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HAPPY HANUKKAH!

ISRAEL BOUND

Rabbi Charles Feinberg



Later this month Krayna and I will be traveling to Israel for the first time in nine years. We are going to visit old

friends whom we have not seen for some time. But we are also going to get a firsthand view of what people are doing on the ground in Israel in areas such as strengthening the Masorti Movement, promoting religious pluralism, helping the poor, protecting the environment, and standing up for the protection of human rights of all the residents of the State of Israel, both Jews and Arabs.

I believe that human rights are universal and indivisible. The basic source for protecting the dignity and well-being of all human beings is the first and fifth chapters of the book of *Genesis*. In both chapters, the *Torah* teaches that each human being is created in the image of God. Chapter five of the book of *Genesis* begins with these words: "This is the book of the lineage of Adam: on the day God created the human being, in

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Adas Oneg Service to Feature Flory Jagoda, Nov. 12

The Hebrew word *oneg* means pleasure or delight. The great pleasure of *Shabbat* is that it's a time to be together with one another, and to learn, study, and grow together. At the Adas Oneg Service, we welcome extraordinary guest speakers, teachers, and performers who will educate and enlighten us and deepen our experience of Jewish culture,

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Hanukkah Seder with Latkes, Mojitos, and Dinner!

Hanukkah Seder followed by a Mojitos and *Latkes* Dinner Party, Sunday, December 5, 6:30 pm.

The *Hanukkah* season always brings the same questions: What really went down 2,170 years ago? Where can I go to learn more? And will there be food?



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Hanukkah at Adas

L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service & Dinner,

Friday, December 3, 6:00 pm

YP@AI Shir Delight,

Friday, December 3, 6:30 pm

Shabbat Hanukkah-Consecration & Family Shabbat,

Saturday, December 4, 9:15 am

YP@AI Hanukkah Party,

Saturday, December 4, 8:00 pm

USY Hanukkah Bash,

Sunday, December 5, 5:00 pm

Dan Kaufman Memorial Latke Party,

Sunday, December 5, 11:15 am

Latkes & Mojitos: Hanukkah Seder,

Sunday, December 5, 6:30 pm

Visit the **Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop** for all your *Hanukkah* needs!

We look forward to lighting the exterior *Hanukkah menorah* dedicated in memory of Rose & Simon Laupheimer and to using the beautiful silver Israeli *hanukkiyah* donated to the synagogue by Ryna and Melvin Cohen in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary a few years ago. As we light this *Hanukkah menorah*, we wish Mel and Ryna many more happy, warm, and illuminating years together. ○



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the image of God He created him. Male and female He created them, and God blessed them and called their name humankind on the day they were created.”

According to the second-century sage, Ben Azzai, this verse teaches an even greater principle than the *mitzvah* of loving your neighbor as yourself. According to the Talmudic rabbis, “neighbor” in biblical usage refers to people with whom we have relationships. Thus we are commanded to love our neighbors, meaning our family, our friends, community people we know, and other Jews. Ben Azzai teaches that an even greater principle is to respect the dignity of all human beings, including people we do not know at all and with whom we have no relationship.

I know many people have been rightfully upset by the abuse and harassment that Jewish women have suffered when attempting to pray at the Western Wall. But we should also be upset by how the Masorti and Reform movements are treated in Israel, by how foreign workers have been treated, by how Sudanese refugees seeking asylum have been treated, by the growing number of people living below the poverty line, and by the abuse and violence that both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs suffer.

During this trip we plan to be in touch with different people who are making a difference in Israel and who are taking a stand against hatred and for the dignity of every human being. Here is a rundown of some of the people and groups we plan to visit and learn more about.

One of our stops will be the Israel Religious Action Center, which is the public and legal advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel. It was founded in 1987 with the goals of advancing pluralism in Israeli society and defending the freedoms of conscience, faith, and religion. The IRAC uses litigation, legislation, public policy, and advocacy to advance civic equality. We hope to meet with Anat Hoffman who has been one of the leaders of Women of the Wall and was arrested this summer for leading a woman’s prayer group at the Western Wall.

From the President

The following are excerpts from synagogue president Robert Peck’s remarks on Kol Nidre.

As we each reflect on the state of our lives in these Days of Awe, I hope you’ll bear with me for a few minutes while I reflect on the state of Adas Israel. In these troubled economic times, it is a *mechiah*, a pleasure, to report that the state of Adas Israel is very good. Our finances have been affected by the recession to be sure, and we have taken some painful steps to cut expenses. Most important, and also in the spirit of the High Holy Days, we are assessing our strengths and weaknesses so we can better serve the Adas community in the future.

One of our strengths is that we are living Rabbi Steinlauf’s call to be a *Kehila Kedoshah*, a sacred community. Or, rather, sacred communities, because we are made up of a number of

Office Closings & Minyan Times

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25: Schools/Offices closed. *Minyan* at 8:30 am & 6 pm

Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 26: Schools/Offices closed. *Minyan* at 8:30 am & 6 pm

Another stop will be with leaders of the Masorti Movement in Jerusalem and at Kibbutz Hannaton. The Masorti Movement in Israel was founded by American-born Jews who made *aliyah* in the 1960s and 1970s. One of the more hopeful signs for the Masorti Movement is that its leadership is now in the hands of the next generation of Israeli-born Jews. Many of them are young, articulate, observant, and very knowledgeable. They are wonderful representatives of what the Conservative Movement should be about. I plan to meet and speak to some of these new young leaders. One of them, Rabbi Yoav Ende from Kibbutz Hannaton, will be our guest over the Ahavat Yisrael weekend in May.

A third stop will be with Rabbi Arik Ascherman who is the director of Rabbis for Human Rights in Israel. Rabbis for Human Rights, whose North American board I co-chair, has been a leader in opposing the demolition of Palestinian homes in Jerusalem as well as opposing the eviction of Palestinians from their homes in East Jerusalem. Rabbis for Human Rights in Israel also sponsors extensive educational programs on the importance of democracy, and the organization has been a strong advocate for the poor.

Additional stops will be in the Galilee and in Tel Aviv. In the Galilee we will visit my oldest friend, Rabbi Marc Rosenstein, who has been a leader in engaging Israeli Arabs in the Galilee. Under his leadership, his educational institute has pioneered interfaith dialogue with Muslim leaders. He has also pioneered innovative educational programs involving both Israeli Jewish and Arab youth.

In Tel Aviv, we will visit with Eran Baruch, the director of BINA, which has started the first “secular yeshiva” in Israel. BINA also has been involved in helping the residents of South Tel Aviv to organize to provide better social and economic services for the community.

I believe that we should give our support to Israelis who are engaged in acts of *tikkun olam* and who are trying to make Israel a more just and caring society. Upon our return, I will talk on Saturday morning, December 10, during services, about our trip and about the “*Mitzvah* Heroes and Heroines” we met. ○

communities—our several *Shabbat* davening communities, our daily *Minyan* community, our Gan HaYeled and religious school communities, our Sisterhood and Men’s Club communities, our social action community, our High Holy Day attendance community.

We have learned to embrace the diversity of these communities. We understand that the diverse communities are separate and essential gateways through which our members variously connect with our congregation and with their Jewish identities. And we have strong clergy who celebrate and nurture these communities.

Rabbi Steinlauf continually peppers us with ideas for reach-



Bob Peck

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Holidays

Happy Hanukkah!

Why Do We Celebrate Hanukkah?

The festival of *Hanukkah* commemorates the successful struggle for religious liberty, led by the priest Mattathias and later by his son, the brave Judah Maccabee, against the Syrian oppressors, in the year 167 BCE. That effort culminated in victory for the Jewish people and in recapturing the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was cleansed and rededicated to the service of God with lights rekindled in the Sanctuary. The Festival is known in Hebrew as *Hanukkah*, which literally means "Dedication." It is also called the "Feast of Lights" because the *Hanukkah* candles are lit on each of eight successive nights. We celebrate the "miracle of the oil," the rededication of the Temple and the first rebellion for religious freedom.

When Is Hanukkah Observed?

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month, *Kislev*, the day on which the Temple was reconsecrated to the worship of God. The festival is observed for eight days. According to our tradition, the "day" officially commences on the evening that precedes it. Hence, the first candle is lit on the evening that ushers in the 25th day of *Kislev*. On each succeeding night of *Hanukkah*, an additional candle is lit, totaling eight in all. **This year, Hanukkah begins on Wednesday evening, December 1. Candelighting should take place in the evening.**

Hanukkah Practices

Each Jewish home should have a *Hanukkah menorah*. The Adas Israel Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop has a wide range of *hanukkiyot* and other *Hanukkah* items available for purchase.

Place the *Hanukkah menorah* in a conspicuous place in your home. The lights should be kindled as soon as possible after nightfall with all members of the family present. Any members of the family, including children, may kindle the *Hanukkah* lights.

A famous symbol of *Hanukkah* is the *dreidel*, a four-faced top, with one Hebrew

letter on each face as follows: Each letter is the beginning of a Hebrew word—*Nes Godol Haya Sham*—"a Great Miracle Happened There." Various games can be played with the *dreidel*, and it is a custom among some to eat potato *latkes* at this time because they are fried in oil.

Besides being a "home" holiday, *Hanukkah* is celebrated in the synagogue. *Hallel* psalms are recited, there is an additional *Torah* reading in honor of *Hanukkah*, and a special *haftarah* is chanted on *Shabbat Hanukkah*.

How to Light Hanukkah Candles

Light the *shamash* candle first. On the first evening of *Hanukkah*, one candle is lit, which is placed on the far right of the *menorah*, as you face it. Place a candle to its left on the second night of *Hanukkah*, and continue placing the candles toward the

left on each successive night of *Hanukkah*. Always light the "new" candle for that night first, and then proceed to the right in the lighting process.

On Friday, the *Hanukkah* candles are kindled before lighting the *Shabbat* candles. On Saturday night, the *Hanukkah* candles are kindled after *Havdalah*, which marks the conclusion of *Shabbat*, has been recited.

The ceremony of the kindling of lights is the most significant aspect of the festival. The family should remain standing around the *Hanukkah menorah* as the *shamash* (the candle used to light the other candles) is lit. As the candle is held, the first blessing over the *Hanukkah* lights is chanted:

Shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higianu laz'man hazeh. ○

Blessings for Lighting the Menorah

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch ata Adonai Ehloheinu mehlech haolam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav V'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the World, who has sanctified us by His commandments and commanded us to kindle the *Hanukkah* lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בצמן הזה.

Baruch ata Adonai Ehloheinu mehlech haolam, sheasa nisim laavoteinu baya-mim hahaim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the World, who did wondrous things for our ancestors, in days of old at this season.

On the first night only:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, Shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higianu Laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the World, who has granted us life, sustained us, and permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.

All join in singing Ma'oz Tzur:

Ma'oz tzur y'shuati lecha na'eh l'shabei-ah.

Tikon beit t'filati, v'sham todah n'za-bei-ah.

Leit takhin matbei-ah, mi-tzar ha'm'na-bei-ah.

Az egmor b'shir mizmor, Hanukat hamizbei-ah.

Az egmor b'shir mizmor, Hanukat hamizbei-ah.

מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבת,

תכון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזבת,

לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח,

אז אגמר בשיר מזמור חנוכת המזבח.

Adas Israel *Hanukkah* Wish List

From time to time, members and friends of the congregation call to make a contribution and ask what we might need. Below is a wish list of small items developed from requests by members and staff. If you would like additional information, please contact Glenn Easton at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433.

Sponsor Passover *Siyyum* Breakfast (\$695)

Three laptop computers for Religious School classrooms (\$500/each)

Quarterly "Ice Cream *Shabbat*" following Youth Services (\$250/each)

Color printer for Gan HaYeled Nursery School (\$500)

New computer for Gan HaYeled (\$950)

Two digital cameras for Gan HaYeled (\$300 each)

New digital camera for the *Chronicle* photos (\$500)

Underwrite weekly *Kesher Ishi* calendar e-mail (\$950)

Portable sound system for the Youth Lounge (\$950)

New live audio streaming of services and lectures (\$2,500 est.)

Dedicate a *Simcha* plaque in honor of a loved one (\$360 & \$1,000)

Underwrite a Youth Group event (\$850)

Co-sponsor a *Shabbat kiddush* in honor or memory of a loved one (\$695)

Help underwrite a Young Professionals event (\$1,000)

Co-sponsor Martin Luther King Jr. *Oneg Shabbat* (\$600)

Underwrite *Purim groggers* and *hamentashen* (\$750)

Underwrite and upgrade our synagogue website (\$2,500/year)

Help underwrite weekly Confirmation Class dinner (\$650/week)

Underwrite new membership brochure (\$2,500)

New home *minyan shiva* kit (\$500)

Erev *Simchat Torah*, An Evening to Remember

It began with the power blackout and services in the lobby under the emergency lights. Then the small electrical fire on the top floor and the visit by our city's first responders. Finally, finishing the *hakafot* by crashing the Young Professionals in Kay Hall. Great *ruach*... great patience, understanding, flexibility, and cooperation!



Lifelong Learning

'Can the Jewish People Survive as Secularists?'

Tuesday, November 30, 7:30–9:00 pm



Dr. Jacques Berlinerblau, associate professor and director of the Program for Jewish Civilization, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
Co-sponsored by Adas Israel and the Foundation for Jewish Studies

What is secular Judaism? The term, "secular Jew," is used by many Jews, those who claim to be secular Jews and those who see secular

Jews as part of a malaise afflicting Judaism. But what exactly is secular Judaism, and why does there seem to be an affinity between secularism in general and the deeply held beliefs of the American Jewish community?

In this lecture Prof. Berlinerblau looks at the history of Judaism with an eye toward understanding the factors that may have predisposed Jews to become the secular people par excellence. This lecture is free and open to the public. ○

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On the fifth night of *Hanukkah*, we will answer all your questions when writer/producer David Smolar presents a *Hanukkah Seder*, a musical adaptation of the story with food, friends, and fun along the way. If you know everything or nothing about the holiday, if you just want to meet and greet in the city, if you want a *Hanukkah* party where you actually celebrate *Hanukkah*—then come early, stay late, eat your weight in *latkes*, drink your Mojitos, and be ready to sing along! ○

Daily *Minyan* Moment

The reward of performing a *mitzvah* is the *mitzvah* itself. But at Daily *Minyan*, some have been known to get additional rewards: Just this summer, one *Minyan*aire showed up with an extra ticket to a Nationals game and offered it to anyone who was interested. Another *Minyan*aire took him up on the offer. Not only did these two attend the game together, but the Nats won that night... you never know what could happen at daily *Minyan*... ○

Weekdays 7:30 am and 6:00 pm
Sundays 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Youth @ AI



Shalom, Adas Israel!

I hope all of your holidays were enjoyable.

Youth@AI had a great October. *Chaverim* were taken through the foolish tales of Chelm with Marc Young. We had a ball and brought more beauty into the world at *Machar's* Art Fest. And who could forget our cosmic time at *Kadima's* Bowling Night at White Oak Lanes?! What a ball! USY kicked off the year with our Field Day, and what a day it was! There was sun, Frisbee, football, pizza, and friends. What more could anyone ask for?

Now it's time to look forward and hope that you are all ready for a great November. It will be a month of chilling weather, conventions, and awesome youth events in and outside Adas Israel.

Chaverim (K–2nd grade)

Hey, *Chaverim*, we have a great event for you in December. It might be a ways off, but get excited! We'll have a scavenger hunt that will take us on thrilling missions all over the *shul* to complete fun activities. Get excited!

Machar (3rd–5th grade)

Shalom, Machar! Get stoked for November 14 and a great afternoon of "Jewpardy"! It promises to be a wild time, so bring your excitement, appetites, and Jewish thinking camps!

Kadima (6th–8th grade)

Kadima, have we got the event for you! Mark it on your calendar: on November 13, we're going on an A to Z Mystery Bus Ride! "Don't know what that is," you say? Well, it's a mystery bus ride! You will have to show up to find out!

USY (9th–12th grade)

Who's thrilled for Seaboard Region Fall Convention in Virginia Beach, VA?! I know the AIUSY board and I are! It's going to be a wild weekend of old and new friends, team-building activities, an awesome dance, and, of course, being Jewish together. Send in your applications today! Keep your eyes open and ears to the ground for upcoming AIUSY events and activities.

Please contact me at Youth@AdasIsrael.org with any questions.

—Zack Portman, Youth Advisor ○



Machar kids show off their artistic creations at our October Art Fest! Kids made their own Shabbat candles, picture frames, tie-dye, bracelets and necklaces, and more!

Youth Lounge Refurbished

This summer we had the opportunity to fix up our Bernstein Youth Lounge to create a refurbished home for our youth with a new hardwood floor, new furnishings, and soothing colors. We thank Herlene Nagler, Josh Bender, Elie Greenberg, and especially Steve Claar for their help in creating a renewed space for our youth. ○



Julia Peck, Lily Moghadam, Samantha Daniels-Kolin, Gabi Rubin, Gaby Joseph, and Hannah Cohen (left-to-right) participate in the Madrichim program orientation on Sunday, September 26. The forty students in the program assist teachers in classrooms, the library, and Education office on Sunday mornings and with youth services on Shabbat mornings.

One Happy Camper (formally CamperQuest) – grants available

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's ONE HAPPY CAMPER program provides \$1000 incentive awards for first-time campers attending Jewish overnight camp for at least 19 consecutive days. For qualifying details and an application visit www.shalomdc.org/onehappycamper or call 301-348-7330. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Limited funding is available. The One Happy Camper Program is designed to engage children and families in Jewish life. Grants will be awarded to public or secular private school students. ○



YP @ AI

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' November 5, 6:30 pm

Shir Delight is Adas Israel's *Kabbalat Shabbat* experience for young Jewish professionals between the ages of 21 and 35. Our evening begins at 6:30 pm with a happy hour *oneg* followed by a lay-led *Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv* service and a FREE *Shabbat* dinner. While everyone is welcome to join us for our happy hour *oneg* and services, we can only accommodate a limited number of people for dinner. Please register at adasisrael.org/yp by November 1 to reserve your spot.



YP Bakes for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 21, 2:00 pm



Learn to bake nondairy desserts to accompany your Thanksgiving meal. After instruction from a baking pro, we'll prepare three different dessert recipes that would top off any Thanksgiving meal. Don't miss it! The event is free, but please register at adasisrael.org/yp by November 16. ○

Sisterhood

Book Club

Sisterhood is pleased to welcome back its Book group, which meets the second Monday of each month through May. On November 8, we will discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Everyone is welcome! You can purchase book club books at Politics and Prose for with 20 percent discount by mentioning Adas Israel Sisterhood. Please contact Sisterhood Book Club chair Marilyn Clyta Cooper, MCLYTA1@gmail.com, with questions or to RSVP. Don't forget to watch the *Chronicle* or check the Sisterhood website for announcements of books to be reviewed this year.

Last Call for Convention

Although the Early Bird registration deadline has passed, there is still an opportunity for any Sisterhood member or guest to attend Women's League Biennial Convention (Baltimore, Dec. 12–15) full time, part time, or as a commuter. Be a part of the Adas Israel delegation when we join more than 1,000 women from North America and Israel in *Torah* study, individual and group workshops (and Zumba!), prayer, and strengthening our Sisterhood.

Hear from Conservative Movement and other renowned speakers. Adas Israel Sisterhood's *simcha* highlights include a workshop by Rabbi Avis Miller and the installation of Myra Promisel as Women's League International financial secretary.

Contact sisterhoodpresident@adasisrael.org before November 4 to make arrangements! For further program details, see Convention-at-a-Glance at wlcj.org.

Sisterhood Shabbat, March 25–27

Sisterhood Scholar-in-Residence Weekend and Sisterhood Shabbat 5771 is the weekend of March 25–27, 2011. We will need every Sister to help make it a great success! Please plan now to attend services, bring family and friends, and stay tuned for details on this year's Sisterhood Shabbat scholar who will speak following Shabbat morning services and on Sunday morning.

It is a Sisterhood tradition to lead services on behalf of the congregation. We will need volunteers to lead or take part throughout the service, chant *Torah*, or perhaps give a reading. Veterans and newcomers alike wanted! Never led services or chanted *Torah* before? It's never too late to learn, and Sisterhood can teach you the skills. Learn from our clergy, and through clergy-approved Sister-to-Sister peer coaches. The key is to start now.

If you'd like to participate formally in any way in the Friday night or Shabbat morning service or serve on the Sisterhood Shabbat 5771 committee, contact sisterhood@adasisrael.org. ○

Sisterhood Calendar

Monday, November 8: Sisterhood Book Club, 11:00 am, Library

Tuesday, November 9: Taste of *Tanach* Bible Study, 10:00–11:30 am, Library

Wednesday, November 10: Board Meeting, 7 pm, Sisterhood Hall

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

NEW REGULAR HOURS

Sun–Mon & Wed–Fri, 9:30 am–12:30 pm

Tues, 9:30 am–3:30 pm & 6:00–8:00 pm



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Come do your shopping before the pre-holiday rush.
We have beautiful and unusual Hanukkah menorahs, imaginative hostess and bar/bat mitzvah gifts, lovely jewelry at various price ranges, fun Hanukkah gifts and decorations, and great greeting cards and gift wrap.

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Tips to the Staff Holiday Gift Fund

Adas Israel Congregation is fortunate to have a wonderful, dedicated maintenance, clerical, administrative, and support staff, all of whom ensure that the synagogue runs as needed. Our staff serve our members, officers, committees, schools, and clergy in achieving the mission and goals of the congregation.

Several years ago, the synagogue adopted a policy of “no tipping” to individual staff members following events or programs. Some staff members are more visible than others, but it takes all of them to prepare.

In lieu of tipping, the congregation has created a Staff Holiday Gift Fund, which is divided equally among the support staff every December. We appreciate those who contribute to the holiday gift fund to our maintenance and support staff members in honor of their good work during the High Holy Days and throughout the year. ○

Men's Club



Havdalah and Cocktails, November 20



Why not start your Saturday night out with a quick *Havdalah*, a drink with friends, and a little music before you head out to a local restaurant for dinner? Join us at *shul*, 6–8 pm, so we can start the week before Thanksgiving off with friends and good spirits. \$15/person or \$25/couple covers two drinks, a *forshpice*, and some background music. RSVP to mensclub@adasisrael.org by Wednesday, Nov 17.

'Sukkah Studs' Turn Out in Force

Thanks to everyone on the "Sukkah Stud" crew. Eighteen people helped erect/deconstruct the synagogue *sukkah*, as well as Rabbi Steinlauf's and the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes'. Special thanks go to Ari Fingeroth, and his stud crew of Steve Meyerson, Andrew Herman, Linda Landers 'studette', Jim Meltsner, Michael Sloan, David Esquith, David Nemeth, Ron Schlesinger, David Lynn, Michael Liebman, Stuart Cohen, Ben Rubin, Rob Rubin, Herb Schwartz, Gideon Scher, and Steve Claar. Sad you missed it? E-mail and let us know if you can help on the next activity: mensclub@adasisrael.org.



Bagel Boyz Sunday Mornings



On the first Sunday of the school year, the AI Men's Club set up a free coffee and bagel table by the Gan door to nourish the masses. The following week, we started selling bagels jointly with USY, which we hope to continue all year long.

The proceeds go to the USY Tzedakah Fund and the AIMC/Berlin Summer Scholarship Fund. Help us by volunteering on a Sunday morning or by buying your fresh bagels and coffee from the kids when you come. Let us know if you can participate: mensclub@adasisrael.org.

Are You Getting Monthly E-mails from Men's Club?

We have approximately 220 members this year and only 150 e-mail addresses. If you have changed e-mail addresses and have not received any e-mails from the Men's Club, please send us your current e-mail address so we can add you to our list. We do not provide e-mail addresses (or any contact information for that matter) to any other organization, including the Federation of Jewish Men's Club, our international hub in New York. Postal mailings are expensive and slow, so help us save money and keep you informed by sending us your e-mail address: mensclub@adasisrael.org. ○



'Dial In' to Services, Lectures, Simchas, and Programs: 202-686-8405

Thanks to the generosity of Ruthe and Nathan Katz, along with other generous contributors, home-bound family, distant friends, hospitalized members, and others are able to "dial in" to our *Shabbat* and holiday services, community lectures, family weddings, congregational funerals, and synagogue programs from their own homes.

Fourteen direct telephone lines into the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary and Kogod Chapel sound systems enable anyone to "dial in" and listen from any exterior telephone. The number of telephone lines is expanded for the High Holy Days, but, unfortunately, we heard from many who were unable to get through then due to full lines. We are looking into expanding the number of lines even more for the holidays.

We have many members who dial in each week for services as well as *bar* and *bat mitzvah* families that have shared their *simcha* with a grandparent unable to travel to the synagogue. We have also had brides and grooms with distant relatives able to "attend" the wedding and have had friends who were unable to travel to a funeral service from across the country dial in for the memorial service.

Members and friends may dial 202-686-8405 to "dial in" to Adas Israel.

We thank Ruthe and Nathan Katz for their meaningful contribution and for their sensitivity to the needs of others.

Plans are underway to add live audio streaming of our services on our website. ○

Joy & S. Robert Cohen Selected for *Shem Tov* Award Shabbat Dinner & Service, January 14



Adas Israel Congregation will present its prestigious *Shem Tov* Award to Bob and Joy Cohen, as part of a congregational *Tikkun Olam* Weekend, on Friday evening, January 14, announced synagogue president Bob Peck.

Established in 1963, the Adas Israel *Shem Tov* Award was created to recognize synagogue members who have contributed significantly to the betterment of our congregation and community. The inspiration for the award comes from the passage in *Pirke Avot* (Ethics of Our Ancestors) that reads: "There are three crowns within one's reach—that of *Torah*, that of priesthood, and that of royalty. The crown of a Good Name, a *Shem Tov*, however, excels them all."

Bob and Joy Cohen have, indeed, earned the title of *Shem Tov* through their creation of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes and other activities throughout the community.

Please reserve the evening of January 14, which will begin with a congregational *Shabbat* Dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by the award presentation during services at 8:00 pm. Members and friends are invited to RSVP to the *Shabbat* Dinner (\$25 adults/\$13 child under 10) to Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433 or carol.ansell@adasisrael.org. Reservations are not required for the *Shabbat* service and *Oneg Shabbat* reception following services. ○

Adas Swings!

Save the Date

Saturday, January 29

8:00 to 11:30 PM

For more information
call Beth Ann Spector at
202-362-4433, ext. 139, or
e-mail programs@adasisrael.org.



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THANKS TO ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS IN A CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO EXHIBIT

Twenty-nine members participated and shared their beautiful work and talents. We thank our arts@ADAS committee conceived by Elinor Sachse and led with Alice Burton and Betty Adler. We look forward to future ways Adas members can share their talents with our Adas Israel community.

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knowledge, and heritage.

Singer/composer Flory Jagoda, our guest on Friday, November 12, at the 8 pm service, maintains one of Judaism's richest cultural traditions through her performances of authentic, as well as original compositions of, Sephardic songs. These songs serve as a lyrical history of the Sephardim, the Spanish and Portuguese Jews who fled the Iberian Peninsula as a result of the Inquisition of 1492. Many of these exiles settled in the Ottoman Empire, including the former Yugoslavia, where they and their descendants continued to practice and teach their children the traditions, language, and culture they brought with them.

Jagoda was born into the musical Altaras family in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and learned the songs from her grandmother, Nona. She is internationally known as "The Keeper of the Flame" for her untiring commitment to continuing her family's musical heritage. Music was central to the daily lives of Sephardic women,

who sang the songs and recounted the stories that have been lovingly passed down through the centuries by oral tradition.

During World War II, Jagoda escaped the destruction of the former Yugoslavia's Jewish community. After spending more than two years interned on the island of Korcula and escaping to Italy near the end of the war, Jagoda met Harry, an Army Air Corp officer who became her husband in 1945 and brought her to the United States. They have lived in Northern Virginia where they raised two daughters and two sons and have been active members of their community for more than 55 years.

In March 2003, Jagoda was the soloist performer in a ceremony at Auschwitz, Poland, commemorating the Sephardim who perished there during the Holocaust.

Her music is circulated through her CDs and in *The Flory Jagoda Songbook*. A documentary about her life, *The Key from Spain*, has been featured at national and international film festivals. ○



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Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Rina Hana Bickart, daughter of Noah Bickart & Nadia Kahn, and granddaughter of David & Toni Bickart

Ayla Piu Yue Fox, granddaughter of Sharon & David Fox

Ilana Rose Wasserman, daughter of Bryon Wasserman & Judith Risch

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

B'nai Mitzvah



Michael Rones, November 6

Michael, son of Lori and Cliff Rones, is a seventh grader at Pyle Middle School. Michael began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, continuing at the Melvin Gelman Religious School and Capital Camps. He is the grandson of Marianne and Abraham Hyman, and Shirley Rones, all of New York, and Fred Rones (z"l).



Neilah Rovinsky, November 13

Neilah, the daughter of Robert Rovinsky and Renana Brooks, will have her *bat mitzvah* November 13th offsite. For her *bat mitzvah* project, Neilah visits a younger child as part of the Hesed Committee, and she looks forward to participating in the Jewish philanthropy project. Neilah attended the Gan HaYeled and the Jewish Primary Day School, and is currently at Deal Middle School and the Melvin Gelman Religious School. During the summers, she attends Camp Moshava Habonim Dror and is a counselor in training at the DCJCC.



Hannah Melrod, November 20

Hannah, daughter of Grace and Daniel Melrod, began her religious studies at Gan HaYeled and continues at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. She is a seventh grader at Sheridan School. Hannah's *tzedakah* project supports the Make a Splash Organization at swimfoundation.org, which provides swimming lessons to

less-advantaged kids and, in doing so, saves lives by reducing the risk of drowning. She is the granddaughter of Miriam Melrod of Washington and the late Leonard Melrod (z"l).

Members in the News

Molly Blank's latest film, *Where Do I Stand?*, about the response of young people in South Africa to the xenophobic attacks of May 2008, will be shown at the Avalon Theater on Tuesday, November 9, at 8:00 pm. Molly is the daughter of **Helen & Martin Blank**.

Welcome New Members

Staci Abelow, lives in Washington and is a CPA at KPMG, LLP.

Sonia & Paul Bednarowski live in Washington. Sonia is an attorney at the SEC, and Paul is an adjunct professor at George Washington University.

Carola & Samuel Berlinski, and their children **Nicolas** and **Tobias**, live in Chevy Chase. Samuel is an economist at the Inter-American Development Bank, and Carola is a linguist.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Miriam Schwarz, mother of Ziva Schuchman

Philip Silverman, father of Mark Silverman

Anne Strassman, sister of Zalma Slawsky

Phillip Zakrzewski, father of Arline Cooper ○

BEFORE YOU HEAD SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

Please contact Elinor Tattar in the synagogue office, 202-362-4433 or Elinor.tattar@adasisrael.org, and let her know the date you will be heading south and the date you plan to return, so you will continue to receive our synagogue mailings. ○

A Welcoming Community

Adas Israel Congregation is a welcoming community and does not deny membership, education, or holiday tickets due to personal financial hardship. The congregation is grateful for whatever amount one is capable of contributing, and all special arrangements are made in the strictest confidence. If you would like to discuss reduced fees, financial concerns, or a payment plan, please contact Glenn Easton at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433 or Glenn.Easton@adasisrael.org.

A Welcoming Environment

Adas Israel is dedicated to creating an inclusive, nonjudgmental environment that fosters Jewish spiritual and intellectual growth. We have an open-door policy and encourage all those who are Jewish or wish to learn about Judaism to participate with our synagogue. Our congregation seeks to be more than a synagogue that removes physical barriers; rather, we are working toward ensuring that all can participate and benefit as they choose. We have removed many of our physical barriers but we know that others still need to be addressed.

Individuals needing supports, such as sign language interpreters or reader services, are asked to contact Elinor Tattar, 202-362-4433, ext. 147, or Elinor.Tattar@adasisrael.org. Recommendations regarding how to continue to make our synagogue more accessible to persons with varied physical abilities are welcome and can be given to Glenn Easton at Glenn.Easton@adasisrael.org. ○

Adas Israel Dor L'Dor Legacy Circle

Have you remembered Adas Israel in your will? Join the *Dor L'Dor* Legacy Circle of members who have made planned gifts and bequests to the congregation ensuring our future. For information and to add your name, please contact Eric Fox or Glenn Easton at the synagogue office. ○

November 2010
Cheshvan–Kishlev 5771

SHABBAT HIGHLIGHTS & ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

L’Dor VaDor Shabbat Service: Friday, November 5; service at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm. Join Rabbi Steinlauf for a Friday night *Shabbat* experience for all generations. RSVP to talya.baiamonte@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4449.
YP@AI’s Shir Delight: Friday, November 5; young professionals (21–35) are invited beginning at 6:30 pm with a happy hour *oneg* followed by a lay-led *Kabbalat Shabbat*/Maariv service and a FREE *Shabbat* dinner. Dinner space is limited; reserve your spot at adasisrael.org/yp.
Adas Oneg Service with guest Flory Jagoda: Friday, November 12. 8:00 pm. *Oneg Shabbat* follows services and guest’s presentation.
A Shabbat of Exploring Tefilah: Saturday, November 13, 9:30 am. Join Rabbi Steinlauf for a morning of *davening*, teaching, and asking questions throughout the service. Learn and experience new understandings of prayers and ask questions!

L’Dor VaDor Shabbat Hanukkah Service: Friday, December 3; service at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm. Join Rabbi Steinlauf for a Friday night *Shabbat Hanukkah* experience for all generations. RSVP to talya.baiamonte@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4449.
In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: Hazzan Jeffrey Weber will chant the liturgy. Hazzan Jenna Greenberg will read *Torah*. Congregational *kiddushim* co-sponsored by the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein-Lande Shabbat Kiddush Fund and the members of Adas Israel.
‘Dial-in’ for Programs & Services: If you are unable to attend programs, lectures, or services, dial in to hear them. Call 202-686-8405.
WEEKDAY SERVICES: Morning *Minyan*, Monday–Friday, 7:30 am; Evening *Minyan*, Sunday–Thursday, 6:00 pm; Civil Holidays, 8:30 am & 6:00 pm; refer to calendar for *Erev Shabbat* and *Shabbat Mincha* times.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 23 Cheshvan <i>Torah Lishma Weekend w/Ethan Tucker</i> 8:00 am <i>PILL Faculty Development Day (No Religious School)</i> 8:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 9:30 am <i>Beit Midrash</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i>	1 24 Cheshvan 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 10:00 am <i>Sisterhood Taste of Tanach</i> 12:15 pm <i>Gan Staff Meeting</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i>	2 25 Cheshvan <i>NAEYC Conference (No School)</i> 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 12:00 pm <i>Downtown Study Group</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i> 6:30 pm <i>Anne Frank House Meeting</i> 7:00 pm <i>Lifelong Learning Classes</i>	3 26 Cheshvan 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i> 6:30 pm <i>Executive Committee Meeting</i> 6:30 pm <i>Torah Club</i> 7:00 pm <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> 7:30 pm <i>Lifelong Learning Classes</i>	4 27 Cheshvan 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i>	5 28 Cheshvan 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 9:15 am <i>Gan Melton Class</i> 11:20 am <i>Gan Shabbat Sing</i> <i>Light Candles at 5:47 pm</i> 6:00 pm <i>L’Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf</i> 6:30 pm <i>YP Shir Delight Oneg</i> 7:00 pm <i>L’Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner</i> 7:15 pm <i>YP Shir Delight Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf</i> 8:15 pm <i>YP Shabbat Dinner</i>	6 PARSHAT TOLDOT 29 Cheshvan 8:00 am <i>Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</i> 9:30 am <i>Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary</i> <i>Bar Mitzvah: Michael Rones</i> <i>Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg</i> 9:30 am <i>Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</i> 9:45 am <i>Havurah Shabbat Service; D’var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf</i> 10:00 am <i>Shabbat Spot</i> 11:00 am <i>Youth Shabbat Services</i> <i>Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Clifford & Lori Rones</i> 5:45 pm <i>Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</i> 6:47 pm <i>Havdalah</i>
7 Rosh Chodesh Kislev30 Cheshvan 2:00 am <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 8:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 9:00 am <i>Rosh Chodesh Kislev Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Breakfast Fund</i> 9:30 am <i>Beit Midrash</i> 9:30 am <i>Men’s Club Bagel Boyz</i> 9:30 am <i>7th Grade Breakfast/Service</i> 9:30 am <i>R.S. Steering Committee Meeting</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i>	8 Rosh Chodesh Kislev1 Kislev 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 8:30 am <i>Rosh Chodesh Kislev Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Breakfast Fund</i> 10:00 am <i>Gan Rabbi/Parent/Child/ Program– Hanukkah</i> 11:00 am <i>Sisterhood Book Club</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i>	9 2 Kislev 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i> 7:00 pm <i>Lifelong Learning Classes</i>	10 3 Kislev 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 9:30 am <i>Gan Open House</i> 10:00 am <i>RA @ the Mikveh</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i> 6:30 pm <i>Sisterhood Board Meeting</i> 6:30 pm <i>Religious Practices Committee Meeting</i> 6:30 pm <i>Torah Club</i> 7:00 pm <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> 7:00 pm <i>Lifelong Learning Classes</i>	11 4 Kislev 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Minyan</i> 8:00 pm <i>Scotch & Scriptures Men’s Study Group (off site)</i>	12 5 Kislev <i>Adult Retreat</i> 7:30 am <i>Morning Minyan</i> 9:15 am <i>Gan Melton Class</i> 11:20 am <i>Gan Shabbat Sing</i> 6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service</i> 6:30 pm <i>Ruach Minyan Service</i> 8:00 pm <i>Adas Oneg Service; Guest: Flory Jagoda</i> 9:00 pm <i>Oneg Shabbat</i>	13 PARSHAT VAYETZE 6 Kislev 9:30 am <i>Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary</i> <i>A Shabbat of Exploring Tefilah with Rabbi Steinlauf</i> <i>(Bat Mitzvah of Neilah Rovinsky off site)</i> 9:30 am <i>Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</i> 10:00 am <i>Shabbat Spot</i> 11:00 am <i>Youth Shabbat Services</i> <i>Congregational Kiddush</i> 4:30 pm <i>Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</i> 5:40 pm <i>Havdalah</i>
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Schools

Gan HaYeled

Registration for 2011–2012

Gan registration for the 2011–2012 school year begins in January 2011. Be sure to take advantage of your Adas Israel membership as priority registration for Adas Israel members is January 3–10. Registration for current and returning families is January 11–14, and open registration begins January 19.

Our Gan HaYeled is an award-winning school staffed with dedicated teachers who bring an exceptional early childhood program to our children and our families. Come to one of the four Open Houses for prospective families: Wednesday, Nov. 10; Tuesday, Nov. 30; Tuesday, Dec. 14; and Wednesday, Jan. 12, 9:30–11:00 am.

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

4th Annual Gan HaYeled Silent Auction—We Need Your Help!

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

We are asking again for your generous donations to this year's auction. Donations can be anything from specialty service vendors, store or restaurant gift certificates, to sporting event tickets or vacation weeks. Be creative! In the past, some of the most successful items have been experiences that truly are priceless—something you couldn't otherwise buy yourself. This could be an opportunity to have lunch with a celebrity, watch a taping of a TV show, meet an athlete, etc. All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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

Religious School

Elie Greenberg Joined Over 30 Adas Israelites at Camp Ramah this Summer!

Elie spent a month on tzevet shira (music staff) at Machaneh Ramah this summer, working closely with campers, teaching them the latest Jewish and Israeli hits, running *chuggim*, and leading concerts and bonfires at camp. Adas Israel sends more than 30 kids to Camp Ramah every summer.

For more information about Camp Ramah and other summer programs, contact Elie Greenberg, elie.greenberg@adasisrael.org.

► Elie pictured with tzad aleph (A-side) campers: Annabelle Friedman, Rebecca Ingber, Maya Marcus, Soledad Sloan, Sarina Hanfling, Talya Wellisch, Ari Mendelson, Alex



Wellisch, Joe Goldberg, and William Goldberg. Not pictured but also at Camp Ramah this summer: Gabrielle Aladjem, Daniel Ansher, Jacob Baskin, Naomi Eitches, Elyse Eitches, Michael Fine, Jonathan Fische, Jack Goldberg, Eyal Hanfling, Daniel Ingber, Gabrielle Joseph, Benjamin Kean, Gabriel Lerner, Janie Macklin, Claire Mendelson, Stella Mendelson, Dora Mendelson, Eliana Mendelson,

Zachary Merenstein, Neshama Rovinsky, Amalia Rubin, Sarah Sloan, Leah Sorcher, Ethan Sorcher, Talia Zymelman, and Yossi Zymelman.



◀ Gaby Joseph addresses the entire camp with a reflective d'var Torah before the final Kabbalat Shabbat service.

Faculty Spotlight

Jordy Snyder is a recent graduate of Bucknell University and a newcomer to the DC metro area. She works at the Jewish Primary Day School as an assistant teacher in science classes for students in grades K–6. Jody lives at the Moishe House in Silver Spring, helping to create programs and events for young Jewish adults. She is excited to be teaching *Kitah Heh* (5th grade) at Adas Israel!



Jordy Snyder

Shinshinim Join the Ma'alot DC Faculty



I am Shira Kaufman (at left in photo), and I am 18 years old. I am from a village in the north of Israel, called Alon Hagalil. I love to dance, and I am a very happy person who smiles a lot. I am the oldest of four kids—I have two brothers and one sister.

I am Michal Bechar (at right in photo), and I am 18 years old. I am from Maccabim, which is in the middle between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. I love drawing and also theater. I am the youngest of four kids—I have two sisters and one brother.

We have both graduated high school, and we have postponed our army service because we were accepted into this special program, called *Shinshinim*, which lets us come to DC to help people here learn more about where we came from—ISRAEL! When we go back home, 10 months from now, we will join the Israeli army. ○

Attention: Class of 5774 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Candidates

We are in the process of organizing the *b'nai mitzvah* class of 5774, which includes children who will celebrate this milestone between August 2013 and June 2014. Below is a list of children of our members who, according to our records, will celebrate becoming *b'nai mitzvah* in the Class of 5774 (which means they were born between July 2000 and July 2001).

If your child is missing from this list, and you believe he or she should be included with this *bar/bat mitzvah* group and should celebrate between August 2013 and June 2014, **OR** if your child is in the 4th grade and you would like him or her to be included, **OR** if you have any questions, please contact Beryl Saltman in the rabbis' office, 202-362-4433, ext. 121, or beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org, so we can add him or her to the list below.

5774 *b'nai mitzvah* parents will receive information soon about an upcoming meeting with Rabbi Steinlauf to assign *bar/bat mitzvah* dates.

Naomi Alter	Alan Goldfarb	Zachary Reisner-
Sara Apfelbaum	Eli Grosser	Merenstein
Oliver Bass	Emma Herman	Emily Ringel
Thea Bernstein	Joseph Horwitz	Aaron Rosenthal
Ava Burka	Samuel Ikenson	Simon Rosenthal
Ethan Chanin	Elianna Israel	Noa Rosinplotz
Spencer Cohen	Seth Kahler	Aviv Roskes
Mia Cuneo	Harry Kaplan	Marissa Sherman
Ariella Cyerman	Raphael Katkov	Lilah Silverman
Amelia Davidson	Daniel Koenig	Avram Sloan
Alexander Davies	Ellie Labaton Sapiro	Henry Sosland
Bradley Ellick	Nina Lane	Kate Sosland
Emma Fisher	Nell Leibovich	Emma Steiner
Mica Gelb	Sam Lossef	Joshua Taubman
Emma Giventer-Braff	Jack Margolis	Sophie Tucker
Shira Godin	Leah Melrod	Elior Waskow
William Goldberg	Dori Mendelson	Alex Wellisch
Ella Goldblum	Harrison Muth	Gabriel Wittes

Welcome to Our New Students:

Oliver Bass 4	Julia Kagan 6	Claire Miller 6
Sophie Bass 6	Jessica Kamen 6	Joshua Morrison K
Annie Bass 2	Marcus Kamen 2	Eliane Nieder 6
Gabrielle Bennett K	Eian Katz 1	Zachary Pan K
Tobias Berlinski 2	Simon Kirschenbaum K	Sam Phillips 9
Nicolas Berlinski 6	Leo Klayman 1	Erin Pollack K
Lizzie Bubes 10	Nina Lane 4	Ari Pomeranz 5
Benjamin Donvan 8	Brandon Leach 2	Neilah Rovinsky 7
Ayelet Drazen 6	Willow Lehigh 1	Ronit Schorr 9
William Ellick 9	Amalia Levitin K	Jacob Shapiro K
Naomi Feldman K	Kaylie Ludwick 3	Grey Small K
Rachel Finston 9	Elisheva Ludwick 2	Mendel Socolovsky 3
Sadie Foer K	Gabrielle Makowski 9	Joelle Spector 4
Emmitt Gerstein K	Sophie Mallen K	Hannah Spector 7
Joe Goldberg 3	Lola Ruth Marvin K	Elana Steinlauf 9
Jackson Groves K	Amanda Meltsner 10	Rachel Suissa 1
Maya Kagan 3	Madeleine Miller K	Charles Suissa K

Calling all Adas Israel 5th graders

Friday, Nov. 19th
(Departing Adas Israel approx. 1:30pm)
to Saturday, Nov. 20th
(Returning to Adas Israel approx. 9:30pm)

Theme:
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ing out to congregants and the Washington Jewish community, often with ingenious ways of using the latest social networking and other technologies. Rabbi Feinberg's passion for *tikkun olam*, social justice, touches another vein in our Jewish and Adas souls.

Our religious school has a new emphasis on Hebrew-language skills and we have begun a *Shacharit* Live program for the younger grades on Sunday mornings that everyone should see. Young Professional programming is booming—we had hundreds of YPs for *Purim* and *Selichot*—and our youth groups are attracting more and more kids...

In programming, the past year has seen a number of innovations. On Friday nights, the *Kabbalat Shabbat* early service has become even more filled with congregational singing. Every other week, the late Friday night service has a significant speaker. We have put on "Sushi in the *Sukkah*" to much acclaim—it was on again last month—and a couple of very popular Friday night *Shabbat* Under the Stars evenings... We continue well-subscribed adult education programs and meals for the elderly. Under Rabbi Feinberg's leadership, we have volunteers visiting the elderly, too.

Now no institution, and particularly not a Jewish one, should change just for the sake of change. We are people of tradition, after all. But we are also a people whose practices do change. The Conservative Movement at its best is about informing tradition with change. And our congregation, like other congregations, needs to change. The nature of Jewish affiliation is changing. Jews can express their Jewish identities in myriad ways without joining a synagogue. There are other institutions, Jewish learning centers and community centers, 6th & I in Washington, and independent *minyanim*, that provide outlets for Jewish yearning and inlets toward Jewish identity.

Synagogues still serve indispensable roles. And no synagogue plays a more important role in the life of the Washington Jewish community than Adas.

The most visible manifestation of the Adas community, this community of communities, is our building, at Connecticut and Porter. Well, actually, on Quebec Street. And that in itself tells you something. The building's front door is no longer its front door. The building itself is a strength and a weakness. Its monumentality, its imposing street presence, and the scale of the Smith sanctuary space are all strengths.

But the building has been added to in unplanned ways, so that internal circulation is confusing and inefficient. There is no central "there, there," no central space where the diverse Adas communities can come together. The central heating and air conditioning system is beyond the end of its useful life, as are the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary seats and the sound system. Our last major renovation, as much addition as renovation, was almost 25 years ago.

So, too, the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, our central worship space, is a product of a different time. Its volume is grand, but laid out as a theater, with the focus on the *bimah* as if on a performance. The sanctuary's current design makes it difficult to experience joyful, communal, participatory worship. And that is precisely what young Jews, those who are our future, are demanding.

You know where this is leading, since I assume you have

noticed the design concept drawings hanging in the lobby. For the past several years, at the instigation of and with a generous pledge from the Charles E. Smith Family Foundation, we have been working on a design for renewal of the Smith Sanctuary. In the past two years, under the leadership of a design committee, we expanded that work to encompass a master plan for the entire synagogue. What you see hanging on the walls is a vision: we are very far along on designs for the Smith Sanctuary, the other worship spaces, and the Kay Hall, less so on other parts of the building. We are not adding square footage, but we are enhancing what we have.

Our architect, Hugh Hardy, and his firm, H3 Hardy of New York, are nationally renowned for educational, cultural, and historic preservation work. Hugh Hardy was architect for the renovation of the historic Central Synagogue in New York after its fire, for which he won a prestigious national award from the American Institute of Architects.

You can see in the drawings the changes this will bring: a skylight, a lowered and expanded *bimah*, seats arranged so that congregants can feel connected to each other and to the service on the *bimah*, balconies that wrap around the entire sanctuary and connect to the upper floor, and vastly improved handicapped access. And note that entrances into the sanctuary from the Quebec Street lobby are wider and moved outward so you no longer are the center of everyone's attention should you walk in during the service—and who among us doesn't?

We have begun quiet conversations with some of our long-time supporting member families to help us carry this off, and we have gotten a good response. We are not asking the general membership for support at this time. We are confident that we can achieve our long-term vision over time.

As I started off saying, we know it is a rough economy. Our vision for the synagogue's renewal is a broad one and it includes support for educational and spiritual programs as well as renewal of the building. Important as the building is, it is what goes on inside it that determines what Adas Israel is and what its future will be. We are awaiting cost estimates and more complete designs for the Gan and school spaces. We do expect to kick off a general fundraising campaign sooner than later, most likely within the year. We already have nearly enough commitments to undertake the first phase of the project, renovation of the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary and lobby.

For now, I do urge you to participate in the annual *Kol Nidre* appeal for the synagogue. The *Kol Nidre* appeal supports our religious, social action, and education programming throughout the year. In the past two years, given the straitened circumstances of some of our members, the *Kol Nidre* Appeal has taken on even more importance.

The *Kol Nidre* Appeal is the *only* fundraising appeal to the congregation all year. We are close to our goal, but need your help to reach 100 percent participation.

None of the *Kol Nidre* Appeal contributions will be used for the building renovation, by the way, but they will permit young couples and those with financial hardship to maintain their Adas affiliation. The appeal also funds Gan HaYeled and religious school tuition assistance, home visitations and kosher lunches to

Ma Tovv

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Morris Kletzkin has worked for more than a decade as our (pro bono) legal counsel, advising our synagogue administrators, officers, board, and clergy and helping us navigate the legal thickets that arise in the administration of any large institution. More than just a legal advisor, Morris has to balance the legal aspects of the issues brought to him, while keeping in mind the *Halakhic* and ethical basis for decision making.

Morris Kletzkin, interviewed by Betty Adler

Morris Kletzkin and his family (wife Lynn, sons Joshua and David) have been members of Adas Israel since the late 1970s, joining when the boys entered the Gan. Morris and his wife and family have been active participants in the life of Adas Israel. Both Joshua and David celebrated their *b'nai mitzvah* at Adas Israel. While Morris has served on various committees, since the beginning of the decade, he and his law firm have formally represented the congregation, on a pro bono basis, providing cogent and balanced advice in areas requiring legal expertise and sound judgment.

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

M: (Fear of the Lord!) First, it is very rewarding work. My firm and I are legal counsel for the synagogue. We are called upon to review an enormous range of issues, including contracts, community, and neighborhood issues—the full range of legal issues facing a large client. It is interesting to work on the issues presented, which are very important to our community. I get to see legal problems from both a humanist and religious point of view. While the issues are legal in nature, I also learn the *Halachic* basis for our legal position. I seek assistance from our clergy ...there is an interplay with the Rabbis and senior staff. Because Adas Israel has such a public presence in our community, some of the issues have legal and religious implications—"in today's world we need to review the issues both 'Jewishly' and legally."

B: What Jewish principles motivate you?

M: Commitment to community service ... acts of lovingkindness. Sometimes people on the other side don't think that ... but I am very aware that the types of decisions we make affect our synagogue and community, both in the

short term and in the long run.

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

Morris Kletzkin

M: Almost every month brings at least one legal question. We can handle some with a phone call, but some require more time and some have resulted in lawsuits. We have to work to protect the synagogue from legal actions and anticipate legal problems. I have consulted and assisted in employment issues, providing advice to the Executive Committee, Personnel Committee, and the Board on contract issues and personnel questions. Adas Israel is a public space, and we have to be aware of public liability issues in the event people are injured on our premises. We have had to handle insurance questions, such as disputes with vendors, and, periodically, contract issues. Occasionally, I work with large bequests and donations to the synagogue.

B: How has this work affected you?

M: I feel that this work keeps me connected to the Jewish community and connected to my congregation. I feel that I am contributing and participating in the Jewish community in a meaningful way.

B: Give an example of an interesting issue that has both legal and *Halakhic* elements.

M: Many questions relate to life cycle events, where Jewish "law" interacts with civil law. Most of the time, civil law and religious law reach similar conclusions; they are complementary. However, sometimes they don't.

This is our second *Ma Tovv* column, meant to honor and acknowledge congregants who work tirelessly behind the scenes to enrich our Adas Israel experience. This feature, which we intend to publish regularly, will offer an interview with one special member of our community. We will include a small token of appreciation to mark the occasion of publication of each honoree's *Ma Tovv* interview.

If you have a suggestion for an honoree, or would like to volunteer to interview, please contact Steve Lachter, lachter@starpower.net or 202-363-9709. ○



FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

our older members, the work of our Bereavement Committee, and our expanded program of *Shabbat* services and programs for empty nesters.

If you have not yet made a pledge, we invite you to...drop it off at the front desk...or mail it to the synagogue. Thank you for your generosity.

As for our long-term renewal vision, we will work toward it prudently, as the economy and our membership dictate. But we will not take our eyes off it. It is our hope for Adas's fu-

ture, our response to our New Year's look into the soul of our congregation. As Theodor Herzl said of the dream of a Zionist state: "If you will it, it is no dream."

...Member feedback and participation in the 21st Century Building and Endowment Renewal Project is important and encouraged. Please visit the Adas Israel website (adasisrael.org) for the latest drawings and plans and send your thoughts to a special e-mail address for the project: Renewal@adasisrael.org.

—Bob Peck ○

TODAH RABBAH

5771 High Holy Days *Todah Rabbah*

... to our clergy: Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Rabbi Charles Feinberg, Hazzan Jeffrey Weber, and Hazzan Jenna Greenberg; Rabbi Reuven Hammer, Michael Kay, and Michael Leifman

... to our service coordinators: David Bickart, Ken Goldstein, Susan Kay, Nancy Weiss and Michael Sloan, and the Youth Caucus

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... to the *daveners* in the Preliminary & *Shacharit* services on *Rosh Hashanah* & *Yom Kippur*

... to those blowing the *shofar*: Rabbi Feinberg, Jennie Litvack, Ron Sann, Mark Joseph, David Nemeth, Elie Greenberg, Jeff and Aaron Knishkowsky, Jacob Eyl, Menuhah Peters, David Peck, and Rabbi Moshe Samber

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... to all our 56 ushers and their coordinator, David Lynn

... to Laurie Strongin, our *Yom Kippur* afternoon speaker, and to her interviewer, John Donovan

... to the Robyn Helzner Trio for the *Selichot* concert

... to the Joseph and Mollie Muchnick *Selichot* Fund and the Susan Linowes Allen Memorial Music Fund for underwriting our *Selichot* concert

... to the Martyrology readers

... to Marky and Martin Kirsch for dedicating our *Yizkor Book of Remembrance* in loving memory of their parents, Samuel and Sadie Lebowitz and Ralph and Helen Kirsch.

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... to the Men's Club "*Sukkah Studs*" for building our *sukkah*

... to Elinor Tattar, High Holy Day coordinator; synagogue and school administrative staff: Carol Ansell, Talya Baiaomonte, Jane Baldinger, Gail Leventhal, Marcia Miller, Rita Nicholls, Beryl Saltman, and Becki Walter; Glenn Easton, executive director, and Henry Silberman, synagogue administrator

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Special thanks to Steve Rabinowitz and Laurie Moskowitz for sponsoring the *Erev Simchat Torah* refreshments in memory of Steve's mother, Dorothy Rabinowitz, on her *yarzheit*. Linking her memory with the beauty and importance of *Simchat Torah* is a lasting and meaningful memorial to this special person.

Making Contributions and Volunteering Made Easy on Our New Website

Go to the 'Donate' or 'Volunteer' Tab at AdasIsrael.org

Thanks to the efforts of our Website Task Force and staff, we continue to improve and expand our new synagogue website. Members can now make contributions easily to their favorite Adas Israel fund, through our website by clicking on the "Donate" tab.

Contributions will be charged to your synagogue account and an acknowledgment will be sent to those you honor or to the families of those you remember. Non-members may use the website to make contributions and mail their contribution to the synagogue.

Members can also volunteer easily to help with synagogue projects, events, social action activities, or committees using the new volunteer form on the website. Look for the "Volunteer" tab on the home page.

In addition, watch for continuing enhancements, including special pages for our schools and activities.

We invite all members, committees, auxiliary presidents, staff, and friends to send us updates and suggestions for our ever-evolving website. Our thanks to the members of our task force:

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Thanks to Our Sunday Morning Volunteers

We welcome back Maricy Schmitz and Marge Elfin, our wonderful volunteer Sunday greeters and receptionists, who are so helpful and welcoming to our Sunday visitors, parents, and school children!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to help the synagogue and have some free time on Sunday mornings during the school year? We are searching for volunteers to join our rotating Sunday morning greeter team. If you're interested in helping from 9:00 am to noon each week or once a month on Sunday mornings, please call or e-mail Henry Silberman at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433 or henry.silberman@adasisrael.org. ○



Marge Elfin



Maricy Schmitz

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Spread over us the shelter of your peace!

Anne Frank House Leaders Elected

Congratulations to the newly elected and continuing leaders of Anne Frank House (AFH), which provides permanent housing to nine formerly homeless men and women suffering from chronic mental illness in 10 apartments in northwest Washington. AFH acquires or rents and furnishes apartments; provides continuing liaison and support to residents; and contracts with social service agencies for case management, medical, and psychiatric services required for independent living.

To learn more about the Anne Frank House, visit the *Tikkun Olam*/Community Service section of our website, www.adasisrael.org.

adasisrael.org. Congratulations **ANNE FRANK HOUSE** and *yasher koach* to . . .

Officers: Hazel Keimowitz and Joe Berman, co-presidents; Sheila Meyer, first vice president; Seth Rosenthal, second vice president; Adina Mendelson, treasurer; Sue Ducat, recording secretary; and Susan Klein, corresponding secretary. **Board Members:** Mark Chambers, Anne Louise Cowan, Ed Kopf, Elaine Kremens, Bonnie Lewin, Dale Sorcher, Catherine Bender, David Cohen, Tulin Ozdeger, June Kress, Edna Povich, Steve Schwat, and Linda Yitzchak. ○

Joint Adas-Peoples Congregational Church Thanksgiving Project, November 18

Do you have a few hours to spare during the week? If so, join Adas members as we return to Peoples Church for a second year to help with its annual Thanksgiving food distribution to low-income DC residents. We will pack food bags with turkeys, canned vegetables, eggs, cranberry sauce, corn muffin mix, and more.

Last year's volunteers had lots of fun while performing a *mitzvah*.

We work from 9 am to approximately 2 pm. Stay the entire time or come for an hour or two. The church is located at 4704 13th Street NW, not far from Adas.

For further information or to volunteer, contact Jamie Butler, butler364@aol.com, and put Thanksgiving Project in the subject line. ○

Contributions Continued

Roslyn & Theodore Kogod Confirmation Class Fund

In Memory Of: **Samuel Kogod** by Edith Kogod & Family.

Rothstein Family Israel College Scholarship Fund

In Appreciation Of: My High Holy Day *aliyah* by Miriam Feldman.

Shelley Remer Gan Haeled Enrichment Fund

In Memory Of: **Sally Remer** by Dan, Nancy and Jory Weiss, Doris and Don Herman, Glenn & Cindy Easton, John & Kimberly Hasenberg, Judy Fox-Tepner, Larry & Jean Bernard, Sandy & Sue Greenberg.

Social Action Fund

In Memory Of: **Tobee Fischman** by Joel Fischman. **Rose Krones** by Judith Krones.

Tsippora Masliansky by Marcy Feuerstein & Ron Schwarz.

Sophie Silfen Shalom Tinok Fund

In Memory Of: **Louis Jacob Wineburg** by Harry & Judy Melamed.

Stanley & Veeda Wiener Memorial Fund

In Honor Of: The wonderful *shofar* music by **Jennie Litvak & David Peck**, Our High Holy Day *aliyah* by Stanley & Ruth Snyder

Traditional Minyan Kiddush Fund

By: Steven Weiner.

In Memory Of: **Tsippora Masliansky, Florence Goldstein** by Bill Levenson. **Florence Goldstein** by Judith Hellerstein

Tzedakah Fund

In Honor Of: **Jennifer Gurevitz** by Lenore Eileen Lam. My *Rosh Hashanah aliyah* by Ricki Gerger.

For The Speedy Recovery Of: **Henry Silberman** by Adrian & Annette Morchower.

In Memory Of: **Burton Schwalb** by Brian Schwalb. **Elaine Dozoretz, Dr. Julian Satnick** by Glenn & Cindy Easton. **Abraham Louis Glassman** by Janet Baldinger. **Sadie Kaminski** by Sally & Jerrold Ganzfried. **Peter Dreyer** by Scott Dreyer.

Yizkor/Yahrzeit Fund

In Memory Of: **Sadie Saltman** by Alan Saltman.

Ella Singer by Alvin & Gloria Bernstein. **Alfred Stone** by Amb. Richard Stone. **Ida Forman** by Anne Wolfe. **Bert Leda** by Henrietta Leda.

Frieda Aaronson by Hilda Aks. **David M. Schwartz** by Howard & Susan Liberman.

Morton Bachrach by Joan Slatkin. **Aleeta Carlson** by John & Kimberly Hasenberg. **Lester Friedman** by Judith Beltz-Schreiber. **Ruth Bernstein** by Phillip Epstein. **David Sackett** by Stanley Scherr.

Youth Department Activities Fund

In Memory Of: **Muriel Dulberger** by Faith Apt.

Hilda Jacobovitz by Jeffrey Jacobovitz. **Jane Batt** by Jeri Greenberg. **Beatrice Gordon** by Rick Solloway. **Morris Weiner** by Stacy Weiner. ○

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The Ezra Pantry wishes to announce our annual **Winter Coat Drive** to benefit S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat). Now that we have all begun to dig out our winter clothes, we are sure to come upon outgrown coats or ones that our family members will not wear again. Please bring them to the Ezra Pantry. You'll see a large wardrobe box in the coat room dedicated to winter coats. **Let's fill it!** Bring in winter coats by Thanksgiving, and they will be donated to someone in need. Thank you!

Contact: Judith Krones, david.judith@verizon.net, for more information or with ideas. ○



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Ezra Pantry Project Isaiah a Success!

Many thanks to all who contributed food and funds to our annual *Kol Nidre* Food drive, enabling us to send hundreds and hundreds of pounds of food to S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat). The Ezra Pantry project continues all year long (in addition to the special drives during High Holy Days and *Pesach*), so don't forget to "bring one more" when you come to synagogue. *Todah rabbah!*

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Celebrate Hanukkah & Save Lives Donate Solar Cookers for Darfur as Hanukkah Gifts

Adas Israel members again have the opportunity to bring light and sustenance to the people of Darfur, still displaced and in refugee camps. This will be the congregation's third *Hanukkah nefesh ahat min haolam*.

The Solar Cooker Project enables women to remain safely in the camps, using the solar cookers, without having to leave to find firewood and risk attack. The women also have income opportunities through making additional solar cookers, training others to use the cookers, and making carrying bags to increase the cookers' life span.

A gift of \$30 provides two solar cookers, two pots and pot-holders, a year's supply of cooking bags, and training for the refugee women and girls. Earmark your donation request to the Social Action Fund and indicate that it is for Darfur Solar Cookers. You may charge the donation to your synagogue account or mail your check to Adas Israel (2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington DC 20008) and mark "solar cookers" on the check's memo line.

For more information, please contact Judy Herr, jnherr20814@yahoo.com. You can watch a YouTube video of the solar cookers in use at youtube.com/watch?v=ou61_Wtu5TY&feature=channel.

Join us on November 21, 1:30-2:30 pm,
in front of the Sudanese embassy (2210 Massachusetts Avenue, NW). We bear witness to the ongoing civil war and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, in our monthly third-Sunday vigil with members of People's Congregational Church and other faith communities. Adas contact: Laura Cutler, mbcutler@aol.com.



A Darfuri woman and child (top) utilize a solar cooker in the desert. Laura Cutler (middle, center front) coordinates our monthly vigils. Adas members Linda Yitzchak, Judy Blumberg, and Judy Herr (bottom) demonstrate their solidarity with the citizens of Darfur.

Upcoming Chronicle Deadlines—

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