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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

It's hard to believe, but I'm coming up on two years since my arrival in Washington. Life has a funny way of passing so quickly, and yet when you look back, it's amazing how much has happened and changed. I would like to take this moment to express my gratitude to the entire congregational community for a fabulous start to the Steinlauf family's experience here at Adas Israel. It has been an amazing couple of years. I never cease to wonder at this congregation—its history, its fascinating members, so many of whom are working hard to change the world and to make it a better place. It's a congregation with a rich and diverse population, spanning generations and backgrounds and expectations. It's a congregation that is never boring and always keeps me on my toes! It's

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## Judie & Harry Linowes to Chair Kol Nidre Appeal Jeri Greenberg & Eric Fox Round Out the Leadership Team

Synagogue trustee Judie Linowes and her husband, Harry, a past synagogue officer, will chair the 2010 *Kol Nidre* Appeal, announced Robert Peck, synagogue president. Jeri Greenberg will once again serve as vice-chair of this important campaign with Eric Fox, VP for development. Synagogue treasurers Herlene Nagler and Arnold Podgorsky will work closely with the appeal leadership to ensure we hit our budgeted goals.

The *Kol Nidre* Appeal is Adas Israel's only fundraising request of the year; the goal for this year's campaign is \$600,000 and 100 percent member participation.

Joining the Appeal Leadership Team on the Honorary Committee will be honorary chairs (\$25,000 contribution), honorary co-chairs (\$15,000 contribution), honorary vice-chairs (\$10,000 contribution), and Honorary Committee members (\$5,000 contribution).

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Judie & Harry Linowes

## Shabbat Under the Stars Friday, June 25

Celebrating Shabbat & Summer

**Shabbat Service 7:30 pm**

Connecticut Avenue Patio. Oneg Shabbat dessert reception follows.

RSVP by June 23 to Carol Ansell, [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4433  
Dessert reception catered by the Artful Party.

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# Clergy Corner



Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

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a congregation that is eager to embrace new approaches and isn't afraid to try new things, and for that I am so grateful. Most important, Adas Israel is a congregation that is ripe with so much potential for the future—with great leaders and up-and-coming leaders, excellent talent, and a readiness to embrace a bold vision for the next generation of Jews.

In these two years, the congregation and I have spent a lot of time getting acquainted with each other at our Adas Israel in Your Neighborhood receptions—a whole first year of meeting hundreds of community members, sharing vision and hopes for the future. Last year, the professional staff and board of directors worked closely together to develop a five-point mission statement for the congregation, and this year, we're proudly beginning to put that mission into practice. As we began this year, we established our new Lifelong Learning Program with a wide array of classes and programs for diverse elements of our community. We have been radically reworking our approach to Friday night services, ushering in a new era of Adas *Oneg* Services on Friday nights that feature guest speakers and performers to enable the community to learn and delight in *Shabbat*. Speaking of delight, we also created a new "Shir Delight" Friday night service (complete with a preceding Happy Hour) for our Young Professionals group. We created a new Friday night experience, called *L'Dor VaDor Shabbat*—a multi-generational, family-friendly service held upstairs in the Library with lots of singing, *ruach*, and traditional story-telling.

We worked hard this year as well with our Youth Caucus to deepen our identity as a family-friendly congregation, putting together a full array of programs and services for our children on *Shabbat* mornings: we have a new Junior Congregation as well as programs for every age group down to our toddlers in Tot *Shabbat*. We created a new Hesed Initiative to enable synagogue members to reach out and meaningfully be there for one another through challenges and difficult times. We have been working to strengthen our existing groups and cohorts these two years—from "Town Hall Meetings" with our different Charles E. Smith Sanctuary and *Havurah* service communities, to targeted outreach to welcome back our empty-nesters and older members to connect with each other at our programs and services, to a special program called *Kumu Na'aleh*, Arise, Let us Go up Together—a special conversation with the members of the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* to plan for their future.

We have begun our *Keruv* Initiative, to reach out to and welcome our interfaith families with special *Shabbat* dinners and special discussion groups. We have been working closely with the Religious Practices Committee, envisioning new approaches to High Holy Days and all of the *Shabbat* and

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holiday experiences throughout the year. A task force is working closely with Cantor Weber to make some exciting changes in the High Holy Day musical experience for next year. We created a new kind of *Purim* celebration with an "only-at-Adas" kind of *Purim shpiel* featuring special "guest comedians" like Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren. We created a new second night *seder* for Passover that welcomed more than 300 community members to share the experience.

As I write this column, our senior staff is hard at work, partnering with our lay leaders to envision and plan exciting new initiatives for next year that will bring together the diverse elements of our congregation in new ways. Stay tuned for special conference weekends where the entire community will join together to learn and engage with teachers and leaders about Israel, traditional study topics, and social justice. The ideas and creativity keep coming, so many more great things are on the horizon for our congregation.

What I mentioned in this article is just a smattering of the new initiatives that have begun, and all that I have mentioned promises to expand in the future. I wish I had all the space in the world to enumerate everything. I feel very blessed to be the rabbi of such an exciting and richly textured synagogue community. I can hardly begin to express my gratitude to the entire amazing staff of Adas Israel Congregation for their hard work and good humor, as their new rabbi constantly shoulders them with new approaches, new programs, and new ways of getting things done. It's not easy, and they deserve all of our thanks. I am also very grateful to each and every member of this congregation for your goodwill and support as Adas Israel transforms itself to face and welcome the changing realities of Jewish life in the 21st century. ○

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 7:30 pm

Yad Hakavod Award Presentation to **Bernard Meyer**

Election of Synagogue Leaders by **Jeff Knishkowsky**,  
Nominating Committee Chair

"State of the Synagogue" Address by  
**President Robert Peck**

Presentation on the 21st Century Renewal and  
Endowment Project by **Steve Kleinrock & Russell Smith**

Dessert Reception by The Artful Party  
will follow the meeting.

Copies of the slate of leaders and the proposed synagogue  
budget are available on the synagogue website [www.adasisrael.org](http://www.adasisrael.org)  
or by calling the synagogue office.

## Adas Oneg to Feature Pamela Reeves, June 4



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.

Our June 4 speaker, **Pamela Reeves**, is an international elections and democracy expert who has observed and

overseen elections in more than 20 countries and territories, including Tanzania, Haiti, the Palestinian Authority, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. She served as the human rights officer for the United Nations in Liberia during that country's civil war, and was director of New Initiatives at the International Foundation for Election Systems. She has also designed and implemented programs for the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the United Nations.

Currently, she is conducting leadership training programs for breast cancer awareness in Morocco as part of the State Department's Middle East Partnership Initiative. ○

## High Holy Day Packet Sent Soon Please Note NEW Service Times and Locations

Planning for the 2010 High Holy Days is underway and packets of information will arrive at your home by the end of the month. Please note a few minor service time changes to improve the flow of our services and to enhance your holiday season.

- *Rosh Hashanah* services will begin at 8:15 am.
- *Rosh Hashanah Mincha/Maariv* will begin at 7:00 pm instead of 6:45 pm
- *Yom Kippur Yizkor* will be at approximately 11:40 am instead of 2:45 pm or 3:30 pm
- *Yom Kippur Musaf* and Martyrology will be at approximately 12:40 pm
- *Yom Kippur* Lecture and Discussion will be at 3:45 pm
- *Yom Kippur Mincha* will begin at 5:00 pm
- *Yom Kippur* Late *Yizkor* will begin at 5:00 pm
- *Yom Kippur* Gan Pre-school service will begin at 5:45 pm
- *Yom Kippur N'eelah* will begin at 6:30 pm
- Family Service in Cohen-Wolpe Hall
- Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Service in Kogod Chapel

Similar to last year, our rabbis will rotate between the services in order for Rabbi Steinlauf to have the chance to *daven* with all of our members. Rabbi Steinlauf will officiate in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Kol Nidre* Eve and in the Kay Hall service on *Yom Kippur* Day. He also will officiate at our Traditional *Musaf* service on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah* and give a *d'var torah* at the Traditional *Mincha* service on *Yom Kippur* day.

Rabbi Charles Feinberg will officiate in the Kay Hall service

on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Kol Nidre* Eve. He will lead the service in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary on *Yom Kippur* and the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*. Rabbi Reuven Hammer from Israel returns to Adas Israel and will lead the Gewirz Hall and will officiate in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary service during *Shacharit* and Late *Yizkor* on *Yom Kippur*.

Josh Bender and Elie Greenberg will be leading our Family Service on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Josh Bender will lead our family *Tashlich* in Rock Creek Park on the First Day of *Rosh Hashanah* and Elie Greenberg will lead our USY Hike and *Tashlich* for 9th–12th graders. We also welcome back our *B'aalei T'fillah*, Michael Leifman and Michael Kay who will be *davening* in the Kay Hall and Gewirz Hall.

We also welcome back Robyn Helzner to our two Gan Family Services and look forward to our self-led Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Services in Kogod Chapel.

All adults and children living in the household as part of your membership are entitled to tickets. There will be no additional tickets issued for the Gan Service or the Children's Services. The children will use their regular High Holy Day tickets to enter the building.

This year we will have Activity Rooms which will be staffed before and after Children's Services. There will be further information in the High Holy Day packet. The rooms will be staffed by *Madrichim* and will be open for children while their parents are in services.

Watch your mail for the High Holy Day packet. ○

### KOL NIDRE APPEAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

This year's appeal is critically important to balancing the synagogue budget following two years of financial challenges. The appeal enables us to subsidize Jewish education for our 600 children, expand our Young Professionals programming for the 2,600 YPs in our group, maintain our important *Tikkun Olam*/Social Action activities in the community, provide a wide range of *Shabbat* services, and offer engaging and creative lifelong learning experiences for our members and community.

We feel that our mission is to provide Jewish education, religious services, community service, Israel support, and life-cycle celebrations for our members rather than spending the year as a fundraising organization. In fact, if we reach our goals, we do not even interrupt the beauty of the *Kol Nidre* Service with a spoken appeal. Synagogue membership dues alone cannot support our wide-ranging, high-quality programs; our fine clergy and staff; and the beautiful building our members deserve and

expect. As synagogue programs expand, our security expenses rise, utility expenses multiply, and operating costs increase. Rather than placing the entire budget burden on our membership dues, our leadership is committed to increasing income and participation in this annual High Holy Day *Kol Nidre* Appeal.

Our goal is 100 percent member participation at whatever level each person is able to give. We hope we can count on your enthusiastic participation and support. ○



# Schools

## Religious School Mah Tov Moments

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

### Garden of the Righteous



*Yasher koach* to our 11th graders for putting together a very meaningful and powerful presentation at Garden of the Righteous in honor of Hiram "Harry" Bingham

IV, who saved more than 2,000 Jews (perhaps as many as 2,500) during the Holocaust. The community was truly moved by the presentation, and we have received many requests for copies.

We are very pleased with our 11th graders for taking on a leadership role in the ceremony and for making a connection between the 11th-grade curriculum and a community event to showcase the great work of our students.

### Vav (6th grade) New York Trip

The Vav (6th grade) class recently celebrated *Shabbat* with Orthodox families in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, NY. Students had a chance to visit the Jewish Children's Museum, and they were home-hosted and spent *Shabbat* with *Chabad* families throughout the Crown Heights community. Through this cultural exchange and experience, our students were able to grapple with important questions about what it means to be Jewish and, ultimately, strengthen their own Jewish identities through this process.



The group also visited Ellis Island, the gateway to America for many of our ancestors.

## Be an ambassador!

During these difficult financial times when we are providing more scholarships and membership reductions for our members, we continue to count on recruiting new students and families to our community. This not only strengthens our community financially, but in it helps in many other ways as well.

If you know people who may benefit from being affiliated with our community, please encourage them to contact us, or invite them to visit our school or a special program or service. Thank you for being an ambassador for our community.

## Important Dates in the Melvin Gelman Religious School

**June 6:** Last Day of School, School Closing Program, *Rikkudiyah*, Vav (6th Grade) Wax Museum

### Mark your calendars!

### Start Dates for the 2010–2011 School Year

**September 14–15:** First midweek classes for grades 3–6

**September 14:** First evening classes for grades 7–12; High School BBQ on the patio

**September 26:** First Sunday classes

## Mazal Tov to



*The Adas Israel Confirmation Class of 5770. Photo © Betty Adler*

### The Confirmation Class of 2010/5770:

Adam Banker, Naomi Becker, Nathan Bubes, Jonny Fische, Yoni Kalin, David Kalter, Jared Kassoff, Allison Kelin, Aaron Liebman, Lily Moghadam, Julia Peck, Olivia Robinson, Aaron Sacks, Marty Strauss, and Kalman Wagner.

### The Graduating Class of 2010/5770:

Anna Blumenthal, Sara Cohen, Amy Easton, Mikey Fische, Anat Gilboa, Dena Goodman, Simon Kamerow, Alexander Moreno, Rebecca Rosen, Naomi Wagner, and Anna Weil.

### Our Gimel (3rd grade) students on receiving their first siddurim at Chagigat HaSiddur:

Ariella Cymerman, Alexander Davies, Bradley Ellick, Emma Fisher, Mica Gelb, Emma Giventer-Braff, William Goldberg, Noah Gross, Eli Grosser, Emma Herman, Samuel Ikenson, Harry Kaplan, Nell Leibovich, Leah Melrod, Harrison Muth, Emma Rosen, Aaron Rosenthal, Simon Rosenthal, Noa Rosinplotz, Chloé Ross, Julia Rubin, Marissa Sherman, Joshua Taubman, Cadence Thakur, and Alex Wellisch.

## Registration for the 2010–2011 School Year

Registration for the 2010-2011 School Year has begun. Please visit <http://www.adasisrael.org/rsregistration> for information about our new registration process. ○

# Sisterhood

## 'Making Our Voices Heard: Standing with the Women of the Wall'

### Sisterhood Meeting and Closing Event, June 6

Can women participate in a prayer service at the Western Wall in Jerusalem? Yes or no? The answer is no.

Come Sunday, June 6, at 10:00 am to learn about obstacles the brave Women of the Wall face as they try to pray together one day each month. Following excerpts from the exclusive DVD, *Praying in Her Own Words*, hear from Sisterhood member and past synagogue president Toni Bickart how Nofrat Frankel, a Masorti (Conservative) Jew whom Toni met on her recent trip to Israel, was arrested at the Wall for wearing a *tallit* and carrying a *Torah*.

Find out how Masorti and Women's League for Conservative Judaism are speaking out on behalf of women and in favor of religious pluralism. Then show your solidarity by participating in a special *Shacharit* service against a backdrop of the *Kotel* (Western Wall) to be recorded and displayed on YouTube.

Sisterhood welcomes all women and men from the congregation as well as guests from the community to learn and take action together. This special program is followed by brunch and Adas Israel Sisterhood's General Membership Meeting and Installation of the 2010–2011 Board of Directors.

**A note to Sisterhood members:** A quorum is necessary to conduct business, including consideration of new bylaws, and to vote on the Nominating Slate, so please plan to attend.

Advance reservations are required; contact [sisterhood@adasisrael.org](mailto:sisterhood@adasisrael.org) no later than Wednesday, June 2. Brunch couvert: \$15. Registration and coffee at 9:45; Closing Event and General Membership Meeting, 10:00 am–12:30 pm.

Make a difference. Come and be counted. If you wear a *tallit*, please bring it with you. We look forward to seeing you there. ○

## Mazal Tov!

Adas Israel Sisterhood proudly congratulates Myra Promisel, our member and past president, Seaboard Branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) on her nomination as WLCJ International Financial Secretary. Myra will be installed at WLCJ Biennial Convention 2010 in Baltimore, December 12–15.



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If you want to be part of a group of dedicated volunteers, if you want to make a much-needed and much-appreciated contribution to the Adas Israel community, and if you're interested in learning a very marketable skill, please call Helene Weingarten, 301-320-2909, to learn about volunteer opportunities in our own Ruth & Simon Albert Adas Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop.

## Come in and see what's NEW!

### Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

At the special request of Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, the Gift Shop now offers these beautiful *kippot* from MayaWorks, a nonprofit that markets the work of Mayan artisans who otherwise have no outlet for their handiwork. Purchasing one of these colorful, unique *kippot* (no two are alike) gives women an opportunity to earn income from their skills and gain self-confidence and hope for themselves, their children, their family, and their village. Available for \$16 + tax



For anyone who has experienced a serious illness, or has had a seriously ill family member, *Facing Up* by former Adas member Ned Stutman (z"l) reaffirms that you are not alone. In this short but dense book, Ned has captured the range of emotions—anger, hurt, loneliness, and humor—that accompanies facing a life-threatening illness. Now available for \$14.95 + tax



### NEW SUMMER HOURS beginning Tuesday, June 1:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday, 10 am–noon  
and by appointment

**202-364-2888**

**Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.**

## Special B'yachad Shabbat Morning Services in June

Join us the *Shabbat* mornings of June 19 and 26, as we begin our *Shabbat* morning services *B'yachad*—all together! In the spirit of experimenting with new *Shabbat* experiences at Adas, we will hold the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* and the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary service together for the morning blessings, *P'sukei D'Zimra*, and *Shacharit* service.

Please note that services begin at 9:15 am on those days. After we complete the *Shacharit* service, done in the traditional style, the two services will split up and will continue with the *Torah* Service and *Musaf* separately in the usual fashion.

Please come to synagogue for this exciting experiment and tell us about your experience. ○



# Youth @ AI



We are sad our year is over, but we sure had a blast. Our year has been filled with truly excellent programs, and we're glad you all had the opportunity to take part in them. We cannot wait for the fun next year. Since the beginning of this year, we have stepped up our programming on all levels, and we intend to keep raising the excitement about and involvement in our youth programs. There are a lot of great opportunities to be had with our programs, and we encourage all of you to check them out in the coming fall.

*Chaverim* ended the year strong as a big group gathered for our end-of-year celebration and made our very own tie-dye T-shirts. We wear them all the time!! *Machar* went out with a quack in May, when we toured DC on a Duck Tour!! We all had a blast!! *Kadima* can still taste the deliciousness of our last program, Iron Chef: Summer Edition. USY ended another very strong year, receiving many awards at Spring Convention in late May. We want to congratulate Amy Easton for a *terrific* job planning the entire convention for more than 250 USYers to enjoy!

Finally, it is with sadness that we see our seniors graduate and move forward on to college; good luck next year, we are all proud of you.

## Chaverim (K–2nd grade)

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in the fall!

## Machar (3rd–5th grade)

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in the fall!

## Kadima (6th–8th grade)

Watch for Encampment applications; you should send them in as soon as you can. You don't want to miss this awesome week of great programming with the whole Seaboard Region!



*Kadimaniks take a lunch break at the Seaboard Region annual trip to Kings Dominion. Over 300 kids attended this year!*

## USY (9th–12th grade)

Come hang out with AIUSY on Sunday, June 6, for our end-of-year BBQ, where we'll pay tribute to the basketball team and just chillax. Stay tuned for more details. Also, be on the lookout for Encampment applications, because the deadline is approaching quickly. We want you all there with us as we engage in a week full of terrific programming with the entire Seaboard Region! ○

*USYers share a laugh during a simulated archaeological dig at our April Israel Day event.*



## Nessiah Tova! Have a great trip!!

Wishing all of our summer camp and Israel trip participants from Adas Israel a fantastic journey this summer! We would like to send you off with our blessing, so please join us for a special *aliyah* Saturday morning, June 5!

RSVP to [youth@adasisrael.org](mailto:youth@adasisrael.org).

## Attention High School Graduates!!!

**Mazal tov on this exciting milestone!**  
**Please stay in touch and keep us posted.**

Join our "Adas College Connection" Facebook group! Receive monthly issues of the *Chronicle*, a subscription to *New Voices Magazine*, holiday packages, and more!

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Leah F. Chanin Scholarships Awarded

Another Adas Israel student will receive the Leah F. Chanin Day School Scholarship to attend a local Jewish day school in the fall. Upon the recommendation of the school, this student will receive the financial aid to assist him or her in meeting the school's tuition requirements. These scholarships are need-based, so the recipients remain anonymous.

We are grateful for the foresight of Leah Chanin for enabling our member families to obtain a Jewish day school education for their children.

# Life Cycle

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Zachary Sosland, June 5

Zachary, the son of Mindy and Jeff Sosland, is a sixth grader at the Jewish Primary Day School. He shares this *simcha* with his siblings, Kate and Henry, and the rest of his family. Zachary started his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and is an active supporter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



### Tessa Silverman, June 12

Tessa Silverman is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and a third-generation Adas member. Her parents are Steven and Stephanie Silverman, and her grandparents are Noel and Anita Epstein (Maryland) and Judith and Clive Kamins (Chicago). She is proud to be the granddaughter and great-

granddaughter of two Holocaust survivors, Anita Epstein and Eda Kaminski (z"l). Tessa shares her *simcha* with her sister, Lilah.

## In Memoriam

### We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Florence Haves Friedman

Dorothy Golomb

Jason Green

Nathan Binderman

Beverly Berstein

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

Inga Freyer-Nicholas, mother of Lisa Zifcak Dunn

Harry Gelboin, father of Sharon Gelboin-Katz

Dorothy Grenadier, mother of Lorna Grenadier

## Members in the News

**Izzy Heller** has published three books: *Death in McMurdo*, *A Story of Fatal Obsession*; anecdotes in *Secrets of a Jeweler*; and in conjunction with wife Zelda Heller and Janice Blumberg, *Deadly Truth*, the suspenseful story of a Jewish family trapped in apartheid South Africa

**Brian Weinstein** published an article, entitled "Why Exclude Bilah and Zippah," (servants of Jacob, half-sisters of Leah and Rachel; from *Genesis* 30:4) in the winter 2010 issue of *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly*.

**Liza Michelle Bernstein**, daughter of **Tracy & Adam Bernstein** and granddaughter of **Stuart & Alma Bernstein**, was Confirmed at Washington Hebrew Congregation.

## New Members

**Kent & Pamela Kahler** live in Washington, DC, with sons Seth & Eli. Kent is an IT engineer in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Jonathan Lechter & Tamar Schiffman** live in Washington, DC. Jonathan is an attorney with Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, and Tamar works for the nonprofit, Pact, Inc.

**Ethan Landesman**, who lives in Washington, DC, works in government affairs at SEMA.

## 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.

### 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.

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

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

## Cemetery Open on Father's Day

The Adas Israel Cemetery will be open on June 20 (Father's Day), from 10:00 am–2:00 pm. The cemetery is located at 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC. For more information contact Henry Silberman, 202-362-4433, ext. 144. Find directions on our website: <http://www.adasisrael.org/AboutUs> then click on "directions." ○

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SHABBAT HIGHLIGHTS & ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

**Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner:** June 4, 7:00 pm; RSVP by noon, June 2, to [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

**Adas Oneg Service:** June 4, 8:00 pm; guest speaker, Pamela Reeves

**Gan Family Shabbat Service & Dinner Honoring Graduates:** June 11, 5:30 pm

**YP ‘Shir Delight’ Shabbat Service:** June 11, 7:00 pm

**Keruv Shabbat Dinner:** June 18, 6:30 pm

**Shabbat Under the Stars:** June 25, 7:30 pm (No 6:00 pm service)

**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
<b>30</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>17 Sivan</i>	<b>31</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Meeting <i>18 Sivan</i>	<b>1</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm YP Committee Meeting 8:00 pm Men’s Study Group <i>19 Sivan</i>	<b>2</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Mtg. <i>20 Sivan</i>	<b>3</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>21 Sivan</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner 8:00 pm Adas Oneg Service with Rabbi Steinlauf Guest Speaker: Pamela Reeves 9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Mindy & Jeffrey Sosland <i>22 Sivan</i> 8:12 pm	<b>5 PARSHAT SHELACH LECHA</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Sanctuary Service (in Kogod Chapel) Youth Summer Programs Shabbat Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Service (in Charles E. Smith Sanctuary) Bat Mitzvah: Zachary Sosland D’var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf <i>23 Sivan</i> 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service, D’var Torah by Rhoda Ritzenberg 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Shorashim Service 11:00 am Jr. Congregation 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot Service 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Mindy & Jeffrey Sosland 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service
<b>6</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 12:30 pm Religious School Faculty Lunch Mtg. 2:00 pm Sisterhood Closing Event 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>24 Sivan</i>	<b>7</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:15 pm Gan Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>25 Sivan</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>8</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes <i>26 Sivan</i>	<b>9</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Annual Meeting & Yad Hakavod Award <i>27 Sivan</i>	<b>10</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>28 Sivan</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>11</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Service Honoring Graduates with Rabbi Steinlauf & Robyn Helzner 6:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm YP Shir Delight Shabbat <b>NO Adas Oneg Service or Oneg Shabbat</b> <i>29 Sivan</i> 8:15 pm	<b>12 PARSHAT KORACH / ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:15 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Bat Mitzvah: Tessa Silverman Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Shorashim Service 11:00 am Jr. Congregation 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot Service <i>30 Sivan</i> 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Judith & Clive Kamins 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service
<b>13</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>1 Tammuz</i>	<b>14</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>2 Tammuz</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>15</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>3 Tammuz</i>	<b>16</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Adas Israel/Peoples Church Dialogue Group <i>4 Tammuz</i>	<b>17</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>5 Tammuz</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>18</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service 6:30 pm Keruv Shabbat Dinner, Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 8:00 pm Adas Oneg Service with Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat <i>6 Tammuz</i> 8:19 pm	<b>19 PARSHAT CHUKAT</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:15 am Combined Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service, D’var Torah by Larry Paul 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Shorashim Service 11:00 am Tot Shabbat <i>7 Tammuz</i> 11:00 am Netivot Service 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service
<b>20</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>8 Tammuz</i>	<b>21</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Sweet Summertime—Session 1 Begins 1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Dues Task Force Meeting <i>9 Tammuz</i>	<b>22</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:00 am Administrative Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>10 Tammuz</i>  <i>Synagogue Dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>23</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>11 Tammuz</i>	<b>24</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>12 Tammuz</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>25</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Shabbat Under the Stars, with Rabbi Steinlauf Oneg Shabbat Dessert Reception <b>No 6:00 pm service</b> <i>13 Tammuz</i> 8:20 pm	<b>26 PARSHAT BALAK</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:15 am Combined Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Shorashim Service 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot Service 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service <i>14 Tammuz</i>
<b>27</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 4:00 pm YP Jazz, Jews & Booze BBQ 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>15 Tammuz</i>	<b>28</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Sisterhood Taste of Tanach 1:00 pm Senior Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>16 Tammuz</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>29</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:00 am Staff Mystery Bus Trip 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>17 Tammuz</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>30</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>18 Tammuz</i>	<b>1</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan <i>19 Tammuz</i>  <i>Synagogue dark: no evening activities</i>	<b>2</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner (offsite) <b>No Late Service</b> <i>20 Tammuz</i> 8:20 pm	<b>3 PARSHAT PINCHAS</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary & Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Services Combined 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service <i>21 Tammuz</i>



## Dr. Irving Brick Bequest Grows to Nearly \$4 Million Fund for the Future Exceeds \$21 Million

The largest contribution Adas Israel Congregation has received to date, the extraordinary bequest by Dr. Irving Brick (z"l), has recently been expanded to nearly \$4 million.

A synagogue member for over a decade, Dr. Brick passed away in 2004, after which the congregation received a generous bequest of nearly \$2.5 million. Working with our pro bono legal counsel, Morris Kletzkin, an additional \$1.4 million was recently received following certain conditions of the estate.

The original gift was used to create the Dr. Irving Brick Memorial Endowment Fund and to create a capital improvements fund to help maintain the synagogue.

After earning an MD from Georgetown University in 1941, Dr. Brick returned as the hospital's sole gastroenterologist in 1947. He was generous to several community organizations and understood what a gift of this size would mean to Adas Israel

and its mission while perpetuating a relationship that clearly was important to him.

This magnanimous bequest brings the Adas Israel Fund for the Future Endowment Fund to more than \$21 million in gifts and pledges toward our goal of \$40 million to ensure our synagogue's future.

To learn more about planned giving and bequests to our congregation, please contact Eric Fox, Robert Peck, or Glenn Easton at the synagogue office.

May the name and memory of Dr. Irving Brick forever be a blessing and inspiration. ○



### Will you be in town over the Independence Day weekend?

On Friday evening, July 2, at 7 pm, the Adas Israel community is welcome to join the *Ruach Minyan* for a spirited outdoor *Shabbat* evening service. There will be plenty of singing in a Carlebach-style *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Ma'ariv*.

The service will be held near the Van Ness Metro station, on the plaza between Van Ness North and Van Ness South. (From Connecticut Ave., walk up Veazey Terrace and up a set of stairs at the limited guest parking. The plaza is fully accessible through Van Ness South, 3003 Van Ness Street, and going through the building lobby.)

A *Shabbat* potluck dinner will follow the service in an adjacent party room, around 8:15 pm. Please join us for the service, dinner, or both.

For more information and to RSVP for the dinner, e-mail [ruachminyan@adasisrael.org](mailto:ruachminyan@adasisrael.org) or visit the *Ruach Minyan*, [www.adasisrael.org/ruachminyan](http://www.adasisrael.org/ruachminyan). ○

### arts@ADAS

Our thanks to the many wonderful photographers who have shared their art with our congregation and community. The photographs in our lobby and upstairs have been so well received that we have been asked to keep the display up through the High Holy Days so the largest number of members can enjoy them. Anyone interested in purchasing photos should inquire directly with the photographer whose contact information can be found on the list in the reception area.

Our thanks to the arts@adas committee and all of our participants.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Erev Selichot Community  
Concert featuring

**The Robyn Helzner Trio**

**Saturday night, September 4  
9:00 pm**

Dessert reception follows  
Selichot Services begin at 11:00 pm

Sponsored by the Joseph & Mollie Muchnick  
Selichot Fund and the Susan Linowes Allen  
Memorial Music Fund



### Tikkun Olam

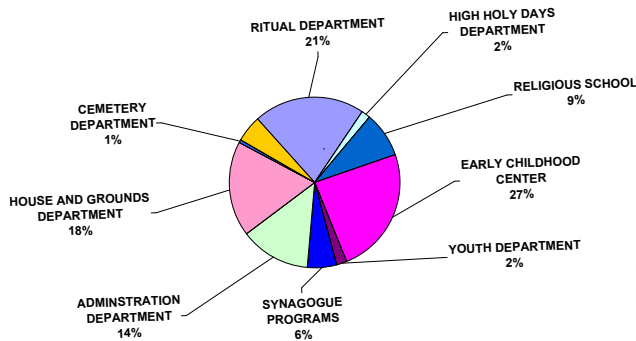
**May 23, March for Hope–Justice in Sudan** raised awareness and funds to help the people of Darfur and the rest of Sudan. Adas Israel was a sponsoring organization, along with more than 25 other organizations in the regional Darfur Interfaith Network. Rabbi Feinberg was one of the speakers. Funds went to humanitarian aid in Sudan and refugee camps in Chad and to the advocacy group, *SaveDarfur.org*.

Adas Israel has been involved in this social action since 2005 and will continue to bear witness and pursue justice for the Darfuris and Sudanese facing ongoing genocide and violence. Please come to our **next vigil** at the Embassy of Sudan on Sunday, June 20, 1:30–2:30. For further information, contact Laura Cutler, [mbcutler@aol.com](mailto:mbcutler@aol.com), or Judy Herr, [jnherr20814@yahoo.com](mailto:jnherr20814@yahoo.com). ○

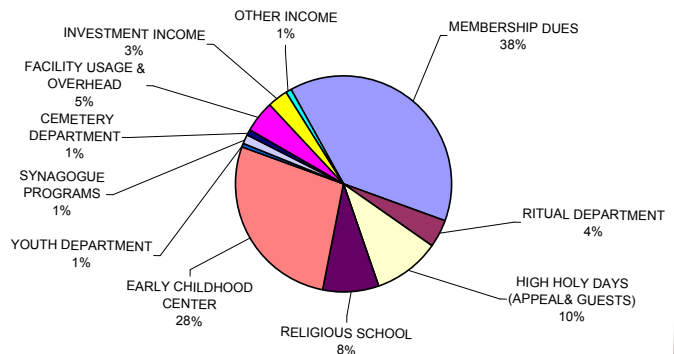
# Please join us at our Annual Congregational Meeting

The meeting will be on **Wednesday evening, June 9, at 7:30 pm**, and will include the "State of the Synagogue" by Robert Peck, election of synagogue leaders, financial report, long-range building renewal and endowment plans, and presentation of our *Yad Hakavod* Award to Bernard Meyer. Dessert reception to follow.

Total Expenses = \$5,617,105



Total Revenue = \$5,517,585



## Proposed Slate of Officers, Trustees, & Board Members

### Officers

President-Elect

Johanna Chanin

### The following officers continue in office:

President

Robert Peck

Vice President for Administration

Johanna Chanin

Vice President for Membership & External Affairs

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Vice President for Adult Ed. & Ritual

Dirk Aardsma

Vice President for Development

Eric Fox

& Financial Affairs

Vice President for Education

Amy Schwartz

& Youth Activities

Secretary

Meredith Weiner-Cymerman

Assistant Secretary

Brian Schwalb

Treasurer

Herlene Nagler

Assistant Treasurer

Arnold Podgorsky

Immediate Past President

Ed Kopf

### Trustees

Judie Linowes

Lawrence Nussdorf

### Continuing Trustees

Melvin Cohen

David Povich

Jack Kay

Sheldon Cohen,  
emeritus

### Board of Directors

(term expiring 2013)

Laurie Aladjem

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Jeffrey Knishkowsky

Nechama Masliansky

Sidney Moskowitz

Dale Sorcher

David Strouse

### Board of Directors

(recommended Presidential  
Appointments term exp. 2011)

Joseph Goldstein

Gail Schwartz

## Proposed 3% Membership Dues Increase

CATEGORY	CURRENT	PROPOSED	CATEGORY	CURRENT	PROPOSED
2 Adult Household (>45)	\$2,545	\$2,600	1 Adult Household (>45)	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,445
2 Adult Household (36-45)	\$2,470	\$2,545	1 Adult Household (36-45)	\$ 1,360	\$ 1,400
2 Adult Household (31-35)	\$1,570	\$1,620	1 Adult Household (31-35)	\$ 800	\$ 825
2 Adult Household (26-30)	\$ 865	\$ 890	1 Adult Household (26-30)	\$ 385	\$ 410
2 Adult Household (<26)	\$ 655	\$ 675	1 Adult Household (<26)	\$ 99	\$ 99

**Please remember that financial hardship is never a barrier to membership; please call Glenn Easton if there is a financial need. For a complete copy of the synagogue budget, please contact Glenn Easton at the synagogue office.**

# Lifelong Learning

## Shabbat Weekend Retreat for Adults, Nov. 12–14

Adas Israel is sponsoring a Jewish learning and living retreat for adults on the theme, “Experiencing *Shabbat*,” November 12–14, at the Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, MD, just outside of Baltimore. The event is open to anyone over the age of 18, and all members of Adas Israel are encouraged to attend.

The study sessions will discuss the significance of different *Shabbat* observances and address how we can make our weekly *Shabbat* observance more engaging and meaningful. In addition, selections from Judith Shulevitz’s new book, *The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time*, will be discussed.

## The Me’ah Program Adas Israel Congregation

Ever wish you could go back to college to take Jewish Studies courses? Now you can—without writing papers or taking tests! Explore the opportunity. Come to The Me’ah Program at Adas Israel Congregation.

What is *Me’ah* (translated as 100)? *Me’ah* is an innovative adult Jewish learning experience that offers 100 hours of in-depth text study over two years, guided by university-level faculty. Participants in the *Me’ah* program study four central periods of Jewish history: Biblical, rabbinic, medieval, and modern, to deepen their understanding of and connection to the Jewish people.

Through a collaborative effort of Adas Israel and the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning, the *Me’ah* program begins a



new two-year cycle in our community in October. On May 3, 30 people participated in a lesson taught by Dr. Erica Brown and expressed interest in signing up for the program.

If you were not able to come on May 3, you can learn about the program by visiting the *Me’ah* website, [www.meahusa.org/](http://www.meahusa.org/). In addition, Rabbi Feinberg has a DVD describing the program and including comments by students who have participated in the program. If you like more information about the program, please contact Rabbi Feinberg, [Rabbi.Feinberg@adasisrael.org/](mailto:Rabbi.Feinberg@adasisrael.org/) ○.

## Todah Rabbah

*Todah rabbah to our Sunday morning synagogue receptionists, Maricy Schmitz (left) and Marge Elfin. Sunday mornings are very busy at Adas Israel, with our Religious School, Minyan, Lifelong Learning classes, youth group activities, Sisterhood Gift Shop, and more. Thanks to Maricy and Marge, our members, students, and guests are greeted, welcomed, and assisted. We look forward to seeing them both in the fall after the summer break.*



## Follow Us on Facebook

You don’t have to join Facebook to follow us on Facebook. Visit our Adas Israel Facebook Fan Page at [www.facebook.com/adasisraeldc](http://www.facebook.com/adasisraeldc) to learn of up-to-the-minute information about the synagogue.

If you belong to Facebook, please join our fan page. Our goal is 500 fans by *Rosh Hashanah*. A special prize will be given to our 250th and 500th Facebook Fan.

Join in the fun!



# YP @ AI

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.



**'Shir Delight,'** Adas Israel's Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* experience for young professionals, Friday, June 11, 7:00 pm

## Jazz, Jews, and Booze

**Sunday, June 27, 4:00–7:00 pm** on Adas Israel's Front Steps (rain or shine!)

Enjoy some live jazz with over 300

Jewish young professionals.

All you can eat, all you can drink for only \$10 (\$8 for Adas Israel members)

Pay online by June 21 using your credit card at [www.adasisrael.org/yp](http://www.adasisrael.org/yp)



## Meet your *bashert* (soulmate) at a YP@AI event, get a free wedding at Adas Israel!

That's right, if you meet someone at one of our events, you are welcome to have your special day at Adas Israel at no charge (to rent the space). Now there's an incentive...no pressure!



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



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

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.

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 ○

Adas Israel Keruv Committee Presents...

## Interfaith Family Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, June 18 at 6:30 pm**

Interfaith families and couples are warmly invited to our second Keruv Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Charles Feinberg.

Please join us for a relaxed Shabbat dinner where we will learn about Shabbat table practices and the meaning of the Shabbat blessings. Children's activities will be available.



**Adults: \$18.50**

**Children: \$12.00**

RSVP to Carol Ansell by noon, Wednesday, June 16 at [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org) or 202.362.4433

Please contact Eyal Rosenstock with any questions at [rosenstock@legalestaffing.com](mailto:rosenstock@legalestaffing.com) or 202.386.7570



# Contributions

The congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

## **Abraham & Anna Nathanson Youth Endowment Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Anna B. Nathanson** by Bennett Nathanson

## **Anna & Joseph Blumenthal Video Fund**

*For The Speedy Recovery Of:* **Flora Atkin** by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

*In Memory Of:* **Clara Hartogensis** by Allen Wolpe. **Eleanor B. Wolpe** by Carolyn Wolpe Sanger.

## **Anne Frank House**

*In Memory Of:* **Edith Ferdinand** by Susan & Morris Klein. **Philip Stern** by Susan Willens.

## **Anne Kampelman Wiederkehr Cultural Arts Program**

*In Memory Of:* **Shirley Sykes** by Ginny Sykes.

## **Bible & Prayer Book Fund**

*In Appreciation Of:* **Adas Israel & Cantor**

**Marcus** by King Farm Presbyterian Retirement Community.

## **Cantor Weber Discretionary Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Gertrude Sofer** by Gene Sofer & Judith Bartnoff.

## **Congregational Kiddush**

By: Yoni & Marjie Levine.

*In Honor Of:* **Annie Fisher's bat mitzvah** by Paul & Nancy Fisher. **Lucy Bee Smolar's bat mitzvah** by David & Rebecca Smolar.

## **Craig Jeffrey Atlas Hebrew University Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Barton "Buddy" Levenson, Celia K. Atlas** by Bette Lee Levenson.

## **Daily Minyan Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Sidney Yecies, Jay Yecies** by Mark Yecies & Ellen Roche.

## **Dan Kaufman Children's Program Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Minnie Kaufman's** birthday by Esther Silverman.

*In Memory Of:* **Dan Kaufman** by Julia Batishev.

## **Daryl Reich Rubenstein Staff Development Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Bessie Rubenstein** by Lee & Trina Rubenstein. **Sadie Ruth Kaminski** by staff of Institute for Educational Leadership.

## **David B Sykes Family Endowment for the Arts**

*In Memory Of:* **Sylvia Lefson** by Diane Sykes.

## **Dial In Program Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Liza Grundwag** by Nathan & Ruthe Katz.

## **Doris Herman Gan Teacher Recognition Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Sue Greenberg** by The Pinson/Vine Family.

## **Dr. Louis Jacobs Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Sidney Krauser** by Larry & Flo Meyer.

## **Dr. Stanley Kirstein Gan HaYeled Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Sara Schiller** by Richard & Lisa Sapperstein.

## **Dr. William & Vivienne Stark Wedding & Anniversary Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Samuel Rose** by Dr. William & Vivienne Rose Stark.

## **Ethel & Nat Popick Chronicle Fund**

*In Memory Of:* Brother of **Arthur Hillman** by Richard & Dorothy Block.

## **Frances & Leonard Burka Social Action Endowment**

*In Memory Of:* **Elizabeth Gelman Kossow** by Leonard & Frances Burka.

## **Fund for the Future**

*For The Speedy Recovery Of:* **Morris Kletzkyn** by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

*In Memory Of:* **Albert E. Cousins** by Leonard & Beth Sloan & Family. **Florence Friedman** by Shirley Cohen.

## **Garden of the Righteous Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Judith & Saul Strauch** by Roger & Renée Fendrich, Larry & Edna Povich. **Garden of Righteous** program by Susan Kerley & Marion Biel.

## **Havurah Kiddush Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Ben Rosenblum's** birthday by Arnie & Mary Hammer. Our daughters' Madeline, Sasha & Abby's birthdays, our 25th wedding anniversary by Paul & Claudia Taskier. **David Schwartz's** 80th birthday by Gail Schwartz.

## **Hazzan Greenberg Discretionary Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Hazzan Greenberg & Rabbi Ginsberg's** baby son Elijah by Miriam Rosenthal. *In Memory Of:* **Betty Fudeman** by James and Linda Greenberg.

## **Kullen Family Foundation**

*In Memory Of:* **Sol Kullen, Sheldon Korn, Oscar Zweig, Selma Shear, Howard Bernstein, Rhoda Margolis Smith**, all by Shirley Kullen.

## **Leah Chanin Day School Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Bernard Siegel** by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

## **Lillian & Daniel Ezrin Fund for Ritual Objects**

*In Memory Of:* **Esther Ganz, Richard Ganz** by Joel & Rhoda Ganz. **Solomon Seigle** by Paula Goldman.

## **Men's Club Amuday Torah Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Louis Harrison, Rose D. Herman** by Jack & Flo Herman.

## **Mildred & Jess Fisher Nursery School Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Ranon Ginsberg's** 3rd birthday and **Elijah Baruch Ginsberg's** birth to Hazzan Jenna Greenberg & Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg by James & Linda Greenberg. Marcie & Don Goelman's granddaughter **Ella Shoshana Goelman** by Perelman Jewish Day School.

*In Memory Of:* **Inga Freyer-Nicholas** by Glenn & Cindy Easton. **Mariana Querrero** by Scott

Siff & Kinney Zalesne.

## **Morris Hariton Senior Programming Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Fay Shulman** by Joshua Shiffrin & Lauren Oppenheimer.

## **Offerings**

*In Memory Of:* **Max Cohen** by Alan & Sharon Cooper. **Sadie Kaminski** by Stuart & Frances Eizenstat. **Nathan Sinel** by Norman & Ellen Sinel.

**Robert Leibowitz** by Paul & Bunny Weinstein.

**Rose Bressler** by Joseph Bressler & Ursula Krzych. **Gerald Joseph Miller** by Stuart & Cathy Miller. **Samuel Mostow** by Selma Mostow.

## **R. Robert Linowes Library Bookshelf Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Robert Linowes** by Ada Linowes.

## **Rabbi Avis Miller Lifelong Learning Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Edith Ferdinand** by Dan, Nancy & Jory Weiss. **Norma Calarco** by Nancy Weiss. **Beverly Bildman Bernstein** by Janet Baldinger.

## **Rabbi Feinberg Discretionary Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Gertrude Sofer** by Gene Sofer & Judith Bartnoff.

## **Rabbi Steinlauf Discretionary Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Helen Lasser** by David Margolies & Susan Tersoff. **Niravi Payne** by Ellie, John, Benny & Kimberly Hasenberg.

## **Rose R. Freudberg Sisterhood Memorial Library Fund**

*In Honor Of:* B'nai mitzvah of **Maya Meltsner, Samantha Knapp, Nate Albert**, all by Stewart & Shelley Remer.

*For The Speedy Recovery Of:* **Diane Keller** by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

*In Memory Of:* **Joseph Masliansky** by Nechama Masliansky. **Herman Reuben Lantner** by Louis & Karen Lantner. **Richard Butler**, Janet Butler by Stuart & Jamie Butler. **Ethel Finglass** by Jack Finglass. **Sadie Kaminski** by Carol Saginaw & Lorraine Dverin, National Women's Law Center, Illinois Action for Children, Steve & Sybil Wolin.

**Dorothy Krause** by Allan & Laura Melmed.

**Meyer Mazor** by Julian Mazor. **Beatrice Rubin** by Don & Gail Roache. **Charlotte Silverstein** by Marsh & Arlene Cohen. **Leon Frenk** by Raquel Frenk. **I. Louis Firestone** by Ross Firestone.

**Simon Sie Rubin** and **Sophie T. Lasky** by Fae Brodie. **Karen Tersoff** by David Margolies & Susan Tersoff. **Beatrice Tolleris** by John Tolleris.

**Samuel Lebow** by Irv & Grace Lebow.

## **Rothstein Family Israel College Scholarship Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Irving Rothstein** on your birthday by Miriam Feldman, Ralph & Bette Rothstein.

## **Samuel & Sadie Lebowitz Israel Scholarship Fund**

*In Memory Of:* **Albert Bernard, Samuel Lebowitz** by Bo & Marky Kirsch.



## Contributions Continued

### **Sandra & Clement Alpert Family Education Fund**

By: Anonymous.

*In Honor Of:* **Clement Alpert's** birthday by Ellen & Bill Kominers.

*In Memory Of:* **Yetta Alpert** by Clem & Sandra Alpert.

### **Sandra & Stanley Bobb Endowment Fund**

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## Welcome to *adasisrael.org*

Thanks to months of effort by our Web-site Task Force, we are proud to announce the launch of our redesigned website, [www.adasisrael.org](http://www.adasisrael.org). While a website is always a work in progress, and we still have a number of pages to enhance and complete (such as the special school sections and expanding the new Members Only section), the task force did a fantastic job redesigning, refocusing, and bringing our old site into the 21st century.

At your leisure, please browse the new site and feel free to send us your thoughts and suggestions. Some of the highlights include:

- new look and feel, including a modern home page, vibrant colors, easier navigation, and reorganized sections highlighting our new vision
- new up-to-date virtual calendar of synagogue services, program, and events
- an easier way/link to find and connect with our various communities (*Shabbat* communities, age-specific communities, etc.)
- online ability to volunteer for a committee or social action project
- an adult lifelong learning page with the ability to post study guides for participants in advance
- a members only section (password = adas) and a Board/Committee section to provide resources, documents, information, and—eventually—the ability to update individual family demographic and personal information



- ability to charge donations online to your synagogue account and—eventually—online donation credit card payments
- an expanded *Shabbat* & Worship section with links to sermons, prayers, and melodies
- an online library catalogue and—eventually—a book reservation system
- a redesigned Sisterhood Gift Shop Page
- a link to our Facebook Fan Page
- a growing section dedicated to our 21st-Century Renewal Project

We invite all members, committees, auxiliary presidents, staff, and friends to send us your updates and suggestions for our ever-evolving website. Our thanks to the members of our task force: Jean Bernard, Meredith Weiner Cymerman, Lisa Dunn, Amy Herman, Betty Adler, and Shana Zucker, along with Kate Bailey, Josh Bender, Glenn Easton, Beth Ann Spector, Rich Levitas, and many others who contributed ideas, opinions, and resources. ○

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