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דוֹבֵר אֱמֶת Dover Emet **Speaking the Truth**

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

When I was a kid, I always associated the end of summer with the feeling of butterflies in my stomach. Whenever I heard those August cicadas singing in the trees, whenever the "back-to-school" clothing sales started coming on the television, it was time to get nervous: a new school year was starting. The ecstatic freedom of summer vacation was coming to an end. Funny, but now that I'm a grown-up with kids of my own, I still get those butterflies as the summer ends. In my case, of course, it's not a new school year, it's a new Jewish year—the High Holy Days. As a rabbi, I find it a particularly rude awakening from the slow pace of summer. We hit the ground running with massive services, followed by more holidays, followed by the "high season" of services and

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Adas Reads: Yom Kippur Afternoon to Feature Laurie **Strongin and John Donvan**

Please join us on Yom Kippur afternoon for a special event featuring Adas Israel member Laurie Strongin, interviewed by John Donvan of ABC News. Laurie will discuss her recently released book, Saving Henry, A Mother's Journey.

Saving Henry is the eye-opening and inspiring story of how far a family will go to save the life of their child. Laurie Strongin's son Henry was born with a heart condition that was operable, but that proved to be a precursor for a rare, almost always fatal illness: Fanconi anemia. Deciding to pursue every avenue that might provide a

cure, Laurie and her husband, Allen Goldberg, signed on for

a brand-new procedure that combined in vitro fertilization with genetic testing to produce a baby without the disease, who could be a stem cell donor for Henry. Laurie became a fervent advocate for stem cell research, working with policymakers and the scientific community to bring attention to Henry's case and to the groundbreaking research that could save many lives. Henry's



Laurie Strongin



John Donvan

Simchat Torah Honorees, October 1



Saving Henry









Steven Kleinrock



Simchat Torah is one of the most joyous days of the Hebrew calendar. On this day, the annual cycle of the reading of the *Torah* is begun again. Each year, several congregants who have served with unusual dedication are selected to receive

special honors on Simchat Torah. For each of them, Adas Israel is deeply entwined with their lives and that of their families. Please join us on the morning of Simchat Torah on October 1 when we honor this year's worthy honorees.

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programs and events galore. We clergy rarely get to take a breath until, maybe, the end-of-December slowdown.

Life has its ebbs and flows, its high and low seasons for us all. I suspect that I'm not the only adult to feel those butterflies as the summer ends, though. On some level, we all do. Perhaps

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that's the wisdom behind putting the High Holy Days right at the end of the summertime, when the autumn chill is right around the corner. There's a magic that the summer brings, despite its heat in these parts. The sunlight is plentiful. The sense of freedom is palpable. The possibilities of lazing outside with our friends and loved ones are ever-present. We don't get that as much during the rest of the year. Our whole society has built up an entire industry around summertime, and vacations in general.

Batya and I took our kids on vacation to visit family in California, and we made the obligatory one-day visit to Disneyland. There, the culture of literally profiting from the ecstatic freedom of summer/vacation is raised to a high art form. Everything about the American Disneyland experience is about losing ourselves, if only for a brief time, in blissful escapism. And it's wonderful. We had a great (if not overly crowded) time escaping life's mundane stresses with rides, characters, shows, and Main Street USA. But I'm a rabbi. One thing I never escape is my philosophical, theological lens on life's experiences as teachers of ultimate *Torah* lessons. I tried to keep my deep and meaningful observations to myself as I walked around with ice cream cones and waited on line for "It's a Small World After All," so as not to make my vacationing kids crazy with my philosophizing about it all.

But I can't help but share my thoughts with you here now, as we approach the Jewish season that is literally the opposite of escapism: the High Holy Days, the time when we are called upon to look at the cold, hard truth of it all in our lives. To a certain extent, Disneyland helps me as a rabbi to understand why the message of the High Holy Days—perhaps the message of Judaism itself—is so difficult to communicate and to "sell" in our modern times. You see, for all the bliss and relentless happiness of Disney, I couldn't help but notice a subtext to the experience. As I journeyed from Fantasyland to Tomorrowland to Adventureland, I saw throngs of every conceivable race and ethnicity and phase of life of Americans, with their Mickey hats and Mickey balloons, willingly and passionately standing on line for hours—in the heat—to go on rides and attractions that provide wonderful, high-production-value escape from it all.

I couldn't help but think of the ancient Israelites who dutifully made their pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year for the major festivals, braving the heat and the elements to pay homage to God at the Temple Mount. Or the Muslims who, even if they are destitute, make time at some point in their lives to make a pilgrimage to Mecca, to where Muhammad began his odyssey. Naturally, I'm being a little tongue-in-cheek, but there

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really is a parallel in the American pilgrimage to Disney. None of us wants to deprive our kids, despite the astronomical cost and the schlep-factor, of a childhood Disney experience!

In no way do I mean to be the Grinch who stole Disney. I only mean to use Disney as a distillation of something in our experience as Americans and as Jews: that our Disney-informed society indeed relishes the chance to escape from it all. Implied in all escapism is the message that life, in fact, needs to be escaped. That reality, in its mundane regular experience, will tend toward the oppressive. As your hard-working rabbi, I'm the first to agree that each of us needs a good vacation now and again! But in theme-park vacations, and in all the other multimedia distractions we brilliantly create for ourselves in our ever-advancing high-tech society, we add another layer to the all-important vacation: that in getting away from it all is where we can find life's real magic. We buy—literally—into this fantasy that we can achieve a truly magical experience in life if we pay for the airfare and hotels and theme park tickets.

Judaism in general, and the High Holy Days in particular, stands for a wholly different worldview—that the only way we can ever experience real magic is in our refusal to escape it all. In Judaism, we understand the essence of "vacation," of needing a rest from the stress of it all: it's called *Shabbat*, and it comes once a week, and it's something that we work into the regular pattern of our weekly existence. And then, during each and every day of the week, through our *t'filot* and our study and our other ritual actions, we engage as deeply and as meaningfully as we can with life *as it is*. We see our job as not to escape the ordinary, but to raise it up, to sanctify it, to transform it from the mundane into an experience of the miraculous, because when you really take a look at life, even in its apparently mundane moments, it *is* truly miraculous. And isn't that what all the Disney and Harry Potter and Hollywood extravaganzas are there to suggest, the experience of the wondrous?

We are all so very blessed to be the inheritors of a tradition that makes a radical claim on the High Holy Days. "B'Rosh Hashanah Yikateivun, uv'Yom Tzom Kippur yeichateimun," "On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed: . . . who shall live, and who shall die . . . " When we find the courage not to escape, but to contemplate life, even to the ultimate level of life and death itself, even as we acknowledge life's stress and pain, in that willingness, in that open heart, therein all true magic is born. Therein we become truly alive. Therein, even amid life's disappointments, we can discover what is true in our dreams, and strive to make what is essentially good in our dreams come true for ourselves and for others, even if we don't live to see the fruits of our actions in this lifetime. This is the path of real magic, of real miracles, of holiness. This is the Jewish way.

My dream for 5771 is that we all learn to celebrate the brilliance and joy that lives in the truth and not just in fantasies. May we all find the blessing of reality in our lives in this new year. And when we all know that, by all means, let's all go and have a great time in Disneyland! •

High Holy Days

Pre-Selichot Concert to Feature Robyn Helzner Trio, Sept. 4 Coffee Hour and Selichot Service to Follow

Our congregation and community welcome the High Holy Day season with a special pre-Selichot concert featuring the Robyn Helzner Trio. Beginning at 9:00 pm, the concert is open to the community and underwritten by the Joseph & Mollie Muchnick Selichot Fund and the Susan Linowes Allen Memorial Music Fund.

Mastering a repertoire of authentic Jewish music from five corners of the Jewish world—in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Russian, and English, the Robyn Helzner Trio delivers performances vibrant with warmth, humor, and a commanding energy. With Dov Weitman on mandolin and Matt Holsen on bass and keyboard, the Robyn

Helzner Trio contributes a treasure of both new and traditional songs to the extraordinary Jewish music legacy.

Following the concert, the congregation and community are invited to a coffee hour of fellowship and friendship. At 11:00 pm, Rabbis Steinlauf and Feinberg and *Hazzan* Weber will lead a *Selichot* service using a newly compiled booklet in place of the "Hush of Midnight."

Preceding the concert will be a coffee hour for Reshet DC (formerly Kesher) for our 30's and 40's. Please invite your family and friends to join us for

this wonderful introduction to the High Holy Day season. •



Robyn Helzner Trio

Kol Nidre Appeal Needs Your Support

As Adas Israel begins its 141st year serving our members and community, we are in an exciting and unique place in our congregational history. Transitions are sometimes challenging, but ours is exciting. As we begin one of the most important transitions in our synagogue's history, our clergy and school directors are bringing us exciting services, programs, and approaches that are attracting new members and reinvigorating our current members.

The Jewish community in Washington is changing, and Adas Israel is in the vanguard with stimulating and successful programs. Innovative Friday night services, expanded youth services on *Shabbat* mornings, a Young Professionals group with 2,600 members, award-winning nursery school and religious school programs, active social action programs throughout the community, partnerships with other Jewish organizations, intense adult lifelong learning classes—these are just a the few of the refreshing things happening at Adas Israel these days.

Our accomplishments are somewhat restrained by the challenges of the economy. Interest income from endowments is diminished, and while our programs have grown, so has the number of members who are experiencing financial hardship. While we are ending the year with a deficit for the first time in decades, we are committed to maintaining and expanding successful programs, retaining our devoted and necessary support and maintenance staff, maintaining our excellent school and youth programs, visiting ill and homebound members through our unique *Hesed* program, and providing help in the community through our Tikkun Olam (social action) efforts. The leadership of the congregation has taken a bold move to assist all members who are experiencing financial hardship and recognize the effects of the economy on every member household. No child is denied a Jewish education and no member is turned away due to financial hardship.

The Kol Nidre Appeal yields funds needed each year to supplement membership and tuition income. This year the

Appeal has particular significance—to overcome reduced income and enhanced programming needs. So that the synagogue can continue its exciting transition in the face of difficult economic times, we request the support of every member of the congregation.

Unlike many organizations, we request your support just once each year and hope that we can meet our goal prior to *Kol Nidre* so we need not interrupt the beauty and dignity of that service with a spoken appeal.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please send in your response today or e-mail your pledge to adasoffice@adasisrael. org. Thank you for your generous support, and our thanks to the leaders of our Kol Nidre Appeal effort: Judie Linowes and Harry Linowes, Appeal Co-Chairs; Jeri Greenberg, Appeal Vice-Chair; and Eric Fox, Development VP. •

RESHET DC SELICHOT COFFEE HOUR AND CONCERT

Please join us on September 4, at 8:00 pm, for a special Reshet DC coffee hour. Afterward, we will join the Adas Israel community as we welcome the High Holy Day season with a special pre-Selichot concert featuring the Robyn Helzner Trio. The concert begins at 9:00 pm. Following the concert, the congregation and community are invited for an hour of fellowship and friendship. At 11:00 pm, Rabbis Steinlauf and Feinberg and Hazzan Weber will lead Selichot services. We look forward to having you join us!!!

RSVP to ReshetDC@adasisrael.org

Home Observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, 5771 Rosh Hashanah at Home

The celebration of Rosh Hashanah, like all Jewish holidays, takes place in the synagogue and at home. The mood of the holiday combines solemnity and joy. The commemoration of Rosh Hashanah at home can be enhanced by the following preparation and ceremonies: the table should be set in a festive manner, with a white cloth (symbolic of purity and joy), candlesticks, wine, apples and honey, and challot (usually round to symbolize a full, complete year). The family gathers for the lighting of the candles.

Rosh Hashanah begins on Wednesday evening, September 8, candles are lit, and the blessing is followed by the she-hecheeyanu:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֵ-לֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֵׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בִּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצְוָנוּ לָהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל יוֹם טוֹב.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzeevanu l'hadleek ner shel Yom Tov. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to light the festival candles.

ברוד אתה יי א-להינו מלד העולם, שהחינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, she-hecheeyanu v'kee-y-manu v'hiqeeyanu laz'man hazeh. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

▶ Blessing of the children: It is a beautiful tradition for parents to bless their children before reciting kiddush. Parents place their hands on each child's head and say the appropriate blessing.

For sons:

ישמד אַ-להים כַּאַפַרים וַכְמַנַשָּה. Y'simcha Eloheem k' Efrayim v'chi Menashe. May God make you as Ephraim and Menashe For daughters:

ישמד אַ-להִים כַּשַּׁרָה רְבָקָה רַחַל וְלאַה. Y'simech Eloheem k' Sarah, Rivka, Rachel, v' Leah. May God make you as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

For all children, continue with the Priestly Blessing: Y'va-rekh'kha Adonai v'yish-m'-rekha. May the יָבַרַכְּדְּ יִיַ וִיִשְׁמְרֵדְּ. Lord bless you and keep you; *Ya-er Adonai panav* יַאַר יִי פַנַיו אֱלֵידְ וִיחַנַּדְ. ele-kha vi-hu-neka. May the Lord's goodness shine on you and be gracious to you; Yisa Adonai ישַא יִי פַנֵיו אַלִיךּ וִישָׁם לַךְּ שַׁלוֹם. panav ele-kha v'ya-sem l'kha shalom. May the

Lord turn with favor to you and give you peace. Amen.

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah, it is traditional to dip apples in honey and recite the following prayer:

וִיהִי רַצוֹן מִלְפַנֵיך, יִי אֵ-לֹהֵינוּ וָא-לֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, שְׁתַּחַדֵּשׁ עַלֵינוּ שְׁנַה טובה ומתוקה.

Y'hee ratzon milfanecha, Adonai, Elohaynu v'elohay avotaynu, she'ti-chadesh aleynu shana tovah u'metukah. May it be Your will, Lord our God, and God of our ancestors, that the New Year be both good and sweet.

- Kiddush for Yom Tov
- Motzi

On the second night of Rosh Hashanah, it is customary to eat a new fruit (mango, pomegranate, etc.) so that the She-hecheeyanu may be recited. However, the Shehecheeyanu may be recited even without eating a new fruit.

The traditional greeting for Rosh Hashanah is:

L'shanah Tova Tikatevu.... May you be inscribed for a good year.

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High Holy Day Kever Avot Services

Jews worldwide mark the approaching High Holy Days with annual visits to the graves of departed loved ones. An ancient custom, *Kever Avot*, literally "graves of the fathers," dates almost as far back as Jews themselves. Gathering at the grave facilitates healing within families by creating an opportunity to grant forgiveness to one another. Others visit graves to connect with their past and to contemplate the life they want to live. The Adas Israel Kever Avot schedule is:

- Kever Avot Memorial Cemetery Service, Sunday, Sept. 12, 10:30 am Adas Israel Cemetery, 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC With Rabbi Gil Steinlauf and Hazzan Jeffrey Weber
- Judean Memorial Gardens Kever Avot Service, Sunday, Sept. 12, 10:30 am With Rabbi Charles Feinberg

The bus to Adas Israel Cemetery leaves from the congregation at 9:30 am. Call Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433, to reserve a seat; space is limited.

The Adas Israel Cemetery on Alabama Avenue will be open on Sunday, September 13, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. If you wish to visit at any other times, please call Henry Silberman, 202-362-4433, ext. 144, to set up a time. •

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facebook.com/adasisraeldc, to learn 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 drawn from our first 250 Facebook Fans, and a free membership will be drawn from our first 500 Facebook Fans.

Join in the fun!

High Holy Days Continued

HOME OBSERVANCE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Yom Kippur at Home

Memorial Candle: It is customary to light a memorial candle for departed members of the family before lighting the holy day candles.

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.

Blessing of the candles:
 בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֶ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְשְׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצְנֵנוּ
 לַהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל שַׁבַּת וְשֵׁל יוֹם הַכִּיפוּוּרִים.

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzeevanu l'hadleek ner shel Shabbat ve'shel Yom HaKippureem. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle lights for Shabbat and Yom Kippur.

Blessing the children on the Eve of *Yom Kippur*: It is traditional for parents to bless their children as the candles are lit on the eve of festivals. This is a special additional prayer for the Eve of *Yom Kippur*:

May it be God's will to sustain you in life and health. May your eyes not lead you astray, may your mouths speak with wisdom, may your hearts meditate with reverence, may your hands be engaged in commandments, and may your feet hasten to do God's will. May the Almighty grant you children who will grow up to be righteous, occupying themselves with *Torah* and commandments all their days. May the Almighty enable me to meet the obligations of parenthood, to provide amply for your needs, and to guide you toward good and upright character. May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Good and Long Life, together with all of the righteous. *Amen*.

A traditional greeting for Yom Kippur is:
 בְּמָר חַתִּימָה טוֹנָה
 G'mar Hatimah Tovah, May you be sealed in the Book of Life.

YOM KIPPUR SPEAKERS

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courage and bravery inspired nurses, doctors, friends, and family. *Saving Henry* is the story of one family's search for a cure, and the long-lasting scientific impact their amazing little boy has had.

Laurie is the founder and executive director of the Hope for Henry Foundation, which brings entertainment, laughter, and smiles to seriously ill children. She also acts as a family advocate in the national discussion of ethics and genetics. She has participated as a panelist and guest lecturer in forums hosted by the Johns Hopkins Genetics and Public Policy Center. In 2006, Laurie joined Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi to urge Congress to pass the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act. She is also a regular panelist on Clear Channel's Sunday radio program, Women Talk.

John Donvan is a correspondent for ABC News's *Nightline* based in Washington, DC. In a career that spans more than two decades for ABC News, Donvan has served as chief White House correspondent, chief Moscow correspondent, Amman bureau chief, Jerusalem correspondent, and correspondent for the ABC News Magazine, *Turning Point*.

Adas Reads is a congregation-wide program where members read a book and come together for a culminating event. In preparation for Laurie Strongin's talk on Yom Kippur afternoon, please visit www.savinghenry.com for information on where to purchase the book.

Sushi in the Sukkah

Sunday, Sept. 26 6:00 pm

Come join us to celebrate in the *sukkah*! We'll have sushi*, edamame, dessert & drinks. Schmooze, dine and enjoy good company and delightful fall weather with Adas Israel members.

The cost is \$20 for adults, \$14 for children (12 and under).

RSVP to Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433 or carol.ansell@adasisrael.org by noon on Friday, Sept. 17.

For more information, please contact Beth Ann Spector, programs@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433, ext. 139.

* Fish sushi and vegetarian rolls!



Schedule of Services

	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary	Other Locations	
ROSH HASHANAH EVE	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8*		
	6:00 pm & 8:00 pm		
FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBE	R 9	
Shacharit	8:15 am	(One Service – Sanctuary)	
Torah Service	9:30 am	9:30 am	
Family Service		10:00 am (Cohen-Wolpe Hall)	
Children's Services		10:30 am (see page 6 for details)	
Sermon	II:00 am	II:00 am	
Musaf	II:30 am	II:30 am	
USY Hike and Tashlich Service (9th–12th graders)		II:30 am (meet in Quebec Street Lobby)	
Family Tashlich		12:00 pm (meet on Conn. Ave. Patio)	
Community Taslich		6:00 pm (meet at Quebec Street entrance)	
Mincha/Maariv		7:00 pm (Kogod Chapel)	
	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary		
	(open seating)	Other Locations	
SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10*		
Preliminary Service and Shacharit	8:15 am	(One Service – Sanctuary)	
Combined Torah & Shofar Service	9:30 am – 10:45 am		
Service for families & elementary school age children		9:30 am – 10:45 am (Kogod Chapel)	
Pre-school (Gan) Service		9:30 am – 10:30 am (Gewirz Hall)	
Children's Services		10:30 am (see page 6 for details)	
Creative Musical Musaf Service with choir & instruments and Sermon	IO:45 am		
Traditional Musaf Service and Sermon		10:45 am (Kay Hall)	
Mincha/Maariv		7:00 pm (Kogod Chapel)	
KOL NIDRE	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17		
Mincha		6:00 pm (One Service – Gewirz Hall)	
Kol Nidre	6:30 pm	6:30 pm (Kay, Gewirz, Kogod Chapel)	
YOM KIPPUR	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBEI	R 18 (PLEASE NOTE YIZKOR TIME)	
Shacharit	9:00 am	(One Service – Sanctuary)	
Family Service		10:00 am (Cohen-Wolpe Hall)	
Children's Services		10:30 am (see page 6 for details)	
Torah Service	II:00 am	II:00 am	
Facebook and Forgiveness (7^{th} and 8^{th} graders)		II:30 am (Miller Chapel)	
Yizkor	II:40 am (approx.)	II:40 am (approx.)	
Sermon	12:15 pm	12:15 pm	
Musaf & Martyrology	12:40 pm (approx.)	12:40 pm (approx.)	
Afternoon Discussion		3:45 pm (Kay Hall)	
Mincha	5:00 pm	(One Service Charles E. Smith Sanctuary)	
Late Yizkor		5:30 pm (Kogod Chapel)	
Pre-school (Gan) Service		5:45 pm (Gewirz Hall)	
Traditional Minyan N'eelah		6:30 pm (Kogod Chapel)	
N'eelah *	6:30 pm		
Shofar	7:55 pm (approx.)		

Family Guide to Selecting a Service



One of the joys of our Congregation is the increasing number of families with children. They add a unique dimension and special vitality to our community. In response to many requests and in order to strengthen the children's connection to the Synagogue, we have created several unique services geared toward specific age groups. Please note the special children's services detailed below.

Many people like to be able to sit together as a family during some or all of High Holy Day services. Others like to know their children's needs are being met at children's services so they can concentrate on their own spiritual needs. Once you decide on your preference, we hope the following information is helpful.

- The Cohen-Wolpe Hall Family Service is for families who want to worship together with their elementary school age children. (Grades K-6)
- Everyone needs a ticket to be admitted into the building.
- Everyone is welcome at N'eelah, the concluding service on Yom Kippur.
- There are no separate services for children in grades 7 and above. Accordingly, we encourage these older children to attend services with their families. A USY Hike and Tashlich service, for 9th—I2th graders, will be held on the first day of Rosh Hashanah at II:30 am. On Yom Kippur at II:30 am there will be a new program for 7th and 8th graders called Texting and Teshuvah, Facebook and Forgiveness.
- For safety reasons, we ask parents to make sure that their children are supervised at all times, either directly by their families or in synagogue activities. Please do not allow your children to roam the building or play unsupervised in and around the building. If you wish to send them from an adult service to a children's service, for example, please accompany them and then return to your service.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

All Services for Children are from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Parents are welcome.

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	FIRST DAY	SECOND DAY	
	ROSH	ROSH	
	HASHANAH	HASHANAH	YOM KIPPUR
T & T	Youth Lounge	Youth Lounge	Youth Lounge
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Tefillah) for Tots	s through K with Men	uhah Peters	
Grades 1-3	Funger Hall	Funger Hall	Funger Hall
Grades 4-6	Library	Library	Library

SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Family Service with Josh Bender, Elie Greenberg and Hazzan Jenna Greenberg. Cohen-Wolpe Hall, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

USY Hike and Tashlich Service for 9th—12th graders led by Elie Greenberg. Quebec Street Lobby, II:30 am

Family Tashlich, led by Josh Bender and Hazzan Jenna Greenberg. Families wishing to participate should pick up their children and join the family service tashlich. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Connecticut Avenue patio, 12:00 pm

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Elementary-age Family Service with Rabbi Steinlauf and Cantor Weber. This abbreviated service features a Torah Service, a Shofar Ceremony and a story. Kogod Chapel, 9:30 am – IO:45 am

Pre-school Children (Gan-aged) & Families with Rabbi Feinberg and Robyn Helzner. This service includes an abbreviated Torah Service, a Shofar Ceremony, music, a story, and active participation by the children. Gewirz Hall, 9:30 am -10:30 am

YOM KIPPUR

Family Service with Josh Bender, Elie Greenberg, and Hazzan Jenna Greenberg. Cohen-Wolpe Hall, 10:00 am $-\,$ 11:30 am

Pre-school Children (Gan-aged) & Families with Rabbi Steinlauf and Robyn Helzner. At the conclusion of this service, families are welcome to join the N'eelah service in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. Gewirz Hall, 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm

NEW PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITY ROOMS – GRADES K - 6

Activity rooms will be staffed before and after Children's Services. Activity rooms will be staffed by Madrichim and will be open for children while their parents are in services.

TEXTING AND TESHUVAH, FACEBOOK AND FORGIVENESS

A discussion and dialogue for 7th and 8th graders

How has facebook and (other social networking sites), texting, on-line chatting, changed the way we relate to ourselves, to fellow human beings, to fellow Jews? Can we develop true friendships and relationships through this medium? How can this technology be used for tikun olam, improving or repairing the world? When does facebook/texting/chatting become a tool for hurting each other and speaking ill of others? Are these mediums considered community, and what is acceptable behavior in these e-communities? Would you ask forgiveness to a friend over facebook? These are some of the questions that we will discuss as we explore Judaism in the 21st century with our 7th and 8th graders on Yom Kippur.

Holidays

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah, 5771

Sukkot begins on the 15th day of the month of *Tishrei* (*Erev Sukkot* is Wednesday evening, September 22) and continues for seven days. It is known by several names, none more descriptive than *Z'man Simchataynu*, Day of Our Rejoicing. *Hag HaSukkot*, the Feast of Tabernacles, reminds us of the *sukkot* (huts) in which our ancestors dwelt in the desert for 40 years on their way to the Promised Land. Another name for *Sukkot*, *Hag He'asif*, the Feast of the Ingathering, stresses that this is a harvest holiday, falling when crops were gathered. It is one of the three harvest festivals in the Jewish year known as the *Shalosh Regalim*, the three pilgrimage festivals (the other two being *Pesach* and *Shavuot*).

The *lulav*, a palm branch composed of three myrtle twigs and two willow branches, and the *etrog*, a large citron resembling a lemon, both symbols of the harvest season, are used in keeping with the biblical commandment (*Leviticus* 23:40), "You shall take the fruit of the pleasant trees, palm branches, thick leafy boughs, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice . . ." Because the *brachot* (blessings) for the *lulav* and the *etrog* are to be recited on six of the nine days (not on *Shabbat*) of this festival period, and because these harvest symbols do so much to enhance the home, many families purchase them for home use. We will be happy to order a *lulav* and *etrog* for you; fill out and return the order form on the right.

Attached to *Sukkot* is an eighth day, known as *Shemini* Atzeret, which is a separate yom tov. Technically not part of *Sukkot*, it is punctuated by two special prayers. The first is *geshem*, the prayer for rain, in which the Jewish people pray that a sufficient rain fall in *Eretz Yisrael* to make the land fruitful and the crops plentiful. This is especially meaningful since Israel has suffered years of drought. The other prayer is *yizkor*, the memorial prayer for those we have lost, which is also recited on *Yom Kippur*, the eighth day of *Pesach*, and the second day of *Shavuot*.

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

Simchat Torah begins this year on Thursday evening, September 30. Celebration of Simchat Torah at Adas Israel begins at 6:00 pm with Mincha, followed by Maariv at 6:30 pm and Hakafot at 7:00 pm. The celebration continues on Friday morning, October 1, at 9:15 am, when we honor Betty Adler, Steven Kleinrock, Leah Chanin, and Andrew Lipps. Please come to honor them and the Torah.

Synagogue Office Closings

Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 6 Schools/Offices Closed *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, Wed., Sept. 8 Schools/Offices Close at 1:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah 1 & 2, Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 9 & 10 Schools/ Offices Closed

Kol Nidre, Fri., Sept. 17 Schools/Offices Close at 1:00 pm Yom Kippur, Sat., Sept. 18 Schools/Offices Closed Erev Sukkot, Wed., Sept. 22 Schools/Offices Close at 3:30 pm Sukkot 1 & 2, Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 23 & 24 Schools/Offices Closed

Erev Shemini Atzeret, Wed., Sept, 29 Schools/Offices Close at 3:30 pm

Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor, Thurs., Sept. 30 Schools/Offices Closed

Simchat Torah, Fri., October 1 Schools/Offices Closed

Lulav and Etrog Order Form

Orders Due September 19

"...and you shall take the fruit of goodly trees...and rejoice before the Lord your God."

We encourage you to order your *lulav* and *etrog* in preparation for the festive observance of *Sukkot*. Please send your check and order form to the attention of *Hazzan* Jenna Greenberg, Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Lulavim may be picked up on Wednesday September 22, 8:30 am–1:00 pm or at *Sukkot* services, on both *Yom Tov* and *Chol haMoed* (Sept. 23–28).

Enclosed is my check,	made out to	Adas Israel,	for S	\$30 foi	í a
<i>lulav</i> and <i>etrog</i> set.					

Name (please print)

Phone Number

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah at Adas

Sunday-Tuesday, September 19-21

6:00-8:00 pm Men's Club Sukkah Building

Wed., Sept. 22: Erev Sukkot

8:00 am Sisterhood/Gan Sukkah/Bimah Decorating

8:30 am Lulav & Etrog Pick-Up (until 1:00 pm)

Erev Sukkot

6:00 pm Evening Minyan

Light Candles at 6:46 pm

6:30 pm Kiddush in the Sukkah

7:00 pm Sukkah Dinner for Adas/People's Group

Thurs., Sept. 23: Sukkot-Day 1

9:15 am Sukkot Service-Day 1

6:00 pm Evening Minyan

Light candles AFTER 7:43 pm

Fri., Sept. 24: Sukkot-Day 2

9:15 am Sukkot Service-Day 2

12:00 pm Congregational *Kiddush*

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service

Light candles at 6:43 pm

7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner with Rabbi Feinberg

Sat., Sept. 25: Sukkot-Day 3 (Chol HaMoed)

8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class

9:15 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary

9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan

10:00 am *Shabbat* Spot

11:00 am Youth Services

6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha Service

Havdalah at 8:00 pm

8:00 pm YP Sumo & Sushi in the Sukkah

Sun., Sept. 26: Sukkot-Day 4 (Chol HaMoed)

8:30 am Morning Minyan

9:30 am RS Parents' Orientation/Sukkah Program

6:00 pm Evening Minyan

6:00 pm Sushi in the Sukkah

Mon., Sept. 27: Sukkot-Day 5 (Chol HaMoed)

7:30 am Morning Minyan

12:00 pm GPA Snack in the Shack

6:00 pm Evening Minyan

Tues., Sept. 28: Sukkot-Day 6 (Chol HaMoed)

7:30 am Morning Minyan

6:00 pm Evening Minyan

Wed. Sept. 29: Hoshanah Rabbah

7:00 am Morning Minyan

6:00 pm Evening Minyan

Light candles at 6:35 pm

Thurs., Sept. 30: Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

9:15 am Shemini Atzeret Service-Yizkor

9:30 am Traditional Minyan Shemini Atzeret Service

6:00 pm Simchat Torah Mincha

Light candles AFTER 7:31 pm

6:00 pm YP @ Al Three Martini Simchat Torah Celebration

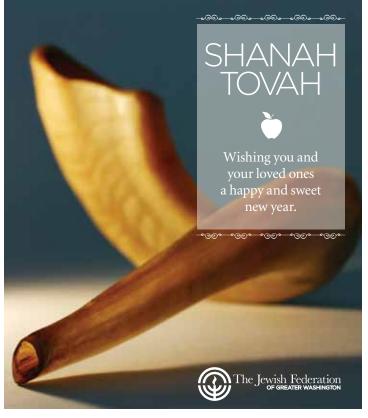
6:30 pm Simchat Torah Maariv (List separate times)

7:00 pm Simchat Torah Hakafot

Fri., Oct. 1: Simchat Torah

9:15 am Simchat Torah Service honoring special volunteer leaders O





SIMCHAT TORAH HONOREES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 -

Betty Adler, Kallat Torah

Betty Adler and her husband, Mark L. Rosenberg, have been active members of Adas Israel since 1978. Their four children graduated from Gan HaYeled, celebrated becoming b'nai mitzvah, and completed Religious School through Confirmation. Betty was the second Gan co-president and served on the Religious School Education Committee for many years. She also taught Religious School for five years and coordinated the school's Madrichim program. Betty has been actively involved in Sisterhood activities for the last 20 years as communications vice president and as president for three years. She has also participated on the Budget Committee, chaired the Membership Committee, and served as a synagogue vice president.

Born in Quito, Ecuador, and a fluent Spanish speaker, Betty has worked with the synagogue's Hispanic Jewish community to develop programs. Betty transformed a lifelong passion for photography into a second career as a photographer and is Adas Israel's unofficial photographer, donating her time and talent to chronicle our programs and events.

Steven Kleinrock, Hattan Torah

Steve Kleinrock and his family joined Adas Israel Congregation in 2002. Steve is a member of the Board of Directors, serves on the Religious Practices Committee, chairs the 21st Century Renewal Design Task Force, and is a regular at Shabbat morning services and the daily morning minyan. He is passionate about the role architecture can play in enhancing our religious and spiritual experience and looks forward to a renewed Adas Israel building that celebrates our community's rich diversity and reflects our Jewish values. His wife Ruth is active on the Social Action Committee and coordinates the Christmas Day event at N Street Village. Daughter Elizabeth attended Gan HaYeled and now teaches literacy to second graders in Oakland, CA, where she is an AmeriCorps volunteer.

Steve, an architect, has designed buildings on most of the campuses in the Washington area, including the Katzen Arts Center and the Greenberg Theater

at American University, the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University, and the Jesuit Community Residence at Georgetown University. Steve established the KLEINROCK STUDIO in 2009 and is currently designing the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy School of Foreign Service and International Affairs located in Baku, Azerbaijan, where he travels frequently. Leah Chanin, Kallat Bereshit

Leah F. Chanin has been a member of Adas Israel since moving to Washington in 1992. She has served as a vice president, a Board member for nearly 10 years, and chair or member of the Education Committee, Library Committee, Kol Nidre Appeal, Religious Practices Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee and By-Laws Committee. She was a member of the 1996 Adult Bat Mitzvah class, served as Board parliamentarian, and currently volunteers in the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop. Leah has been a leader in Hadassah for 50 years, having served as president of the Macon, GA, Chapter and as vice president of the Southeastern Region and as a member of the Board of the Greater Washington Chapter. While living in Georgia, she also served on the boards of Congregation Shaaray Israel and the Federation of Jewish Charities and as chair of Israel Bonds.

Born and raised in Galveston and Texas City, TX, Leah was the only woman in her graduating class the Mercer University School of Law. She practiced law, was a professor of law, and was director of the Law Library at Mercer University, where she also served as interim dean. In addition, she authored what she describes as "five boring law books." She also served as president of the American Association of Law Libraries and has been recognized in its Hall of Fame and was a Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of the District of Columbia Law School.

Leah's children Johanna and Leonard (and daughter-in-law Jackie) and their children are all members of the congrega-

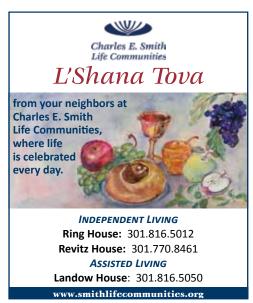
Andrew Lipps, Hattan Maftir

Andrew Lipps has been a member of the Adas Israel Personnel Committee for the last 15 years and served as chair for part

of that time. He has also been a member of the Executive Committee, served as assistant treasurer, was active on the Budget and Investment committees, and taught adult Hebrew literacy classes on Sunday mornings. He currently serves on the Board of Directors. Andy particularly enjoys reading *Torah* on *Shabbat* mornings in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. He and his wife, Eva Sereghy, have been members of the congregation for more than 30 years, and their two daughters, Jessica and Lauren, attended the Religious School and celebrated their b'not mitzvah at Adas. Andy worked as a lawyer for 24 years at the Public Defender Service in Washington, DC, and at several law firms, specializing in complex criminal and civil litigation.

After going back to school to earn a master's degree in mathematics, Andy has taught math for the last 10 years at Georgetown Day School and coaches the school's math team. For almost 30 years, he has served on the Board of the Southern Center for Human Rights, a group devoted to representing indigent persons charged with capital offenses and to improving conditions of confinement in prisons.

Please join us on Simchat Torah morning, Friday, October 1, at 9:15 am, when we welcome these outstanding individuals to the Torah and thank them for their service to our congregation and our community. O





We welcome Zack Portman to our Youth Staff!

Shalom, Adas Israel! I'm Zack Portman, and I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to spending the upcoming year working with and getting to know you. I am from Houston, TX, originally. While in high school there, I was very active in my synagogue chapter of USY and was Programming/Israel VP for South West



region USY (SWUSY). After finishing high school, I attended the University of Judaism (now the American Jewish University) in Los Angeles for three years, where I focused on Jewish studies. After completing my third year, I transferred to Indiana University, from which I graduated with a BA in studio art sculpture.

During my college summers, I was dedicated to continuing my work with Jewish youth and began working at Camp Ramah Darom in Georgia. Over my five summers there, I held a number of positions and tried to experience working with Jewish youth in as many facets as possible. During this past summer, I worked at Pinemere Camp in the Poconos. It was an amazing experience that has only fueled my excitement to work at Adas Israel and to make it an amazing year! I eagerly look forward to meeting all of you. Shalom, Chaverim, Zack Portman O

Chaverim (K–2nd grade)

Meets four times a year for fun and Jewish holiday-related activities in our synagogue. First event: October 17 *Machar* (3rd–5th grade)

Meets six times a year for fun activities like bowling, bonfires, movies, Hanukkah parties, trips, and more! First event: October 3 Kadima (6th-8th grade)

Hebrew for forward, Kadima is the middle-school-age affiliate of USY. Enjoy monthly social, religious, and social action events. Kadima is part of the wider Seaboard Region, which offers two conventions each year, a basketball league, and a number of other fun events that bring together hundreds of members from across the region to create memories that last forever.

First event: October 16

USY (9th–12th grade)

Also known as United Synagogue Youth, our high school youth group meets monthly and offers a variety of leadership opportunities. As part of the Seaboard Region, USY teens participate in a variety of social, religious, social action, and fund-raising events each month, as well as in sports leagues, conventions, and programs on both the regional and international level. Additionally, USY offers an exciting range of summer programs in the U.S. and abroad. If you're in town for the High Holy Days, be sure to join AIUSY for a special tashlich service on September 10, led by your new USY board of officers. L'Shana Tova! O

YP@AI

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



Shir Delight, Friday, Sept. 3, 7:00 pm Join us for our first Shir Delight of the year! Featuring a free Shabbat dinner, happy hour oneq, lay-led service with

d'var Torah from Rabbi Gil Steinlauf. Sign up

online at adasisrael.org/yp.

Yom Kippur Break-Fast, Saturday, Sept. 18, around 8:00 pm Looking for a place to break the fast? Well, look no further . . . Adas has you covered! Join other young professionals at our free break-fast directly following the Ne'elah service.

Sumo & Sushi in the Sukkah,

Saturday, Sept. 25, 8:00 pm

It was such a hit last year, we decided to do it again! Join us for an unconventional evening in Adas Israel's sukkah. Shake a lulav and etrog, wrestle a friend, and dine on some fine, handrolled sushi (kosher, of course).



Simchat Torah Three-Martini Celebration,

Thursday, Sept. 30, 6:00 pm

Usher in the New Year on a high note with your friends at our annual three-martini Simchat Torah party. Free drinks and snacks. Looking for a place to go for the High Holy Days? Look no further, we've got you covered!

Adas Israel will once again participate in Project Reconnect, United Synagogue's alumni group for everyone who ever was involved in any of the Conservative movement's programs for children, teenagers, or young adults.

Project Reconnect's Come Home for the Holidays program invites young professionals who attended Conservative movement programs such as USY, Camp Ramah, Solomon Schechter schools, and Nativ to attend local Conservative synagogues for the High Holy Days. Last year, we welcomed more than 100 "alumni" to our congregation for the holidays.

If you know a Conservative movement alum, a young professional, who is unaffiliated with a synagogue and would like to join us for the High Holy Days, please invite him or her to contact Elie Greenberg (202-362-6295 or elie.greenberg@ adasisrael.org) at the synagogue. O

Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Parker Shirin Javdan, daughter of Beth and David Javdan Jordyn Rose Jeweler, daughter of Danielle Cantor Jeweler and Aaron Jeweler, granddaughter of Amy and Rick Cantor, and great-granddaughter of Elaine Kremens

Nava Lior Reeves, daughter of Shira and Ari Reeves Noam Avraham Schreiber, son of Yoav Schreiber and Leah Liston We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

Marriage

Daniel Afergan & Rebecca Bortnick were married on June 13, with Rabbi Feinberg officiating.

Matthew Lefkowitz, son of Elise & Marc Lefkowitz was married to Alexandra Rad, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Rad and Mr. Davar Rad on July 3, 2010.

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

B'nai Mitzvah



Jessica Schwalb, September 25 Jessica, daughter of Mickie Simon and Brian Schwalb, began her Religious School education at Gan HaYeled and continues at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Jessica will be an eighth grader at Georgetown Day School this fall. She is the granddaughter

of Deanna Simon of Denver, CO, and

Jack Simon (z"l) and Estelle Schwalb of

Washington and Burt Schwalb (z''l). Jessica is looking forward to sharing her simcha with her sisters, Allison and Sydney, her friends, and the entire Adas Israel community.

Members in the News

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Wohlberg was named one of the 50 Most Influential Rabbis in America by Newsweek magazine for the second year in a row. In addition to leading our congregation for 22 years, Rabbi Wohlberg is the immediate past president of the Rabbinical Assembly, serves on the board of Mercaz USA, and is involved in the leadership of numerous Jewish and interfaith organizations and projects.

The American Friends of The Hebrew University (AFHU) presented Susie Gelman with an Honorary Fellowship from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel on June 8.

Neilah Rovinsky appeared on *Top Chef* to discuss President Barack Obama's healthy food initiative. She also participated in a dance performance for the Indonesian ambassador as part of the Embassy Adoption Program at the Washington Performing Arts Society.

Andrew Bubes, Alex Eppler, Jill Sorcher, and Miranda May recently completed the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Jewish Youth Philanthropy (JYPI) Program, which enables teens to engage in the grant-making process and to become active community leaders, empowered citizens, and responsible Jewish adults.

Dr. Irving "Bud" Rothstein received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the District of Columbia Dental Society. When Bud retired from his dental practice after 57 years in 1998, he donated his equipment to N Street Village and opened a dental clinic that has treated more than 8,000 homeless women at the N Street Wellness Center. In 1998 Bud also reactivated the dental clinic at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, which was originally opened by his father in the early 1900s. The Humanitarian of the Year award recognizes volunteer service to the underserved in Washington, DC.

David A. Harris has been selected to serve as the new president and CEO of the National Jewish Democratic Council.

Seaboard Region USY created the Shira Kaplan Scholarship Fund in honor of the good work of our member, Shira Kaplan, who serves as regional youth director of Seaboard Region United Synagogue Youth. This fund helps to ensure that more teens in the Seaboard Region can attend USY regional conventions and encampment regardless of their financial circumstances. Shira's hard work and commitment are a constant source of inspiration to our youth and our community.

New Members

Benjamin & Judith Becker live in Washington with their daughter, Zoe. Benjamin is a commercial real estate broker with KLNB Retail, and Judith is an attorney at the U.S. Department of Education.

Jonathan Cooper, lives in Washington, is an attorney at the Department of Justice. His parents are members Richard Cooper & Judith Areen.

Elliot Friedman is a PAC Manager at National Rural Letter Carriers Association and lives in Alexandria, VA.

Andrew Golden lives in Rockville, MD.

Melissa Greenhut lives in North Bethesda and is a mortician at Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapel.

Seth Wainer & Rachel Patterson, who will be married in October, live in Washington, DC. Seth is an Analyst with the Democratic National Committee and Rachel is a Higher Education Professional at the Catholic University of America.

Todd Miller & Margot Schwadron live in Washington with their daughter, Madeleine Miller. Tod is an advertising director with Eagle Publishing, and Margot is a capital policy expert at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Matthew & Davina Small live in Washington with their children, Grey and Gunnar. Matthew is general counsel and chief business officer at Blackboard, Inc., and Davina is an attorney.

Alan Blank & Ellyn Sternfield, both attorneys, are moving to Washington, DC from Denver, CO.

Philip Weiser & Dr. Heidi Wald and their children, Aviva Weiser and Samuel Weiser, live in Washington. Philip is an attorney with the Department of Justice, and Heidi is a physician at the University of Colorado

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members: Sarah Bassin

New Erev Shabbat Schedule

Beginning on Friday Nights in September

New experiences are planned for Friday nights at Adas this coming year! We are "One Community with Many Faces," which means that whoever you are and whatever your background, you can find meaning, tradition, and community in our congregation.

Friday nights will become another vibrant expression of this vision. We no longer have just "early services" and "late services." Here's a summary of what you can expect to find on Friday nights throughout 5771:

1st Friday of the month

6:00 pm: *L'Dor VaDor* Service & Dinner for families, children, grandparents, and all members; services led by the Rabbi and Cantor, with the help of our schoolchildren

7:00 pm: YP Shir Delight Service for 21- to 35-year-olds beginning with Oneg *Shabbat* refreshments and followed by a *Shabbat* dinner

2nd Friday of the month

6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 or 7:00 pm: *Ruach Minyan* Service (time varies with season) **8:00 pm:** Adas *Oneg* Service with a special guest speaker or per-

former

3rd Friday of the month

6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 pm: Gan Family *Shabbat* Service (preceded by *Shabbat*

dinner)

4th Friday of the month

6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

6:30 or 7:00 pm: Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner

8: 00 pm: Musical Shabbat Service 5th Friday of the month 6:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

Please watch the *Chronicle* and our website (*www.adasisrael.org*) for occasional changes and special weekends. October 29, for example, is the Musical *Shabbat* even though it is a 5th Friday. •

We Appreciate Our Security Team and Your Cooperation

Adas Israel is fortunate to have a security team to help protect our children, members, visitors, guests, and synagogue. Through ICS Security, with the assistance of Carl Williams, and led by Captain Charles Reese, our security team works with our staff, security committee, and the local police to provide protection and service to our congregation.

Please show your appreciation to our security team on your next visit to the synagogue with a thank you, a smile, and your patient cooperation while they inspect your bags and ask the purpose of your visit. •









Officer Sean Wormsley

Captain Officer Cornelius Charles Reese Parham

er Cornelius Officer Seth Parham Hooper

Fall Library Hours

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

As always, the library itself is accessible in off-hours through the Education Department (Religious School) office.

Life Cycle Continued

Bette Lee Levenson Selma Mostow Daniel Schorr

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Evelyn Barsky, mother of Jeffrey Barsky
Jessie Bejarano, grandmother of Kimberly Aftergood
Leonard Cohen, Father of Sandra Kalter
Jenny Franco, mother of Melanie Nussdorf
Anita Gerstein, mother of Sharon Fox
Florence Rubins Goldstein, mother of Kenneth J. Goldstein
Irving Kosan, father of Elyse Linowes
Emanuel Knishkowy, father of Jeff Knishkowy
Sylvia Mesmer, mother of Mary Lynn Goldstein
Berta Perkins, mother of Patty Andringa
Fred Ringel, father of Douglas Ringel
Bernard "Buddy" Timberg, brother of Roz Timberg

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* or 202-841-8776. For evening appointments, please contact Menuhah Peters, *menuhahp@mac.com.* To learn more about our *mikvah*, visit *adasisrael.org/mikvah.*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, 202-362-4433, and pressing "2" to be connected, or by calling the answering service, 301-421-5271, which will page the staff member.

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.

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SHABBAT HIGHLIGHTS & ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

L'Dor VaDor: Back to Shul BBQ: Join us for an end-of-summer *Shabbat* experience for all generations with a Friday night service and *Shabbat* meal on the Connecticut Avenue patio; 6:00 pm service, 7:00 dinner; RSVP to *Talya. Baiamonte@adasisrael.org.*

YP Shir Delight Service and Dinner: Friday, Sept. 3, 7:00 pm. Join other young professionals (21–35) for a happy hour followed by a relaxed, traditional, lay-led Friday night service and free *Shabbat* dinner; sign up online at *adasisrael.org/yp*. **Kever Avot Services:** Sunday, September 12, 10:30 am. Adas Israel Cemetery & Judean Gardens; bus (to Adas Israel Cemetery) leaves Adas at 9:30 am.

Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner: September 24, 7:00 pm; Sukkot service and catered dinner in the Adas Israel

sukkah; RSVP to ruachminyan@adasisrael.org to reserve your spot.

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

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

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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sisterhood

Sisterhood wishes you a happy and healthy 5771.

May you be sealed for a good year.

Shanah Tovah Tikatevu u G'mar Hatimah Tovah

Adas Israel Demonstrates Solidarity with the Women of the Wall

The highlight of the June 6 closing event was "Making Our Voices Heard: Standing with the Women of the Wall." More than 60 women and a few good men learned about the challenges facing Masorti (Conservative) Jews and the Women of the Wall and what these groups are doing to ensure that the ultra-Orthodox monopoly on Jewish expression in Israel is broken.

As a demonstration of solidarity with the Women of the Wall and its Masorti supporters, Sisterhood and guests, including Seaboard Region Women's League for Conservative Judaism President Lynne Lichtig, were led in *Shacharit* by Linda Yitzchak and Susan Finston while facing a projection of the *Kotel* (Western Wall).

Attendees heard from three speakers and participated in a brief discussion. Rabbi Steinlauf spoke eloquently about the Jewish tradition of allowing multiple paths for religious expression and respecting diverse opinions, invoking the memory of Hillel and Shammai, who argued energetically but respectfully. He noted that both of their opinions, even though diametrically opposite, are right.

Susan Aranoff, an international board member of Women of the Wall, a group of women who want to pray the *Shacha-rit* service one day each month at the *Kotel*, updated participants on the group's efforts. Because Israel does not have a constitution, the Supreme Court is always looking over its shoulder, aware that the Knesset can invalidate its decisions by passing new laws. In this case, the Supreme Court, in a narrow vote, has ruled that women cannot pray at the *Kotel*.

The final speaker was Sisterhood member Toni Bickart, who is secretary of Masorti. While acknowledging that Israel has become more extreme, with women being segregated in the back of some public buses and, in one case, attacked for having *tefillin* strap marks on her arm, Toni also spoke of the readiness for change and of the public's support for funding of non-Orthodox institutions. She also discussed of the new generation of Masorti leaders, *sabras* or native-born Israelis, who proudly and creatively express their Jewish identity.

Sisterhood welcomes those who wish to join in efforts to further educate and mobilize our community to support the Women of the Wall and Masorti Judaism in Israel. Contact Rhoda Ritzenberg, Sisterhood Israel chair, *rritzenberg@yahoo.com* or 703-538-4747, to find out how you can get involved. And be sure to check out Sisterhood's Women of the Wall Solidarity video on YouTube or on the Women of the Wall website. •

Sisterhood Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 22: Sisterhood/Gan *Sukkah* Decorating, Smith Foyer, 9:00 am–1:00 pm **Sunday, Sept. 26:** WLCJ Seaboard Region Day Trip to JTS **Sunday, Oct. 17:** Opening Event

Tradition! Tradition! Sukkah Decorating, Sept. 22

With *Sukkot* around the corner, that can mean only one thing: it's that time of year to team up with the Gan Parents Association and Gan children to decorate the Adas Israel *sukkah* and the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary and Kogod Chapel *bimot*. We will start at 9:00 am and need many volunteers to finish no later than approximately 1 pm.

Come for an hour or for the whole time! Please help Sisterhood plan by letting us know in advance that you are coming. Contact *sisterhood@adasisrael.org* or call the synagogue to leave a message for Sisterhood.

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Men's Club

Reflections on Last Year

For a quiet year, we had a lot of activity! How many times did you see the Men's Club in action this past year? Here are some of the highlights: we honored Henry Waxman at the Regional Dinner, ushered on *Shabbat*—even in tuxedos once, fed and watered the masses at the *Purim* carnival and *latke* party, learned about our finances with the editors of *Kiplinger Magazine*, tasted whiskeys from around the globe, helped wrap the fifth and sixth graders in *tefillin*, sold 176 bottles of *kosher* Passover wines, purchased and distributed 450 Holocaust remembrance candles, and helped individual congregants in need during the economic downturn.

It was a great year, and we are looking forward to filling the gaps around the synagogue, wherever they may be. If you have an idea you'd like to see us take on, let us know. Or, better yet, volunteer!

Sukkah Studs: The Secret to Building a Temporary Shelter

What's the secret? Having enough guys to hold up the poles before the whole thing falls down! Do you need help putting up and taking down your sukkah? Would you like to put up a sukkah for the first time? Would you like to help others put up a sukkah



before you try one at home? E-mail us and let us know if you can help or if you would like help at your house.

We're raising *sukkot* on Sunday, September 19, and razing them on Sunday, October 3. We also need help putting up the synagogue *sukkah* again this year, Sunday–Tuesday, September 19–21, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. E-mail us (*mensclub@adasisrael.org*) and let us know if you can help or need some.

Three Gifts from God: Body, Soul, *Torah*

Each morning in the preliminary prayers we are thankful for three gifts; the gift of our Body, the gift of our Soul, and the gift of *Torah*. This year, the Men's Club will focus our attention on exploring these gifts. Each of our functions and/or activities throughout the year will center on one or more of these ideas—Body, Soul, and *Torah* or, said differently, maintaining our health, nurturing our spirit, and following the *mitzvot*.

Keep an eye out for MC activities and information that will help us, sustain us, and center us in a Conservative Jewish way of life!

Help Us Run the Joint!

We have 227 dues-paying members; that's a lot of guys, and we need help herding the cats from time to time. We need help thinking and doing, carrying and counting, managing and communicating. If you're interested in helping on a single project or overseeing an event, let us know.

We need all kinds of volunteers, from those who can give an hour a year to those who are willing to help us on a monthly basis. If you have always wanted to help the *shul* out in some way but didn't know how or don't have much time, send us an e-mail (*mensclub@adasisrael.org*) and we'll carve out a spot that works for you!

What's Coming Up?

Last year we had more than a dozen and a half events. This year we're planning to continue or expand many of those activities and add a few new ones. Here are a few things on our list: *Sukkah* Studs, Bagel Boyz Sundays, Card Night, Passover Wine Sale, *Yom HaShoah* candles, World Wide Wrap, Health and Wellness Fair, Regional A Cappella Competition, synagogue directory, Summer Scholarship Fund, dinners for new synagogue members, Garden of the Righteous Ceremony, *Havdalah* Wine Tasting, two sporting events, *Purim* Carnival, and *Latkes* and Mojitos •

Sisterhood Continued

New Bylaws Approved

At its June 6 closing event and general membership meeting, Sisterhood's membership approved new bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors at its May meeting. The purpose of the bylaws is to serve as a guide for how the organization operates and to explicate its mission.

Sisterhood's updated mission maintains its historical legacy of service to the congregation, communal responsibility, sisterhood, pursuit of religious and ritual education, social action, and connection to the Conservative Movement. It also fosters among its members the goal of personal Jewish

growth and setting forth a commitment to the observance of *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* (holiday festivals), *tzedakah* (justice and charity), *kashrut* (dietary laws), Jewish study, and Israel.

In addition, it recognizes Masorti as incorporated in the Conservative Movement. Sisterhood events, activities, and initiatives are guided by these purposes, and all women interested in this mission are encouraged to join. You can read the bylaws in full on Adas Israel Sisterhood's website (click on the Communities tab, click Sisterhood, and scroll to Downloads). Those without Internet access can request a copy from the synagogue. •

Membership Reminder

Sisterhood's 2010-2011 membership packet has been mailed to the homes of all Adas Israel women. If you did not receive a mailing, please contact Membership VP, Lisa Kleine, at *lakleine@verizon.net*. Your membership dues support Sisterhood, Adas Israel Congregation, Women's League and

Masorti programs and initiatives. If you have yet to return your membership form, please send it as soon as possible to the address provided so that the membership directory can be updated and disseminated. •

Schools

Gan HaYeled Honoring Babies Born in 5770

The 15th annual *Shabbat Shalom Tinok*/Baby *Shabbat*, honoring all babies born during the Hebrew year 5770 (September 2009 through September 20010), takes place September 25 as part of our *Shabbat* morning service. On this Shabbat, babies, along with their parents and siblings, will be called to the *bimah* for a blessing and to receive a special gift, compliments of the *Sophie Silfen Shalom Tinok Fund*.

Shabbat morning services, in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, begin at 9:15 am, with our Baby Ceremony taking place around 11:30 am. *Kiddush* in the *sukkah* follows the service. We look forward to including as many babies and families as possible. Please call Shelley Remer at the Gan office, 202-362-4491, if you plan to join us. •

Religious School Welcome Talya Baiamonte



Please join us in welcoming Talya Baiamonte, who started in the Education office in July as our education office administrator. Talya, who will also coordinate some of our *Shabbat* youth services, has a master's degree in Jewish education from the Jewish Theological Seminary and is engaged to Adas member Ben Schultz.

Talya comes to Adas Israel with many years of experience in the synagogue world. Most recently she was assistant director of lifelong learning at Tifereth Israel in DC and worked parttime as a teacher and youth service leader at a number of DC synagogues. She has also worked on a variety of curriculum development projects.

We are excited to have her as part of the team and look forward to learning a great deal from her extensive experience as a teacher and administrator.

Education Department Expands Shabbaton Offerings

Research has shown that Jewish immersion experiences such as trips to Israel, Jewish summer camps, and *shabbatonim*/retreats are some of the most successful ways to connect our youth to Jewish tradition and community. To this end, the education department at Adas Israel has expanded its offerings for *shabbatonim* for the 2010–2011 school year.

An overnight shabbaton will take place at Capital Camps, November 19–20, for fifth-grade religious school and day school students. This is the first year we are bringing together students from the day school and religious school communities to experience a shabbaton together. We are also inviting seventh and eighth graders to participate in a shabbaton on February 18–20.

Shabbatonim are particularly important during this time as students become b'nai mitzvah and make decisions about how

Important Dates for Gan Hayeled

Parent orientation, Wednesday, September 1, 7:30 pm **First day of classes,** Monday, September 13

they will live their lives as Jews in their teen years and beyond. Contact our education office, education@adasisrael.org, for more information.

Ma'alot DC: Adas Israel's Hebrew High School Program for 7th-12th Graders

The Hebrew High School program at Adas Israel is now known as *Ma'alot DC*. *Ma'alot* is Hebrew for ascending or climbing and for virtue or merit. Adas Israel's *Ma'alot DC* Hebrew High School program engages post-*b'nai mitzvah* students in *Torah* study as they begin to explore Judaism as young adults.

The program's goals are to:

- Keep post-b'nai mitzvah students connected to the Jewish community during a time that is critical to Jewish development and identity.
- Give students the tools and knowledge to prepare them to succeed as Jews and individuals on college campuses and beyond.
- Expose students to Jewish texts and sources they can respond to and apply to their life and experiences.
- Create ahavat Yisrael, a love for Israel, in our students while giving them a safe and nonjudgmental forum for discussing difficult and often confusing issues related to the modern state of Israel.
- Create experiences for students where they can put their values into action through tikkun olam and advocacy work related to social justice issues and dilemmas.
- Expose students to Jewish texts that have informed our tradition for centuries through a modern lens that speaks to the world of our teens.
- Empower teens to be leaders at Adas Israel and in the larger Jewish community.
- Provide students with the opportunity to hone their Hebrew skills and build a foundation for conversational Hebrew.

To register or learn more about *Ma'alot* DC, visit *www.maalot-dc.org*. The program is open to members and non-members and serves students transitioning from a Jewish day school program as well as students of congregational school backgrounds.

Introducing *Shabbat* Unplugged, A New Musical Family Service for K and Above Families

Starting this fall, we will introduce a new musical family service for kindergarten and above families on Saturday mornings. The service will focus on K–3 families, but those with older children are welcome, and older students are encouraged take on leadership roles. Josh Bender, director of education, and Elie Greenberg, director of informal programming, will lead *Shabbat* Unplugged.

Modeled on *Shacharit* Live, a Sunday morning musical service for K–2 students in the religious school, the service will aim to build



Josh Bender



Eli Greenberg

Jack Kay to Fund Israel Experience for Confirmation Students in Memory of Abe & Minnie Kay

Jack and Barbara Kay have generously agreed to underwrite an annual 14-day Israel experience for 10th-grade Confirmation students at Adas Israel beginning in June 2011. The first year of the Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience will be a pilot year, with the goal of developing an annual Israel trip for 10th-grade Confirmation students that exposes them to the land, people, and history of the Jewish homeland.

"The objective of the program is to provide an opportunity for committed, affiliated students at Adas Israel to solidify their relationship with Judaism through travel to Israel," explains Pamela Reeves, Religious School Committee chair. "The activities proposed are based on experiential evidence that an enhanced first-hand understanding of Israel is a cornerstone of future sustained Jewish identity. It results in better-prepared future leaders of the Jewish community, and it sensitizes our students to the realities, blessings, and challenges of the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora. We also believe that the experience will promote student retention/affiliation prior to and after the 10th-grade year."

Our high school curriculum, developed by educational director Josh Bender and his staff in conjunction with the school committee, will be designed to prepare students for a rich Israel experience by weaving academic, intellectual, religious/historic, and cultural Israel references into the general curriculum.

The Israel experience will have a *tikkun olam* component, with students having the opportunity to learn about and work with individuals and organizations that address social justice issues and challenges in the State of Israel. Additionally, the students will learn about the contributions that Abraham and Jack Kay and their en-

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Important Dates in the Melvin Gelman Religious School

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

September 14: First evening classes for grades

7–12; *Ma'alot* DC BBQ on the Patio

September 22: NO SCHOOL, *Erev Sukkot* **September 26:** First Sunday classes for K–7; *Sukkot*

September 26: First Sunday classes for K–7; *Sukkot* program for K–2 families, 11:00 am; 6th- & 7th-grade Orientation

September 28: "Snack in the Shack" for grades

3–6; Ma'alot DC Dinner in the sukkah

September 29: NO SCHOOL, *Erev Shemini Atzeret* We hope to see all of your children back in the fall so they, too, can benefit from remaining connected to our Adas Israel community and each other.

Abe and Minnie Kay meet with Prime Minister Golda Meir. Courtesy of Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington/Gift of Jack

Kay. ▼



Abraham Kay (right) was one of 44
American Jews invited to Israel by Prime
Minister David Ben-Gurion (left) to form
the Development Corporation for Israel
(now known as Israel Bonds) in 1950. Kay
supported many projects in Israel, including the convalescent center in Nahariya
for disabled veterans. Courtesy of Jewish
Historical Society of Greater Washington/
Gift of Jack Kay.



Adas *Oneg* Service with William Kristol, Oct. 8



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

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

Our October 8 speaker, William Kristol is founder and editor of *The Weekly Standard*, a Washington, DC, journal of politics and ideas. He is also a regular panelist on *Fox News Sunday*, a contributor to the Fox News Channel, and a monthly columnist for the *Washington Post*.

Before starting the *Weekly Standard* in 1995, Kristol led the Project for the Republican Future, where he helped shape the strategy that produced the 1994 Republican congressional victory. Prior to that, he served as chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle during the first Bush administration, and to Education Secretary William Bennett under President Reagan. Before coming to Washington in 1985, Kristol was on the faculty of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government (1983–1985) and the Department of Political Science at the University

of Pennsylvania (1979-1983).

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

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

Watch for Upcoming Speakers:

October 29: Torah Lishma with Ethan Tucker (see October

Chronicle for weekend details)

November 12: Flory Jagoda

December 10: TBA

January 14: Shem Tov Award/Tikkun Olam Weekend; Guest

Speaker: Shem Tov Honoree

February 11: Theater J; scenes from The Chosen

March 11: Renee Brachfeld (performance)

April 8: TBA

May 20: Israel Weekend with Guest Speaker O

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To Our Summer Speakers

Todah rabbah to those members who spoke this summer at our Shabbat morning services. As always, they challenged and enlightened us and added to the meaning of our Sabbath worship. Our summer speakers included Debra Kolodny, Bob Peck, Ed Kopf, Amy Schwartz, Rabbi Herb Schwartz, Norman Shore, and Rabbi Batya Steinlauf.

The First Southeast Seaboard District Shabbaton

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

Developing Synagogue Leadership

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

Full program details, fees and registration materials will be available shortly. For information, e-mail silverman@uscj.org.

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

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

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

Adas-Behrend Senior Fellowship Holiday Break Schedule

Please join us any Friday at 11:00 am to welcome and celebrate *Shabbat* with a delicious and nutritious festive meal, entertainment, and friendship. The final senior lunch program before the holidays is Tuesday, August 31; the program resumes Monday, October 4.

For more information contact Aviva Atkin, 202-363-7530.

Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning Schedule Sundays at 9:30 am

Finding Meaning in Jewish Prayer

7 sessions; Sundays, Oct. 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12, 9:30 am *Taught by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf*

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

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

Cost: \$25 for members; \$50 for non-members

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

7 sessions; Sunday, Oct. 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12, 9:30 am *Taught by Rabbi Charles M. Feinberg*

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

In addition, the class will read and study selections from the *Torah*, along with selections from different ancient, medieval, and modern commentaries. Subsequent units of the class will cover the *siddur* (the Hebrew prayerbook), an introduction to the *Mishnah* and *Talmud*, and a class on *Torah trope*. There will also be classes on how to lead different parts of the service. The class will cover three minimesters this year and will culminate with a fourth minimester in fall 2011.

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

Sundays at 11 am

Hebrew Literacy I, II, III, IV

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

We offer four levels of Hebrew reading and comprehension. The program's goal is to help students read with understanding the Hebrew prayerbook and selections from the narrative sections of the *Torah*. Hebrew I: for those who need to learn the Hebrew alphabet and how to decode words. Hebrew II: for those who know how to decode but who want to learn the basic vocabulary and the rudiments of syntax. Hebrew III: the

class will advance to a fuller understanding of grammar and understanding. The goal of Hebrew III is for students to read with understanding prose sections of the Bible and the *siddur*. Hebrew IV: for those who can read with some understanding but want to increase their knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. All four levels are offered in each minimester.

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

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Introduction to Judaism

Taught by Rabbis Charles Feinberg, Jeffrey Wohlberg, Avis Miller, Herb Schwartz, Gil Steinlauf, Morris Faierstein, and Lyle Fishman Tuesdays, September 14–April 12, 7:00–9:00 pm Along with Ohr Kodesh Congregation, Adas Israel sponsors an in-depth program of study of Judaism leading to conversion. The Conversion program, which includes lectures, discussions, beginning Hebrew classes, learning prayer services, and special holiday and Shabbat dinners, is designed for but not limited to individuals interested in conversion. Candidates must have a sponsoring rabbi to enroll.

To learn more about how to find a sponsoring rabbi and to receive more detailed information about the Conversion program, please contact class co-coordinator Marcia Miller, *Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org* or 202-362-4433, ext. 112. *Cost: \$450, which includes all books, materials, and two dinners*

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Jewish Literacy

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

Taught by Rabbi Charles M. Feinberg

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

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

The Me'ah Program is going through reorganization. Watch for information on our website, www.adasisrael.org and in the October Chronicle.

Additional Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Downtown Study Group with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

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

For more than 20 years, the downtown study group has been meeting and studying traditional texts and grappling with powerful Jewish issues on Tuesdays. This tradition continues this year, as Rabbi Steinlauf once again leads the group and explores everything from Biblical texts to Talmud to Kabbalistic teachings. The topics vary from month to month, but the high intellectual level of the group ensures that every class is

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Torah Lishma Weekend, October 29-31

Join us for an amazing new kind of weekend learning experience at Adas!

Torah Lishma means learning for its own sake. The greatest goal of our tradition is to enable opportunities to study, learn, and grow. As Jews, our learning has sustained us for thousands of years. When we engage in Torah Lishma, we learn simply for the pleasure of learning. We delve into texts, explore challenging ideas, and find new pathways for our Jewish lives that we didn't

know existed. The ancient sages teach us that the purpose of study is to inform our actions, that study leads to actions that heal the world.

At Adas, we want to give everybody, no matter what your background—even if you're not Jewish!—the chance to experience the power of *Torah Lishma*. Come and learn in the way our people have learned for thousands of years—learn a fascinating text with a study partner and engage in conversation. Then come together for a *shiur*, a lesson based on the texts we have studied.

What's more we want to make learning relevant
and exciting to new generations of Jews. No ideas, questions, or
insights are out of bounds in the discussions and ideas that we
bring to you. All you need is your open mind, your curiosity, and
your willingness to encounter new ideas to inspire you to new
horizons in your life.

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close of pm, following to your open mind, your curiosity, and your willingness to encounter new ideas to inspire you to new pm, following to your life.

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

This year, we are very proud to welcome Rabbi Ethan Tucker

as our special guest facilitator. Rabbi Tucker is *Rosh Yeshiva* at *Mechon Hadar* and chair in Jewish law. He was a faculty member at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, where he taught *Talmud* and *Halakhah* in the Scholars Circle. He was ordained by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and earned a PhD in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a BA from

Harvard College. A Wexner Graduate Fellow, he was a co-founder of *Kehilat Hadar* and a winner of the first Grinspoon Foundation Social Entrepreneur Fellowship.

The celebration of Jewish learning for all ages will continue throughout the weekend. The overall theme for the weekend is "Enriching Our Spirituality and Observance in a Pluralistic Setting." Rabbi Tucker will make three presentations. On Friday night, following services at 6 pm, the Ruach Minyan has organized a dinner where Rabbi Tucker will make first presentation. On Saturday morning, he will give a d'var Torah at 11:45 am so the different services can hear it. Following

kiddush luncheon, Rabbi Tucker will give his second talk.

A special feature of this weekend is a celebration of the close of *Shabbat*. Rabbi Tucker will give his third talk at 4:30 pm, followed by *Mincha* at 5:45 p.m. After *Mincha*, there will be potluck supper (*seudah sheleesheet*) with lots of singing. After *Maariv* and *Havdalah*, a movie will be shown with a social justice theme, followed by a discussion and refreshments.

On Sunday morning, the learning continues with a special *Beit HaMidrash* program. At 10 am, a light breakfast will be served after which Rabbi Tucker will organize special *hevrtua* study, which means people studying a *Talmud*ic text in small groups. The small-

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challenging, intellectually satisfying, and horizon-broadening. This lunch-and-learn group meets at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 1875 K Street, NW. This class is open to the community. For more information, contact Beryl Saltman, *Beryl.Saltman@adasisrael.org. Cost: Free*

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

13 sessions; Sept. 4, 11, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 11, 18, 25, Saturday, 8:00–9:15 am

Every Saturday morning in the synagogue Board Room, Rabbi Feinberg leads a class and discussion on the weekly *Torah* or *haftarah* portion. Each week, members of the group receive a selection of the reading, a commentary on the reading, and questions about the reading. *Boker Ohr*, which meets every week except when Rabbi Feinberg is on vacation, is open to the community. Please contact Marcia Miller, *Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org*, to register. *Cost: Free*

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School of Greater Washington

10 sessions; Oct. 8–Dec. 17, Friday, 9:15–11:00 am What do you want to teach your child about being Jewish?

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

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

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

Jewish Study Center Classes at Adas Israel Begin in October

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

Far-Flung Jews: Jewish Cultures Around the Globe

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

Arabic for Hebrew Speakers

10 sessions; Wednesdays, 7:00–8:15 pm; Oct. 1–Dec. 15 (no class Nov. 24) Taught by Eitan Danon is the founder of Verbatim Language Tutoring, which offers instruction in Hebrew, Arabic, French, Spanish, and German throughout the metro area **Cost:** To be determined by level of participation

How to Give a Great D'var Torah

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

Discovering Kabbalah

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

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

1 session; Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8:30–9:40 pm

Taught by Ian Nathaniel Cohen is a member of the Traditional Minyan and an adjunct lecturer at Florida International University

Cost: \$15 for Adas and JSC members, non-members \$20

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

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

Shir Havoc: Meshugah Melodies for Familiar Prayers

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

4 sessions; Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 7:00 – 8:30 pm Taught by Tamar Pelleg, who has facilitated Bibliodrama workshops throughout the area and has been an instructor in the Melvin Gelman Religious School **Cost:** \$55 for Adas and JSC members, nonmembers \$80

Savoring the Psalms

4 sessions; Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8:30–9:40 pm Taught by Amy Schwartz, vice president for education and youth at Adas Israel and a journalist who has taught many JSC classes on poetry **Cost:** \$60 for Adas and JSC members, non-members \$80 •

Adult *Shabbat* Weekend Retreat, November 12–14

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

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

Rabbi Feinberg will lead the retreat as rabbi in residence. In addition, there will be a high level of lay participation in all

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Simcha Wall

The congregation is invited to mark special family occasions on our *Simcha* Wall. We are pleased to celebrate the most recent additions to the wall:

In Honor of Henry T. Taskier On his 90th Birthday January 20, 2010 From his loving family

In Celebration of Our 25th Anniversary June 2, 2010 By Paul and Claudia Taskier

In Honor of the marriage of Yael Nagler and Daniel Ephraim May 25, 2010 By Yaacov and Herlene Nagler

In Honor of
Calvin Kenneth Fredriksen
Grandson of Patty Perkins Andringa
Born May 25, 2010
By Patty Perkins Andringa

Families marking s'machot on our Simcha Wall may select a 2" x 4" plaque or a 4" x 4" plaque. For additional information on the Simcha Wall, please call Jane Baldinger, 202-362-4433, ext. 146.

Scenes from the Annual Congregational Meeting

Synagogue President Bob Peck, Rabbi Steinlauf, and Manny Schiffres present the Yad Hakavod Award to Bernard Meyer.



Mark Yecies, Budget Committee chair, presents the 2010–2011 synagogue budget.



Gift Shop co-manager Helene Weingarten (left) and Sisterhood President Alisa Abrams present a contribution from the Sisterhood and Gift Shop to Bob Peck.

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group study will conclude with Rabbi Tucker's fourth presentation. All of these programs are open to all and do not require any reading knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic.

Come and be a part of a new wave in Jewish life in the 21st century, as we take our age-old practices and evolve them for new generations. We look forward to sharing in this remarkable weekend experience together with you, your family, and friends. •

Save these Dates for Upcoming Adas Weekends

January 14–16: Tikkun Olam Weekend May 20–22: Israel Weekend

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a prayer experience that is fun, interactive and spirited. This will also be an opportunity for families to explore some of the key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer. Guitars and other instruments will be used to enhance the experience and to teach Jewish and Israeli songs. The Torah portion will come alive through the art of Jewish storytelling. The dates for Shabbat Unplugged will be October 30, November 20, December 18, January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, and May 21.

Torah Club

Get ready for Torah Club, a new program on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 6th from 6:30-7:30pm for 5th and 6th graders—both religious and day school students. A light dinner will be followed by a fun and informal opportunity with *Hazzan* Greenberg to learn how to chant *Torah*—a skill students will be able to use at both Junior Congregation *Shabbat* services as well as at their *b'nai mitzvah*.

Please contact Talya Baiamonte (talya.baiamonte@adasisrael. org or 202-362-4449) to let us know if you are interested in participating. More information to come soon! •

Inspired Menorah Joins Fine Arts Collection



The congregation thanks Arlette Goldstein for donating a special and meaningful *Hanukkah menorah* to our fine arts collection. The *menorah* was created and welded out of mild steel inspired after a trip to Israel; Arlette explained that "the state was born out of the barbed wire of the camps and the martyrdom of the Holocaust. The struggle goes on."

Signed as Arlette Har Zion as a tribute to her mother, Elisabeth Montezinos, and in memory of all of her family members who perished in the camps: Montezinos becomes Har Zion.

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tire family have made to both Adas Israel and the State of Israel.

Our Confirmation students will study the Jewish value of *bik-kur cholim* (visiting the sick), and they will visit Beit Kay, a Rest and Recreation Center established in 1958 for disabled veterans and their families. Established by the Kay family on land donated by Vera Weizmann, the wife of Chaim Weizmann, the center has served thousands of wounded veterans since the War of Independence. Students can also visit the Ina and Jack Kay Center for Supportive Care at Hadassah's Mount Scopus Hospital, a facility for terminally ill Israeli Jews and Arabs. Students will learn that Abraham Kay, one of the leaders of the Adas Israel community, was inextricably linked to the founding and development of the State of Israel. Jack tells the story that his father believed that money served two purposes: security and doing good. The Kay family truly understands the fundamental Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

We thank Jack and Barbara Kay for their extreme generosity and support of this Israel experience that we hope will transform the lives of our students for years to come. We also thank Pamela Reeves and the religious school committee for their hard work in making this Israel trip a reality. Next June in Jerusalem! •

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aspects of the program.

Sign up for the retreat by e-mailing Rabbi Feinberg's assistant, Marcia Miller, Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org, or by going to the synagogue's website, www.adasisrael.org. Deadline to sign up is Friday, October 22, by noon. Twenty-five rooms will be reserved for a total of 50 participants. The cost of the retreat is \$400 per couple and \$250 for singles. If a single person wants to share a room with another single, the cost is \$200 per person.

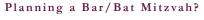
If you have any questions about the Retreat, please call Rabbi Feinberg at the synagogue (202-362-4433) or contact Ed Kopf, Susan Klein, or Joyce Stern, who are helping to organize the retreat.













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Tikkun Olam

Anne Frank House Update

Anne Frank House starts the new year celebrating the recent arrival of two new residents. We now have 10 residents in 10 apartments, all located in upper Northwest. In our Wisconsin Avenue apartment, which we have owned for several years,



ANNE FRANK HOUSE

a new female resident, who spent the last few years living on fire escapes in the Dupont Circle area, is happy to call our one-bedroom apartment her home. Our other new resident is living in a studio apartment at Idaho Terrace, where several of our other clients live.

As is the case with most of our apartments, the furniture and other necessities come largely from items donated by Adas Israel members, and we thank you for your help.

See next month's Chronicle for details about this year's Help the Homeless mini-walk, which will take place this fall. If you have questions about Anne Frank House, or want to become more involved in our work, please contact Adina Mendelson (incareers@themendelsons.net) or Hazel Keimowitz (hazel@keimowitz.com).

To learn more about Anne Frank House, or to make an online contribution, visit our newly designed website, www.theannefrankhouse.org. If you prefer, you can send your check to Anne Frank House, Inc., c/o Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

From Anne Frank House to the entire Adas Israel family: our best wishes for a sweet and healthy new year. O

Ezra Pantry Yom Kippur Food Drive

Collection on Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Day

This is the fast that I desire . . . It is to share your bread with the hungry ... Then shall your light shine in darkness ... (Isaiah 58:6a, 7a, 8a)

How do you manage being hungry while you fast Yom Kippur? Are you uncomfortable? Do you accept your discomfort? Do you think about food a lot? Or do you force yourself not to? The haftarah portion for the day, from the book of Isaiah, offers some direction for handling thoughts about food during this day of solemn fasting.

All around us in the city of Washington, thousands of people have little or no access to regular meals. In this season of reflection,

as we anticipate our own hunger pangs on Yom Kippur, let us heed the words of Isaiah and mobilize to ease their plight. Please support Ezra Pantry by making a cash donation or by depositing cans or boxes of nutritious, nonperishable food in the collection bins that will be in the synagogue lobbies over the High Holy Days.

Ezra Pantry is an Adas Israel partnership now with SOME (So Others Might Eat), a nonprofit, interfaith organization that for nearly 40 years has been helping District residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to transition to self-sufficiency. For further information about SOME, see www.some.org.

Thank you and gemar chatimah tovah.