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HAPPY PASSOVER!



## דובר אמת Dover Emet Speaking the Truth

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

### IN DEFENSE OF THE WISE CHILD

On Passover, we meet the "Four Children." Each one, even the Wicked Child, has an essential place at our *seder* table. Each one represents a valid approach and relationship to our heritage. Each one represents an aspect of ourselves, and aspects of the Jewish people as a whole. The Wise Child asks, "What are the statutes, the testimonies, and the laws that God has commanded you to do?" The Wicked Child asks, "What is this service to **you**," with an emphasis on **you** that excludes himself from his people. The Simple Child asks, "What is this?" And the Child Unable to Ask is simply silent. At various points in our lives, we are each of these children. I sometimes play a game at communal *seders* that I lead, and I ask the question: "Which child do you relate to the most and the least?" Many thoughtful and caring people say they most relate to the Wicked Child, and

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## Garden of the Righteous and Yom HaShoah, 2011/5771



Adas Israel will mark Yom HaShoah with our Garden of the Righteous Ceremony on Sunday, May 1, beginning at 10:30 am. This is the 20th year in which we will use our memory as a vehicle to honor a non-Jew who saved Jewish

lives and who put into practice significant moral and religious values that we teach and that we must both emulate and perpetuate.

This year we honor the memory of José Arturo Castellanos from El Salvador. Frieda Garcia, Castellanos's daughter is coming from El Salvador to join us in honoring her father

with a plaque in our Garden of the Righteous.

Participating in the ceremony will be the embassies of El Salvador and Israel, Adas Israel clergy, and children from the Melvin Gelman Religious School.

Colonel José Arturo Castellanos (1893–1977) served as El Salvador's consul-general in Switzerland from 1941 to 1945. Sent by his government to Europe in 1937, Castellanos befriended George Mandel (later Mandel-Mantello), a Hungarian Jewish businessman living in Geneva. In 1942, Castellanos invited his friend George Mantello to join him and appointed him as first secretary at the Salvadoran consulate in Geneva. After Mantello proposed an effort to rescue fellow Jews by issuing

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## Kol HaOlam: National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Competition, April 2

Complete Info at [kolhaolam.org](http://kolhaolam.org)

As a cappella becomes more and more prevalent on college campuses across America, the need for a national-level competition has become clear. Such competitions already takes place in the secular world of a cappella but has yet to be achieved in the Jewish a cappella movement—until now.

Kol HaOlam, the 1st annual National Collegiate Jewish A

Cappella Competition takes place at Adas Israel on Saturday, April 2. Doors open at 8:00 pm, and the evening will begin with *Havdalah* at 8:30 pm.

### Participating groups include:

- \* Chutzpah, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- \* Jewish Fella A Cappella, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA



- \* Kaskeset, SUNY Binghamton, NY
- \* Kol Neshama, York University, Toronto, Ontario
- \* Kol Sasson, University of Maryland, College Park
- \* Mezumenet, University of Maryland, College Park

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# Clergy Corner



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the fewest to the Wise Child. And this makes sense. We live during complex times. Many of us have been shaped by a society that encourages us to look with healthy skepticism at any mass belief system. The Wise Child's question seems to reflect so many presumptions about Judaism that many are no longer comfortable with nowadays: a presumption that there is a God, and a *commanding* God at that! I have heard people attack the Wise Child because he ironically seems to be the most close-minded, because he just "buys into" the system.

The poor Wise Child gets something of a bum rap in our times. Like so many teachings in Judaism, the "Four Children" section of the *Haggadah* is there to challenge us. It's supposed to discomfit us so that we question our own assumptions about ourselves and about life. It's no accident that the Wicked Child strikes a chord that many of us can relate to more easily. He's emotionally charged and compelling. And that Wise Child—he's boring! He's a conformist. And that's the point. He's there as a challenge to us: how indeed is he the **Wise** Child? How is his question wise? If we seek the answer to this question, the Wise Child can be a marvelous teacher to us about what we mean by wisdom in Judaism.

## From the President

We will soon be doing *bedikat hametz* (the search for *hametz*) in our homes in the run-up to *Pesach*. At Adas Israel, we are in the midst of two important searches of our own, in this case for professionals for the Adas Israel staff and clergy.

As I reported in my last column, we are searching for someone to succeed (I'd never say replace) Shelley Remer as Director of Early Childhood Education (in other words, director of Gan HaYeled). This search is well under way. Our search committee, led by Deborah Joseph, has culled through resumes and has interviewed candidates. The duties of this job are very well defined and so are the qualities in a director that we are looking for. Debbie tells me that there are a couple of candidates who could meet our high expectations. Shelley leaves at the end of this school year, and we want to have a new director named before that, although Shelley will still live in the area and be available to offer help and support.

The search for a cantor to succeed Cantor Weber is also underway. That search committee, led by Melanie Nussdorf, is off to a fast start. In this case, the committee felt that one of its first tasks should be to survey the congregation's entire membership about the qualities we want to see in a cantor. You should have received an invitation to participate in the survey, either online or in the mail. Impressively, within two days of the initial email invitation, more than 150 members completed the survey.

## Synagogue Office Closings

**Monday, April 18: Erev Passover, 1st Seder**

Offices Close at 1:00 pm

**Tues. & Wed., April 19 & 20: Passover Days 1 & 2**

Offices Closed

**Sunday, April 24: Passover Erev Yom Tov**

Offices Close at 3:30 pm

**Mon. & Tues., April 25 & 26: Passover Days 7 & 8**

Offices Closed

Is the Wise Child really a boring conformist? Does he really have an unquestioning belief in a commanding God? Not necessarily. If you look closely at his question, he is the assimilation of the other three questioners. Let's think about his question: "What are the statutes, the testimonies, and the laws that God has commanded you to do?" One of the first things many of us notice is that, just like the Wicked Child, the Wise Child doesn't actually ask the question about an all-inclusive "us"; he asks the question to "you" as well! It's only the Wicked Child, however, who is reprimanded for his choice of words. Why is that? Clearly, there's a difference in the questioner's tone. The Wicked Child is motivated by a desire to condescend and to separate himself because he is angry or alienated or vengeful. His emotions are raw. The Wise Child also chooses to say "you." That's no accident. He, too, has a distance, but his sense of distance allows him to look with balance and equanimity upon what transpires around him.

Notice, further, that the Wise Child asks a question that is not at all unlike that of the Simple Child, who asked, "What is this?"

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Synagogues around the country have various models for the cantorial position these days. Although there are certain constant expectations, like a wonderful voice, the Jewish liturgical music scene is diverse and inventive and we expect to see candidates who reflect various styles of musical spirituality. In the era of Matisyahu, the popular Hasidic reggae artist, what less could we expect?

At the same time the survey went out, the committee informed the Conservative movement's Cantors Assembly of our search. As I write this, a few weeks later, we have received more than 20 applications. Most of the applicants have provided a MP3 file or a link to their own performance webpage, which makes initial reviews easier than they were in the old days.

Our goal is to retain a new cantor before the High Holy Days, but whether we do depends on finding the right person. We have retained all the musical clergy we need for the holidays in any event.

Several of you wrote me after I sent the note to members that we would be looking for a new cantor. I want to thank all of you for caring so much about Adas Israel and about Cantor Weber that you took the time to write. I tried to answer all of you personally but if I missed you, please accept my apology.

I wish you a happy *Pesach*. And it is not too soon for you to put June 1 on your calendar; it's the date of our annual meeting, when



Bob Peck

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# Sisterhood

## Mark Your Calendars!

### The Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop is having a blowout sale!!

Beginning Monday, May 16, and continuing through Sunday, May 22, everything in the shop (except kosher scrolls, edibles, cards, and books) will be discounted 25%. The sale is strictly first-come, first-served and only applies to in-stock items.

Don't miss this once-a-year occasion. Be sure to browse in advance so you know what's available. NO PRIOR SALES. ○

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Friend us on Facebook: [adas.israel.giftshop](https://www.facebook.com/adas.israel.giftshop)

## Adas Oneg Service with Adam J. Robinson, Manager of Vince Gray's Mayoral Campaign, April 8, 8:00 pm

"Supporters and foes alike . . . [think Mayor Gray's] suffered because many of the campaign strategists who helped him win office—such as . . . **Adam Robinson**—didn't stay on to work in the administration."

—*Washington Post*, March 2, 2011



In the middle of a successful consulting career at Deloitte, and a fairly normal Northwest DC home life with two young children at the Gan, Adam Robinson never imagined he'd take a year off for any reason—let alone to run a major urban political campaign. But when then-City Council chairman Vince Gray asked him to run his long-shot race for DC mayor, Robinson and his wife realized that their devotion to *tikkun olam* might lead to some unexpected choices. Now, six months after steering the campaign to victory, Robinson reflects on a fascinating, wild ride through the neighborhoods and cultural corridors of our city.

Back to his normal life as a tech entrepreneur, management /technology consulting practice leader, and senior technology executive, Robinson is also an occasional pundit on local politics, informal advisor to local candidates and public officials, and leader of new nonprofit, Center for Urban Innovation. A graduate of Princeton University and NYU Law School, and former Clinton administration appointee, Robinson is a member of the Adas community and lives in the Tenleytown neighborhood with his wife, Susan, and children, Alex (Gan grad) and Natasha (current Gan Rainbow class).

Adas Oneg Service is a celebration of the central role Adas Israel plays in the Jewish intellectual and cultural life of Washington.

We welcome extraordinary guest speakers, teachers, and performers who will educate and enlighten us and deepen our experience of Jewish culture, knowledge, and heritage. Adas Oneg begins with a short evening service (includes English readings and musical instrumentation). Guest speakers or musical performers then present to the congregation. After services, we have a chance to speak to our guests informally at the *oneg*. ○

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\* Rak Shalom, University of Maryland, College Park

\* Shabbatoness, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

\* Staam, Washington University, St. Louis, MI

\* Tizmoret, Queens College, New York City

Sponsors of the event include: National Hillel Foundation, J Dub Records, Al Men's Club, YP@AI, Charles E. Smith Family Foundation, Jewish Rock Radio, Kolcast with Michael Boxer, *Jewcy.com*, and *Washington Jewish Week*.

In addition, Seaboard Region USY's Kol HaYam will be special guest participants, and Michael Boxer is master of ceremonies.

Learn more and purchase tickets at [kolhaolam.org](http://kolhaolam.org). ○

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we will install our new president, Johanna Chanin, and honor David Bickart with our *Yad Hakavod* (hand of honor) Award.

Some of my friends (and even colleagues at my secular work) have asked if I'll be relieved. I may get some time back to myself, but Adas Israel is in such a wonderful period of exploration, renewal, and community feeling, and our clergy, staff, and members have made this such a rewarding experience, that I expect I'll feel mostly eager to watch what comes next for this 142-year-old Jewish Washington monument. —Bob Peck ○



# Passover

## Pesach Guide, 5771

Passover is celebrated this year from **Monday, April 18**, through **Tuesday, April 26**. The *sedarim* are held on **Monday** and **Tuesday nights, April 18 and 19**. All cleaning and preparations to make the house *pesachdik* (kosher for Passover) must be completed by **10:00 am** on **Monday, April 18**. If you have any questions, please consult with the rabbis.

The rule against *hametz* on *Pesach* applies not only to eating but to enjoyment (*hanaah*) and also involves removing all the *hametz* from one's home. No *hametz* is even allowed to be in the possession of a Jew during Passover. To facilitate this cleaning, certain rituals are part of Passover preparations: (text for the ceremonies can be found in most *haggadot*)

- *bedikat hametz*—searching for crumbs of *hametz*
- *bittul hametz*—a formula for renouncing any *hametz* inadvertently missed
- *be'ur hametz*—burning *hametz*
- *mehirat hametz*—the sale of *hametz*

### Mehirat Hametz

We are not always able to destroy or remove all of our *hametz*; doing so could be economically disastrous. So the rabbis ordained that a symbolic sale is made of all the *hametz* to a non-Jew in the community, who then sells it back to us after *Pesach*. The *hametz* is then no longer "in our possession." This is normally done through the synagogue for the entire congregation. Please send the form on page 4 and to **Hazzan Jenna Greenberg by Monday morning, April 18**. It is only necessary to sell or destroy foodstuffs; dishes and utensils are simply locked away in storage for the duration of the festival.

### Bedikat Hametz, Sunday evening, April 17

The Search for Leaven is the lovely home ceremony of searching for the leaven with a candle, feather, and wooden spoon, as an indication that all other preparations have been made. It is customarily done at nightfall (immediately after sunset) on the night before Passover when we search for and symbolically eliminate all remaining leavening from the house. This is an especially enjoyable ceremony for your children. The *kol hamira* formula for nullifying unseen *hametz*, which can be found at the beginning of many *haggadot*, should be recited at this time, and again in the morning when the *hametz* is disposed of.

#### The search is performed in the following manner:

- Place 10 pieces of (visible size) bread in various locations throughout the house.
- Recite the following blessing: *Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam asher kid-shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivonu al biur hametz*, and then proceed (traditionally with a lighted candle, a feather, and a wooden spoon) to look for any leaven that can be found.
- The pieces of bread should be gathered in a container, such as a small cardboard box.
- After the 10 pieces, and whatever other leavened food is

gathered, make the following declaration: "All manner of leaven that is in my possession which I have not seen or have not removed, or have no knowledge of, shall be null and disowned as the dust of the earth."

### Siyyum Bechorim, Monday morning, April 18

On the day before Passover, it is customary for the firstborn to fast as an expression of gratitude that they, unlike the Egyptians' firstborn, were saved. However if the firstborn attend a *siyyum* (a public completion of the study of a tractate of the Talmud) on the morning before Passover, they are exempted from fasting and may eat. Thus any firstborn who participate in the ceremony may eat. This is known as the *Siyyum Bechorim*. As do many congregations, we hold a *siyyum* (the celebration of concluding a section of the *Mishna*); ours takes place as part of the morning minyan on **Monday morning, April 18, at 7:15 am**

### Seudat Mitzvah

This small meal follows, and any firstborn who is present may eat and need not fast that day (following the *Siyyum Bechorim*).

### Biur Hametz, Monday morning, April 18

This day should be treated as an ordinary *Erev Pesach* in regard to *be'ur hametz* (removal of *hametz*). The burning of the *hametz* should be completed **by about 10:00 am**, and the stove should be kashered for *Pesach*. All cooking should be done in *Pesach* pots and only *Pesach* utensils should be used. Food required for the first *seder* should be cooked at this time.

### First Seder, Monday night, April 18

Tradition encourages that the *seder* not begin until after sundown.

### Candlelighting Times:

**Monday, April 18: light candles at 7:29 pm**

**Tuesday, April 19: light candles after 8:30 p.m.**

**Friday, April 22: light candles at 7:33 pm**

**Sunday, April 24: light candles at 7:35 pm**

**Monday, April 25: light candles after 8:36 pm**

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

### The blessings recited are:

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

*Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzevanu l'hadleek ner shel yom tov.*

Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to light the festival candles.

### And on the first night only:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.  
*Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'hecheyanu, v'kee'manu, v'heegee anu lazman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season. ○

## Passover Preparations

For a full guide prepared for Passover by the Rabbinical Assembly, visit our website, [adasisrael.org](http://adasisrael.org).

## Passover Haggadah Kits Available for Home Use

As part of the Passover Shelf Project being created for the library in honor of Sybil Wolin, our 2006 *Yad HaKavod* honoree, we have put together four "haggadah kits" available for borrowing. Each kit contains 14 copies of a different *haggadah*. Here's your chance to try out a *haggadah* you haven't used before. Members may borrow one kit to use at your *seder*.

The *haggadot* are: *The Feast of Freedom* from the Rabbinical Assembly; the new second edition of *A Family Haggadah* by Shoshana Silberman; *The Family Haggadah* by Ellen Schecter; *The New American Haggadah* developed by Mordechai Kaplan and others for the Reconstructionist Foundation; and *A Passover Haggadah: Second Revised Edition* illustrated by Leonard Baskin.

The kits are available first-come, first-served, so come to the Religious School Office to choose which *haggadah* kit you'd like to borrow.

If you have any questions, contact Robin Jacobson, [librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4433, ext. 116. ○

## Sale of Hametz

During Passover, it is technically forbidden to have any *hametz* in our possession. Because we cannot finish it all, and it is improper to destroy usable food, the rabbis provided for a symbolic sale of all the *hametz* to a non-Jew who then "sells" it back to us after *Pesach*. The *hametz* is then no longer "in our possession." This includes food, dishes, and utensils, which are locked away in storage for the duration of the festival. This year the sale can be done through *Hazzan Jenna Greenberg*.

Funds collected through donations and through the "sale" of *hametz* are used for charitable purposes and to help provide Passover food for those who otherwise might have none. This legal procedure technically transfers ownership of *hametz* that remains in our pantry during the festival. Technical ownership reverts to us when the festival is over.

**Please use this form and send it to Hazzan Jenna Greenberg by Monday morning, April 18.**

Dear Hazzan Greenberg:

Please sell our *hametz* so that we have fulfilled our obligation of religious ownership and accept this contribution so that others are assured of a *seder*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Moss Haggadah

The *Moss Haggadah* is one of the most creative among the more than 3,000 editions of the *Haggadah*. David Moss, who now lives in Israel, and is known worldwide as a Jewish calligrapher, made every page a



unique artistic rendering. Drawing both on the text and its interpretations, he prepared the beautiful *Haggadah* in such a way as to make it exquisite, evocative, and unique. The quality of his work makes it a source of study as well inspiration.

Adas Israel is fortunate to have acquired one of the *Moss Haggadot* through the generosity of Dr. Clement and Sandra Alpert. It is currently on display in the museum case opposite the Rabbis' offices in a specially designed display case. The open pages are changed periodically to allow viewers to see and appreciate this wonderful creation.

We thank Clem and Sandra for enabling us to celebrate Passover in such a beautiful way ○

## This Passover, Let One Who Is Hungry Enter and Eat

We begin our Passover *seders* with the words, "Let all who are hungry enter and eat." Again this year, **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger** asks you to give meaning and life to those ancient words by letting one who is hungry enter and eat.

A gift to **MAZON** of *chai* (\$18), or whatever you would spend to invite one extra person to your *seder*, will bring food, help, and hope to poor and hungry people in our own country, in Israel, and around the world.

As we celebrate our freedom during Passover, we must remember those millions still enslaved by hunger and poverty. In a world with more than enough food to feed everyone, we can work toward a day when everyone has enough food.

Through **MAZON**, you can fulfill our ancient Jewish tradition of feeding the hungry. As the poor are fulfilled, so, too, will you be.

**MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, 310-442-0020**  
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# Education

## Gan HaYeled Truck Day


Beep, beep, honk, honk! The 19th annual Gan HaYeled Truck Day is May 18, 9 am to 12 noon, in our parking lot. The children get to climb in, on, and around all sorts of vehicles, from snow plows and dump trucks to fire trucks and motorcycles. The parking lot will be closed during that time; we apologize for any inconvenience.



## Mildred & Jess Fisher Early Childhood Center Education Director Search Committee Update

The Mildred and Jess Fisher Early Childhood Education Director Search Committee, chaired by Deborah Joseph, met with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Director of Education Josh Bender, and Mara Bier, Director of the Early Childhood Initiatives for the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning. Along with input from the Gan Steering Committee, the Search Committee, whose members represent diverse communities within Adas Israel, was able to articulate the congregation's goals for and vision of early childhood education within the congregation and to identify skills, and knowledge to seek from a new director.

The job announcement for this position has been posted in both local and national Jewish and early childhood venues. The committee has received some impressive applications and is currently interviewing the most qualified candidates. Questions or comments about our search may be e-mailed to [search@adasisrael.org](mailto:search@adasisrael.org).

We thank the Search Committee members for their time and dedication to ensuring that our early childhood program maintains its excellent reputation. 

## Religious School Mah Tov Moments

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

### 6th Graders Raise Over \$700 for Israel

*Yasher koach to our Vav (6th grade) class whose members raised over \$700 for the community of Beit Oren to help restore the trees around the school that were destroyed by the recent fires. Thank you to everyone who helped support this worthwhile cause!*



### 7th Graders at World Wide Wrap

*Rabbi Steinlauf and members of the Men's Club conducted a workshop with our 7th graders in February as part of World Wide Wrap.*

### 7th Graders Help at N Street Village

*Seventh graders volunteered for the second time this year at N Street Village. Students organized a bingo tournament for the residents and beautified the building entrance by raking leaves, picking up trash, sweeping pathways, and removing debris from a future garden. Another group of students cleaned one of the residents' apartments. Yasher koach to our 7th graders for doing this special mitzvah and for supporting the women at N Street.*



## AIUSY Madrichim Leadership Program

### March Madrich of the Month



*Eli Schwat*

With an astounding track record, only missing one or two days in his three years as a *madrich*, Eli is the ultimate young leader. He has exemplified leadership abilities in numerous ways, always taking the initiative, serving as a positive role model, and assisting teachers with activities and lesson plans. He also recently staffed the

sixth grade New York trip. Eli goes above and beyond the call of duty, and it certainly doesn't go unseen. We thank him for his commitment to our school and look forward to his continued involvement in our program in the years to come.

Our *madrichim* leadership program is for students in eighth through 12th grade. *Madrichim* hold a number of different leadership roles in our religious school, from assisting teachers in classrooms to helping in our education office and library with various tasks. Forty *madrichim* are enrolled in our program this year. To learn more about the *madrichim* program, please contact Elie Greenberg, [elie.greenberg@adasisrael.org](mailto:elie.greenberg@adasisrael.org).

## April Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

- 1:** L'Dor VaDor Service & Dinner
- 2:** All Youth Services
- 3:** Vav (6th grade) Model Seder
- 9:** All Youth Services, *Gimel-Dalet* (3rd-4th grade) *Havdalah*
- 10:** *Zayin* (7th grade) Hebrew Home Trip
- 16:** All Youth Services except Jr. Congregation
- 17-26:** NO SCHOOL, Pesach Break
- 23:** No Youth Services
- 27:** School Resumes
- 30:** Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service for K and above, 10:45am; all Youth Services except Tot Shabbat



### Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service, April 30, 10:45 am

*Shabbat Unplugged*, a musical family service for families with children in kindergarten and above on Saturday mornings, meets Saturday, April 30, at 10:45 am (**note time change**). Although the service is designed for kindergarten families and above, older children are welcome and are 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 the experience and are used to teach Jewish and Israeli songs. The Torah portion comes alive through the art of Jewish storytelling with Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff. Families are invited to join the congregational *kiddush* following the service.

Come join us on April 30 and also next month on May 21.

### Jewish Value for March-April: *Hakarat HaTov*

*Hakarat hatov* is the Jewish value of recognizing good in the world. Other definitions are gratitude or thanksgiving. This value allows our students and our whole school community to recognize that which is good in our life. *T'filah* (prayer) and *brachot* (blessings) are one way Jews display *hakarat hatov*. Through our weekly *t'filah* services in the religious school and on Shabbat, we explore the concept of gratitude in Jewish tradition. Students are also asked to decide as a class how their weekly *tzedakah* collection is used to reach out to people in need. Through giving and action, our students recognize the good in their own lives and their responsibility to share their blessings with others.

### The Most Humble *Mitzvah*

by Josh Bender

In Judaism, *kavod hamet*, respect for the deceased, is one of the most special and humble *mitzvot* (commandments) because you are doing a *mitzvah* where the recipient cannot do anything for you in return. One of the ways we honor the deceased is by comforting the loved ones they leave behind. This *mitzvah* is called *nihum avelim*, comforting the mourner.

I had the honor of sitting down with Edie Hessel and Jane Beller, two congregants who have volunteered their time for many years on the Adas Israel Bereavement Committee. The committee comforts and supports the mourners in our Adas Israel community by dealing with the logistics of the funeral, burial, and *shiva*. They work out details with the funeral home and make other important arrangements so the mourners can focus on themselves, their family, and the grieving process ahead of them.

The Bereavement Committee is looking for new recruits. The committee arranges roughly half of all Adas Israel funerals, approximately 12 to 15 every year. Members always work in pairs and may be called upon to help with one or two funerals annually. One can expect a time commitment of two to five hours per funeral depending on which aspect of the funeral one assists with. Whether or not you work outside the home, the Bereavement Committee welcomes your interest, questions, and commitment. Contact Jane, [jkbeller@verizon.net](mailto:jkbeller@verizon.net), or Edie, [edith\\_hessel@yahoo.com](mailto:edith_hessel@yahoo.com), to learn more about the committee. ○

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### Shelley Remer's Retirement Celebration Sunday, May 15, 2:00pm



Please join us Sunday, May 15, at 2:00 pm, for a family-friendly event to honor Shelley Remer and celebrate her 20 years of service and dedication to the Gan. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Taubman, [btaubman1@yahoo.com](mailto:btaubman1@yahoo.com), or Robin Goelman, [rgoelman@verizon.net](mailto:rgoelman@verizon.net).

From generation to generation... ☆ ☆ ☆

## L'DOR VA'DOR service and dinner

And GaGa Tournament!

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. Feel free to bring your own kosher wine to enjoy!

Friday, April 1, 2011

6:00pm - Service

7:00pm - Dinner

8:00pm - Kids GaGa Tournament!

What is GaGa? It is a dodge ball-like sport that is very popular in Israel and in Jewish camps throughout the United States.)

\$18.75 - Adult Dinner

\$12.50 - Child Dinner (Ages 3-12)

Children 2 and under eat FREE!

Limited Financial Assistance Available. Please Contact Josh Bender ([josh.bender@adasisrael.org](mailto:josh.bender@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4449).



RSVP by Wednesday, March 30th  
[Talya.Baiamonte@adasisrael.org](mailto:Talya.Baiamonte@adasisrael.org) or  
(202)362-4449

Next L'Dor Va'Dor on April 1<sup>st</sup>

## Jimmy Young's New Address

Our friend, Jimmy Young, has moved to a location closer to the synagogue so members and staff can visit him more easily. He is now living at the Lisner Home, 5425 Western Avenue, NW (one block east of the Friendship Heights Red Line Metro stop). Please try to stop by and help welcome Jimmy to his new neighborhood.



We thank Elinor Tattar and Rita Nicholls for their help with Jimmy's move, Morris Kletzkin and Richard Ugelow for their time and helpful advice, Anita Wellen for her regular visits and reports, and all of our members and staff involved in Jimmy's continuing care. ○

# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Birth

Lawson Gelman Friedman, grandson of Elaine & William Miller

*We wish our newborn and his family strength, good health, and joy.*

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Shelby Shapiro, April 2

Shelby, daughter of Arlene Ramirez Shapiro and Stephen Shapiro, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She began her Jewish education at the Gan HaYeled in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she was born, and continued it at the Gan at Adas Israel when she moved to Washington. Shelby also attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School.

She has participated in the Hesed Project at Adas Israel for more than a year and is twinning her *bat mitzvah* with Hodaya Peretz. Hodaya lives at Neve Michael Children's Home in Israel, a safe haven for Israeli children at risk whose biological parents can no longer care for them. Shelby also celebrates this *simcha* with family and friends from Puerto Rico, Maryland, New York, and Ohio among others.



### Maya Small, April 9

Maya, daughter of Julia and Daniel Small, is a seventh grader at The Field School. She began her education at Gan HaYeled and attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Maya is the granddaughter of Ruth and Gilbert Small of Canton, CT, and Robert Rosson of West Hartford, CT, and the late Eileen Rosson (z"l). She shares her *simcha*

with her siblings, Jacob and Annie, both of whom celebrated *b'nai mitzvah* at Adas, and many family members and friends.



### Justin Sherman, April 16

Justin, son of Eileen and Randy Sherman, began his religious studies at Gan HaYeled and continues at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. A seventh grader at Westland Middle School, he is the grandson of Maxine and Albert Brunwasser and Phyllis Sherman and the late Milton Sherman (z"l). In addition to his parents, Justin shares this *simcha* with his

sister, Marissa, and many other family members and friends.



### Avery Schonberger, April 30

Avery, son of Shelley and Jeffrey Schonberger, is a seventh grader at Sidwell Friends School. He is currently a student at the Melvin Gelman Religious School, where he began his Jewish studies. Avery is the grandson of Myrna Ross of Scottsdale, AZ, the late Mervyn Ross

(z"l), Grace Schonberger of Alexandria, VA, and the late Joseph Schonberger (z"l). Avery is excited to share his *simcha* with many cousins, family members, and friends.



### Michael Ellick, April 30

Michael, son of Deborah and Stephen Ellick, attended Gan HaYeled Nursery School, and he continues his Jewish studies at Melvin Gelman Religious School. He is a seventh grader at Sheridan School. He proudly shares his *bar mitzvah* with his brothers, William and Bradley, and his grandparents, Richard and Judy Cohen and Bertram and Barbara Ellick.

## Member in the News

**Jacob Sorrells**, grandson of **Estelle Jacobs**, was elected Grand Aleph *Shaliach* for BBYO.

## New Members

**Joshua Marks** is an environmental journalist for Green America and lives in Washington.

**Megan Sobel** lives in Washington, DC where she is an Analyst for Courage Services.

**Michael Gehman & Brenda Zaidman** and their son Leo Gehman live in Washington, DC. Michael is a self-employed TV/Video Editor and Brenda is a baker for Baked & Wired.

**Aaron Ansell**, a Financial Rep/Sales for Northwestern Mutual, and **Anna Olson**, a TV Producer for PBS Nightly Business Report, live in Arlington, VA.

## In Memoriam

### We mourn the loss of synagogue member:

Ada Altman

Louis Strasser

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

Federico Adler, father of Betty Adler

Ann Barnett, mother of Judith Barnett

Herbert Birtha, father of Rachel Eitches

Yitzchak Finston, father of Matthew Finston

Gwendolyn Gertz, grandmother of Shea Friedland

Dr. Irving Gordon

John Jacobovitz, father of Jeffrey Jacobovitz

Beatrice Rosenfelt, mother of Philip Rosenfelt

Josefine Lechner Schroth, mother of Marianne Gabel

David Seligson, father of Ruth Epstein

Ethel Solow, grandmother of Rebecca Boggs

Alberto Valdes, father of Ana de los Reyes

Moshe Yitzchak, brother of Razi Yitzchak

Herbert Zagor, father of Harriet Kelman

## Life Cycle Information

### 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



## Life Cycle Continued

arrangements should not be made, a staff member on call can still be reached at 301-421-5271.

### 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. ○

## Kol HaMayim: Voice of the Waters



A famous Ladino saying goes, "*Purim purim lanu, pesach pesach en la mano*," which essentially means "Purim is over, Pesach is coming, so get to work!" The journey to freedom requires a lot of planning. This year, consider immersing in the *mikvah* as a means of preparing for the holiday.

Take a few moments to think about the "spiritual *chametz*" — the habits, assumptions, or beliefs that hold you back from being truly free—and remember that the *mikvah* is a good place to symbolically leave those enslavements behind and take a step toward your own Promised Land.

So, after you're done cleaning the kitchen, planning the meals, inviting guests, and organizing the *seder*, visit the *mikvah* and have the waters part for you! —Naomi Malka

### Adas Israel Community Mikvah

Our *mikvah* is a sacred space where Jews can mark life transitions with a powerful physical ritual. Immersing in a *mikvah* connects the body to the water cycle of our planet and to the source of life. People visit our *mikvah* to observe the *mitzvah* of monthly immersion; to celebrate *s'machot*; to find strength during a difficult time; to pray for healing; to reflect on the meaning of becoming a bride, groom, or *bar* or *bat mitzvah*; to convert to Judaism; and to prepare physically and spiritually for *chagim*.

To learn more about our *mikvah* or to schedule an appointment, please contact Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776 or [mikvah@adasisrael.org](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org). For more information, visit [adasisrael.org/mikvah](http://adasisrael.org/mikvah). ○

## Freedom Shabbat, April 23

*Pesach* is a celebration of our freedom and redemption from slavery. This year we designate Saturday, April 23, as "Freedom *Shabbat*" when we will hear modern stories of freedom and hoped-for redemption. We have invited Darfur native Mohamed Yahya to share his story and the story of his people who have been enslaved and have suffered terrible oppression.



Mohamed Adam Yahya, a refugee from the Darfur region of Sudan, is the founder and executive director of the Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy. From 1995 to 2005, he was chairman of and spokesman for the Representatives of the Massaleit Community in Exile, the first organization to alert the international community to human rights abuses in western Sudan.

Yahya was born in a small village east of Al-Geneina, the capital of Darmassaleit (West Darfur state). As both a child and an adult, he experienced the brutal racism that permeates Sudanese society. In 1993, his village was among the first to suffer attacks by the government-backed, pro-Arab militia known as the Janjaweed. Yahya's home was completely decimated, and most of his relatives and neighbors were shot, raped, or burned alive in their huts.

In 2002, fearing reprisal from the Sudanese government for his humanitarian and advocacy work, Yahya sought political asylum in the United States, where he founded the Damanga Coalition. Since then, he has received several honors for achievement in awareness-raising about the Darfur genocide, including the Good Deed Award from the Suffolk County Council of Long Island in 2005, and a New Jersey General Assembly resolution recognizing Damanga's efforts in 2008. Yahya has also spoken about the plight of Darfur in dozens of places of worship of all religions and hundreds of schools and universities in 46 states, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East. ○



## 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'

**Friday, April 1, 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 March 29 to reserve your spot.



### Pesach Second-Night Seder

**Tuesday, April 19, 7:00pm**

Don't spend the holiday alone! Join YP for a spirited participatory *seder* on the second night of Passover. Only \$20 for Adas Israel members and \$25 for non-members. Register online at [adasisrael.org/yp](http://adasisrael.org/yp). ○



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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: 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 21 Adar II 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am Passover Seminars 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 10:00 am Hebrew Literacy I 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>28</b> 22 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>29</b> 23 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Class	<b>30</b> 24 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:00 pm Seven Blessings Class 7:00 pm JSC Classes	<b>31</b> 25 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>1 ROSH CHODESH ADAR I</b> 26 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am Gan Melton School 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Service with Rabbi Steinlauf 6:30 pm YP Shir Delight, D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner	<b>2 PARSHAT TAZRIA/SHABBAT HACHODESH</b> 27 Adar II 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Bat Mitzvah: Shelby Shapiro Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Michael Stern 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services for Tots–3rd Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Stephen & Arlene Shapiro 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:00 pm Kol HaOlam: National Collegiate Jewish A Capella Competition 8:13 pm Havdalah
<b>3</b> 28 Adar II 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 1:00 pm Chesed Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>4</b> 29 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:15 pm Gan Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>5 Rosh Chodesh Nisan</b> 1 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Rosh Chodesh Nisan Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Class	<b>6</b> 2 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Steering Committee 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:00 pm Seven Blessings Class	<b>7</b> 3 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 8:00 pm Scotch & Scriptures Men's Study Group (off-site)	<b>8</b> 4 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am Gan Melton School 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service, Potluck off-site follows 8:00 pm Adas Oneg Service with Guest Speaker Adam Rubinson 9:00 pm Oneg Shabbat sponsored by by the Small family	<b>9 PARSHAT METZORA</b> 5 Nisan 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Bat Mitzvah: Maya Small Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 10:30 am Youth Shabbat Services for Tots–6th Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by the Small family 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services
<b>10</b> 6 Nisan 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Men's Club Passover Wine Sale 9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 4:30 pm WJHN/Mikveh Healing Circle 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>11</b> 7 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:00 am Sisterhood Book Club 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Social Action Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> 8 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Sisterhood Taste of Tanach 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Class	<b>13</b> 9 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am RA @ the Mikvah 10:30 am Gan Biur Chametz 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Mtg 6:30 pm Torah Club	<b>14</b> 10 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Pesach Seder 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>15</b> 11 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Class Shabbat—Triangle 9:15 am Gan Melton School 10:00 am Last Senior Lunch Before Passover (Resumes 4/27) 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service	<b>16 PARSHAT ACHAREI MOT/SHABBAT HAGADOL</b> 12 Nisan 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Bar Mitzvah: Justin Sherman Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Michael Goldberg 10:00 am Learners' Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services for Tots–3rd Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by the Sherman family 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:26 pm Havdalah
<b>17</b> 13 Nisan 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>18 Erev Pesach</b> 14 Nisan 7:15 am Morning Minyan—Service for the Firstborn 8:30 am Siyyum Breakfast 9:15 am Biur Chametz 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>19 Pesach Day 1</b> 15 Nisan 9:30 am Combined Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Adas Israel Community Seder 7:00 pm YP@AI Second Night Seder	<b>20 Pesach Day 2</b> 16 Nisan 9:30 am Combined Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>21</b> 17 Nisan 7:15 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>22</b> 18 Nisan 7:15 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner	<b>23 CHOL HAMOED PESACH</b> 19 Nisan 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:15 am "Freedom Shabbat" Service, Smith Sanctuary Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by the congregation 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:33 pm Havdalah 9:00 pm YP Macaroon Manischewitz Madness
<b>24</b> 20 Nisan 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>25 Pesach Day 7</b> 21 Nisan 9:15 am Combined Service D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>26 Pesach Day 8</b> 22 Nisan 9:15 am Combined Service /Yizkor at 11 am; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>27</b> 23 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Classes Resume 10:00 am Senior Lunch Program Resumes 4:00 pm RS Classes Resume 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm Torah Club	<b>28</b> 24 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>29</b> 25 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am Gan Melton School 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service	<b>30 PARSHAT TAZRIA/SHABBAT HACHODESH</b> 26 Nisan 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Parshat Kedoshim B'nai Mitzvah: Michael Ellick & Avery Schonberger Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Paul Taskier 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 10:00 am Shabbat Unplugged Family Service 11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services for K–6th Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Grace Schonberger 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:40 pm Havdalah



## Shalom, Adas Israel!

February was a month to be remembered! We began it with the annual Seaboard Regional Formal where USYers dressed to impress masquerade style! Our AIUSYers arrived at the dance in a Hummer stretch limo that would rival Cinderella's finest carriage. AISUY continued later in the month with the eighth grade kidnapping—we drove to eighth graders' homes early one Sunday morning and picked them up in a bus to be taken to a secret location. Once they arrived, they had a hearty breakfast and proceeded to tie-dye shirts and Sumo wrestle!

Our AI Kadima chapter had a record-breaking turnout at Seaboard Regional Winter Kallah at Capital Camps, with 20 AI Kadimaniks attending!

We wrapped up February with a very "creative" Chaverim Art Extravaganza! Thirty-three K—second graders gathered in the Gan space to eat, play, make art, and be merry... and they were.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our month of February events! We hope to see you again!

## Join us!

On Saturday, April 2, USY and Kadima are invited to hear the amazing voices that fill our sanctuary at Kol HaOlam, the first-ever national Jewish cappella competition!

*Eighth graders enjoy a morning of being kidnapped by their USY peers... a glimpse of what's to come! ▶*



◀ Adas Israel sent 20 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to the Winter Kadima Kallah at Capital Camps. The Kallah

(retreat), which is organized by Seaboard Region USY/Kadima, brought together nearly 175 middle school students from Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, and North Carolina. The theme of the weekend was "Battle of the Sexes," which played out in a host of exciting activities and games and, on a more serious level, explored the roles of men and women in Judaism. The weekend was full of ruach (spirit), friends, learning, games, and even snowtubing at Liberty Mountain! To learn more about Kadima, Adas Israel's middle school youth group, please contact Elie Greenberg. Supported by The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, Initiative in Congregational Education.

Chaverim kids enjoy an afternoon of art and games. ▶



## Sophie Siflen: In Memoriam A Truly Remarkable Woman

Cherilyn Sarkisian is known by a multitude of fans as Cher, and George Herman Ruth was The Babe. So it was natural to speak to and of the remarkable Sophie Silfen as, simply, "Sophie."

After a life of accomplishment beyond that of virtually everyone, Sophie died earlier this year at age 97. She achieved more in her 80s than anyone young enough to be her great grandchildren, and she was just as active in her 90s when she still walked, took innumerable buses, and arrived regularly and on time to her many destinations.



Sophie, a woman self-educated—she didn't go to high school—eventually became a secretary in New York City. Paid modestly, she asked for a raise and was told that women didn't need extra money. The very next day Sophie joined the WACs, serving generals and presidential assistants. A master sergeant, she worked with persons whose names are part of American history—White House Chief of Staff Sherman Adams and military leaders William Westmoreland and Alfred Gruenther among them. They all knew Sophie well. She was also assistant to President Eisenhower's physician.

Sophie received the cherished *Yad HaKavod* award from Adas Israel in 1997. Mozelle and I were honored that Sophie and her sister, Ceil, were at our Passover seder annually for years, but remarkable is what this retired woman did to help others.

She was an active volunteer at the synagogue's nursery school for 30 years and came in daily, and she called every child by name and did the same for their children. She was a weekly synagogue usher. She was a regular volunteer at the Washington Hospital Center; a transcriber of books into Braille, much of this for the Library of Congress; she assisted at a home for otherwise homeless women. She visited the sick; sat with the deceased at funeral homes, and called on their families; and she was the synagogue's Sunday receptionist. And as for prayers at the synagogue—Sophie was there!

This exceptional woman traveled all over by public transportation. When she regularly visited her sister in a nursing home on Long Island, it required several train and bus rides to get there. In early days when Ceil was ill, Sophie stayed with her, sleeping under Ceil's bed so she could always be close.

Sophie didn't waste time on television—she didn't have a TV—and her phone number was unlisted, but she was usually out most of the time. She was not a complainer, but in her latter days she was very upset that her feet were bandaged and she was unable to walk, an almost unbelievable change for a woman who walked hours a day as part of a prescribed way of life.

Sophie Silfen isn't gone. Anyone who has done as much as she doesn't fade. Memories of this woman known simply as "Sophie" are as bright and warm as the summer sun.

—Donald Saltz



# Ma Tovv

## HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Many members of our congregation are compelled by training and temperament to pick one program, develop an interest, get involved, and aspire to leadership. This month's *Ma Tovv* honoree, Nancy Weiss, is firm in her view that she "does not want to be in charge" of any program. Such modesty, however, does not inhibit her from devoting an enormous amount of time and energy to teaching, ritual, coordination, and volunteering. Nancy, her husband Daniel (Dan), and their daughter, Jordan (Jory), have been active at Adas Israel for 17 years. And for 17 years, Nancy has been working to make Adas Israel a better, warmer, more engaging place.

When she was young, growing up in an overwhelmingly Jewish neighborhood in Montreal, Nancy "lived her Judaism on the street every day" surrounded by Jewish family and friends. The kosher butcher, the bakery, the markets, the synagogue: "It was all there, right in front of you." Nancy has recaptured that sense of community at Adas Israel. Her major activities include chairing the Hebrew literacy program for several years, co-chairing the Martin Luther King dinner program, volunteering every week in the Gift Shop, coordinating the Kay Hall High Holy Day services, and coordinating the "greeter" program for *Shabbat* services. Nancy also serves on the Religious Practices Committee and the Board of Directors, where she makes important contributions to the life of the synagogue. Nancy, indeed, is a fixture at Adas and a positive force for everything that makes the synagogue the marvelous, engaging, and interesting institution it is.

### Nancy was interviewed by Steve Lachter.

**S:** I would be remiss if I didn't ask you about your family since I consider you, Dan, and Jory a wonderful example of a supportive, engaged, interfaith family, a demographic that is increasingly relevant and important in Conservative Judaism.

**N:** Dan and I met in Montreal, at McGill University. I was an elementary school

teacher pursuing an MBA, and Dan also was working on his MBA. He is a financial consultant in banking regulation and credit risk analysis. Since Dan's father was Jewish, Dan was familiar and comfortable with Jewish observance and ritual although he was raised and remains Episcopalian. He and his mother understood the need to honor and respect his father's tradition, and we are comfortable with the choices we've made. Dan participates in Jewish traditions and festivals. Jory attended the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School until 10th grade and, of course, celebrated her *bat mitzvah* at Adas Israel. We're comfortable with each other, with our individual choices, and with the manner of Jory's Jewish upbringing.

**S:** How did you find Adas Israel? What brought you here and what keeps you here?

**N:** First, I was looking for a place to say *Yizkor*, and a friend suggested Adas since it was on a subway line and easy to find. Six months later, when I was pregnant and looking for a synagogue, I remembered the pleasant experience at Adas. I also liked the idea that Adas is located on Quebec Street (an emotional connection to Montreal). Adath Israel also was the name of my parents' synagogue. Seriously, I wanted to be in a place that was egalitarian, would offer women *aliyot*, would respect my marriage choices, had a great nursery and religious school, and would be sensitive to my child's individual needs. To his credit, the first thing Rabbi Wohlberg did when I came to discuss membership was to take me down to the Gan (I was pregnant, after all). I was touched by the openness of the school and the comfortable way the kids called out to him, "Hi Rabbi." I was hooked on the spot. This is my community now; this is a place where I am comfortable. Even though our social life does not revolve around the synagogue, I feel at home. Judaism is no longer on the street for me, but at least it is on a subway line.

**S:** What do you consider your "most important" work at Adas, and what



Nancy Weiss

**gives you the most satisfaction?**

**N:** Putting my work at the synagogue aside for a moment, the most meaningful moment for me at Adas was Jory's *bat mitzvah*. The congregation was filled with people I knew, I had worked with all of the clergy, and Rabbi Miller advised me to forget the details, the choreography and stay in the moment, focus on what was happening, and not let the occasion slip by in a blur. It was a fabulous experience. As far as my work is concerned, I get special joy teaching Hebrew to those totally unfamiliar with the language and the prayer book. I get enormous pleasure when someone who entered the class unable to recognize any Hebrew letters begins to sound out simple Hebrew words. It is inspiring. I am able to reveal a path that allows congregants, many for the first time, to participate in services. It gives me a real sense of accomplishment.

**S:** Is that the most rewarding work?

**N:** The most rewarding, the most fun, is working with others. For example I coordinate the Kay Hall High Holy Day services with Mike Sloan. It is a joyful task. You call up and ask someone if he or she will accept an honor, an *aliyah* for example. It's different from calling up and asking for a donation. It also is enormously rewarding to work with and learn from women who have been there before. I co-chaired a Sisterhood book club some years ago with Sophie Shapiro (z"l). I learned about *bima* decorating from Annette Morchower. I've learned from my co-workers in the Gift Shop. I've met many women, including your wife, Sandy, in my Adult *Bat Mitzvah* class. Many women have worked with me, brought me into the congregation, and into the Jewish life of the community. ○

# Men's Club



## Helping out at Kol HaOlam

Kol HaOlam, the first national collegiate Jewish a capella contest is coming up! If you're interested in helping to subsidize the event, you can become a sponsor for \$100 or more and get two VIP tickets with your sponsorship. We're also looking for event volunteers. Are you interested in ushering for the event or helping with logistics? If so, e-mail [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org) or call Rob Rubin or Elie Greenberg and let us know how you can help.

## Passover Wine Sale—Pick and Pack

On Sunday April 10, join us for a Kosher for Passover Wine Tasting and Sale. We will have a host of wines to taste and purchase for the holidays, well before the first *seder*. There will be wines from around the world and, of course, the old standbys for those whose tradition includes a bottle of Manischewitz!

Whether you're having your own *seder* or going to a friend's, buy the wine from us and support the AI Men's Club Summer Scholarship Fund. We'll have many cases of wine at the sale, and lots of beefy Men's Club volunteers to help bring it to your car. We'll be able to take checks made out the synagogue, or you can charge your purchase to your synagogue account at the sale. Join us and learn about what's being served at tables all around the city for Passover! ○



## Passover Continued

## Final Passover Preparations

### Bedikat Hametz

*Bedikat hametz*, the lovely home ceremony of searching for leaven with a candle, feather, and wooden spoon as an indication that all other preparations have been made, is carried out on Tuesday evening. The *kol hamira* formula for nullifying unseen *hametz* found in the *haggadah* should be recited at this time and in the morning before 10:00 am when the *hametz* is disposed of.



## Siyyum for the Firstborn, Monday, April 18, 7:15 am

The fast of the firstborn is a time-honored custom that recognizes God's role in history. As do many congregations, we hold a *siyyum* (the celebration of concluding a section of the *Mishna*), after which all of the firstborn present may join in the festivities. Our *siyyum* will be held Monday, May 18, as part of the morning *minyan* at 7:15 am, followed by breakfast. ○

## Memorial Plaques

### New Memorial Plaques Dedication, April 26

Dedication of new memorial plaques will take place during the Passover *Yizkor* Service, Tuesday, April 26 (the service begins at 9:15 am; *Yizkor* is at 11:00 am). We will formally dedicate all new memorial nameplates installed since last Passover.

IN MEMORIAM											

In loving remembrance these names have been recently inscribed on the

### Memorial Boards in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary:

Rosalie Fonoroff	Markus Perlmutter
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*May their memory be a blessing.*

Memorial plaques are a traditional and dignified way of honoring your dear departed. Each memorial plaque bears the name and *yahrzeit* date of a loved one. The memorial light adjoining the plaque is illuminated on every *yahrzeit* and for every *Yizkor* service. These plaques are truly perpetual memorials.

The cost is \$750 per nameplate. If you are interested, please call Elinor Tattar at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433.

We have a permanent *yahrzeit* listing at the entrance of the Smith Sanctuary. Monthly we will display the names, locations, and corresponding English date of *yahrzeit* for all who have plaques on the Memorial Boards in the back of the Sanctuary.

The Wise Child's question is really the same question! The difference is only in the level of engagement between the two children. The Wise Child is *paying attention*. He has witnessed statutes, testimonies, and laws. He has heard several times about commanded actions of God. And the Wise Child wants to *understand* what it is that he is witnessing. The Simple Child can't ask such sophisticated questions. It's all either in his grasp, or it isn't. He's not at the place of understanding yet. In effect, the Simple Child hasn't yet gone through the developmental stage of the Wicked Child, who rebels and foments his own distance from his experience. The Wise Child, however, is on the other side of that developmental ladder. He has assimilated the simple curiosity as well as the healthy questioning and distancing necessary for wisdom itself.

Finally, the Wise Child has assimilated the non-questioning of the Child Unable to Ask. There is a beautiful Hasidic teaching that places this child, ironically, at the highest spiritual level: he is beyond words. He is simply alive and perceiving. The first idea to enter into this child's awareness is the teaching, "With a strong hand the Almighty led us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage." The first idea to enter into his mind is that liberation is possible. The Wicked Child has forgotten the infinite openness of the Child Unable to Ask as he struggles to make sense of his own perspective. But the Wise Child has found his way back to that openness once again, now in a fully evolved way.

The Wise Child asks his question from a totally open and egoless place. He is entirely present for the ancient tradition unfolding around him, and his response is engaged curiosity and a compassionate seeking of understanding of life as it happens. He doesn't judge it in order to accept or reject it on his terms, but rather he seeks how he can best be present for it *as it is*. The Wise Child's question at the Passover *seder* is really the Jewish question of how best to live life itself in this world. May the Wise Child's question be our question, and like him, may each of us seek to engage Passover, and all the days of our lives, from the place of wisdom. ○

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Salvadoran citizenship papers, Castellanos agreed, and they organized an elaborate rescue scheme to create and distribute thousands of Salvadoran "citizen certificates" to Jews across Nazi-occupied Europe. These certificates stated that the holder was a recognized citizen of El Salvador who was then protected from deportation. After Germany invaded Hungary in 1944, Castellanos requested that Switzerland represent El Salvador's interests in Nazi-occupied Hungary. Soon, Mantello was issuing thousands of Salvadoran citizenship papers to Hungarian Jews through the office of Swiss Consul Charles Lutz.

In late 1943, Castellanos obtained a valid Salvadoran passport for Mantello's son, Enrico, thereby allowing him to leave Hungary and join his father in Switzerland, saving his life. In 2010, Yad Vashem honored Castellanos with the title Righteous Among the Nations.

The Adas Israel Garden of the Righteous is a beautiful reminder of numerous acts of decency and daring performed by many non-Jews in the midst of one of the most tragic moments in human history. The entire community is cordially invited to this won-

## Library Corner

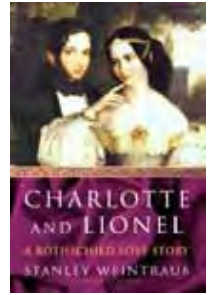
### Jewish Royalty: The House of Rothschild

by Robin Jacobson

The Adas Israel library includes a rich selection of biographies of Jewish historical figures. This month, with a nod to the upcoming British royal wedding on April 29, we are featuring biographies on the legendary Rothschild family, revered almost as Jewish royalty in the 19th century. In a remarkable rags-to-riches transformation, the five Rothschild brothers rose from the impoverished Frankfurt Jewish ghetto to lead an international banking house that funded and advised the governments of Europe.

Part of the success of the Rothschild bank was its unrivaled ability, in the days before the telegraph, to transmit and react swiftly to economic and political news. Even Queen Victoria relied on the fabled Rothschild courier service for her private correspondence.

For the complete version of this article, including book recommendations, go to [adasisrael.org/library](http://adasisrael.org/library). ○



## Adas Among Best Nonprofits to Work For!

Adas Israel Congregation was selected as one of the 2011 Best Nonprofit Organizations to Work For in a survey sponsored by *The NonProfit Times* magazine. The distinction was based on a 72-question survey of our employees administered by the Best Companies Group of Harrisburg, PA.

We already knew we have the best staff in the country, but it's nice to know they now work at one of the best organizations. *Yasher koach* to our lay leadership and senior staff for providing a wonderful working environment for our employees. ○

derful event. This program is supported in part by the Men's Club of Adas Israel, the Marilyn & Stefan Tucker Program Fund, and the Ryna & Melvin Cohen Senior Rabbi Program Fund. Additional contributions to the Garden of the Righteous Fund are welcome.

Please join us on Sunday, May 1, as we honor the righteous.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (JCRC) and local area Holocaust organizations will again sponsor the community-wide observance of *Yom HaShoah v' Hagvurah*, Holocaust Heroes and Martyrs Day. This year's commemoration takes place at Sunday, May 1, at 5:00 pm at Congregation B'nai Tzedek, 10621 South Glen Road, Potomac.

This community-wide remembrance of the victims, survivors, and heroes of the Holocaust is preceded at 4 pm by a *Dor L'Dor* Program of survivors sharing their stories with area youth and "Unto Every Person There Is a Name," B'nai B'rith's reading of those who perished in the Holocaust.

Please contact Arielle Farber, 301-770-0881, for details. ○



# Board Approves New Membership Categories

For more than a year, a Membership Dues Task Force, chaired by Elinor Sachse, met to review and possibly recommend changes to the current synagogue membership categories and contribution levels.

"The goals of the task force were to simplify the membership categories, examine the dues categories, and explore other models and methods at other synagogues," explained Sachse. "While several alternative membership models could be applied, the charge to the task force was to keep the recommendations at least budget neutral, which eliminated some of the less structured approaches reviewed," she added.

The members of the task force—Margaret Siegel, Bruce Ray, Mark Yecies, Herlene Nagler, and Arnold Podgorsky—met several times in person and communicated by e-mail; members also met with the Religious School and Gan HaYeled committees, interviewed staff members who deal with our various populations and age groups, met with the Executive Committee, and surveyed other synagogues about their membership models.

The committee recommended the following changes, which were adopted by the Board of Directors at its last meeting.

## Recommendation #1—Membership Categories

The task force recommended retaining the current classifications of households as 1-adult and 2-adult categories. The proposed changes are in the age groups of each. Noting the small differential between the contributions of the two older categories in both classifications, the task force recommended combining them, making "over 35," rather than the current "over 45," the oldest group.

In addition, the task force recommended simplifying and combining the categories for those under age 30 by condensing the current 11 membership categories to seven, as follows:

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

2-ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (46+)\*  
2-ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (36–45)  
2-ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (31–35)  
2-ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (26–30)  
2-ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (<26)  
1-ADULT HOUSEHOLD 46+)\*  
1-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (36–45)  
1-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (31–35)  
1-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (26–30)  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (20–29)  
SHALOM HOUSEHOLDS  
(Those with financial hardship)

### PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

2-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (36+)\*  
2-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (30–35)  
2-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (<30) / YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
1-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (36+)\*  
1-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (30–35)  
1-ADULT HOUSEHOLD (<30)/ YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
SHALOM HOUSEHOLDS  
(Those with financial hardship)

## Recommendation #2—Membership Contributions

Since the vast majority of synagogue members nationwide begin their affiliation after they turn 30, attracting the younger group to our community presents a special opportunity. The task force recommended one membership-contribution rate for those under age 30: \$99 per person (\$198 for a two-adult

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## The Shramchenko Collection

Adas Israel Congregation is fortunate to have a growing collection of paintings in a revolving display in the Mendelson Gallery.

Among the collection is a series of water colors by the late Mykola Shramchenko that was the generous gift of Diane and Norman Bernstein.

Mykola Shramchenko, a Ukrainian Christian, lived in the household of a Jewish family and was arrested by the Nazis who considered him a Jew. He used his artistic talents to forge credentials for Ukrainian Jews attempting to escape from Hitler for which he was arrested. Many of his paintings are a vivid representation of what he saw in the concentration camps.

A selection from the Shramchenko Collection will be on display on *Yom HaShoah* and for the Garden of the Righteous program. ○



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household). This \$99 contribution, which focuses on the large number of young professionals in our congregation and community, is meant to attract engagement and support from a cohort not known for high affiliation rates other than at Adas Israel.

The task force also recommended restoring the over-35, one-adult category to 66 percent of the two-adult dues level; that was the approximate percentage for several years and better reflects our operating costs and resource use. That relationship is consistent with, or even below, that in the market in which we now operate.

Recognizing the size of the increase this would represent for current members, for them the task force recommended achieving the increase (from 56 percent to 66 percent) over five years. The new 66 percent contribution level would apply to new members in that category. The current seven-year Building Fund contribution for new members remains for age 46 pending future committee review.

The task force also recommended that all membership materials, especially those informing members of their requested contribution, include information on both the Guardian and Shalom programs.

The Guardian Membership Program gives members an opportunity to contribute above the recommended amount for each age category and enables the congregation to offer reduced membership dues to singles, young professionals, young families, and those with financial need. Currently, the Guardians of the Congregation participate in one of the following categories:

- *Boneh*—Builder: up to \$3,600 (200 times *chai*) over membership dues
- *Tomech*—Sustainer: up to \$1,800 (100 times *chai*) over membership dues
- *Nadiv*—Sponsor: up to \$720 (40 times *chai*) over membership dues
- *Haver*—Friend: up to \$360 (20 times *chai*) over membership dues

The Shalom Program invites those unable to afford their requested contribution to contact us. The more we mention that “finances are never a barrier to membership,” the more comfortable those with financial need will feel communicating with us.

The task force also emphasized the huge import of thanking members for their membership contributions. What many see as a “bill” from the congregation is, in fact, a request for a voluntary—and for many very significant—financial contribution. We cannot express our gratitude for members’ support too often.

Our thanks to the task force for its members’ time and work on this important area of synagogue life. ○

*“You Have Brought Joy to My Heart...”*

## The Simcha Wall Celebrates Joyous Life Cycle Events

Members and friends can 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, z”l, is 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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## Ezra Pantry Shelves Want Your *Hametz*!

As Passover approaches, please remember to fill the Ezra Pantry shelves with your unwanted *hametz*. These food items can make a huge difference in someone's life. In fact, consider taking this opportunity to enlarge your *tzedakah* donations by purchasing food for the pantry shelves.

Needed pantry items include canned meats and fish, peanut butter, and beans (low sodium); pasta, macaroni and cheese, grains, canned soups and vegetables, fruits and juices (low sodium and low sugar); cereals and snacks; and condiments, including

oils, sauces, dressings (low sodium and low sugar). Industrial and household sizes are welcome.

The Ezra Pantry Passover Food Drive will collect food until April 8. To make your contributions go even further all year long, put a carton in the back of your car and fill it with staples. Each time you come to the synagogue for an event or to drop off a child, grab (or have your child grab) one of the items and place it on the Ezra Pantry shelves in the coat room. What a great way to meet your obligations and make them a part of your family's everyday life! ○

## Tikkun Olam

### Volunteers Needed for DC Housing Renovation 'Sukkot-in-Spring,' May 15

Since 1992, Adas Israel has participated in Yachad's *Sukkot-in-Spring*—the Washington area's largest Jewish program of hands-on housing rehabilitation. On Sunday, May 15, members of Adas Israel will help renovate rental units that are now empty but, after our work, will provide safe and decent housing for low-income DC residents. Because of the recent economic downturn and shrinking public resources for low-income housing, this work has never been more important.

Volunteers are asked to commit to working at the apartment complex from approximately 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or for at least half a day (a four- or five-hour morning or afternoon shift). Adas sponsors the repair of these

homes, donating money to purchase the necessary materials and providing volunteers to do the work. Please reserve May 15 so you, too, can contribute to this *mitzvah*. No special skills are required, just a willingness to help. Expert supervision will be provided.

*Sukkot-in-Spring* has grown into a significant force in the Washington, DC, community. Jewish volunteers have renovated more than 120 homes and other community facilities. *Sukkot-in-Spring* volunteers tackle problems ranging from painting, yard work, broken windows, leaking roofs, and rotting floors to inadequate bathrooms and faulty electrical systems.

Please contact Ed Kopf, 301-907-9174 or [ej@kopf.com](mailto:ej@kopf.com), for more information. ○

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