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CHAG SHAVUOT
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דובר אמת Dover Emet Speaking the Truth

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

TAKING JUDAISM ON VACATION

With summer officially on this month, once again many of us look forward to taking a much-needed break from the hectic pace of life. Summer beckons to us, lay it all aside, and perhaps to catch up not only on relaxation, but also on those books and projects that we haven't quite gotten to yet. Fortunately for us, Judaism, perhaps more than other traditions, is eminently portable. We've had to learn—the hard way—how to have our tradition “on the road,” through 2,000 years of exile. It might be surprising to think that we can use our summer vacation time to catch up on learning about and experiencing Judaism, but it's actually a great opportunity.

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Judie & Harry Linowes to Chair *Kol Nidre* Appeal Pamela Reeves, VP for Development, Rounds Out Leadership Team



Judie and Harry Linowes



Pamela Reeves

Synagogue trustee Judie Linowes and her husband, Harry, a past synagogue officer, will once again chair the annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal. Pamela

Reeves, vice president-elect for development, will help lead this important source of synagogue support.

This sole synagogue fundraising request of the year has a goal of \$600,000 and 100 percent member participation.

Joining the Appeal Leadership Team on the Honorary Committee will be Honorary Chairs (\$25,000 contributions); Honorary Co-Chairs (\$15,000 contributions); Honorary Vice-Chairs

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SHAVUOT AT ADAS ISRAEL

Tuesday, June 7

8:13 pm Light candles

6:00 pm Evening *Minyan*

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

8:00 pm Rabbi Steinlauf "Finding Faith in an Age of Skepticism."

9:15 pm *Maariv*

9:30 pm Refreshments

10:00–10:45 pm

Nechama Masliansky "Golden Collars and Royal Horses: Not the Entire Megillah"

Herb Schwartz "What really was revealed at Revelation? (About Moses? The people? God? What He wants for us?)"

11:00–11:45 pm Susan Finston "Challah Halacha: Tasting the World To Come (Olam HaBa) at your Shabbat Table"

Sheldon Kimmel "Forgetting and Recovering, Why the Route to the Law has been so Roundabout"

12:00–1:00 am

Rabbi Feinberg "The Tenth Commandment (Don't Covet): Emotions and Spirituality"

Wednesday, June 8

Sunrise *Hakshama* Service and Breakfast

9:30 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening *Minyan*

After 9:19 pm Light Candles

Thursday, June 9

9:15 am Morning Service, Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf

11:00 am *Yizkor*

6:00 pm Evening *Minyan*

9:14 pm *Havdalah*

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
or 202-362-4433.

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

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Clergy Corner

Synagogue Office Closings

Tuesday June 7: *Erev Shavuot*

Offices Close at 3:30 pm

Wednesday & Thursday, June 8 & 9: *Shavuot Days 1 & 2*

Schools/Offices Closed



Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

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nity to deepen our *yiddishkeit*.

The best vacations are often not just about relaxing (however critically important that is!),

but also about reconnecting with what really matters to us: time with our family and friends, with personal growth, with ourselves. I would like to suggest that we consciously use our time on break, our time taking trips, to deepen our Jewish life practice in some kind of tangible way. If you're planning on traveling anywhere in the world, there is almost certainly something Jewish to experience: whether it be visiting an exotic or small Jewish community, historic synagogues, or other Jewish sites. If our travels take us to a place with a functional synagogue or *minyan*, we can prioritize going to a Friday night or a Saturday morning service or even a daily *minyan*. If we have kids, these kinds of deliberately Jewish experiences in the midst of out-of-the-norm trips can be invaluable educational experiences. It's a powerful way to demonstrate that even when away from home, our Judaism is a priority and it matters to us; it's not just a part of the daily grind of school and extra-curricular activities. It's a way of life that deepens all moments, not just during the year, but even while relaxing and playing.

One of the most simple and powerful practices in Judaism is "*brachot* practice": remembering to use every opportunity to say a *brachah*, a blessing. As we rabbis like to say, "There's a blessing for everything," and it's true! So, for example, if we're going to the beach and we haven't seen the ocean for at least 30 days, we can say the blessing: **Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'Olam, Oseh et HaYam Ha Gadol. Blessed are You Adonai Our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has made the Great Sea.**

If we're going camping and are struck by the beauty of the natural world, we

can say the blessing:

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'Olam, SheKacha Lo B'Olam.

Blessed are You Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has such beauty in God's world.

If we're off to spectacular locales, like mountains or deserts, or if we look out at the stars on a summer night, or watch the sun rise—or any spectacular aspect of the world—we can say:

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'Olam, Oseh Ma'ase V'reshit.

Blessed are You Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, the Source of Creation.

And these blessings are only the beginning. Most *siddurim* have "blessings for various occasions," and if we take our *siddur* with us—right alongside our guidebook—we can learn to see the world with Jewish eyes, and to respond with wonder to this miraculous world we live in. There are blessings for hearing a crack of thunder, for smelling a flower, for meeting great and famous people, for visiting places of wonder, for putting on new clothes, and for seeing a rainbow. The list goes on and on.

In addition to blessings, there is the well-known *Tefilat HaDerekh*, or Wayfarer's Prayer, that we recite whenever we begin a long journey. According to our sages, we say this prayer when we have traveled at least "40 cubits" from our town. Just as we leave town on that road trip, or just as that airplane is lifting off the runway, that's another time to whip out the *siddur* and connect with the words that have been on the lips of our ancestors for thousands of years as they, too, began their journeys to the four corners of the earth.

As we gather our summer reading list, don't forget to bring along at least one book with a Jewish theme to read as we lounge on the beach or by the pool. We can find a way to keep *Shabbat*, even if we're in a resort location. We can still light *Shabbat* candles if we bring along small tea lights. Even if we find ourselves in the middle of the woods, and we didn't exact-

ly *schlep* along a bottle of Manischewitz for *Kiddush*, our sages say that in a pinch, we can use any *chomer medinah*, any substance that is a little bit more festive—perhaps even a can of beer, or even soda if absolutely necessary. We can even make *Kiddush* over just the *challah* if nothing else serves, and if we don't happen to have *challah* because we're sightseeing on the Great Wall of China or on safari in Kenya, then whatever bread we might be able to get a hold of is just fine.

The point is that Judaism has survived because we have learned how to be flexible, how to adapt to constantly changing circumstances, and summer vacation is an incredible way to enter into that dynamic experience of making Judaism "work" for us wherever we go. Try it out. Play with what it means to be Jewish on Main Street USA in Disney World. See what it's like to avoid ordering the most *treif* thing on the menu in that fabulous restaurant in Paris. Take your Judaism, your heritage, with you wherever you go in the world. Our tradition teaches us that our job is to sanctify the world. This summer, let's remember that if we're blessed to travel this world of ours, it's up to us to lovingly make the effort to bring some of our sacred tradition with us to the world. In the process, we just might discover that not only will we sanctify the world, but we'll enrich our own lives for the whole year round. ○

Cemetery Open on Father's Day

The Adas Israel Cemetery will be open on June 19 (Fathers Day), 10:00 am–2:00 pm. The cemetery is located at 1400 Alabama Avenue SE, Washington, DC.

For more information, contact Glenn Easton, 202-362-4433. Find directions on our website, adasisrael.org/cemeteries. ○

Holidays

Shavuot

The festival of *Shavuot* commemorates the proclamation of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai and is therefore known in the Jewish tradition as *z'man matan torateinu*, the season of the giving of our Torah.

The rabbis speak of *Shavuot* as the crowning climax of the Exodus. Until the first *Shavuot*, the liberated slaves in the wilderness were free in a physical sense only. At Sinai, Israel used the freedom obtained on Passover to consecrate themselves as "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Moreover, to make clear that the teachings of the Torah revealed at Sinai are for all humankind, the *Book of Ruth*, the story of a woman who voluntarily accepted Judaism in place of idolatry, is customarily read on the second day of *Shavuot*. In the *Megilla* of Ruth are found the glowing words of faith she spoke to her mother-in-law Naomi: "Entreat me not to leave you for wherever you go I will go, and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people will be my people and your God, my God."

Shavuot literally means "weeks" as it occurs precisely seven weeks after the second day of Passover. The 49 days between Passover and *Shavuot* are known as *s'firat ha-omer* (the counting of the *omer*), reminiscent of the days when farmers brought a measure (*omer*) of their newly harvested grain to the Temple.

The *Shavuot* holiday is also known as *chag ha-bikurim*, the Festival of the First Fruits, and *hag ha-katzir*, the Feast of the Harvest. At this time, farmers went on a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem bringing with them offerings of their barley harvest and the first fruits of their orchards. As an echo of this ancient agricultural celebration, it is customary to decorate the synagogue and home with flowers and plants.

During *Shavuot* dairy dishes are traditionally eaten because the Torah is often compared to milk and honey, having the nourishment of the former and the sweetness of the latter.

Below are a few ways you can make *Shavuot* a real celebration. Though it is a brief holiday, it is filled with joy and profound meaning.

1. Light *Yom Tov* candles and prepare a festival meal on both evenings of the holiday.
2. Invite guests to join in your celebration of *Shavuot* and eat dairy dishes.
3. Attend the *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot*; it is customary to stay up all night on the eve of *Shavuot* studying the Torah. (See schedule in next column.)
4. Attend services. Hear the Ten Commandments read in the synagogue on the first day of *Shavuot*. *Yizkor* is part of the second day services. (See schedule in next column.)
5. Read the *Book of Ruth*.
6. Light a *yahrzeit* candle in memory of family members who have died, give *zedakah* in their name, and attend services on the second day to recite the *Yizkor* Memorial Prayers. ○

Last Call Dedicate a New *Machzor* for the High Holidays



"With the *Machzor Lev Shalem*, each of us has a tool in his or her hands that can allow entrance into a rich Jewish experience of exploring heritage and meaning and insight—at whatever level is right for each of us."—Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

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 the front of 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 our website at adasisrael.org. A listing of all dedications will have an individual bookplate and will appear in a future *Chronicle*. ○

MACHZOR DEDICATION FORM

Please complete & clip this form and return it with payment to Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW Washington, DC 20008

Name _____

Day phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of Books you are dedicating _____

\$36 per *machzor* dedication

\$350 for 10 *machzorim*

Wording as you would like it to appear in the *machzor*

Note: Please print neatly; space for wording is limited.

In honor of _____ In memory of _____

Check enclosed \$ _____ (Payable to Adas Israel Congregation)

KOL NIDRE APPEAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

(\$10,000 contributions); and Honorary Committee members (\$5,000 contributions).

This year's *Kol Nidre* Appeal is particularly important as it follows two years of financial challenges. The appeal enables us to subsidize Jewish education for our 600 children, expand our Young Professionals programming for our 20- and 30-year-olds, maintain our important *Tikkun Olam*/Social Action activities in

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From the President

By the time you read this, I will be the former president of Adas Israel. At our June 1 annual meeting, we will have installed the inestimable Johanna Chanin to begin her two-year term as Adas's next president

I've been asked if I was heaving a big sigh of relief. The answer is no, if the question was meant to imply that the job is a pain or that anyone would be glad to have the synagogue's *tsuris* off his or her back. The fact is, the position has been a pleasure, and the synagogue is doing amazingly well—not because of me, but we're doing well nonetheless.

We have just extended Rabbi Steinlauf's contract for two years. He began almost three years ago, and his contract contemplated a firm three-year term followed by an optional two-year extension, which the Board of Directors enthusiastically offered and he accepted. Rabbi Steinlauf has a strong vision for the future of Adas Israel, grounded in our traditions but most definitely aimed at the up and coming generations of Jewish Washingtonians.

Our multiple *Shabbat* religious services are flourishing . . . and in a spirit of mutual respect and support. This atmosphere owes much to the personalities, devotion, and positive guidance of Rabbi Steinlauf, Rabbi Feinberg and our other clergy and staff.

Our young professional (YP@AI) community is thriving, again due to the work of our rabbis and also of Elie Greenberg, who heads up informal programming. YP can also attribute its success to the generosity of some longtime Adas members.

The Melvin Gelman Religious School under Josh Bender has reordered its curriculum with terrific results, including students' enhanced capacity to participate in and lead services. The generosity of Jack and Barbara Kay has meant that one of the school's capstone experiences has truly become transformative: this year's 10th-grade Confirmation Ma'alot class goes to Israel for 10 days shortly after schools let out for the summer.

At the other end of the school-age spectrum, Gan HaYeled continues to amaze us with what it does for the children and the way in which it serves as a welcoming point of entry to membership in the congregation. We will miss Shelley Remer and wish her a long and fulfilling retirement.

We have continued fundraising for the 21st Century Renewal Campaign. We have nearly enough large gifts pledged to undertake Phase I and are refining the Phase I designs so our reach does not exceed our grasp. I expect that we will go out to the general membership for the remaining funding for this phase. We could have a renewed Charles E. Smith Sanctuary in time for High Holy Days of 2012. (We have made a firm commitment that we will schedule construction so never shuts down the sanctuary for High Holy Days or denies us more than one major hall at a time.) Former president Russell Smith and I have agreed to co-chair the fundraising effort; board member and architect Steve Kleinrock continues to lead design oversight.

We have some challenges immediately ahead. We are in the midst of searches for a new cantor and for a new director for the Gan. With strong search committees and chairs, both searches are well underway.

More important are the challenges—the opportunities—for Adas in the longer term. How can Adas, a Conservative

synagogue, meet the spiritual needs and desires of young and old members and of generations to come? What is our role in an era and an area where independent Jewish lifelong learning and religious groups abound?

For one thing, I believe our location in the city, nearly atop a Metro station and once considered only a detriment as Jews and others moved to the suburbs, is more of a plus than a minus, now that the city population decline has reversed and downtown and inner suburb neighborhoods show new vitality. Our more participatory services are attracting an energized group of young professionals. Our rabbis appeal to those who yearn for Jewish meaning through tradition, study, and acts of lovingkindness and social action.

Our lay leadership—our directors, trustees, committee chairs, and those members who are there whenever we need them—is a diverse, energetic, and sometimes delightfully feisty group. These individuals embody commitment, integrity, and openness to feedback and healthy change. I've been privileged to serve with them and cannot wait to see how they continue to put this venerable congregation in the lead of Jewish institutional growth in the 21st century.

—Bob Peck



Bob Peck

Men's Club

Passing of the Torch, July 2

FJMC President and Adas Israel Men's Club past President Mark Berlin completes his term and passes the Torah mantle that has graced Adas Israel for the past two years. Join us as Mark provides some observations from his term in office and some insight into Jewish men's issues nationally. If you'd like to participate in the service, please contact him at Mark.Berlin@fcc.gov.

Year-End Coffee and Discussion on Next Year/Support Religious School on Rikkudiyah

Sunday morning, June 5, 10:30 am, we will gather for a half-hour to discuss leadership for next year and events for the following year. Join us for coffee and tell us what the next year should look like. Afterward, help us support the end-of-year dancing and singing (*rikkudiyah*) program at the Religious School. We are helping to set things up and are supplying the goodies for the kids. Please come for one or both parts of the morning! E-mail mensclub@adasisrael.org to let us know you're coming.



Planning Kol HaOlam for Next Year!!



Kol HaOlam, A National A Cappella Competition, was a tremendous success. We brought 900 people to the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary for a wonderful evening of Jewish music from college students representing nine different groups. We were even able to include the Regional USY

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Please join us for our
**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

Wednesday, June 1
(note new evening format)

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

- * Presentation of Committee Reports
- * "Burning" of the Synagogue Mortgage
- * Approval of New Synagogue Membership Categories
- * Update on the 21st Century Building Renewal Project

7:30 pm Congregational Meeting and Dessert (free)

- * Election of New Synagogue Leadership
- * Entertainment by Robyn Helzner & Dov Weitman in Honor of *Yom Yerushalayim*
- * "State of the Synagogue" Address by Outgoing President Robert Peck
- * *Yad Hakavod* Award to David Bickart

Dessert Reception by The Artful Party Following the Meeting in Honor of Newly Elected Synagogue Leaders and 2011 *Yad Hakavod*.

RSVP for dinner and/or the meeting to Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433 or carol.ansell@adasisrael.org, or visit adasisrael.org.

Fund for the Future Endowment Approaches \$20 Million

The primary source of Jewish strength in America is the synagogue. An investment in Adas Israel honors current and former members of our congregation and community and secures the future of our children and the synagogue. We are deeply thankful to the families and friends who have expressed their commitment to our future by establishing permanent named endowments as part of our Fund for the Future.

We are pleased to acknowledge the following new endowments dedicated during this past year:

Arnold Bortman Memorial Endowment Fund to help underwrite various religious publications. The first of the funds were used for our new Sanctuary *Shabbat* Transliteration Pew Booklet.

Benjamin James Cecil Special Education Fund to assist students with special needs in our schools.

Dr. Clement and Sandra Alpert Endowment Fund, which was created at the United Jewish Endowment Fund, will generate a significant annual contribution to Adas Israel Congregation in perpetuity. The fund was created to provide annual support to nearly 20 different Jewish and non-Jewish charities and projects throughout our community.

These meaningful funds bring our total contributions and pledges to nearly \$20 million, halfway to our goal of creating a \$40 million endowment to sustain our congregation for future generations.

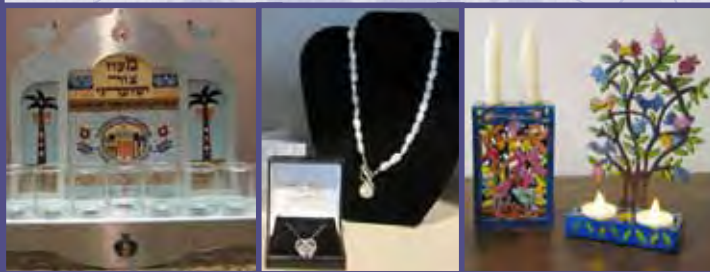
For information about creating a permanent endowment fund at the synagogue, please contact Pamela Reeves or Glenn Easton at the synagogue office. ○

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KOL NIDRE APPEAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

the community, provide a wide range *Shabbat* services, and offer engaging and creative lifelong learning experiences for our members and community.

The annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal, the congregation's only major fundraising focus, supports all of our congregational programming. By consolidating our fundraising into an annual appeal, we no longer bother or "nickel and dime" our members during the year. We feel that our mission is to provide Jewish education, religious services, community service, Israel support, and life cycle celebrations for our members rather than spending time and effort raising money. In fact, if we reach our goals, we do not even interrupt the beauty of the *Kol Nidre* Service with a spoken appeal.

Membership dues alone cannot support our wide-ranging, high-quality programs; our fine clergy and staff; and the beautiful building our members deserve and expect. As synagogue programs expand, our security expenses rise, utility expenses multiply, and operating costs increase. Rather than placing the entire budget burden on our membership dues, our leadership is committed to increasing income and participation in this annual High Holy Day *Kol Nidre* Appeal.

Included in our goal is 100 percent member participation at whatever level each person is able to participate. We hope we can count on your enthusiastic participation and support. ○

Life Cycle

Milestones

Birth

Ethan Hudson Cantor, son of Noah and Stacy Cantor, grandson of Rick & Amy Cantor, great-grandson of Elaine Kremens
Mackenzie Cayla Fox, daughter of Rima Adler & Gary Fox
Roger Solomon Grant, son of Stacey & Jeremy Grant
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

B'nai Mitzvah



Gavrielle Jacobovitz, June 4

Gavrielle, daughter of Leah Hadad and Jeffrey Jacobovitz, began her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and continues it in the Ma'alot DC high school at the Melvin Gelman Religious School and at Habonim D'ror Camp Moshava. Gavrielle is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. For her *tzedakah* project, she is collecting

soap to combat cholera in Haiti. The granddaughter of Sarah and Menahem Hadad of Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel, and the late Hilda (z"l) and John Jacobovitz (z"l), Gavrielle shares her *simcha* with her brothers, Sivan and Noam.



Charlotte Waldman, June 11

Charlotte, daughter of Linda Coe and Michael Waldman, began her religious education at Gan HaYeled, is currently a sixth grader at Maret School, and attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School. She shares her *simcha* with her sisters, Rachel and Celia.



Aviva Nemeth, June 18

Aviva, daughter of David and Jessica Nemeth, will become a *bat mitzvah* in the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan, among her community, family, and friends. She began her religious studies at Gan HaYeled and continues at the Jewish Primary Day School as a soon-to-be-graduated sixth grader. Aviva shares this day with her

sister, Yael, and in memory of her Grampy (Andrew Nemeth, z"l).



Eliane Nieder, June 25

Eliane, daughter of Susan Mitchell and Frank Nieder, is a sixth grader at Chevy Chase Elementary School. She started her Jewish education as a butterfly in Gan HaYeled and attended the Jewish Primary Day School from kindergarten through fifth grade. Currently attending the Melvin Gelman Religious School, Eliane shares this

simcha with her brother Sam and the rest of her family.



Beverly Daniel, June 25

Beverly, daughter of David and Lisa Daniel, has been tutored for her *bat mitzvah* by her grandparents, Adas members Donald and Susan Lubick. For her *tzedakah* project, she has been visiting weekly with residents of Chesterbrook Assisted Living. Beverly, who is a seventh grader at Longfellow Middle

School, also plans to donate part of her *bat mitzvah* gifts to the David Gordon Louis Daniel Foundation (dglfoundation.org).

Members in the News

Anna Kamerow, daughter of **Celia Shapiro & Doug Kamerow**, received Harvard's John Finley Fellowship, given to two seniors, for a year of travel following graduation. Anna's rugby team, Radcliffe Rugby, won the national championship in Pittsburgh in May.

Samuel Oram and **Shou Ping Liu**, grandchildren of **Grace & Irwin Lebow**, presented a concert to kick off the Speaker/Concert Series of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Ruthe Katz

Ann Sislen

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Carolyn Rubin, aunt of Linda Berg

Beatrice Gibbs, mother of Bonnie Konowitch

Melvin Goldberg, uncle of Jamie Butler

Roselyn Goodell, grandmother of Jeffrey Goodell

Bernard Harley, father of Bruce Brown

Irving Karp, father of Sharon Schwartz

Armando Lasz, father of Maria Lasz-Sloan

Solomon Merves, father of Esther Merves

Alan Mills, great-uncle of Matt Finston

Irving Peck, uncle of Bob Peck

Grace Schonberger, mother of Jeffrey Schonberger

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. After business hours, a staff member on call may be reached by calling the synagogue office at the number above and pressing "2" to be connected automatically, or by calling the answering service, 301-421-5271, which will page the staff member on call.

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

Bereavement Committee

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

Todah Rabbah

Todah Rabbah to Our Committee Chairs

We express our sincere appreciation to our chairs who, along with their dedicated committees, have served the congregation by providing leadership and direction.

Committee Chairs

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Shabbat Usher	Jamie Butler
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Anne Frank House	Hazel Keimowitz
Social Action for Israel	Jon Medalia
Lifelong Learning Committee	Renée Fendrich
Nominating Committee	Margaret Siegel
Religious Practices Committee	Jamie Butler
Bereavement Committee	Jane Beller & Edie Hessel
Religious School Committee	Pamela Reeves
Gan HaYeled Committee	Alexandra Horowitz
Youth Committee	Jeff Knishkowsky
Garden of the Righteous Cmte.	Judy Strauch
Library Committee	Leah Chanin
Yad Hakavod Committee	Stephen Lachter
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Men's Club	Robert Rubin
Sisterhood	Alisa Abrams
Gan Parents Association	Sandy Schulman & Rachel Strong
USY President	Gabi Rubin

Special thanks as well to retiring members of our Board of Directors: Maria Laszlo-Sloan, Eric Fox, Amy Golen, and Lisa Kleine. ○

Todah Rabbah to Popick, Bubes, and Block Families for Supporting the Chronicle

We gratefully acknowledge the Popick, Bubes, Block Family Foundation for its annual support of the Adas Israel *Chronicle*. Through the foundation's generosity and the support of the Nat and Ethel Popick Endowment Fund, the *Chronicle* remains our most important and effective communication with our membership and the community at large.

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B'nai Mitzvah Family Retreat Supported by the Alpert Fund for Family Education

This year's pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Shabbaton Retreat for children celebrating bar/bat mitzvah in 5772 (2011–12) was led by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Josh Bender, and Elie Greenberg at the Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center, just outside of Baltimore.

Underwritten in part by the Sandra and Clement Alpert Fund for Family Education, the shabbaton was a wonderful opportunity to share Shabbat with other families celebrating a bar/bat mitzvah next year, to share ideas about this important event in their lives, and to deepen the Jewish aspect of the celebration. The shabbaton included fun activities as well as opportunities for prayer and discussions with Rabbi Steinlauf.

We again thank the Alpert family for helping to underwrite this annual retreat. ○

Todah Rabbah to Kiddush Sponsors

We are fortunate to have many worshippers at Shabbat morning services, which are followed by a lovely kiddush. Many kiddushim are generously sponsored by our b'nai mitzvah families, and we express our gratitude to them for providing these refreshments and opportunities for socializing with our friends and fellow members.

We are also grateful to the families who have sponsored kiddushim in honor of baby namings, aufrufs, birthdays, and other special occasions. We invite all members to consider sharing family celebrations by co-sponsoring a Shabbat kiddush.

The annual cost of our kiddushim exceeds our family sponsors and synagogue budget. Fortunately, the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein Lande Shabbat Kiddush Fund was established to help underwrite a small portion of our weekly expense. We also appreciate the support of the Traditional Minyan Kiddush Fund and the Gan Parents Association.

Our weekly kiddush is a time for members from our multiple services to gather in friendship and conversation. We thank our many sponsors for enabling us to build community among our members and friends. ○

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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.

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 Bardin 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
29 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 25 Iyar	30 Memorial Day 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 26 Iyar	31 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 27 Iyar	1 <i>Yom Yerushalayim</i> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:15 pm Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:30 pm Yad Hakavod Award & Dessert Reception 7:30 pm Gan Evening Parenting Class 28 Iyar	2 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 29 Iyar	3 <i>Rosh Chodesh Sivan</i> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Rosh Chodesh Sivan Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 9:00 am Gan Lunch Bunch—Last Day 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf 6:30 pm YP Shir Delight Oneg 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner 7:15 pm Shir Delight Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf 8:15 pm YP Shabbat Dinner 1 Sivan	4 PARSHAT NASO 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary; Camp Aliyah Bat Mitzvah: Gavrielle Jacobovitz; 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 Shabbat Services for Tots—6th Grade 2 Sivan
5 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am R.S. Last Day 10:00 am Men's Club Closing Program 10:00 am Sisterhood Closing Event 1:00 pm Chesed Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 3 Sivan	6 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:15 pm GPA Staff Appreciation Lunch 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 4 Sivan	7 <i>Erev Shavuot</i> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Last Day 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 8:00 pm Erev Shavuot—Tikkun Leyl Shavuot 5 Sivan	8 <i>Shavuot—Day 1</i> 9:30 am Combined Service; After 9:19 pm Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6 Sivan	9 <i>Shavuot—Day 2</i> 9:15 am Combined Service Yizkor at 11:00 am; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7 Sivan	10 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Service & Graduation with Rabbi Steinlauf & Robin Helzner 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service 8 Sivan	11 PARSHAT BEHA'ALOTCHA 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Bat Mitzvah: Charlotte Waldman Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services for Tots—6th Grade 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by the Waldman Family 9 Sivan
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26 8:30 am Morning Minyan 11:30 am Men's Study Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 24 Sivan	27 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 25 Sivan	28 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 26 Sivan	29 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 27 Sivan	30 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 28 Sivan	1 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 29 Sivan	2 PARSHAT CHUKAT/ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ 9:15 am Combined Smith Sanctuary & Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Service 12:30 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 9:20 pm Havdalah 30 Sivan

Education

Gan HaYeled

In celebration of her upcoming retirement, and for the first time in 20 years, Shelley Remer played Esther in the staff Purim shpiel. She is pictured here with Devon Swann as King Ahashveros.



Religious School

Ma Tovv Moments

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

From N Street Village



Dear Josh and Adas Israel families, Thank you very much for collecting donation items for our women at N Street Village. We appreciate all the wonderful things you collected

for us—over 180 cans of food! Thank you for supporting our mission. Sincerely, Anne Steeves

AIUSY Madrichim Leadership Program



May Madrich of the Month

Ben Kean has been a star *madrich* for years now. He is extremely responsible, knowledgeable, and always motivated to help out Sunday mornings. His love of Judaism is contagious, which makes him the perfect role model for our young students. Working closely with Miki and Lital in their third-grade class, Ben helps coordinate a number of different

student activities. We thank Ben for his hard work and hope he will continue to stay involved in our religious school in the coming years.

Madrichim, a leadership program, is for students in the eighth through 12th grades. *Madrichim* hold a number of different leadership roles in the religious school, from assisting teachers in classrooms to helping in our education office and library with various tasks. This year 40 *madrichim* are enrolled in our program! To learn more, please contact Elie Greenberg, elie.greenberg@adasisrael.org.

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Nessiah Tova! Have a great trip!!



Wishing all of our summer camp and 10th grade Confirmation Class Abe and Minnie Kay Experience participants a fantastic journey this summer! We'd 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. ○

June Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

3: L'Dor VaDor Service and Dinner

5: Last Day of School; Vav (6th grade) wax museum; Parents Corner; *Rikkudiyah*; Faculty Meeting

13: End-of-Year Progress Reports Sent

Attention, High School Graduates:
Mazal tov on this exciting milestone!
Please stay in touch and keep us posted.

Join our "Adas College Connection" Facebook group!

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

Student's Name _____

College _____

Year of graduation _____

Address (at school) _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____

Leah F. Chanin Scholarship Awarded

An Adas Israel student has once again received the Leah F. Chanin Day School Scholarship to attend a local Jewish day school. Upon the recommendation of the school, this student received the financial aid to assist the family in meeting the school's tuition requirements. The scholarships are need-based, so recipients remain anonymous.

We are grateful for Leah Chanin's foresight in enabling member families to obtain a Jewish day school education for their children. ○

Torah Club

At Torah Club, fifth and sixth graders from both the Religious School and day school enjoy dinner (and social time!) together, after which we study *parshiyot* that we prepare to read in Junior Congregation the next week.

Most Torah Club participants did not know trope at first or how to read Torah. Thanks to Hazzan Greenberg everyone in Torah Club has been able to read successfully in Junior Congregation. Most of the kids were afraid to read on stage, but after being in Torah Club, they have gotten over their fear of being onstage.

Torah Club is great for fifth and sixth graders because by the time we get to our *b'nai mitzvah*, we have learned what Torah trope is all about. And we've also had several opportunities to practice our new skill on the *bimah* at Junior Congregation.

If you are going into fifth or sixth grade, please consider joining the Adas Israel Torah Club next year. For more information, please contact Hazzan Jenna Greenberg.

—Becca Ingber & Maya Marcus Torah Club members, 2010–2011

Last one until fall!

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, June 3, 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.

RSVP by Wednesday, June 1st
Talya.Baiaimonte@adasisrael.org
(202) 362-4449

Youth @ AI



Our month of April was filled with the sounds of boisterous voices and thrilling screams. Adas Israel USY and *Kadima* enjoyed the many beautiful voices of the first Jewish collegiate cappella competition. We finished the month's events before *Pesach* with the Seaboard USY and *Kadima* Kings Dominion Day. It was a day filled with games, roller coasters, food, and friends.



Adas Israel Kadimaniks and USYers have a blast at the Seaboard Region Kings Dominion trip!

The month of June will be closing the year with a bang: **Sunday, June 5:** *Kadima* hits the ropes course and works together to complete team challenges.

Sunday, June 12: USY and *Kadima* Annual End-of-the-Year Banquet.

To learn more about Youth@AI and our June events, please visit adasisrael.org/youth. Have a wonderful summer! ○

Lifelong Learning



Jews of Nashville

June 15, 7:00–8:15 pm

Believe it—there are Jews in Nashville, Tennessee. This Jewish community that began with just one congregation in the mid-1850s is now a thriving community of 7,500 people in the heart of the Bible Belt. In fact, the first Jewish child in Music City, USA, was born in 1795. Wendy Kamenshine describes the history of this community; highlights significant periods such as its involvement in the civil rights movement (including the role of her own childhood rabbi); and gives you a sense of what's happening in Nashville today. Nashville native Kamenshine is senior ombudsman at the Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman's Office.

JSC and Adas Israel members \$15; non-members \$20

Register at jewishstudycenter.org or at the door. ○

Library Corner

Discovering a Lost World: The Cairo Genizah

by Robin Jacobson

While traveling in the Middle East in 1896, two wealthy, erudite Scottish sisters bought some antique manuscripts. Little did they imagine that this souvenir purchase would lead to astounding discoveries in an ancient synagogue attic—known as the Cairo *Genizah*—that would illuminate 1,000 years of Jewish history. This tale of adventure and discovery is well told in two newly published books now in our library: *Sacred Treasure: The Cairo Genizah*, by Mark Glickman and *Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza* by Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole.

The formidable twin sisters, Agnes Lewis and Margaret Gibson, were staunch Presbyterians, accomplished linguists, and widows free to study and travel. After their Middle Eastern expedition, they returned to Castlebrae, their manor near Cambridge University, spread out their literary scraps on the dining room table, and began deciphering them. Puzzled by a curious manuscript fragment, they consulted Rabbi Solomon Schechter, reader in Talmudic and Rabbinic Literature at Cambridge (and subsequently president of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York).

Solomon Schechter

Schechter quickly realized that the unimpressive-looking scrap (which Mrs. Gibson said looked “as if a grocer had used it for something greasy”) was the long-lost Hebrew text of the Apocryphal book of *Ben Sira*, known for centuries only in Greek translation. Electrified, Dr. Schechter set off to explore the source of the fragment, an attic in the ancient Ben

Ezra Synagogue of Fustat (Old Cairo).

Crammed with hundreds of years of discarded papers, the attic was a *genizah*, a storage chamber, for both Hebrew texts bearing the name of God (too sacred to be destroyed, under Jewish law) and myriad unwanted documents pertaining to the Jewish community. The dry climate had protected the documents over the centuries, as did legends about an ancient curse and a poisonous snake guarding the *genizah*.

Amid the dusty debris, Schechter



discovered a lost civilization. The papers in the *genizah*, dating from the 9th through the 19th centuries, richly depicted the lives of the Jews of Cairo. In addition to sacred texts, *haggadot*, and rabbinic rulings, the *genizah* contained marriage contracts, wills, shop inventories, court depositions, business receipts, medical prescriptions, poetry, and love letters. One treasure buried in the *genizah* was correspondence belonging to Maimonides, who in the 12th century had lived a short distance

from the synagogue.

Eager to study and preserve these historic finds, Schechter courted the Grand Rabbi and lay leaders of Cairo's Jewish community over cigarettes and innumerable cups of coffee, winning permission to ship most of the *genizah* cache to England.

Schechter's Successors

Back in Cambridge, Schechter feverishly examined the *genizah* fragments. Because they were covered in the medieval dust he called *genizahschmutz*, he lamented that he would never be able to excavate all the texts' riches: “Looking over this enormous mass of fragments,” Schechter wrote, “I cannot overcome a sad feeling stealing over me, that I shall hardly be worthy to see all the results which the *Genizah* will add to our knowledge of Jews and Judaism. The work is not for one man, and not for one generation.”

More than 100 years after Schechter's auspicious trip to Cairo, scholars continue to mine treasures from the *genizah* texts. Perhaps the most thrilling developments will spring from modern technology, which has the potential to identify and unite long-separated pieces of torn manuscripts, and thus, to bring more of the *genizah's* still-concealed secrets to light.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN

THIS SUMMER! For hours, book recommendations, or to volunteer, please contact Robin Jacobson, *librarian@adasisrael.org*. ○

Summer Building Hours

As you may be aware, the building is closed on Monday and Thursday nights during the school year. As we approach the summer months, please keep in mind that we will also be closed on Tuesday nights after the evening *minyan*, to reduce energy use, utility costs, security charges, and staffing expenses. Since Wednesday will be the only available night for meetings, please plan accordingly. Thank you and have an enjoyable summer.

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Group, Kol HaYam, and give it center stage to open the program with *Havdalah* and a song!

The first one was great, and we're already planning for the second one in spring 2012. We need people to participate in the planning process, so if you enjoyed the event and want to help it continue, e-mail mensclub@adasisrael.org and tell us which of the following areas you would like to support: housing, logistics, marketing, sales, concessions, ushering, program, judging, underwriting, sponsorships, group selection, communications, or meals. ○

Ma Tovv

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

This month's *Ma Tovv* column is dedicated to Henry Silberman, who will be leaving Adas Israel in June. For the last 10 years, Henry has been the "go to" guy for so many aspects of synagogue life. Whether arranging a *bat mitzvah kid-dush*, scheduling a room for a meeting, submitting a maintenance request, or planning a wedding, Henry was always available with a smile and often a hug.

Born in Harrisburg, PA, Henry was a *yeshiva bocher* who then served in the U.S. Army. An active member of his hometown synagogue, Henry was its Men's Club president before he became a Jewish communal professional, serving as executive director at Beth El Temple in Harrisburg and at Tifereth Israel Congregation in New Bedford, MA, before coming to Adas Israel.

Warm, affable, fun, helpful, and happy are some of the adjectives members use when describing Henry, who has an infectious laugh and an office full of family photos and knickknacks from his beloved Pennsylvania sports teams (Phillies, Eagles, and Nittany Li-

ons). Few know his hidden acting and singing talents, which he has shared in local community and synagogue productions over the years, including his signature impression of the Blues Brothers.

For 10 years, Henry Silberman has been an important member of our synagogue staff and synagogue family. Henry's position was created at a time in our synagogue history when we needed to combine responsibilities and experiment with staffing models.

A lot has changed at Adas Israel during Henry's tenure. Our programmatic, building, facility, and administrative needs have evolved, and our finances continue to be a challenge. With this in mind, it is with regret that Henry will be leaving Adas in June. We are restructuring our house and grounds department and staff and will shift some administrative responsibilities to other staff members.

Henry and Jackye have truly become members of our Adas family, and whether or not they remain in our



Henry Silberman

community, we know we will retain our friendships and relationships. We wish Henry the best in the years to come.

Ma Tovv is meant to honor and acknowledge members of the Adas Israel family who work tirelessly behind the scenes to enrich our Adas Israel experience. If you have a suggestion for an honoree, or would like to volunteer to interview, please contact Steve Lachter, lachter@starpower.net or 202-363-9709. ○



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, June 3, 6:30 pm

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

between the ages of 21 and 35. Our evening begins at 6:30 with a happy hour *oneg* followed by a lay-led *Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv* service and a FREE *Shabbat* dinner. While everyone is welcome to join us for our happy hour *oneg* and services, we can only accommodate a limited number of people for dinner. Please register at adasisrael.org/yp by May 31 to reserve your spot today.



Jazz, Jews, & Booze

Sunday, June 12, 4:00-7:00 pm

Adas Israel's Front Steps (Rain or Shine!)

Enjoy some live jazz with over 300 Jewish young professionals

All you can eat, all you can drink for only \$10 (\$8 for Adas Israel members)!

Pay online at adasisrael.org/yp.



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Please note guest clergy, new *machzor*, and new Charles E. Smith Sanctuary balcony seating

Planning for the 2011 High Holy Days is underway, and packets of information will arrive at your home by the end of the month.

Remember, to simplify the holiday ticket process, if you only want tickets for the people in your household in the Kay Hall, Gewirz Hall, Traditional Egalitarian Minyan, Family Service, or Charles E. Smith Sanctuary balcony, they will be sent to you automatically. You will not have to complete a ticket request form.

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We will welcome new guest clergy this year due to transitions in our cantorial positions. Cantor Abraham Lubin, recently retired cantor of Beth El Congregation in Bethesda, will participate in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary service, and former holiday cantor Mark Novak will return, while Michael Kay returns to his home synagogue for the holidays.

Watch your mail for the High Holy Day packet, which also includes requests for youth services, holiday honors, Memorial Book listings, ushers, and the *Kol Nidre* Appeal. ○

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