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HAPPY HANUKKAH!

## דובר אמת Dover Emet Speaking the Truth

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

Perhaps you have heard some Jews laugh and brush off *Hanukkah*: "If only people knew how relatively minor and insignificant *Hanukkah* is," they say, "they would never make such a big deal of it." Have you ever heard this before: "It's not that *Hanukkah* isn't important—of course, it's an important holiday about a miraculous victory of the Macabbees," they say. "It's just that, compared to major holidays like *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, and *Pesach*, *Hanukkah* can't—if you'll excuse the expression—hold a candle!" I grew up hearing this message about *Hanukkah*, that it's a nice, pretty holiday, but it's

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Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6:30  
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## About our *Shem Tov* Honorees—Joy & Bob Cohen



Bob Cohen has been a member of the Adas Israel community all his life. He remembers going to synagogue with his parents at the 6th and I location and can name his Hebrew school teacher (Mrs. Hollander) and his *bar mitzvah* teacher (Mr.

Irving Wilner). Joy, the daughter of a Pennsylvania congressman, spent her early years in their home town but moved to DC to attend Mount Vernon College. Joy's move brought together a couple who would dedicate their lives to helping others

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## Adas Oneg Service to Feature Sari Horwitz, Dec. 10



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

Our December 10 speaker, Sari Horwitz, is

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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

*Religious School Dan Kaufman  
Memorial Latke Party,*

Sunday, December 5, 11:15 am

*USY Hanukkah Bash,*

Sunday, December 5, 5:00 pm

*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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# Clergy Corner



Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

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not *that* important. And implied in this is the rather guilt-provoking message: You know, Jews of America, if you were more serious about your commitment to observance, you'd know that *Hanukkah* is getting more press than it deserves. And more than this, the secret that we Jews have to acknowledge

is that the only reason *Hanukkah* gets all the attention it does is because of Christmas. All the Jewish kids who were jealous of their Christian friends getting presents resulted in the mass marketing of *Hanukkah* right alongside Christmas. So we Jews get to feel guilty, not only because we're not observant enough, but also because we're just copying Christians. We can all feel guilty because, ironically, *Hanukkah*, the holiday that is all about resisting assimilation, has become the purest expression of American assimilation.

We have to acknowledge that there's some truth in all of this. But it's only partial truth. As time goes by, I see a deeper message in the American Jewish experience of *Hanukkah*. *Hanukkah* really is a beautiful holiday about miracles, about victory against all odds, about the triumph of the spirit, about lighting up the darkness. But for so many Jews today, *Hanukkah* has more nuances and layers of meaning. In more and more houses, you see *Hanukkah menorahs* proudly displayed next to Christmas trees. And I mean *proudly*. *Hanukkah*, more and more, is evolving a message that it didn't have in generations past: it's a way of affirming the meaning of Jewish identity in the uniquely accepting multiculturalism of 21st-century America.

Generations ago, in the old country, our ancestors proudly placed *menorahs* in their windows as an act of defiance and courage. The outside world, symbolized by the darkness of this time of year, was an unsafe and rejecting place of anti-Semitic violence and betrayal. The message was clear: We stood up for who we are, and despite the hatred of the surrounding nations, despite their overwhelming strength and numbers, we prevailed. But it's different now, here in America. The *menorah* now isn't so much shining out into the dark night as it is illuminating the home *within*. More and more Jews aren't observant. They might not believe in God. And yet, they will light that *menorah*. They will sing the *dreidel* songs with their children, they'll make the *latkes*. Why? Because being Jewish matters to most American Jews. It's something we're proud of. Even if *Kashrut* and *Shabbat* haven't found a way into the family's home observances, *Hanukkah works!* It is accessible, powerful, and beautiful. Its message can be seen clearly in both its particularist and universalist dimensions. Both conventional and intermarried families can fully access this wonderful way to celebrate *Jewishness*.

We're witnessing the evolution of Jewish observance in America. What's happening before our eyes, frankly, is what has happened with all Jewish holidays over the centuries: they

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evolve. They take on new dimensions of meaning depending on the social and cultural conditions within which the Jews find themselves. And the new, American-Jewish dimension of *Hanukkah* is truly magnificent. Its message is: Here we are! We have made it in America! We're really an accepted, successful, beloved people in this wonderful blessing of a society that is America. Our lives are multifaceted. Our choices for who to be and how to be are infinitely more complex than those of our ancestors. We are Jewish, yes, but we are also secular in many ways. We have access to multiple belief systems that we hold in the cognitive dissonance of our identities. We're more and more intermarried. And yet, despite it all, the light of who we are as Jews has not gone out. To the contrary, it burns stronger and stronger. Our Jewish heritage, while so different now from what it was for our grandparents, is something we will proudly pass to our children.

In this day and age, in 2010—5771—*Hanukkah* truly is one of the most important holidays on the Jewish calendar. It is a cause for wild celebration. It is the shining light that reminds us that, despite dire predictions a generation ago, assimilation and intermarriage are not the death knell of the Jewish people. We are alive and well and proud to be who we are. It's just that who we are is different now from what we were before. And this evolution of our people is good. It is a miracle. So this year, enjoy *Hanukkah*. Celebrate the light no matter who you are, whether observant, or secular, or not even Jewish. And while you're celebrating, remember its message: that the spirit of this remarkable people is a light that burns brighter all the time, promising to be an ever-evolving blessing for generations to come. ○

## Daily Minyan Moment

Ever heard of the *Minyanettes*? They are the lovely ladies of the Daily *Minyan*! They provide friendship and support to one another while saying *Kaddish*, but they also celebrate just being together. In fact, sometimes they surprise each other with birthday cakes at Daily *Minyan*. And sometimes they even use *Minyan* as their appetizer before dining together in Cleveland Park. Come to Daily *Minyan* to find out more about the *Minyanettes*. . .



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

# Holidays

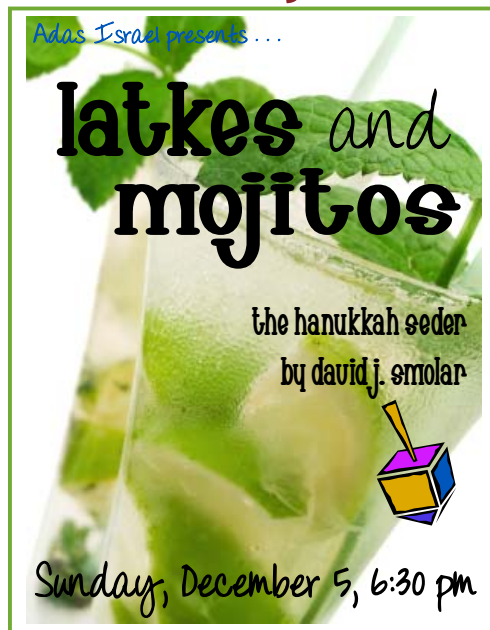
## Office Closings & Minyan Times

Friday, December 24, & Friday, December 31

Offices Closed

Minyan at 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

## Latkes & Mojitos



Bring your friends and join us for *The Hanukkah Seder* followed by our *Latkes & Mojitos* dinner party, Sunday, December 5, at 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?

On the fifth night of *Hanukkah*, we will answer all of your questions when Adas member David Smolar presents *The 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!

Cost is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child (through age 12). **RSVP to Carol Ansell at 202-362-4433 or [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org) by Wednesday, December 1.** ○

## 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 בזמן הזה.

*Baruch ata Adonai Ehloheinu mehlech haolam, sheasa nisim laavoteinu bayamim 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.*

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מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבח,  
תפון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזבח,  
לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח,  
אז אגמור בשיר מזמור חנוכת המזבח.



## Enjoy a Delicious *Hanukkah*

**Gateau de Hanukkah (Hanukkah Polish Apple Cake).** Adapted from the new cookbook, *Quiches, Kugels, and Couscous: My Search for Jewish Cooking in France*, by Joan Nathan

5 apples (3 Fuji and 2 Granny Smith, or any combination of sweet and tart apples), peeled, cored, and cut into ½-inch pieces, about 6 cups of apples

Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon

10 walnut halves, roughly chopped

1½ teaspoons cinnamon

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

⅛ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons chopped almonds

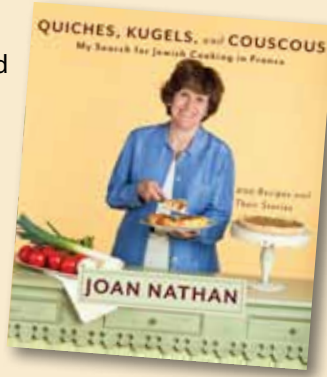
1¼ cups plus 3 tablespoons sugar

4 large eggs

1 cup vegetable oil

¼ teaspoon almond extract

2 leeks, diced, washed, and sautéed



1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees, and grease a Bundt pan or 9-by-13-inch baking pan.
2. Toss the apples in a large bowl with the zest and juice of the lemon, the walnuts, and the cinnamon.
3. Pulse together the flour, baking powder, salt, almonds, and 1¼ cups of the sugar in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade. With the food processor running, add the eggs, oil, and almond extract, processing until just mixed.
4. Spoon half of the batter over the bottom of the pan. Scatter the apples on top, and cover them with the remaining batter. Sprinkle the top with the remaining sugar (you'll need less if using a Bundt pan).
5. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Note: The cake will take less time to bake in the shallow rectangular pan than it will in the Bundt pan.

*Yield: 8 to 10 servings*



## Men's Club



### Men's Club Upcoming Events

**Sunday, January 9:** Men's Health Fair

**Sunday, February 6:** World Wide Wrap

**Sunday, March 20:** Purim Carnival

**Saturday night, April 2:** Nat'l Collegiate Jewish A Capella Competition

**Sunday April 10:** Passover Wine Sale

## Bagel Boyz Feeding the Children



Each week since the start of the school year, the AIMC has sold bagels from Breads Unlimited and Starbucks' coffee to hungry AI children and parents on their way into the *shul* on Sunday mornings.

We are also selling bulk bagels to take home. All proceeds go to the USY *Tikkun Olam* and the Mark Berlin Summer Scholarship funds. The more you

buy, the more we are able to help the kids.

Special thanks to Phil Fidler, Mike Leibman, and Rob Rubin for their efforts, along with our two regular student salespeople, Sarah Leah Marcus and Ari Moskowitz. If you are willing to take a Sunday morning shift, we'd love to have you in our rotation! E-mail us at [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org).

## AIMC Cocktail Party

What a nice evening we had! The AIMC gathered for an evening of friends, background music, and *forshpice* following *havdalah* on Saturday night, November 20. There were lots of familiar faces and just as many new ones. While it's always fun to gather with the men of the congregation for a drink or two, it was a special treat to see their significant others as well. We're hoping to follow this up with a nice showing of guys for the upcoming Card Night later this month. For more information, contact us at [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org).

## Men's Club Volunteers Needed Dan Kaufman Memorial Latke Party

We need help with the *latke* party this year, both physically and financially. The endowment fund used to pay for the party has not generated much interest in the last few years, so the AIMC has agreed to underwrite the event. We can bill a donation right to your synagogue account. Are you interested in pitching in? We also need people on the day of the party to help heat, distribute, and clean up after *latkes*. Care to spare an hour or two? E-mail us at [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org).

### Latkes and Mojitos

Men's Club is tending the bar at this year's event on Sunday, December 5. We need approximately six bartenders, no experience necessary! Come and bring along a friend—we'll teach you to mottle with the best of them. Contact us at [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org).



## Card Night—A Chance to Prove Just How Good You Are



On Sunday night, December 19, the AIMC is gathering to play cards at the *shul* from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come for *minyan* at 6 pm and stay for an evening of friends and card playing. RSVP by Wednesday, December 15, to [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org). ○



## Got Summer Plans?

The year is racing by, and it's about time to start thinking about plans for this summer. For information about Jewish summer camps or Israel trips, please contact Elie Greenberg, 202-362-6295 or [youth@adasisrael.org](mailto:youth@adasisrael.org). Adas Israel offers summer subsidies to active members of our youth groups. Please visit our website, [adasisrael.org/youth](http://adasisrael.org/youth), to download an application and learn how to become eligible for a subsidy.

With gratitude, we acknowledge the following for their generosity:

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Rothstein Family College Israel Scholarship  
Sisterhood Israel Scholarship

We wish you all a wonderful and sweet December, *Hanukkah*, and Winter Break! We are excited for all of you to come back and continue this amazing year together! See you all in 2011! ○

## Yoni Kalin Helps Repair the World, One Project at a Time



Adas Israel USYer Yoni Kalin (11th grade) recently established Fishing 4 Success, an organization that assists young people affected by natural and manmade disasters. The organization's first initiative, launched in September, collected school supplies to support families in the Gulf affected by the oil spill and Katrina.

Fishing 4 Success is currently working with the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf to raise more school supplies and start a scholarship fund, called "Seaboard." The money raised for the annual scholarship will help cover tutors, application fees, school visits, and books for college-bound students. The initiative will continue to raise funds and supplies throughout the year, and to expand the number of communities it serves.

For more information, or to get involved, visit [fishing4success.org](http://fishing4success.org) or e-mail Yoni at [yonikalin@gmail.com](mailto:yonikalin@gmail.com). ○

## Shalom, Adas Israel!

Our youth groups had an amazing month of November! We kicked off the month with our USY Laser Tag event at XP Laser Sports! We played multiple levels of laser tag with different scenarios. With each new game and scenario, we discussed the history and operations of the Israeli secret service, Mossad. Dressed appropriately in all-dark clothing, our USYers set out on operations to take control of opposing forces' bases and retrieve their fellow comrades. Needless to say, they completed each mission with flying colors! Well done, Adas Israel armed forces!

In *Kadima* this past month, we had a laser tag event overnight that took place in our very own Adas Israel Youth Lounge. We were very lucky to share this great event with one of our sister chapters, Har Shalom. Using the Youth Lounge and the surrounding hallways, we set up our very own laser tag course, and what an amazing time we had! Once we had our fill of running all over and completing various missions, we proceeded to have a wonderful evening of mixers, movies, ice cream, and endless laughter. What an incredible event that we can only hope will happen again next year!

Who can forget our great journey to the Smithsonian IMAX to see *Wild Ocean 3D*? We were completely taken into the wonderful submerged world that surrounds our continents. We went swimming alongside whales and sharks, we traveled to the deepest regions of the oceans, and we came face to face with unseen creatures of unimaginable shapes and forms. Simply unbelievable!

In December, we have many great events and happenings to look forward to. Let's go on a scavenger hunt, **Chaverim (K-2nd grade)**! On Sunday, December 19, we will explore Adas Israel to hunt down all of the unique intricacies of our beloved *shul*. Join us and let's go hunting!

Hey, **Maچار (3rd-5th grade)**!

Got a second? How about a minute? On Sunday, December 12, come play "Minute to Win It" Adas Israel style! We'll have team and individual competitions that will test your physical and mental problem-solving skills. Come sport your stuff! Let's see if you've got the skills!

We have a FREE joint citywide **USY and Kadima** event, "Let's Rock Your World with Steve Dropkin and the Rhythm Project," on Saturday, December 11. It will be a night of awesome music and friends!

On Friday, December 17, **USY (9th-12th grade)** has a wonderful *Shabbat* dinner hosted at one of our board members' houses, where we'll share our thoughts on the traditions of *Shabbat*, play board games, and enjoy great food. Don't miss out!

December 22-30 is the most anticipated youth event of the year, USY International Convention in Orlando, Florida! Hundreds of Jewish high schoolers from all over North America will come together to support and learn about the environment. Just a few of the activities are a magical trip to Disney World, Learn about Judaism and the Environment, SATO Eco Fair, Leadership Training, Tri-Wizard Tournament, free time by the Hilton pool and lazy river, and much, much more. Join us for an unforgettable experience that will change you forever.

We hope to see you all at our upcoming events. Til then, please look out for our e-mails and flyers for all youth group event opportunities!

—Zack Portman, Youth Advisor ○





# Sisterhood

## 'Taste of Tanach' Schedule

**Tuesday, December 21**, with Rabbi Steinlauf, 10:00–11:30 am in the Library

**Tuesday, January 18**, with Rabbi Steinlauf, 10:00–11:30 am in the Library

Questions? Call Roselle Abramson, 202-244-8885. ○

## 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



### DID YOU KNOW HANUKKAH BEGINS DECEMBER 1?!?

**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.**

**202-364-2888**

**Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.**

## Sisterhood Calendar

**Sunday–Wednesday, December 12–15:** WLCJ Biennial Convention (Baltimore)

**Monday, December 13:** Book Club discusses *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, Library, 11:00 am

**Sunday, December 19:** Sisterhood Gift Wrapping at Politics & Prose (contact Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433)

**Tuesday, December 21:** Taste of *Tanach* Bible Study with Rabbi Steinlauf, Library, 10:00–11:30 am

## Combined Community Shabbat Service, Dec. 24

Continuing a tradition of more than 30 years, Adas Israel Congregation will again participate in a combined community service on Friday, December 24, at 6:30 pm. This year's service will take place at Temple Sinai (appetizers will be served before the service at 6 pm). Participating in the service will be Rabbi Charles Feinberg with other Adas clergy, officers, and congregants, along with Temple Sinai, Temple Micah, and Washington Hebrew Congregation.



This long-standing tradition of sharing is a significant way to mark the closure of the secular year and a wonderful opportunity to share *Shabbat* with members of other area congregations.

We encourage your attendance as a way of strengthening intersynagogue relationships and marking the transition in the calendar in a religious manner. Temple Sinai is located at 3100 Military Road, NW, Washington, DC. ○

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a Pulitzer Prize–winning member of the *Washington Post's* investigation unit. A reporter for the *Post* for 26 years, she has covered crime, homeland security, federal law enforcement, education, and social services. Horwitz received the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting for her examination of the deaths of children in the D.C. foster care system. She also co-wrote an investigation of D.C. police shootings that won the 1999 Pulitzer for Public Service and the 1999 Selden Ring Award.

In addition, Horwitz was a member of the team of reporters who won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Reporting for the shooting rampage at Virginia Tech. She also co-authored the 2003 book about the Washington snipers, *Sniper: Inside the Hunt for the Killers Who Terrorized the Nation*. She and a colleague wrote a 13-part series about the botched police investigation into the murder of Chandra Levy and co-authored the recently published *Finding Chandra: A True Washington Murder Mystery*. Among Horwitz's other awards are the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for reporting on the disadvantaged and the Investigative Reporters and Editors Medal.

She lives in Washington with her husband, William Schultz, and daughter, Rachael Schultz. Rachael attended the Gan, was an Adas *bat mitzvah*, and graduated from the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Bill was in the first Adas adult *bar mitzvah* class. ○

# Lifelong Learning

## Winter and Spring, 2010–2011

### Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

**Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg**

**Sunday Morning, December 5, 12, 19; January 23–April 10**

It's still not too late to join the Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah program! This four mini-mester adult education program taught by Rabbi Feinberg and Hazzan Greenberg will culminate in a group bar/bat mitzvah service on December 10, 2011, *Parashat Vayishlach*. The second unit of the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah program will focus on the Rabbinic commentary to the Bible, an introduction to the *Talmud*, and an intensive study of the *Siddur*. In addition, this semester will include a separate class on Torah trope taught by Hazzan Greenberg. The class will culminate with a final mini-mester in fall 2011.

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

### Exploring Holidays in the Mishnah: A Social Science Perspective

**Taught by Calvin Goldscheider**

**Wednesday Night, January 19–March 16**

The *Mishnah* is a third-century set of Jewish texts organized into six Divisions. **The key theme we will review is the Mishnaic conception of religious holidays.** We'll focus on the Division of "Moed" and will include selected texts associated with *Shabbat*, the Pilgrimage Festivals (Passover, *Sukkot*, and *Shavuot*); the High Holy Days (*Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*); *Hanukkah*; *Purim*, Minor Fast Days; and some other religious holidays that are marked in the *Mishnah*. Our exploration will be guided by the simple questions: What was the *Mishnaic* conception of religious holidays? How are these holidays to be celebrated? What was the significance and meaning of the holidays as described in the texts of the *Mishnah*? Throughout we will study the *Mishnah* together, in Hebrew and English, to uncover core elements associated with the Sabbath and holidays. Our approach will emphasize how social science understands the social significance of public religious celebrations. (No prior knowledge of the *Mishnah*, Rabbinic literature, or Hebrew will be assumed.)

Cost: \$100 for members; \$150 for non-members ○

## BEFORE YOU HEAD SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

Please contact Elinor Tattar in the synagogue office, [Elinor.tattar@adasisrael.org](mailto:Elinor.tattar@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4433, 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. ○



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' Special Hanukkah Edition

**December 3, 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 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](http://adasisrael.org/yp) by November 29 to reserve your spot. Join us for this special *Shir Delight* to celebrate the third night of *Hanukkah* with *latkes* and *sufganiot*.

### DC's Annual Hanukkah Happy Hour on the Hill

**December 6, 6:00 pm**



The Pour House & Hawk 'N' Dove (Metro: Capitol South)  
\$5 cover

Join Washington DCJCC's EntryPointDC for the biggest party of the year, which brings in hundreds of Jewish young adults from all over the

DC area! Don't miss out on all the food, drinks, and *Hanukkah* fun!

Be sure to bring winter gloves, socks, scarves, hats, shampoo, lotion, and hand sanitizer (travel sizes)! All items will be donated to the December 25th Day of Service at the Washington DCJCC and given as holiday gifts to members of the DC Homeless Community.

### Ketubah Klub Ice Skating

**December 18, 8:00 pm**

Join other young couples for a night of ice skating and hot chocolate at the National Sculpture Garden. Meet at the Sculpture Garden Cafe at 8 pm (on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th streets at Constitution Avenue, NW). RSVP to [adasisrael.org/yp](http://adasisrael.org/yp) by December 14. ○





# Schools

## Gan HaYeled

"One generation goes and one generation comes; but the Earth remains the same" *Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) 1:4*. Here at Gan HaYeled, one of our themes this year is to focus on nature, bringing curiosity, creativity, and just joy and wonder as we enrich our children's lives by being the outside world. From gardening in our Gan garden, to walks around the community, jumping in



rain puddles and hikes in Rock Creek, our children are growing and learning in so many ways.

◀ *Samantha Gordon, Nini Panner, Zachary Bensky, and Noah Bender check out some greenery.*

## Gan HaYeled Open Houses for Prospective Families

Come learn about the wonderful opportunities here at the Gan for you and your children! Once again we are holding 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 Director of Early Childhood Center Shelley Remer, 202-362-4491 or [shelley.remer@adasisrael.org](mailto:shelley.remer@adasisrael.org).

## Gan Winter Carnival

The Gan HaYeled Winter Carnival will take place Sunday, January 23, 12:45–3:00 pm in Kay Hall. This fun-filled, annual family event is a perfect way to fight "cabin fever" weather. The indoor event will feature carnival games, prizes, a moonbounce, a miniature golf course, an obstacle course, and lots of food.

Last year's event produced many smiling children (and parents), and we expect this year's Carnival to be just as successful. Admission is free, with a fee for games once inside. Proceeds benefit Gan HaYeled Nursery School.

## Gan HaYeled 2011–12 Registration

Registration for the 2011–2012 school year begins in January 2011. Take advantage of your Adas Israel membership; priority registration for members is January 3–10. Registration for current families is January 11–17, and open registration begins January 19. ○

## Thank You

The Gan Parents Association wishes to thank all who participated in the November 17 Gan HaYeled Silent Auction—donors, buyers, and volunteers!

## Religious School

### Mah Tovv Moments

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



◀ *More 250 walkers participated in our Oct 24th AFH Mini-Walk 2010 to support the Anne Frank House in its effort to combat homelessness. Yasher koach to our 10th graders for coordinating the walk and organizing a bake sale. The*

*mini-walk was a culmination of the school-wide theme, Ma'akeh L'gagecha, broadly translated as the obligation to provide safe shelter to human beings. To learn more about the Anne Frank House, please visit [theannefrankhouse.org](http://theannefrankhouse.org).*

## 7th Graders Visit Hebrew Home Residents

*Kitah Zayin* (7th grade) students visited with residents of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington on Sunday, October 17, as part of a values class during which they studied the Jewish value of *Hiddur P'nei Zaken*, honoring the face of the elderly. The students have a



▲ *Seventh graders visit with Sophie Silfen, longtime Adas Israel member, at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington.*

number of field trips scheduled this year, including a visit to N Street Village in December.

► *"Bring It In-Israel" conducted a unique Israel education sports program for children in kindergarten through 4th grade on Sunday, October 10. Created by David Lasday, a former*



*Hebrew School teacher at Adas Israel, the program focused on igniting a passion for Israel in the hearts and minds of young Jews through sports activities that emphasize team building, life skills, and fundamental sports concepts. Pictured here are (clockwise from lower left) Sydney Schwalb, Nick Pine, Alex Wellisch, and Mendel Socolovsky. Ben Kean (madrich) is in the right upper corner.*



◀ *On Sunday, October 3, students in the 1st grade class made their very own challah covers in art as a part of a unit on Shabbat.*



From generation to generation...

**L'DOR VA'DOR**  
service and dinner

Join us for a Shabbat and Hanukkah experience for all generations with a Friday night service and dinner.

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00pm - Service  
7:00pm - Dinner

\$20 - Adult Dinner  
\$12 - Child Dinner (12 and under)

Save the Date! Next L'Dor Va'Dor on Jan. 7th

RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> by emailing Talya.Baiamonte@adasisrael.org or by calling (202)362-4449.





### Consecration for Kindergarten Families, Dec. 4

On Saturday, December 4, we will hold a Consecration ceremony as part of *Shabbat Hanukkah*. We will honor all of the children who have begun their Jewish education journey in a Kindergarten program in a Jewish day school or the Melvin Gelman Religious School.

The morning will begin with a special program for kindergarten families, where we will unroll a Torah scroll around our kindergartners, matching each child to the *parasha* (Torah portion) that was read during the week in which he or she was born. After this, families will make their way into the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary to receive special gifts from the congregation and to lead *Adon Olam* on the *bimah*. The program will last approximately from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm. Families are invited to continue the celebration with a festive congregational *kiddush* following services, including *sufganiyot*, *dreidels*, *latkes*, and more.

### Jewish Value for November–December: *Bikkur Cholim*

During November and December, the students are learning about *bikkur cholim*, the obligation to care for and visit the sick, and Hope for Henry, an organization that improves the lives of children with life-threatening illnesses by providing carefully chosen gifts and specially designed programs to entertain and promote comfort, care, and recovery.

There is a schoolwide collection for Hope for Henry that will culminate with our annual Dan Kaufman Memorial *Latke* Party on December 5. To learn more about Hope for Henry, please visit [hopeforhenry.org](http://hopeforhenry.org).

### December Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

**December 21–January 2:** Winter Break, no school

### Dan Kaufman Memorial *Latke* Party, Dec. 5

Our annual Dan Kaufman Memorial *Latke* Party for the Religious School will be held on Sunday, December 5.

Featuring...

\*Rak Shalom *a capella* group from the University of Maryland ([rakshalom.com](http://rakshalom.com))

\*Hanukkah Brunch

\*Mitzvah Project for Hope for Henry Foundation ([hopeforhenry.org](http://hopeforhenry.org))

\*Fun for the whole family!

Who was Dan Kaufman, z"l? Dan was a member of Adas Israel who loved to celebrate *Hanukkah* with the children in his family and friends. He was known for his famous *Hanukkah latkes*, which he made by the hundreds each December. When he became ill with cancer, Dan said, "I have lived like a *mensch*, and if I'm to die from this illness, I want to die like a *mensch*." Dan faced his cancer with courage, and he passed on that courage and love of life to his family and friends.

Dan and his wife, Dale, wanted to start a meaningful fund in his name. "I'd like to start a fund for the children," Dan said, just days before he died. On that day, the Dan Kaufman Children's Program Fund was established at Adas Israel. Each year the fund sponsors children's activities, including camp scholarships, school activities, holiday observances, and special family programs.

### 'Shabbat Unplugged' Musical Family Service, Dec. 18

*Shabbat Unplugged*, a new musical Saturday morning service for families with children in kindergarten and above is on Saturday, December 18, at 10 am. The service is designed for kindergarten families and above, although older children are welcome and encouraged take on leadership roles. *Shabbat Unplugged* is led by Josh Bender, director of education, and Elie Greenberg, director of informal programming.

Modeled on *Shacharit Live*, a Sunday morning musical service for K–2 students in the religious school, the service seeks to build a prayer experience that is fun, interactive, and spirited. This is also an opportunity for families to explore some of the key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer. Guitars and other instruments are used to enhance the experience and to teach Jewish and Israeli songs. The Torah portion comes alive through the art of Jewish storytelling. Join us on for future Shabbat Unplugged services: January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, and May 21. ○

### SAVE THE DATE Family *Tikkun Olam* Day

Join us on Monday, January 17, for Family *Tikkun Olam* Day. Open to all Adas Israel families. More details coming soon!

# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Births

Ben Hananiah Argaman, great-grandson of Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz

Ethan James Carter, son of Jamie & John Carter, grandson of Elaine & Paul Tendler, and great-grandson of Ida Chernikoff

Batsheva Rose Chosiad, daughter of Aliza Pressman & Craig Chosiad

Charlotte Sarah Dickey, daughter of Anna Kertesz & Derek Dickey

Joshua Eli Nussdorf, son of Benjamin Nussdorf & Inna Dexter, grandson of Melanie & Larry Nussdorf

Nathan Asher Promisel, son of Seth & Amy Promisel, grandson of Myra & Larry Promisel

Madeleine Ginger Stein, daughter of Joshua & Melissa Stein, granddaughter of Ken Ingber

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

### Marriage

**Lindsay Beller**, daughter of **Jane & Herbert Beller** was married to Ryan Chew, son of Ron & Karla Chew of Oak Park, IL.

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

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Isabela Vidal, December 11

Isabela, daughter of Orlando Vidal and Jennifer Kasirsky and granddaughter of Elaine and Gil Kasirsky and Ana Maria Vidal, is a seventh grader at Washington International School. She started her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and has been attending Melvin Gelman Religious School. She shares her *simcha* with her brother, Javi.



### Infinity Willner, December 18

Infinity, daughter of Brigitte and Marshall Willner, is a seventh grader at the Edmund Burke School and a graduate of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital. She is the granddaughter of William and Rochelle Willner of Poinciana, FL, and Randye Notoy of Plantation, FL, and Richard Notoy (z"l). Infinity is looking forward to sharing

her *simcha* with her older sister, Bailey.



### Elliot Ginns, December 27

Elliot, son of Laura and Jonathan Ginns will become a *bar mitzva* in Jerusalem, where he will be joined by his brothers, Aaron and Oliver Ginns, as well as other family members and friends. Elliot began his religious studies at Gan HaYeled and continues at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. He is currently a seventh grader at Westland Middle School.

## Members in the News

**Ellen Gray**, co-owner of Equinox Restaurant, was included in the *Washington Business Journal's* "Women Who Mean Business."

Adas trustee **Lawrence Nussdorf** recently received the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Award of Merit in recognition of his being an extraordinary alumni volunteer leader.

*Hazzanim* **Jeffrey Weber** and **Jenna Greenberg** participated in "A Night to Honor Israel," a program for the Latino Christian communities of the greater Washington metropolitan area, organized by Christians United for Israel.

**Rabbi Charles Feinberg** will participate in a local observance of the annual National Homeless Memorial Day, honoring the memories of homeless persons who died in the past year, which will be observed on Tuesday, December 21, at 6:00 pm at New York Avenue Presbyterian.

## Welcome New Members

**Allison Castel** is a Montgomery County public school teacher living in Gaithersburg.

**David & Lauren Edelstein** live in Bethesda. David is an attorney at Asmar, Schor & McKenna, PLLC, and Lauren is a conflict management specialist in health care/bioethics.

**Kevin Eder & Molly Barackman-Eder** live in Washington. Kevin is a marketing coordinator at Media Research Center, and Molly is an administrative assistant for the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Zara Frankel** is in advertising at AKQA and lives in Washington.

**Lisa Frenkiel** lives in Washington, where she is a development officer at the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

**Jeremy & Stacey Grant** and their daughter, **Cecelia**, live in Washington. Stacey, an attorney, is currently a stay-at-home mother, and Jeremy is the chief development officer at ASI Government.

**Hannah Johnson**, a high school teacher at Suitland High School, and **Paul Scanlon**, a statistician at the Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, live in Washington.

**Aaron Lyss** is a public policy specialist at AABB and lives in Washington.

**David Newman** is an attorney with OSHA and lives in Arlington.

**Raphael & Bonnie Prober** live in Washington with their son, **Zachary**. Rafi is an attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, and Bonnie is an attorney with the Justice Department.

**Jason & Allison Rashkin** live in Chevy Chase with their sons **Noah** and **Ben**. Allison is in research with ExecuPharm, and Jason is a cardiologist with Kaiser Permanente.

**Brad Reichard & Michael Shannon** live in Washington. Brad is in public relations at Focus Communications, LLC, and Michael is an engineer at Raytheon.

**Zachary & Zara Shapiro** live in Washington, where Zachary is in aviation at Airbus North America, and Zara is in hospitality at Hilton Worldwide.

**Brad & Melissa Shear** live with their son, **Harrison**, in Chevy Chase. Melissa is an attorney at OAG, and Brad is also an attorney.

**Rachel Titlebaum** lives in Washington, where she is an assistant manager of ad services at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

## Life Cycle Continued

### NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

**Steven & Sarah Trauben** live in Washington with their children, **Noah** and **Judah**. Steven is a chiropractor at King Street Back and Neck, and Sarah is a senior endowment advisor at AIPAC.

### In Memoriam

**We mourn the loss of synagogue member:**

Evelyn Linowitz

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

Joan Lipnick Abelson, wife of Rabbi Kassel Abelson

Douglas Krieger, father of Kathy Krieger

Martha Saunders, grandmother of Benjamin Mossberg

### Life Cycle Information

#### Adas Israel Community Mikvah



The Adas Israel Community Mikvah is available to members and to the community. For daytime appointments, please contact Naomi Malka, [mikvah@adasisrael.org](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org) or 202-841-8776. For evening appointments, please contact Menuhah Peters, [menuhahp@mac.com](mailto:menuhahp@mac.com). To learn more about our mikvah, visit [adasisrael.org/mikvah](http://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 at the number above and pressing "2" to be connected automatically, or by calling the answering service, 301-421-5271, which will page the staff member on call.

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

## Adas Israel Community Mikvah Update

Hazzan Jenna Greenberg and Naomi Malka, coordinator of the Adas Israel Community Mikvah, represented Adas Israel Congregation at "Gathering the Waters," an international mikvah conference at Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters Community Mikvah in Newton, MA, over Columbus Day weekend. This inspiring three-day event connected what we do here at our mikvah to the "New Mikvah Movement," which seeks to refocus the ways we talk about, educate, and experience mikvah. Jews of from all over North America and Israel, from every age, affiliation, and level of observance, shared their resources and traditions with each other.

Hazzan Greenberg attended workshops ranging from traditional text study to music at the mikvah. During several sessions, mikvah was used as a springboard for discussing ritual in general and how we deal with the transformative experience of ritual in our lives.

Naomi chose the sessions that addressed different ways of introducing the idea of mikvah to middle and high schoolers, and participated in a fascinating discussion about using mikvah as a tool in promoting healthy body image for Jewish teens.

Feel free to talk with Hazzan Greenberg or Naomi about this conference or about mikvah in general. ○

## Snow Policies

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

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

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

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

If Montgomery County and/or DC schools are closed, the Gan is closed.

If DC Public Schools have a delay, the Gan opens at 10:00 am. If Montgomery County schools have a delay, the Gan opens on time.

If Montgomery County and/or DC Public Schools announce early dismissal, please come to the school ASAP to pick up your child.

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

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

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

## Swing in the New Year!

at Adas Israel's

### Winter Swing Dance

Saturday, January 29

Music by: **BLUE SKY 5**

8:00 to 11:30 pm



FREE dance lesson included

with Tom Koerner and Debra Sternberg of **GOTTASWING.COM** Washington, DC's most popular swing dance instruction and promotion company.

**\$18/each**

Everyone welcome!

No partner required - Refreshments served

For more information call Beth Ann Spector or RSVP to Carol Ansell by January 10 at 202-362-4433



December 2010
Kislev–Tevet 5771

SHABBAT HIGHLIGHTS & ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

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 tanya.baiaimonte@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4449.
YP@AI's Shir Delight: Friday, December 3. 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. Reserve your spot at adasisrael.org/yp.
Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner: Friday, December 10, 6:30 pm. RSVP to ruachminyan@adasisrael.org to reserve your spot.
Adas Oneg Service with guest Sari Horwitz: Friday, December 10, 8:00 pm. Oneg Shabbat follows services and guest's presentation.
Learners' Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg: Saturday, December 18, 10:00 am, in the Library. Open to all who are interested in learning more about Shabbat services.

Combined Community Shabbat Service: Friday, December 24, 6:30 pm, at Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Road, NW. Appetizers served at 6 pm.
In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: Cantor Jeffrey Weber will chant the liturgy. Hazzan Jenna Greenberg will read Torah. Congregational kiddushim co-sponsored by the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein-Lande Shabbat Kiddush Fund and 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.
Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>28</div> <div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>21 Kislev</div>	<div>29</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>22 Kislev</div>	<div>30</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 am Gan Open House for Prospective Parents</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting</div> <div>7:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>7:30 pm Adas-Foundation Lecture: Prof. Berlinerblau</div> <div>23 Kislev</div>	<div>1</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pm Torah Club</div> <div>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>7:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>24 Kislev</div>	<div>2</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>25 Kislev</div>	<div>3</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:15 am Gan Melton Class</div> <div>11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing</div> <div>6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf &amp; Hazzan Greenberg</div> <div>6:30 pm YP Shir Delight</div> <div>7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner</div> <div>26 Kislev</div> <div>4:28 pm</div>	<div>4</div> <div>9:15 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary; Consecration/Family Shabbat; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf</div> <div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>9:30 am Havurah Shabbat Service, D'var Torah by Mike Sloan</div> <div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div> <div>11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services</div> <div>27 Kislev</div> <div>Congregational Kiddush co-sponsored by the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Kiddush Fund and the Melvin Gelman Religious School</div> <div>4:30 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div> <div>5:28 pm Havdalah</div>
<div>5</div> <div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:30 am Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz</div> <div>11:15 am Dan Kaufman Memorial Latke Party</div> <div>5:00 pm Regional USY Hanukkah Bash</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pm Latkes &amp; Mojitos Hanukkah Party</div> <div>28 Kislev</div>	<div>6</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 am Sisterhood Taste of Tanach</div> <div>12:15 pm Gan Staff Meeting</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>29 Kislev</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>8:30 am (Hanukkah) Rosh Chodesh Tevet Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Breakfast Fund</div> <div>11:00 am Administrative Staff Meeting</div> <div>12:00 pm Downtown Study Group</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>6:45 pm WJHN/Mikveh Healing Circle</div> <div>7:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>30 Kislev</div>	<div>8</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>8:30 am (Hanukkah) Rosh Chodesh Tevet Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Breakfast Fund</div> <div>10:00 am RA @ the Mikveh</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Mtng.</div> <div>6:30 pm Torah Club</div> <div>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>1 Tevet</div>	<div>9</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>8:00 pm Scotch &amp; Scriptures Men's Study Group (off-site)</div> <div>2 Tevet</div>	<div>10</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 am Gan Open House for Prospective Parents</div> <div>9:15 am Gan Melton Class</div> <div>11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing</div> <div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service</div> <div>6:30 pm Ruach Minyan Service</div> <div>8:00 pm Adas Oneg Service; Guest Speaker: Sari Horwitz</div> <div>Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Orlando Vidal &amp; Jennifer Kasirsky</div> <div>3 Tevet</div> <div>4:28 pm</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary</div> <div>Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg</div> <div>Bat Mitzvah: Isabela Vidal</div> <div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div> <div>11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services</div> <div>Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Orlando Vidal &amp; Jennifer Kasirsky</div> <div>4:30 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div> <div>4 Tevet</div>
<div>12</div> <div>Super Sunday: Jewish Federation of Gr. Wash. WLCJ Biennial Convention begins</div> <div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:30 am Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz</div> <div>12:00 pm Chesed Committee Meeting</div> <div>12:30 pm Religious School Faculty Meeting</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>5 Tevet</div>	<div>13</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>11:00 am Sisterhood Book Club</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>7:00 pm Social Action Committee Meeting (off-site)</div> <div>6 Tevet</div>	<div>14</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:15 am Gan Open House for Prospective Parents</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>6:30 pm Anne Frank House Meeting</div> <div>7:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>7 Tevet</div>	<div>15</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting</div> <div>6:30 pm Torah Club</div> <div>7:00 pm Adas/Peoples Dialogue @ Peoples Cong. Church</div> <div>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>8 Tevet</div>	<div>16</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 am SAC Christmas Food Distribution @ PCUCC</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>7:15 pm Rabbi Steinlauf's Meditation Class (off-site)</div> <div>9 Tevet</div>	<div>17</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:15 am Gan Melton Class</div> <div>11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing</div> <div>5:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Dinner</div> <div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service</div> <div>6:15 pm Gan Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Feinberg &amp; Robyn Helzner</div> <div>10 Tevet</div> <div>4:29 pm</div>	<div>18</div> <div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf</div> <div>Bat Mitzvah: Infinity Willner</div> <div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan, D'var Torah by Brian Weinstein</div> <div>9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service, D'var Torah by Jane Fidler-Rosenblum</div> <div>10:00 am Shabbat Unplugged Family Service with Josh Bender &amp; Elie Greenberg</div> <div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div> <div>10:00 am Learner's Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg</div> <div>11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services</div> <div>Congregational Kiddush co-sponsored by William &amp; Rochelle Willner and Mr. &amp; Mrs. Phillip S. Lewis and Family</div> <div>4:30 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div> <div>5:29 pm Havdalah</div> <div>7:00 pm Men's Club Card Night</div> <div>8:00 pm YP Ketubah Klub Ice Skating</div> <div>11 Tevet</div>
<div>19</div> <div>8:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:30 am Religious School Parents' Corner</div> <div>9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>12 Tevet</div>	<div>20</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>13 Tevet</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Religious School Winter Break Begins (school resumes 1/4)</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 am Taste of Tanach</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>14 Tevet</div>	<div>22</div> <div>USY International Orlando Convention Begins</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Lifelong Learning Classes</div> <div>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>15 Tevet</div>	<div>23</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pm Evening Minyan</div> <div>16 Tevet</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Gan Winter Break Begins (school resumes 1/3)</div> <div>8:30 am Morning Minyan (note time)</div> <div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service</div> <div>6:00 pm Appetizers at Temple Sinai (before Combined Shabbat Service)</div> <div>6:30 pm Combined Community Shabbat Service @ Temple Sinai with Rabbi Feinberg</div> <div>17 Tevet</div> <div>4:32 pm</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Christmas Day</div> <div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 am Combined Shabbat Service: Smith Sanctuary and Trad. Egal. Minyan</div> <div>D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg</div> <div>10:00 am Shabbat Spot</div> <div>11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services</div> <div>Congregational Kiddush co-sponsored by Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Kiddush Fund</div> <div>4:30 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service</div> <div>18 Tevet</div> <div>5:32 pm Havdalah</div>
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## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Retreat, May 13–15 Underwritten by Alpert Family Education Fund

This year's pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbaton Retreat for those celebrating their *bar/bat mitzvah* in 5772 (2011–2012), to be led by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Cantor Jeffrey Weber, and Elie Greenberg, takes place May 13–15, at the Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center outside of Baltimore.

The *Shabbaton*, underwritten in part by the Sandra and Clement Alpert Fund for Family Education, is an opportunity to share *Shabbat* with other families and to deepen the Jewish aspect of the *bar/bat mitzvah* celebration.

Families that participated in similar retreats in previous years have commented on how meaningful—and how much fun—the *Shabbaton* is. In addition to the various discussion sessions

with Rabbi Steinlauf, the weekend offers the opportunity for both parents and children to become better acquainted with the other families celebrating a *bar/bat mitzvah* the same year, and to share ideas about this important event in their lives. The *Shabbaton* includes fun activities as well as opportunities for prayer and discussions.

All 5772 Bar/Bat Mitzvah families will receive information and invitations soon. If you do not receive your application, please call Beryl Saltman at the synagogue or e-mail her at [beryl.saltman@adasrael.org](mailto:beryl.saltman@adasrael.org).

We look forward to your participation. ○

## 'One Happy Camper' Grants Available

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's One Happy Camper Program (formally CamperQuest) provides \$1,000 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](http://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 are awarded to public or secular private school students. ○

### Thank You!



Steve Claar poses for a picture in our newly renovated youth lounge.

With new flooring and fresh paint, our Youth Lounge is now an inviting and warm room for congregants of all ages to enjoy. Thank you to our own Adas Israel staff member, Steve Claar for his hard work! Over the next couple of months, our USYers will be decorating the room and putting on the final touches. ○

### Esther Saks Abelman Yiddish Culture Fund Co-Sponsors Newly Restored Bar Mitzvah

presented by the  
21st Washington Jewish Film Festival  
Sunday, December 12, noon  
Avalon Theatre

The **Esther Saks Abelman Yiddish Culture Fund** is co-sponsoring a special screening of the newly restored film, *Bar Mitzvah*, as part of the 21st Washington Jewish Film Festival, on Sunday, December 12, at noon at the Avalon Theatre (5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW).

The program will be introduced by Lisa Rivo, associate director, National Center for Jewish Film, who will be joined by Miriam Isaacs, visiting associate professor of Yiddish language and culture, University of Maryland, for a post-film discussion.

Believing his wife is lost at sea, Israel (Yiddish theater superstar Boris Thomashofsky in his only film performance) remarries a scheming gold-digger. Shock, tears, and laughter abound when his beloved wife returns after a 10-year absence on the eve of her son's becoming a *bar mitzvah*. This musical melodrama, a masterpiece of *shund*, the bread and butter of the Yiddish theater, was restored by the National Center for Jewish Film.

The film will be presented in cooperation with Yiddish of Greater Washington.

The 21st Washington Jewish Film Festival (December 2–12) will present 53 films from 14 countries in 11 venues throughout DC and Maryland. Tickets for *Bar Mitzvah* are \$10/\$9 for seniors. For more information and for a complete schedule, please visit [wjff.org](http://wjff.org) or call the Festival hotline, 202-777-3231. ○



# Ma Tovv

## HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Sit in on a meeting of Adas Israel's Board of Directors, and you'll almost certainly hear Stan Cohen's deep, slightly accented voice at some point. After serving on the board for nearly a quarter of a century, Stan, a native of Canada, isn't afraid to speak up and ask tough questions. His inquisitiveness should come as no surprise, given that he toiled as a journalist for some 15 years in Montreal. Beyond Stan's current service on the board—he's a lifetime member—and the Religious Practices Committee, he has been a near-constant presence at Adas Israel and other Washington-area Jewish organizations more than 30 years.

Stan works as the regulations quality officer at the U.S. Department of Education. He has three children with his late first wife, Barbara Abrams Cohen (z"l), and a daughter, Hannah, with his second wife, Sue Ducat. Stan and Sue were married at Adas, as were his two older daughters—Rachel Cohen and Lissa Shorr—and his son, Norman, and Hannah celebrated their *b'nai mitzvah* at the synagogue.

### Stan Cohen, interviewed by Manny Schiffres

**M:** Stan, what's behind your intense involvement with Adas Israel and other Jewish-related activities?

**S:** My Jewish identity, in all of its manifestations—ethnic, spiritual, historical, cultural, theological, traditional, celebratory—defines me as a person, not just in the Jewish world but in the general society. In every place where I have lived—Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, where I was born and grew up; New York City; Montreal; and, for the last 33 years, Washington—I have been involved in Jewish communal life, organizations, and institutions. It all started when I was about 15 and became a member of the Young Judean executive committee in Saint John. By the time I was 16, I was on the regional executive committee. Then I went off to New York University and became student president of the Jewish Culture Foundation, the Jewish student organization there. So coming to Washington and finding a Jewish presence was not unusual for me. Adas Israel became one of the centers of my Jewish life in Washington. I always felt that I wanted to give back to the community because the community, in this case Adas Israel, has given something to me. And I became involved with committees, then became a member of the board. Later, I became involved with what was then the Jewish Community Council and is now the Jewish Community Relations Council, as well as with what was then called the Board of Jewish Education, with the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, and the Jewish Federation.

**M:** Where did this powerful sense of Jewish identity come from?

**S:** I grew up in a city that had about 250 Jewish households. Being in such a small minority in a city that then had about 60,000 people defined one's identity. The synagogue became a center of life for most Jews, not just religiously, but socially and culturally. And, of course, my family, my Hebrew school, and Young Judea were also influential, as were the prejudice

and outright anti-Semitism I encountered from time to time. We also had a small country house in a community where a number of Jews had country homes during the summer, so there was a heavy Jewish environmental influence. All of those factors shaped my identity and also my sense of social justice. I should also mention that I have been involved in all four branches of Judaism. I grew up in a community that had one synagogue, a traditional Orthodox synagogue. In Montreal, I became a board member and officer of Congregation Dorshei Emet, the Reconstructionist synagogue. In Washington, I became involved with Adas, a Conservative synagogue. And when my wife and I go to New York about once every six weeks, we love to *daven* at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, the Reform synagogue in which my wife, Sue Ducat, grew up.

**M:** You said you want to give back to Adas Israel because it had given to you. In what sense?

**S:** When my late first wife was terminally ill, the synagogue really rallied around us. My late parents were always warmly greeted as visitors to Adas. And Hannah's arrival from the Russian Far East was cause for great celebration in the congregation. And although I had differences with the synagogue over the separation of the Jewish Primary Day School in the late 1990s, I never left the synagogue, even though others did. I retained friendships with a number of people who were on opposing sides of this issue. There were a few rough years, but we got through them and I'm still there.

**M:** Of all the activities that you have been involved in at Adas, from what do you derive the most pleasure?

**S:** I was involved in the first Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Weekend, with joint services with the Turner Memorial AME Church. Another very rewarding activity was that I was on the first committee for the Garden of the Righteous ceremony, for which I give Rabbi Wohlberg great credit. Also, about 25 years ago, Rabbi Chaim Listfield asked me to conduct a martyrology service, for victims of the Holocaust, on *Yom Kippur*. I have composed and conducted a martyrology service every year since then.

**M:** Do you ever lead services?

**S:** A number of people, many of them Adas members, take turns leading services at the Hyatt Classic residence in Chevy Chase. At Adas, I occasionally lead the *musaf* service on *Shabbat* during the summer and have led services in the *Havurah*.

**M:** During the years I served with you on the board, I noticed that you never shied away from asking questions. You seem more willing than most to engage. Where does that come from?

**S:** Remember, I, too, was a journalist, and journalists ask ques-



Stan Cohen

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# Shem Tov Award to Joy & Bob Cohen

## Shabbat Dinner and Service featuring Judith Heumann, Jan. 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.

The Adas Israel *Shem Tov* Award was created to recognize synagogue members who have significantly contributed 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."

A special *Shabbat* dinner in the Cohens' honor precedes the service at which the *Shem Tov* Award will be presented. Our guest speaker at the service will be

Judith Heumann, special advisor for International Disability Rights at the U.S. Department of State.

Heumann is an internationally recognized leader in the disability community and a lifelong civil rights advocate for disadvantaged people. She previously served as director for the Department on Disability Services for the District of Columbia, where she was responsible for the Developmental Disability Administration and the Rehabilitation Services Administration. From 2002 to 2006, Heumann served as the World Bank's first adviser on disability and development. From 1993 to 2001, Heumann worked in the Clinton administration as assistant secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in the U.S. Department of Education.

Please reserve the evening of January 14, which begins with a congregational *Shabbat* dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by

the award presentation during services at 8:00 pm. Members and friends are asked to RSVP to the dinner (\$25 adults/\$13 children under 10) to Carol Ansell at the synagogue, 202-362-4433 or [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org). No reservations are required for the *Shabbat* service and *Oneg Shabbat* reception that follows.

The rest of the *Tikkun Olam* Weekend:

► **Saturday, January 15:** Programs on the future of education; *d'var Torah* during *Shabbat* services and speakers and discussion following *kiddush*

► **Sunday, January 16:** We join in worship at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ at 11 am.

► **Monday, January 17:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day and a national day of service; join fellow Adas members in family-friendly community service projects.

Contact Ruth Kleinrock, [RKleinrock@aol.com](mailto:RKleinrock@aol.com), for more details. ○

### SHEM TOV HONOREES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and serving the Jewish community.

The Cohens are probably best known for founding the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH), residential facilities for special-needs individuals. The first house opened in 1982, and the organization has grown to 24 homes and 67 apartments in the DC area.

JFGH has set an example that people all over the world admire and emulate. It has established a protocol it willingly shares, and similar projects have opened in other cities, Philadelphia and Boston, to name just two.

While the Cohens were instrumental in raising the initial capital for the organization, the primary fundraising venue now is the annual JFGH Gala, which hosted 1,600 attendees this year. Bob credits Linda Yitzchak, program coordinator, for recently introducing residents to synagogue-oriented Judaism through the programs she has developed that bring them often to Adas Israel.

Among their other activities, Joy and Bob co-chaired the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington's Council for the Arts and the Smithsonian Institution's "Project Judaica, the Precious Legacy."

In addition, Bob has served as a board member of Adas Israel, the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs, and Jewish Social Service Agency, among others.

Joy has served in leadership roles in many community organizations, including as a member of the Cabinet of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Washington, Women's Division and as co-chair of its first combined dinner. She also co-chaired the Wom-

en's Division for the State of Israel Bonds, which she also served as a board member for the National Executive Committee. She was also a vice president of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, Women's Auxiliary.

Both Bob and Joy have earned many honors over the years, including the Jewish Social Service Agency's Joseph Ottenstein Award, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington's Benjamin Ourisman Award, and the B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award. In 2006, they received the Abe Pollin Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington.

Individually, Joy received an award for her leadership role in Women's Division for the State of Israel Bonds and, in 1984, the Aunt Minnie Goldsmith Award for Community Service.

Bob was named Washingtonian of the Year in 1986, and in 1989, he was listed among "Who's Who in the East," and was a finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year in the social responsibility category.

With all of their many accomplishments, the Cohens are most proud of their five sons and daughters-in-law and all of their grandchildren. Because he believes that even those with challenges need to work and earn an income, Bob employs many of his family members at his office supply business, Cosons, Inc.

We congratulate this wonderful couple on receiving the *Shem Tov* award.

Our thanks to Sylvia Fogelman for interviewing the Cohens and for writing this article, which summarizes the 11th *Shem Tov* honoree interview she has conducted. ○



The symbol of the award is a *menorah*. An original design, the *menorah* was created by distinguished sculptor Milton Hebal. The original was a gift to the congregation from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bernstein in memory of Celia and Benjamin Bernstein, parents of Leo and Norman Bernstein. The first *Shem Tov* Award was presented posthumously to Abraham Kay in 1964. Last year's recipients were Norma Lee and Morton Funger.

## Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*

The Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* (TEM) at Adas Israel meets in the Kogod Chapel, every *Shabbat* morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around 10:30 am. The TEM is a warm, spirited service, committed to participatory worship. Led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of Adas clergy, the TEM service offers a full *P'sukei D'Zimrah* (introductory Psalms), *Shacharit*, and *Musaf*, a complete reading of the weekly Torah portion, and a *d'var Torah*. In addition, young children lead *Ashrei*, *Anim Z'merot*, and other closing prayers and open the Ark.

The TEM is attended by people of all ages: singles, couples, families, young children, teens, and seniors. The service ends around the same time as the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary service, and we join together for the congregational *Kiddush*.

Those who have not yet *leyned*, led *davening*, or given *divrei Torah* in the past are encouraged to develop their skills and take on new leadership roles in the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*. We are happy to provide guidance to those who wish to participate but are still developing their skills.

To volunteer to participate in the service, or for more information, e-mail [traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org](mailto:traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org) or just join us any *Shabbat* morning. To join our group e-mail list, send a blank e-mail (no message or subject necessary) to [adasminyan-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:adasminyan-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or search on Facebook for "Adas Israel Traditional Egal *Minyan*." ◊



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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. ◊

## IRS Contribution Receipts

Throughout the year, the congregation has provided written acknowledgments of all contributions of \$250 or more as required by the Internal Revenue Service. The congregation will also send all members a complete listing and confirmation of all contributions and payments for the entire 2008 calendar year for your records.

Only checks **postmarked** by December 31, 2010, can be included in the statement. The statement cannot include contributions dated in December but received in January.

The statements will be mailed after January 31, 2011. For additional information or special tax reporting needs, please contact our controller, Lesley Brinton, CPA, in the synagogue accounting office, 202-362-4433.

## Learners' *Minyan*

Join us for a service for those who wish to become better acquainted with the structure and ritual of *Shabbat* worship. Meets in the Adas Israel Library. Led by either Rabbi Feinberg or Rabbi Steinlauf. Begins at 10 am.



Join us on the following dates:

December 18, 2010  
January 22, 2011  
February 26, 2011  
March 19, 2011  
April 16, 2011

# Special Thanks to Our Generous Members

The Adas Israel *Kol Nidre* Appeal is our congregation's only major fundraising solicitation of the year, but we realize that your membership contributions are also a major commitment to our congregation. For more than 140 years, the members of Adas Israel have sustained our leading congregation. Our schools, services, programs, building, and service to the community are possible only through your generous support.

Through Torah, *tefillah*, *zedakah*, and *tikkun olam* (study, prayer, righteous deeds, and repairing the world), Adas Israel works to strengthen our congregation, our community, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel. We gratefully acknowledge our members for making our shared purpose a reality.

Our thanks to *Kol Nidre* Appeal chairs Judie and Harry Linowes; vice-chair Jeri Greenberg, vice president for development Eric Fox, and our generous supporters. The following list includes the combined *Kol Nidre* Appeal, membership, and Guardian contributions of our members. It is not too late to contribute to the *Kol Nidre* Appeal; you can send your pledge or check to the synagogue office.

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## Remembering Our 2004 Garden of Righteous Honoree



We note with sadness the death of Mrs. Giuliana Lestini, our 2004 Garden of the Righteous honoree, who passed away on September 30 in Italy.

Mrs. Lestini assisted her father in anti-fascist activities during World War II. Her father, Pietro Lestini, recognized as "righteous" as well, worked during the Nazi occupation for the *Azione Cattolica* (Catholic Action), an organization that provided aid to evacuees, Italian draft dodgers (after September 8, 1943), Allied soldiers, and Jews.

Mr. Lestini, who occupied an office in St. Gioacchino's Church in Rome, had a "loft" built in the ceiling of the church and hid Jews there for seven months. Giuliana Lestini's book, *Roma-Israelle-Roma*, published in Italian, discusses her experience. Mrs. Lestini said she was happy to have been in

the resistance and also happy about her friendship with the Jews, as they have become companions for life.

Mrs. Lestini's hope for future generations is that they would never see such terrible things. Her message for the future was one of peace and fraternity; that "peace must be achieved through fraternity, by respecting the rights of others."

Mrs. Lestini was interviewed by Yad Vashem in April 1998 when she traveled to Israel on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel and provided a six-hour video testimony to the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

The congregation mourns the death of this outstanding woman, a true hero whose moral courage serves as an example to us all. *May her memory be a blessing.* ○

## Tot Shabbat Torahs



*Several of the children at Tot Shabbat mentioned that the stuffed Torahs at Tot Shabbat are falling apart. Noah and Cam Rosen decided to take the money from their tzedakah boxes to buy new ones. Cam and his mother, Nicole, are seen here presenting the Torahs.*

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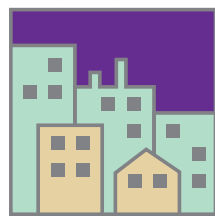
Anne Frank House is grateful to the Melvin Gelman Religious School and the Adas Israel community for their support of the October 24th mini-walk as part of the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless efforts. On that beautiful Sunday morning, some 230 walkers participated and marched to Connecticut Avenue, with many students proudly carrying "Help the Homeless" signs. Anne Frank House gets to keep the funds it raises and, thanks to this impressive showing, will also earn a bonus grant from Fannie Mae. Watch this space for further details about the amount, which enables AFH to provide housing to more deserving people.

As 2010 comes to a close, Anne Frank House wants to thank many members of the Adas Israel community for their support and generosity this past year. As all of you plan your year-end contributions, please consider a contribution to AFH. In these uncertain financial times, your support is especially important.

We especially would like to thank these who have given \$500 or more this year to Anne Frank House: Adas Israel Social Action Council, Bernard Aronson, Joe Berman, Bonstra Haresign Architects, Leonard Burka, Alice J. Burton, Scott Dreyer, Alan Fox, J. J. Ginns, E. W. Goldstein, Sylvia Greenberg, Hicks Family Charitable Foundation, Meredith Josephs & Matthew Mariani, Max Kahn & Kathy Lampe, Jack Kay, Hazel Keimowitz, Sheldon Kimmel, Bonnie Lewin, Jane & Robert Lewit, Alan Lipsitz, Peter Mancoll, Adina Mendelson, Sheila Meyer, Michael Rosman, Philip & Lillie Rubin, Jerry & Judy Shulman, Daniel Silver, Irene & Richard Spero, Marvin Weissberg, and William Wheeler.

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## Joint Adas-People's Congregational Church Food Distribution Project, Dec. 16

We have another opportunity to work with members of People's Congregational Church, packing food bags at the church (4704 13th Street, NW) for distribution to low-income DC residents. We meet at 9:00 am and finish by 2:00 pm.

Come for a few hours or the entire time. Contact Jamie Butler, [butler364@aol.com](mailto:butler364@aol.com), to volunteer or for more information. Please put "Adas" or "Holiday Project" in the subject line of your e-mail. ○

## Ezra Pantry Annual Winter Coat Drive

The Ezra Pantry is holding its annual Winter Coat Drive to benefit SOME (So Others Might Eat). Now that we have all begun to bring out our winter clothes, we are sure to come upon outgrown coats or ones our family members will no longer wear.

Please bring them to the Ezra Pantry. You'll see a large wardrobe box or coat rack in the coatroom dedicated to winter coats. **Let's fill it!** Place outgrown or no longer used winter coats in the box by Thanksgiving, and they will be donated to someone in need. Contact Judith Krones, [david.judith@verizon.net](mailto:david.judith@verizon.net), for information or with suggestions. ○

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

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

Members and friends have a way to commemorate joyous milestones in the lives of their friends and families. The Adas Israel *Simcha* Wall, designed by artist Arnold Schwarzbart, is a unique and beautiful porcelain work of art that includes space for special commemorative plaques. The plaques are surrounded by a creative Washington, DC, cityscape, including all three Adas Israel buildings, as well as the Holy City of Jerusalem. Embossed in the porcelain are *brachot* (blessings) and quotations relating to *s'machot* in Hebrew and English. The *Simcha* Wall, donated by Diane and David Sykes, is proudly and permanently displayed in the Gewirz Hall Lobby.

Wording is standardized on each *Simcha* plaque which can be used for events such as *b'nai mitzvah*, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, Confirmation, and community service.

**Please contact Elinor Tattar, 202-362-4433, ext. 147, to order your plaque.**

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tions. I was a reporter, an op-ed page writer, an editorial writer for the *Montreal Star* for 15 years. Even as a kid and as a student journalist, I asked a lot of questions. If someone says something that appears to be exaggerated or doesn't sound reasonable to me, I want to examine it further. If I think to myself, "How did he get from point A to point B?" I'll ask about it. I also feel that people who serve in organizations such as Adas Israel have to be accountable, and if they can't or won't answer questions, they shouldn't be in those positions. Of course, some people think I ask too many questions.

*This Ma Tovv column is meant to honor and acknowledge congregants who work tirelessly behind the scenes to enrich our Adas Israel experience. If you have a suggestion for an honoree, or would like to volunteer to interview, please contact Steve Lachter, [lachter@starpower.net](mailto:lachter@starpower.net) or 202-363-9709. ○*



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

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

The Solar Cooker Project enables Darfuri women to remain safe 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

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**Join us on December 19, 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 third-Sunday-of-the-month vigils with members of Peoples Congregational Church and other faith communities. Adas contact: Laura Cutler, [mbcutler@aol.com](mailto:mbcutler@aol.com).

## Christmas at N Street Village

For quite a few years Adas Israel has had the privilege of serving Christmas Day luncheon to and entertaining the guests of N Street Village. This year December 25 is also *Shabbat*, making it difficult for us to fulfill our obligations to N Street Village. Fortunately, the shelter is able to

find others to take our place. Plan on joining us next year when we resume this tradition.

We continue to prepare dinner for N Street Village guests the fourth Thursday of each month. Please contact Laura Epstein, [laura\\_epstein@hotmail.com](mailto:laura_epstein@hotmail.com), to find out what you can do to help. ○

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