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## Clergy Corner

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### WHITHER?

During the 1966–67 academic year, I spent a year of study in Jerusalem at the Greenberg Institute and the Hebrew University. I turned 20 that year, and I was spending my year abroad in Israel. I was a student in New York City at Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary. I had spent several years studying Hebrew language and literature, and I was anxious to become fluent in Hebrew. On my way to Israel, I met Krayna, and we spent the year together in the same program. Krayna had spent many years studying Hebrew language and literature at the Boston Hebrew College, and she was also a student at Simmons College. We were part of a group of 35 or 40 students who came from different Hebrew Colleges in the United States.

We found Jerusalem to be a small and quiet city for the capital of a significant state. The

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## Ahavat Yisrael Weekend

### May 20–22: Last of the Three Pillar Weekends

*Ahavat Yisrael* means love and concern for the land and people of Israel. Adas Israel will devote the weekend of May 20–22 to giving expression to *Ahavat Yisrael*. All are invited to take part in this, the last of our Three Pillar Weekends—community-wide events that celebrate the values we stand on and live by.



Eli Lake



Peter Beinart



Rabbi Yoav Ende

The weekend includes the following programs:

#### Friday, May 20

• **6:00 pm:** Congregational *Kabbalat Shabbat* service including a celebration of this year's Confirmation Class and the first Abraham

and Minnie Kay Israel Experience, and honoring Jack & Barbara Kay. *Mazal tov* to our confirmands: Eric Blitzter, Elizabeth Bubes, Elyse

Eitches, Naomi Eitches, David Feller, Emma Fensterheim, Jonathan Gabel, Eliana Kanefield, Benjamin Kean, Daniella Klayman, David Landerman, Amanda Meltsner,

Adam Miller, David Peck, Eli Schwat, A. Jacob Shapiro, Sarah Sloan, and Rachel Waldman.

• **7:30 pm:** Special *Shabbat* dinner with entrées from diverse Jewish cuisines cooked by guests from Bet Shemesh, Israel, our Federation Sister City. This event is being held in partnership with the Jewish Federation of

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## David Bickart Selected as 2011 Yad Hakavod Honoree



The Adas Israel *Yad Hakavod* Committee is pleased to announce the selection of David Bickart as this year's worthy *Yad Hakavod* honoree.

David was born in New York City, but grew up in Poughkeepsie, NY, where he attended local schools and celebrated his *bar mitzvah* at Temple Beth-El. He attended Harvard College and NYU Law School, where he served as editor in chief of the *Law Review*. In 1968, while he was in law school and Toni was in graduate school, they married.

After clerking for a federal judge in New York, David and

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Please join  
us for our  
**ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**  
and *Yad HaKavod*  
presentation  
**Wednesday,  
June 1**

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# Clergy Corner

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Knesset building in Jerusalem had been dedicated just a month before our group arrived at the end of September. The Hebrew University had built its Givat Ram Campus, where many of us took classes. We lived in a divided city. During that year some of my friends and I lived in a *pension* (a small hotel) in Talpiyot. The border surrounded our neighborhood on three sides. On Saturday afternoons, we often walked over to the road leading to the United Nations headquarters. From there we used to gaze at East Jerusalem and the Old City. Some of my friends were planning to travel to Jordan the following summer with the intention of visiting East Jerusalem. But for most of us, visiting the Old City was just a dream.

But all this changed at the end of that year. In May 1967 a crisis broke out between Israel and Egypt and Syria. Tension had been building during the previous months, but most of us were oblivious to it. However, during the three weeks leading up to the June war, we were filled with great apprehension. Some days we woke up, thinking there would be no war. Other days we woke up thinking there most certainly would be a war. During those weeks, some of us volunteered, because so many young men were being called up from the reserves. I remember teaching English at a high school until the war broke out. I will never forget those weeks or the war that followed and that ended with such relief, exultation, and celebration.

For most of my peers, the Six Day War and the *Yom Kippur* War were searing experiences that shaped our feelings and commitments to the country and people of Israel. For my parents' generation, the *Shoah* and the War of Independence served a similar role. The successful establishment of the State of Israel and its economic and social development were and continue to be critically important to us.

I believe that many in the generations under age 45 have a very different attitude toward the State of Israel and its people. While Israel has been in many

conflicts, nothing quite compares to the threats it faced 65 and 40 years ago. Consequently, many younger Jewish people do not have the same kind of emotional attachment to Israel as my contemporaries and I have.

Another reason is that our community continues to become more open and accepting of difference. For many years, Adas Israel and other Conservative synagogues have sponsored a successful conversion program. Jews-by-choice have become an important part of our community. Our synagogue, and the Conservative Movement as a whole, has become more welcoming of interfaith couples and their families. Indeed, much of the Jewish community welcomes non-Jews into its midst without conversion.

At Adas we honor members or their children when they marry a non-Jewish person by calling them up to the Torah for an *aliyah*. We also make an effort to do some special programming for our intermarried families. We have support groups for parents of intermarried children, we boldly proclaim on our website that we welcome interfaith couples, and our community welcomes gay and lesbian couples and their families.

These are significant changes. We feel that our survival as a community

depends on our being as welcoming and supportive as possible. We do not always succeed in these efforts and much work has to be done. Yet, if we look at Israeli life, we see very different ideas of the "other" that have been shaped by Israel's struggles, both internally and externally. For Israelis, the issue of being "welcoming" and "supportive" looks very different when the "other" is an Israeli Arab, or a Jew who has very different ideas of what it means to practice Judaism in the Jewish state. Conversions to Judaism continue to be politicized to such an extent that the Israeli Rabbinate refuses to recognize many Orthodox conversions performed in North America. And, of course, the Reform and Conservative movements have yet to achieve full standing in Israeli society. In many ways, the polarizing forces are greater, and the complexities lead to internal Israeli debates and choices that can clash sharply with our American way.

A central question for us as a congregation and community is "Whither?" Will our two communities (Israel and the North American Diaspora) drift apart, unable to recognize each other? Or will the bond of Jewish peoplehood endure the strain of our growing differences? Because of its long-term importance, we have put this

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## Office Closing & Minyan Times

**Monday, May 30: Memorial Day**

Offices Closed

Daily Minyan at 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

## Shabbat Under the Stars Friday, June 24

Honoring Cantor Jeffrey Weber

**Shabbat Service 7:30 pm**

Connecticut Avenue Patio. *Oneg Shabbat* dessert reception follows.

RSVP by June 22 to Carol Ansell, [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4433

(This is the only service this evening. Please note special time.)

# Holidays

## Garden of the Righteous and Yom HaShoah



Adas Israel will mark *Yom HaShoah* with our Garden of the Righteous Ceremony on Sunday, May 1, beginning at 10:30 am. This year we honor the memory of José Arturo Castellanos from El Salvador, who issued thousands of Salvadoran citizenship papers to Hungarian Jews, thus saving them from the hands of the Nazis.

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 wonderful 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. ○

## Yom HaZikaron, May 9

On this Memorial Day, the fourth of *Iyar* in the Hebrew calendar, we commemorate the soldiers who have fallen fighting for Israel's independence and defending its security. In Israel, *Yom HaZikaron* is marked with sirens that alert people to stop all activity and honor the fallen. This holiday's placement on the day before Israeli Independence Day is intentional: the soldiers who give their lives were directly responsible for the existence of Israel as an independent state. In this way, a day of solemn commemoration can be followed by joyous celebration and song. —From Hillel.org ○



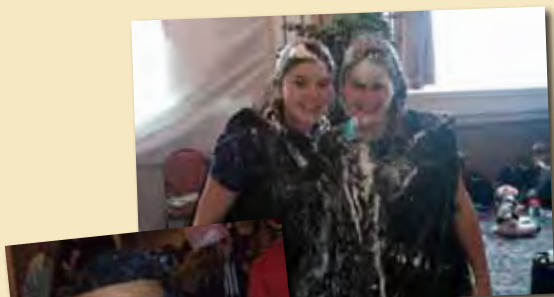
## Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) 5771



The anniversary of the modern State of Israel is a wonderful milestone for the country and for the Jewish people. This modern miracle is unparalleled in history. *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* is celebrated this year on Tuesday, May 10.

In honor of *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*, please attend our morning *minyan* at 7:15 am on Tuesday morning, May 10. Join us as we celebrate modern Israel's past, present, and future. ○

## Scenes from Purim at Adas Israel



## Mishloach Manot at Adas

Adas members performed the *mitzvah* of *mishloach manot* this *Purim* by delivering packages of *hamentashen* and other goodies to many of the congregants served by the Adas Israel *Chesed* Committee. This effort, implemented jointly by the *Chesed* Committee and *Mitzvah Mates* (a rogue group of Adas members dedicated to performing random acts of *mitzvot*), was spearheaded by Harriet Isack, chair of the *Chesed* Committee, Krayna Feinberg, and Julie Weisman.

With a plan that would make a military drill team envious,

the campaign to bring *hamentashen* to our members was implemented in four phases. Adas members first braved Costco to buy the ingredients, another crew prepared the dough and filling, a third team assembled and baked the *hamentashen*, and our final platoon delivered the goods to various members.

Word has trickled back that recipients of the packages truly appreciated the effort. We thank everyone who participated in this project and look forward to expanding the program next year. Anyone interested in joining the *Chesed* Committee should contact Harriet Isack, [happyisack@mac.com](mailto:happyisack@mac.com). ○



# Sisterhood

## Nominating Committee Report 2011

The Nominating Committee has announced the proposed slate for the 2011–2013 Sisterhood Board of Directors. You may view the report on Sisterhood's website, [adasisrael.org/sisterhood](http://adasisrael.org/sisterhood), starting the first week of May, in advance of the election to be held at the General Membership Meeting on June 5. The report also contains directions on how to nominate by petition.

For those without Internet access, contact Carol Ansell at the synagogue, 202-362-4433 or [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org), to request a paper copy. Sisterhood thanks Carol Ansell, Rebecca Smolar, and Dale Sorcher for serving on this year's committee.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sisterhood General Membership  
Meeting & Closing Event, June 5**

## Sisterhood Shabbat 5771 a Success

Adas Israel Sisterhood is proud to report a very successful Sisterhood *Shabbat*. During services on Friday March 25, Adas Israel member Rabbi Shira Stutman addressed the challenge presented by the deaths of Aaron's sons, Nadav and Avihu, in her sermon, "Strange Fire: Finding God in Difficult Places."

During services on Saturday March 26, celebrated author Dara Horn's sermon, "I Only Want My Child to Be Happy and Other Lies," held a spiritual message for our times in the mystery of the *Maftir* portion's red heifer. In her post-*Kiddush* talk, entitled "English as a Jewish Language," Dr. Horn spoke about how she consciously incorporates Jewish texts and Biblical themes in her novels, for example, Jacob's spiritual journey and the trials of Job. DVDs of the sermons are available through the Library.

Co-chairs Joyce Stern and Maria Laszlo-Sloan wish to honor the many sisters who contributed their time and demonstrated their *bimah* skills to enrich the weekend's events, including Sisterhood president Alisa Abrams; past presidents Estelle Jacobs, Annette Morchower, Gilda Snyder, Renée Fendrich, and Sharon Fox; immediate past president, Lucy Hassell; and Roselle Abramson, Carol Ansell, Debra Benator, Dava Berkman, Jean Bernard, Rebecca Boggs, Jamie Butler, Johanna Chanin, Lisa Dunn, Krayna Feinberg, Marcia Feuerstein, Susan Finston, Nancy Gross, Edie Hessel, Jennifer Kagan, Susan Klein, Lisa Kleine, Janet Kolodner, Elaine Kremens, Naomi Malka, Nechama Masliansky, Judy Melamed, Adina Mendelson, Jen Mendelson, Gail Roache, April Rubin, Kathy Sandler, Rise Schlesinger, Dale Sorcher, Rabbi Batya Steinlauf, Dennyse Tannenbaum, Helene Weingarten, and Linda Yitzchak, along with Sisterhood daughters Ellie, Dora and Claire Mendelson.

The co-chairs also thank the clergy for their guidance throughout the ritual preparations for the services, especially Cantor Jeffrey Weber and *Hazzan* Jenna Greenberg. We extend appreciation to Donald Saltz as well for underwriting Sisterhood *Shabbat*, and this year's *oneg*, *kiddush*, and Saturday speaker, through the Mozelle Saltz (z"l) Fund for Sisterhood Speakers.

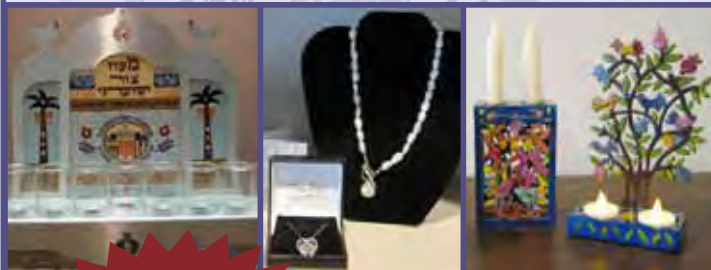
## Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

### REGULAR HOURS

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Tues, 9:30 am–3:30 pm & 6:00–8:00 pm

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## Last Call for Seaboard WLCJ Spring Conference

Have you registered for Seaboard Region Women's League Spring Conference? Along with your Adas Israel sisters, join delegates from D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and Harrisburg, PA, on May 22–23 at Olam Tikvah Congregation in Fairfax as we reconnect, rejoice, revision, relearn, and recharge through workshops, training sessions, prayer, and sisterhood.

For details and registration, see the Sisterhood website. Stipends are available by contacting [sisterhood@adasisrael.org](mailto:sisterhood@adasisrael.org).

## Torah Fund Campaign Update 5771

With only one month to go in this year's Torah Fund campaign, Adas Israel still has very far to go to reach its goal of \$14,000. This money provides scholarships to our four Conservative seminaries and institutions of higher education. Please keep in mind that this year your gift could very well make the difference whether a student pursues his or her studies.

Our Sisterhood extends thanks to those who have contributed generously this year to Torah Fund, and we ask those who have yet contribute to please do a *mitzvah* by sending a gift today. The future of Conservative Judaism is in your hands.

For general information regarding Torah Fund, visit the Sisterhood website at [adasisrael.org/sisterhood](http://adasisrael.org/sisterhood). You can also donate to Torah Fund through the purchase of Torah Fund cards. Anyone can contribute!!

Please contact Gerry Lezell, Torah Fund chair, at 301-231-8676. ○

# New Annual Congregational Meeting Format Announced

This year's Annual Congregational Meeting will follow a slightly different format.

Reviving past custom, the evening will begin with an open board meeting and a light supper (\$18) for any member who would like to attend to hear the various annual reports, review the proposed budget, and discuss any new congregational business. The meeting will begin at 6:15 pm in Gewirz Hall, following the evening *minyan*.

At 7:30 pm, the Annual Congregation Meeting and dessert reception will begin in Kay Hall, where we will hold the election of officers, hear the "State of the Synagogue" address, install our new synagogue leaders, and honor our 2011 *Yad Hakavod* recipient. A festive dessert in honor of David Bickart and our synagogue leaders will follow. There is no charge for this part of the evening.

This revised format will enable family and friends of our honorees and synagogue leaders to attend the celebratory portion of our Annual Meeting and will give those members interested in the running of the synagogue an opportunity to observe and participate in a Board of Directors meeting.

This year's Annual Congregational Meeting is on Wednesday, June 1; please mark your calendar to join us.

See page 14 for synagogue budget, membership categories, and the proposed slate of synagogue leaders. ○

## Artful Party Closing in July; Carole Ash to Retire

We would like to express our appreciation to Carole Ash and The Artful Party for their delicious service to our congregation and community as they prepare to close the company and retire.



For many years, Carole and her crew have prepared and served thousands of dinners, *kiddushim*, synagogue programs, *b'nai mitzvah* receptions, weddings, and community receptions at the Israeli embassy, museums, and unique venues throughout the city.

Carole provided an "artful" touch to all she did, and her staff members have become important members of our Adas Israel family over the years.

We wish Carole a long and fulfilling retirement and thank her and her workers for their work on our behalf.

Our Catering Committee, chaired by Amy Golen, has begun the process of reviewing our options and soliciting interest. Please watch the *Chronicle* for developments. ○

### Cemetery Open on Mother's Day & Father's Day

The Adas Israel Cemetery will be open on May 8 (Mothers Day) and June 19 (Fathers Day), from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The cemetery is located at 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC. For more information, contact Henry Silberman, 202-362-4433, ext. 144. Directions are also available on our website, [adasisrael.org/cemeteries](http://adasisrael.org/cemeteries). ○

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 1

### Schedule of Events

**6:15 pm** Open Congregation & Board Meeting with Israeli-themed Supper (\$18)

- \* Presentation of Committee Reports

- \* Approval of New Synagogue Membership Categories

- \* Update on the 21st-Century Building Renewal Project

**7:30 pm** Congregational Meeting and Dessert (no charge)

- \* Election of New Synagogue Leadership

- \* Entertainment by Robyn Helzner and Dov Weitman, in honor of *Yom Yerushalayim*

- \* "State of the Synagogue" Address by Outgoing President Robert Peck

- \* "Burning" of the Synagogue Mortgage

- \* *Yad Hakavod* Award to David Bickart

Dessert Reception by The Artful Party in honor of our newly elected synagogue leaders and our 2011 *Yad Hakavod* honoree follows the meeting.

RSVP to dinner and/or the meeting to Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433 or [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org), or visit [adasisrael.org](http://adasisrael.org).



"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, May 6, 2011

6:00pm - Service

7:00pm - Dinner

7:45pm - 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 at (202) 362-4449 or [josh.bender@adasisrael.org](mailto:josh.bender@adasisrael.org).

RSVP by Wednesday, May 4th

Talya.Baiamonte@adasisrael.org or

(202) 362-4449



The last L'Dor Va'Dor will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup>



# Education

## Gan HaYeled Mitzvah Day

Mitzvah Day was a great success! The Religious School and the Gan joined together to collect infant items for Children's National Medical Center (Children's Hospital). The children decorated tote bags and wrote loving cards to the babies in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Each child selected from an incredible assortment of donated items, including clothing, blankets, toys, and rattles, and assembled a bag to give to a family whose child was in the hospital. Just recently Shelley Remer and Judith Ross and her daughter, Ella (in the *Zayteem* class), took a trip to Children's Hospital and delivered the infant items to the Volunteer Services department.

A special thanks goes out to Shelley Remer, Julie and Josh Bender, Beth Ann Spector, Robin Goelman, and Judith Ross for making this project meaningful to the children at Adas Israel and at Children's Hospital.



snow plows and dump trucks to fire trucks and motorcycles. The parking lot will be closed during that time; we apologize for any inconvenience.

## Truck Day

Beep, beep, honk, honk! The 19th annual Gan HaYeled Truck Day is May 18, 9 am to noon, in our parking lot. The children get to climb in, on, and around all sorts of vehicles, from

## Religious School Mah Tov Moments

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

### 5th-Grade Intergenerational Program at the Ratner Museum



Susannah Epstein-Boley with her grandparents ▶

◀ Isaac Frumkin with his grandparents and his father, Sam.



On Sunday March 6, the *Heh* (fifth-grade) class went to the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum for a special intergenerational program. Students came with grandparents or special friends to learn with Phillip Ratner and created an art project with teachers Fran and Eddie Garfinkle. Thanks to Phillip Ratner, Fran and Eddie Garfinkle, Sharon Gelboin-Katz, Jordanna Snyder, and all of the parents, grandparents, and special friends who made this event a special occasion.

### Record Turnout for the Purim Carnival!



◀ AIUSY board members Jill Sorcher, Jake Wohl, Gaby Joseph, and Gabi Rubin raised \$73 for Tikkun Olam. Yasher kochachem on organizing the best pie-throwing contest yet!

Madricha Talia Goldberg helps run the face-painting booth with 5th graders Katherine Novey, Ellie Goldberg, and Susannah Epstein-Boley. ▶



Our Purim costume contest winners Simon Kirschenbaum, Nathan Eskinazi, and Avery Dunn pose with judges Elie Greenberg, Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, and Talya Baiamonte. ▶



## Jewish Value for May-June: Arevut

"Do not disdain any person; do not underrate the importance of any thing—for there is no person who does not have his hour, and there is no thing without its place in the sun."  
—*Pirkei Avot* 4:3.

The concept that Jews have a special obligation to other Jews, *arevut*, will be developed as our students learn about Israel and ways to support the homeland of the Jewish people. Our Confirmation students are heading to Israel in June and will coordinate a collection for Beit Kay, a rehabilitation center in Israel that supports wounded soldiers and their families.

## AIUSY Madrichim Leadership Program

### April Madricha of the Month



Maddy Taub is a leader in every sense of the word—she is responsible, dependable, takes initiative, and is a pleasure to be around. Working closely with *Morah* Sunshine in her first-grade class, Maddy helps coordinate a number of different student activities. She always has a smile on her face and is willing to help out in any situation.

She gives us plenty of notice if she cannot be here (which has only happened once!), and is a great example of what our *madrichim* program is all about. We thank Maddy for her hard work and commitment to our school. *Yishar kochech* on an outstanding year so far!

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

- 1:** Garden of the Righteous Ceremony
- 3:** Yom HaShoah Program for Ma'alot DC with Dr. Alfred Munzer
- 6:** L'Dor VaDor Service and Dinner
- 8:** *Gimel* (3rd grade) *Chagigat HaSiddur*; *Vav* (6th grade) Holocaust Museum trip; *Zayin* (7th grade) Hebrew Home trip
- 10:** Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Yom HaZikaron Ma'alot DC Program; 10th Grade Israel Trip meeting & Confirmation Photo
- 13-15:** B'nai Mitzvah Retreat
- 15:** K&1 *Shabbat*; 7th Grade Breakfast and Service
- 17:** Ma'alot DC Graduation
- 20-22:** Ahavat Yisrael Weekend
- 20:** Confirmation
- 21:** *Shabbat* Unplugged Musical Family Service for K and above, 10:45am
- 22:** Israel Day & Lag B'Omer Celebration
- 24:** 12th Grade: Passing the Torch; Last Ma'alot DC Day
- 29-30:** NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

### First Annual Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience

On June 19, 17 tenth grade Confirmation students will embark on the first annual Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience for 14 days in Israel. Join the entire congregation on Friday, May 20, for a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service where we will wish our students a *Nessiah Tovah*, a good journey. This will also be an opportunity for the congregation to honor Jack and Barbara Kay for their generosity and for making this Israel trip a reality.

The itinerary for the Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience includes the following:

- Tree planting at Neot Kedumim Biblical Nature Reserve
- A visit to Independence Hall and historic Nahalat Binyamin neighborhood
- Explore technology with a visit to Ayalon Institute and Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology
- Travel to the Negev: Why was the Torah given in the desert?
- Visit with Bedouin community
- Climb Masada: What is the price for freedom?
- Hiking and swimming at Ein Gedi and the Dead Sea
- Visit with Ethiopian families rescued by the Mossad
- Archaeology and excavation in Jerusalem
- *Shabbat* in Jerusalem
- The Second Temple period
- A visit to Yad Vashem
- Raise money for Alyn Hospital through "Wheels of Love"
- Environmental project at Kibbutz Hanaton
- Ascend the Golan Heights
- Visit with wounded Israel soldiers at Beit Kay
- The mystical city of Zefat
- Experience Tel Aviv ○

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You are cordially invited to attend the

### Graduation of the Ma'alot DC Class of 2011

**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7:15 pm**

**Kogod Chapel**

All are invited to attend and honor our graduating seniors.  
Refreshments for our graduates and their families to follow.

A 5:00pm dinner for the graduates at a classmate's home immediately precedes the ceremony. More details forthcoming.

Isabel Bush	Anne Epstein	Jill Sorcher
Julia Cole	Miranda May	Jacob Wohl
Samantha Daniels-Kolin	Gabriela Rubin	

RSVP, regrets only, to  
[talya.baiamonte@adasisrael.org](mailto:talya.baiamonte@adasisrael.org)



### *You're Invited*

*Chagigat HaSiddur*,  
the celebration of receiving  
one's first prayer book,  
for *Gimel* (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) students  
will take place at Adas Israel on

**Sunday, May 8, 2011**  
**10:00 am in the Kogod Chapel**

*Followed by a light brunch*

On this special occasion,  
the *Gimel* (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) class students  
will receive their own *siddurim* and  
will lead a *Shacharit* (morning) service  
for parents and students in grades K-2.

Please invite family and friends  
to participate in this celebration.

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# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Birth

Andrew Graham Becker, son of Ben & Judy Becker  
 Eli Thomas Carroll, son of Marni & Nathaniel Carroll  
 Samantha Leigh Finer, daughter of Lesley Yerman Finer & Brett Finer, granddaughter of Anne & Robert Yerman  
 Nathan Shai Katz, son of Randy & Susanna Katz  
 Emily Allison and Natalie Robyn Nossal, daughters of Jennifer & Steven Nossal

Talia Madeline Perl, daughter of Matthew & Naomi Perl

Ari Howard Rausch, son of Jonathan & Michelle Cohn, and grandson of Sidra Rausch

Abraham Isaiah Spodek, son of Rabbi Brent & Alison Spodek, grandson of Robert & Hazel Keimowitz

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

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Matthew Fuchs, May 7

Matt, son of Susan Launer and Tom Fuchs, began his religious studies at Gan HaYeled and continues at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. He is a seventh grader at the Maret School. Matt's *tzedakah* project is *Thoughtful Treasures*, which involves making arts and crafts projects for children who are staying at the Children's

Inn at NIH while undergoing medical treatment there. Matt is the grandson of Beatrice Fuchs of Washington and the late Dr. Marvin Fuchs (z"l), and Phyllis and Herbert Launer (z"l). He shares his *simcha* with his brother, Zach, and his family and friends.



### Katherine Anne Novey, May 14

Katherine, daughter of Sue Cohn and Larry Novey, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She attended Gan HaYeled and continues her religious education at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Katherine is the granddaughter of Ed Cohn of Washington DC and the late Katherine Cohn and Ethel and Julius Novey (z"l). For her *tzedakah*

project, Katherine helped refurbish a home in New Orleans damaged by Hurricane Katrina. She shares this *simcha* with her sister, Julia, and many other family members and friends.



### Raelle Kassoff, May 14

Raelle, daughter of Kerry Iris and Eric Kassoff, is a student at Westland Middle School. She attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Raelle will be celebrating her *bat mitzvah* off-site with her siblings Jared and Bergen, family, and friends.



### Lauren Eddie Miller, May 21

Lauren, daughter of Debbi Minkoff Miller and Mark Miller, is a 6th grader at Westland Middle School. She began her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled Nursery School and attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School. She shares her *simcha* with her brother Adam, who became a *bar mitzvah* in 2008; great aunt Hillari Koppelman;

godparents Phyllis and Jay Koppelman of California, and grandparents Donnabelle and Lee Miller of Iowa. She honors the memories of her maternal grandparents, Donna and Neil Minkoff, and great grandparents, Nettie and Edward Koppelman.



### Hannah Spector, May 28

Hannah, daughter of Beth Ann Spector and Jonathan Spector, is a student in the Ma'alot DC high school program at Adas Israel. Hannah is a seventh grader at Lakelands Park Middle School, and she spends her summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Her *tzedakah* project is collecting iTunes gift cards to purchase iPods for

sick children at local hospitals through the Hope for Henry Foundation. She is the granddaughter of Maxine and Manny (z"l) Karr of South Carolina and Judy and Marvin Spector of Baltimore. She is excited to have her sister, Joelle, family and friends join in her *simcha*.

## Members in the News

**Faye Moskowitz** and **Gene Sofer** were honored as "Partners in Justice" at AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps's DC Spring 2011 benefit event in April.

**Robert A. Peck** has been named the 2011 Henry Hope Reed Award Laureate from the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture.

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

*Tablet Magazine* won the National Magazine Award for Best Blogging yesterday for its blog, "The Scroll," helmed by staff writer **Marc Tracy**, son of **Don & Debby Tracy**.

**Ben Kean, Yoni Kalin, Dani Kupfer, Eliana Kanefield, Evan May, Miranda May, Jill Sorcher** have recently completed the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Jewish Youth Philanthropy Program. The program provides the opportunity for teens to engage in the grant-making process and to become active community leaders, empowered citizens and responsible Jewish adults.

## In Memoriam

### We mourn the loss of synagogue member:

Dr. Sidney Harman

Louis Strasser

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

John Jacobovitz, father of Jeffrey Jacobovitz

Gertrude Hayman Keller, mother of Daniel Keller

David Robinson, father of Scott Robinson

Jeanette Rose, sister of Hannah Aurbach ○



## Kol HaMayim: Voice of the Waters Looking for Volunteers



*Mikvah* attendants guide people through profound moments of personal and spiritual transition and facilitate a connection to the holy through Jewish ritual. They offer themselves as witnesses to both quiet moments and joyous celebrations. Each one can attest to the beauty of Jewish tradition in addressing the sanctity of the body.

Beginning this fall, the Adas Israel Community *Mikvah* is looking to train a new cadre of volunteers. This opportunity is open to women and men of all ages, from all levels of Jewish observance. No experience is necessary. A background in social work, therapy, or health care may be useful, but anyone with the right amount of sensitivity to others can be a good guide. This is a great opportunity for learning, growth, and connection.

Some occasions when your guidance might be called on include life cycle events, infertility, healing, aging, and conversions.

Again, you don't have to be a *mikvah* user to become a *mikvah* guide, and no minimum time commitment is required. There will be an information session at Adas this spring and two trainings between October and December. For questions or more information, please contact Naomi Malka.

The following interview with Lauren Markoe, a Gan parent who began volunteering at the *mikvah* in 2009, describes her involvement here.

### **Why did you take the opportunity to volunteer at the mikvah?**

I wanted to satisfy my curiosity, to participate in an ancient ritual I knew virtually nothing about. *Mikvah* seemed mysterious, fascinating, and, frankly, a little alien to me at first. I also suspected that it would feel very good to help people with an observance that was extremely meaningful to them.

### **Has the experience of volunteering at the mikvah matched your initial expectations? Differed from them in certain ways?**

Suddenly, though there's still much I don't know about *mikvah*, I'm a teacher on the subject. I never expected to be any kind of authority on anything Jewish. It feels good to share what

I've learned. I also never expected the profound emotion that can accompany a visit to the *mikvah*. A young woman who described her upcoming conversion as "a formality" wept joyfully after her immersion. A woman who miscarried came to the *mikvah*, cried in my arms after she immersed, and said it had put her on the path to healing. What a privilege to be part of these life-changing experiences.

### **Have you learned new things about Judaism from this?**

I've gained a new respect for Judaism's timelessness. The *mikvah* is an ancient ritual bath. Some have dismissed it as irrelevant and sexist—a symbol of society's discomfort with the monthly rhythms of the female body. To the women and men who use the *mikvah*, it could not be more relevant to modern life. Like *Shabbat*, it's a time to slow down and put life back into perspective.

### **As a Gan parent and generally busy person, how does this fit into your life?**

An e-mail arrives asking if I can help out at the *mikvah* on a certain day and time. Sometimes I can, sometimes I can't. Whenever I can help out, I feel appreciated. —Naomi Malka ○

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## RABBI FEINBERG CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

issue on the agenda of our upcoming *Ahavat Yisrael*, "Love of Israel," weekend May 20–22. We have invited two younger Jewish intellectuals to speak about "The Future of Israeli-Diaspora Relations." One is Peter Beinart, who wrote a seminal article on this subject last year for the *New York Review of Books*. The other is Eli Lake, a journalist for the *Washington Times* and other media. Each comes with a different perspective on this issue, but each cares very much about the future of Jewish life in North American and Israel. This is a really important program, and both Rabbi Steinlauf and I urge you to attend.

It is important for us to begin to address critical issues facing the Jewish people, issues that arouse powerful feelings. In this way, the synagogue continues to play a relevant and meaningful role in the community. And only through such discussion of important and challenging questions may we see a way forward that we may not have considered. ○

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## New Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Morning Service Booklet with Transliteration

If you've been to a *Shabbat* morning service lately in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, you may have noticed a colorful booklet in the bookrack with the *siddur* and *humash*. It's our new guide to understanding the prayers and rituals of the *Shabbat* morning service, with transliterations for those who do not read Hebrew.

This beautiful new booklet, the product of the Religious Practices Committee, represents the combined hard work and dedication of our lay members and clergy in bringing this resource to the community.

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf aptly describes its purpose: "We are always working hard to make our services accessible and meaningful to everyone. With this new booklet, those who cannot read Hebrew will be able to follow along at all the key moments of the service with easy-to-read transliterations."

Additionally, the booklet is full of helpful and engaging explanations of the services and key terms as well as important historical and contextual commentaries. Its publication, with a beautiful watercolor of Jerusalem by Steven Kleinrock on its cover, was made possible through the Arnold Bortman Memorial Fund. We thank Judy Wohlberg, Irwin Lebow, Margaret Siegel, Jamie Butler, Kate Bailey, and Jennifer King for writing, editing, proofing, and designing this new publication. We are proud to share it with you, and we hope you will give us feedback on its usefulness. We look forward to the many ways it will deepen the experience for so many every *Shabbat* morning. ○



May 2011
Nisan-Iyar 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: 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.

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>1 Yom HaShoah 27 Nisan</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 10:30 am Garden of the Righteous Ceremony 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>2 28 Nisan</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:15 pm Gan Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>3 29 Nisan</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>4 Rosh Chodesh Iyar 30 Nisan</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Rosh Chodesh Iyar Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 5:00 pm HHD Planning Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Torah Club	<b>5 Rosh Chodesh Iyar 1 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Rosh Chodesh Iyar Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Adas in Your Neighborhood with Rabbi Steinlauf at the Somerset Club House	<b>6 2 Iyar</b> 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 Feinberg 6:30 pm YP Shir Delight, D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner	<b>7 PARSHAT EMOR 3 Iyar</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary; Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Fuchs Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan; Bat Mitzvah: Miriam Wittes D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Gerald Sandler 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Youth Services for Tots-6th Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by sponsored by Susan Launer & Tom Fuchs. 12:30 pm Havurah Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service 8:47 pm Havdalah
<b>8 4 Iyar</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 10:00 am Chagigat HaSiddur 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>9 Yom HaZikaron Observed 5 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:00 am Sisterhood Book Club 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>10 Yom HaAtzma'ut 6 Iyar</b> 7:15 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Israel Trip 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>11 7 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am RA @ the Mikvah 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Mtng. 6:30 pm Torah Club	<b>12 8 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 8:00 pm Scotch & Scriptures Men's Study Group (Off-Site)	<b>13 9 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am Gan Melton School 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing B'nai Mitzvah Family Retreat at Pearlstone Retreat Center 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service	<b>14 PARSHAT BEHAR 10 Iyar</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary; Bat Mitzvah: Katherine Novey Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Services for Grades K-3 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush is sponsored in honor of the Bat Mitzvah 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service 8:53 pm Havdalah
<b>15 11 Iyar</b> <b>SAC Sukkot in Spring</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 12:00 pm Men's Club Sports Event 2:00 pm Shelley Remer's Retirement Party 4:00 pm Young Professionals' BBQ 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>16 12 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Rabbi-Parent-Child Holiday Program-Lag B'Omer 9:00 am Gan Steering Committee 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>17 13 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Taste of Tanach 12:30 pm Sisterhood Staff Appreciation Lunch 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Ma'alot DC Graduation	<b>18 14 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Truck Day 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm Torah Club	<b>19 15 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>20 16 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am Gan Melton School <b>Ahavat Yisrael Weekend</b> 5:45 pm Gan Family Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service with Celebration of the Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Feinberg & Robyn Helzner 7:30 pm Ahavat Yisrael Congregational Dinner	<b>21 PARSHAT BECHUKOTAI 17 Iyar</b> <b>Ahavat Yisrael Weekend</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary; Bat Mitzvah: Lauren Miller Sermon by Rabbi Yoav Ende 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Ed Kopf 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 10:45 am RS Shabbat Unplugged Family Service 11:00 am Youth Services for Tots-6th Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush is sponsored in honor of the Bat Mitzvah 1:00 pm "The Future of Religious Pluralism in Israel" with Rabbi Yoav Ende & Galit Baram 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service 9:00 pm Havdalah 9:00 pm YP Dancing with the Stars... of David
<b>22 Lag B'Omer 18 Iyar</b> <b>Ahavat Yisrael Weekend</b> <b>WLCJ Seaboard Region Spring Conference</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Men's Club Bagel Boyz 9:30 am Cohen Lecture: Peter Beinart & Eli Lake 11:15 am Israel Weekend Concert: The Josh Nelson Project 4:30 pm Mikvah Workshop 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>23 19 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Steering Committee Meeting 11:30 am GPA Staff Appreciation Lunch 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>24 20 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>25 21 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am RA @ the Mikvah 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>26 22 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>27 23 Iyar</b> <b>Seaboard USY Spring Convention Begins</b> 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 & Dinner	<b>28 PARSHAT BEMIDBAR 24 Iyar</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service; Smith Sanctuary; Bat Mitzvah: Hannah Spector Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Services for Tots-6th Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Maxine Karr and Judy & Marvin Spector 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service 9:05 pm Havdalah
<b>29 25 Iyar</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>30 26 Iyar</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>31 27 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>1 Yom Yerushalayim 28 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:15 pm Congregation & Board Meeting 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:30 pm Annual Meeting, Yad Hakavod Award & Dessert Reception	<b>2 29 Iyar</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>3 Rosh Chodesh Sivan 1 Sivan</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Rosh Chodesh Breakfast 9:00 am Gan Lunch Bunch-Last Day 9:15 am Gan Melton School 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf 6:30 pm YP Shir Delight Service, D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner	<b>4 PARSHAT NASO 2 Sivan</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary; Bat Mitzvah: Gavrielle Jacobovitz; Camp Aliyah Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Ken Heitner 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Services for Tots-6th Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush is sponsored in honor of the Bat Mitzvah 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service 9:10 pm Havdalah



# Youth @ AI Youth At

Adas Israel Youth had an awesome month of March. We kicked off our March events with our USY multi-chapter Smithsonian Scavenger hunt. We continued the fun with Adas Israel's first combined *Machar/Kadima* event! "All Fired Up" brought its mobile studio to our Youth Lounge where *Machar* and *Kadima* members plaited and decorated *seder* plates or *kiddush* cups to prepare for *Pesach*!

## The month of May is full of awesome events:

**Saturday, May 7:** *Machar* (3rd–5th grades) chills in the Youth Lounge for *Shabbat*! Board games, Ga-Ga, and much more!

**Saturday, May 14:** *Chaverim* (K–2nd grades) chills in the Youth Lounge for *Shabbat*! Board games, Ga-Ga, and much more!

**Sunday, May 15:** AIUSY heads out to do some *Tikkun Olam* and help build and paint a house!

**Saturday, May 21:** Adas Israel *Kadima* Event; details TBA

**Friday, May 27–Monday, May 30:** Seaboard USY Spring Convention

We hope to see you all at these great events!



*Scenes from the Machar/Kadima Pesach All Fired Up Event*



## MA TOVU: 1st Place for BOTH Adas Israel Kadima and USY Basketball Teams!

*Kadima Team (left to right): Theo Daniels-Kolin, Justin Sherman, Michael Rones, Nate Albert, Benji Satloff, and Michael Fine. Also on the team but not pictured: Charlie Feller, Jake Baskin, Max Kanefield. Coach: Bryan Kanefield.* ▶



◀ *USY Team (left to right): Herbie Schwat, Jacob Small, Zack Coen, David Kalter, Madison Cannon, Nate Cannon, Marissa Cannon, Mitchell Gross, Oliver Macklin. Also on the team but not pictured: Lily Moghadam. Coach: Rodd Macklin*



◀ *Mazal tov to our USY and Kadima basketball teams for winning the season! This is the third consecutive win for our Kadima team and our first in a series of runners-up for our USY team. Special thank you to our team coaches, Bryan Kanefield and Rodd Macklin. GO TEAM ADAS ISRAEL!!*

## Nessiah Tova! Have a Great Trip!!

Wishing all of our summer camp and Israel trip participants a fantastic journey this summer! We would like to send you off with our blessing, so please join us for a special *aliyah* on Saturday morning, June 4! RSVP to [elie.greenberg@adasisrael.org](mailto:elie.greenberg@adasisrael.org).

## Attention High School Graduates!!!

**Mazel tov on this exciting milestone!**

**Please stay in touch and keep us posted.**

Join our "Youth@AI Alumni" Facebook group!

Receive monthly issues of the *Chronicle*, a subscription to *New Voices* magazine, holiday packages, and more!

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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## A Daily Minyan Moment The Power of a Handshake

*by Sheldon Kimmel*

After having an honor on the *bima*, people commonly shake the leader's hands, saying "*Yashar koach*" (colloquially "nice job"), and hearing back "*Barukh tihyeh*" (May you be blessed). Presumably that's an egalitarian outgrowth of the Priestly Blessing, when *Kohanim* raise their hands to bless us, and wouldn't let people go back to their seats without such handshakes.

The daily *minyanim* recognize this in its most egalitarian form, especially when the Torah is read and many of us are on both sides of those handshakes (i.e., *leyners*, *gabbaim*, *aliyot*, *hagbah*, *gollelet*, ark openers, readers of psalms, etc.). Those handshakes are a great way to start the day.

Join us for an honor and a handshake at daily *minyan*: Monday–Friday, 7:30 am; Sunday, 8:30 am; every evening, 6:00 pm.

# Ma Tovv

## HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

This month's *Ma Tovv* column celebrates the 100th birthday of our dear friend and member, Lil Wolloch, who dedicated decades of loving service to our congregation. Whether it was editing the *Chronicle* (well before computers eased that task) or working in the kitchen with the Sisterhood Crew preparing food for Adas events, Lil always had a quiet determination, a kind word, and a smile on her face.

Born in Richmond, VA, Lillie Mollen Wolloch was the oldest of six children of Annie and Harry Mollen, who owned a grocery store. She met her husband, Irvin (z"l) on a blind date on New Year's Eve 1933. Irv was working in Washington, so Lil left her job at Dupont and worked as a secretary in DC. They were married in 1934.

After taking a leave of absence from her job when her daughter, Cynthia, was born, Lil went back to work at the International Housing Office at HUD over Irv's objections, because she wanted to contribute to the family income so they could buy a house. This was one of many examples of Lil's independence, ambition, and drive.

Lil and Irv bought a house on Brandywine Street, joined Adas Israel, and both became active and beloved members of our synagogue family. They loved to travel and accompanied Adas Assistant Rabbi Listfield to Israel. They also loved classical music and were regulars at Library of Congress concerts. Lil loves reading and cooking and is famous for her delicious brownies and



Lil Wolloch

her secret matzoball recipe.

Now living with her daughter, Cynthia (a member of our 1958 Confirmation Class), Lil would love to hear from Adas friends as she celebrates 100 remarkable years. (Note: Lil can be reached through her daughter, Cynthia, at [cwolloch@yahoo.com](mailto:cwolloch@yahoo.com).)



## 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, May 6, 6:30 pm**

*Shir Delight* is Adas Israel's *Kabbalat Shabbat* experience for young Jewish professionals

between the ages of 21 and 35. Our evening begins at 6:30 pm with a happy hour *oneg* followed by a lay-led *Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv* service and a FREE *Shabbat* dinner. While everyone is welcome to join us for our happy hour *oneg* and services, we can only accommodate a limited number of people for dinner. Register at [adasisrael.org/yp](http://adasisrael.org/yp) by May 3 to reserve your spot.

### Yom Ha'Atzmaut "Al Ha'Esh" BBQ

**Sunday, May 15, 4:00-7:00 pm**

Celebrate Israel's 63rd birthday with good music, positive vibes, and great Israeli-style BBQ! RSVP at [adasisrael.org/yp](http://adasisrael.org/yp).



## Dancing with the Stars . . . of David

**Saturday, May 21, 9:00 pm**

Come out to dine—Israeli style—and learn some new Israeli dance moves with fellow young professionals. To learn more about this exciting event and to register, visit [adasisrael.org/yp](http://adasisrael.org/yp). ○



### YP@AI T-Shirts for Sale

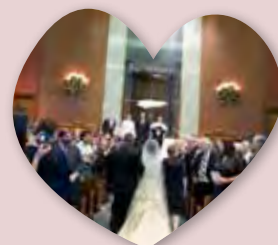
**YP@AI T-shirts now available! Only \$10!**

**Buy online at [adasisrael.org/yp](http://adasisrael.org/yp).**



## Meet your *bashert* (soulmate) at a YP@AI event, get a FREE WEDDING at Adas Israel!

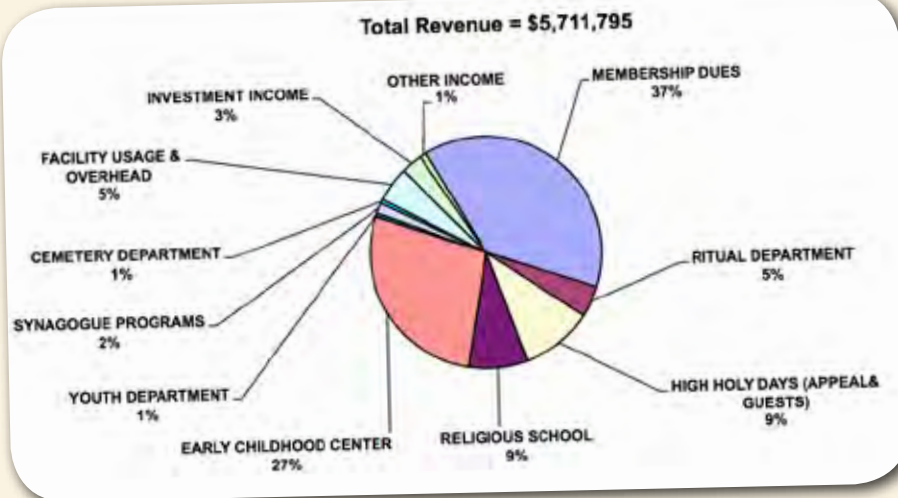
That's right, if you meet someone at one of our events, you are welcome to have your special day at Adas Israel at no charge (to rent the space). Now there's an incentive...no pressure!





## Please join us on Wednesday evening, June 1, at for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

Below is our Proposed 2011–12 Synagogue Budget and Membership categories, followed by the Proposed Slate of Synagogue Leaders. Our thanks to our Budget Committee and Nominating Committee for their excellent work.



### New Membership Categories

	Current	Proposed
Two-Adult Household (36+)	\$2,600	\$2,665
Two-Adult Household (30–35)	\$1,620	\$1,755
Two-Adult Household (<30)	\$198	\$198
Current One-Adult HH. (36–45)	\$1,400	\$1,470
Current One-Adult HH. (46+)	\$1,445	\$1,520
One-Adult Household (30–35)	\$825	\$875
One-Adult Household (<30)	\$99	\$99

### Proposed Slate of Officers, Trustees, & Board Members

President – Johanna Chanin  
 Vice President for Administration – Herlene Nagler  
 Vice President for Membership – Meredith Weiner-Cymerman  
 Vice President for Programs, Religious Practices – Dirk Aardsma  
 Vice President for Development – Pamela Reeves  
 Vice President for Education and Youth – Deborah Joseph  
 Secretary – Brian Schwalb  
 Assistant Secretary – April Rubin  
 Treasurer – Arnold Podgorsky  
 Assistant Treasurer – Jeffrey Goodell  
 Immediate Past President – Robert Peck

#### New Trustees

Dr. Clement Alpert  
 Martin "Bo" Kirsch

#### New Trustee Emeritus:

Jack Kay

#### Continuing Trustees:

Judie Linowes  
 Lawrence Nussdorf  
 David Povich  
 Sheldon S. Cohen, emeritus

Please remember that financial hardship is never a barrier to membership and affiliation. Please call our treasurer or executive director at the synagogue office if there is financial need. We also thank and invite members to join our **Guardians Society** whose contributing above the suggested amount enables us to offer reduced membership to young members and those with financial need. For information, please contact our executive director or VP for development.

Our thanks to our Budget Committee (Mark Yecies, Alan Blank, Johanna Chanin, Rosalyn Doggett, Alvin Dunn, Arthur Karlin, David Kass, Stephen Lachter, Jonathan Meyer, Herlene Nagler, Robert Peck, Arnold Podgorsky, Bruce Ray, Mark Rosenberg, Stephanie Robinson, Elinor Sachse, Barry Schenof, Manuel Schiffres, Nancy Silverman, and Stanley Snyder) for its extraordinary work during this financially challenging year.

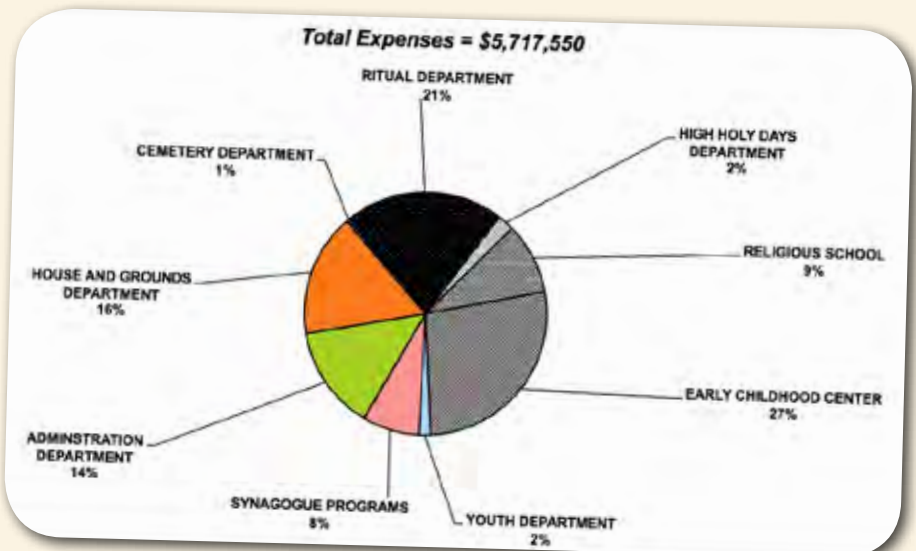
**For a complete copy of the synagogue budget, please contact Glenn Easton at the synagogue office.**

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## Library Corner

### Yom Ha'Atzmaut: A Booklover's Celebration

by Robin Jacobson

As a warm-up to *Ahavat Yisrael* Weekend (May 20–22), why not mark Israel's 63rd birthday by trying an Israeli novel? Our library offers critically acclaimed Israeli fiction in fine English translations. By immersing yourself in one of these books, you can gain rich insights into Israeli history and culture.

#### **Panther in the Basement by Amos Oz**

Start with this small book, set in Jerusalem in 1947, just before Israel achieved national independence. The story focuses on Proffy (short for Professor), a bookish 12-year-old boy. Proffy is an only child in a sad home; his parents, Polish émigrés, are despondent and anxious in the wake of the Holocaust.

Proffy and his friends are fervently dedicated to ending the British occupation of Palestine. They form their own underground squadron, grandly named FOD (Freedom or Death), and secretly construct a missile they plan to aim at Buckingham Palace.

When Proffy befriends a British policeman, Sergeant Dunlop, his friends accuse him of treason. Proffy meets Dunlop at a café to teach him Hebrew and to learn English from him. Although Proffy pretends he is feigning friendship with Dunlop in the hope of extracting vital military secrets, he is truly fond of the lonely, rather bumbling policeman who speaks in biblical Hebrew: "I am a stranger that loveth Israel." This book is a good stepping-stone to Amos Oz's powerful memoir, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*.

#### **The Pigeon and the Boy by Meir Shalev**

This mesmerizing novel weaves together a contemporary story and one from Israel's 1948 War of Independence. In present-day Israel, tour guide Yair Mendelsohn leads a group of American

dignitaries to a monastery near Jerusalem that was a 1948 battle site. One of the visitors fought in that battle, and he recalls a young Israeli pigeon handler who dispatched one last pigeon just before his death from enemy fire. As in ancient Greece, homing pigeons relayed battlefield messages during the War of Independence. Readers must wait in suspense to learn what last message the pigeon handler sent and to whom. A powerful theme in the novel is that the Jewish people, like pigeons, have a homing instinct; even after centuries in exile, Jews yearned to return home to Israel.

In modern Israel, Yair has his own troubles finding his way home. He feels uncomfortable living with his wealthy, supremely competent American-born wife. As his mother lies dying, she gives him money to build a home of his own. He turns for help to his old love, Tirzah, now a building contractor. The stories of Yair and the pigeon handler intertwine, and the story's climax is startlingly imaginative and memorable.

#### **Mr. Mani by A. B. Yehoshua**

Yehoshua traces the history of six generations of the Mani family, beginning in the 1980s and moving backward to the middle of the 19th century. The story is told in an innovative format—five separate one-sided conversations occurring in different historical periods: a kibbutz in the Negev in 1982, the island of Crete during the German occupation in 1944, Jerusalem during the period of the British Mandate

in 1918, a Polish manor house in 1899, and Athens in 1848. Despite numerous tragedies, a Mani descendant survives in each generation, albeit with emotional scars. Reviewers have suggested that the Mani family represents the Jewish people.

To borrow these and other Israeli novels, including David Grossman's recent *To the End of the Land* (reviewed in the March 2011 *Chronicle*), please come to the library or contact me ([librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org)) for assistance. ○

#### Joan Nathan at Adas



*Renowned cookbook author Joan Nathan discussed her latest work, Quiches, Kugels, and Couscous: My Search for Jewish Cooking in France, on March 13. After her talk, Joan answered a number of questions for the enthusiastic audience and signed copies of the book. Proceeds benefited the Library and Adas Israel Sisterhood.*

### AHAVAT YISRAEL WEEKEND CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Greater Washington. Cost for dinner is \$25 for adults and \$18 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations can be made by calling Carol Ansell at 202-362-4433, via email at [carol.ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:carol.ansell@adasisrael.org), or online at [adasisrael.org](http://adasisrael.org).

- Gan families are invited to a special Gan Family Dinner and Service at 5:45pm with Rabbi Feinberg and Robyn Helzner, featuring an Israel theme. The service begins at 6:30 pm. Dinner reservations can be made by contacting [gan@adasisrael.org](mailto:gan@adasisrael.org).

#### **Saturday, May 21**

- **9:30 am:** *Shabbat* morning services. Rabbi Yoav Ende, a Masorti Rabbi from Kibbutz Hanaton, will deliver a *D'var Torah* in the Smith Sanctuary at the end of services. A *Kiddush* luncheon open to all will follow.

- **1:00 pm:** After *Kiddush*, Rabbi Ende and Galit Baram, counselor for public and academic affairs at the Israeli embassy, will

discuss "The Future of Religious Pluralism in Israel."

- **9:00 pm:** After *Shabbat*, YP@AI is hosting "Dancing with the Stars...of David," for young professionals between the ages of 21 and 35.

#### **Sunday, May 22**

- **9:30–11:00 am:** The Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Memorial Lecture will feature Eli Lake and Peter Beinart speaking on "The Future of Israeli-Diaspora Relations."

- **11:15 am–12:15 pm:** Community concert on Sunday featuring the band, "The Josh Nelson Project" sponsored by The Ruth and Emanuel Weinstein Charitable Trust.

- Members are invited to join together with the DC Jewish community in the many afternoon celebrations throughout the metro area. ○



# Board of Directors Approves New *Machzor* for High Holy Days



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We are excited about the selection of a new High Holy Day *machzor* (prayer book), *Lev Shalem*, published by the Conservative Movement.

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.

To dedicate a *machzor*, which will be a permanent part of our Adas community and High Holy Day worship, please use the form below; call Jane Baldinger at the synagogue, 202-362-4433; or visit [adasisrael.org](http://adasisrael.org). Each dedication will have an individual bookplate and a listing of all will appear in a future *Chronicle*. ○

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## YAD HAKAVOD HONOREE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Toni moved to Washington in 1970 for a year to clerk for the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Forty years later, they still haven't moved back. After his clerkship, David joined the staff of the Federal Trade Commission, where he was in charge of false advertising enforcement. He then served as deputy general counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency. Since 1981 David has practiced law at Kaye Scholer, LLP, from which he retired as a partner in 2009.

David and Toni joined Adas Israel in 1979 when their first child, Noah, was in the Gan. They helped start and run a *Shabbat* Evening family service and have been heavily involved in congregational life ever since. For the past 10 years David has been the "floor *Gabbai*" for the *Shabbat* and holiday services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, and he regularly leads weekday morning services. He has also served two terms on the Board of Directors and on multiple committees, including Religious Practices, which he chaired for six years; the By-Laws, Nominating, Personnel, and Religious School, and the search committees for ritual director and cantor.

David and Toni's two children attended the Melvin Gelman Religious School for 12 years. Rabbi Noah Benjamin Bickart is a graduate student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and he his wife, Nadia Kahn, have two children, Meir Ze'ev (age three) and Rina Hana (six months). Sarah Hanellin Bickart teaches kindergarten at Ben Murch Elementary School in Washington.

The *Yad Hakavod* Award was created in 1997 to honor a member of the congregation who has distinguished himself or herself through service to the congregation and its members. It recognizes someone who has served beyond the call of duty to make Adas Israel a better place. The first *Yad Hakavod* Award was presented in 1997 to Sophie Silfen. Other recipients are Gail Schwartz, Estelle Jacobs, Jimmy Young, Rhoda Ganz, Bernard Fischgrund, Irwin Lebow, Ruthe Katz, Mildred Jacobs, Sybil Wolin, Samuel Weisbach, Sue Rosenthal, Michael Stern, and Bernard Meyer. ○

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## Kol HaOlam Draws 900 People

More than 900 people from the Greater Washington community came to Kol HaOlam, the first ever national collegiate Jewish a cappella competition, for a truly electrifying evening. Nearly 150 Jewish college students from across the country competed in a lineup of nine extremely talented ensembles.

Awards were given for:

- Crowd vote (via text message): Shabbatones, University of Pennsylvania
- Best solo performance: Tizmoret, Queens College, New York City
- Best song composition: "Hunger," Staam, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- Best group: 1st place, Tizmoret (Queens College), 2nd place, Kol Sasson (University of Maryland); 3rd place, Shabbatones (UPenn) ○



► Twelfth grader Gabi Rubin (on left) sings with Kol HaYam, the Sea-board Region USY a cappella group, as its members lead havdalah at the first Kol HaOlam collegiate Jewish a cappella competition.



## Catch the Nats Game with AIMC

Join the Men's Club to see the Washington Nationals take on the Florida Marlins on May 15 at Nationals Park. Email [mensclub@adasisrael.org](mailto:mensclub@adasisrael.org) to reserve your spot today!



## Tikkun Olam Continued from Back Page

## Volunteer NOW to Renovate Affordable Housing in Fort Totten, DC!

Join Adas Israel for *Sukkot-in-Spring* on May 15. It's not too late to sign up! Please contact Ed Kopf for more information, 301-907-9174 or [ej@kopf.com](mailto:ej@kopf.com).

Members of Adas Israel will help in the renovation of multiple rental units at the 2nd Street Cooperative in Fort Totten, DC. These units are now empty; but after our work they will provide safe and decent housing for low- and moderate-income DC residents. Because of the recent economic downturn and shrinking public resources for affordable housing, this work has never been more important.

Volunteers are asked to commit to working at the apartment complex 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 Israel sponsors the repair of these homes, donating money to purchase the necessary materials and providing volunteers to do the work. No special skills are required—just the 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 over 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. ○

## Anne Frank House Update

The board and residents of Anne Frank House (AFH) want everyone in the Adas Israel community—especially those who are part of the Religious School—to know that your generosity is making a difference! Thanks in no small part to your participation in the October 24 mini-walk, AFH raised \$38,500.94 during the 2010 Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program! This amount includes over \$5,000 from Religious School registrations, sponsor payments of more than \$12,000, and walker recruitment and sponsor incentives and money from the program's general fund. This award will enable us to better serve the 11 clients we currently house and will help us to plan for an additional resident in the coming year.

We recently purchased a new efficiency apartment in Northwest DC. Part of the funding for that purchase came from a grant and a loan from Cornerstone; the mortgage is being held by an Adas Israel member. Our newest resident is a man in his early 60s who has been homeless on and off for many years and suffers from chronic severe depression. He is doing well in his new home.

Our efforts to serve our clients received another boost recently with an \$8,000 grant from the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's JYPI Youth Philanthropy program. AFH submitted an application, and co-presidents Hazel Keimowitz and Joe Berman, and one of our clients participated in the follow-up on-site presentation to the JYPI teens. The grant will cover nearly half of the case management costs for the upcoming year.

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved with Anne Frank House, or to make a donation, please visit our website: [theannefrankhouse.org](http://theannefrankhouse.org). You can also contact Anne Frank House co-presidents Hazel Keimowitz ([hazel@keimowitz.com](mailto:hazel@keimowitz.com)) or Joe Berman ([getalife@erols.com](mailto:getalife@erols.com)). Thank you. ○



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Thanks to the generosity of Ruthe and Nathan Katz and the suggestions of some daily *minyan* attendees, the Miller Chapel has now been equipped with the same "dial-in" capability as the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary and Kogod Chapel.

Members can now dial in to hear the daily *minyan* in addition to our *Shabbat* services.

While listening to a service is not a substitute for attending one, many take comfort in listening to the daily prayers when they are unable to attend.

Our thanks to Ruthe and Nathan and our "*Minyanettes*" for their prodding and support. ○



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## Tikkun Olam

### Annual Hope for Darfur Rally, May 15 Hope for Darfur: Justice in Sudan

Darfur Interfaith Network (DIN) march **SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1:30–3:00 pm**. Go to [hope4darfur.org/rally](http://hope4darfur.org/rally) to register or donate. Adas Israel has been a DIN member since 2006.

The march begins at Metropolitan AME Church, 1518 M Street, NW, and will proceed to Lafayette Park in front of the White House. Speakers at the rally include Rabbi Charles Feinberg. In case of inclement weather, the rally will remain at Metropolitan AME Church.

The purpose of the march is to shine a

spotlight on the ongoing violence in Darfur and all of Sudan; to raise money for humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts; to let the surviving victims of the Darfur genocide—the people of Southern Sudan, the Nuba Mountains, the Blue Nile Region and the Eastern Provinces—know that they are not forgotten.

This is the eighth year of unimaginable violence in Darfur. Please show your support and participate in this important rally. ○

### Social Action Council *Purim* Report

This year, the Social Action Council *Purim* project was devoted to a bone marrow registry on behalf of our good friend and fellow congregant, Marla Gilson, who was recently diagnosed with acute leukemia and is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant. In Marla's honor, we dedicated our *Purim* project to consciousness raising, fundraising, and actual registration through testing.

We swabbed (tested) nearly 50 people in two hours during the *Purim* Carnival and raised \$3,000 during the *Purim Spiel* and Carnival and, on Sunday morning, for the Gift

of Life Fund to help pay for the swabs (\$54 to process each test).

At an adjacent table, the Social Action Council's edible *grogger* campaign raised \$235 for Ezra Pantry. Along with that money came 180 "recycled" edible *groggers* (boxes of macaroni and cheese). All Ezra Pantry donations are designated for So Others Might Eat (SOME).

*Yashar koach* to Laura Cutler, who coordinated the bone marrow registry campaign, and to Judith Kronen, who coordinated the edible *grogger* project! ○

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