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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

CHADESH YAMEINU KAKEDEM

Most of us are familiar with these words, and perhaps with the haunting melodies that we sing with these them as we put the *Sefer Torah* away on *Shabbat* and holidays. It's a powerful line that means "Renew our days as of old." When you think about it, this line expresses a kind of paradox. We're asking for renewal. In conventional terms, renewal is often about transcending past baggage and experiences, becoming "like new" again. But here, we want that renewal to be *kakedem*, "as of old!" This is the unique take that Judaism has on the idea of renewing ourselves. We renew, we evolve, we become better human beings only together with the past that has come before us. We don't leave the past behind. We integrate our past: our stories, our struggles, our tragedies, our joys into who we will become. This renewal as of old is the very

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Kol Nidre Appeal Needs Your Support

Adas Israel is beginning its 142nd year of serving our members. This year, 5772, will bring more energy and more opportunity into the building and into our community. We are undergoing transitions and transformations throughout the

congregation, and our clergy and school directors are designing and offering exciting services, programs, and approaches that are attracting new members and reinvigorating all of us.

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You are cordially invited you to attend the Abraham and Minnie Kay Memorial Lecture

sponsored by

The Jewish Theological Seminary

"God Bless America: Religion and Politics in the United States Today"



E.J. Dionne Jr., nationally syndicated columnist with the *Washington Post*, and Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in conversation with

Professor Arnold M. Eisen, Chancellor, JTS

Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 pm

Dessert reception to follow

Open to the entire community.

For further information, please contact
Adas Israel Congregation, 202-362-4433
or Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org.

About the Program

Religion is much in the news. As America marks the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, and gears up for a presidential

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Reflections on 9/11: Program & Memorial Service

Join us on Sunday, September 11, at 10:15 am, to mark the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001. Our "Reflections on 9/11" panel discussion, which will feature *Washington Post* reporter Laura Blumenfeld, Georgetown Day School head Russell Shaw, and Rabbi Charles

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Selichot Night Program with Hazzan Abraham Lubin Teiman-Yemen: A Documentary

Saturday, September 24, 8:00 pm

The Jews of Yemen represent the oldest Jewish community in our history. They possess a rich and ancient musical tradition and unique cultural history that have always been of interest to scholars of Jewish music and culture.



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process that we call upon on *Rosh Hashanah*. In our cyclical calendar, renewing each year, we circle back to *Hayom Harat Olam*, the “birthday” of the world. We access, again and again, the moment of creation itself, and in that reconnection with the primordial past, we renew. The Jewish view of life is that it’s an ever-ascending spiral, circling back again and again, but with each pass-around, we’re richer, renewing in ever more profound ways. In Judaism, we believe that we can always “re-create” our lives as long as we acknowledge and own our past stories and deeds. This re-creation is called *t’shuvah*, or “returning.” We’re never really lost in life with *t’shuvah*. We can always find the way forward by looking and seeing our own footsteps that have brought us to this moment. On the High Holy Days, we look back and we take an honest look at the whole spiraling journey we have been on. We see all the missteps, the moments when we slipped and fell, the moments when we walked with pride. In seeing that whole journey, we can discern with clarity how and where to take the next step. In our tradition, this process happens both on a communal level and on a personal level. As a people, we are ever-mindful of our sacred past, our mission as a people of God. When we sing that line about renewing our days as of old, we collectively hear-ken back to the ancient days of our ancestors, who felt the Divine Presence palpably in their day-to-day experience.

As individuals, we yearn for that kind of connection. To find it, we take stock. We face our demons. We draw strength from our accomplishments and joys. We find ways back to the sacred path of

From the President

I hope your summer has been relaxing and enjoyable; I am delighted to have spent the summer in my new role as Adas Israel president, following Bob Peck’s two exemplary years leading the congregation and our Board of Directors.

There is much to be excited about at Adas—our inaugural year of “pillar weekends” focusing on *Torah Lishma*/Torah study, *Tikkun Olam*/Social Action, and *Ahavat Yisrael*/Love of Israel; our Confirmation Class’s trip to Israel as the first Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience group; wonderful new voices from visiting Cantors Abe Lubin and Mark Novak to enrich our 2011 High Holy Day experience; and the launch later this year of Phase I of our 21st Century Renewal Plan for our building. It is a marvelous time to be part of the Adas community!

Although the High Holy Days are “late” this year (when are they ever right on time?), preparations at Adas Israel are well underway to create a meaningful High Holy Day experience for our community. I hope you’ve had a chance to review the High Holy Days packet that was mailed earlier in the summer. I think you’ll find inspiring options for your holiday worship, including offerings with family, musical, traditional, and spiritual elements in mind.

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our people. We rediscover how we are, in fact, on our path to God.

At Adas Israel, we take the wisdom of *t’shuvah* very seriously in every aspect of our congregational life. This is a year of great transitions in our synagogue. We are searching for a new cantor, one who will bring a spirit of renewal—in the Jewish sense!—to our services and congregational life. Familiar faces on our staff will be playing new roles. New faces will be helping us to transition familiar roles: Sheri Brown, our wonderful Gan interim director, is hard at work creating a great experience for our Gan families. Cantor Abe Lubin, a seasoned *hazzan* with a magnificent voice, will anchor our services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary for the coming year. New positions and new faces will be appearing as well, as we seek to find innovative ways to address changing needs in our community.

We change as a congregation just as we change as individuals. We face the present and future by affirming what has been before us. Our goal is *chadesh yameinu kakedem*, to renew our congregation as of old: to provide the best possible ways for each and every one of us to discover a direct connection with each other, with our heritage, and with the Divine.

As we make our way from the New Year to *Yom Kippur*, we take a serious look at who we are. Some of us are young and have a lifetime ahead of us. Some of us are older, with limited years to look forward to. The infinite wisdom of *t’shuvah* teaches us that in every moment, who we have been, and who we are now is a gift. May the journey of *t’shuvah* that we share bring us to a New Year rich with possibilities and full of gratitude for all the ways that we are blessed.

L'Shanah Tovah Tekateivu

May you be inscribed for a happy and healthy New Year! ○



Johanna Chanin

Of course, it takes resources to offer these and so many other important services and programs for our wonderfully diverse community. Our most valued resource is the energy, time, and participation of our members, and from our talented staff and clergy. I invite each of you to find activities at the synagogue that engage and inspire you as a volunteer and as a participant. I have found lifelong friends and life-enhancing experiences at Adas and hope that you do as well—and I encourage you to make it your mission this year to explore Adas in search of your own unique experience. Please let me know if I can assist you in that endeavor.

As we look forward to a new year, I look forward to serving as your president. I thank you for the honor of serving this synagogue that means so much to so many of us. I thank you for all you’ve done to build this wonderful community and look forward to finding ways to make our Adas experience even more meaningful for us all. ○

Johanna
Johanna Chanin

Save the Date: *Torah Lishma* Weekend

Nov. 18–20, with Rabbi Irwin Kula



Torah Lishma means learning for its own sake, and the greatest goal of our tradition is to provide opportunities to study, learn, and grow. We welcome Rabbi Irwin Kula, November 18–20, for a weekend of exploring the theme, “Leadership in Jewish Life.” He will speak Friday night, Saturday morning, and after *kiddush* on Saturday, and he

will conduct a special learning session with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf on Sunday morning.

Rabbi Kula uses Jewish wisdom to speak to all aspects of modern life and relationships and inspire people across the globe. An engaged and thoughtful trader in the global marketplace of ideas, he led a Passover *seder* in Bhutan; consulted with government officials in Rwanda; helped build cultural and interfaith bridges in Qatar; and met with leaders as diverse as the Dalai Lama and Queen Noor to discuss compassionate leadership in the 21st century.

Fast Company magazine and *Religion and Ethics Newsweekly* (PBS) both named him one of the leaders shaping the American spiritual landscape, and he has been cited by *Newsweek* for many years as one of America’s “Most Influential Rabbis.” Rabbi Kula is the president of Clal—The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, a leadership-training institute, think tank, and resource center in New York City. ○

***Torah Lishma* Weekend Honors Study Groups**

If you currently are, or have ever been, a member of an **Adas Israel Study Group**, we would like to honor you at *Torah Lishma* Weekend, on Friday evening, November 18. Please contact Beth Ann Spector at bethann.spector@adasisrael.org to let us know you will be attending.

Important Personnel Announcement

From Synagogue President Johanna Chanin

Hazzan Jenna Greenberg has informed me that her husband, Rabbi Josh Ginsberg, has been offered a pulpit at a Conservative synagogue in Chicago. This is a wonderful opportunity for Josh, Jenna, and their family, but unfortunately this means Jenna is leaving Adas Israel in October.

I have asked Rabbi Steinlauf and Glenn Easton to begin developing a plan to cover her duties and those of our senior cantor for the coming year. While a confluence of bad timing, the situation enables us to explore and experiment with several exciting staffing models and with talented individuals in our community.

Our priority is to ensure continuity and excellence in our religious services, *b’nai mitzvah* program, and schools with superior clergy and staff as we strive to celebrate Conservative Judaism at its creative best while serving the needs of our members and community.

Earlier this year we made arrangements to ensure meaningful High Holy Day services by inviting Hazzan Abe Lubin and Mark Novak to join our continuing holiday and synagogue clergy. In the weeks ahead, members of our Executive Committee will work with Gil and Glenn to finalize our staffing plan for the coming year.

My sincere thanks and deep gratitude to Melanie Nussdorf and the Cantor Search Committee for their continuing leadership of and dedication to the important work of the committee. Our thanks, also, to the entire synagogue staff for their professionalism, flexibility, and commitment to our congregation as we adjust to these unforeseen developments. I am very optimistic that we will find opportunities rather than setbacks as we work through each of these issues. ○

From Hazzan Jenna Greenberg

It is with mixed emotions that I share the following news with you. After seven years of serving the Adas Israel community, I will be completing my tenure here following *Yom Kippur*. My husband Josh has found an opportunity to be rabbi of a small community in Chicago. Though we are excited about this new chapter of our lives, our departure will be bittersweet. Adas Israel has been our home since we arrived here in the summer of 2004.

The past seven years have been very meaningful for me professionally. During my tenure I have grown to truly understand what it means to be a *hazzan* and to become *Kli Kodesh*—clergy in its fullest sense of the word. I feel a true connection to the congregation, and the relationships I have made with you have helped me grow into who I am today. And I feel so proud to have had this opportunity to serve at this amazing synagogue that encompasses the diverse spectrum of Conservative Judaism. I look forward to serving the Adas Israel community through the *Yamim Noraim*.

Todah rabah lakhem. Thank you all for this wonderful chapter of our lives.

Shalom, Hazzan Jenna Greenberg ○

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Feinberg, will address the following questions: Where were you on September 11, 2001, when you heard about the attack? How did it affect your life then? How has it changed your life since? We will also address how to talk about this tragic day in American history to children who have no memory of it.

Following the panel discussion will be a community memorial service at 11:30 am (appropriate for children in fifth grade and above) that will include songs by the Georgetown Day School high school choir. ○

High Holy Days

Home Observance of Rosh Hashanah, 5772

Rosh Hashanah at Home

The celebration of *Rosh Hashanah*, like all Jewish holidays, takes place both in the synagogue and at home. The mood of the holiday combines solemnity and joy. The commemoration of *Rosh Hashanah* at home can be enhanced by the following preparation and ceremonies: the table should be set in a festive manner, with a white cloth (symbolic of purity and joy), candlesticks, wine, apples and honey, and *challot* (usually round to symbolize a full, complete year). The family gathers for the lighting of the candles.

► *Rosh Hashanah* begins on Wednesday evening, September 28, candles are lit, and the blessing is followed by the *She-hecheeyanu*:

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

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzevanu l'hadleek ner shel Yom Tov. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to light the festival candles.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, she-hecheeyanu v'kee-y-manu v'higeyanu laz'man hazeh. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

► Blessing of the children: It is a beautiful tradition for parents to bless their children before reciting *kiddush*. Parents place their hands on each child's head and say the appropriate blessing.

For sons:

ישמך אלהים כפאריס וכמנשה.

Y'simcha Eloheem k' Efrayim v'chi Menashe.

May God make you as Ephraim and Menashe

For daughters:

ישמך אלהים כפארה רבקה רחל ולאה.

Y'simech Eloheem k' Sarah, Rivka, Rachel,

v' Leah. May God make you as Sarah,

Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

For all children, continue with the Priestly Blessing:

Y'va-rekh'kha Adonai v'yish-m'rekha. May the Lord bless you and keep you; *Ya-er*

Adonai panav ele-kha vi-hu-neka. May the Lord's goodness shine on you and be

gracious to you; *Yisa Adonai panav ele-kha v'ya-sem l'kha shalom.* May the Lord turn with favor to you and give you peace. Amen.

► On the first night of *Rosh Hashanah*, it is traditional to dip apples in honey and recite the following prayer:

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו, שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה.

Y'hee ratzon milfanecha, Adonai, Elohaynu v'elohay avotaynu, she'ti-chadesh aleynu shana tovah u'metukah. May it be Your will, Lord our God, and God of our ancestors, that the New Year be both good and sweet.

► *Kiddush* for Yom Tov

► *Motzi*

On the second night of *Rosh Hashanah*, it is customary to eat a new fruit (mango, pomegranate, etc.) so that the *She-hecheeyanu* may be recited. However, the *She-hecheeyanu* may be recited even without eating a new fruit.

The traditional greeting for *Rosh Hashanah* is:

לשנה טובה תכתבו *L'shanah Tova Tikatevu.... May you be inscribed for a good year.*

Yom Kippur Afternoon to Feature David Brooks and Sheryl Gay Stolberg

Please join us on Yom Kippur afternoon, Saturday, October 8, at 3:45 pm, for a special event featuring Adas Israel member and *New York Times* reporter Sheryl Gay Stolberg interviewing David Brooks, who will discuss his recently released book, *The Social Animal*.

With unequaled insight and brio, David has long explored and explained the way we live. Now, with the intellectual curiosity and emotional wisdom that make his columns among the most read in the nation, he turns to the building blocks of human flourishing in a multilayered, profoundly illuminating work grounded in everyday life.

The Social Animal is a moving and nuanced intellectual adventure, a story of achievement and a defense of progress. Impossible to put down, it is an essential book for our time, one that will have broad social impact and will change the way we see ourselves and the world.



David became a *New York Times* op-ed columnist in September 2003. He has been a senior editor at *The Weekly Standard*, a contributing editor at *Newsweek* and the *Atlantic Monthly*, and he is cur-

rently a commentator on *The Newshour with Jim Lehrer*. He has also written *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There* and *On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense*, both published by Simon & Schuster.

A Washington correspondent for the *New York Times*, Sheryl writes about political personalities and ideas and the culture of Washington. During nearly 15 years with the *Times*, she

has been a science writer, a congressional correspondent, and a White House correspondent, covering the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama. She previously worked for the *Los Angeles Times*, where she shared two Pulitzer Prizes won by that newspaper's staff, and the *Providence Journal* in Providence, RI. She lives in Chevy Chase with husband Scott Robinson and daughters Hannah and Olivia. ○



SCHEDULE OF ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

Other Locations

Rosh Hashanah Eve, Wednesday, September 28

6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

First Day Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 29

<i>Shacharit</i>	8:15 am	(One Service – Sanctuary)
Torah Service	9:30 am	9:30 am
Family Service		10:00 am (Cohen-Wolpe Hall)
Sermon	11:00 am	11:00 am
<i>Musaf</i>	11:30 am	11:30 am
USY Hike and Tashlich Service (9th–12th graders)		11:30 am (meet in Quebec Street Lobby)
Family <i>Tashlich</i>		12:00 pm (meet on Conn. Ave. Patio)
Community <i>Tashlich</i>		5:15 pm (meet at Quebec Street entrance)
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>		6:30 pm (Kogod Chapel)

Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

Open Seating

Other Locations

Second Day Rosh Hashanah, Friday September 30 (No Tickets Required)

Preliminary Service and Shacharit	8:15 am	(One Service – Sanctuary)
Combined Torah & Shofar Service	9:30 am – 10:45 am	
Service for families & elementary school age children		9:30 am – 10:45 am (Kogod Chapel)
Pre-school (Gan) Service		9:30 am – 10:30 am (Gewirz Hall)
Children's Services		10:30 am
Creative Musical <i>Musaf</i> Service with choir & instruments and Sermon		10:45 am
Traditional <i>Musaf</i> Service and Sermon		10:45 am (Kay Hall)
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>		6:30 pm (Kogod Chapel)

Kever Avot Memorial Services & Cemetery Hours



Jews worldwide mark the approaching High Holy Days with annual visits to the graves of departed loved ones. An ancient custom, *Kever Avot*, literally “graves of the fathers,” dates almost as far back as Jews themselves. Gathering at the grave facilitates families’ healing by offering an opportunity to grant forgiveness to one another. Others visit graves to connect with their past and to contemplate the life they want to live.

The Adas Israel *Kever Avot* schedule is as follows:

- *Kever Avot* Memorial Cemetery Service, Sunday, September 25, 10:30 am, Adas Israel Cemetery, 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE, with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf and Hazzan Jenna Greenberg
 - Judean Memorial Gardens *Kever Avot* Service, Sunday, October 2, at 10:30 am, with Rabbi Charles Feinberg
- Bus leaves from the congregation at 9:30 am on each date. Call Carol Ansell at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, to reserve a seat. Space is limited.

The Adas Israel Cemetery on Alabama Avenue will be open

on Sunday, September 25 and October 2, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you wish to visit at any other times, please call Laura Bloomberg, 202-362-4433, ext. 144.

May the memory of your loved ones forever be a blessing and inspiration. ○

Selichot Night Program with Hazzan Abraham Lubin

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On Saturday, September 24, at 8:00 pm, Hazzan Abraham Lubin will introduce the entertaining and educational *Teiman–Yemen: A Documentary* and illustrate examples of the Yemenite musical tradition. In addition, Adas Israel member Leah Hadad will discuss her Yemenite family roots.

A reception begins at 9:00 pm, followed by *Selichot* services at 10:00 pm. Rabbi Steinlauf and Hazzan Lubin will lead the service with our High Holy Day vocal quartet. Hazzan Jenna Greenberg and Michael Leifman will also take part in the service. The program is generously sponsored by the Joseph and Mollie Muchnick Selichot Fund. ○

Lulav and Etrog Order Form

Orders Due October 7

"...and you shall take the fruit of goodly trees...and rejoice before the Lord your God."

We encourage you to order your *lulav* and *etrog* in preparation for the festive observance of the *Sukkot* holiday. Please send check and order form to the attention of Marcia Miller at the synagogue.

Lulavim may be picked up on Wednesday October 12, 8:30 am–1:00 pm, or at *Sukkot* services, on both *Yom Tov* and *Chol haMoed* (Oct. 13–19).

Lulav and Etrog Order Form

Enclosed is my check, made out to Adas Israel, for \$35 for a *lulav* and *etrog* set.

Name (please print)

Phone Number

***If you prefer, we can bill your synagogue account directly.

Please contact Marcia Miller, 202-362-4433, ext.112, or Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org, to make those arrangements.***

KAY LECTURE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

election now only one year away, we cannot help but question the actual and proper role of religion in our culture, society, and country. Join two experts on the subject—acclaimed journalist and author E. J. Dionne and JTS Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen, a leading scholar of American Judaism, for a frank, wide-ranging discussion of several of the most controversial issues on the American public agenda today: Should faith make a difference in which candidates we support? Should Islam and other religions be held responsible for the evils done in their name—and in God's? Can we be both committed believers and respectful of believers who disagree with us?

E.J. Dionne Jr. is a nationally syndicated columnist with the *Washington Post*, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and a professor at Georgetown University. His analysis of American politics and trends of public sentiment is recognized as among the best in the business. Author of *Souled Out: Reclaiming Faith and Politics After the Religious Right*, *Why Americans Hate Politics*—a National Book Award nominee—and other noted works, he is a regular political commentator on television and radio.



Arnold M. Eisen is the seventh chancellor of JTS. Since his appointment in 2007, he has increased JTS's impact on the communities it serves by transforming the education of religious leadership for Conservative Judaism; articulating a new vision for JTS; and developing innovative programs in synagogue arts and practices, adult education, pastoral care, Jewish thought, interreligious dialogue, and the arts. ○

Adas Israel Sisterhood Opening Event

*Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner
Honoring Hazzan Jenna Greenberg*

*Friday, September 16
6:00 pm*

*Join Sisterhood in honoring Hazzan Greenberg
for all the contributions she has made to
Sisterhood and the entire congregation.*

*This event is open to the entire Adas Israel community.
For more information and to RSVP, please contact Carol
Ansell at 202-362-4433 or carol.ansell@adasisrael.org.*

*\$26 per person (\$12 for children under 10)
\$18 for paid members of Sisterhood
Please RSVP by Friday, September 8.*



Sisterhood

Sisterhood Closes the Year 5771 with an Emphasis on Torah Study

The 5771 closing events of the Adas Israel Sisterhood, which took place June 12, included the board and general membership meetings, Torah study, and installation of the 2011–2013 Board of Directors. **Nechama Masliansky** led attendees in an original Torah lesson that compared the Joseph story with that of Esther and Mordechai. Entitled "Golden Collars and Royal Horses," it featured active small-group discussions of stimulating questions that Nechama posed.

Estelle Jacobs then presided over installation of the incoming Executive Committee and general board. (See page 5 of the July–August *Chronicle* for the list of names.) Estelle, a member of the Anita Schwartz (z"l) Past Presidents Council of Adas Israel Sisterhood, is also past president of the Seaboard Branch of Women's League of Conservative Judaism.

On behalf of Sisterhood, incoming president **Lisa Kleine** presented a parting gift to outgoing president **Alisa Abrams**. In Alisa's honor,



Outgoing president Alisa Abrams congratulates incoming president Lisa Kleine.



Estelle Jacobs presides over installation of incoming Executive Committee and general board members.

Sisterhood also donated to the synagogue a bound set of the complete works of Torah commentary by the late Nechama Leibowitz, noted Israeli Bible teacher and scholar. The books may be found in the Rose Ruth Freudberg Memorial Sisterhood Library. ◊



Nechama Masliansky leads the Torah lesson.

► (From left) Helene Weingarten, Jean Bernard, and Diane Keller, our Sisterhood Gift Shop Managers, spent all summer meeting, inventorying, and ordering for our members and community. Support our Gift Shop, which supports our synagogue. Our thanks to Helene, Jean, and Diane for their dedication and leadership.



A Word from New Sisterhood President Lisa Kleine

I am pleased and excited to take on the presidency of Sisterhood for the next two years. My goal is to create a framework of events and activities that bring us together as Jewish women. I see Sisterhood as a place where women can come together, and through their commitment to Conservative Judaism, enrich Jewish cultural life, engage in social action, support Israel, and achieve personal Jewish growth and development. I believe that only Sisterhood, with its focus on coming together as Jewish women, provides us with a unique opportunity to explore what it means to be a Jewish woman in the modern era.

As we head into the new year, we are launching a monthly e-mail newsletter to facilitate communication among our members and to keep the community informed of our activities. Our annual *sukkah* decorating event, on October 12, is a great way to meet Sisterhood members, have fun, and prepare for the start of *Sukkot*. I invite each of you to join me for the coming year—it is your energy, friendship, and commitment that make Adas Israel Sisterhood an important part of our lives.

In Sisterhood, Lisa A. ◊

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

REGULAR HOURS (effective September 6)
Sun–Mon & Wed–Fri, 9:30 am–12:30 pm
Tues, 9:30 am–3:30 pm & 6:00–8:00 pm



It's time to shop for all of your High Holy Day needs: apple/honey dishes, shofarot, candlesticks, and more.



202-364-2888

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

Men's Club



What does the Men's Club year look like? We have four major areas of support for the coming year: College Connection, Synagogue Events, Healthy Body, and the Promised Land. As always, any proceeds generated from Men's Club activities go to fill the Mark Berlin Summer Scholarship Fund commitment of \$3,500.

College Connection

Last year AIMC, along with YP@AI, initiated the Kol HaOlam competition, bringing 900+ people to the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary from across the region to hear nine Jewish college *A Cappella* groups compete. It was a terrific success, and

we're already beginning to plan for the second annual event, scheduled for February 25. This unique event brought 130 Jewish College kids to our *shul* and allowed us to enthusiastically support their involvement in a Jewish music scene on campus and off. We were also able to tie in high schoolers, young professionals, the congregation and the community at large.

Synagogue Events

The Men's Club is integral to the synagogue's ability to execute a number of Adas community events and activities throughout the year. This year will be no exception, with Men's Club members running a CPR class (see article this page), building the Adas *sukkah*, serving food at the *Purim* carnival, tasting/selling kosher wine for Passover, and underwriting the Garden of the Righteous event. These community-building events need our support.

Healthy Body

A new event we'd like to plan for the spring is a day-long Sunday program on maintaining our health. We are looking for a group of medical-related volunteers to help us plan this cutting-edge undertaking. Imagine the Kay Hall filled with people dedicated to helping us feel better, live better, and be better. There is room to explore all aspects of a healthy mind, body, and soul. Join us as we begin to shape this event from an idea to an incredible reality under our roof!

Promised Land

This summer, a seventeen students from our Confirmation class were able to visit Israel and see first-hand a new project unfolding within the Masorti Movement in Israel: Kibbutz Hanaton. We are exploring ways to deepen the connection between our community and the growing Conservative Jewish presence through young people at Kibbutz Hanaton. They represent a new era of *chalutzim*, pioneers, who are



struggling for recognition of pluralistic ways of life in an Orthodox Jewish state. Join us as we seek to nurture this nascent concept into mainstream Israeli life.

If you're interested in supporting these activities throughout the year,

please contact us by e-mailing mensclub@adasisrael.org.


Join Our Ushers and Keshet Ishi Greeters! Become a Part of this Very Important Cadre

34th Annual Community CPR Program, September 13

High Holy Day Usher Light Supper Precedes CPR Course

For the 34th consecutive year, the Men's Club is sponsoring a Community CPR program on Tuesday, September 13, in Gewirz Hall, providing a chance to learn or brush up on your CPR skills. All High Holy Day and *Shabbat* ushers, and *Keshet Ishi* Greeters, should attend this year's training, and we encourage new participants as well! Participants will enjoy a free light supper, starting at 6:15 pm, and training begins at 6:45 pm.

During the supper we will thank and brief our High Holy Day ushers on important security, emergency, and procedure information.

To register, contact Steven Miller, 703-981-1709, 703-415-0684, or smiller173@aol.com. Registration is limited. There is no charge for synagogue members; for non-members, the cost is \$5. 



"From generation to generation..."

Back to Shul

L'Dor VaDor BBQ

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, Sept. 2, 2011

6:00pm - Service

7:00pm - Dinner

7:45pm - Kids GAGA Tournament

\$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) 362-4444 or
josh.bender@adasisrael.org

RSVP by Wednesday, Aug. 31st at 1pm
Register Online at <http://adasisrael.org/Ldordor>
(202) 362-4444
Carol.Fossiles@adasisrael.org



Youth @ AI

We welcome our new youth advisor, Rachel Kozak



A recent graduate of the University of Maryland, with a degree in her double-major, psychology and Jewish studies, Rachel is taking courses at Northern Virginia Community College to prepare for graduate school in occupational therapy. In addition to her passion for psychology and working with kids, Rachel loves spending time at Camp Ramah in New England, where she was a *Rosh Edah* (division head) for rising eighth graders this summer. This will be her fifth year on staff and 13th summer with Ramah. Rachel is originally from Chesapeake, VA.

As a participating Seaboard USYer herself, Rachel served as religious education vice president on her chapter board and attended most regional conventions. From her experience in USY and Ramah, Rachel developed her interest in the importance of young people's Jewish programming, which she brought to college, where she became Koach president at Maryland's Hillel.

Rachel is excited to bring her enthusiasm for Judaic and social programming to the youth of Adas Israel! Get ready for a year full of exciting, new events and experiences!

We wish Zack Portman, our outgoing advisor, well in his future endeavors in the Toronto Jewish community.

Mazal tov to our 2011–2012 USY Officers

Co-Presidents: Lily Moghadam and Gaby Joseph

Israel Affairs VP: Leah Sorcher

Religion/Education VP: Sarah Sloan

Social Action/*Tikkun Olam* VP: Julia Peck

Membership/Kadima VP: Evan May

Communications VP: Emma Fensterheim

Programming VP: Jackie Prosky

Freshmen Representatives: Mali Rubin & Sarah Marcus

To learn more about Youth@AI, or if you have questions about our kickoff events, please visit adasisrael.org/youth or email youth@adasisrael.org.

Adas Israel Youth has an exciting first month of activities planned!

September 11: *Chaverim* is starting things off preparing for *Rosh Hashanah* with some apple and challah fun! We'll learn about round *challah* and bake some delicious ones ourselves!

September 17: USYers are going to the Regional Fall Kickoff dance at B'nai Israel. Get ready to catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

September 24: *Kadima* kicks things off with a welcome back dance with different activities and challenges as well!

September 25: AIUSY kickoff event—apple pie making and New Year's party. Usher in the Jewish New Year with a fun,

secular-style New Year's party! Are you ready to count down until the apple drops?

September 30: USY *Tashlich* event!

October 2: *Machar* Kickoff event with activities related to the six days of creation! Come out to experience God's six-day miracle in one day!

We hope to see you all at these upcoming, fun events! Bring all of your friends—you won't want to miss out! ○

▼ [Left] Outgoing USY president Gabi Rubin passes the torch to new co-presidents Gaby Joseph and Lily Moghadam. [Right] Awards presented to Adas Israel USY for our chapter's outstanding achievements.



Our 2011–2012 USY Board of Officers was installed at the USY Banquet in June.



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Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Aviva Kochava Apple, daughter of Lisa Zycherman & Keith Apple
Grace Helen Breitkopf, daughter of Judith & Richard Breitkopf, granddaughter of Bob & Anita Wellen
Meirav Ephraim, daughter of Dan & Yael Ephraim, granddaughter of Yaacov & Herlene Nagler

Talia Elisha Gerstle, daughter of Ari & Deborah Gerstle, granddaughter of Arlette Jassel & Ken Goldstein

Elise Madeline Gins, daughter of Michelle & Eric Gins, granddaughter of Anne & Jeffrey Barsky

Ari & Meira Klepper, son and daughter of Julie Klepper, grandchildren of Arlene & Martin Klepper

Jacob David Lawlor, son of Rebecca & Matt Lawlor

Giana Rose Berg Matarese, daughter of Seth & Samantha Berg Matarese, granddaughter of Linda & Michael Berg

Olivia Levinson Wachs, daughter of Molly Levinson & Josh Wachs
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

Marriages

Talya Baiamonte, daughter of Barbara Baiamonte and Larry and Jennifer Baiamonte, and Benjamin Schultz, son of David and Sonja Schultz, were married on June 19. Rabbis Gil & Batya Steinlauf officiated. The couple met at Adas Israel.

Alice Goldman married Ben Reiter in Chilmark, MA, on July 17. The couple was surrounded by their family, including grandmother Betty Sachs, mother Susan Sachs Goldman, and brother Dan Goldman. Ben is a fourth-generation Adas Israel member.

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

B'nai Mitzvah



Claire Miller

Clare, who celebrated her *bat mitzvah* on August 27, is the daughter of Mark and Jessica Miller, and attended JPDS from pre-K through fifth grade. In the fall, she will enter the seventh grade at the Maret School. She celebrated her *simcha* with friends and family.



Noah Wascow, September 5

Noah, son of Jeri and Barry Wasco, is an eighth grader at Sligo Middle School. He attended preschool at the Silver Spring Learning Center and was a student at the Hebrew Day School in Silver Spring through the fourth grade. For his *mitzvah* project, Noah is collecting money for the Pennies for Sick Children organization. He

shares his *simcha* with family and friends.



Sophie Bass, September 10

Sophie, daughter of Felice Roggen and Peter Bass, began her Jewish education at Adas Israel when she joined Gan HaYeled as a Moonbeam. She also attended the Jewish Primary Day School and is continuing her Jewish education at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Sophie, a seventh grader at Sidwell Friends School,

is the granddaughter of Shirley and Edgar Roggen of Great Neck, NY; Julie and Edwin Berger of Forest Hills, NY; and Richard and Elizabeth Bass of Scottsdale, AZ. Sophie shares her *simcha* with her family and friends.



Hannah Robinson, September 17

Hannah, daughter of Sheryl Stolberg and Scott Robinson, is in the eighth grade at Westland Middle School in Bethesda, and attends the Ma'alot DC High School Program. For her *tzedakah* project, she is raising money and seeking used musical instruments for Hungry For Music, hungryformusic.com, a nonprofit organization

that supports music education in underserved communities. Hannah honors the memory of her grandfathers Irving Stolberg and David Robinson. She shares her *simcha* with her family and friends.



Sabrina Rubenstein, September 24

Sabrina, daughter of Shereen and Barton Rubenstein, is a fourth-generation Adas Israel member. She began her formal Jewish education as a Puppy at the Gan HaYeled, presently attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School, and will begin seventh grade at The Field School in the fall. Sabrina shares her *simcha* with her family, and

in memory of her great grandmother, Anne Reich z"l.



Talya Wellisch, September 24

Talya is the daughter of Jessika and David Wellisch who joined Adas Israel Congregation in 1997. She is the granddaughter of Lina Linkimer and Eva and Helmut Wellisch, who recently moved to Florida from Guayaquil, Ecuador. Talya is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She started her Jewish education as a Kitten

in the Gan HaYeled and has attended Melvin Gelman Religious School since kindergarten. She looks forward to celebrating her *simcha* with her family and friends.

Members in the News

The Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning honored **Linda Yitzchak** with the Harvey H. Ammerman Distinguished Alumni Award at its annual meeting in June. The award recognizes an alumna/us of the George Washington University Cooperative Graduate Program who has made a significant impact on the greater Washington Jewish community through outstanding

programming and innovative teaching.

Laurie Moskowitz was named senior director of U.S. campaigns by the ONE organization, a nonprofit co-founded by U2's Bono committed to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable diseases.

Barry Chiswick received the IZA Prize in Labor Economics from the Institute for the Study of Labor.

New Members

Benjamin, a student at George Washington University, and

Natasha Berman, working in nonprofit development at Conservation International, live in Washington, DC. Ben's parents are **Robert & Robin Berman**, his grandmother is **Bette Rothstein**, and his great-uncle is **Irving "Bud" Rothstein**.

Daniel & Blanche Cotlear live in Washington, DC, with their children, Daniela, Rafael, and Mariana. Daniel is an economist and Blanche is a consultant on governance, both at the World Bank.

Aaron & Julie Fidler and their son Eytan live in Washington, DC. Aaron is a vice president at Applied Predictive Tech, and Julie is a freelance consultant.

Dan & Maia Magder and their children, Reuven and Ayelet, live in Washington, DC. Dan is in private equity with Lone Star Capital, and Maia is a speech-language pathologist at NIH.

Richard Katskee & Rachel Toker live in Bethesda, MD, with their son, Alexander. Richard is an attorney for the U.S. Department of Education, and Rachel is an attorney at Bocarsly, Emden, Cowan, Esmail and Arndt.

Martin Prosky & Ellen Snyder live in Washington, DC, with their children, Daniel and Jacqueline Prosky. Marty is a gastroenterologist at Northern Virginia Gastrointestinal Associates, and Ellen is a self-employed attorney.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Hilda Aks

Anne Freedman

Patricia Ann Malstrom

Dr. Norman Schlesinger

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Naomi Dweck, mother of Jacob Dweck

Rose Engel, granddaughter of Diana Engel

Irene Kahn, mother of Hazel Keimowitz

Sylvia Kashkett, mother of Sharon Luber

Bessie Krauser, mother of Florence Meyer

Hyman Stollman, brother of Faye Moskowitz

Sylvia Vinnik, mother of Jeffrey Vinnik

Kol HaMayim: Voice of the Waters



Are your memories of summertime swimming in the ocean, lake, or the river fading too quickly? Make new ones! As we transition into the holiday season, mark this special time of year by visiting the Adas Israel Community Mikvah. Immersing in the rainwater of the *mikvah* is an embodied way to express the same gratitude for renewal that the High Holy Day liturgy instills in us through prayer. Recently, someone

described the *mikvah* experience as a "physical *shehechiyanu*." From the staff and volunteers of the Adas *mikvah*, *shana tova*! May we find many ways to refresh our commitment to tradition and many ways of celebrating life in the coming year.

Adas Israel Community Mikvah

To learn more about our *mikvah* or to schedule an appointment, contact Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776 or mikvah@adasisrael.org. For more information, visit adasisrael.org/mikvah.

—Naomi Malka ○

KOL NIDRE APPEAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Jewish community in Washington is changing, and Adas Israel is in the vanguard with stimulating and successful programs. Innovative Friday night services, expanded youth services on *Shabbat* mornings, a Young Professionals group with 2,600 members, award-winning nursery school and religious school programs, active social action programs throughout the community, partnerships with other Jewish organizations, intense adult lifelong learning classes—these are just a few of the refreshing things happening at Adas Israel these days.

But we could do more. Interest income from endowments is diminished, and while our programs have grown, so has the number of members who are experiencing financial hardship. While we are ending the year with a deficit for the first time in decades, we are committed to maintaining and expanding successful programs, retaining our devoted and necessary support and maintenance staff, maintaining our excellent school and youth programs, visiting ill and homebound members through our unique *Hesed* program, and providing help in the community through our *tik-kun olam* (social action) efforts. The leadership of the congregation has taken a bold move to assist all members who are experiencing financial hardship, recognizing the effects of the economy on every member household. No child is denied a Jewish education and no member is turned away due to financial hardship.

The *Kol Nidre* appeal yields funds needed each year to supplement membership and tuition income. This year the appeal has particular significance—it will help to overcome reduced income and enhanced programming needs. So that the synagogue can continue its exciting transition in the face of difficult economic times, we request the support of every member of the congregation.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please send in your response today or e-mail your pledge to adasoffice@adasisrael.org. Thank you for your generous support.

—Judie Linowes, Harry Linowes, and Pamela Reeves ○

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If you belong to Facebook, "like" our Facebook page. Our goal is 500 fans by *Rosh Hashanah*. A special prize will be drawn from our first 500 Facebook Fans. Join in the fun!

September 2011
Elul 5771–Tishrei 5772

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES:

In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: 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 Naomi Michaelis 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
28 28 Av USY & Kadima Encampment—Off-Site 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Religious School Faculty Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	29 29 Av 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	30 Rosh Chodesh 30 Av 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:00 am Rosh Chodesh Breakfast 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	31 Rosh Chodesh 1 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:00 am Rosh Chodesh Breakfast 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	1 2 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Staff Setup Day 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	2 3 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat BBQ	3 PARSHAT SHOFTIM 4 Elul 9:30 am Combined Smith Sanctuary and Trad. Egalitarian Minyan Shabbat Service D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Michael Stern 12:00 pm Havurah joins Congregational Kiddush: sponsored by Yarden Catering and Jake Yeston & Sarah Leffler in honor of their aufruf 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:21 pm Havdalah
4 5 Elul 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	5 Labor Day 6 Elul Labor Day Weekend—Bldg. Closed 8:30 am Morning Minyan Bar Mitzvah: Noah Wasco with Rabbi Steinlauf 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	6 7 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Gan Staff Preparation Meeting 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 4:00 pm First RS Tuesday Classes 5:30 pm Ma'alot Lounge Hour 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:15 pm Religious School Ma'alot Dinner 6:30 pm Ma'alot DC Class—First Day 7:30 pm Gan Parent Orientation & GPA Buddy Event	7 8 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Preschool Visits for 3-Day & Older 12:30 pm Mikvah Guide Training 4:00 pm First RS Wednesday Classes 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	8 9 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:50 am Classes Begin for 3-Day & Older 9:00 am Gan Preschool Visits for 2-Day 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	9 10 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service; Potluck follows	10 PARSHAT KI TETZE 11 Elul 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service—Smith Sanctuary; Bar Mitzvah: Calder Hirsh Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Service with Rabbi Steinlauf; Bat Mitzvah: Sophie Bass 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Peter Bass & Felice Roggen
11 12 Elul 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am First Sunday for K–7th 9:00 am Madrichim Orientation 10:15 am 9/11 Panel Discussion 11:30 am 9/11 Community Memorial Service 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	12 13 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	13 14 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:50 am Gan Classes Begin for half of 2-day 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group 5:30 pm Ma'alot Lounge Hour 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:15 pm Religious School Ma'alot Dinner 6:30 pm Anne Frank House Meeting 6:30 pm Ma'alot DC Class 7:00 pm Conversion Class	14 15 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm JTS/Kay Lecture	15 16 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Early Bird, Lunch Bunch & K & R Begin 8:50 am Gan Classes Begin for half of two-day 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	16 17 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am First Gan Shabbat Sing—Children Only 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 5:45 pm Gan Family Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Feinberg & Robyn Helzner	17 PARSHAT KI TAVO 18 Elul 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah. Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service—Smith Sanctuary; Bat Mitzvah: Hannah Robinson Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Ed Kopf 10:45 am Religious School Shabbat Unplugged 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Marcia Stolberg 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services
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25 26 Elul 8:30 am Morning Minyan 10:30 am Adas Israel Kever Avot Cemetery Service 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	26 27 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	27 28 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:50 am 3-Day Full Time 9:00 am No RS Classes 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Class	28 Erev Rosh Hashanah 29 Elul 12:00 pm Gan Noon Dismissal—All Classes 6:00 pm Early Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 pm Late Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	29 Rosh Hashanah Day 1 1 Tishrei 8:15 am Combined Shacharit Svc. After Torah Service 9:30 am Family Service 10:00 am High Holiday Children's Services (grades K–6) 10:30 am Sermons (Approximate) 11:00 am USY Tashlich Service & Hike 11:30 am Family Tashlich 12:00 pm Community Tashlich 6:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Mincha/Maariv Svc.	30 Rosh Hashanah Day 2 2 Tishrei 8:15 am Preliminary Service & Shacharit 9:30 am Pre-School (Gan) Service 9:30 am Service for Elem. School Age & Families 9:30 am Combined Torah & Shofar Service 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Babysitting 10:30 am High Holiday Children's Services (grades K–6) 10:45 am Creative Musical Musaf Service/Sermon 10:45 am Traditional Musaf Service & Sermon 7:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Service	1 PARSHAT HA'AZINU/SHABBAT SHUVAH 3 Tishrei 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Combined Shabbat Service (Smith Sanctuary Service joins TEM) 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Reuven Hammer 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service 7:36 pm Havdalah

Education

Gan HaYeled Early Childhood Director Search Committee

The Early Childhood Director Search Committee has recommended hiring Sheri Brown as interim director for the 2011–2012 school year. This decision was made because it became apparent that after having a much-loved director for 20 years, the transition to a new director would flow more easily with the help of a strong professional serving in the interim role. We are very fortunate that Sheri was available to assume this position. She has worked in early childhood education for more than 25 years as a teacher and administrator. She also started her own NAEYC-accredited preschool and most recently was early childhood director of the Rosie Uran Jewish Education Center at Congregation Sha'are Shalom in Leesburg, VA. She has been working closely with Shelley Remer to prepare for the year.

This position will be re-posted after the High Holy Days, and the committee will reconvene at that time to continue the search for a permanent director.

September Gan Calendar

6: Parent orientation, 7:30 pm

12: First day of classes

13: First day of classes for two-day students

23: Life After the Gan program, 9:00 am

28: Erev Rosh Hashanah, all classes dismissed by noon

Welcome to the Gan

The Jess and Mildred Fisher Early Childhood Education Center, the Gan HaYeled, begins its 39th year of operation in September. We are proud of its fine tradition of excellence and are excited to be starting another year. While personnel changes are minimal, we welcome new Interim Director Sheri Brown. Sheri most recently directed the Rosie Uran Jewish Education Center in Leesburg, VA, and has 25 years' experience in different facets of education.

Public or Private? Secular or Not? DC? VA? MD?

If you've been wondering about what school will be the best fit for your child after preschool, please join us for an information-packed event on September 23, at 9 am in Wasserman Hall. An educational consultant will present an overview of the process, and representatives from a number of schools will be on hand to answer questions.

If you have questions about this event, please e-mail its chair, Susan Weinstein, at spweinstein@hotmail.com.

Save the Date: Honoring Babies Born in 5771

The 15th annual *Shabbat Shalom Tinok/Baby Shabbat*, honoring all babies born during the Hebrew year 5771 (September 2010 through September 2011), takes place October 15 as part of

our *Shabbat* morning service. On this *Shabbat*, babies, along with their parents and siblings, will be called to the *bimah* for a blessing and to receive a special gift, compliments of the Sophie Silfen Shalom Tinok Fund.

Shabbat morning services will begin in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary at 9:15 am, with our "Baby Ceremony" taking place around 11:30 am, followed by a wonderful *kiddush* in the *sukkah*. We look forward to including as many babies and families as possible. Please call Becki Walters at the Gan office, 202-362-4491, if you plan to join us.

Steinlauf and Starbucks, Nov. 4

After you drop off your Gan child on Friday, Nov. 4, please join Rabbi Steinlauf and other Gan parents in Cohen-Wolpe Hall (the Gan space) to schmooze, ask questions, and have a cup of coffee. ☉



LIFE AFTER THE GAN:

CHOOSING THE BEST SCHOOL OPTION FOR YOUR CHILD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00AM

(IMMEDIATELY AFTER DROP OFF)

Hear a noted educational consultant discuss how to choose the school that is the "right fit" for your child and how to access educational options in DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

Topics will include public v. private school options; how to navigate the private school application process; how to apply to the public school, out-of-boundary lotteries.

After the presentation, parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and to meet representatives from numerous public and private (secular and non-secular) schools.

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL SPWEINSTEIN@HOTMAIL.COM

BAGELS AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED

Religious School

Ma Tovv Moments

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

Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience a Success!



The first Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience exceeded our expectations and was truly transformative for our 17 Confirmation students who participated in

this amazing journey. One of our teens said, "All the learning that I did at Adas Israel over the years has come together with this trip." Another is already planning to spend a semester in Israel next spring. We are beginning to plan for our 2012 trip for more than 20 Adas Israel teens!

Enjoy a slideshow from our trip at bit.ly/AdasIsraelExperience.



Photo by Howard Lansat

◀ *Mazal tov to Education Office Administrator Talya Baiamonte Schultz on her recent marriage to Adas Israel member Benjamin Schultz. The ceremony took place in the Kogod Chapel at Adas Israel, officiated by Rabbis Gil and Batya Steinlauf.*

New Sunday Morning Gishron Pre-K Class

Learning through doing! Using the synagogue as a learning laboratory on Sunday mornings, from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm, students in the *Gishron* ("Little Bridge") program will learn about their tradition through fun and interactive activities. Music, dance, art, and storytelling will bring Judaism alive for our children.

Each week starts off with *Shacharit* Live, a spirited musical morning service where the children can begin to build their Hebrew and prayer skills. Students will also enjoy playground time and a healthy snack. This program provides a bridge program for students who leave Gan HaYeled for a secular pre-K program but are not yet ready for the Religious School Kindergarten class. The class will be taught by longtime Gan HaYeled teacher Stacey Horn. Our *Gishron* Pre-K program is made by possible by the Sandra & Clement Alpert Family Education Fund.

Reminder: Register Now for the 2011–2012 School Year!

1st day for PreK–2nd: Sunday, Sept. 11

1st day for 3rd–6th: Tuesday, Sept. 6, or Wednesday, Sept. 7

1st day for 7th–12th: Tuesday, Sept. 6

Attention all new and returning families: Please fill out the registration form (available on the Religious School and Ma'alot DC websites) and return it to us, along with the first payment. This form is especially important since we did not require registration forms for returning students last year and we need updated contact information, medical information, learning needs, and other details. Return the form by e-mailing it to talya.baiamonte@adasisrael.org; faxing it to 202-362-1860, or mailing it to: Adas Israel Education Office, 2850 Quebec St. NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Families must be current in their school tuition and synagogue dues to re-register for the 2011–2012 school year. We will send a billing in advance of a December 1 deadline for the remaining balance. If you have any concerns about tuition or need to discuss scholarship needs, please contact Josh Bender (202-362-4449 or josh.bender@adasisrael.org). Please note that no refunds will be given after October 15, 2011, except in case of relocation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us! We are proud to welcome both Adas Israel members and

September Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

2: *L'Dor VaDor* BBQ

5: Labor Day

6: 1st Day, Tuesday 3rd–6th, 4–6:15 pm; 1st Day, Ma'alot, 7th–12th, 6:30–8:45 pm; Welcome Back BBQ on Patio

7: 1st Day, Wednesday 3rd–6th, 4–6:15 pm

10: Fall Youth Services Kickoff

11: 1st Sunday K–7th, 9:15 am–12:15 pm; Reflections on 9/11 Parent Program, 10–11:15 am; 9/11 Memorial Service for families (5th grade and above), 11:30 am

17: 1st *Shabbat* Unplugged, 10:45 am

18: 6th & 7th Grade Parent Orientation, 11am–12:15pm

20: High Holy Day *Madrichim* Orientation; Israel Trip Meeting for 10th Grade Families

27: NO SCHOOL

28: NO SCHOOL, *Erev Rosh Hashanah*

29: *Rosh Hashanah* I; *USY Tashlich*

30: *Rosh Hashanah* II

non-members to our school. Thank you to everyone who has already registered.

8th–12th Graders: Sign Up Now to Be a *Madrich/Madricha*!

Madrichim program is our teen leadership program for students in 8th through 12th grade. *Madrichim* have a number of different leadership roles in our Religious School, from assisting teachers in classrooms to helping in the education office and library. Students also assist the High Holy Day children's programming.

Students must be enrolled in Ma'alot DC or a Jewish day school program to participate. Because this is a USY leadership program, first priority goes to 9th–12th graders. A limited number of spots are available to 8th graders.

To learn more about the *madrichim* program, contact Elie Greenberg at elie.greenberg@adasisrael.org. High Holy Day helpers will have an orientation Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 pm.

Reflections on 9/11 Parent Program and Memorial Service, Sept. 11

On Sunday, Sept. 11, please join us at 10 am for a "Reflections on 9/11" panel discussion about issues such as faith, theological implications, being a first responder, and how to talk and educate children about this tragic day in American history. The panel discussion will be followed by a community memorial service at 11:30 am (open to 5th grade families and above) featuring songs by the Georgetown Day School High School choir.

Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service Kicks Off Sept. 17

Shabbat Unplugged, a Saturday morning musical family service for families with children in kindergarten and above, kicks off Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10:45am. The service is designed for kindergarten families and above, but older children are welcome

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and encouraged take on leadership roles.

Led by Josh Bender, director of education, and Elie Greenberg, director of informal programming, *Shabbat Unplugged* is modeled on *Shacharit Live*, a Sunday morning musical service for K-2 students in the Religious School. *Shabbat Unplugged* seeks to build a fun, interactive, and spirited prayer experience. It also provides an opportunity for families to explore some of the key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer.

Guitars and other instruments are used to enhance the experience and to teach Jewish and Israeli songs. The week's Torah portion will come alive through the art of Jewish storytelling with Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff. Families are invited to



join the congregational *kiddush* following the service.

Jewish Value for September-October: *Hakeym Takim Imo*

Hakeym takim imo, literally, "You shall surely lift him up," is a Jewish law that encourages aid to one in distress. This value will be connected to the mini-walk for Anne Frank House on November 6 to support and raise money to help combat homelessness. The Anne Frank House (www.anne-frank-house.org) is affiliated with Adas Israel Congregation, and many of its board members are members of our congregation. ○

Save the Date
Adult Bat Mitzvah Alumnae
Sukkah Dinner
October 19...More details to follow

Library Corner

Abraham, Isaac, and Art

by Robin Jacobson

Dear Librarian:

Each Rosh Hashanah, my family hosts a festive meal. Others cook, but my job is to introduce a stimulating, holiday-themed discussion topic! This year, I plan to ask the guests for their reactions to the Akedah, that harrowing Torah story read during Rosh Hashanah, in which Abraham nearly sacrifices Isaac to God. Was Abraham a hero or a dangerous, religious fanatic? If we feel horrified by Abraham's readiness to sacrifice his son, then why do we admire generations of Jews who remained faithful to Judaism, even when that choice endangered their children? Moreover, in the modern United States, don't we sacrifice young people for a "higher good" when we send them to die in wars? I am hoping that our library has some materials to help launch a discussion along these lines.

Sincerely, Holiday Host

Dear Holiday Host:

One idea is to display famous art portraying the *Akedah* to stimulate discussion. You could also invite your guests to read aloud (and react to) the powerful anti-war poem by Wilfred Owen that plays off the Abraham and Isaac story (see below).

You will find printable images of *Akedah* paintings by Rembrandt, Caravaggio, and other artists on the Adas website, along with a not-to-be missed video of noted British actor Kenneth Branagh reading the Owen poem. Go to adasisrael.org/library and look for **Art for the High Holidays**. I've included some highlights below.

I hope these materials help with your discussion!

—Your Librarian

Painting

The story of Abraham's near sacrifice of Isaac has inspired many artists, perhaps because it invokes primal themes relating to parents and children, humans and God. Local rabbi Greg Harris of Congregation Beth El compares artists depicting biblical scenes to the rabbis who wrote *midrash* on biblical stories: both fill in

details that embellish the terse biblical narrative.

Rembrandt's *Sacrifice of Isaac* captures the dramatic moment when God's angel stops Abraham from slashing Isaac's throat (see illustration). In Rembrandt's portrayal, the angel not only calls out to Abraham, as in the biblical text, but also physically seizes his wrist, forcing Abraham to drop the knife. Isaac's face is hidden; Abraham's hand covers it completely. Perhaps Abraham wanted to ensure that he would not see his son's eyes as he killed him.



Poetry

Wilfred Owen, a World War I soldier and poet, analogized the readiness of European statesmen to sacrifice a generation of young men to Abraham's readiness to sacrifice Isaac. In Owen's poem, Isaac is bound with the belts and straps of a soldier's uniform. Unlike Abraham, however, the World War I leaders tragically forged ahead with the sacrifice:

Parable of the Old Man and the Young

*So Abram rose, and clave the wood, and went,
And took the fire with him, and a knife.*

*And as they sojourned both of them together,
Isaac the first-born spake and said, My Father,
Behold the preparations, fire and iron,
But where the lamb for this burnt-offering?
Then Abram bound the youth with belts and straps,
and builded parapets and trenches there,
And stretchèd forth the knife to slay his son.
When lo! an angel called him out of heaven,
Saying, Lay not thy hand upon the lad,
Neither do anything to him. Behold,
A ram, caught in a thicket by its horns;
Offer the Ram of Pride instead of him.
But the old man would not so, but slew his son,
And half the seed of Europe, one by one.*

An Open Invitation

The library is open whenever the Religious School office is open. Follow posted instructions to borrow books. For help from the librarian, come Sunday mornings, Monday, Tuesday, or by appointment at librarian@adasisrael.org. ○

Ma Tovv

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

With this issue, our *Ma Tovv* feature begins its second year. The purpose of the column is to honor and acknowledge congregants who work tirelessly behind the scenes to enrich our Adas Israel experience. This month, with a mixture of affection, appreciation, and respect, we honor *Hazzan* Jenna Greenberg, our associate cantor, who is leaving us in October to join her family in Chicago, where her husband, Rabbi Joshua Ginsberg, has accepted a rabbi position at Shaare Tikvah B'nai Zion Congregation. *Hazzan* Greenberg is a graduate of the Miller Cantorial School at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she received a master's degree in sacred music. She also earned a B.A. in music from Earlham College, studied choral music in Vienna, Austria, began her cantorial studies in Jerusalem, and was a member of the Zamir Chorale of New York.

Hazzan Greenberg has been with us for seven years, starting in July 2004 as our ritual director and becoming associate cantor in 2009. Her formal duties include organizing the daily *minyan*, serving as clergy at life-cycle events, teaching *b'nai mitzvah* students (somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 hundred during her tenure), presiding at services, reading Torah, teaching adult education and trop classes, and working with our auxiliary groups. She also has worked with individual members, as needed, teaching synagogue skills, *davening*, *layning* and the like.

More than just clergy, more than members, Jenna, Josh, and their children, Ranon (age 4) and Elior (age 20 months) literally have "grown up" at Adas Israel. Jenna's inspiring voice, her magnificent ritual skills (highlighted by her remarkable Torah skills), and her teaching

acumen will be missed. We are delighted to have given Jenna her professional start, and all of us wish the Greenberg/Ginsberg family success and happiness in Chicago.

Hazzan Jenna Greenberg was interviewed by Stephen Lachter.

S: Putting aside your formal duties and the requirements of your position as associate cantor, how would you describe your role at Adas Israel, and what has given you the most pleasure?

J: It is very rewarding to help congregants. It is an honor to organize the daily *minyan* and to help people through the mourning process. I have developed relationships with those who stay on as regulars in the *minyan* after their mourning period ends. Regular attendance creates a bond that I am lucky to share with other congregants. I also am in a position to feel the "pulse" of the synagogue; I connect to the various "factions"—no, not really "factions" but "micro-communities"—within our larger institution. I make an effort to go to the different *minyanim*. Since becoming a mother, I have become even more involved in the Gan community. My individual study sessions with congregants learning new skills are very rewarding, to the point that one of my students calls me her "Torah therapist." Making time for individual sessions sometimes is challenging, but as full as my schedule has been, it is always rewarding to help people grow and feel empowered by their Jewish experiences.

S: What will you remember most about your time with us?

J: Overall, the synagogue has been very supportive of my career and the twists



Hazzan Jenna Greenberg

and turns my life has taken, specifically the time spent on maternity leave. The staff and congregation embraced my whole family and supported us, even when accommodations had to be made. As an infant, Ranon became the daily *minyan's* "mascot." There always has been a helping hand for both kids—never a problem finding someone to hold Elior during the service, even to this day. Everyone has been warm, friendly, and helpful.

S: What are your general observations or feelings about Adas Israel and the congregants you have been involved with?

J: I am proud to have served seven years at this significant, some would say "flagship" Conservative congregation. I have grown from a young employee to not only a senior member of the staff but also an engaged member of the community. I have been totally and unequivocally accepted as *hazzan*. This move is exciting but definitely "bittersweet" for us. Josh will leave at the end of August with Ranon; I will leave with Elior after *Yom Kippur* in October. I look forward to being with the Adas Israel community through the *Yamim Noraim*, and I wish everyone a *Shana Tova u'Metuka!* ○



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Lifelong Learning

Adas Israel's Lifelong Learning Program joins with the Jewish Study Center to offer a diverse and exciting array of courses during September. Following the holidays, we are offering another series of courses that begin at the end of October and continue until the middle of December. The courses below are starting in September. You may register for these classes through the Adas Israel website, adasisrael.org/lifelonglearning or by contacting Marcia Miller at Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org.

Boker Ohr

Saturday mornings, 8–9:15 am, Board Room: Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Rabbi Feinberg studies a chapter from the weekly Torah portion (*parasha*) on Saturday mornings. He gathers ancient, medieval, and modern commentaries that form the basis of the discussion. The class is informal and always lively, everyone is invited, and there is no fee.

Taste of Tanakh (Hebrew Bible)

Tuesdays, 10–11:30 am, Library: Sept. 20, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 13, April 24, May 15, June 12,

Taught by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

Rabbi Steinlauf leads a lively discussion on a biblical text that he chooses each month especially for this class. There is no fee.

Downtown Bible Study

Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, 1875 K Street, NW: Sept. 13, *NO SESSION IN OCTOBER*, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 10 (2012), Feb. 7, March 6, April 17, May 8, June 5

Taught by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

The Downtown Bible Study Group meets monthly over lunch at the downtown law office of Willkie, Farr and Gallagher. Rabbi Steinlauf leads a discussion with a study of a traditional religious text. There is no fee for this class; however, there is a charge for lunch. For more information, please contact Beryl Saltman at Beryl.Saltman@adasisrael.org.

Davening with Mahzor Lev Shalem, The New High Holiday Prayer Book: An Introduction and Guide

Sunday, September 25, 10:45 am–12 noon, Miller Chapel

Taught By Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Adas Israel is introducing a new High Holy Days *Mahzor*, or prayer book, this year, one that is gaining wide acceptance throughout the Conservative movement. With Rabbi Feinberg, we'll familiarize ourselves with the *Yom Kippur* prayers and explore the *mahzor's* special features. There is no fee for this class.

Introduction to Judaism

Tuesdays, 7:00–to 9:00 pm, Adas Israel: Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; March 6, 13; April 17; **March 20, 27; April 3 at Ohr Kodesh**

Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg, Rabbi Kenneth Cohen, Rabbi Herbert Schwartz, Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Rabbi Lyle Fishman, Alisa Abrams, and Natalie Merkur Rose

This class is for people interested in converting to Judaism. Those interested must have a sponsoring rabbi. The program consists of one hour of Hebrew instruction and one hour of instruction in the literature, history, tenets, and practices of Judaism. In addition there are special dinners for the class as well as a learning service on Saturday mornings led monthly by Rabbi Feinberg. Cost of this class is \$450, which includes all books, materials, and special programs. For further information, please contact Marcia Miller at Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org.

Bereavement Support Group

First Wednesday of the Month, 7:30–8:30 pm, Miller Chapel: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

Free of charge; drop-ins welcome!

If you have recently been bereaved or have suffered a loss that hasn't quite healed, join our own Rabbi Feinberg and Rabbi Gilah Langner from the Washington Jewish Healing Network, for a Loss and Bereavement Spiritual Support Group. Meeting in a warm and supportive atmosphere, each month the group reflects on its own experiences of loss and bereavement, and then turns to the healing richness of Jewish tradition—studying texts on loss and healing, meditating on verses from psalms, writing new prayers, exploring the *Kaddish*, and finding ways to make the memories of loved ones an ongoing blessing. For more information or to let us know you're coming, please call Rabbi Gilah, 202-364-3006, or e-mail her at langner@erols.com. Co-sponsored with the Washington Jewish Healing Network.

The Healing Power of Mikvah:

Sunday, September 18, 4:00–6:00 pm, Adas Israel Community Mikvah

This workshop given prior to *Rosh Hashanah* is intended for women living with illness, recovering from trauma, or seeking additional spiritual depth in their religious practice. The two-hour workshop includes liturgy, songs, poetry, text study, meditation, and individual *mikvah* immersions. Led by Rabbi Gilah Langner and Naomi Malka. Fee: \$36 with *mikvah*; \$18 without. For more information, contact Rabbi Gilah Langner, 202-364-3006 or langner@erols.com, or Naomi Malka, Mikvah@adasisrael.org.

The Jewish Study Center pre-High Holy Days mini-semester is here! This session is co-sponsored by Adas Israel Congregation.

All classes will meet at Adas Israel on Wednesday, September 21, 7:00–8:15 pm. Adas and JSC members, \$15; non-members, \$20. Register through jewishstudycenter.org or at adasisrael.org.

Forgive Me: Modern Poetry of Atonement

Instructor: Amy Schwartz

From William Carlos Williams to Czeslaw Milosz, poets of the last century (both Jewish and non-Jewish) have seen themselves as guilty of sins both personal and collective. We look at their new and old ways of expressing the ancient and contemporary need to atone.

Baking a Round Challah for the High Holidays

Instructor: Susan Finston

Why do *challahs* turn round in the fall? Join Susan Finston, who has baked *challah* on many continents, in putting together this

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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.

Yom Kippur Break-Fast

Saturday, October 8, around 8:00 pm

Join 200+ young professionals at our **free** break-fast directly following the *Ne'elah* service.

Simchat Torah Martini Celebration

Thursday, October 20, 6:00 pm

Usher in the New Year on a high note with your friends at our annual three-martini *Simchat Torah* party. Free drinks and snacks will be served.

Looking for a place to go for the High Holy Days? Look no further, we've got you covered!

Adas Israel Congregation will once again participate in "Project Reconnect," United Synagogue's alumni group for everyone who was ever involved in any of the Conservative movement's programs for children, teenagers, or young adults.

Project Reconnect's Come Home for the Holidays program invites young professionals who attended Conservative movement programs such as USY, Camp Ramah, Solomon Schechter schools, and Nativ to attend local Conservative synagogues for the High Holy Days. Last year, we welcomed more than 100 "alumni" to our congregation for the holidays.

If you know a Conservative movement alum, a young professional, who is unaffiliated with a synagogue and would like to join us for the holidays, please invite him or her to contact Elie Greenberg (202-362-6295 or elie.greenberg@adasisrael.org) at the synagogue. ○

New Accounting Procedures Speed Up Deposits

Do not send payments to the old P.O. Box

In our continuing attempt to ensure that contributions and payments are deposited in a timely manner, our accounting department will now be scanning checks directly to our bank. This will guarantee that checks are cashed and deposited as quickly as possible, and the new procedure will eliminate the time-consuming task of going to our bank.

Therefore, all contributions and payments should be sent directly to the synagogue and **not** to the Post Office Box address found on our old return envelopes. Please destroy those old envelopes; new ones will be included in future synagogue statements.

We thank you for your assistance and patience as we install this new system. Special thanks to Lesley Brinton, Rita Nicholls, and Jane Baldinger for their extra time and effort to learn and institute our new systems. ○

SAVE THE DATE! Adult Retreat, Nov. 11-13

Adas Israel is sponsoring an adult retreat over the weekend of November 11-13, the theme of which is "Exploring the Mussar Tradition in Judaism." Open to anyone over the age of 18, the retreat takes place at Capital Camps in Waynesboro, PA, about 70 miles from the District. Rabbi Charles Feinberg will lead the retreat and serve as rabbi in residence. In addition, there will be a high level of lay participation in all aspects of the program.

The theme of the retreat, Mussar, is a spiritual and ethical strand in Jewish practice and thought. The modern Mussar Movement has its roots in 19th-century Lithuania, but different aspects of Mussar go back further to both the Middle Ages and ancient times. At the retreat, there will be sessions on the intellectual framework of Mussar as well as how its ethical teachings can be applied to everyday life. Selections from Alan Morinis's books, *Climbing Jacob's Ladder* and *Everyday Holiness* will be discussed and referred to.

Sign up for the retreat by e-mailing Rabbi Feinberg's assistant, Marcia Miller, Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org, or by visiting adasisrael.org/retreat. The cost of the retreat is \$460 per room, double occupancy. We only have 30 places reserved at Capital Camps, so please sign up as soon as possible to reserve a place.

If you have any questions about the event, please call Rabbi Feinberg at the synagogue or contact Ed Kopf, Janet Kolodner, Julie Weisman, or Susan Lubick, who are assisting Rabbi Feinberg in organizing the retreat. ○

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Yarden Catering Selected as New Resident Caterer

Festive Expanded Introductory *Shabbat* Kiddush Planned for Sept. 3

The Catering Committee has announced that Yarden Catering will serve as the new resident caterer at Adas Israel. Yarden, a new local kosher caterer, will provide catering for *kiddushim* and other congregational events and will be available to congregants for catering all types of *s'machot*, from simple to sophisticated.

As an introduction to our congregation, Yarden is planning a festive array of *Shabbat* delicacies for the congregational *kiddush* on Saturday, September 3. It is also providing a special dinner and dessert for the first Board meeting of the year in September. Karla Rosenfeld Azachi, a catering professional with years of experience in event design and management, will be the Yarden Director of Events & Catering and will be available in the synagogue catering office to meet with families planning *b'nai mitzvah*, weddings, and other special occasions. Yarden joins our Panel of Kosher Caterers available to our members and community.

Yarden Catering is a new company, but it has a wealth of kosher catering and event planning experience as well as a delicious and elegant approach to synagogue food. As a "sister company" to KosherMart with shared investors, Yarden

will offer a new upscale and elegant kosher dining experience in our community.

To service the wide variety of food service needs of our congregation—from small meetings to elaborate dinners—many of the prepared foods will continue to be provided by KosherMart in Rockville, which is under community *kashrut* supervision. All cooking and food preparation done at Adas Israel will continue to be under the *hashgacha* of Rabbi Steinlauf.

We welcome Yarden to the Adas Israel family and look forward to sharing many future occasions. Special thanks to our Catering Committee whose members spent several months soliciting and interviewing many different caterers while exploring a variety of different catering models. Our thanks to Leah Chanin, Lisa Dunn, Amy Golen (chair), Mary Hammer, Nancy Kopf, Judy Melamed, Laurie Moskowitz, and Nancy Weiss as well as VP for administration Herlene Nagler. Our thanks also to Morris Kletzkin, synagogue legal counsel and former Catering Committee chair, for his assistance and advice.

Please join us for an expanded *kiddush* on Saturday, September 3 as we celebrate *kiddush* together and sample the delicious offerings of Yarden Catering. ○

Please Note These Office Closings

Labor Day

Monday, September 5

Schools/Offices Closed

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 28

Schools/Offices Close at Noon

Rosh Hashanah 1 & 2

Thursday & Friday, September 29 & 30

Schools/Offices Closed

Kol Nidre

Friday, October 7

Schools/Offices Close at Noon

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 8

Schools/Offices Closed

Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, October 12

Schools/Offices Close at 3:30 pm

Sukkot 1 & 2

Thursday & Friday, October 13 & 14

Schools/Offices Closed

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Wednesday, October 19

Schools/Offices Close at 3:30 pm

Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor

Thursday, October 20

Schools/Offices Closed

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 21

Schools/Offices Closed

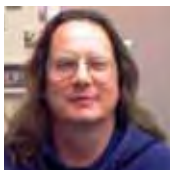
TODAH RABBAH

To Our Summer Speakers

Todah rabah to those members who spoke this summer at our *Shabbat* morning services. As always, they challenged and enlightened us and added to the meaning of our Sabbath worship. Our speakers included Mark Berlin, Amy Schwartz, Arnold Podgorsky, Brian Weinstein, Rabbi Gilah Langner, Norman Shore, Dr. Irwin Lebow, and Paul Shapiro.

Steve Claar Celebrates 'Bar Mitzvah' Year at Adas Israel

We congratulate and thank Steve Claar who has completed 13 years as a valued member of our staff. Known around the synagogue as "Mr. Fixit," Steve shares his talents and skills at both our synagogue and cemetery. We are fortunate to have a wonderful, dedicated staff at Adas Israel of which Steve is an excellent example. ○



Lifelong Learning Continued

traditional High Holy Days version of the classic *challah*, then take it home and bake it in your own oven!

Kabbalistic Aspects of High Holiday Observance and Prayers

Instructor: Jay McCrensky

The *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* liturgies are filled with imagery and concepts from Kabbalah. Tour the spheres with our popular instructor! This lecture presents the foundation concepts of Kabbalah and applies them toward a deeper and more spiritual understanding of the High Holy Days. We explore and discover the kabbalistic spiritual interpretation of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* symbolism, core prayers, the *Tashlich* ceremony, the creation theme, sin and repentance, and other rituals and observances. We also cover the rituals of waving the *lulav* and *etrog*, guests in the *sukkah*, and the building of a *sukkah*. ○

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In Memory Of: **Linda Grenadier Evans** by Lorna Grenadier.

Cantor Saltzman Youth Music Endowment Fund

In Honor Of: **Howard Liberman's** 65th birthday by Jeff & Laura Blumenfeld.

Cantor Weber Discretionary Fund

In Honor Of: **Jessie Mason's** bat mitzvah by Gary & Thea Mason.

Charles Pilzer Computer Center

In Memory Of: **Charles J. Pilzer** by Geraldine Pilzer.

Congregational Kiddush Fund

By: Roselle Abramson.

In Honor Of: **Irv & Grace Lebow's** 60th wedding anniversary by Irv & Grace Lebow. **Judy & Russell Smith's** anniversary by Russell & Judith Smith. **Richard & Carol Margolis's**

43rd wedding anniversary by Richard & Carol Margolis. **Sandi Fox** reading the *haftorah* by Mr. & Mrs. Fox. **Susan & Howard Liberman's** 40th anniversary, **Howard's** 65th birthday, **Isabelle Liberman's** 29th birthday, all by Howard & Susan Liberman. **Jacob Yeston & Sarah Leffler's** *aufruf* by Jacob Yeston & Sarah Leffler. The *aufruf* of **Benjamin Schultz** and **Talya Baiamonte** by David and Sonja Schultz.

Daily Minyan Fund

In Honor Of: **Calvin Goldschneider's** birthday by Marvene Horwitz. Birth of **Bob & Anita Wellen's** granddaughter by Mark Yecies & Ellen Roche.

For The Speedy Recovery Of: **Baruch Weiss** by Zev Lewis.

In Memory Of: **Bessie Yecies** by Mark Yecies.

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In Memory Of: **Anne Reich** by Lee Rubenstein.

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By: Sylvia & Jerome Kaiman.

In Memory Of: **Ruthe Katz** by Diane Schneider, Mr. & Mrs. Steinberger. **Sam Schneider** by Diane Schneider.

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In Honor Of: **Joshua Bernstein's** Federation award, **Diane Bernstein's** recent arrest by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

Doris Herman Gan Teacher Recognition Fund

By: Mike Jacobson & Rachel Strong.

In Honor Of: **Doris & Don Herman's** 50th anniversary by Stewart & Shelley Remer,

Marsha Pinson. **Elaine Berman, Marsha Pinson** by Adam & Debbie Rappaport. **Noa Livni-Lehmann** by Mark & Jackie Hoffenberg, Alvin & Lisa Dunn, Dan & Maia Magder, Eric Bensky & Amber Cottle, Marsha Pinson **Dorothy & David Linowes Program Fund**

In Memory Of: **Jack Wolf** by Dorothy Linowes.

Dr. Louis & Althea Jacobs Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of: **Althea Jacobs** by Jared & Deborah Jacobs.

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In Memory Of: **Esther Saks Abelman & Norman Joseph Abelman** by Diane Abelman Wattenberg & Rachel Saks Wattenberg. **Jonah Schiffres, Rita Schiffres** by Manny Schiffres.

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In Honor Of: **David & Harriet Bubes's** 60th anniversary by Glenn & Cindy Easton. Birth of **Herlene & Yaacov Nagler's** granddaughter by David & Harriet Bubes

For The Speedy Recovery Of: **Arline Atlas, Joy Cohen** by Richard & Dorothy Block.

In Memory Of: **Ralph Semsler** by Richard & Dorothy Block. **Sandra Teplin's** sister **Ruth** by David & Harriet Bubes, Richard & Dorothy Block

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In Memory Of: **David Easton & Robert Schultz** by the Michel family.

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In Memory Of: **Fanny Gelman** by John Kossow.

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In Memory Of: **Frances Friend** by Ronald G. Friend. **Isadore Sklar** by Frances Silverman.

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In Honor Of: **Johanna Chanin's** installation as president by Carolyn Davis. **Lisa Jawer** and **Christina Larsen** joining the 50+ Club by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

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In Memory Of: **John Trapnell** by David & Kurt Weiss.

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By: Donald & Susan Lubick.

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In Honor Of: **Susan & Howard Liberman's** 40th anniversary by Jeff & Laura Blumenfeld.

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David Bickart receiving the 2011 *Yad Hakavod* award by the Schwartz family. **Rabbi Gil**

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In Memory Of: **Sylvia Vinnick** by Nancy Weiss.

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In Memory Of: **Beverly Pressman** by Aliza Pressman.

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"This is the fast that I desire . . . It is to share your bread with the hungry . . . Then shall your light shine in darkness . . ." (*Isaiah 58: 6a, 7a, 8a*)

How do you manage being hungry while you fast *Yom Kippur*? Are you uncomfortable? Do you accept your discomfort? Do you think about food a lot? Or do you force yourself not to? The *haftarah* portion for the day, from the book of Isaiah, offers some direction for handling thoughts about food during this day of solemn fasting.

All around us in the city of Washington, thousands of people have little or no access to regular meals. In this season of reflection,

as we anticipate our own hunger pangs on *Yom Kippur*, let us heed the words of Isaiah and mobilize to ease their plight. Please support Ezra Pantry by making a cash donation or by depositing cans or boxes of nutritious, nonperishable food in the collection bins that will be in the synagogue lobbies over the High Holy Days.

Ezra Pantry is an Adas Israel partnership now with SOME (So Others Might Eat), a nonprofit, interfaith organization that for nearly 40 years has been helping District residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to transition to self-sufficiency. For further information about SOME, see some.org.

Thank you and *g'mar chatimah tovah*. ◯

Tikkun Olam

Anne Frank House Update

From Anne Frank House to the entire Adas Israel family, best wishes for a sweet and healthy new year. AFH has much to be grateful for this year. Thanks in part to your support, we have been able to purchase a new apartment, bringing to 11 the number of clients we are currently serving.

As is the case with most of our apartments, the furniture and furnishings come largely from items donated by members of the congregation, and we thank you for your help.

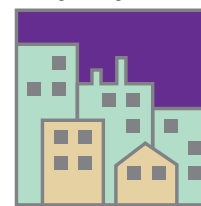
Watch this space next month for details about this year's Help the Homeless mini-walk, which is scheduled to take place at Adas Israel

on Sunday,
November 6.

If you have
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