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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

### THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY TODAY

On March 7, I spoke on a panel at the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's "Routes" conference on "The Greatest Challenge Facing the Jewish Community Today." Sitting on the panel with me were Dr. James Hyman, chief executive officer for the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning; Ron Halber of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington; Esther Safran Foer, director of 6th and I Historic Synagogue; William Darrow, vice president for public policy and director of the Washington office of the Jewish Federations of North America; and Nathan Diamant, director of public policy for the Union of Orthodox Jew-

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## Garden of the Righteous and Yom HaShoah, April 11



Harry Bingham

Adas Israel will mark *Yom HaShoah* with our Garden of the Righteous Ceremony on Sunday, April 11, beginning at 10:30 am. This is the 19th year we will use our memory as a vehicle to honor a non-Jew who saved Jewish lives and who put into practice significant moral and religious values, which we teach and must both emulate and perpetuate.

This year we honor the memory of Hiram (Harry) Bingham IV. Some of Mr. Bingham's children will be here to help honor their father with a plaque in our Garden of the Righteous. Participating in

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## Kay Memorial Lecture to Feature David Makovsky and JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen

You are cordially invited to attend the upcoming **Abraham and Minnie Kay Memorial Lecture** at Adas Israel, sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary, on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:30 pm.

This important and thought-provoking program features David Makovsky, Ziegler Distinguished Fellow and director of the Project on the Middle East Peace Process at the Washington Institute for Near East



David Makovsky



Cancellor Eisen

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## Celebrating Lag B'Omer

This year *Lag B'Omer* falls on Sunday, May 2, but even before the second *seder* is over—while we're still at the table—we start to count the days until *Shavuot*. Before the *matzah* crumbs have been swept away, we begin *Sefirat HaOmer*, the counting of the *omer*.

In Temple times, the *Sefirah* connected the seven weeks between the *Passover* barley harvest with the wheat harvest of *Shavuot*. It was a time of anxiety mixed with hope: Would the crop ripen? Would the harvest be fruitful?

Starting with the second day of *Passover*, our ancestors brought sheaves of grain to the Temple in Jerusalem. These sheaves (called *omer*—literally, a "measure"), were brought every day for 49 days and placed on the altar as an offering to

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# Clergy Corner



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*ish Congregations of America. Each of us was asked to present what we believe is the greatest challenge, and to present ways to deal with that challenge. The comments and questions were fascinating and led to much discussion in the halls after the presentation. Below are my remarks.*

The greatest challenge facing the Jewish people today is postmodernism. Our postmodern era is defined by a questioning and movement away from conventional and traditional systems of thinking and institutions—including synagogues, Jewish organizations, Israel advocacy, and Judaism itself. At the core of postmodernism is a questioning of the very nature of Truth itself. While these questions may seem philosophical and academic, they are at the very heart and worldview of a new generation of Jews who ushered in an era defined by the primacy of the individual and of extreme mistrust of all hierarchies and systems of authority.

The challenges of postmodernity are heightened by the rise of the Internet and the total democratization of knowledge and information. The message of the Internet age is that not only is knowledge equally accessible to everyone, but that we can literally point and click on the information we want to learn, the ideas we want to value, the causes we stand for, the very ideals and identities we live by. We all recognize the many wonderful blessings that can come from a society that is willing to challenge systems that no longer work, that is willing to recognize the rights of every individual to knowledge and to self-fulfillment. But we must find a way to engage a whole new generation to promote the value of “showing up” at a synagogue and creating lifelong, lasting commitments to intergenerational communities.

Postmodernism unconsciously liberates younger Jews today to question and to reject any and all familial, communal, or religious allegiances in favor of causes that are more personally relevant. Recent findings by the Pew Research Center report a rise in pick-and-choose religious identities and affiliations, not just by Jews, but by Americans in general.

Postmodernism is a great challenge to Jews, Judaism, and Jewish communities today, but it is not a catastrophe. Our synagogues and institutions are still structured on 20th-century models of one-size-fits-all movements and top-down authority structures that are becoming totally irrelevant for a new generation of Jews. We have to fundamentally change what we mean by Jewish institutions and Jewish living if we are to adapt to this postmodern world.

Two areas where we as a community can respond to the

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greatest challenge are in redefining the nature of a synagogue communities, and in our evolving relationship to *Halakhah* and Jewish tradition to become more welcoming of Jews as individuals. First, community: I will use Adas Israel as a perfect example of redefinitions. Adas Israel, for years now, has hosted multiple *minyanim*. If you trace the relationship between the *minyanim* and *shul* leadership, you see the movement toward postmodern values develop within the synagogue. At first, when the *Havurah* and the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan came on the scene, they were tolerated at best. But now we have begun redefining the synagogue as a community that welcomes, celebrates, and is **defined by** multiple *minyanim*, multiple points of entry, multiple experiences of *Yiddishkeit*. In fact, we have actually been expanding the pluralist identity and have been increasing the number of services and community experiences that are tailored to particular subcommunities. We need to create communities where members can choose for themselves—in very postmodern fashion—Jewish experiences within their own synagogue that are tailored to their phase of life and values. Synagogues must also reach out to foster, encourage, and partner—rather than compete—with independent *minyanim* that have sprung up, JCCs, Federation, 6th and I, etc. But in all of these various subgroups and *minyanim* that should define Jewish communal life, the key word must be **community**. What a synagogue can provide that no other Jewish institution can is the experience of a *Kehillah*—the notion of different people, different generations coming together. So synagogues must lead the way in modeling a community with all of these multiple points of entry. Just as synagogues can bring community together, despite our different ages and values, to celebrate at holidays and programs, so, too, must we all self-define as one community, with many faces.

A second area of response to postmodernity is in the evolution of Jewish practice itself within the synagogue to create a warmer and more welcoming experience of Judaism. So, for example, we have just broken with conventional Conservative practice and have created a new policy that allows for potluck meals to happen within the synagogue building—to allow people to bring in dairy or *pareve* food, cooked even in their non-kosher kitchens, into designated areas in the *shul*. Synagogues should explore ways create a space in the congregation where people can come together in small groups and create a *haimish* experience for themselves—not directed or dictated by an institution, but rather to have moments like a *Shabbat* meal made by Jews for Jews.

A critical area of necessary evolution is with respect to interfaith families. We need to welcome and engage interfaith

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## '100 Voices—A Journey Home'



Last summer, I joined approximately 100 other cantors, in addition to some of our congregants, on a mission to Poland. During this trip, in conjunction with the 18th Jewish Culture Festival, we made history by holding religious services at the Tempel Synagogue in Krakow, which had not happened since World War II.

We also *davened* a weekday morning service between the barracks at Auschwitz and participated in memorial services at Birkenau, in addition to ushering out *Shabbat* and welcoming the new week with *Havdalah* on the main stage of the Krakow Jewish Festival, before a crowd of close to 15,000.

In addition, I joined the leadership of the Cantors Assembly in a concert for the upcoming documentary, *100 Voices—A Journey Home*, at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland.

We are now beginning our plans for a mission to both Germany and Lithuania in 2012, and I look forward to sharing memories of that Cantors Assembly trip as well with the Adas Israel community.

—Hazzan Jeffrey Weber

## Synagogue Closings

Passover *Erev Yom Tov*, Sunday, April 4:

Schools/Offices Close at 3:30 pm

Passover 7 & 8, Mon. & Tues., April 5 & 6:

Schools/Offices Closed

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couples and families. With an intermarriage rate of well over 52 percent and climbing, the face of the Jewish community forever more includes non-Jews. We must evolve or become irrelevant. So, for example, I have created a new practice in our synagogue life, called a *Keruv Aliyah*, where we call up the Jewish spouse immediately after the wedding, and the non-Jewish spouse accompanies him or her to the *bimah*. And I address the couple on the *bimah* where I let them know publicly that we in their synagogue community wish them nothing but love and support in their life journey as part of the Jewish community.

In all these ways, we must move with the postmodern times, embracing and welcoming our postmodern Jews *ba'asher hem sham*, where and as they are as Jews in this ever-changing world. ○

## Holidays

### Affirm the Rights of Workers & Families in Our Region at Annual Jews United for Justice Labor Seder, April 11

Each year, the Labor Seder highlights a current workers' rights struggle and brings together the Jewish and labor communities in a shared commitment to social and economic justice. This year's *seder*, to be held at Adas Israel, will focus on our region's social safety net crisis, as city and state budgets are cut in ways that disproportionately affect working families and low-income residents.

The *seder* will feature singing, storytelling, discussion, reflection, and action, as well as local workers, activists, rabbis, and an original *haggadah*. All are welcome; light refreshments and symbolic Passover foods will be served. There will be a children's program as well.

- ▶ Sunday, April 11, 6:30–9:00 pm
- ▶ \$18 general admission; \$10 for children, students, and people of limited income; \$36 for families. If cost is an issue please contact JUFJ; no one will be turned away.

▶ Pre-register online at [www.jufj.org](http://www.jufj.org).

Pre-registration is strongly preferred; a limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more information, e-mail [seder@jufj.org](mailto:seder@jufj.org). ○

### Passover at Adas Israel, 5770

**Sell hametz by Monday morning, March 29**

**Mon., March 29; Erev Pesach**

Morning *Minyan*—Service for the Firstborn, 7:15 am

*Siyyum* Breakfast, 8:30 am

Evening *Minyan*, 6:00 pm

Erev *Pesach*—First Seder

Light Candles, 7:10 pm

**Tues., March 30; Pesach—Day 1**

*Pesach* Service—Day 1 (Combined Service) with Rabbi Steinlauf, 9:30 am

Evening *Minyan*, 6:00 pm

Congregational Passover Seder, 7:00 pm

Light Candles, **after** 8:09 pm

**Wed., March 31; Pesach—Day 2**

*Pesach* Service—Day 2 (Combined Service) with Rabbi Feinberg, 9:30 am

Evening *Minyan*, 6:00 pm

**Thurs., April 1 & Fri., April 2;**

**Pesach—Days 3 & 4**

Morning *Minyan*, 7:30 am

Evening *Minyan*, 6:00 pm

**Sat., April 3; Pesach—Day 5**

*Shabbat* Service, 9:30 am

Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*, 9:30 am

*Havurah Shabbat* Service, 9:30 am

*Shabbat* Spot, 10:00 am

Evening *Minyan*, 6:00 pm

YP Macaroon Madness, 8:30 pm

**Sun., April 4; Pesach—Day 6**

Morning *Minyan*, 8:30 am

Evening *Minyan*, 6:00 pm

**Mon., April 5; Pesach—Day 7**

Combined Service, 9:30 am

Evening Service, 6:00 pm

**Tues., April 6; Pesach—Day 8**

*Pesach* Service, 9:30 am

Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*, 9:30 am

Passover *Yizkor* Service, 11:15 am



## Yom HaZikaron

On this Memorial Day, the fourth of Iyar in the Hebrew calendar, we commemorate the soldiers who have fallen fighting for Israel's independence and defending its security. Israel marks *Yom HaZikaron* with sirens that alert people to stop all activity and honor the fallen.

This holiday's placement, the day before Israel's Independence Day, is intentional: soldiers who give their lives are directly responsible for the existence of Israel as an independent state. In this way, a day of solemn commemoration can be followed by joyous celebration and song.

This year, Yom HaZikaron is observed on Monday, April 19. (From Hillel.org) ○

## Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israel's Independence Day, 5770

The anniversary of the modern State of Israel is a wonderful milestone for the State and for the Jewish people. This modern miracle is unparalleled in history. *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* is celebrated this year on Tuesday, April 20.

In celebration of *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*, please attend our morning minyan at 7:15 am on Tuesday morning, April 20. Join us as we celebrate modern Israel's past, present, and future. ○

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God. Then, on the 50th day, the people celebrated *Shavuot*. Two loaves of bread made from the new wheat crop were offered in thanksgiving for God's bounty, and the counting of the *omer* was finished for another year.

During the Exile, when the Jews were separated from their land, the rabbis shifted the emphasis of the *omer* from the agricultural to the allegorical. They made Passover the time of Israel's "betrothal" to God and *Shavuot*, the "wedding day." And, the rabbis reasoned, just as a bride eagerly counts the days between her engagement and her wedding, so will Israel continue to count the days between Passover and *Shavuot*, when we were finally united with God through our acceptance of the *Torah*.

In this spirit, the ancient Israelites celebrated the *omer* period with joy. But after the destruction of the Second Temple, for some, the *Sefirah* turned into seven weeks of semi-mourning, during which some do not get haircuts, go to banquets, listen to music, or attend a wedding.

Whatever the reason for the mournful mood of the *omer*, things brighten up on the 33rd day of the count with the arrival—in the Hebrew month of Iyar—of the festival of *Lag B'Omer* (*Lag* from the Hebrew letters *lamed* and *gimel*, which add up to 33).

The congregation will celebrate with a Family Lag B'Omer Celebration on Sunday, May 2, 9:15 am–2:15 pm. Join us for a bonfire, picnic, live musical entertainment, and games and activities for children of all ages. This is a joint program of the Gan Parents Association, Religious School Committee, and Youth Caucus. (Parts of this article were excerpted from the United Jewish Communities website.) ○

## Memorial Candle

According to Jewish law, cooking is permitted during festivals, but one does not light a fire on a festival. Therefore, the tradition is to light a *yahrzeit* candle prior to all festivals—including the first two and last two days of Passover—to be used for lighting Yom Tov candles, and for kindling any flames that might be used for cooking. This Halakhic principle is called "Esh mi'Esh," or "Fire from Fire"—we only kindle fires from already burning flames. As one *yahrzeit* candle burns down at the end of the first 24-hour period of the festival, we use its flame to light a *yahrzeit* candle for the second 24-hour period of the second festival day. On the eighth day of Passover, the *yahrzeit* candle for many takes on an extra level of significance because of the recitation of *Yizkor* on the last day of Passover.

When considering the extra meaning of the *yahrzeit* candle for the last day of Passover, we are reminded of the anniversary of the date of death for our loved ones, at which time the following words apply:

In the Jewish tradition, there is no official blessing recited upon lighting a *yahrzeit* candle. The reason for this is that the act of kindling the *yahrzeit* light is not the direct fulfillment of a specific mitzvah. The light reminds us of the *neshamot*, the souls of our beloved departed who brought light to our lives. There is a power in having nothing to say at all upon kindling the *yahrzeit* candle. As Jews, we are used to having something to say at a special moment—a blessing or a prayer. At this moment, however, when the memory of a whole life is before us, there are no words. There is only silence. When Aharon the High Priest witnessed the death of his two sons, the Torah says "Vayidom Aharon," "And Aharon was silent" (Leviticus 10:3). Silence does not necessarily represent the lack of pathos and love. It can also be the fullness of those feelings, so full in fact, that no words can adequately capture them. As we light the *yahrzeit* lights, we can notice this silence, and feel the depth of love for those whom we have lost. ○

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### Scenes from *Purim* at Adas Israel

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the ceremony will be the Israeli embassy, the Adas Israel clergy, the Georgetown Day School Choir, and children from our Melvin Gelman Religious School.

Harry Bingham came from an illustrious family. His father (on whom the fictional character, Indiana Jones, was based) was the archaeologist who unearthed the Inca City of Machu Picchu, Peru, in 1911. He entered the U.S. diplomatic service and, in 1939, was posted to Marseilles, France, as American vice-consul. The United States was then neutral, and, not wishing to annoy Marshal Petain's puppet Vichy regime, President Roosevelt's government ordered its representatives in Marseilles not to grant visas to any Jews. Bingham found this policy immoral and, risking his career, did all in his power to undermine it.

In defiance of his bosses in Washington, he granted more than 2,500 U.S. visas to Jewish and other refugees, including artists Marc Chagall and Max Ernst and the family of writer Thomas Mann. He also sheltered Jews in his Marseilles home and obtained forged identity papers to help them in their dangerous journeys across Europe. In addition, he worked with the French underground to smuggle Jews out of France into Franco's Spain or across the Mediterranean and even contributed to the cost out of his own pocket.

In 1941, Washington lost patience with him and sent him to Argentina, where later he continued to annoy his superiors by reporting on the movements of local Nazis. Eventually, he was forced out of the American diplomatic service completely. Mr. Bingham died in 1988.

Little was known of his extraordinary activities until one of his children found some letters in his belongings after his death.

He has now been honored by many groups and organizations, including the United Nations and the State of Israel, but for more than 50 years, the U.S. State Department resisted any attempt to honor Bingham. After his death, he was officially recognized as a hero, and, in 2002, Secretary of State Colin Powell gave a posthumous award for "constructive dissent" to Hiram Bingham IV.

The Adas Israel Garden of the Righteous is a beautiful reminder of numerous acts of decency and daring performed by many non-Jews in the midst of one of the most tragic moments in human history. The entire community is cordially invited to this wonderful event. Refreshments will be served on the front patio after the completion of the ceremony.

This program is supported in part by the Men's Club of Adas Israel, the Ryna and Melvin Cohen Senior Rabbi Program Fund, and the Peter Dreyer Memorial Endowment Fund.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (JCRC) and area Holocaust organizations will sponsor a community-wide observance of *Yom HaShoah v' HaGvurah*, Holocaust Heroes and Martyrs Day. This year's commemoration takes place on April 11 at B'nai Israel Congregation, 6301 Montrose Road, Rockville. From 3:00 to 4:00 pm there will be a community-wide name reading, a worldwide program of B'nai B'rith International. Then, the Community Service will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and will include commemoration, reflection, music, and education.

Before the main program at B'nai Israel Congregation, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, children are invited to a *Dor L'Dor* Youth Program, which will give students ages 12 and older the opportunity to gather in small groups to listen as Holocaust survivors tell their stories. Please call 301-770-0881 for details. ○



# Men's Club

## New Summer Scholarship Fund

The Men's Club donated \$2,500 to help fund scholarships this summer for Adas Israel children. In honor of our past chapter president and current international president, Mark Berlin, we have established an ongoing summer scholarship to help defray the cost of summer Jewish activities for members' children. Rather than do this on our own, we are donating money to supplement Adas Israel's summer scholarship funds. Our ultimate goal is to raise enough money over time to meet the needs of every applicant. Look for upcoming activities whose proceeds will go to bolster this new fund.

## Garden of the Righteous

The synagogue will again recognize the outstanding efforts of a righteous gentile, and we are pleased to support and participate in this event. This year's honoree, Hiram Bingham (ז"ל), was an American foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department who defied his orders to save Jews during the Holocaust. In keeping with our tradition of celebrating *Yom HaShoah*, the Men's Club is also mailing out memorial candles to be lit on Sunday evening April 11. Please contact us if you have not received a candle and would like one this year, [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org).



## Friday Night Live Shabbat Dinners Continue

Do you know anyone who has joined our congregation in the last two years? We'd like to invite him or her (and family) to a *Shabbat* dinner hosted by various members of the congregation on Friday evening, April 30. We had a successful event in November, but were snowed out in February. Please let us know, and we will add the name(s) to our growing list. Each dinner is a low-key event with two to four families, where people can enjoy a traditional meal, meet new friends, and become part of the Adas Israel family.

## How's Your Palate Wine Tasting?



Join us Saturday, May 1, 7:30–9:30 pm, for *Havdalah* and an evening of delicious exploration of wines from around the globe. Sponsored by Adas member Ed Sands and the Calvert Woodley Wine and Cheese Shop, the Men's Club will gather for appetizers, friendship, and some virtual travel to places far and wide. We will be led on this journey by a local wine expert who will help us

discern chardonnay from cabernet, Rioja from Tiber, and Zin from sin! Everyone is welcome, \$30 each or \$50/couple, and proceeds go to the Summer Scholarship Fund. For reservations, e-mail [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org). ○

## Adas Oneg Shabbat Service to Feature Franklin Foer, Apr. 16

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.



**Franklin Foer**, editor of the *New Republic* and author of the international bestseller, *How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization*, which has been translated into 27 languages, will speak at our Adas *Oneg* Shabbat Service on Friday, April 16. Before going to *TNR* 2000, he worked for *Slate* and *U.S. News & World Report*. His work has also appeared in the *New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly*, and *New York* magazine. He became editor of *TNR* in March 2006. Foer, whose parents are members of Adas Israel, is a graduate of Columbia College and a native Washingtonian. ○

## The Shramchenko Collection

Adas Israel is fortunate to have a growing collection of paintings in a revolving display in the Mendelson Gallery. Among the collection is a series of water color paintings by the late Mykola Shramchenko donated by Diane and Norman Bernstein.

Shramchenko, a Ukrainian Christian, lived in the household of a Jewish family and was arrested by the Nazis who considered him a Jew. He used his artistic talents to forge credentials for Ukrainian Jews attempting to escape from Hitler, for which he was arrested. Many of his paintings are a vivid representation of what he saw in the concentration camps.

A selection from the Shramchenko Collection will be on display on *Yom HaShoah* and for the Garden of the Righteous program, April 11. ○



# Sisterhood

## Sisterhood Shabbat, 5770

On February 26–27, Sisterhood women from the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, *Havurah*, and Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* led services on behalf of the congregation. Sisterhood women served as *Shlichai Tzibur* and *Gabbaim*, chanted *Torah*, shared selected readings, and were honored with *aliyot* in recognition of their service to the organization. Sisterhood also welcomed some of its newest members with a special group *aliyah*.

At the Oneg Shabbat service, Rabbi Feinberg spoke about women, such as Esther of the *Purim* story, who acted on their convictions and helped to bring about miracles, even in modern day. On Shabbat, Joyce Stern's *d'var Torah* highlighted the role of the *menorah* in the Holy Temple and today's *ner tamid* (eternal light) as a constant reminder of the ability of human beings to infuse glory into the existence of the Divine (read her *d'var Torah* on the Sisterhood website, [www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood.htm](http://www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood.htm)).

A hearty *yasher kochachen* to all Sisterhood *Shabbat* participants and to this year's service coordinators, Linda Yitzchak and Susan Finston, and a special thanks to Cantor Jeffrey Weber and Rabbi Gil Steinlauf.

Sisterhood is proud of its mission and continuing tradition of providing opportunities for Jewish educational, ritual, and spiritual growth for the women of our congregation. We encourage all women interested in pursuing these avenues of engagement to become involved in Sisterhood. ○

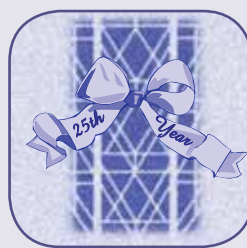
## Sisterhood April Calendar

**Sunday, April 11:** WLCJ Seaboard Region So. Virginia Education Day with Vanessa Ochs. See Sisterhood website, [www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood.htm](http://www.adasisrael.org/sisterhood.htm).

**Monday, April 12:** Sisterhood Book Group reviews *Never Nosh a Matzo Ball* by Sharon Kahn, 11:00 am, Library

**Monday, May 3:** Sisterhood Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Wasserman Hall

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Policy, in conversation with Professor Arnold M. Eisen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary. They will discuss Israel, the United States, and the current impasse in the Middle East peace process, with special reference to the role of American Jews and the looming specter of a nuclear Iran.

In addition to his work at the Washington Institute, Makovsky is an adjunct lecturer in Middle Eastern studies at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He is also the coauthor, with Dennis Ross, of the 2009 book, *Myths, Illusions, and Peace: Finding a New Direction in the Middle East*, and the author or coauthor of a variety of Washington Institute monographs on issues related to the Middle East.

Makovsky is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies. His commentary on the peace process and the Arab-Israeli conflict has appeared in many national and international publications, and he appears frequently in the media to comment on Arab-Israeli affairs, including *PBS NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer. Makovsky is

former executive editor of the *Jerusalem Post* and was the diplomatic correspondent for Israel's leading daily, *Haaretz*. Now a contributing editor to *U.S. News and World Report*, he was the magazine's special Jerusalem correspondent for 11 years.

Arnold M. Eisen, one of the world's foremost experts on American Judaism, is the seventh chancellor of JTS. Since his inauguration in 2007, Eisen has met with world leaders, engaged in prominent interdenominational and interfaith dialogues, and championed a transformation in the education of the next generation of Conservative leadership.

Before coming to JTS, Eisen was Koshland Professor of Jewish Culture and Religion at Stanford University. His many publications include *Taking Hold of Torah: Jewish Commitment and Community in America*, and he is writing a book that probes new possibilities for the meaning of Zionism.

A dessert reception will follow the lecture ○



*Abe and Minnie Kay*

# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Births

Meirav Adi Rosenstock, daughter of Eyal Rosenstock & Marie Pineiro

Lucy Bee Smolar, daughter of David & Rebecca Smolar

Lior Daniel Zucker, son of Rob & Shana Zucker

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

### B'nai Mitzvah



#### **Samantha Knapp, April 10**

Samantha, daughter of Jeanie Milbauer and Bill Knapp, is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. She started her Jewish education as a Chick at Gan HaYeled. Samantha happily shares this *simcha* with her siblings, Bryan and Ally, and the rest of her family.



#### **Maya Meltsner, April 17**

Maya, daughter of Jim Meltsner and Lisa Kleine, is a seventh grader at the Holton-Arms School. She began her Jewish education the Gan HaYeled and is now a student at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Maya is the granddaughter of Barbara and Edward Meltsner of New York City and Robert and Suzanne Kleine of

Southport, NC. She shares her *simcha* with her sister Amanda, who became a *bat mitzvah* at Adas Israel; her brother, Isaac, and the rest of her family.



#### **Annie Fisher, April 17**

Annie is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. She began her religious school education in kindergarten and currently attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Annie celebrates her *simcha* with her parents, Nancy and Paul Fisher, sister Emma, and loving family from New York, Massachusetts, and Florida.



#### **Nathaniel Albert, April 24**

Nate, son of Ruth and Rob Albert, began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled. He is a seventh grader at Westland Middle School and a student at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. For his *tzedakah* project, he is helping to prepare and serve meals at Luther Place/ N St. Village

Women's Shelter. Nate shares his *simcha* with his sister, Phylcia; his grandparents, Sy and Suzanne Susswein of New York and Frances Albert of Florida, and the rest of his family.

## Members in the News

Marc Schlosberg, son of **Hubert & Charlotte Schlosberg**, played clarinet as part of the Jefferson Monticello program of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies.

**Rosalyn Levy Jonas** was honored by the Jewish Community Center Washington with its prestigious Benjamin Ourisman Memorial Award for Civic Achievement at the JCC's March Gala. Rosalyn has served as president of the JCC and founded the center's Sarah's Sisters and Heaven & Earth Craft programs. She also serves on the national board of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

*Yasher koach* to **Brian Weinstein** on publication of his book, *54 Torah Talks: From Layperson to Layperson*, a collection of *divrei Torah* on each *parasha*, a compilation of Brian's presentations over the years in the Traditional *Minyan* and at the Friday night *Shabbat* evening service. Brian discusses one or more points in each of the 54 sections into which the *Torah* is divided. Despite the lengthy period the *Torah* covers, there are consistent important themes recurring in the text, including *Torah* is a source of Jewish identity, direction, and civility from the ancient past to the present. Jewish laypersons and clergy study the *Torah* to improve the quality of their existence in the here and now and to renew their relationship with God.

**Laurie Strongin's** new book, *Saving Henry*, details her family's struggle to save their dying son. Because he needed a bone marrow transplant to beat a deadly disease, doctors urged Laurie to get pregnant. The goal: genetically engineer a perfect donor for Henry. Using science to conceive a third child and save her oldest son's life seemed almost "too good to be true," recalls Strongin. The strategy, which the family and its doctors pioneered, raised ethical debates among researchers and parents and was dramatized in a best-selling novel.

## In Memoriam

### **We mourn the loss of synagogue members:**

Hermen Greenberg

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

Bruce Kletzkyn, brother of Morris Kletzkyn

Doris Schwartz, mother of Amy Schwartz

Betty Fudeman, grandmother of Hazzan Jenna Greenberg

Ellis Gadol, father of Judith Gadol

Arnold F. Lavenstein, father of Bennett Lavenstein

Sue Rose, grandmother of Craig Chosiad

James Marin, father of Barbara Marin

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## Cantors' Concert: 'A Yiddishe Mama,' May 9

Come enjoy a wide variety of musical styles and personalities at a special Mother's Day concert by members of the Seaboard Region of the Cantors Assembly, presented by Hazzanim Jeffrey Weber and Jenna Greenberg at Adas Israel on Sunday May 9, at 3 pm.

There is no charge to attend, but contributions to the Cantors Assembly are welcome. For more information, contact [Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org](mailto:Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org), Cantor. [Weber@adasisrael.org](mailto:Weber@adasisrael.org), or Hazzan. [Greenberg@adasisrael.org](mailto:Greenberg@adasisrael.org), or call the synagogue, 202-362-4433.



## World Television Premiere *Among the Righteous*

Did any Arabs save Jews during the Holocaust? Seeking a hopeful response to the problems of Holocaust ignorance and denial in the Arab world, and in the wake of 9/11, Middle East expert and Adas Israel member Robert Satloff set out on what would become an eight-year journey to find an Arab hero whose story would change the way Arabs view Jews, themselves, and their own history. Along the way, Satloff found not only the Arab heroes for whom he started his quest but a vast, lost history of what actually happened to the half-million Jews of the North Africa under Nazi, Vichy, and Fascist rule.

Produced by MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, *Among the Righteous: Lost Stories from the Holocaust in Arab Lands*, based on Satloff's 2006 book of the same name, will air on PBS on Monday, April 12, at 10 pm (check your local listings for the time). This documentary, filmed on location in Tunisia, Morocco, France, Israel, and the United States, chronicles the surprising discoveries that are already challenging how both Arabs and Jews view a long-forgotten chapter of the darkest moment in modern times. The documentary ends with scenes from the 2008 Adas Israel Garden of the Righteous ceremony honoring the memory of Khaled Abdul-Wahab (1911-1997) of Tunisia. ◯



## Adas Israel Simcha Wall Celebrates Joyous Life-Cycle Events

Members and friends have a way to commemorate joyous milestones in the lives of their friends and families. The Adas Israel *Simcha Wall*, designed by artist Arnold Schwarzbart, is a unique and beautiful porcelain work of art that includes space for special commemorative plaques.

The plaques are surrounded by a creative Washington, DC, cityscape, including all three synagogue buildings as well as the Holy City of Jerusalem. Embossed in the porcelain are *brachot* (blessings) and quotations relating to *s'machot* in Hebrew and English. The *Simcha Wall*, donated by Diane and David B Sykes, is permanently displayed in the Gewirz Hall Lobby.



*You Have Brought Joy to My Heart...*

Wording is standardized on each *Simcha* plaque which can be commemorate such events as *b'nai mitzvah*, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, Confirmation, and community service, among others. Please contact Elinor Tattar, 202-362-4433, ext. 147, for more information or to order your plaque ◯

## Zayin Adar Dinner to Benefit Haiti Relief

Following an ancient Jewish tradition, the Adas Israel Bereavement Committee meets each year on *Zayin Adar* (7th day of the Hebrew month of Adar), which is acknowledged as the *yahrzeit* of Moses. On 7 Adar, the legend is that God handled the funeral arrangements for Moses so the *chevrah kadisha* had the time off to study. This date each year is a time for the committee to meet, break bread, and be thanked and honored quietly for performing the ultimate *mitzvah*, which can never be acknowledged.

Due to scheduling and snow-related challenges, instead of meeting this year, the funds normally used for the 7 Adar dinner have been donated to Haiti Relief in the name of our *chevrah kadisha*—bereavement committee, *tahara* group, *shomrim*, clergy, and staff—for their extraordinary work on behalf of their fellow members. A contribution has been sent to the American Jewish World Service Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, in addition to the thousands of dollars our members have contributed toward Haiti Relief through the United Synagogue Social Action Program.


For Information about joining the Bereavement Committee, please leave a message for Jane Beller or Edie Hessel at the synagogue, 202-362-4433.

"From generation to generation..."

# L'DOR VA'DOR

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

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 - Service  
7:00 - Dinner



\$9.75 - Child Dinner (12 and under)  
\$18.75 - Adult Dinner

RSVP by Tuesday, April 6 by emailing [kate.bailey@adasisrael.org](mailto:kate.bailey@adasisrael.org) or by calling (202)362-4449.

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SHABBAT HIGHLIGHTS & ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

**L’Dor VaDor Service & Dinner:** Friday, April 9, 6:00 pm; RSVP to Kate Bailey by Tuesday, April 6, [kate.bailey@adasisrael.org](mailto:kate.bailey@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4449

**YP ‘Shir Delight’ Shabbat Service:** Friday, April 9, 7:00 pm

**Adas Oneg Service:** Friday, April 16, 8:00 pm; guest speaker, Franklin Foer

**Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner:** Friday, April 16, 7:00 pm; RSVP by noon, April 14, [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org). See [http://adasisrael.org/Ruach minyan.htm](http://adasisrael.org/Ruach%20minyan.htm) for cost and RSVP details.

**Gan Service & Dinner with Cantor Weber & Robyn Helzner:** Friday, April 16, 5:30 pm

**Adas Oneg Service:** April 23, 8:00 pm

**In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary:** Cantor 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.

**‘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
<div><div>28</div><div>13 Nisan</div><div>Pesach/Spring Break–Schools Closed</div><div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>9:00 am Men’s Club/JSSA Food for the Needy</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>29</div><div>Erev Pesach–1st Seder 14 Nisan</div><div>Pesach/Spring Break–Schools Closed</div><div>7:15 am Morning Minyan–Service for the First Born</div><div>8:30 am Siyyum Breakfast</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>30</div><div>Pesach–Day 1/2nd Seder 15 Nisan</div><div>Pesach/Spring Break–Schools Closed</div><div>9:30 am Pesach Service–Day 1 (Combined Service) with Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>7:00 pm Congregational Passover Seder</div></div>	<div><div>31</div><div>Pesach–Day 2 16 Nisan</div><div>Pesach/Spring Break–Schools Closed</div><div>9:30 am Pesach Service–Day 2 (Combined Service) with Rabbi Feinberg</div><div>12:00 pm Pesach Kiddush</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>7:00 pm Adas Israel Congregational Seder</div></div>	<div><div>1</div><div>Pesach–Day3 17 Nisan</div><div>Chol HaMoed Pesach</div><div>Pesach/Spring Break–Schools Closed</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div> <div>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</div>	<div><div>2</div><div>Pesach–Day 4 18 Nisan</div><div>Chol HaMoed Pesach</div><div>Pesach/Spring Break–Schools Closed</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service</div><div>No Late Service</div></div>	<div><div>3</div><div>Pesach–Day 5/Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach 19 Nisan</div><div>9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary–Chol HaMoed Pesach</div><div>Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg</div><div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div><div>9:30 am Havurah Shabbat Service</div><div>D’var Torah by Rabbi Joshua Haberman</div><div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div><div>12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush</div><div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div></div>
<div><div>4</div><div>Pesach–Day 6 20 Nisan</div><div>Chol HaMoed Pesach</div><div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>5</div><div>Pesach–Day 7 21 Nisan</div><div>Pesach/Spring Break–Schools Closed</div><div>9:30 am Pesach Service–Day 7 (Combined Service)</div><div>Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div>Pesach–Day 8 22 Nisan</div><div>Pesach/Spring Break–Schools Closed</div><div>9:30 am Pesach Service, Smith Sanctuary</div><div>Yizkor at 11:15 am</div><div>Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div><div>Pesach Service (Yizkor)</div><div>12:00 pm Pesach Kiddush</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>7:30 pm YP Committee Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>7</div><div>23 Nisan</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>8</div><div>24 Nisan</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div> <div>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</div>	<div><div>9</div><div>25 Nisan</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing</div><div>6:00 pm L’Dor VaDor Shabbat Service &amp; Dinner with Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>7:00 pm YP Shir Delight Shabbat</div><div>No Late Service</div></div>	<div><div>10</div><div>PARSHAT SHEMINI 26 Nisan</div><div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div><div>9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary</div><div>Bat Mitzvah: Samantha Knapp</div><div>Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div><div>D’var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg</div><div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div><div>11:00 am Youth Services</div><div>12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Jeanie Milbauer and Bill Knapp</div></div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div>
<div><div>11</div><div>Yom HaShoah 27 Nisan</div><div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>10:30 am Garden of the Righteous Ceremony honoring the memory of Hiram Bingham IV</div><div>12:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal</div><div>4:00 pm Yom HaShoah v’HaGvurah</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>12</div><div>28 Nisan</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>11:00 am Sisterhood Book Club</div><div>1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>7:00 pm Hebrew Literacy III</div></div>	<div><div>13</div><div>29 Nisan</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>12:00 pm Downtown Study Group</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>8:00 pm Men’s Study Group</div></div>	<div><div>14</div><div>Rosh Chodesh Iyar 30 Nisan</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>Rosh Chodesh Iyar Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>15</div><div>Rosh Chodesh Iyar 1 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>Rosh Chodesh Iyar Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div> <div>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</div>	<div><div>16</div><div>2 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing</div><div>5:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Dinner &amp; Service with Cantor Weber &amp; Robyn Helzner</div><div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service with Rabbi Feinberg</div><div>7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service &amp; Dinner</div><div>8:00 pm Adas Oneg Service with Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>Guest Speaker: Franklin Foer</div><div>9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Jim Meltsner &amp; Lisa Kleine</div></div>	<div><div>17</div><div>PARSHAT TAZRIA/METZORA 3 Iyar</div><div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div><div>9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary</div><div>B’not Mitzvah: Maya Meltsner &amp; Annie Fisher; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div><div>D’var Torah by Sheldon Kimmel</div><div>9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service</div><div>D’var Torah by Michael Stern</div></div> <div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div> <div>10:00 am Learners’ Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg</div> <div>11:00 am Youth Services</div> <div>12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Jim Meltsner &amp; Lisa Kleine</div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div>
<div><div>18</div><div>4 Iyar</div><div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>9:00 am Religious School–Yom Ha’Atzmaut Program</div><div>12:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal</div><div>12:30 pm Religious School Faculty Lunch Meeting</div><div>4:00 pm YP Yom Ha’Atzmaut Al ha’esh BBQ</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>19</div><div>Yom Ha’atzmaut 5 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>7:00 pm Hebrew Literacy III</div></div>	<div><div>20</div><div>6 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>7:15 pm Lifelong Learning classes</div></div>	<div><div>21</div><div>7 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>22</div><div>8 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div> <div>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</div>	<div><div>23</div><div>9 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing</div><div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service with Rabbi Feinberg</div><div>6:00 pm Gimel Daled Shabbaton Shabbat Dinner &amp; Service</div><div>8:00 pm Adas Oneg Service with Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Ruth and Rob Albert</div></div>	<div><div>24</div><div>PARSHAT ACHAREI MOT/KEDOSHIM 10 Iyar</div><div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div><div>9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary</div><div>Bar Mitzvah: Nathaniel Albert</div><div>Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg</div><div>Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div><div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div><div>11:00 am Jr. Congregation</div><div>11:00 am Youth Services</div><div>12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Ruth and Rob Albert</div></div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div>
<div><div>25</div><div>11 Iyar</div><div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>10:00 am Judaism &amp; Science Program</div><div>12:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div>	<div><div>26</div><div>12 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>6:30 pm Investment Committee Meeting</div><div>7:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div></div>	<div><div>27</div><div>13 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Meeting</div><div>7:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div></div>	<div><div>28</div><div>14 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:15 pm Evening Minyan</div><div>6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting</div></div>	<div><div>29</div><div>15 Iyar r</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div></div> <div>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</div>	<div><div>30</div><div>16 Iyar</div><div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div><div>11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing</div><div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service with Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>7:00 pm Men’s Club Friday Night Live</div><div>No late service</div></div>	<div><div>1</div><div>PARSHAT EMOR 17 Iyar</div><div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div><div>9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary</div><div>Bar Mitzvah: David Lane</div><div>Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf</div><div>Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div><div>Havurah Shabbat Service</div><div>D’var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg</div><div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div><div>11:00 am Youth Services</div></div> <div>12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush</div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div> <div>7:30 pm Men’s Club Wine &amp; Cheese Havdalah Program</div>



# Schools

## Religious School

### Mah Tov Moments

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

### N Street Village Mitzvah Project a Success!

Our N Street Village *mitzvah* project was a great success! Students at the February 28 *Purim* Carnival decorated and filled 37 reusable grocery bags with essential supplies, including bath towels, daily planners, and healthy snacks. The Confirmation class also raffled off prizes such as iTunes gift cards and Wizards and Nationals tickets, with proceeds benefiting N Street Village—raising more than \$400!

This *mitzvah* project was tied into the Jewish value for January–February, *kavod habriyot*, a set of values and laws to encourage dignity and respect for all human beings. The N Street Village night shelter provides housing for up to 31 women while helping them set and achieve goals for moving out of homelessness. *Yasher koach* to all of our students and families who participated in this important and meaningful *mitzvah* project!

### Six Adas Teens to Visit Israel This Summer

Six Adas Israel teens have already signed up for programs in Israel this summer. Israel Quest, a project of the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning, provides scholarships for DC-area teens in grades 9–12 to go on educational trips to Israel.

The students are Hannah Goldman, Nesiya; Gabi Rubin, Bronfman Fellowship or Nesiya; Lily Moghadam, USY Pilgrimage; Jill Sorcher, Ramah Seminar; Annie Epstein, BBYO; and Yoni Kalin, Habonim Dror Machaneh Bonim ○

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Retreat, May 21–22

### Alpert Family Education Fund Underwrites Shabbaton

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

Families participating in similar retreats in previous years have commented how meaningful—and how much fun—the experience is. Again this year the retreat will be held 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. The Shabbaton includes fun activities as well as opportunities for prayer and discussions.

There may be a few rooms still available; please contact Beryl Saltman, 202-362-4433 or [beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org](mailto:beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org), if your family would like to participate. ○

## Important Dates in the Melvin Gelman Religious School

**March 28–April 6:** *Pesach* Break

**April 7:** School Resumes

**April 9:** *L'Dor VaDor Shabbat*

**April 11:** Garden of the Righteous, *Yom HaShoah* Programs

**April 18–21:** *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* Celebrations

**April 23, 24:** *Gimel–Dalet* (3rd–4th grades) *Shabbaton*

**April 25:** *Heh* (5th grade) Grandparents/Special Friends Day

## Jewish Value for April:

### *Pidyon Sh-vuyim*, Redeeming the Captive

Literally “redeeming the captive,” this obligation calls on us to do everything in our power to help release people who are trapped or suffering in some way. This value will be developed during Passover, where we discuss the concept of slavery, and during our Garden of the Righteous ceremony, when we honor individuals who exemplify the Jewish value of redeeming the captive.

## Benefitting N Street Village



◀ Confirmation class student Olivia Robinson sells raffle tickets to benefit N Street Village at the *Purim* Carnival.

▶ Parent volunteers man a stand to decorate bags for N Street Village at the *Purim* Carnival.



Religious school students decorate bags for N Street Village donations





### **Gan HaYeled Truck Day**

Beep, beep, honk, honk! The 18th annual Gan HaYeled Truck Day, Wednesday, May 12, 9 am–12 noon, in our parking lot, allows the children to climb in, on, and around all sorts of vehicles, from snow plows and dump trucks to fire trucks and motorcycles. The parking lot will be closed during that time; we apologize for any inconvenience.

### **Gan HaYeled Observed Jewish Disabilities**

During the Greater Washington Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Jewish Disabilities Awareness month, the Gan has noted that working and playing together, typically developing children and children with special needs can learn so much from one another.

Throughout the years, the Gan has included, and continues to include, children with physical, developmental, and emotional challenges. Inclusion, quite simply, is the act of including. In the special needs arena, it is including a child with disabilities in a classroom of typically developing peers. Inclusion provides benefits to those with disabilities and those without.

For children with uneven or delayed development, inclusion provides exposure to peer models in a facilitated learning environment; they experience situations they may have been shielded from, and they learn acceptance. Typically developing children learn tolerance, understanding, patience, and acceptance of a different sort. The lessons learned from this type of learning environment are invaluable and lifelong.

It is perfectly normal for children to be curious and ask questions that we, as adults, sometimes feel are taboo. Parents can help foster the positive experience of inclusion by talking to their children about the class dynamics and the differences among their friends. Embrace questions honestly and thoughtfully, and your child's ability to *include* could result in lasting open-mindedness and a foundation to understand diversity.

One of the reasons the Gan is unique is that we offer a number of services to all of our children, typically developing children and those with special needs. In addition to our experienced teaching staff, a number of educational specialists are part of our Gan team, all of whom are available to observe children and consult with teachers and parents when appropriate.

Our early childhood special needs facilitator, Stephanie Slater, observes children in all of our classes; meets with parents and staff to make, when necessary, various suggestions and referrals; and works with children in classrooms facilitating social development. She also works closely with the speech pathologist and occupational therapists who are available on-site to observe and screen children who have been referred by parents.

Our goal at the Gan is to provide the best-quality, early childhood education to all of our children. These early years are crucial in every child's development, typically developing children and children with special needs, and identifying any issues early can truly make a difference in a child's life ○



2009 Truck Day

### **Family Lag B'Omer Celebration**



Sunday, May 2

9:15-12:15

Outdoor location, TBA

Join us for a bonfire, picnic,  
live musical entertainment,  
and games and activities for  
children of all ages.

*A joint program of the Gan Parent  
Association, Religious School  
Committee, and Youth Caucus*

**LIFE CYCLE** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

### **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).

#### **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.

# Lifelong Learning

## Spring Minimester Begins April 27

Classes of the Spring Minimester are taught Tuesday evenings, 7:15–8:30 pm, beginning April 27. (A limited number of scholarships is available.) If you have questions about these programs, 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 our Lifelong Learning Brochure for more details about our class offerings and programs, [http://www.adasisrael.org/pdfs/Adas\\_LifelongBrochure\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.adasisrael.org/pdfs/Adas_LifelongBrochure_WEB.pdf).

### Into the Depths: Exploring the Idea & Practice of Mikvah

*Taught by Rabbi Batya Steinlauf*

This three-part class focuses on the power of water in Judaism and seeks to understand how immersion in a *mikvah* connects us with the source of life. We look at the traditional roles of, understandings of, and uses for the *mikvah* and explore modern concepts and rituals. We also visit the *mikvah* and learn the symbolism of its design. Women and men of all ages are welcome. Three sessions: April 27, May 11, May 25  
Cost: \$36 for Adas & JSC members; \$54 for non-members

### Seven Blessings

*Taught by Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C, & Rabbi Charles Feinberg*

This class is for couples who have recently married or who are planning to marry in the near future. The class explains the many *mitzvot* and traditions involved in getting married and tackles such universal issues as managing family expectations, understanding and dealing with conflict, the importance of understanding the family as a system, and character preferences.

Cost: \$90/couple for Adas & JSC members; \$140/couple for non-members

### The Jewish Body

*Taught by Naomi Malka*

This class explores texts, traditions, and concepts related to what it means to be physically Jewish. We look at traditional and modern sources to forge a new understanding of ourselves as physical agents of Judaism. Topics covered include circumcision, shaving and haircutting, childbirth, children's growth and development, eating, the five senses, *tamei* and *tahor* in Temple times, sexuality, *mikvah*, illness and health, clothing, aging, death, burial, representational art, and being created *betzelem elokim*.

Cost: \$90 for Adas & JSC members; \$140 for non-members.

### Good Gossip: A Look at Personal Ethics

*Taught by Rabbi Herbert Schwartz*

To be a Jew is to be part of a conversation that extends backward through time and forward to Eternity. The thrust of that conversation has been, "How does God want us to lead our lives while we are here on this earth?" Using Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's *Code of Jewish Ethics* V.1, we join the conversation, exploring ethical issues that have taken on particular urgency.  
Cost: \$90 for Adas & JSC members; \$140 for non-members

### Bibliodrama at Adas Israel

*Taught by Tamar Peleg*

Bibliodrama is a special way of encountering a Biblical text in which the participants interpret and experience for themselves the Biblical story. By means of role-playing, Bibliodrama draws participants gently into direct engagement and leads to fascinating, even startling results. Participants become insightful commentators, together creating a form of spontaneous "Contemporary Midrash." In this series we read from the book of *Ruth*, take note of the gaps, and raise questions that lead to an inner level of understanding. A close reading of the text, role-playing, and journaling shed light on the dark places within the text and ourselves.

Tamar Pelleg, who earned received a master's in counseling education and a bachelor's in Hebrew literature from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was trained to become a Bibliodrama facilitator with Dr. Peter Pitzele (USA) and completed a program to become a *Maggid* (teacher of the sacred texts) at Elat Chayyim Spiritual Retreat Center. She is completing her studies to become a certified practitioner in psychodrama. For more information, visit [www.TorahDrama.com](http://www.TorahDrama.com).

### Harmony and Conflict in the Family: The Influence of Genetics

*Taught by Dr. David Reiss & Rabbi Charles Feinberg*

*Sunday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.*

This program explores genetic influences on marriage and the development of children and adolescents. For example, a provocative new report identifies a specific gene linked to marital commitment and satisfaction in men. Dr. Reiss explores three issues: First, do the personalities of the spouses influence their marriage and their parenting style, or does marital discord or harmony shape the personality of the spouse? Second, does a child's personality influence the quality of a marriage, or does the quality of the marriage influence the personality of the child? Third, how can we understand evidence suggesting that genes play little role in the choice of marital partners but seem to influence both marital distress and divorce? That is, how important are our genes in establishing our happiness or our dysfunction? Because these findings are provocative, Reiss discusses how apparently "hot" scientific findings—such as genetic influences on family process—are conveyed to a wider public and some of the serious pitfalls in that process. In addition, Dr. Reiss and Rabbi Feinberg explore the ethical implications of these findings if they become well established by frequent replication.

Dr. David Reiss is professor of psychiatry emeritus, George

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# Youth @ AI



Spring is in the air, and we're finally getting some warmer weather, and we're looking forward to another great month of Adas Israel youth programming. Since the beginning of the year, we have stepped up our programming at all levels, and we intend to keep raising the excitement and involvement. A lot of great programs are coming up, so be sure to grab a calendar at the Youth Office so you'll know our goings-on!

March was a great month for groups of all ages. In spite of the cancellation of our last *Chaverim* event, we were able to reschedule at the end of February, and we all had a terrific time making our very own *Purim* Puppets and retelling the story of *Purim*!

Machar got ready for Passover by heading over to All Fired Up, where we made our very own *seder* plates. We can't wait to use them! Earlier this month, we sent a few *Kadimaniks* to Seaboard *Kadima* Spring Convention, and we all had the times of our lives!

This has been a busy month as well for the USYers. We had our first lounge night, and we introduced the world of USY to our 8th graders by kidnapping them and taking them out for a great night! We have also continued our tradition of monthly *Shabbat* dinners, always the best part of *Shabbat*!

While we've 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 April!

## Chaverim (K-2nd grade)



*Chaverim kids show off their Purim puppets*

Our next program is on Sunday, May 23, when we make our very own tie-dye T-shirts. You don't want to miss this psychedelic experience.

## Machar (3rd-5th grade)

Our next program is Sunday May 2, as we explore Washington, DC, on land *and* water! That's right; we are going on a DUCK TOUR! You know you don't want to miss out on this event!

## Kadima (6th-8th grade)

You'll love our next program on Sunday, April 11, when we help the Washington community as part of our Community Service day. Join the fun; it's good for the soul! Check the flyers and e-mail for more details.

## USY (9th-12th grade)

Our next program is Sunday, April 18: our ISRAEL

EXTRAVAGANZA. This is going to be an amazing event, and you definitely don't want to miss out on learning about Israel, eating Israeli food, and having a great time! Check the flyers and e-mail for more details. Also, we're having a *Shabbat* dinner again soon, so check your e-mail for more the date. And it's never too early to start thinking about Seaboard Regional Spring Convention, May 28-31; you don't want to be the only one of your friends not going!!! Check flyers and e-mails for more detail. ○



*USYers enjoy a laid-back night of sushi and sumo wrestling in the Youth Lounge.*



## LIFELONG LEARNING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

Washington University; clinical professor of child psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine; and consultant, National Institutes of Health. Rabbi Charles Feinberg has served Adas Israel for close to four years as well as three other congregations in the United States and Canada.

This program is co-sponsored by Adas Israel and the Institute of Science and Judaism.

## 'Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren'

*Taught by Dr. Marion Usher & Rabbi Charles Feinberg*

*Two Monday evenings, May 10 & 24, 7:15-8:45 pm*

This two-part discussion series focuses on how grandparents can introduce and foster Judaism with their interfaith grandchildren. This program covers 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 grandparents experience dealing with this area of their lives.

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



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

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**Shir Delight**, Adas Israel's Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* experience for young professionals, Friday, April 9, 7:00 pm

## Yom Ha'Atzmaut 'Al Ha'esh' BBQ

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## Adas Israel Supports Super Sunday

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, along with dozens of Adas Israel members and staff, spent time at the Jewish Federation Super Sunday fundraising day at the DCJCC. The goal of the day was to raise \$1 million for the Federation and community support. Among the many congregants who participated are Stuart Kurlander, Debbie Sann, Paula Goldman, Marissa Saltzman, Melanie and Larry Nussdorf, and Lexi Bock. The Federation supports the synagogue and community in a variety of ways, and we encourage all Adas Israel members to support it.



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## Board Renews Contracts of Rabbi Feinberg & Cantor Weber

The Board of Directors has renewed the contract of Rabbi Charles Feinberg and extended the contract of Cantor Jeffrey Weber. Rabbi Feinberg's title will change from Associate Rabbi to Rabbi; Rabbi Steinlauf remains Senior Rabbi.

Since arriving in 2006, Rabbi Feinberg and his wife, Krayna, have become an important part of the congregation. Rabbi Feinberg was a helpful and effective bridge during our rabbinic transition and has expanded our Lifelong Learning, *Bikkur Cholim*, *Keruv*, and Social Action programs.

Cantor Weber, Andrea, and their sons, Ben and Sam, have made a significant impression on our congregation since their arrival in summer 2005. Cantor Weber's beautiful voice enhances our services, and he is well known throughout the community. He enjoys working with our *b'nai mitzvah* students and looks forward to expanding our youth choirs and our new adult volunteer choir.

Our thanks to Jeffrey Goodell, Johanna Chanin, the Personnel Committee, and the Board of Directors for their dedicated work to maintain excellence in our synagogue clergy and senior staff. ○



## Nominating Committee Chair Selected

In accordance with the Adas Israel by-laws, synagogue president Robert Peck has appointed Jeff Knishkowsky to chair the Nominating Committee. The members of the committee (not available at press time) will be posted in *Kesher Ishi*. Current officers are completing the first of a two-year term, and the committee will nominate 10 board members and a president-elect. Recommendations for these positions are welcome and should be sent to the synagogue office, Attention: Nominating Committee.

- The Nominating Committee, shall, not later than the third Monday in April, prepare and present to the Secretary a list of candidates for each of the offices of the Congregation, the Trustees, and the Board of Directors. (By-Laws Article VIII, Sec. 4)
- Additional nominations for any of the offices of the Congregation, the Trustees, and the Board of Directors may be made by petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) members of the Congregation in good standing, providing that the petition shall be filed in the office of the Executive Director of the Congregation by May 15th. (By-Laws Article VIII Sec. 5)
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## Tea for Luther Place and N Street Village

At a monthly tea for Luther Place and N Street Village staff and residents, Adas Israel volunteers provided cheese and crackers, fruit kabobs, crudites with dip, valentine chocolates, and drinks. The response was, "Tea time was fabulous, and thank you so much for your help in collecting and bringing the donated food for us. It was a hit!!"



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information: Ed Kopf, 301-907-9174 or [ej@kopf.com](mailto:ej@kopf.com), or Ari Reeves, 301-755-5845 or [arireeves@gmail.com](mailto:arireeves@gmail.com).

Sukkot in Spring volunteers tackle problems ranging from painting, yard work, broken windows, leaking roofs, and rotting floors to inadequate bathrooms and faulty electrical systems. The program has grown into a significant force in the Washington, DC, community, as Jewish volunteers have renovated more than 120 homes and community facilities. ○

## Happy 15th Anniversary, Jean!



We would like to congratulate and thank Jean Bernard who is celebrating her 15th year as our volunteer editor of the *Chronicle*.

During Jean's editorship, the *Chronicle* has won several national awards of excellence. In addition, she has helped redesign the publication and has dedicated hundreds of hours to the *Chronicle* and the congregation.

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## Happy birthday!

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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

### Do a Mitzvah for Neighbors in Need Sign Up Today for Sukkot in Spring

*Your people will rebuild what has been in ruins, building again on the old foundations. You will be known as the people who rebuilt the walls, who restored the ruined houses. (Isaiah 58:9-12)*

On Sunday, May 2, Adas Israel will participate in Sukkot in Spring, the Washington area's largest Jewish program of hands-on housing rehabilitation. Sign up now—and bring a friend—to help renovate the home of an area

resident who is disabled, elderly, or financially unable to keep up with needed repairs.

No special skills are required, just a willingness to help. Volunteers are asked to commit to working at the house from approximately 8 am to 5 pm or for at least half a day (a four- or five-hour morning or afternoon shift).

Please contact one of the house captains now to reserve your place or if you need more

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### Next Darfur Vigil, April 18 Hope for Darfur—Justice in Sudan Walk, May 23

**Please join us for our next Darfur vigil, Sunday, April 18, 1:30-2:30 pm at the Sudanese embassy** (2210 Massachusetts Avenue, NW). Adas congregants continue to bear witness to the ongoing civil war and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, in our third-Sunday-of-the-month vigils. Please join us rain, or shine—everyone is welcome. For vigil questions, please call Laura Cutler, 301-980-7182. **Never forget; Never again!**

May 23, Darfur interfaith activists will walk from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum across the National Mall to Lafayette Park to demonstrate to President Obama that the Darfur conflict and the increased violence between the south and north require more U.S. action, negotiations, and humanitarian

aid. Please join an Adas Israel contingent.

For further information, contact Judy Herr, [jnherr20814@yahoo.com](mailto:jnherr20814@yahoo.com) or 301-717-3828. ○

## Health Kits for Haiti

Gan HaYeled families collected baskets of toiletries to send to Haiti, a teachable moment for parents to demonstrate *tikkun olam* to their children. Gan families collected kits comprising a hand towel, washcloth, sterile bandages, toothbrush, soap, a comb, and fingernail clippers/nail file. *Yasher koach!* ○

### Upcoming Chronicle Deadlines—

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