional Minyan and an adjunct lecturer at Florida International University. **Cost:** \$15 for Adas and JSC members, non-members \$20

Being Jewish in the Workplace—How to Navigate the Demands of Observance

1 or 2 sessions; Wednesdays, Oct. 13 & 20, 7:00–8:15 pm Taught by attorney Adam Marker. *Cost: \$15/session for Adas and JSC members, non-members \$20/session*

Shir Havoc: Meshugah Melodies for Familiar Prayers
3 sessions; Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 8:30–9:45 pm
Taught by Ian Nathaniel Cohen, a former davening coordinator for
the Adas Israel Traditional Minyan and currently adjunct lecturer at
Florida International University, where he teaches an online course on
Asian film. Cost: \$45 for Adas and JSC members, non-members \$60

TorahDrama: The Story of Joseph

4 sessions; Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 7:00 – 8:30 pm Taught by Tamar Pelleg, who is a trained Bibliodrama facilitator and has degrees in counseling education and Hebrew literature from Hebrew University. **Cost:** \$55 for Adas and JSC members, nonmembers \$80

Savoring the Psalms

4 sessions; Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, Wednesdays, 8:30–9:40 pm Taught by Amy Schwartz, vice president for education and youth at Adas Israel and a journalist who has taught many JSC classes on poetry. **Cost:** \$60 for Adas and JSC members, non-members \$80 Please note that "Arabic for Hebrew Speakers" will not be offered this term. •

Adas Fall Retreat

November 12–14

Share a Special Shabbat

Adas Israel invites you for a weekend retreat at Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, MD, just outside of Baltimore.

The theme of the weekend will be "Experiencing Shabbat." Sharing festive meals, prayers, and companionship during a traditional Shabbat, participants will also study the origins and significance of Shabbat observances. Throughout, we will consider how we can make our own weekly Shabbat observance more engaging and meaningful.

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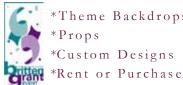
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Buy One More!

Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Ezra Pantry. In partnership with So Others Might Eat (SOME), the Ezra Pantry collects nonperishable food for distribution in shelters, soup kitchens, day care centers, and elder care facilities. Please buy one more item than you need when you shop for food and bring it to the Ezra Pantry shelves in the synagogue cloakroom. Feeding the hungry is a mitzvah. Thank you again for your continued support.

Tikkun Olam

Supporting SOME (So Others Might Eat) through the Seasons

SOME is very grateful for Adas Israel's continuous support throughout the year, particularly its in-kind donations. From shoebox gifts, to canned food and coats, SOME can always count on the generosity of Adas Israel. Here is a typical year at SOME and ways the Adas community might support SOME most effectively through the changing seasons.

Fall is typically a time during which SOME does not receive much donated food or many toiletries. This would be an excellent season for Adas to focus on collecting nonperishable food and toiletries through the Ezra Pantry to help keep our shelves stocked.

Winter is SOME's busiest season when it receives abundant donations of food and

Help Us Support Luther Place with a Meal

Adas Israel volunteers provide a healthy dinner to the residents of the Luther Place night shelter once a month. The Luther Place shelter houses 20-30 homeless women for an extended period while they get themselves on their feet.

If you would like to help provide food for these meals on an occasional basis, e-mail Laura Epstein at laura epstein@hotmail.com. You do not have to commit to provide food every month; you may offer to contribute food whenever your schedule permits. •

shoebox gifts. It often finds itself short on winter clothing, however, particularly coats and jackets for men. This would be a good time for Adas to collect coats and other winter clothing items for SOME's Clothing Room.

Spring and **summer** are also slow seasons in which SOME's pantry shelves start to look a little bare, and it faces shortages of toiletry items. SOME would greatly appreciate donations of nonperishable food, coffee, and toiletries during these months.

"Blessed is he that considers the poor," says the Psalmist (Psalms 41:1). You live this scripture in a concrete way through your support of SOME. Thank you! O

Ma Tovu

Ma Toyu is a new Chronicle feature highlighting and acknowledging congregants who work tirelessly behind the scenes to enrich our Adas Israel experience.

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for our first highlighted congregant of this feature.