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MACHZOR LEV SHALEM: A NEW PRAYERBOOK A NEW WAY INTO THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

For most American Jews today, the simple act of showing up at synagogue on the High Holy Days is the ritual. For so many, there is little expectation of anything beyond that. It's simply about *getting through it*. The High Holy Days hold the promise of a moving connection with our heritage. But somehow, there are often so many impediments to the experience. The service is almost entirely in Hebrew. The often incomprehensible prayers in the prayer book, the experience of standing and then sitting, and then standing again... it may seem that all the action is happening at the front the room, and the best we can do is to steel ourselves to face this twice-a-year experience. Hopefully, for most, the holidays will be punctuated by moments of

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Tikkun Olam Weekend to Feature Shem Tov Award and New DC Mayor



Bob & Joy Cohen



Judith Heumann



Mayor Vincent Gray

For more information about the weekend and to volunteer, visit adasisrael.org/tikkunolamweekend

The January 14–17 Tikkun Olam Weekend will feature *Shem Tov* honorees S. Robert and Joy Cohen, with guest speaker Judith Heumann, special advisor for international disability rights

at the U.S. Department of State and Adas Israel member, on the subject "Breaking Down Walls", Mayor Vincent Gray, and a host of events celebrating Adas Israel's commitment to *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

Here is a summary of the congregation's second pillar weekend, during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday:

Friday, January 14

- Congregational Shabbat Dinner, 6:30 pm; RSVP to Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433. \$25 adults/\$13 children under 10.
- Shabbat service, 8:00 pm, highlighting

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Four gateways to exploring Judaism...

Four Corners Shabbat

ארבע כנפות

Saturday, January 8 Smith Sanctuary, 9:30 am

Join us for Shabbat morning services—with a twist! For 30 minutes in the middle of the morning, we will break out into four "corners" around the sanctuary to participate in one of four different ways of learning about the weekly Torah portion. Choose the Jewish experience that appeals the most to **you**!



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meaning, by familiar melodies that evoke childhood and familial connections; we hope that the rabbi's sermons will be interesting. Those of us on the other side of the *bimah* understand what the majority of High Holy Day attendees go through during this time.

If there's anything that all of us agree on, it's the longing to make the High Holy Day experience more accessible and meaningful for everyone. A "fly on the wall" at the multiple Religious Practices Committee meetings devoted to the High Holy Days would hear long discussions about what we can do to help everyone have a better experience.

Through our long history, these holidays developed in many ways as a culmination of a year of observance; they follow a month-long lead-up of intense introspection and preparation for the *Yamim Nora'im*, the Days of Awe. The choice of prayers, the liturgies and poems, the practices are all decidedly heavy and ponderous and difficult. When accessed in their traditional sense, one is called on to emerge from the holidays humbled, spiritual, purged, awe-struck, changed. The complexity, the ponderous solemnity, the difficulty accessing contextual meaning itself, can result in an alienating experience. The clergy, the Jewish professionals, and the lay leaders all know this. We want to help, but for years, we have been hampered in many ways by the heavy nature of the holidays themselves. We have done a lot to address the challenges: we have trimmed down the services, played with the order of events, given out handouts, introduced compelling and moving melodies, created a welcoming atmosphere, added poetry and explanations and readings. It has all helped. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish at Adas Israel on the High Holy Days, and I believe that together we have created something meaningful and engaging.

But of all the stumbling blocks to meaning on the holidays, the biggest has been the *machzorim*, the prayerbooks themselves. Think about it: everyone holds that book in his or her hands during the High Holy Day experience. Each page contains a treasure trove of beautiful, moving, and challenging prayers to get us to pour out our hearts. The brilliance and artistry of the prayers and liturgical poems are there to strip away the layers of our own self-denial and confusion, to get us truly, finally to bare our souls before God. But how many of us have been able to enter into those prayers fully? The problem is that our current prayerbooks lay out the prayers and translate them, but they don't give us more ways into the High Holy Day experience. The Silverman *Machzor*, which we have used for decades, presented a translation that was often in a Shakespearean English style—an attempt to capture the antiquated majesty of the prayers. The

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translations of the *Machzor Chadash*, our more recent *machzor*, are updated. There are really beautiful and moving readings in that *machzor* as well, even though it is edited and shortened. Adas Israel did a very good thing for the community in choosing this *machzor*, and it has helped us to improve dramatically the quality of the prayer experiences in the congregation.

But now there is, finally, a new *machzor* put out by the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative Movement. This *machzor* is not just the prayers and translations with supplemental prayers and readings; it is a game-changer. The brilliant editors of the *Machzor Lev Shalem* have finally figured out that the greatest tool for meaning-making on the High Holy Days is the prayerbook in each of our hands. They have finally figured out that all of us want to find our own way into this experience. They understand that the

center of action on the holidays is not the *bimah*, but in each of us, in the congregation. We come together from our myriad backgrounds and skill levels in Hebrew and Jewish practice. Each of us has his or her own relationship to community and Jewish rituals. Each of us has his or her unique beliefs about God and matters of spirit and tradition. But on the High Holy Days, we all stand together to honor our shared religious experience. Of course, the clergy and leaders still need to play a central role, but now we can give something back to each of us in the community as well.



Every page of the new *Machzor Lev Shalem* is not only a source for the traditional prayers. Every page also contains a rich array of teachings and insights and history and context for the prayers themselves. On one side of a page, you can find very practical texts (set in the margins, almost *Talmud*-like) explaining the background, significance, and function of the prayers and services. On the other side in the margins, you can find beautiful teachings and insights from rabbis, philosophers, journalists, comedians, and thinkers, offering "ways in" to the prayers. The perspectives range from the traditional to the cutting edge of how we approach these ideas in our generations. There are poems and new liturgies for those seeking new expressions of Judaism. The translations are also of our age: not only are they "updated," but they also strive not to gloss over troubling references and jarring phrases and rhythms in the words—they let *you* be the judge of the meaning, so that you can forge your relationship to the tradition itself. Translations are also gender-neutral, and they afford us the opportunity to choose more- and less-traditional renderings of prayers that have developed in the Conservative Jewish world over the past few decades. Throughout the *machzor*, transliterations of the prayers appear in red to indicate that the congregation joins together to sing—and the transliteration is really usable! There are notations for when to rise and bow, so everyone can have a sense of the flow and rhythms of the service without having to be told what to do (or to feel embarrassed if he or she is not sure what to

Holidays

Office Closings & Minyan Times

Monday, January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Offices Closed

Minyan at 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Tu B'Shevat 5771

Tu B'Shevat—the New Year for Trees—is a time when trees start drinking the New Year's rainwater and the sun renews itself. As the Jewish Arbor Day, *Tu B'Shevat* embodies a strong dedication to ecology, environmentalism, and conservation. This year, **Tu B'Shevat** (the 15th of Shevat) falls on **Thursday, January 20**.

On the third day of creation, God created "seed-bearing plants, fruit trees after their kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it" (*Genesis* 1:11). God then put Adam in the garden to "till it and tend it" (2:15), making humans stewards of the earth.

According to the Mishna, where it is first mentioned, *Tu B'Shevat*—the 15th day of the month of Shevat—is the date farmers used to calculate the year's crop yield and determine the tithe that the Bible requires. It also marks the beginning of the

first three years and the end of the four years of a tree's growth, during which eating its fruit is forbidden.

Celebrating *Tu B'Shevat* with a *seder* has become traditional for families and congregations around the world. During a *Tu B'Shevat seder*, seven species of fruits and grains from Israel are blessed and eaten. The seven species are wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates (*Deuteronomy* 8:8). It is also customary to dance the *Mayim*, the Jewish dance for water, during a *Tu B'Shevat seder*. ○



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From the President Shelley Remer to Retire as Early Childhood Center Director in June



Dear Friends,
It is with truly mixed emotions that I have received Shelley Remer's letter announcing her intention to retire at the end of the school year in June.

Over the last 20 years, Shelley took the excellent nursery school she found at Adas Israel and made it even better, into an inspired and inspiring community. While we are all saddened to see Shelley leave our Gan HaYeled, we are happy for her to have the opportunity to spend more time with her grandchildren and family. She will leave with our deepest gratitude for the skills and caring she has shared with us.

In the weeks ahead, the synagogue leadership will formulate plans for celebrating Shelley's accomplishments and for search-

ing for our next Early Childhood Center director. I hope to announce the formation of a search committee before the end of the year and conclude the search process in the early spring. The good news is that Shelley is not moving away, so our new director will have the opportunity to use her as a resource.

The Gan HaYeled Nursery School has a long and remarkable history. We have been blessed not only with Shelley, but with a dedicated staff and involved and extraordinary parents.

We are well aware that Shelley will be hard to replace. Our award-winning Gan will require someone of excellence to lead our next generation of synagogue members and their children. You can be assured that our search will focus on finding just such a person.

We wish Shelley a long, happy, and fulfilling retirement, and we thank our Gan teachers and parents for their continuing support.

—*L'shalom*, Robert A. Peck, President ○



Bob Peck

Shlomo Carlebach Musical Service, Jan. 28

Adas Israel's January Musical Service will focus on the music of Shlomo Carlebach. We will share in a joyous, participatory service that includes music of Carlebach and others whose style was similar. In addition, we will discuss "Reb Shlomo," the man, his life, and his following. Be sure not to miss this "neo-Hasidic" style of music and worship, which has become such an important part of our Jewish-American culture. ○

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do). There are wonderful new structures like prayers for healing that meet the needs of our communities in these uncertain times. Even the typeface is clear and easily readable.

Finally, the *Machzor Lev Shalem* has come along to enable us to take our High Holy Day services to a new level. Finally, there are ways for so many Jews to do more than just "get through" the holidays. With the *Machzor Lev Shalem*, each of us has a tool in his or her hands that can allow entrance into a rich Jewish experience of exploring heritage and meaning and insight—at whatever level is right for each

of us. We can experience a traditional *davening* through this *machzor*, or we can explore new approaches, all according to our personal needs for seeking and knowledge. I am so excited to introduce this *machzor* at our High Holy Day services in 5772. With our spirit of warmth and welcome, with our enthusiasm for creating new ways to engage in Jewish life at Adas Israel, this *machzor* couldn't have come along at a better time. May our new *machzor* literally be a palpable symbol of how our Judaism can open our hearts and transform our actions in new and deeper ways in the years ahead. ○

Men's Club



Men's Club Supports Hanukkah at Shul

The AIMC stepped in to support the annual Religious School's Dan Kaufman Memorial *Latke* Party. Education Director Josh Bender was grateful for the \$2,000 contribution, which helped keep the tradition going!

We also want to thank the AIMC bartending crew for its help at the December 5 *Latkes & Mojitos* party. Our mixologists included Micahel Lapidus, Mark Rosenberg, Dan Hecker, Gideon Scher, Maria Sloan, Rachel Rubin, and Rob Rubin.

NBA Basketball with an Israeli Flare

On January 11, at 7 pm, the Washington Wizards will hold their first Jewish Heritage Celebration Night. They will play the Sacramento Kings, featuring Omri Casspi, the first Israeli-born player in the NBA. Several local Jewish organizations, including the AIMC, are co-sponsoring the event and helping the Wizards with promotion, planning, and coordination. Discounted tickets will be available. For more information, check the flyers in by the coatroom or email us at mensclub@adasisrael.org.



E-mail Survey:

In late January, e-mails will be sent to every man in the congregation to learn more about what people feel the Men's Club should be at Adas Israel. We need your help. During the last two years we have tried more than two dozen new events/activities. We need your feedback on what works and where we should go from here. No well-designed volunteer organization can exist and improve without hearing from its constituents. What do you think? If you don't get a survey by e-mail, send us a note and we'll mail you one to fill out. Once compiled, we'll report back and let you know what we heard and how we'll respond. ○

Join Us for These Upcoming Events

Men's Health Fair: Postponed until warmer weather!
Tuesday, Jan. 11: Washington Wizards Game, 7:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 6: World Wide Wrap
Sunday, Mar. 20: Purim Carnival
Sunday, Apr. 3: National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Competition
Sunday, Apr. 10: Passover Wine Sale

Youth @ AI



During the month of January, we're kicking off the New Year in a huge way!

January 30: Machar is exploring the depths of our Jewish knowledge as we play Jewpardy! We will explore such Jewish topics as pop culture, the Torah, food, songs, and much more!

January 23: Kadima will enjoy a truck party organized by Game Truck! We will have a Sunday afternoon of video games, food, and fun! Don't miss the chance to show off your gaming skills!

January 9: AIUSY will head to the National Gallery of Art and Ice Rink for a Sunday afternoon of skating and art.

January 22-23: AIUSY and Adas Israel 8th graders are invited to join all of Maryland USY and hit the slopes for our annual Overnight Ski Trip!

We hope to see all of you at these great upcoming events to kick off 2011 with a bang!

Adas Israel USYers enjoy a weekend in Virginia Beach at Fall Convention. More than 200 teens from across the region attended. ▲



Got Summer Plans? Scholarships Available

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.

Adas Israel offers summer subsidies to active members of our youth groups. Please visit our website, 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: Bertha & Oliver Atlas Youth Fund, Benjamin Eric Cooper Youth Scholarship Fund, Cecile & Seymour Alpert Israel Youth Scholarship, Minnie & Abraham S. Kay Israel Scholarship Fund, Harry & Judie Linowes Youth Endowment Fund, Morton & Norma Lee Fungler Israel Programs Fund, Janice Wasserman Goldsten Scholarship Fund, Isaac W. & Dina Halbfinger Youth Fund, Rita Rosenthal Heine Youth Scholarship Fund, Dr. Louis Jacobs Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund, Samuel & Sadie Lebowitz Israel Scholarship Fund, Anna & Abe Nathanson Youth Fund, Lillian & Max Offenberger Youth Fund, Steven M. Reich Memorial Youth Fund, Gertrude & Philip Smith Youth Fund, Leah M. Smith Memorial Youth Fund, Belle Tarshes Youth Fund, Leah M. Smith Memorial Youth Fund, Rothstein Family College Israel Scholarship, and Sisterhood Israel Scholarship. ○

Sisterhood

Annual Torah Fund Campaign

For decades, via the Torah Fund, your Sisterhood has ensured that Conservative Judaism lives and thrives. By contributing you will be part of our continuing support for the training of contemporary rabbis and cantors, educators and administrators, social workers, researchers, and scholars. Your gift will help to maintain the highest levels of scholarship and leadership at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, and Seminario Rabinico Latino Americano.

We are on track to meet our 5771 goal of \$14,000. A contribution of at least \$18 from everyone would allow our Sisterhood to surpass that goal. A donation of \$180 or more will designate you as a Benefactor, and you will receive the lovely Torah Fund pin for 2010–2011. Every contribution, large or small, is important and appreciated!

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Women's League Torah Fund Campaign, please contact Gerry Lezell, 301-231-8676 or gerrytf@verizon.net.

Have You Visited the Sisterhood Website Lately?

When is the last time you visited, our website for information on upcoming events and opportunities for learning and doing *mitzvot*? Here's a great tip: Bookmark the Sisterhood homepage—adasisrael.org/sisterhood!

Dues Reminder

We remind you that Sisterhood programming and the financial support we provide for congregational initiatives depends on annual dues. If you have yet to remit your dues for 5771, please do so at this time. Membership forms were mailed in September to all Adas Israel women. If you need a form, please contact Lisa Kleine, lakleine@verizon.net, or pick up a membership brochure from the synagogue flyer rack.

Sisterhood Counts!

When in need of help, the congregation calls on Sisterhood, and we deliver! Please help Sisterhood fulfill its commitment to provide one usher for Smith Sanctuary services two days month. It's an easy way to volunteer (instructions are provided). Whether you do it once this year or sign up more often, you are needed. Contact Jamie Butler, butler364@aol.com, 202-364-1989 (home), or 301-588-1400 (work), and identify yourself as a Sisterhood member.

How does the synagogue make a *minyan* on Thursday nights when the building is dark? With the help of Sisterhood! What greater *mitzvah* could there be than to ensure a *minyan*, particularly for those who need to say *Kaddish*. Please contact Sisterhood Thursday Night *Minyan* chair Harriet Isack, happyisack@yahoo.com or 202-369-7956, to let her know you want to help. Be there.

Sisterhood Calendar

January 10: Sisterhood Book Group, 11:00 am, Library

January 18: Taste of *Tanakh* with Rabbi Steinlauf, 10:00 am, Library. Questions? Call Rozelle Abramson, 202-244-8885.

Sisterhood Book Group

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 11:00 am in the Library. The selections for the remainder of the program year are: January: *Wherever You Go* by Joan Leegant; February: *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn; March: *You or Someone Like You* by Chandler Burr; April: *36 Arguments for the Existence of God: A Work of Fiction* by Rebecca Newberger Goldstein; and May: *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. If you have any questions/suggestions, please contact Book Group chair, Marilyn Cooper at MCLTYA1@gmail.com. ○

SAVE THE DATE

Sisterhood Shabbat 5771
Celebrating Women and Building Community
March 25 & 26

A weekend to celebrate with the entire Adas Israel community and honor women's accomplishments in Jewish learning and ritual practice.

Be an active participant! You can chant Torah, lead *davening*, or read some of the prayers in English! You will be provided proper training and lots of support from our clergy and sisters.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joyce Stern, 202-363-9113 or joycester@starpower.net, or Maria Lasas-Sloan, 301-654-1988 or mlasasloan@gmail.com.

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...

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Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

Education

Gan HaYeled

Gan HaYeled Open House for Prospective Families

Come learn about the wonderful opportunities at the Gan for you and your children! On Wednesday, January 12, 9:30–11:00 am, we will have an Open House for prospective families. For more information on the Gan, contact Shelley Remer, Gan Director, 202-362-449 or shelley.remer@adasisrael.org.

Gan Winter Carnival

The Gan HaYeled Winter Carnival, Sunday, January 23, 12:45–3:00 pm, in the synagogue's Kay Hall, is a fun-filled, annual family event, a perfect way to fight cabin fever weather. The indoor Winter Carnival will again 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.

Gan HaYeled 2011–12 Registration

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



Field trips enhance the curriculum at Gan HaYeled. Seen here are Jake Gentin and Rosie Davis on a trip to Discovery Creek Nature Center at Glen Echo park. The program included imagining what it

would be like to live in an animal home, such as this "anthill." ○

Religious School

Mah Tov Moments

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

Fall Kadima Kallah

Seaboard Kadima held its Fall Kadima Kallah for 6th–8th graders at Capital Camps in Waynesboro, PA, in November. It was a truly amazing weekend filled with *ruach*, fun, prayer, friends, and learning. The theme of the kallah was "The Power of Words." Throughout the weekend, this theme was connected and discussed through *t'filot*, study sessions, and even games we played. No other sight truly rivals seeing 130 Kadimaniks

enjoying each other's company, learning together, and working together as a kehila (community). *Yasher koach* to Gabi Rubin and Lily Moghadam for helping facilitate some of the programs at the Kadima Kallah. For more information on our Kadima chapter, visit our website, www.adasisrael.org/youth.



◀ *Kalia Hoechstetter (right) roasts marshmallows with friends at the Kadima Kallah.*

► *Rabbi Steinlauf joined the Gan (Kindergarten) class recently to teach about lighting Shabbat candles as part of the students' unit on Shabbat. Here Rabbi Steinlauf demonstrates how the ritual is done.*



Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service, Jan. 29

Shabbat Unplugged, a new musical family service for families with children in kindergarten and above on Saturday mornings, will meet on Saturday, January 29, at 10 am. The service is aimed at kindergarten families and above, though older children are welcome and encouraged take on leadership roles.

Shabbat Unplugged will be 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 will enhance the experience and will be used to teach Jewish and Israeli songs. The Torah portion will come alive through the art of Jewish storytelling. Come join us on Jan. 29, as well as Feb. 26, March 26, April 30, and May 21!

Jewish Value for January–February: Kavod Habriyot

During January and February, the students will learn about *kavod habriyot*, a set of values and laws encouraging dignity and respect for all human beings. In addition to learning about this value in classes, students will participate in a *mitzvah* project at the *Purim* Carnival to support Luther Place N Street Village. The night shelter provides housing for up to 31 women while helping them set and achieve goals for moving out of homelessness. To learn more about N Street Village, visit nstreetvillage.org.


10th-Grade Israel Trip Meeting, Jan. 11

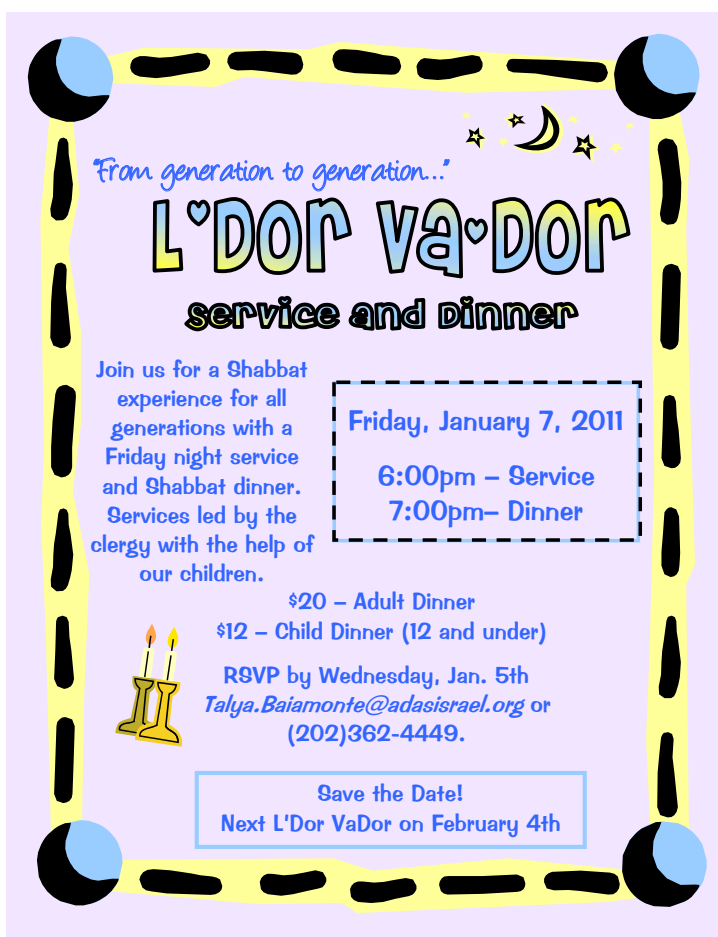
We are very excited about our plans for the Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience to take place Sunday, June 19, to Sunday, July 3. **Tenth-grade parents and students: Please join us on Tuesday, January 11, at 7:30 pm, for an informational meeting about the trip.** A staff person from Keshet will join us at this meeting where we will review and discuss the itinerary and other important matters relating to the trip.

Family Tikkun Olam Day, Jan. 17

Come join us on Monday, Jan. 17, for Family Tikkun Olam Day as a part of the National Day of Service, honoring the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. We are volunteering at various locations around DC, and we will have volunteering opportunities for our younger members at the synagogue.

We will provide volunteer opportunities for five different age groups: Gan, Religious School, USY/Teens, Young Professionals, and adults. Some of the organizations for which we are undertaking service projects include: Martha's Table, Yachad, Hope for Henry, SOME (So Others Might Eat), N Street Village, the Anne Frank House, and Ezra Pantry.

These activities are open to all Adas Israel families. For more information, contact Ruth Kleinrock, RKleinrock@aol.com, or Beth Ann Spector at the synagogue, 202-362-4433, ext. 139. 



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L'DOR VaDOR

service and dinner

Join us for a Shabbat experience for all generations with a Friday night service and Shabbat dinner. Services led by the clergy with the help of our children.

Friday, January 7, 2011

6:00pm – Service
7:00pm – Dinner

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

Rsvp by Wednesday, Jan. 5th
Talya.Baiaimonte@adasisrael.org or
(202)362-4449.

Save the Date!
Next L'Dor VaDor on February 4th

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Retreat, May 13–15

Alpert Family Education Fund Underwrites this Retreat

This year's pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbaton Retreat for those celebrating their bar/bat mitzvah next year (5772/2011–2012) will be led by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Cantor Jeffrey Weber, and Elie Greenberg on May 13–15. Underwritten in part by the Sandra and Clement Alpert Fund for Family Education, the Shabbaton 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. Again this year, the retreat takes place at the beautiful Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center outside of Baltimore. In addition to the various discussion sessions with Rabbi Steinlauf, the weekend offers the opportunity for 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 applications soon inviting them to attend. If you have not received your application, please contact Beryl Saltman, 202-362-4433 or beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org. We look forward to your participation.




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'

January 7, 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 by January 4 to reserve your spot today. 



January Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

- 2:** NO SCHOOL, Last Day of Winter Break
- 4:** School Resumes
- 7:** L'Dor VaDor Service & Dinner
- 11:** 10th-grade Israel Trip meeting, 7:30 pm
- 14–16:** Tikkun Olam Weekend
- 16, 17:** NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17:** Family Tikkun Olam Day
- 29:** Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service for K and above

Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Charles Louis Claxton, son of Aaron & Erin Claxton, grandson of Betty Adler & Mark Rosenberg

Elana Chava Dunn & Samuel Joseph Dunn, children of Stephanie & Eric Dunn

Asher Heschel Dzubow, son of Jason & Rebecca Dzubow

Naomi Rose Edelstein, daughter of David & Lauren Edelstein

Devin Morris Pukatch, son of Seth Pukatch & Melissa Schroeder, grandson of Jeff & Patti Pukatch

Joseph Arthur Sager Weinstein, son of Lauren & Jacob Sager Weinstein, grandson of Rosa & Harris Weinstein

Aaron Wiesenfelder, son of Michael Wiesenfelder & Beth Werlin

Michael Elijah Wolitz, son of David & Bella Wolitz

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

B'nai Mitzvah



Jonah Antonelli, January 15

Jonah, son of Kim and Arthur Antonelli, began his religious school education at Gan HaYeled Nursery School and continues as a student at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. He is a seventh grader at the Field School. Jonah's *tzedakah* project includes a fundraising concert by his band, The Black Sparks, with proceeds to

go to organizations that advocate against bullying. He shares this *simcha* with his sister, Hayley, and numerous friends and family members.



Max Labaton, January 29

Max, son of Miriam Sapiro and Stephen Labaton, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. He began his religious studies at Gan HaYeled and continues at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Max is the grandson of Laura and Ed Labaton of Lawrence, NY, and Gloria Sapiro of Silver Spring and the late Burton Sapiro (z"l).

Members in the News

Congratulations to the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington on its 50th Anniversary. Adas members **Ernie Marcus, John Tolleris, and Diane Wattenberg** were elected to the society's Board of Directors at its recent meeting.

Naomi & Peter Rosenblatt were honored with the American Jewish Committee's Avraham Harman Leadership Award.

Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlberg was elected Vice President of MERCAZ, the Conservative movements Zionist organization.

Michael Gildenhorn received Phil Berg award at the Sixth Annual Celebration of BBYO in December.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Arnold Bortman
Benjamin James Cecil
Ralph Rothstein
Charlotte Rudden

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Deborah Brodey, mother of Jessica Brodey
Barbara Friedberg, mother of Edna & Rachel Friedberg
Richard Goldman, father of Susie Gelman
Bettye Stearman Goodman, sister of the late Selma Mostow
Carlotta Schiffres, stepmother of Mannny Schiffres
Arnold H. Weiss, father of Daniel Weiss. Rose Lena Marcello



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 or 202-841-8776. For evening appointments, please contact Menuhah Peters, menuhahp@mac.com. To learn

more about our mikvah, visit adasisrael.org/mikvah.

When Death Occurs

When death occurs, please call the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, so that we may inform the clergy and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for Glenn Easton or Henry Silberman. After business hours, a staff member on call may be reached by calling the synagogue office 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.

Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee assists families with all of the arrangements surrounding the funeral and subsequent burial of loved ones. We welcome your interest and encourage your participation and assistance. We need you; please join us. If you have questions, or know of someone whom you think might be interested in participating in this important work, please feel free to call either Jane Beller (301-986-1133) or Edie Hessel (202-244-7189) or contact Toni Bickart (202 244-2747) regarding the *Tahara* Committee.

Cemetery Hours

Visitation at the Adas Israel Cemetery is by appointment only. Contact Henry Silberman at the synagogue office (202-362-4433 ext.144) to schedule a visit.

Celebrating Simchas and Comforting Our Mourners; Congregational Notices

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

Kol HaMayim (Voice of the Waters)

by Naomi Malka

This story of a visitor to the Adas Israel Community mikvah illustrates the mikvah's role in marking transitions in the lives of people in our community.

Shampooing, combing, and sometimes blow-drying one's hair are all a part of the ritual of *mikvah*. This week, however, two women performed another ritual involving hair here. Chemotherapy had caused one woman's hair to start falling out, and as a gesture of devotion and care, her good friend created a hair-cutting ceremony to help her face the rest of her therapy with dignity.

They came early in the morning. As her friend lovingly cut her hair, and as her daughter watched, the woman continuously recited the *Shema* and focused on the one-ness of God. Then she took a shower and immersed privately in the *mikvah*, where she experienced overwhelming emotions. Afterward, although exhausted, she noted that the rituals evoked much more positivity than she had expected to feel.

Despite the shock of seeing herself without hair for the first time, this ritualized haircut revealed that she has a very pretty-shaped head. It also helped her refocus her attention to what grows on the inside, rather than the outside, of her head. ○

Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School Graduates Honored on February 12

On Saturday, February 12, we will honor the graduating Adas Israel seniors of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. A hearty *mazal tov* to Tamar Bardin, Hannah Cohen, Alexandra Smith, and Olivia Tomares.

We will honor them with an *aliyah*, and each student will receive a gift from the congregation. We are happy to participate in their celebration in this way and extend our sincere good wishes to them, their parents, and their families. ○

Only 42 Judean Cemetery Sites Remain

Prices to Increase in March 2011

Only 42 plots remain in the current Adas Israel section of Judean Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Olney, MD. The congregation is not scheduled to purchase additional plots at this time.

The Adas Israel section currently comprises nearly 500 sites, which sell for \$1,850 each, including Perpetual Care. Adas members also receive an additional 5% discount on Judean cemetery and monument charges. Sites are scheduled to increase to \$1,995 in March 2011.

A very limited number of plots are also available at our historic cemetery on Alabama Avenue in Southeast DC. For additional information, call Henry Silberman or Glenn Easton at the synagogue office. ○

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) 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

RSVP to Carol Ansell at carol.ansell@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433 by Wednesday, January 26.

January 2011
Tevet–Shevat 5771

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES:

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.
Traditional Egalitarian Minyan (TEM): Every Shabbat morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around 10:30 am. Led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of Adas clergy, the TEM is a participatory service with a full P'sukei D'Zimrah (introductory Psalms), Shacharit, and Musaf, a complete reading of the weekly Torah portion, and a d'var Torah. For more information, e-mail traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org.
Havurah Service: January 1, 15, 29. Lay-led, participatory service at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. A kiddush follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.
Learners' Minyan: A service for those who wish to become better acquainted with the structure and ritual of Shabbat

worship, meets in the Library. Led by Rabbi Feinberg or Rabbi Steinlauf.
Youth Shabbat Services: Starting with Tot Shabbat for children ages 5 and under led by Menuhah Peters. Shorashim, for students in grades K–1 is led by Allison Redisch and/or Linda Yitzchak. Netivot, for students in grades 2–3 is led by Tamar Bar-din and/or Aviva Weinstein. Junior Congregation, for grades 4–6 is led by David Smolar, Josh Bender, and/or Elie Greenberg.
Shabbat Unplugged: A new musical family service for families with young children on Saturday mornings at 10 am. The service is designed for kindergarten families and above, though older children are welcome and encouraged take on leadership roles. Led by Josh Bender and Elie Greenberg.
'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.

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Lifelong Learning

Winter and Spring, 2010–2011

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Sunday Morning, January 23–April 10, 2011

It's 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, 2011

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

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. ○

Contributions to Israel for Forest Fire Recovery

Adas Israel is responding to the Israel Fire Recovery in two ways:

1. Funds are being collected to send to JNF for reforestation and other needed conservation efforts.
2. Funds are being collected to send to the Masorti Foundation which is providing food, clothing, and shelter to individual Israelis and Arabs affected by the fires.

You may target your donation to one or both of these organizations or we will divide the funds.

Please write a check to Adas Israel (or make a donation on our website) and indicate that your donation is for Israel Fire Recovery.

TIKKUN OLAM WEEKEND CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Shem Tov honorees Bob and Joy Cohen and guest speaker Judith Heumann, special advisor for international disability rights at the U.S. Department of State and Adas Israel member; no reservations required

- Adas Israel will host our social action partners at dinner and at the *Oneg Shabbat* reception following services

Saturday, January 15

- Shabbat services, 9:30 am
- Kiddush and discussion following services, featuring Mayor Vince Gray and a distinguished panel, including Beatriz "BB" Otero and Maurice Sykes, on "The Challenge of Poverty to Achieving Educational Excellence"
- Congregants of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ (PCUCC) will be our guests

Sunday, January 16

- We join in worship at PCUCC, 4704 13th Street NW, 11:00 am; Rabbis Steinlauf and Feinberg will take part in the service

Monday, January 17

- Adas Israel participates in the National Day of Service honoring the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. by volunteering at various locations around DC, and having volunteering opportunities for our younger members at Adas. We will be providing volunteer opportunities for five different age groups: Gan, K-8 Families, USY/Teens, Young Professionals and Adults. Some of the organizations that we will be organizing service projects for that day include: Martha's Table, Yachad, S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat), N Street Village, the Anne Frank House, Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Children's National Medical Center, Ezra Pantry.

For more details or up-to-date information, or to sign up for an activity, please visit our website, adasisrael.org, and click on the Social Action link on the right-hand side. Or you can contact Ruth Kleinrock, RKleinrock@aol.com, or Beth Ann Spector, bethann.spector@adasisrael.org.

For more information on all the events of the weekend, contact Rabbi Feinberg or any of the members of the planning committee: Joel Fischman, Ruth Kleinrock, Nechama Masliansky, Kathy Krieger, Judy Herr, Jamie Butler, Linda Segal, and Judith Krones. ○

Ma Tovu

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

This month, our *Ma Tovu* honorees are Arnold (Arnie) and Mary Hammer, longtime members of Adas Israel, who participate as organizers, leaders, and volunteers in so many meaningful ways that they are true “pillars of the congregation.” Arnie and Mary, who joined Adas Israel in the late 1960s, met in Ithaca, NY, at Cornell University and moved to Washington, DC, Mary’s hometown. They have been married for 45 years, and their three sons, Dan, Jon, and Ben, all celebrated their *b’nai mitzvah* at Adas Israel.

While they are now retired, Arnie and Mary remain active and engaged in synagogue life, as organizers of the *Havurah* service. Arnie (a retired lawyer) is a life member of the Board, was treasurer and vice president of the congregation, chairman of the Building Renovation Completion Committee in 1990, co-chairman of the first family High Holy Day service, and chairman of the Library renovation. He is an active member of the Bereavement Committee and created a unique role for himself as a male *mikvah* volunteer. His community activities are substantial: Arnie is a board member and treasurer of the Foundation for Jewish Studies and a board member and chair of the Ethics Committee of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington.

Mary is a career counselor, member of the Catering Committee, and an organizer of “carepools,” an initiative to provide food and visits for long-term, seriously ill congregants that has morphed into the *Chesed* Project, under the guidance of Rabbi Feinberg. She has chaired the Membership Committee, co-chaired the Rabbi Avis Miller Anniversary Event, and led workshops on *Shabbat* observance and parenting skills. Mary is a member of the Human Resources Advisory Committee of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes and voluntarily provides career counseling and outplacement assistance.

Arnie and Mary Hammer, interviewed by Steve Lachter

S: Since you live in Rockville, why did you join and remain members of Adas Israel?

A: “Adas is the best show in town.” Just look at the people, resources, opportunities for study, diversity, the intellectual quality of the members of the congregation, and the *Yiddishkeit*. This is a place where members get intensely involved with their congregation and keep at it.

M: For me, our *Havurah* service at Adas Israel remains intimate, accommodating, and inclusive. Of course, our main focus is the *Havurah*, but the *Havurah* is not just “our” thing. It is available to all members of the congregation and, yes, while there are many regulars, it is also a place where many congregants pray, and visitors feel comfortable and welcome because the *Havurah* is a “community service” in the best sense of the term.

A: Adas Israel is a synagogue for life—not a “revolving door” institution.



Mary and Arnie Hammer

S: What activities are the most meaningful and give you the most personal satisfaction?

M: I get the most satisfaction from working with people who have real needs. I enjoy the relationships I have developed in our study group and in the *Havurah*, but when I can use my talents and experience to facilitate workshops and coach people through difficult times, working, for example, with the supervisors of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, I am richer for the experience. The opportunities provided by our original “carepools,” a program I organized to provide food and visit long-term seriously ill congregants and, recently, helping to develop the *Chesed* Program to contact elderly members of the congregation, have given me a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. I have concern for long-term care of those with physical problems and end-of-life issues, and I want to engage people who really need help.

S: Arnie, in addition to your work with groups and individuals, you seem to get a great deal of pleasure using your organizational abilities. Can you elaborate?

A: It is enormously satisfying to work with people, to make connections. My work as a Bereavement Committee *chaver* has provided me with rewarding and satisfying moments, as when I was able to connect with a young widow before a very difficult funeral because of a common connection to Cornell. When someone needs your help, you manage to overcome personal issues that could inhibit your response. You do what is needed. Sometimes, all that is necessary is to sit and listen to those who have experienced loss. I also really enjoy working at the Hebrew Home by organizing men’s discussion groups that bring friendship and reality into the resident’s lives. Becoming the “*mikvah* lady” for men undergoing conversion has also been incredibly rewarding and appreciated. The need was there, I had the time and interest, and the results have been gratifying.

This Ma Tovu 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 or 202-363-9709.

It's Not Too Late to Count!

22 Members Needed to Surpass Our Appeal Goal

It's not too late to be counted among the contributors to the Adas Israel *Kol Nidre* Appeal! We are 22 members short and \$3,350 away from exceeding last year's campaign totals, announced Judie and Harry Linowes, Appeal chairs.

Contributions can be sent to the synagogue and pledges can be e-mailed to contributions@adasisrael.org. Please help us reach our goal.

We are grateful to the hundreds of members who have already contributed. We thank the following who have contributed since our last *Chronicle* listing and apologize to those whose names were inadvertently omitted from the earlier list:

Ariel Adesnik & Susanna Chu, Bernard Aronson, Molly Barackman & Kevin Eder, Jordan & Rhoda Baruch, Jeff & Laura Blumenfeld, Alice & Joel Burton, Sylvia & Martin Charen, Jody & Philip Fidler, Brenda & Lee Footer, Maxine Freedman, Manny Friedman, Calvin Goldscheider, Mariana Griff, Howard & Liz Lerner, Philip Lowit & Jodi Blecker Lowit, Gary & Roz Jonas, Paula Jorisch, Hersh & Charlotte Muchnick, Sharon & Daniel Prober, Seth Rosenthal & Stephanie Robinson, Alan Rukin & Heather Hoffman, Lisa Schnall, Adam Schwartz & Sara Kropf, Barry Shapiro, Stanley & Ruth Snyder, Michael & Joyce Stern, Susan Stiles, Michael & Marion Usher, Jeffrey Vinnik & Joanie Liebermann, Rosa & Harris Weinstein, Susan Willens, Sandy & Karen Winer, Benjamin & Tamara Wittes, Linda & Peter Wylie. ○

What Daily *Minyan* means to me

A Personal Observation

On Thanksgiving, we left our dinner guests at the table and scooted to synagogue. One by one, twelve other wonderful souls arrived. But when I stood to say *Kaddish*, I was the only one: 13 people left their warm homes and families so that there would be a *minyan* for anyone saying *Kaddish*. Losing a loved one is hard; having a community to wrap itself around you with empathy and comfort is an unexpected blessing. It is a community I have come to treasure.

Shared by dedicated *Minyanette*, Melanie Nussdorf. ○

Scenes from the Fall Retreat

On November 12–14, 30 Adas members spent Shabbat and Sunday at the Pearlstone Retreat Center focusing on the theme, "Exploring Shabbat." Participants discussed the significance

of different Shabbat observances and how to make their own weekly Shabbat observance more engaging and relevant. A restful weekend and meaningful experience was had by all.



RESHET DC

Connecting with Others Successfully

(for Dating and ALL Relationships)

Saturday January 22, 2011
6:30 pm
\$25/person

Join us for dinner and an
interactive discussion with

Amy Schoen

Professional Life Coach,
Relationship Expert and Author

How do you increase your odds of connecting
successfully with other people? Where are the
best places to meet others with whom you will
resonate?

Come join us to find out!

RSVP by Wednesday, January 19 to:
reshetDC@adasisrael.org
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Board of Directors Approves New *Machzor* for High Holy Days



Based on the recommendation of our Religious Practices Committee and clergy, the Adas Israel Board of Directors endorsed the purchase of *Lev Shalem*, the new *machzor* (High Holy Day prayer book) of the Conservative movement.

We look forward to using our new *machzorim* for the first time during the High Holy Days, 2011/5772. This new edition features improved English translations, transliterations, and commentary throughout (see

Rabbi Steinlauf's column on page 1 for additional details).

We are pleased to announce that a family foundation has challenged the congregation by creating a dollar-to-dollar match up to 50% of the funds needed to purchase the *machzorim* (\$92,000). The first matching gift is from the Charlotte & Hubert Schlosberg *Machzor* Fund, but we need an additional 833 books to be donated.

Members and friends are invited to dedicate one or more of these new books in honor or memory of a loved one or a special event in your life. With your contribution of \$36 per *machzor* (or 10 for \$350), you may select the wording for the dedication plate to be placed in each book.

Machzorim may be dedicated at any time, but it would be particularly fitting at this time to enable us to purchase the needed prayer books for the coming High Holy Days.

To dedicate a *machzor*, which will be a permanent part of our Adas community and High Holy Day worship, please use the form to the right; call Jane Baldinger at the synagogue, 202-362-4433; or visit our website at adasisrael.org. A listing of all dedications will appear in a future issue of the *Chronicle*.

Help us meet the match and meet our goal by dedicating a *machzor* today! ○

MACHZOR DEDICATION FORM

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Yad Hakavod Award Nominations Sought

The Adas Israel *Yad Hakavod* Award honors a congregant who has distinguished himself or herself by serving the congregation and its members, or by providing exemplary leadership of projects, activities, or programs of the congregation. The award is not designed for past officers, since it is generally understood that holding office offers its own recognition. The *Yad Hakavod* recognizes those who have served for many years beyond the call of duty to make Adas Israel a better place.

Our previous *Yad Hakavod* honorees have been: Sophie Silfen, 1997; Gail Schwartz, 1998; Estelle Jacobs, 1999; James "Jimmy" Young, 2000; Rhoda Ganz, 2001; Bernard Fischgrund (z"l), 2002; Irwin Lebow, 2003; Ruthe Katz, 2004; Mildred Jacobs, 2005; Sybil Wolin, 2006; Samuel Weisbach, 2007; Sue Rosenthal, 2008; Michael Stern, 2009; and Bernard Meyer, 2010.

The *Yad Hakavod* Award, created by the Board of Directors in 1995, is presented and celebrated at the annual membership meeting in June. If you would like to submit a name for the committee to consider, please contact Bob Peck or Glenn Easton at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433 or adasoffice@adasisrael.org. ○



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Masorti's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program for Children with Special Needs Honored

The Masorti movement's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program for Children with Special Needs has been recognized by one of Israel's foremost national social service organizations working to support and highlight the needs of individuals with disabilities. This Masorti program—unique in Israel—has won the coveted 2010 Shalem Foundation Excellence Prize, awarded each year to a project, program, or staff benefiting this population. The Shalem Foundation was established in 1983 by the Center of Local Authority in collaboration with the Ministry of Welfare.

In accordance with the Shalem Foundation's vision to integrate those with cognitive challenges and disabilities into mainstream life, the Masorti program offers Israeli special-needs youngsters and their families an opportunity to be integrated into Jewish communal life to celebrate a Jewish life cycle event and thus experience the joy of full acceptance. The Masorti program is the only nationwide effort of its kind in Israel.

The Shalem Foundation described the Masorti Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program for Children with Special Needs as an innovative and breakthrough model, citing its role in pioneering the development and use of state-of-the-art alternative communications devices, such as computerized sound kits, sign language for Torah reading, and visual pedagogy. In addition to reading

youngsters for group *b'nai mitzvah*, which take place in Masorti *kehillot*, the program provides a course of Jewish enrichment, lasting three to six months, through the special-needs schools the children attend.

Leading up to the special day, youngsters learn about blessings, *Shabbat*, festivals and customs, performing *mitzvot*, and other activities that reflect Jewish values. If possible, for example, they visit the elderly, care for animals, and help others in need as part of their commitment to Jewish life.

Eligible children—who have a variety of physical and developmental challenges, such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, ADD-ADHD, autism, blindness, hearing impairments, and learning disabilities—are identified by their schools, and the Masorti movement provides all services, including teacher training, at no cost to the schools or to the families. The program welcomes children of every religious and ethnic background, many of them new immigrants.

What began as a partnership with one special-needs school has spread to 30 to 40 special-needs schools throughout Israel, making it possible each year for as many as 300 Israeli children with special needs to connect to Israel, Jewish values, and religious heritage. ○



Arab Citizens of Israel—Challenges and Opportunities: A Community Education Day



Featured speakers include:

- Ruth Carmi, director, Arab Civic Equality Project, Israel Religious Action Center and New Israel Fund Law Fellow
- Mohammad Darawshe, co-director, The Abraham Fund Initiatives
- Dr. Salman Elbedour, Howard University School of Education
- Noam Katz, Minister for Public Diplomacy, Embassy of Israel
- Dr. Elie Rekhess, director, Konrad Adenauer Center for Jewish-Arab Cooperation
- Raslan abu Rukon, deputy consul general of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic Region (invited)
- Rabbi Sid Schwarz, founder, PANIM; author, *Judaism and Justice: The Jewish Passion to Repair the World*

Workshops Topics Include:

- Government Efforts to Narrow Social Inequality through Economic Empowerment for Arabs in Israel
- *Avodah Aravit*: Arab Israelis on Israel's Most Popular Sitcom
- Arab Civic Equality and Women's Empowerment
- Arab Minority in a Jewish State: Between Integration and Alienation
- The Israeli Education System: Seeking Parity
- The Israeli Bedouin Community: The Challenges of Integration

Sunday, January 9, 2011

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Moment Magazine Hanukkah Present to New Members

Continuing a tradition they began a few years ago, Diane Lipton Dennis and her children, Joanna and Seth Dennis, are providing a complementary one-year subscription to *Moment Magazine* to all new members of Adas Israel Congregation in memory of their beloved husband and father, Warren.

Through the Warren Dennis *Moment Magazine* Journalism Fund, all new members from December, 2009 to December 2010 will receive the publication. Members who are already subscribers or are not interested in receiving *Moment* can send an email to marketing@momentmag.com.

Our thanks to Diane, Joanna, and Seth for remembering Warren (ז"ל) in such a meaningful way. May his memory forever be a blessing. ○

Thanksgiving at Anne Frank House

Anne Frank House, an independent nonprofit organization founded by Adas Israel congregants, has a long-standing Thanksgiving tradition: each year its board members prepare and deliver holiday dinners to its clients, who live in individual apartments in Northwest Washington.

This year board member Steve Schwat organized the effort. By Wednesday morning, the cooler outside the Schwat home overflowed with turkey and all the trimmings. Three generations of his family then carefully divided the bounty into individual meals, ready to be delivered. The "icing on the cake": holiday cards for Anne Frank House clients, created by Adas Israel's Gan HaYeled Nursery School.

Here's Steve's account of this year's Anne Frank House Thanksgiving. Clients' names were changed to safeguard their privacy.

When I arrived home on Wednesday, the family was in the kitchen, working away. Since Tuesday, people have been stopping by. Jen packed up nuts and sesame sticks. [Director of Early Childhood Center] Shelley Remer brought the beautiful cards. Maria delivered cornbread. Rice pilaf showed as expected. So did turkey, rolls, stuffing, green beans, and the rest.

We packed our van and set off—two grandmas, a grandpa, Lisa and I, and Ruby and Eli—slowly working our way through holiday traffic, heading for our first stop.

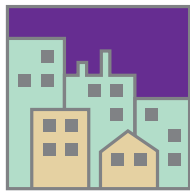
Military to Connecticut. Boom! "Kevin" is done. Continue on Military to 16th Street. Bam! "Chris" gets his dinner. Over to Connecticut again; we snag "Jeffrey." "Carl" was next. Traffic was subsiding.

We get to our last stop, on Idaho, with four deliveries at one address. "Gregory" said hi to Eli and the rest of my family. "Bettina" was next. "Laura" came out last and presented me with a card.

It was a Thanksgiving experience my family and I will always remember.

To learn more about Anne Frank House or to make a contribution, visit thannefrankhouse.org. ○

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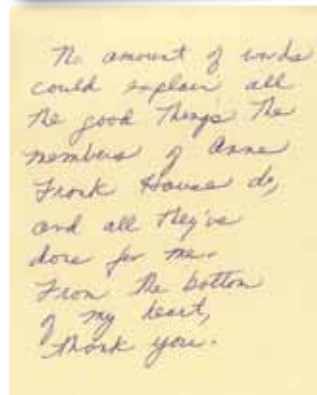
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◀ The Schwat family organizes the food into individual client Thanksgiving meals.

▼ Steve Schwat and two of his children load the van with Thanksgiving meals.



▲ A Thanksgiving note from an Anne Frank House client.



◀ Two Thanksgiving cards made by Gan children for Anne Frank House clients.

Save the Month!

February is Adas Israel's Blood Donation Month. In lieu of operating our own blood drive this year, we are providing the congregation with information on how to donate blood in the community and alternatives to blood donation. Our goal is 100% family participation. Prepare yourselves for the gift of life! Take this opportunity to donate blood or to support Israel's Magen David Adom.

To donate blood:

- Washington Hospital Center, whcenter.org. Call 202-877-5250 to schedule an appointment or just walk in!
- Children's National Medical Center, childrensnational.org. Schedule an appointment online to give blood or by calling 202-476-KIDS (5437).
- American Red Cross, redcrossblood.org. Many sites around the area. Click on "Make an Appt" and plug in zip code and dates

and find all the sites and be able to register for one. Also has links to blood donation information.

Stay healthy, eat foods high in iron, and spread the word.

Let us know when you've made a donation, and we'll count the pints of blood we've given away!

• Magen David Adom: Those unable to donate blood are invited to make a donation to Magen David Adom. Donations will be accepted through the Social Action Council and can be pledged through a link on adasisrael.org. Note "MDA" or "Blood Drive" in the memo line of your check, or use our website and donate to Adas Israel by writing "MDA" or "Blood Drive" in the "other fund" slot on the "Donate" page. These monies will be forwarded to MDA, and we'll be able to quantify our congregational support to their efforts. See MDA's website for information: afmda.org

For further information contact: Judith Krones, david.judith@verizon.net, or Marcia Feuerstein, mfeuerst@hotmail.com. ○

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Never Forget: Darfur Advocacy

The January Darfur vigil is on the third Sunday, January 16, 1:30–2:30 pm, in front of the Sudanese embassy (2210 Massachusetts Avenue, NW).

Adas congregants continue to bear witness to the ongoing civil war and genocide in Darfur, Sudan. With members of Peoples Congregational Church and other houses of worship, we have held monthly vigils since March 2007 to call attention to this humanitarian crisis. Violence has escalated recently, and the safety and security of Darfuri citizens are of

particular concern; **please join us rain or shine—children, grandparents, friends and neighbors welcome. NEVER FORGET; NEVER AGAIN.**

We encourage congregants to join our vigils or engage in any of the following forms of action on the Darfur issue: create awareness, bring political pressure to bear, and offer humanitarian assistance. Anyone can call 1-800-GENOCIDE to receive up-to-date talking points on the Darfur situation before being connected directly with



your member of Congress, governor, or the President. See genocideintervention.net.

In addition to advocacy and education, Adas Israel will again raise funds for humanitarian aid through the purchase of solar cookers so Darfuri women can cook safely within the camps where they live. For questions about how you can join our Darfur advocacy efforts, call Judy Herr, 301-717-3828. For vigil questions, please call Laura Cutler, 301-980-7182. ○

A Thank You from S.O.M.E.



October 14, 2010
Dear Rabbi Steinlauf,
On behalf of So Others Might Eat, I would like to thank you and all of the congregation at Adas Israel for your generous donation of food in the month of September. I continue to be impressed by the generosity and faithful, year-round support of our friends at Adas Israel. We truly appreciate all you do for us! I hope we can count on your support in the months ahead.
Sincerely,
Shirley, Donations Coordinator

Upcoming Chronicle Deadlines—

February 2011 issue: Thursday, December 30, noon; March 2010 issue: Tuesday, February 1, noon