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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

### THE POWER OF MEMBERSHIP.

Why be a member of a synagogue? The answer to this question is not at all as simple as it was a generation ago. Once upon a time, belonging to a synagogue was a given in American Jewish life. There was a host of unspoken bonds that linked us Jews to one another—ethnic bonds, Yiddish language and culture, first- and second-generation immigrant values and aspirations—and synagogues were our gathering place. We may not have necessarily believed in God. We may have been secular in every other aspect of our lives. We may have attended synagogue only on High Holy Days. But synagogue membership was sacrosanct. By and large, we American Jews didn't belong to country clubs or the uppermost echelons of professional societies, and we didn't attend the old-boy elite universities. *Shul* was where we gathered and affirmed that we belonged

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## Tu B'Shevat Seder Celebrates Protecting the Environment, Jan. 29

Protecting the environment is a Jewish value rooted in the Creation story at the beginning of the book of *Genesis*.

This year the Adas Israel Green Committee is sponsoring a *Tu B'Shevat seder* whose theme is protecting the environment from the ravages of global warming and the pollution of air, water, and earth. The *seder* is part of a special *Shabbat* din-



ner on Friday, January 29, at 7 pm, following the 6 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat* service. The *seder* is family-friendly: it includes games for children to play and kid-friendly food. Rabbis Steinlauf and Feinberg, along with Cantor Weber, are leading the *seder*, which will end by 9 pm.

The cost of the dinner is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 14

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## Quebec Street Forum to Discuss Health Reform, Jan. 19

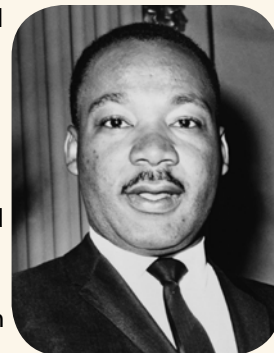
At 2010's first Quebec Street Forum, on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:30 pm, Gail Wilensky and Stuart Butler will discuss Jewish perspectives on the health reform. Guided by Rabbi Feinberg as moderator, they will discuss the underlying moral and values issues involved in health reform. Do we have moral obligations to assure each other of health care? Do our immediate families and communities deserve more consideration than recent or illegal immigrants? How should health care be budgeted, and how does that budget balance against other budget needs? Are there moral considerations to reducing Medicare services to cover more people? Should doctors be

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## Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Begins Jan. 15

Each year, Adas Israel Congregation joins with Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ to commemorate the birthday of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Members of the church will join us on Friday, January 15, at 8:00 pm for our regular *Shabbat* service.

Please join us for dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by this special *Shabbat* service. To RSVP for dinner, contact Carol Ansell at the synagogue by Wednesday, January 13, before 12:00 noon, [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org) or 202-



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# Clergy Corner



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to something important, timeless, and meaningful. *Shul* was where we accessed our time-honored traditions, where we felt special, where we could marshal our resources to look out for each other, and for Jews around the world.

Times have changed. We Jews have made it in America. There is hardly an elite institution or cultural achievement in this society where there is not a Jewish presence. Yiddish language, culture, and ethnic identity—however beloved and cherished—have fallen into the background of our lived experience. Of course, many Jewish people still proudly support synagogues because of strong family traditions, strong ethnic sensibilities, and positive identification with Jewish particularism in the world. But for all the Jews who belong for the time-honored reasons, there are many more Jews today who do not feel they need a synagogue to play its traditional role for them anymore. Jews today can belong to so many movements, so many institutions, so many means of finding and expressing meaning beyond the Jewish world.

Ever-increasing numbers of 21st-century Jews no longer seek meaning through ethnic identification. We're global citizens now. Many younger Jews today find just as much in common with other races and religious groups as we do with our ancestral religious and ethnic group. Our prevailing societal outlook is postmodern: we can and do *invent ourselves*. We still love being Jewish. We're proud of it, in fact. But in our postmodern world, Judaism is a religion that we seek to customize to our identity. We want so much to fit Judaism in with our complex values system. New kinds of *minyanim* abound, each with its own particular approach and "flavor" of Jewish expression. New kinds of places are springing up where people can customize their own *b'nai mitzvah*, hire their own rabbis, and cut-and-paste their own prayer services to match their expectations.

With all of these new opportunities, new forms of Jewish identity, new expectations and values, why indeed be a member at a synagogue? The answer is that, for all the wonders and blessings of this postmodern age, for all the access we have to power and meaning in today's world, for all the new and deeper forms of personal meaning-making and identity that are available to us at the click of a button, synagogue membership still makes a claim *on our soul* that nothing else in this postmodern world can. It's just that we have to talk about the meaning of membership in deeper and more engaging ways than we used to.

To become a member of a synagogue in today's world is an extraordinary act. It's something we can easily choose not to do. To do so, then, is not just about giving money to receive services. It is, first and foremost, an act of *faith* that this institution called a synagogue stands for something important in our lives, and in the world. Synagogue membership runs against the grain of

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postmodern expectation. In most settings nowadays, you give your money, you click that button, and you receive instant and personalized gratification. Not so in synagogues. Synagogue membership is about something deeper. You give your money so that you and your family benefit, yes, but also because other individuals and families will benefit from the very same services that you value. Those other individuals and families may be your friends, but they also may be people whom you don't know at all. At times, they may even be people you don't like! To be a synagogue member is to rise above all of that and to acknowledge: "I may not know you at all, but I am responsible to you for no other reason than the fact that you and I share a common heritage that matters in the world. I am responsible to you because—just maybe—you and I share a common destiny to improve this world as Jews." In other words, synagogue membership is an act of faith in the power of community to transform the world.

For all its wonders, our postmodern reality today hasn't found a way to express this spirituality of community. Yes, we can find all kinds of subcommunities—communities of like-minded individuals whose outlooks, values, interests, and talents, match ours exactly! That's exciting. That has lots of possibilities. But it's not community in the *Jewish* sense of a *Kehilah Kedoshah*: a sacred community united by values that *transcend* individual preferences. To be a member of a synagogue means that you are expressing faith that the community will not only mirror your personal expectations and preferences, but it will also *challenge* you to question those very preferences and expectations by force of *Torah* and wisdom when circumstances demand that we be challenged. To be a member at a synagogue nowadays is an expression of faith that the synagogue just might inspire us to live in new and more meaningful ways. It's an affirmation that we just might discover insight from an ancient heritage with thousands of years of collective wisdom. It's an act of courage that we just might encounter individuals from among our people whom we may not know or understand well, but who may be the very teachers or motivators we need to live better *as Jews* in the world.

On the deepest level, synagogue membership is not just an act of faith. It's an act of *chesed*, of lovingkindness. The money we give as members is as much a symbolic act of giving as it is a literal one. The money symbolizes our presence for what the *shul* stands for. It symbolizes that we care about what it does, that its mission succeeds. It's an act of *chesed* because it's *not* about instant gratification! It's an act of *chesed* because we know that it's going to make a difference not just for us now, but for generations after us. We give for our membership because we know that our funds will keep the lights and heat on, even if we're not there. It will pay the salaries of the teachers of *Torah* who can enrich the soul of someone else's child, if not our own.

Our ancient sages teach that *Chesed shel Emet*, True Loving-

# Holidays

## Tu B'Shevat 5770

*Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year for Trees, is a time when trees start drinking the New Year's rainwater and the sun renews itself. As the Jewish Arbor Day, *Tu B'Shevat* embodies the strong dedication to ecology, environmentalism, and conservation the Jewish National Fund has championed since its inception in 1901.

This year, *Tu B'Shevat* (the 15th of Shevat) falls on Saturday, January 30.

On the third day of creation, God created "seed-bearing plants, fruit trees after their kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it" (*Genesis* 1:11). God then put Adam in the garden to "till it and tend it" (2:15), making humans stewards of the earth.

According to the *Mishna*, where it is first mentioned, *Tu B'Shevat*—the 15th day of the month of Shevat—is the date farmers use to calculate the year's crop yield and determine the tithe the Bible requires. It also marks the beginning and end of the first three and four years of a tree's growth, during which one is forbidden to eat its fruit.

Since its founding, the Jewish National Fund has planted more than 240 million trees in Israel to protect the land, prevent

## Office Closings

The synagogue offices and schools will be closed **Friday, January 1, New Year's Day**, and **Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. *Minyanim* on those days are at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm. In case of death or extreme emergency, please call our answering service, 301-421-5271.

soil erosion, green the landscape, and preserve vital ecosystems. The trees maintain forest health, combat desertification, protect watersheds and manage water flow. Additionally, they create a "green lung" to combat carbon dioxide emissions in the region. JNF's success at planting trees in Israel has resulted in naturally expanded forests and reclaimed deserts. Because of the heavy damage sustained in the forests of northern Israel in recent years, *Tu B'Shevat* and the renewal of the forests in Israel takes on special meaning this year. Go to the Jewish National Fund's website, [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org), for more information or to make a donation.

Celebrating *Tu B'Shevat* with a *seder* has become traditional for families and congregations around the world. During a *Tu B'Shevat seder*, seven species of fruits and grains from Israel are blessed and eaten. The seven species are wheat, barley, grapes, fig, pomegranate, olive, and dates (*Deuteronomy* 8:8). It is also customary to dance the *Mayim*, the Jewish dance for water, during a *Tu B'Shevat seder*. ○

## From the President



by Robert Peck  
*Chaverim*/friends:

Adas Israel turned 140 this year. Established in 1869 by a group that wanted to maintain traditional Orthodoxy in the face of the turn toward Reform Judaism at Washington Hebrew, Adas itself has turned away from Orthodoxy over the years. There was no Conservative Judaism in 1869, but as that movement grew in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Adas Israel's lay leaders and clergy became proponents of its approach to Jewish tradition.

Even so, change at Adas came slowly, not evenly and not without challenge. One rabbi was asked to resign circa 1910, reportedly for questioning the auctioning of honors, a long-standing tradition. Beginning in the 1930s, there was agitation for "family seating," that is, women sitting with the men. Not until 1951, with the dedication of the current synagogue building, was this fully accepted, and even then, not by any direct decision, but rather by the exigency of building what we know as the Charles E. Smith sanctuary without separate seating.

You can read more of this fascinating history in *The Assembly*, Emeritus Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz's marvelous book about Adas. Last month, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Rabbi Rabinowitz's arrival and momentous rabbinate at Adas. He presided over the period during which Adas Israel, reflecting the ferment of the 1960s, took its place as a beacon of social justice in the Conservative movement and the Washington community.

Rabbi Rabinowitz's book demonstrates how changes at Adas Israel reflected changes in the American Jewish community brought about by immigration, acculturation, Zionism, and American social structure. As American Jewish culture evolves with the nation, so Adas continues to change.

We now have a senior rabbi who blogs. We have to post signs asking people to turn off their cell phones before they enter our services. We have a generation of young people who can't imagine a time when Washington's Jews were a close-knit community in some large measure because they had little choice: many social outlets and career paths were simply closed to them, so they had to depend on each other. Identifying with Jewish institutions now is a matter of choice.

As opposed to a post-immigrant generation that was more "cerebral" in its approach to Judaism, younger Jews seem to respond more to Judaism's "spiritual" appeal. For them, Israel is often not so much an awe-inspiring modern miracle as it is a facet of Jewish life and Middle East politics.

Our religious services, our schools, our programs, our very building have to evolve to meet the needs of our times, just as Adas has changed before to meet the changing needs of previous times. We have many traditions and practices that have stood the test of recent times. No one in the lay or clerical leadership sees a need for a break with the past such as those Adas experienced at its founding and in the decades after.

On the other hand, we are at one of those times in American

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# Schools

## Religious School Mah Tovv Moments

*Mah Tovv* means how wonderful, and this section highlights positive and memorable moments in the Religious School.

► Close to 200 Melvin Gelman Religious School students, parents, and community members participate in the mini-walk for the Anne Frank House. The confirmation students (10th graders) planned and organized the mini-walk as part of their service-learning curriculum and a school-wide theme of *ma'akeh l'gachea*, the obligation to provide safe shelter for all.



◀ Rabbi Feinberg discusses sifrei kodesh (holy books) with 6th-grade parents and students as part of Limmud B'Yachad (learning together), a family education program.

► Rabbi Batya Steinlauf discusses bigdei kodesh (holy clothing) with 6th-grade parents and students.



◀ Our 4th-7th grade Religious School students have begun working this year on art that connects to the weekly parasha (Torah portion). Students have the opportunity to develop their own projects based on personal interpretations of

text from the Torah. The curriculum was created by artist Philip Ratner, who has used the curriculum in Israeli schools for a number of years. Students' artwork will be displayed in the future. This program is underwritten by the David B Sykes Family Endowment for the Arts. Pictured here, Maya Marcus designs her own art piece representing her interpretation of the creation story.

## Important Dates in the Melvin Gelman Religious School

**January 4:** Classes Resume

**January 8:** L'Dor VaDor Shabbat

**January 17,18:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School

**January 24:** Parents' Corner

## What Is 'Locks of Love'?

Locks of Love is a public, nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 21 in the United States and Canada suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. The organization meets a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest-quality hair prosthetics.

Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition, called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses Locks of Love help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers. The children receive hair prostheses free of charge or on a sliding scale, based on financial need. ○



*Tenth-grade student Lily Moghadam donates her hair to Locks of Love at USY Fall Convention.*



◀ Fran Garfinkle, our new art instructor for grades 4-7, assists Emily Ringel with her art project.

## Jewish Value for January–February: Kavod Habriyot, Respecting All Human Beings

*Kavod Habriyot* is a set of values and laws that encourages dignity and respect for all human beings. In addition to students' learning about this value in school, there will be a *mitzvah* project at the Purim Carnival to support Luther Place N Street Village. The night shelter provides housing for up to 31 women while helping them set and achieve goals for moving out of homelessness.

To learn more, visit [www.lutherplace.org/newsite/template/page.cfm?id=155](http://www.lutherplace.org/newsite/template/page.cfm?id=155).

### **Gan HaYeled**

#### **Gan HaYeled Open Houses; 2010–2011 Registration Information**

Come learn about the wonderful opportunities at *Gan HaYeled* for you and your child/children! Our last Open House for prospective families is Wednesday, January 13, 9:30–11:00 am.

Registration for the 2010–2011 school year begins January 2010. Take advantage of your Adas Israel membership, as priority registration for members is January 5–11. Registration for current families is January 12–14, and open registration begins January 19.

For more information contact *Gan* Director Shelley Remer, 202-362-4491 or [shelley.remer@adasisrael.org](mailto:shelley.remer@adasisrael.org).

#### **Gan Winter Carnival**

The *Gan HaYeled* Winter Carnival will take place Sunday, January 24, 12:45–3:00 pm, in Kay Hall. This fun-filled, annual family event is a perfect way to fight “cabin fever” weather. The indoor Winter Carnival will again feature carnival games, prizes, a moon bounce, a miniature golf course, an obstacle course, and lots of food. Last year’s event produced many smiling children (and parents), and we expect this year’s Carnival to be just as successful. Admission is free, with a fee for games once inside. Proceeds benefit the synagogue’s *Gan HaYeled* nursery school.

#### **Havdalah Dinner**

Mark your calendars now for the annual *Gan HaYeled* Nursery School *Havdalah* Dinner on Saturday, January 30 at 6:00 pm. Together with Rabbi Steinlauf and Robyn Helzner we will mark the end of *Shabbat*. Come sing, dance, and enjoy a lovely dinner as a community. Reservations are a must. Please contact the *Gan* office, 202-362-4491.

#### **New Gan Video**

Thanks to Abby Greensfelder and Half Yard Productions, we have a new *Gan HaYeled* video! The production crew was at the *Gan* for several days filming and interviewing children, parents, teachers, and clergy. Abby and Half Yard Productions

### **Classroom Dedicated in Memory of Mozelle Saltz**

We are grateful to Matilda Moses, the sister of Mozelle Saltz, of blessed memory, who generously dedicated a school classroom in memory of Mozelle, who loved learning and teaching. Matilda and her husband, Sassoon, live in Sydney, Australia.

We are honored to have their names and the name of Mozelle Saltz linked to the congregation in such a meaningful way. May her memory forever be a blessing and an inspiration.

captured the warm, nurturing feel of the *Gan* where children are able to flourish and grow in such a rich and engaging Jewish early childhood environment. *Todah rabbah* to Abby and Half Yard Productions.

#### **TZINGO Is Coming to the Gan!**

Save February 1, 4:00–6:00 pm, for TZINGO, a fun-filled afternoon for our *Gan* students that not only fulfills the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*, but also helps our children understand *tzedakah* in a tangible way. The afternoon starts off with a rousing game of TZINGO, which is played in teams (a version of picture bingo). Kids and grown-ups alike then participate in a hands-on *tzedakah* project. The whole afternoon is capped off with pizza and treats!

TZINGO is also the primary fundraiser for the worthy organizations supported by the GPA: Hope for Henry, providing gifts for hospital-bound children with life-threatening diseases; Jewish Women International’s Library Project, which supplies libraries for children in domestic violence shelters in the United States; the Youth Renewal Fund, which provides underprivileged children in Israel with educational resources; and the Brandon Heschel Leach Research Fund, providing research money to help find a cure for mitochondrial disease.

For more information, call the *Gan* office, 202-362-4491. ○

### **Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Retreat, May 21–22 Underwritten by Alpert Fund**

This year’s pre-*Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbaton* Retreat for those celebrating a *bar/bat mitzvah* in 5771 (2010–2011) will be led by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf and Elie Greenberg during the May 21–22, weekend. The *shabbaton* is underwritten in part by the Sandra and Clement Alpert Fund for Family Education.

Families that participated in similar retreats in previous years have commented on how meaningful—and how much fun—the *shabbaton* is. The retreat will be held again at the beautiful Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center outside of Baltimore. In addition to the various discussion sessions with Rabbi Steinlauf,

the weekend offers the opportunity for parents and children to become better acquainted with the other families celebrating a *bar/bat mitzvah* the same year, and to share ideas about this important event in their lives. In addition, there will be time for fun as well as opportunities for prayer and discussion.

All 5771 *bar/bat mitzvah* families should have received information and applications inviting them to attend. If you have not received your application, please contact Beryl Saltman, 202-362-4433 or [beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org](mailto:beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org).

We look forward to your participation. ○



# Lifelong Learning

Questions about the program below or any others? Contact Marcia Miller, [marcia.miller@adasisrael.org](mailto:marcia.miller@adasisrael.org). Register online at [www.adasisrael.org/registration](http://www.adasisrael.org/registration) or by phone, 202-362-4433, ext. 112.

Please refer to the Lifelong Learning Brochure for more details about our class offerings and programs at [http://www.adasisrael.org/pdfs/Adas\\_LifelongBrochure\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.adasisrael.org/pdfs/Adas_LifelongBrochure_WEB.pdf).

## Tuesday night study . . . Winter Minimester Begins January 26

Tuesday Evenings, January 26–March 16,  
7:15–8:30 pm



### Exploring the *Mishnah*: A Social Science Perspective

Taught by Professor Calvin Goldscheider

The *Mishnah* is a third-century set of Jewish texts consisting of 63 volumes organized around the functioning of an imagined and constructed community. This course explores selections from each of the six divisions to identify core social themes. Key themes include family matters and gender; social inequality and social exclusion; political and economic issues; and religion, ritual, and holidays.

This exploration treats the text as a whole guided by a simple question: What does the *Mishnah* have to teach us about society and social change? We will study the *Mishnah* together, in Hebrew and English, and struggle to clarify core social science themes. (No prior knowledge of the *Mishnah*, Rabbinic literature, or Hebrew is necessary.)

Cost: \$100 for Adas & JSC members, \$150 for non-members



### Shades of Gray: Exploring Spiritual Dimensions of Aging through Jewish Literature

Taught by Dr. Carol Hausman

This class explores issues of aging through novels, short stories, and memoirs. The class will also look at new rituals for events in the lives of older people. Through discussion and role-play, participants will deepen their understanding of the challenges and opportunities of later life. The class is open to a maximum of 15 people of all ages. Participants will be responsible for obtaining books assigned; excerpts of stories and poems will be provided.

Cost: \$100 for Adas & JSC members, \$150 for non-members



### Jewish Composers: Jewish Music or Music by Jews?

Taught by Hazzan Jeffrey Weber

This course will look into Jewish Music and composers, focusing on some of the well-known American and European musicians/

composers of the 19th and 20th centuries and the influences of religion and culture on their music.

Cost: \$100 for Adas & JSC members, \$150 for non-members

### Making Mishpacha



Taught by Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C, Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, and Rabbi Charles Feinberg

This is a Jewish parenting class for couples who are expecting a child during 2010. This informal class discusses topics such as setting limits with grandparents and other family members, Jewish rituals of naming, circumcision, *Simchat ha-bat* ceremonies, *pidyon ha-ben* (redemption of the first born), the family as an educational institution, child care, and Jewish pre-school and day care. This class is five sessions from January 26 to February 23.

Cost: \$80 per couple for Adas & JSC members, \$120 per couple for non-members



### Justice and Jewish Thought

Taught by Rabbi Elizabeth Richman

This seminar, co-sponsored by Jews United for Justice, explores race, class, and gender and sexual identity issues and how these intersect with and affect our identities as Jews. Classes are discussion-based and facilitated by participants. Readings include works by Judith Plaskow, Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz, Audre Lorde, Paul Kivel, and many others. Jews United for Justice leads Washington-area Jews to act on our shared Jewish values by pursuing justice and equality in our local community. To learn how to get involved visit [www.jufj.org](http://www.jufj.org). Cost: \$100 for Adas & JSC members, \$150 for non-members; includes all materials and a year's membership in Jews United for Justice ○

## SAVE THE DATE Men's Club World Wide Wrap, Sunday, February 7, 10:00 am

The World Wide Wrap (WWW) is an international program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs that allows Jews from all over the world to practice together and learn about the performance of the *mitzvah* of wrapping *tefillin*. The *mitzvah* of wearing *tefillin* is a highly personal act that reinforces Jewish identity. Instruction will help those hesitant or unskilled, and clergy will be available to answer questions or concerns. Men's Club sponsors the WWW as part of morning *minyan*. A light brunch is served. All members of the congregation, both men and women, and members of the community are invited to participate, instruct, learn, and watch.

## Ongoing Study

### **Boker Ohr: Weekly Study of the Parasha**

Every Saturday morning, 8:00–9:15 am led by Rabbi Feinberg

**Downtown Study Group with Rabbis Gil Steinlauf and Feinberg.** The next meetings are January 5 and February 2. For more information, contact Beryl Saltman, 202-362-4433, ext. 121 ○

## Jewish Study Center Classes at Adas Israel Begin Jan. 26

For more information on or to register for JSC classes, visit [www.jewishstudycenter.org](http://www.jewishstudycenter.org).



### **Introduction to Judaism, January 26**

*Taught by Bob Rovinsky*

Whether you are a Jew, Christian, agnostic, or seeker, or anyone else, whether you consider yourself religious or secular, and you want to learn—and experience—the basics and essence of Judaism, this course is for you. It uses

basic Jewish texts to explore what Jews study, how they observe Judaism in their homes, and what prayer and community mean to them. The course covers how Jews observe the Sabbath and holy days, and how they live each part of their lives and deaths according to Jewish laws and principles. Participants will experience Judaism directly through by eating at a kosher restaurant, studying a text together, exploring a synagogue and attending services as a class, doing good deeds (*mitzvot*), and sharing together in a Friday night Sabbath dinner with the teacher and his family. At the conclusion of the course, participants will know more than most American Jews know about Judaism, and they will be ready to go deeper into what can become a lifetime of Jewish living and study.

*Cost: Full course, \$100 for Adas and JSC members, \$150 for non-members; single sessions, \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members (for single sessions, register directly at [www.jewishstudycenter.org](http://www.jewishstudycenter.org))*

### **Far-Flung Jews: Jewish Cultures Around the Globe (8 sessions)**

*Taught by various instructors*

Jewish communities have flourished in places one would never imagine. This long-running, popular series continues with sessions on the Jews of Argentina, China, Ethiopia, and some unlikely locales closer to home.

*Cost: Full course, \$100 for Adas and JSC members, \$150 for non-members; single sessions, \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members (for single sessions, register directly at [www.jewishstudycenter.org](http://www.jewishstudycenter.org))*

### **Torah Study Tools**

Two complimentary four-week courses are offered to sharpen your skills and open new vistas:



### **1-How to Study Torah Online, January 26–February 16**

*Taught by Virginia Spatz*

Online resources can be a fabulous gateway to independent study of Jewish text and tradition. But navigating this vast and jumbled new “sea” is tricky. Where are the treasure troves and the pitfalls? When should they point you back to more traditional, offline sources? Join local scholar Spatz, whose blog, “Opening the Book,” an online guide to studying the weekly *Torah* portion, appears on the Jewish Study Center website. Spatz is a former executive director of the JSC.

*Cost: \$50 for members, non-members \$75*

### **2- How to Give a D’var Torah, February 22–March 16**

*Moderated by Sheldon Kimmel with guest speakers*

Nothing teaches you about the weekly *parasha* like presenting your own ideas to the congregation. Many *minyanim* (including several at Adas Israel) solicit the weekly *d’var Torah*, or commentary, from a member of the congregation. But how do you get started? Beyond those notes at the bottom of the page, how do you dive in, structure your ideas, and build on what others have said? In this course, experienced lay scholars discuss different approaches to a *d’var Torah*, readily available sources, personal styles, and tricks of the trade.

*Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$75*



### **Rabbis on Revenge, March 9, 16**

*Taught by Norman Shore*

This year’s “Adas Israel Reads” program focuses on *Revenge: A Story of Hope*, the thrilling story of how journalist and Adas member Laura Blumenfeld tracked down the Palestinian terrorist who shot her father. This

classic modern text of revenge becomes even more interesting when read in the context of traditional rabbinical teachings on revenge. Is it permitted? Forbidden? Mandatory?

*Cost: \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members (Please register through the Jewish Study Center website, [www.jewishstudycenter.org](http://www.jewishstudycenter.org).)* ○

## **Latke-Hamentasch Debate, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7–9 pm.**

The Annual *Latke-Hamentasch* Debate is back! Get in the mood for *Purim* as our panel of celebrities and scholars debates the relative merits of the *latke* and the *hamentasch*. Materials will be provided for in-depth research by the audience.

# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Births

Theo Segal Sachse, son of Erin & Michael Sachse and grandson of **Ellie & Harry Sachse**

Reese Nathaniel Yerman, son of Gary Yerman & Megan Smollik and grandson of **Robert & Anne Yerman**.

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

### Marriages

Lisa Boymel and Daniel Miller, daughter of **Marsha and Paul Boymel** and granddaughter of **Pauline Goldberg** and son of Fred and Elinor Miller.

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

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Rebecca Epstein-Boley, January 9

Rebecca, daughter of Laura Epstein and Kenneth Boley, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She is excited to share her *simcha* with her sister, Susannah; her grandparents, Marc Epstein, Judith Epstein, and Sue and Benjamin Boley; and the rest of her family and friends. For her *tzedakah* project, Rebecca is volunteering and collecting food

for the Capital Area Food Bank.



### Jordan Martin, January 9

Jordan, daughter of Joe and Diann Martin, is a seventh grader at Thomas Pyle Middle School. She is the granddaughter of Charlotte Martin of Silver Spring the late Dr. Milton Martin, Rose Mary Dodd of Bethesda, and David Dodd of Hedgesville, WV. Jordan began her Jewish education at *Gan HaYeled* and continues at the Melvin Gelman

Religious School. She shares her *simcha* with her two brothers, Cory and Dillon, who also became *bar mitzvah* at Adas Israel, and many other family members and friends. For her *tzedakah* project, Jordan is preparing and serving meals with her *b'nai mitzvah* classmates at the Luther Place Women's Shelter and raising funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



### Adam Pomeranz, January 16

Adam, the son of Julie Schapire and Robert Pomeranz, is in the seventh grade at Westland Middle School. He began his Jewish education at *Gan HaYeled* and is the grandson of Libby and Hans Schapire of Minneapolis and the late Hilda and Joseph Pomeranz. Adam is looking forward to sharing his *simcha* with his brother, Ari, and his

many family members and friends, and he will remember his half-brother, Andrew (z"l).



### Benjamin Satloff, January 23

Benji, a seventh grader at Westland Middle School, is the son of Jennie Litvack and Robert Satloff and the grandson of Naomi Litvack of Montreal, Quebec and David Litvack (z"l) and Beverly and Morris Satloff of Providence, RI. A *Gan HaYeled* graduate and current student at the Melvin Gelman Religious School, he shares his *simcha* with

his younger brothers, William and David, and his wider family and many friends. For his *tzedakah* project, Benji is volunteering with the Special Olympics, combining sports with *gemilut hasidim*.



### Jacob Rubashkin, January 30

Jacob, the son of David Rubashkin and Pamela Karasik, is a seventh grader at Eastern Middle School and a graduate of *Gan HaYeled*. He is the grandson of Dr. Benjamin and Olga Karasik of Roslyn Harbor, NY, and Martin and Charlotte Rubashkin of New Jersey, and Florida. He celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his sisters, Hannah and

Sophie, and friends and family.

## Members in the News

**Russell Smith** was elected to the Board of Directors of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism at its biennial convention. Russell represents our Seaboard Region of United Synagogue.

**Sidney Silver, Joseph Herson, and Russell Smith** were elected to the Executive Committee and **Mendelle Tourover Woodley** was elected to the board of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington.

Director of Informal Programming **Elie Greenberg** has been named one of the Jewish Educators Assembly's 20 Emerging Leaders in Their 20s from the Greater Washington Jewish Community. He will be honored at an awards presentation at the Marriott Inn and Conference Center in College Park, MD, on Sunday, January 24. (Those wishing to attend may register at [www.jewisheducators.org](http://www.jewisheducators.org).)

Dr. Marc Schlosberg, son of **Hank & Charlotte Schlosberg**, played pieces by Chopin and Leonard Bernstein on the clarinet at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall as part of a Festival by the La Gesse Foundation dedicated to Sidney Forrest, Dr. Schlosberg's teacher. Marc is a practicing neurologist in Washington and plays professionally with Washington Pro Musica.

**Michael Gelman** was elected chair of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federations of North America Board of Trustees by the Delegate Assembly at the recent General Assembly (GA) Convention in Washington.

**Jenny Luray** is the new vice president for government affairs and public policy at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Washington headquarters

## In Memoriam

### We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Carol Bolotin

Jane Hirsh

### We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Jerome A. Gross, brother of Alma Gildenhorn



## Author/Reporter Jeffrey Goldberg to Speak at Oneg Service, Jan. 22



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 educate and enlighten us and deepen our experience of Jewish culture, knowledge, and heritage.

Jeffrey Goldberg's *Prisoners* has been hailed as one of the year's best books by the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Slate Magazine*, the *Progressive*, *Washingtonian Magazine*, and *Playboy*. Now *The New Yorker's* Washington correspondent, Goldberg received the 2003 National Magazine Award for Reporting for his coverage of Islamic terrorism. He has also won the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists prize for best international investigative journalist; the Overseas Press Club award for best human rights reporting, for his coverage of the crimes of Saddam Hussein; and the Abraham Cahan Prize in Journalism. In addition, he received the 2005 Anti-Defamation League Daniel Pearl Prize.

Before joining *The New Yorker* in 2000, Goldberg wrote for the *New York Times Magazine*, covering the Middle East and Africa. He has also covered the mafia for *New York Magazine*, served as the New York bureau chief of the *Forward*, and been a columnist for the *Jerusalem Post*. He began his career as a police reporter for the *Washington Post*.

In 2001, Goldberg was appointed the Syrkin Fellow in Letters of the Jerusalem Foundation and, in 2002, he was named a pub-

lic policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington.

Over the past seven years, his reporting has taken him to Afghanistan and Pakistan, where he lived for a month in a Taliban *madrasa*, and to Upper Egypt, Syria, the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon, and the Gaza Strip and West Bank. He has interviewed leaders of Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, Hamas, al-Qaeda, Ansar al-Islam, and the Taliban. He also covered the Second Persian Gulf War for *The New Yorker* from inside Iraq.

A native New Yorker, Goldberg is married and the father of three children.

We begin the evening with a short service that includes English readings and beautiful musical instrumentation. Our guest speakers or musical performers will then present to the congregation. After the service, we have a chance to speak and interact with our guests informally at the *oneg*. The Adas *Oneg* Service is a celebration of the central place the congregation plays in the Jewish intellectual and cultural life of Washington. ○

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362-4433. The cost of the dinner is \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children 10 years of age and under. Vegetarian meals are available with advance request.

On Sunday, January 17, members of Adas Israel are invited to join members of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ at their 11:00 am service. The church's address is 4704 13th Street, NW, Washington DC; phone 202-829-5511.

Watch the website, [www.adasisrael.org](http://www.adasisrael.org), and weekly announcements for details on our Friday night guest speaker. ○

## Life Cycle Continued

Dr. Martin Guyer, father of Alisa Galperin  
Richard Aaron Katz, father of Jeffrey Katz  
Gerda Schwarz, mother of Ronald Schwarz

### Life Cycle Information

#### Visit the Mikvah

The Adas Israel *mikvah* is available to members and to the community. For daytime appointments, please contact Naomi Malka, [mikvah@adasisrael.org](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org) or 202-841-8776. For evening appointments, please contact Menuhah Peters, [menuhahp@mac.com](mailto:menuhahp@mac.com). To learn more about our *mikvah*, visit [adasisrael.org/LifeCycle/mikvah.htm](http://adasisrael.org/LifeCycle/mikvah.htm).

#### 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.

#### When Death Occurs

When death occurs, please call the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, so that we may inform the clergy and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for Glenn Easton or Henry Silberman. After business hours, a staff member on call may be reached by calling the synagogue office at the number above and pressing "2" to be connected automatically, or by calling the answering service, 301-421-5271, which will page the staff member on call.

On *Yom Tov* and *Shabbat*, even though detailed funeral arrangements should not be made, a staff member on call can still be reached at 301-421-5271.

#### 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.

#### Celebrating Simchas and Comforting Our Mourners; Congregational Notices

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

January 2010  
Tevet-Shevat 5770

SHABBAT HIGHLIGHTS & ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

**L'Dor VaDor Service & Dinner:** Friday, January 8, 6:00 pm; RSVP to Kate Bailey by Tuesday, January 6, [kate.bailey@adasisrael.org](mailto:kate.bailey@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4449

**YP 'Shir Delight' Shabbat Service:** January 8, 7:00 pm

**Martin Luther King Jr. Congregational Shabbat Dinner:** January 15, 6:30 pm; RSVP to Carol Ansell by Wednesday, January 13 before 12:00 noon, [carol.answell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.answell@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4433

**Adas Oneg Shabbat:** Friday, January 22, 8:00 pm; guest speaker: Jeffrey Goldberg

**Tu B'Shevat Seder:** Friday, January 29, 7:00 pm

**Gan Havdalah Service & Dinner with Rabbi Steinlauf & Robyn Helzner:** January 30, 6:00 pm

**In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary:** Cantor Jeffrey Weber will chant the liturgy. Naomi Malka will read *Torah*. Congregational *kiddushim* co-sponsored by the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein–Lande Shabbat Kiddush Fund.

**'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 (note new times):** 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.

*Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services. Your cooperation is appreciated.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 10 Tevet <i>Religious School Winter Break</i> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>28</b> 11 Tevet <i>Gan Winter Break</i> <i>Religious School Winter Break</i> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>29</b> 12 Tevet <i>Gan Winter Break</i> <i>Religious School Winter Break</i> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>30</b> 13 Tevet <i>Gan Winter Break</i> <i>Religious School Winter Break</i> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>31</b> 14 Tevet <i>Gan Winter Break</i> <i>Religious School Winter Break</i> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>1</b> 15 Tevet <i>New Year's Day—Building Closed</i> <i>Gan Winter Break</i> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6:30 pm Combined Community Shabbat Service @ Temple Micah with Rabbi Feinberg No 8 pm Adas Oneg Service or Oneg Shabbat	<b>2 PARSHAT VAYECHI</b> 16 Tevet 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service D'var Torah by Sheldon Kimmel 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush 4:45 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service
<b>3</b> 17 Tevet <i>Religious School Winter Break</i> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>4</b> 18 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Budget & Finance Meeting 7:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting/ Membership Program 7:30 pm Conversion Class	<b>5</b> 19 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm YP Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 20 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan and Breakfast 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 21 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>8</b> 22 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service & Dinner with Rabbi Steinlauf 7:00 pm YP Shir Delight Shabbat Service No 8 pm Adas Oneg Service	<b>9 PARSHAT SHEMOT</b> 23 Tevet 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary B'not Mitzvah: Jordan Martin & Rebecca Epstein-Boley Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot Service (grades 2–3) 11:00 am Shoreshim Service (grades K–1) 11:00 am Jr. Congregation (grades 4–6) 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Kenneth Boley & Laura Epstein and Joe and Diane Martin 4:45 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service 6:30 pm Keshet Pre-Swing Dance Cocktail Hour 7:30 pm Winter Swing Dance
<b>10</b> 24 Tevet 8:30 am Morning Minyan 12:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (grades 3–7) 12:20 pm Religious School Leadership Class 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>11</b> 25 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Gan Rabbi Parent Child Program— Tu B'Shevat 1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Anne Frank House Meeting 7:30 pm Social Action Committee 7:30 pm Conversion Class	<b>12</b> 26 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>13</b> 27 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Open House for Prospective Parents 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Ritual Practices Committee Meeting	<b>14</b> 28 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>15</b> 29 Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Martin Luther King Jr. Congregational Shabbat Dinner 8:00 pm Maariv Martin Luther King Jr./Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Judith Rabinowitz & Joel Fischman	<b>16 PARSHAT VA'ERA/ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT</b> 1 Shevat 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:15 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Bar Mitzvah: Adam Pomeranz Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:30 am Havurah Shabbat Service D'var Torah by Gerald Sandler 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Bob Pomeranz & Julie Schapire 1:00 pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Group 5:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service 6:00 pm YP Young Couples Havdalah Dinner
<b>17</b> 2 Shevat <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday</i> <i>Building &amp; Schools Closed</i> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 11:00 am Sunday Services @ Peoples Church 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>18</b> 3 Shevat <i>MLK Jr. Birthday—Building &amp; Schools Closed</i> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Conversion Class	<b>19</b> 4 Shevat 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Quebec Street Forum 8:00 pm Men's Study Group	<b>20</b> 5 Shevat 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>21</b> 6 Shevat 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>22</b> 7 Shevat 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv with Rabbi Steinlauf 8:00 pm Adas Oneg Service with Rabbi Feinberg Guest Speaker: Jeffrey Goldberg Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Litvack-Satloff Family	<b>23 PARSHAT BO</b> 8 Shevat 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Satloff Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 10:00 am Learners' Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by the Litvack-Satloff Family 5:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service
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# Youth @ AI

Welcome back from the holidays! We hope all of you had a great winter break, and we are excited to get back into the swing of things. So far this year, we've had a great experience with the Youth Department, and we're ready to keep on growing. Our programs offer a lot of great opportunities, and we encourage all of you to check them out. There are a lot of great programs coming up, so be sure to grab a calendar at the Youth Office so you know what's going on!

December was an exciting month for youth programming at Adas Israel. *Chaverim* decorated their own *hanukkiyot* at "All Fired Up," and then they got to use them over the holiday! It was a lot of fun! *Kadima* was all laughs this month when they traveled over to Ballston and saw Comedy Sportz. They laughed so hard they cried! Our fantastic AIUSY chapter celebrated *Hanukkah* in style at its *Hanukkah* party, where they ate *latkes*, played *dreidel*, sang songs, and enjoyed each other's company. Additionally, they all took part in an amazing social action project making warm blankets for people in need. Recently, some great USYers attended USY International Convention in Chicago, where they gathered with more than 1,200 other Jewish teens for a meaningful and fantastic time!

While we have already had a few great programs, there is still a lot to look forward to in the coming month. Here's how to stay in the loop of youth programming for the month of January!

## Chaverim (K-2nd grade)

Our next event is Sunday, February 7, as we learn about *Purim*! Come hang out with your friends and learn how to celebrate *Purim* through the use of puppetry. We will make our very own puppets and then re-creating the story of *Purim*. This program is sure to be full of fun and games, so be on the look out for more details as the date gets closer!

## Machar (3rd-5th grade)

Our next program is coming up soon! On Sunday, January 10, we're going to the Verizon Center to see the Washington Wizards take on the New Orleans Hornets. This promises to be a great game and a lot of fun! Be sure to check e-mails and mailings for more information!

## Kadima (6th-8th grade)

Our next event is Sunday, January 31, when we hit the ice! Come join us as we head downtown to go ice skating with the perfect weather for it! You don't want to miss this program. Watch for more details as the date gets closer! Also, don't forget about Regional *Kadima* Day on January 9! Come join few *Kadima* members from around the area for a night full of games and excitement! Check your e-mails and mailings for more details!

## USY (9th-12th grade)

Our next event takes place February 20! Be on the lookout for more details. ○

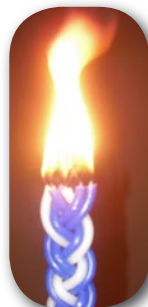


▲ Kadimaniks enjoy an afternoon of bowling at Lucky Strike.



► AIUSY board members Amy Easton and Gabi Rubin show off our chapter banner

# YP @ AI



## Ketubah Klub: Havdalah/Dinner

**Saturday, January 16, 6:00 pm @ Adas Israel**

Start the week off right with Ketubah Klub! Join other young couples for *havdalah* and dinner. We will be serving a delicious, kosher catered meal with kosher wines from around the world. Non-members: \$15; Members: \$12. Pay online by January 12.

"From generation to generation..."

# L'DOR VA'DOR

Introducing a Shabbat experience for all generations with a Friday night service and Shabbat meal.

January 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00 - Service  
7:00 - Dinner



\$9.75 - Kids Dinner (12 and under)

\$18.75 - Adult Dinner

RSVP by Tuesday, January 5 by emailing [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org) or by calling (202)362-4433.



# Sisterhood

## Save the Date

The Seaboard Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism Education Day takes place on January 31 at B'nai Israel Congregation in Rockville, 9:15 am–2:30 pm. The meeting will feature Ilana Blumberg who will discuss her book, *Houses of Worship: A Jewish Woman Among Books*.

Cost for the day is \$36, which includes lunch and a personalized copy of Prof. Blumberg's book. **Adas Israel Sisterhood has set aside funds to subsidize this activity, so the first 20 women to express interest can attend for \$18.** Contact [Sisterhood@adasisrael.org](mailto:Sisterhood@adasisrael.org) before January 8 to inquire about the discount.

RSVP **no later than Friday, January 8**, by sending a check, payable to Seaboard Region-WLCJ, to Susan Coren, 3812 Winter-set Drive, Annandale, VA 22003. For further information, please contact her at [susancoren@yahoo.com](mailto:susancoren@yahoo.com).

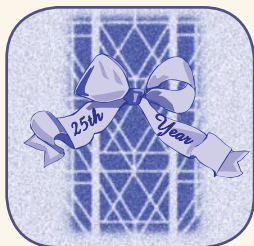
The flier about this meeting is on the Adas Israel Sisterhood website.

## Sisterhood Book Group

For its January 11, meeting, the Book Group is reading *The Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis. In this extraordinary novel, Mirvis takes us into the fascinating and insular world of the Memphis Orthodox Jews, one ripe with tradition and contradiction. The New York Times calls this book "a triumphant work of fiction."

You can purchase a copy at Politics & Prose and receive a 20 percent discount if you mention that you are member of the book group. Contact Marilyn Cooper, [MCLYTA@gmail.com](mailto:MCLYTA@gmail.com), to RSVP for the meeting, if you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to be discussion leader for a future meeting. ○

The holidays may be over,  
but now's the time to visit the  
*Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop*  
for all those special occasions:



Weddings, *b'nai mitzvah*, and other joyous events. And don't forget our lovely hostess gifts and reasonably priced, beautiful jewelry.

*Come in and browse  
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Sunday–Friday, 9:30 am–12:30 pm  
Monday evenings, 6:15–8:00 pm  
Tuesday afternoons, 12:30–3:00 pm  
**202-364-2888**

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

## Sisterhood January Calendar

**Monday, Jan. 4:** Board Meeting and Program, 7:00 pm

**Monday, Jan. 11:** Book Club, *The Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis, 11:00 am, Library

**Sunday, Jan. 31:** Seaboard Region WLCJ Judaism Education Day, 9:15 am–2:30 pm, B'nai Israel, Rockville

## Swing in the New Year!

### at Adas Israel's Winter Swing Dance

**Saturday  
January 9  
8:00 to 11:30 pm**

**Live Music  
by Swing Speak**



**FREE dance lesson @8:00 pm with**

TOM KOERNER & DEBRA STERNBERG OF **GOTTASWING.COM**  
Washington, DC's most popular swing dance instruction & promotion company.

\$18/per person by Jan. 6  
\$25/person at the door

No partner required  
Refreshments served

For more info & to RSVP call 202-362-4433 or email [carol@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol@adasisrael.org)

**Put on your dancing shoes and join us!**

*Adas is one community, many faces*

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Adas Israel and Seaboard Region of Mens' Club are honoring synagogue member Congressman **Henry Waxman** at their **20th annual Blue Yarmulke** dinner at the synagogue on **Sunday evening, January 31, at 6:00 pm.**

Join us for dinner, dessert, and an address by Rep. Waxman.

This is a regional event, so RSVP early by e-mailing your ticket request and/or supportive advertisements to [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org).



## ADAS READS

Nearly 500 people heard Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Thomas Friedman interview Adas Israel member Laura Blumenfeld about her best-selling book, *Revenge: A Story of Hope*, this year's Adas Israel Reads selection.



▲ Adas Israel Reads chair Marty Blank, Laura Blumenfeld, and Thomas Friedman.



▲ Thomas Friedman, Laura Blumenfeld, and Rabbi Gil Steinlauf.

## Yad Hakavod Award Nominations Sought

The Adas Israel *Yad Hakavod* Award honors a congregant who has distinguished himself or herself by serving the congregation and its members, or by providing exemplary leadership of synagogue projects, activities, or programs. The award is not designed for past officers, since it is generally understood that holding office offers its own recognition. The *Yad Hakavod* recognizes those who have served for many years beyond the call of duty to make Adas Israel a better place.

Our previous *Yad Hakavod* honorees have been Sophie Silfen,

1997; Gail Schwartz, 1998; Estelle Jacobs, 1999; James "Jimmy" Young, 2000; Rhoda Ganz 2001; Bernard Fischgrund (z"l), 2002; Irwin Lebow, 2003; Ruthe Katz, 2004; Mildred Jacobs, 2005; Sybil Wolin, 2006; Samuel Weisbach, 2007; Sue Rosenthal, 2008; and Michael Stern, 2009.

The *Yad Hakavod* Award, created by the Board of Directors in 1995, is presented and celebrated at the annual membership meeting in June. If you would like to submit a name for the committee to consider, please contact Bob Peck or Glenn Easton at the synagogue office (202-362-4433 or [adasoffice@adasisrael.org](mailto:adasoffice@adasisrael.org)). ○

## JTS Student to Visit, Feb. 6

The congregation will host Jewish Theological Seminary student Abbi Sharofsky, who will deliver the sermon in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary service on *Shabbat* morning, February 6.



A year three student in the Rabbinical School at JTS, Abbi grew up in Philadelphia and Cherry Hill, NJ, and earned her undergraduate degree at Muhlenberg College in 2004 in a self-designed program, entitled "Psychology and the Arts Applied to Female Development." She also earned a master's degree in Jewish education at JTS's Davidson School.

Abbi is a "*Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing*" facilitator for 11th-grade girls at Temple Beth Sholom in Roslyn, NY. In addition, she teaches high school students at the Ivry Prozdor at JTS and has spent the past few years working as a rabbinic intern with the Eastern Pennsylvania region of USY.

After her ordination, Abbi hopes to work as a chaplain in hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

This continuing program, in which Adas Israel participates, brings JTS students into the community and strengthens our ties to the Seminary. ○

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and under. Please RSVP to Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433 or [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org). Reservations must be made by **noon on Wednesday, January 27**. The committee needs volunteers to help set tables and to buy and organize the special fruits and wines that will be served. If you would like to help, please e-mail Wendy Rudolph, [wsr99@aol.com](mailto:wsr99@aol.com).

*Tu B'Shevat*, the 15th of Shevat on the Jewish calendar—celebrated this year on *Shabbat*, January 29–30—marks the beginning of a "New Year for Trees." This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

Legally, the "New Year for Trees" relates to the various tithes that must be separated from produce grown in the Holy Land. These tithes differ from year to year in the seven-year *Shemittah* cycle; the point at which a budding fruit is considered to belong to the next year of the cycle is the 15th of Shevat.

We mark the day of *Tu B'Shevat* by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the *Torah* in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. On this day we remember that God created us "to work the earth and protect it" (*Genesis* 2:15). ○

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kindness, is giving with no expectation of reward. This is the essence of synagogue membership in the 21st century. We belong not because we're in it just to get something out of it. We belong because the very act of belonging is an act of kindness and giving, of being there for others beyond our personal self-interest. Nothing else that has come along in the past 25 years can hold a candle

to the power of this kind of belonging. This is a message that we must get out to the world today, and we start by being the living examples of the power of membership. To belong to a synagogue confirms that we really can transform our lives—together. And together, from generation to generation, is the only way we can transform the world. ○

## Cemetery Markers

The Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington (JFPCGW) has contracted with Fram Monument Company, Inc., to supply bronze grave marker plaques at prices generally 30 percent below normal charges. The prices apply to certain local cemeteries and include granite base, concrete foundation, installation, all memorial-related cemetery fees, and an unlimited number of lines of Hebrew and/or English inscription. In addition, there is a 50-year warranty on materials and workmanship.

According to the arrangement, all congregation members are eligible for the special discount. To make arrangements, contact Steven Venick at Fram, 410-486-8666, and ask for the JFPCGW discount.

The Adas Israel Bereavement Committee is a part of the JFPCGW, which has had contracts with funeral homes in the Washington area since 1976. This contract with Fram for grave marker plaques, its first for funerary goods, is a pilot project.

JFPCGW is a member of Kavod v'Nichum, a U.S. and Canadian organization of *Chevrai Kadisha*. For more information, visit [www.jewish-funerals.org](http://www.jewish-funerals.org). ○

## Snow Policies

### Melvin Gelman Religious School (202-362-4449)

**Weekday** classes are cancelled if Montgomery County Public Schools and/or DC Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather/snow. When Montgomery County or DC Public Schools close early because of inclement weather/snow, classes are cancelled. In case of a delayed opening of Montgomery County or DC Public Schools, our classes will meet as usual.

**Sunday** closing announcements are made on WTOP (103.9FM/103.5FM/820AM) radio after 7:30 am. There will be a message on the school's answering machine (202-362-4449), and Josh Bender will e-mail all parents informing them of the closing.

### Gan HaYeled Nursery School (202-362-4491)

If Montgomery County and/or DC schools are closed, the *Gan* is closed. If DC schools are delayed, the *Gan* opens at 10:00 am. If Montgomery County schools are delayed, the *Gan* opens on time.

If Montgomery County and/or D.C. schools announce early dismissal, please come to the school ASAP to pick up your child.

### Synagogue Office (202-362-4433)

The synagogue office follows the federal government's inclement weather policies. When the federal government closes, the synagogue office closes. When the federal government opens late, the synagogue office opens late as well.

When in doubt, call the synagogue or individual school for a taped message. If the synagogue offices are closed due to the snow, all daytime and evening programs are cancelled. If the schools are closed, but the building/offices are open, please call the synagogue office regarding evening programs and classes. The daily *minyan* meets twice daily regardless of the weather. ○

## Jacob & Charlotte Lehrman Foundation Grant in Memory of Heidi Berry

In memory of our beloved member, Heidi L. Berry (z"l), the Jacob and Charlotte Lehrman Foundation has contributed a grant to Adas Israel Congregation to support the synagogue's continuing expansion and revitalization of our social action and community service programs.

A core of the mission and vision of Adas Israel, this generous grant inspires us to uphold justice through *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, and *gemilut hasadim*, lovingkindness to those in need.

Linking the memory of Heidi Berry with acts of kindness and righteousness is an appropriate reminder of the good work she contributed to our congregation and community. May her memory continue to inspire us in meaningful ways.

Our thanks to Robert Lehrman, Julia Baer-Cooper, and the entire foundation for their magnanimous support. ○

## Ina & Shelley Kay ADL Awards Presented

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) recently presented its prestigious Ina and Shelley Kay Awards recognizing individuals for extraordinary acts of courage in confronting intolerance and injustice, extremism, and terror. Named after the late Ina Kay, a longtime synagogue member, and her beloved late daughter, Shelley Kay, the award is infused with the tireless energy of Ina to improve the lives of those around her and the quiet philanthropy of Shelley, which echoes across our community.

The Kay Award honorees were Tom Self, a photographer who documented the civil rights movement; Mindy Finkelshtein, a young JCC camp counselor who survived a shooting attack by a neo-Nazi in Los Angeles; Joseph Iletto, a U.S. letter carrier murdered by a neo-Nazi; and Ilsa and Lisa Klinghoffer, daughters of Leon Klinghoffer who was murdered on a cruise ship by terrorists.

The spirits of Ina and Shelley, of blessed memory, continue to inspire throughout our congregation and community. ○

## IRS Contribution Receipts

Throughout the year, the congregation has provided written acknowledgments for all contributions of \$250 or more as required by the Internal Revenue Service. The synagogue will also send all congregants a complete listing and confirmation of all contributions and payments for the entire 2009 calendar year for their records.

Only checks **postmarked** by December 31, 2009, can be included in the statement. The statement cannot include contributions dated in December but received in January.

The statements will be mailed after January 31, 2010. For additional information or special tax reporting needs, please contact our controller, Lesley Brinton, CPA, in the synagogue accounting office, 202-362-4433. ○



## News from the Religious Practices Committee: The *Keruv Aliyah*

If you're attending *Shabbat* services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, don't take your eyes off the *bima*—something new and exciting could be happening any moment. Last month, congregants witnessed Adas Israel's first *Keruv aliyah*, a novel form of recognition for a newly married couple, during the *Torah* service. What's new is that the *Keruv aliyah* honors a couple in which one member is not Jewish, but both members have made an explicit commitment to maintain a Jewish home in close connection to *Torah* and the Jewish people, and to raise Jewish children.

Part of the broader *Keruv* initiative by Adas Israel to reach out to intermarried couples—the word *keruv* means to draw close—the *Keruv aliyah* is Rabbi Gil Steinlauf's innovative response to congregants who wanted some way to mark their marriages, or their children's marriages, on the *bima* in a way distinct from the traditional *aufruf*. As with the *Keruv* outreach initiative generally, Rabbi Steinlauf notes, the *Keruv aliyah* emphasizes that "we are a congregation that lovingly embraces *all* our members and all the faces of our community, and that the face of the Jewish community includes intermarried families."

Congregants probably noticed that the *misheberach*, or blessing, after the *Keruv aliyah* was different from that of a traditional pre-marriage *aufruf*, and that the congregation sang

"*Am Yisrael Chai*." The *Keruv aliyah* is carefully designed, Rabbi Steinlauf says, to "preserve the integrity of the *aufruf* for what it is, and at the same time to recognize that there are intermarried couples that are really deeply connected to and supportive of the community." He meets beforehand with couples to confirm that the couple is serious about that connection.

The ritual is crafted to conform to the long-standing ritual policy of the Smith Sanctuary service, which permits non-Jewish spouses to ascend to the *bima* to accompany Jewish spouses who have been called to the *Torah* (this can be done, for instance, at a *bar* or *bat mitzvah*). After the Jewish member of the couple has completed the *aliyah*, the rabbi blesses the new couple, wishing them *osher v'simcha* (joy and gladness) and the love and support of the community.

Noting that no ritual policies needed changing, Rabbi Steinlauf brought the proposed *Keruv aliyah* concept to the Religious Practices Committee at its November meeting with the help of Steve Lachter, who heads the community *Keruv* initiative. The committee approved the new ritual resoundingly. The minutes note that the action was taken "in the spirit of inclusion to welcome interfaith people into the Jewish community, with the understanding that the Jewish member is called to the *Torah* and will reaffirm a commitment to *Torah*." —Amy Schwartz

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expected to take into account a national budget when deciding on treatment? What principles should be used to determine how we distribute health services when there is a resource shortage (such as H1N1 vaccinations or kidney transplants)?



Gail Wilensky

The panel will be politically balanced and comprise some of the most knowledgeable individuals in this field. Gail Wilensky is a senior fellow at Project HOPE, an international health education foundation. She served as deputy assistant to President George (H.W.) Bush for policy development, advising him on health and welfare issues from 1992 to 1993. From 1990 to 1992, she was administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, directing the Medicare and Medicaid programs. She is currently president of the Defense Health Board, a federal advisory board to the Secretary of Defense. Wilensky has a Ph.D. in economics.



Stuart Butler

Stuart Butler is the Heritage Foundation's vice president for domestic and economic policy studies. His abiding passion is health care reform, and he co-authored *A National Health System for America*, published in 1989, in which he explained how distortions in the tax code have created a health care system that denies individual choice and drives up costs. He has focused the nation's attention on the costs of Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security with a "Fiscal Wake-Up Tour," in which a group

of nonpartisan, ideologically diverse budget experts travel the country to build public support for tackling the growing budget threat these programs pose. Butler has a doctorate in American economic history from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Wilensky and Butler will be joined by a third expert panelist, representing another point of view, whose name will be announced at a later date.

Helping the panel to frame the issues from a Jewish perspective, Rabbi Feinberg will address Talmudic and other sources on the moral questions the health care debate presents.

The Quebec Street Forum is presented by the World Jewish Affairs Committee, which presents speakers and panels about foreign affairs and American politics from a Jewish perspective. The event, sponsored by the Marilyn and Stefan Tucker Program Fund, is free and open to the public. ○

### FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Jewish life when a healthy reexamination of our institutions and practices is taking hold. At Adas, with our rich tradition that combines solidity and flexibility, we are once again poised to lead the way toward a reinvigorated Conservative Judaism, toward making the synagogue a multigenerational source of Jewish connection and inspiration.

Not everyone's life revolves around the synagogue. But when you do feel the pull of Adas Israel on you, your friends, and your family, we hope that it will be enriching. As you sample our varied programs of study, prayer, and good works, let us know what you find valuable—and not. I look forward to your thoughtful comments and critiques: [president@adasisrael.org](mailto:president@adasisrael.org). ○

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*(The gratifying volume of donations to the Anne Frank House and some changes in the administrative responsibilities of the organization's board members have caused delays in the full reporting of contributions. We hope to be caught up by next month. Thank you for your patience.)*

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### DID YOU KNOW...

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Assembly, and Mark Berlin is president of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. The RA and FJMC acknowledge their presidents with a special *Torah* cover that resides with these officers' congregations during their terms of office. As you enjoy the beautiful lobby cases of the Emanuel Cohen Judaic Museum, you will see the two *Torah* covers on display. *Yasher koach* to Rabbi Wohlberg and Mark Berlin. ○



## Tikkun Olam Continued



*Adas volunteers work with members of the Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ to prepare bags of groceries for distribution before Thanksgiving. They made it to the finish!*

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2010, on Sunday, January 17, 1:30–2:30 pm, in front of the Sudanese embassy (2210 Massachusetts Avenue, NW). We bear witness to the ongoing civil war and genocide in Darfur, Sudan in our monthly third-Sunday vigil with members of People's Congregational Church and other faith communities. The safety and security of Darfuri citizens remain important issues; please join us rain, snow or shine—children, grandparents, friends and neighbors welcome. Never forget; never again!

In addition to advocacy and education, Adas Israel continues to raise funds for humanitarian aid through the purchase of solar cookers so Darfuri women can cook safely within the camps where they now live. A gift of \$30 provides two solar cookers, two pots and potholders, a year's supply of cooking bags, and training for the refugee women and girls. Your donation also provides income opportunities through manufacture of the cookers and carrying bags or for training women in cooking this way. E-mail your donation to [glenn.easton@adasisrael.org](mailto:glenn.easton@adasisrael.org) and charge it to your synagogue account or mail checks, payable to Adas Israel, and include "solar cookers" in the memo line.

To join our Darfur advocacy efforts, call Judy Herr, 301-717-3828. For vigil questions, please call Laura Cutler, 301-980-7182. ○

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importance is of utmost significance to us at BINA.

A special thank you to Jonathan Medalia who, for several years now, has been our liaison and good friend—*toda raba!*

We hope to be able to continue the connection we have developed between Adas Israel and BINA and look forward to seeing you all again soon—either at Adas or at BINA's Secular Yeshiva in Tel-Aviv on your next trip to Israel!

Sincerely,

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### Thank You from BINA

Nov 2009/Kislev 5770

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We wish to thank you very much for your generous donation to BINA—Center for Jewish Identity and Hebrew Culture.

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## Never Forget: Darfur Advocacy

We enter our third year of witnessing the genocide in Darfur and remain committed to continuing our efforts and cooperation with the national advocacy agencies to put an end to the suffering in Sudan.

Our current efforts are focused on three actions:

- monthly vigils in front of the Embassy of Sudan to raise awareness;
- purchase of solar cookers for Darfuri women so they can safely cook within the camps where they now live;
- participation in the April March for Justice in Sudan (with the Darfur Interfaith Network).

Please join us for our first Darfur vigil of

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Darfur diehards Judy Herr (center) and Laura Cutler (right) ensure that we stand vigil each month at the Sudanese embassy. The next vigil is on Sunday, January 17, 1:30–2:30 pm.

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