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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

WHAT'S IT ALL FOR?

Every year, the High Holy Days are such an amazing sight to see: hundreds, and then, by mid-morning, thousands of people gathering in our synagogue to affirm something powerful and meaningful. Despite our busy lives, the pressures on all sides, the complexities of our world, we all come to synagogue. We spend hours with the ancient prayers of our ancestors. We contemplate our actions, our potential, and our hopes and fears for the future. We become honest with ourselves and acknowledge our limits, our mortality. From my vantage point on the *bimah*, I get to behold something truly beautiful and inspiring: human beings responding to something deep inside them, something that perhaps they can't even name. I get to see something that brings human beings home, back to their spiritual roots, back to the

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Support Our Community Through the *Kol Nidre* Appeal

This year, 5772, is one of renewal for our congregation. We have a vision for the future of Adas Israel that builds on our shared history and strong bonds as a community. *Rosh Hashanah* heralds a year of energy and opportunity for every member, at every stage of life.

We can't build the future without you, however. Our nursery and religious schools, social action programs, adult learning, *Shabbat* services—along with the myriad other programs

that make Adas Israel a center of Jewish life in Washington—need your leadership and your support. Your contribution to the *Kol Nidre* Appeal can mean additional meals for our elderly congregants; it can support scholarships and programming in the religious school and Gan; and it can create and strengthen programs that bring together our entire membership.

We also ask you to support the community

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Celebrate with *Simchat Torah* Honorees, Oct. 21



Arthur & Harriet Isack Manny Schiffres Jean Bernard

Simchat Torah is one of the most joyous days of the Hebrew calendar. On this day, the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah is begun again. Each year, several congregants who have served with unusual dedication are selected to receive special honors on *Simchat Torah*. Adas Israel is deeply entwined with their lives and their families'. Please join us on the morning of

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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 multi-layered, profoundly illuminating work grounded in everyday life.



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family traditions, the haunting melodies, the ancient words and wisdom teachings.

What is that? What is that unnamed homing instinct that we have? I believe that, no matter who we are, we have a basic human need for meaning. It doesn't matter if we are skeptics, atheists, or observant believers. We are all motivated by an inner searching, a hunger for something that is not satisfied by intellectual investigation or rote ritual actions alone.

We hunger for something that can only be described as the stuff of spirit. We seek something that can be satisfied in the realm of the heart, or even more deeply, in the realm of the soul. Perhaps it's a feeling of connectedness that we seek. Perhaps it's a feeling of freedom or liberation from a deep pain in our lives. Perhaps it's simply a desire to believe in a goodness that so often feels fleeting in our experience. It's probably all of these things, and more.

Do most of us get what we search for when we come to synagogue? If we answer no to this question, then again we must ask: What is it that keeps us coming back every year (and for some of us, every week). It's not just "Jewish guilt." It's more than that. I think that, deep down, we know that the answer to what it is that we seek lies somewhere in this tradition, even if we can't see it on the surface.

Some of us have assumptions about Judaism that block us from finding what we seek. Many of us don't consciously think of Judaism as a *spiritual* tradition per se. We celebrate Judaism as a profound intellectual tradition; a soaring achievement in ethical investigation and moral values; a profound source of wisdom borne of centuries of persecution, miracles, suffering, and victories. We haven't necessarily seen other dimensions of Judaism, dimensions that can speak directly to the deep existen-

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tial struggles of our lives: our relationships with our families and loved ones, our life decisions, our personal struggles for insight or achievement or inner strength or peace. We may turn to philosophy, to psychotherapy, to self-help books, to other wisdom traditions, and even to other religions. It's not from malice that we turn elsewhere. We just don't know how to make the connection on this level to the teachings of Judaism.

I am very interested in making the spiritual side of Judaism accessible in our time, in our community. When we live in relationship to the *personally meaningful* elements in Judaism, we can have, finally, a clarity about what Judaism is here for in this life. The purpose of Judaism is not simply to be a "good Jew." The purpose of it all is to be a fully alive, passionate, loving human being who makes the world a better and more *sacred* place very consciously in our every word, our every action, our every relationship.

I hope you will join me in my six-week mini-course this fall, "Mindful Judaism: Exploring Ways into Spirituality and Personal Meaning in Our Ancient Tradition."* In this class, I will be teaching some of the tools required to discover the spiritual side of Judaism. We will be studying some basic techniques of meditation and achieving *kavanah* (intention-setting) in addition to many different kinds of texts from our tradition. I am very "mindful" of the fact that, for many of us, these kinds of practices are very new to us. The goal is to approach the subject both with heart and with rational integrity, to take Jewish spirituality seriously, and not to present it in a superficial or anti-intellectual way. Spiritual practices are certainly not for everyone, but I believe that, in our times, we all need access to every aspect of our tradition to find our place. I hope you will consider exploring these pathways together with me.

*The class is offered on Sundays, 9:30–10:30 am, October 30; November 6, 13; and December 4, 11, and 18. ○

Introducing New Staff Members, New Interim Staff, and Structure for 2011–12

While our Cantor Search Committee, chaired by Melanie Nussdorf, spent many months reviewing material from nearly 25 applicants and interviewed several candidates, we were unable to find the right senior cantor for our congregation. The search will resume after the holidays. In the interim, we are fortunate to have two special people in our community to serve as our *hazzanim* for the coming year.

Hazzan Abe Lubin, recently retired cantor at Beth El in Bethesda, is postponing his full retirement to serve as an interim cantor at Adas Israel. *Hazzan* Lubin will participate in our *Shabbat* morning and holiday services. In addition, he will serve as a musical and *hazzanut* resource on our staff and participate in life cycle events. Born in London, *Hazzan* Lubin moved to Israel with his parents, his family's birthplace. He later returned to England with his parents and continued his education at the Etz Chaim

Yeshivah and the Jews' College Cantorial School, from which he graduated as a *hazzan*. He is also a graduate of the College Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati, where he obtained a bachelor of music degree. At De Paul University he earned a master of music degree with distinction. In addition, he received a doctor of music degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Over the years, *Hazzan* Lubin has served congregations in Ohio, Chicago, and Maryland.

We are excited to welcome Mark Novak, one of our High Holy Day cantors, a well-known teacher, musician, and storyteller, to lead our Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* services and a number of holiday services and program. A rabbinical candidate in the ALEPH Rabbinical and Hashpa'ah Programs, Mark will be ordained in January 2012. He served as the music director of the Living Stage Theater Company of Arena Stage and has per-

From the President

By the time you read this, we will be fully immersed in the *Yamim Noraim*—the Days of Awe—and so this seems an especially appropriate time to share with you some of the amazing prayers and blessings that members of our congregation wrote at our annual meeting in June. For those unable to make that meeting (where among other things, we burned our now-paid-in-full mortgage and where our new officers, including me, were installed), Rabbi Steinlauf invited all who wished to write on cards at the tables a greeting, a prayer, a blessing, for the congregation, for me, for us all, as I began my presidency. On those simple, ordinary index cards were dozens of expressions of vision, encouragement, and wisdom. I've read them many times since June and have found them to be anything but simple and ordinary. Perhaps you could say, as Rabbi Steinlauf likes to say, they are the expressions of our own personal Torah.

So, as we head into a New Year, and perhaps periodically as this year progresses, I'd like to share with you some of our congregants' prayers that I think will inspire you, as they have me:

- May you enjoy the power of collectivity.
- May you have the time you want, the patience you hope for, and the wisdom you need.
- May you continue to encourage peace and understanding to the four corners of our *kehilah kedosha* [our holy community], assisting us in celebrating the diversity of our synagogue family.
- May you be blessed with the patience of Hannah, the judgment of Esther, the peace-making of Aaron, and the leadership of Deborah.

And this last one is from a treasured friend and community leader whose own accomplishments I admire greatly; I am certain he meant this for us all:

• May God bless you with the ability to hear and remember praise for your accomplishments and the patience and wisdom to welcome criticism, should it come, as an expression of love for the congregation.

If I had written a prayer that night, it would have gone something like this: May each of you be as blessed as I am to be surrounded by such a caring and thoughtful community.

Last, it my very sad task to bid farewell to our colleague, friend, and teacher, *Hazzan* Jenna Greenberg. As announced earlier, Jenna and her family are moving to Chicago where her husband, Rabbi Josh Ginsberg, has assumed a synagogue pulpit. It's not hard to wish Jenna, Josh, Ranon, and Elinor well, but it is hard to see them go. Jenna's warmth, knowledge, good humor, and lovely *davening* and chanting have added so much to our daily and weekly life at Adas. As a master teacher, one of the many gifts Jenna leaves behind is a much enlarged cadre of talented readers of Torah. We thank her for this and so many other contributions that will long flourish in our community.

Wishing us all a New Year of peace, contentment, and good health.


Johanna Chanin



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formed his original theater pieces at the Smithsonian Institution's Discovery Theater, the Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, and the National Air and Space Museum. His work was also featured in *Shofar* magazine. Mark has also served many Washington, DC, and Maryland-area congregations.

With the announcement that *Hazzan* Jenna Greenberg was leaving due to her husband's new position in Chicago, we are fortunate that Naomi Malka, currently serving as *Mikvah* Coordinator and *b'nai mitzvah* instructor, will expand her work into a full-time position. As the Interim Ritual Director, Naomi will continue her current duties, expand the number of students she teaches, read Torah on *Shabbat* mornings, and assume a number of ritual administrative tasks. Naomi has a master's degree in Jewish music from the Jewish Theological Seminary and 15 years of experience as a *b'nai mitzvah* tutor at Adas Israel and many other Washington and New York congregations. Her musical background (strings, piano, voice) informs her teaching of trope and *davening*.

We are fortunate to be a congregation with many talented members. Sharon Samber, a known, admired, and sought-out teacher has agreed to join our staff as a part-time *b'nai mitzvah* tutor and Torah reader. She and Naomi will teach and rehearse our students and be overseen this year by Director of Education Josh Bender. Elie Greenberg, Director of Informal Programming, will join Josh in working with *b'nai mitzvah* families.



Hazan Abe Lubin



Mark Novak



Naomi Malka



Sharon Samber



Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

As we shift responsibilities for the coming year, Rabbi Charles Feinberg will continue to serve as a rabbinic presence in our daily *minyan* and will assist with weekly Torah reading and arrangements. To assume new responsibilities and continue his teaching, preaching, and pastoral work, we are shifting Rabbi Feinberg's current programming responsibilities to a new part-time staff person, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt.

Ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Holtzblatt will serve as our part-time Director of Lifelong Learning & Programs working on our three Pillar Weekends; coordinating our adult education programs; teaching; and developing the program and budget for our new *Beit Midrash*. She has served as the Hillel Foundation Director of Campus Initiatives and as associate rabbi at the Yale University Hillel. Rabbi Holtzblatt was a rabbinic fellow at B'nai Jeshurun and a rabbinic intern at Park Slope Jewish Center, both in New York.

Please join us in welcoming our new staff members and in thanking our existing staff for their extra efforts during this transitional year. ○

Holidays

Home Observance of Yom Kippur, 5772

Yom Kippur at Home

► **Memorial Candle:** It is customary to light a memorial candle for departed members of the family before lighting the holy day candles. In the Jewish tradition, there is no official blessing recited upon lighting a *yahrzeit* candle. The reason for this is that the act of kindling the *yahrzeit* light is not the direct fulfillment of a specific *mitzvah*. The light reminds us of the *neshamot*, the souls of our beloved departed who brought light to our lives. There is a power in having nothing to say at all upon kindling the *yahrzeit* candle. As Jews, we are used to having something to say at a special moment—a blessing or a prayer. At this moment, however, when the memory of a whole life is before us, there are no words; there is only silence. When Aharon the High Priest witnessed the death of his two sons, the Torah says “*Vayidom Aharon*,” “And Aharon was silent” (*Leviticus* 10:3). Silence does not necessarily represent the lack of pathos and love. It can also be the fullness of those feelings, so full in fact, that no words can adequately capture them. As we light the *yahrzeit* lights, we can notice this silence and feel the depth of love for those whom we have lost.

► Blessing of the candles (Friday, October 7):

ברוך אתה יי א-להינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת ושל יום הכיפורים.

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzevanu l'hadleek ner shel Shabbat v' shel Yom HaKippureem.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to light the *Shabbat* and *Yom Kippur* lights.

► Blessing the children on the Eve of Yom Kippur:

It is traditional for parents to bless their children as the candles are lit on the eve of festivals. This is a special additional prayer for the Eve of Yom Kippur:

May it be God's will to sustain you in life and health. May your eyes not lead you astray, may your mouths speak with wisdom, may your hearts meditate with reverence, may your hands be engaged in commandments, and may your feet hasten to do God's will. May the Almighty grant you children who will grow up to be righteous, occupying themselves with Torah and commandments all their days. May the Almighty enable me to meet the obligations of parenthood, to provide amply for your needs, and to guide you toward good and upright character. May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Good and Long Life, together with all of the righteous. *Amen*.

For sons:

שְׁמַחַת אֱלֹהִים כְּעֵפְרַיִם וְכִמְנַשֶּׁה.
Y'simcha Eloheem k' Efrayim v'chi Menashe.
May God make you as Ephraim and Menashe.

For daughters:

שְׁמַחַת אֱלֹהִים כְּסָרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה.
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*.

► A traditional greeting for Yom Kippur is:

גְּמַר חַתִּימָה טוֹבָה *G'mar Hatimah Tovah* . . . May you be sealed in the Book of Life.

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah

Sukkot begins on the 15th day of the month of *Tishrei* (Erev *Sukkot* is Wednesday evening, October 12) and continues for seven days. It is known by several names, none more descriptive than *Z'man Simchataynu*, Day of Our Rejoicing. *Hag HaSukkot*, the Feast of Tabernacles, reminds us of the huts (*sukkot*) in which our ancestors dwelt in the desert for 40 years on their way to the Promised Land. Another name for *Sukkot*, *Hag He'asif*, the Feast of the Ingathering, stresses that this is a harvest holiday, falling at a time when crops were gathered. It is one of the three harvest festivals in the Jewish year known as the *Shalosh Regalim*, the three pilgrimage festivals (the other two are *Pesach* and *Shavuot*).

The *lulav*, a palm branch, composed of three myrtle twigs and two willow branches, and the *etrog*, a large citron resembling a lemon, both symbols of the harvest season, are used in keeping with the biblical commandment, “You shall take the fruit of the pleasant trees, palm branches, thick leafy boughs, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice . . .” (*Leviticus* 23:40). Because the *brachot* (blessings) for the *lulav* and the *etrog* are recited on six of the nine days (not on *Shabbat*) of this festival period, and because these harvest symbols do so much to enhance the home, many families purchase them for home use. We are happy to order a *lulav* and *etrog* for you; see the order form on page 5.

Attached to *Sukkot* is an eighth day, known as *Shemini Atzeret*, which is a separate *yom tov*. It is technically not part of *Sukkot*. It is punctuated by two special prayers. The first is *geshem*, the prayer for rain, in which the Jewish people prays that a sufficient rain fall in *Eretz Yisrael* to make the land fruitful and the crops plentiful. This is especially meaningful since Israel has suffered years of drought. The other prayer is *Yizkor*, the memorial prayer for those we have lost, which is also recited on *Yom Kippur*, the eighth day of *Pesach*, and the second day of *Shavuot*.

The final day of this holiday season, *Simchat Torah* (which in Israel is the same day as *Shemini Atzeret*), celebrates the Festival of Rejoicing in the Torah, at which time we give thanks for the Torah by parading the scrolls around the synagogue in a joyous ceremony



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary	Other Locations
KOL NIDRE	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7	
Mincha		6:00 pm (One Service – Gewirz Hall)
Kol Nidre	6:30 pm	6:30 pm (Kay, Gewirz, Kogod Chapel)
YOM KIPPUR	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 (PLEASE NOTE YIZKOR TIME)	
Shacharit	9:00 am	(One Service – Sanctuary)
Family Service		10:00 am (Cohen-Wolpe Hall)
Children's Services		10:30 am (see page 6 for details)
Torah Service	11:00 am	11:00 am
Reality TV & Jewish Teens (7 th and 8 th graders)		11:30 am (Miller Chapel)
Yizkor	11:40 am (approx.)	11:40 am (approx.)
Sermon	12:15 pm	12:15 pm
Musaf & Martyrology	12:40 pm (approx.)	12:40 pm (approx.)
Afternoon Discussion		3:30 pm (Kay Hall)
Mincha	4:45 pm	(One Service Charles E. Smith Sanctuary)
Late Yizkor		5:30 pm (Kogod Chapel)
Pre-school (Gan) Service		5:45 pm (Gewirz Hall)
Traditional Minyan N'eelah		5:45 pm (Kogod Chapel)
N'eelah *	6:15 pm	
Shofar	7:25 pm (approx.)	*No Tickets Required

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 a 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.***

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known as seven *hakafot*, in which men, women, and children of all ages participate. It is on this day that we complete the annual reading of the Torah and begin again with the first words of *Bereshit* (Genesis).

Simchat Torah begins this year on Thursday evening, October 20. Celebration of *Simchat Torah* at Adas Israel begins at 6:00 pm with *Mincha*, followed by *Maariv* and *Hakafot* at 6:30 pm.

The celebration continues on **Friday morning, October 21**, at 9:15 am, when we recognize our *Simchat Torah* honorees, Arthur & Harriet Isack, Manny Schiffres, and Jean Bernard. Please come to honor them and the Torah. ○

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because we believe it is our responsibility to assist all members who are experiencing financial hardship, recognizing the effects of the strained economy on every member household. No child is denied a Jewish education and no member is turned away due to financial hardship. This year the appeal has particular significance—it will help to overcome our reduced income and enhanced programming needs. So 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 Judie & Harry Linowes and Pamela Reeves at adasoffice@adasisrael.org. Thank you for your generous support. ○

Torah Lishma Pillar Weekend, Nov. 18–20

American Judaism in the 21st Century

Join us for an amazing weekend learning experience at Adas. This year we welcome Rabbi Irwin Kula as our special guest teacher and facilitator. 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.

The celebration of Jewish learning for all ages continues throughout the weekend, the theme of which is "Leadership in Jewish Life." Rabbi Kula will make three presentations. On Friday night, following services at 6:00 pm, he will make his first presentation on "From Tribe to Wisdom: American Judaism in the 21st Century." On Saturday morning, he will give a *d'var Torah*. Following kiddush luncheon, Rabbi Kula will give his second talk, "Mixers, Blenders, Benders,

and Switchers: Torah Without Borders."

On Sunday morning, the learning continues with a special *Beit HaMidrash*



program. At 10:00 am, a light breakfast will be served, after which will follow "Does Judaism Work?" a Dialogue and Learning with Rabbis Irwin Kula and Gil Steinlauf.

Come and be a part of a new wave in Jewish life in the 21st century, as we take our age-old practices and evolve them for new generations. We look forward to sharing this remarkable weekend experience together with you, your family, and friends.

At Adas, we want to give everyone, regardless of background—even if you're not Jewish!—the chance to experience the power of Torah Lishma. Come and learn in the way our people have learned for thousands of years—engaging in study for the pleasure and insight it gives.

Our goal is to make learning relevant and exciting to new generations of Jews. No ideas, questions, or insights are out of bounds in the discussions and ideas we bring to you. All you need is an open mind, curiosity, and a willingness to encounter new ideas to inspire you to new horizons in your life.

Torah Lishma Weekend is also a community-wide event; all are welcome. Please feel free to invite friends of all backgrounds to this exciting new/old way of accessing Judaism.

Friday, Nov. 18

6:00 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*
7:00 pm Dinner & "From Tribe to Wisdom: American Judaism in the 21st Century"

Saturday, Nov. 19

9:30 am Morning services,
D'var Torah by Rabbi Kula
12:15 pm *Kiddush* Luncheon
1:00 pm "Mixers, Blenders, Benders, and Switchers: Torah Without Borders."

4:30 pm *Mincha/Maariv*

Sunday, Nov. 20

8:30 am *Shacharit*
10:00 am Breakfast
10:30 am "Does Judaism Work?" A Dialogue and Learning with Rabbis Irwin Kula and Gil Steinlauf

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON SPEAKERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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 currently a commentator on *PBS Newshour*. 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. ○

Adult Bat Mitzvah Alumnae Sukkah Dinner

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 pm

Join fellow Adas Israel Adult Bat Mitzvah sisters
to reconnect and catch up over dinner

\$36 per person

A portion of the proceeds will be donated
to the Anne Frank House

RSVP to Carol Ansell at 202-362-4433 or
carol.ansell@adasisrael.org by 12 noon on

Sisterhood

Opening Event to Honor Hazzan Greenberg

For its opening event for 5772, on September 16, Sisterhood hosted the farewell dinner for our beloved Associate Cantor, Jenna Greenberg. Chaired by Marcie Goldstein, the entire congregation was invited, and many people took this opportunity to honor Hazzan Greenberg and bid her a fond farewell.



She and her family are moving to the Chicago area where her husband, Rabbi Joshua Ginsburg, will serve as a synagogue rabbi.

Preceded by *Kabbalat Shabbat*, the dinner featured musical offerings by Adas Israel members Naomi Malka and Jeff Knishkowsky, *Shabbat* songs (*z'mirot*), and fond reminiscences of her seven years of exemplary service at our synagogue. In gratitude for her particular efforts on behalf of Sisterhood and its members, Sisterhood presented Hazzan Greenberg with a parting memento from the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Upcoming Events

On October 12, Sisterhood will once again take the lead in decorating the synagogue *sukkah*. Each year a group of women come together to participate in this beautiful act of *hidur mitzvah*—beautifying the *mitzvah*, in this case the *mitzvah* of creating and sitting in a *sukkah*. Give free rein to your inner interior decorator and join the fun. Please contact chair Nancy Gross, nancy@nancygross.com or 202-841-2393, to volunteer.

This year, Sisterhood is emphasizing working with other groups in the synagogue to attain a greater effect. At *Rosh Hashanah*, members of Sisterhood joined with the Hesed Committee to deliver gifts to new synagogue members and those whom Hesed Committee members visit. Additional joint ventures as well as social activities are anticipated.

The Generosity of Ruthe Katz (z"l)

After her passing in April 2011, as throughout her life, Ruthe Katz, of blessed memory, always thought about her congregation and her community and about helping other people. A lifelong member of our congregation, Ruthe and her husband, Nathan, created two meaningful endowment funds that were recently expanded through a generous bequest.

The Ruthe & Nathan Katz Dial-In Fund has enabled thousands of people to participate in our services and programs even though they were unable to be at the synagogue. Shut-ins, those hospitalized, people from out of town, and others have "dialed in" to services, lectures, wedding ceremonies, funeral services, and the daily minyan, all thanks to this fund. In a generous bequest, Ruthe increased this



Ruthe & Nathan Katz

fund, which will expand our capacity. Plans are underway to add live audio streaming of our services on our website.

As part of her generous bequest, Ruthe created the Anita Schwartz Senior Music Fund in memory of her beloved daughter, Anita, of blessed memory. The income from this fund will provide musical programs for our seniors lunch program and other venues.

We are grateful to Ruthe and Nathan for remembering the synagogue in such a meaningful way. Ruthe's memory will forever be a blessing and inspiration to all.

For information about bequests and planned giving to our congregation, please contact Pamela Reeves, VP for development or Glenn Easton at the synagogue office. ○

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

HOURS

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Sunday, December 11, is Sisterhood's annual gift-wrapping volunteer event at Politics & Prose, chaired by Carol Ansell. Proceeds benefit the Washington Literacy Council.

Also in December, on a date to be determined, we will have a movie screening event chaired by Marcy Feuerstein during the Washington Jewish Film Festival. In the spring, Sisterhood will join the synagogue in planning the *Ahavat Israel* Weekend the weekend of May 19. ○

Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Clara Waiyan Adesnik-Chu, daughter of Ariel Adesnik & Susanna Chu

Stella Dorit Rosenthal, daughter of Dan & Aviva Rosenthal

Aviad Meir Yitzchak, son of Shaiel & Charlotte Yitzchak, grandson of Razi & Linda Yitzchak

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

Marriages

Rachel Brown (daughter of Interim Gan Director Sheri Brown) and Laura Case were wed in Seattle on Tu B'Av by Rabbi Rochelle Robins. Rachel and Laura will live in San Diego where Laura is pursuing a PhD at UCSD and Rachel is a project designer at RJC Architects.

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

B'nai Mitzvah



Misha Lerner, October 22

Misha, son of Inna and Mark Lerner, is a seventh grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and graduated from the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital. He is the grandson of Paya Shvets, the late Azril Loyferman, and Ann and Arthur Lerner. Misha shares his *simcha*

with his brother, Sammy, other family members, and friends.



Jacob Chanin, October 29

Jacob, son of Jacqueline Eyl and Leonard Chanin, began his religious education at Gan HaYeled in the Chick Class and is currently a seventh grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. He shares his *simcha* with his brother, Ethan; his grandmothers Leah Chanin and Phyllis Eyl; and other family members and friends.

Jacob's *mitzvah* project involves Hope for Henry, an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of children during their stay in the oncology and hematology unit of Children's Hospital and other area hospitals. Jacob is organizing a special magic party at Children's Hospital this fall and invites everyone to donate to Hope for Henry as part of his *mitzvah* project.

Members in the News

Nancy & Alan Bubes will be honored with the Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg Community Builder Award at the Yachad Community Builders Bash in October.

David Connick, who has been in the United States since August 1977, became a U.S. citizen on August 9. David joined Adas in

1982 and is a regular volunteer in our senior lunch program. **Susan Finston**, CEO of Amrita Therapeutics Ltd., won the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) competition as Buzz of BIO Winner (Healing) for the 2011 BIO International Convention held in June 2011.

Michael Laskin, son of Alana Laskin, was honored by the *Boston Business Journal* as a "Rising Star" in business. Michael works at Latham & Watkins LLP and was recognized for building unique brands, bringing innovations to market, starting trends, and giving back to the community.

Deborah M. Fisher, Jewish Foundation for Group Homes' deputy director, has been selected as a winner of the *Daily Record's* Innovator of the Year Award, "created in 2002 to honor Maryland businesses and/or individuals who have had a positive effect and tremendous impact in Maryland."

Dvorah Russack was honored by the Kennedy Center at their 17th annual Usher Appreciation Dinner for her 30 years of service as an usher in the Concert Hall.

New Members

Vincent & Debra BenAvram live in Silver Spring with their son, Lev. Vincent is a consultant with CNI, and Debra is an association manager with ASPEN.

Marsha Coleman, an executive assistant, lives in Washington.

Shea Friedland is in insurance sales and lives in Washington.

Alison Goldberg, who lives in Washington, is a graduate student working part time at the Jewish Community Center.

Lisa Gurwitsch is a nonprofit executive/attorney at World Learning, where she is senior vice-president of institutional advancement and external relations. She lives in Washington with her sons, Max and Brian Fleisher.

Joshua Laikin & Glenda Bleiberg live in Washington. Joshua is an analyst at the Department of Defense, and Glenda is an attorney at Weil, Gotshal and Manges.

Paul & Emily Landau live in Washington with their daughters, Zoe and Penelope. They both work at the University of Maryland, where Paul is an associate professor and Emily is an adjunct professor.

Yelena Lazdun lives in Rockville, where she is a research assistant at the Navy Medical Research Center.

Jeffrey & Jessica Lieberman live in Washington with their son Isaac. Jess works in federal affairs at the Humane Society of the US, and Jeff is chief of staff in the Office of Rep. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY).

Sheri Mislavsky is a PR professional at Hager Sharp, Inc. She lives in Washington.

Susan Mislavsky lives in Fairfax, where she is a teacher for the Fairfax County Public Schools.

Mark Mouadeb & Andra Cowen live in Arlington, where Mark is a business director for Capital One, and Andra is a financial analyst for GSA.

Randall & Sheryl Rothstein live in Potomac. Randy is an attorney with Rothstein & Associates, and Sheri is a bookkeeper with Paragon Title. Randy's mother is Bette Rothstein, Miriam Feldman is his aunt, and Bud and Lorain Rothstein are his aunt and uncle.

Ilyse Schuman and her daughter, Jemma, live in Washington,

where Ilyse is an attorney with Littler Mendelson.

Benjamin Werner, an editor at the Department of Defense, and **Meredith Steingold**, a naval officer/attorney for the U.S. Navy, live in Washington. Ben's mother is member Marsha Werner.

Cheryl Wilner lives in Bethesda with her twin sons, Ethan and Brandon. Cheryl owns Bethesda Advanced Solutions (BAS).

Brian Yellin works at Smart Brief and lives in Washington.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue member:

William Zuckerman

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Martin Butler, grandfather of Alison Goldberg

Rosa Gusewich, mother of Miriam Gusevich

Sarah Saphir Kolodner, mother of Janet Kolodner

Mary Roche, mother of Ellen Roche

Alice Rudick, mother of Phyllis Wiesenfelder

Sara Silbiger, granddaughter of Shirley Abrams

Life Cycle Information

When Death Occurs

When death occurs, please call the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, so that we may inform the clergy and be of assistance.

SIMCHAT TORAH HONOREES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Simchat Torah on October 21 when we will recognize these worthy honorees.

Hattan and Kallat Torah: Arthur and Harriet Isack

Art and Harriet Isack have been members of Adas for almost 20 years. Both are active volunteers at Adas and elsewhere. Art is a regular Sunday morning *minyannaire*, is also a member of the *Tahara* committee and serves as a *Hesed* Project friendly visitor. He's also a tour guide at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. In addition to his volunteer activities, Art works as a DC Professional tour guide. When not working or engaged in volunteer activities, Art enjoys photography and is a member of the Zoo's Camera Club.

Harriet, also retired, co-chairs the *Hesed* Project at Adas Israel and "pinch hits" for Toni Bickart for *Tahara* coordination. She currently co-chairs a *Hesed* Committee project to deliver *Rosh Hashanah* goodie packages to new members and *Hesed* hosts. Outside of Adas, Harriet volunteers as a virtual job coach with the AARP WorkSearch Program and is a member of the Advisory Council for the Capitol Breast Care Center. When not volunteering, Harriet enjoys her book groups, mahjongg, water aerobics and gardening.

Hattan Maftir: Manny Schiffres

Manuel "Manny" Schiffres was born in Havana, Cuba, to Holocaust survivors who moved to the island after World War II. His family relocated to the U.S. in 1953, and he spent his formative years in Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y.

Manny joined Adas Israel in 1981, shortly after moving to DC, where he still resides. At Adas, Manny has served as vice president for education and youth and has been a member of the Religious School, Nominating, and Yad Ha'Kavod committees. He is also a member of the Investing Committee, which he previously chaired, and of the Budget Committee. In addition, he leads afternoon and evening services regularly on Tuesdays and occasionally leads morning services.

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

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

Bereavement Committee

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

Cemetery Hours

Visitation at the Adas Israel Cemetery is by appointment only. Contact Glenn Easton at the synagogue office (202-362-4433) to schedule a visit. ○

A journalist for 40 years, Manny is executive editor of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine. His primary responsibility is to supervise investing coverage for the magazine and *Kiplinger.com*. Manny's children, Ethan and Rebecca, attended the Gan and the Religious School and became *b'nai mitzvah* at Adas Israel.

Kallat Bereshit: Jean Bernard

Jean Bernard has become a familiar face around Adas Israel because of her longtime involvement in various aspects of synagogue life. Her major responsibility, however, has been editing the *Chronicle* since 1995. In 1996, she celebrated becoming an adult *bat mitzvah*, and soon after joined the synagogue's Board of Directors of which she was a member for two terms.

Jean has served on the Sisterhood board for a number of years, currently as one of the three co-managers of the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop. She's there every Friday, greeting customers and helping them find the perfect gift, something for the home, or a special bauble.

Her other activities at Adas include membership on the Bereavement and Garden of the Righteous committees, the latter a special interest of hers because her mother is a Holocaust survivor. She also journeyed to New Orleans in 2008 to help rehab a house in St. Bernard's Parish as part of a team led by Rabbi Charles Feinberg.

Jean, who grew up in the Chicago area, came to Washington to attend George Washington University, graduating in 1970. A freelance copyeditor and proofreader, she lives in Chevy Chase with her husband, Larry, a hearing officer with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. They have a daughter, Rachel, a Gan HaYeled alumna and a PhD candidate at the University of California, Berkeley, who will be married in DC next summer.

Please join us on *Simchat Torah* morning, Friday, October 21, at 9:15 am when we will welcome these outstanding individuals to the Torah and thank them for their service to our congregation and our community. ○

October 2011
Tishrei–Cheshvan 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 10:45 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
25 8:30 am Morning Minyan 10:30 am Adas Israel Kever Avot Cemetery Service with Rabbi Steinlauf and Hazzan Greenberg 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 26 Elul	26 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 27 Elul	27 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 Elul	28 Erev Rosh Hashanah 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 Elul	29 Rosh Hashanah Day 1 8:15 am Combined Shacharit Svc. 9:30 am Torah Service 10:00 am Family Service 10:30 am High Holiday Children's Services (grades K–6) 11:00 am Sermons (Approximate) 11:30 am USY Tashlich Service & Hike 12:00 pm Family Tashlich 6:00 pm Community Tashlich 7:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Mincha/Maariv Svc. 1 Tishrei	30 Rosh Hashanah Day 2 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 2 Tishrei	1 PARSHAT HA'AZINU/SHABBAT SHUVAH 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 3 Tishrei
2 Tzom Gedaliah 8:30 am Morning Minyan 10:30 am Kever Avot Cemetery Service at Judean Memorial Gardens with Rabbi Feinberg 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 4 Tishrei	3 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 5 Tishrei	4 7:30 am Morning Minyan 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Class 6 Tishrei	5 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7 Tishrei	6 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Gan Noon Dismissal - All Classes 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 8 Tishrei	7 Erev Yom Kippur 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Mincha 6:30 pm Kol Nidre Services 9 Tishrei	8 Yom Kippur 9:00 am Combined Yom Kippur Shacharit Service 9:30 am Supervised Activity Rooms 9:30 am Yom Kippur Babysitting 10:00 am Family Services 11:30 am Texting & Teshuvah - Discussion for 7th & 8th Graders 11:30 am Supervised Activity Rooms 3:45 pm Lecture & Discussion with David Brooks; Interviewed by Sheryl Stolberg 5:00 pm Combined Yom Kippur Mincha Service 5:00 pm Late Yizkor Service 5:45 pm Gan Family Service (Pre-School) 6:30 pm Neelah,Havdalah & Shofar Service 7:25 pm Havdalah 8:00 pm Young Professional Break-the-Fast 8:00 pm Congregational Break the Fast 10 Tishrei
9 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 10:00 am Men's Club Sukkah Studs 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 11 Tishrei	10 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 12 Tishrei	11 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Lulav & Etrog Pick-up 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Class 13 Tishrei	12 Erev Sukkot 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:00 am Sisterhood/Gan Sukkah/Bimah Decorating 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Conversion Class Sukkot Dinner 14 Tishrei	13 Sukkot Day 1 9:15 am COMBINED Smith & Traditional Egal. Minyan Sukkot Service with Rabbi Steinlauf and Hazzan Lubin 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 5 Tishrei	14 Sukkot Day 2 9:15 am COMBINED Smith & Traditional Egal. Minyan Sukkot Service with Rabbi Feinberg & Mark Novak 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service 8:00 pm Ruach Minyan Dinner 16 Tishrei	15 Chol HaMoed Sukkot 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:15 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary –Baby Shabbat/ Shabbat Shalom Tinok Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:30 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Sheara Krvaric 10:45 am Religious School Shabbat Unplugged 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush Congregational Kiddush; Sponsored by the Ruth & Emanuel Weinstein Foundation 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 7:15 pm Havdalah 17 Tishrei
16 Chol HaMoed Sukkot Need time GPA "Meet At The Park" Off-Site 8:30 am Chol HaMoed Sukkot Morning Minyan 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 18 Tishrei	17 Chol HaMoed Sukkot 7:15 am Chol HaMoed Sukkot Morning Minyan 12:00 pm GPA Snack in the Shack 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 19 Tishrei	18 Chol HaMoed Sukkot 7:15 am Chol HaMoed Sukkot Morning Minyan 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Class 20 Tishrei	19 Hoshannah Rabbah 7:00 am Hoshannah Rabbah Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:08 pm Light Candles at 6:08 pm 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah Alumnae Sukkah Dinner 21 Tishrei	20 Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor 9:15 am COMBINED Smith & Traditional Egal. Minyan Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor 5:45 pm Gan Family Simchat Torah Dinner 6:00 pm Evening Minyan (Mincha Only) 6:30 pm Simchat Torah Maariv and Hakafot 6:30 pm YP Martini Simchat Torah Celebration 7:30 pm Simchat Torah Refreshments: Sponsored by Steve Rabinowitz & Laurie Moskowitz 22 Tishrei	21 Simchat Torah 9:15 am Traditional Egal. Minyan join the Smith Sanctuary Service 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service 23 Tishrei	22 PARSHAT BERESHIT 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egal. Minyan; Bar Mitzvah: Michael (Misha) Lerner; with Rabbi Steinlauf Congregational Kiddush; Sponsored by Ann and Arthur Lerner 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 7:05 pm Havdalah 24 Tishrei
23 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 10:00 am Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 25 Tishrei	24 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 26 Tishrei	25 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Class 7:00 pm Context Class 27 Tishrei	26 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Meeting 28 Tishrei	27 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 29 Tishrei	28 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Fall Kadima Kallah Begins 7:30 am Morning Minyan Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Breakfast; Sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 11:20 am First Shabbat Sing with Parents Shabbat In Your Neighborhood 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Services 30 Tishrei	29 PARSHAT NOAH/ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:15 am Shabbat Service, Smith Sanctuary; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf Bar Mitzvah: Jacob Chanin 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:30 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Sheldon Kimmel 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush Congregational Kiddush; Sponsored by Leah Chanin and Phyllis Eyl in honor of the Bar Mitzvah 1 Cheshvan
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Men's Club



Sukkah Studs Are Back!

Hey guys, what are you doing the day after Yom Kippur? The Men's Club Sukkah Studs, led again this year by Ari Fingerroth from Federalist Builders, will meet on the front steps of the *shul* on Sunday morning, October 9, from 10 am to 12:15 pm to build the synagogue *sukkah*. Ari brings the tools, the hats, the ladders, the coffee and donuts, and the *schach*. All you have to do is show up.



We need at least a *minyan* of helpers to make it go smoothly. You'll need a workout after your break-the-fast Saturday night, and we need your muscles. Join us for some laughs and help us put up the *sukkah* in time for others to decorate it. RSVP by Wednesday, October 5, to mensclub@adasisrael.org.

Kol HaOlam II

Following the success of last year's inaugural competition, the Men's Club and Young Professionals are beginning to plan this year's event. Jeff Knishkowsky has taken on the role of chair, and Evan Tyroler is the primary point of contact for the YP@AI. The competition is scheduled for **Saturday night, February 25**. We are already planning many aspects, including home hospitality. If you're interested in hosting students within walking distance of the *shul*, please contact Beth Heifetz at mensclub@adasisrael.org.



There are lots of facets to this major event (marketing, hosting, judging, logistics, ticket sales, participants, concessions, underwriting, sponsorships, programs, etc.). Pick an area and let us know how you would like participate.

Welcome Karla Azachi & Yarden Catering

Karla Rosenfeld Azachi, a catering professional with years of experience in event design and management, will be at the synagogue several days a week to meet with *b'nai mitzvah*, wedding, and other families planning a *simcha* and reception. Generally in the synagogue Catering Office on Tuesdays, Wednesday, or Fridays, Karla is also available to meet by appointment.



To reach Karla in the Yarden Catering office, call 202-670-4308. ○

Adas-Behrend Senior Lunch & Fellowship Resumes October 24

After a break for the High Holy Day season, the Adas-Behrend Senior Lunch & Fellowship returns full time on Monday, October 24, at 10 am in Gewirz Hall.

Adas Israel and our Sisterhood, in partnership with the Jewish Council on the Aging and the DCJCC, offer a hot lunch and programs for seniors each weekday. These daily programs are for DC residents age 60 and over.

RSVPs are welcome but not necessary. Call Aviva Atkin at 202-363-7530 or e-mail seniors@adasisrael.org. Learn more at adasisrael.org/seniors. ○

TODAH RABBAH

From our B'nai Mitzvah

We express our sincerest thanks to Joseph and Ellen Goldstein for providing the books we give as gifts to our *b'nai mitzvah* from the Paul Goldstein-Lillian Goldstein Lande B'nai Mitzvah Book Fund. Through this fund, the children received *Siddur Sim Shalom* and *Tough Questions Jews Ask: A Young Adult's Guide to Building a Jewish Life*, which will be both worthwhile and useful to them in the coming years.

Last year's *b'nai mitzvah* also received *Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community*, a gift from the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, made possible by the Apelbaum family. These gifts are in addition to the *kiddush* cups given by Sisterhood and the Men's Club.

We know these gifts are appreciated because we hear from previous *b'nai mitzvah* and their parents that they use them in high school and take them when they go off to college. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide these special gifts.

To our Silver Polishers



Our thanks go to those who helped us prepare our silver for the High Holy Days to ensure a beautiful holiday season for all. Pictured are Jamie Butler, Kathy Krieger, Norman Shore, Nancy Silverman, Janet Kolodner, Ruth Kleinrock, and David Bickart. Other participants not pictured are Melanie Nussdorf, Shelley Schonberger, and Aliya Newman. ○

Youth @ AI

Adas Israel Youth is in gear and ready to go with exciting events coming up this month!

October 2: Come out to our *Machar* (grades 3–5) kickoff event! Experience the six days of creation in one! Create art, food, and play games all related to the six days of creation!

October 14: USY (grades 9–12) *Shabbat* dinner in the *sukkah*! Come enjoy the *mitzvah* of eating in the *sukkah* with your friends!

October 16: *Kadima* (grades 6–8) goes on a *Sukkot* Scavenger Hunt! Search your way through to a surprise at the end!

October 22: USY goes to Laser Tag! Meet at Adas for *Havdalah*, then off to Shadowland we go!

October 28–30: *Kadima Kallah*

If you like fun, you should join us! :) ○



This summer, Rabbi Steinlauf visited Adas Israel students at Camp Ramah Palmer. Over 30 Adas students attended Camp Ramah this year!

YP @ AI

A community for young adults between the ages of 21 and 35. Singles can meet singles, young couples can meet young couples, newcomers can connect with other newcomers.

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

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

Young Couples' Date Night: Idan Raichel and India.Arie Concert

Saturday, October 22, 8:00 pm, Strathmore Music Center, North Bethesda

Join other young couples for a Saturday night out at the Strathmore Music Center in Bethesda. Featuring songs from the just-released recording *Open Door*, this concert showcases the inspired collaboration of Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter India.Arie and triple-platinum Israeli artist Idan Raichel, a driving force in contemporary world music. With its themes of acceptance and unity, effortless mix of contemporary soul, and exotic influences and multilingual lyrics sung in Hebrew and English, this concert forges new frontiers in music.

Twenty seats have been reserved at a special group rate of \$31.50. Register online at adasisrael.org/yp to reserve your spot today. ○



Helene Weingarten presents Jack Herman with a Sisterhood Gift Shop gift certificate, which Jack won as the 250th subscriber to our Adas Facebook Page. Another winner will be selected when we reach our 500th Facebook Friend. Join us at facebook.com.adasisraeldc!

Bounced Check Fee

The congregation is charged a \$25 bank fee for deposited checks that are returned for insufficient funds. Unfortunately, this occurs even when your account is inadvertently in arrears, and the \$25 bank fee must be charged to your synagogue account. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for understanding. ○

Education

Gan HaYeled

Open Houses for Prospective Families

Come learn about the wonderful opportunities at the Gan for you and your children! We are holding three open houses for prospective families: Monday, Nov. 8; Wednesday, Dec. 7; and Wednesday, Jan. 14. 9:30–11:00 am.

For more information, contact Sheri Brown, Sheri.Brown@adasisrael.org or 703-362-4491.

Save the Dates

Nov. 4, Jan. 6, Mar. 2, May 18

Parents of preschoolers in the Adas community are invited to the first *Steinlauf* and *Starbucks* of this school year on Friday, November 4, 9:30–10:30 am. This is an informal opportunity to chat with the rabbi about topics of interest, ranging from “Making Bedtime Jewish” to “whether your child’s bedroom should have its own *mezuzah*.” We hope you will join us for coffee in Cohen-Wolpe Hall. ○

Religious School

Ma Tovv Moments

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

Gishron Teacher Announced

We are proud to introduce Stacey Horn, our Gishron (Pre-K) teacher. Stacey has been an educator for many years, including teaching in the Adas Israel Gan HaYeled, where she uses creative art, music and movement to encourage the growth and confidence of each student. We look forward to her sharing her wealth of knowledge and experience with our students! The Gishron program is made possible by the Sandra & Clement Alpert Family Education Fund.



Stacey Horn

Chugim Program Redesigned for 3rd-6th graders

This fall, our 3rd-6th graders came back to a new format for our *Chugim* program. *Chugim* (Specials) are enrichment activities that we offer to our students on Sundays mornings. All of our 3rd-6th grade students will have the opportunity to choose one elective out of 6 choices that they will participate in for the semester. This model of giving our students the ability to choose their *chug* has worked very well for our elective program in our Ma'alot Hebrew High School. In addition to choosing their electives, students will also spend time with students from other grades who choose the same *chug* which will enhance our students' sense of community.

Our offerings for the first semester are:

- Drama with Sandy Eskin
- Conversational Hebrew with Gila Efrati & Ziva Schuchman
- Creative Writing with Amy Berelowitz
- Shul* Explorer with David Diamond & Miki Flamenbaum

- Israeli Dance with Sharon Gelboin-Katz & Lital Kenzi
- Tikkun Olam with Jordanna Snyder and Laura Smolar

Introducing ZooLa

ZooLa: a place to relax—chill-out-place—originally in the deserts of Israel the Bedouins used to host people who passed by in their tents and serve them food, much like Abraham did. Guests could cool down and relax after eating, and enjoy the company of others.

We invite you to kick back with your friends in our ZooLa place every Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 in the youth lounge. Staffed by our new youth advisor, Rachel Kozak. Play our brand new Nintendo Wii, listen to music, eat snacks, do your homework, shmooze with friends... you can even take a nap on our comfy sofas! We hope to see you there!



Rachel Kozak

Introducing Ma'alot Minyan

Starting this fall we will be adding a teen-led *Maariv* service to our Tuesday evening school program. 7th through 12th grade students will meet for dinner as usual at 6:30 pm in the Gewirz, and will then gather in the Kogod Chapel afterwards for our new spirited service. We are excited to add this prayer component to our program and look forward to a year full of *brachot* (blessings) and *ruach* (spirit)!

New!

K-7th Grade Back to School Night

Wednesday, October 5th at 7 pm

Come enjoy some light refreshments and meet your child's teachers starting at 7 pm. We will provide pizza and supervised homework space for students starting at 6:15 pm. If your child will stay for pizza and supervised homework time, please RSVP to talya.baiamond@adasisrael.org.

Ma'alot (7th-12th Grade) Parent Wine & Cheese Tuesday, October 18th 8-8:45 pm

Learn about enhancements to our Ma'alot DC curriculum and new initiatives for this year. This is a great time to schmooze with other 7th-12th Grade parents. Teachers will be available to answer questions and share important information with you.

Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service on Oct. 15 at 10:45 am



Shabbat Unplugged, a musical family service for families with children in Kindergarten and above, will meet on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 10:45 am. The service is designed for Kindergarten families and above though older children are welcome

and encouraged take on leadership roles. *Shabbat Unplugged* will be led by Josh Bender, Director of Education and Elie Greenberg, Director of Informal Programming. Modeled off of *Shacharit Live*, a Sunday morning musical service for K-2 students in the Religious School, the service aims to build a prayer experience that is fun, interactive and spirited. This will also be an opportunity for families to explore some of the

key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer. Guitars and other instruments will be used to enhance the experience and to teach Jewish and Israeli songs. The 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*

Literally, "You shall surely lift him up." A law designed to encourage aid to one in distress. This value will be connected to the mini-walk for Anne Frank House on November 6th where we will support and raise money to aid in their efforts to combat homelessness. The Anne Frank House (anne-frank-house.org) is affiliated with Adas Israel Congregation and many of its board members are members of our congregation. ○

October Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

- 5:** K-7th Back to School Night 7 pm
- 9:** No School
- 11:** Decorate Sukkah
- 12:** No School—*Erev Sukkot*
- 15:** Shabbat Unplugged
- 16:** K-2nd Family Sukkot program
: *Chugim* for 3rd-6th Grade
- 18:** 3rd-6th Grade *Sukkot* program
: Ma'alot *Sukkot* Dinner
: Ma'alot Parent Wine & Cheese
: Ma'alot TeenChat #1
- 19:** No School, *Erev Shmini Atzeret*
- 23:** 7th Grade Breakfast & Service
: Faculty meeting
- 30:** *Chugim* for 3rd-6th Grade

Library Corner

Noah Meets Gilgamesh

by Robin Jacobson

Dear Librarian:

Every year, when we read in shul the story of Noah, someone remarks that there are many ancient flood legends, such as the famous Gilgamesh. By the time we read about Noah later this month, I would like to understand this intriguing reference. Please tell me about Gilgamesh.

Appreciatively,
Eager-for-Enlightenment

Dear Eager:

A classic of the Ancient World, the Epic of Gilgamesh lay buried and forgotten in the ruins of the Assyrian empire for over 2,000 years. The epic dramatically resurfaced in the 19th century, stunning Biblical scholars and the general public by its similarity to the *Genesis* flood story. To learn about Gilgamesh, read *The Buried Book* by David Damrosch or *Understanding Genesis* by Nahum Sarna, both on display this month in our library, along with some enchanting children's picture books about Noah and the Ark. Here are some highlights from the Damrosch and Sarna books.

—Sincerely, Your Librarian.

The Plot

Gilgamesh, a Mesopotamian king, became obsessively fearful of death, following the loss of a beloved friend. He embarked on a perilous journey to gain the secret of eternal life from Uta-napishtim, a man who had lived for centuries. Uta-napishtim told Gilgamesh the story of a great flood that had devastated the world. This story, like the *Genesis* story, included a hero (Uta-napishtim), a ship loaded with animals that came to rest on a mountaintop, and a series of birds sent out to hunt for dry land. After the flood, a god granted Uta-napishtim and his wife immortality. Uta-napishtim said that these unique circumstances would not arise again and that Gilgamesh must face the inevitability of death.

The *Genesis* and Gilgamesh flood stories share many common elements (even in details such as the building materials for the ark), but certain differences spotlight a special concern with morality in *Genesis*. In Gilgamesh, the gods capriciously decided to destroy the world, perhaps because noisy humans disturbed the gods' sleep. Uta-napishtim survived because one god warned him of the impending flood. In contrast, in *Genesis*, God destroyed the world for its evil and saved Noah for his righteousness. The concept of a single God

who cares about ethical human behavior was radical in the polytheistic ancient world.

Loss and Rediscovery

The last king of Assyria owned a copy of the Gilgamesh Epic, carved on 12 clay tablets in the Akkadian language. He kept this treasure in the palace library in Nineveh (near modern-day Mosul in northern Iraq). When enemy invaders burned the palace in 612 BCE, the precious tablets were buried in the ruins.

In the mid-1800s, archaeologists unearthed the ancient library and shipped 100,000 tablets and fragments to the British Museum in London. For decades, scholars tried to decipher them.

In 1872, George Smith, a junior curator who had taught himself Akkadian, translated one of the Gilgamesh tablets. Dizzy with excitement, he announced that he had made a sensational discovery: confirmation of the biblical flood, complete with a Noah figure and an ark. According to one account, Smith jumped up, rushed about the room, and then, to the astonishment of museum staff, undressed himself. (Some have suggested that in Victorian England, Smith's "undress" may have been no more than a loosened collar.)

Smith's find electrified the world. A *New York Times* page one story posed the ultimate question: Did the Gilgamesh Epic corroborate biblical history, or did it merely demonstrate that there were different versions of a fictional flood story in the ancient world? The ancient epic became enmeshed in the heated controversy over the relationship between religion and science, which continues unabated to this day. ○



Lifelong Learning

Adas Israel Lifelong Learning Program, Fall 2011

Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings

Register for classes at adasisrael.org or contact Marcia Miller, marcia.miller@adasisrael.org.

Mindful Judaism: Exploring Ways into Spirituality and Personal Meaning in our Ancient Tradition

Sunday mornings, 9:30–10:30 am: Oct. 30; Nov. 6, 13; Dec. 4, 11, 18; *Taught by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf*

Most of us are familiar with the conventional practices of Judaism. Our services, holidays, texts of study, traditions, and *mitzvot* provide us with a rich and life-sustaining way of life. In this six-week mini-course, we explore the *unconventional* ways into a spiritual Jewish life. We explore Jewish mystical texts from Kabbalah like the Zohar. We experience an introduction to Jewish meditation and explore the spirituality of Jewish prayer and other rituals with an eye toward engaging with these as mindfulness practices. We also explore aspects of our services in ways that are nontraditional, accessible, and emotionally compelling.

This course is open to everyone, from seasoned Jewish spiritual practitioners to serious skeptics. It seeks to present Jewish mindfulness practices, mysticism, and spirituality in a safe environment for everyone to explore without ever feeling “on the spot” or out of one’s personal comfort zones. No Hebrew or previous background in Jewish studies is necessary. Be prepared to be present (with no obligation to participate) in meditation sessions, singing sessions (with no requirement to sing, or to sing on key!), and esoteric text-study (with full explanation by Rabbi Steinlauf).

Gil Steinlauf, senior rabbi of Adas Israel Congregation, has extensive experience with meditation and other forms of spirituality. *Cost: \$50 for members; \$75 for non-members*

Yoga and Torah

Sunday mornings, 10:45 am–12 noon: Oct 30; Nov. 6, 13; Dec. 4, 11, 18; *Taught by Lauren Rubenstein*

As a “people of the Book,” Jews tend to ground their lives in the intellectual realm. Yet our bodies house a wealth of wisdom, spirituality and even a sense of God. Yoga—the union of mind, body and spirit—can help us tune in to a sense of oneness, wholeness, and unity within a Jewish context. Using prayer and Jewish music, we practice simple yoga postures, breath awareness, and deep relaxation, strengthening the mind-body connection and increasing our sense of peace and joy. No prior yoga experience required.

Cost: \$50 for members; \$75 for non-members

Hebrew I (Introductory Hebrew)

Sunday mornings, 10:45 am–12 noon: Oct. 30, Nov 2, Nov 6, Nov

9, Nov 13, Nov 16, Nov 30, Dec 4, Dec 7, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21; *Teacher TBA*

Have you always wanted to learn the Hebrew alphabet and begin to read? Did you once know how to read Hebrew, but you have forgotten some? If so, this is the class for you. Over the course of 13 sessions, students learn the Hebrew alphabet, the vowels, and how to read Hebrew words and sentences. Class members also learn a few hundred Hebrew words from the prayer book.

Cost: \$50 for members; \$75 for non-members (cost includes books and materials)

Hebrew III

Sunday mornings from 10:45 to 12:30 pm (two forty-five minute sessions, break in between), Oct. 30, Nov 2, Nov 6, Nov 9, Nov 13, Nov 16, Nov 30, Dec 4, Dec 7, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21; *Teacher TBA*

Do you want to read the prayer book with understanding? Would you like to be able to study the Torah in the original? Hebrew III will help you attain these goals by introducing all of the important grammar and vocabulary that will enable you to begin to read the prayer book with comprehension. The prerequisite for the class is knowledge of the aleph-bet and some fluency in decoding Hebrew. The class begins in the fall and concludes in the spring.

\$50 for members; \$75 for non-members (cost includes books and materials)

“And you shall be holy . . .”: How to Be a Saint in Eight Easy Lessons

Wednesday evenings, 7:15–8:30 pm: Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec 7, 14, 21; *Taught by Rabbi Kenneth L. Cohen*

Judaism is not just about ritual, prayer, and the synagogue. It offers us guidance on how to achieve sanctity in our daily lives. What obligations do we owe our parents? Our children? Are there Jewish ethics of warfare? Are there any circumstances under which a Jew may tell a lie? What does Judaism teach us about medical triage? What are Jewish sex ethics? What about euthanasia? Abortion? How are we supposed to respond to difficult people?

We study ancient, medieval, and modern Jewish sources with no guarantee that you will become a Jewish saint, but everybody can be a *mensch*. Learn how less-than-perfect people can do the right thing in less-than-perfect circumstances and make the world a bit better one *mitzvah* at a time.

Ken Cohen is a graduate of Georgetown University and was ordained at Leo Baeck College in London. He has served pulpits in Wales and in Columbia, MD, and was executive director of American University Hillel for 10 years. He *davens* at the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan here at Adas Israel.

Cost: \$100 for members; \$150 for non-members

Making Mishpacha

Wednesday evenings, 7:30–9 pm: Nov. 9, 16, 30

Taught by Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C, and Rabbi Charles M. Feinberg

This is a Jewish parenting class for couples who are expecting a child sometime later this year or who had a child during the last few months. The class is informal and discuss such topics as setting limits with grandparents and other family

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members; Jewish rituals of naming, circumcision, *Simchat ha-bat* ceremonies, and *pidyon ha-ben* (redemption of the first born); the family as an educational institution; child care; Jewish preschool; and day care.

Cost: \$80 for members; \$120 for non-members

Bereavement Support Group

First Wednesday of the month, 7:30–8:30 pm: Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Miller Chapel; *Led by Rabbi Gilah Langner and Rabbi Charles Feinberg*

If you have recently been bereaved or have suffered a loss in the past 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, the group's members reflect each month on their own experiences of loss and bereavement, and then turn 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 their loved ones an ongoing blessing. For more information or to let us know you're coming, please contact Rabbi Gilah, 202-364-3006 or langner@erols.com. Co-sponsored with the Washington Jewish Healing Network.

Cost: Free of charge; drop-ins welcome

Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren

Two Sunday mornings, 11 am –12:15 pm: Nov. 6, Dec. 11

Taught by Dr. Marion Usher and Rabbi Charles Feinberg

This two-part discussion series focuses on ways grandparents can introduce and foster Judaism with their interfaith grandchildren. The program discusses how to acknowledge the entire family, promote Jewish experiences, celebrate the Jewish holidays, and attend to the complex feelings that grandparents experience dealing with this area of their lives. *Marion Usher* has led interfaith couples groups for the past 15 years and has worked with over 450 couples. *Charles Feinberg* has led many discussion groups for parents of adult children who have intermarried.

Cost: Free of charge; drop-ins welcome.

Jewish Study Center

Basic Judaism

Wednesday evenings, 7:00–8:15 pm: Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21; *Taught by Robert Rovinsky*

Cost: JSC and Adas members \$100; non-members \$150

Israelis, Arabs, and the Arab Spring: Perceptions of the Other

Wednesday evenings, 7:00–8:30 pm: Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9; *Taught by Paul Scham and Naiem Sherbiny*

Cost: JSC and Adas members \$40, non-members: \$55

The Siddur: Translation as Commentary

Wednesday evenings, 7:00–8:15 pm: Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16;

Taught by Norman Shore

This class may be extended another four weeks if students wish.

Cost: Adas and JSC members \$55, non-members \$75

Jewish Cultures Around the Globe

Wednesday evenings, 7:00–8:15 pm: Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21

Oct. 26 and Nov. 2: TBA

Nov. 9: History and Development of the Jewish Community of France. *Taught by Gerard Leval*

Nov. 16: The Exit of Jews from Arab Countries. *Taught by Maurice Shohet*

Nov. 30: Jews of Manitoba. *Taught by Alisa Abrams*

Dec. 7: Journey from Vienna to Bikaner, India *Taught by Stephen Tauber and Andrew Tauber*

Dec. 14: History of Jews in Mitzrayim (Egypt) *Taught by Wendy Kamenshine*

Dec. 21: TBA

Cost: Full series, JSC and Adas members \$100, non-members \$150;

Individual sessions: JSC and Adas members \$15, non-members \$20

Jews of the American South

Wednesday evenings, 8:30–9:40 pm: Nov. 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21

Taught by Beryl Neumann on Jews of West Virginia (Dec. 7), Russell and Judy Smith on Jews of Georgia and North Carolina (Dec. 14), and Jews of Nashville (Dec. 21)

Cost: JSC and Adas Israel members \$55; non-members \$75; One session, JSC and Adas Israel members \$15; non-members \$20

Three Classic Midrashim: Talmudic Literature and Existentialism

Wednesday evenings, 8:30–9:40 pm: Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16; *Taught by Stephen Berer*

Cost: Adas Israel and JSC members \$55; non-members \$75

Jewish and Muslim Tales of Isaac, Ishmael, and Hagar

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:00–8:15 p.m.; *Taught by Naiem Sherbiny and Norman Shore*

Cost: Adas Israel and JSC members \$15, non-members \$20

Branching Out from Prayer: Contemporary Poetry on Liturgical Themes

Wednesday evenings, 8:30–9:40 pm: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14; *Taught by Amy Schwartz*

Cost: Adas and JSC members \$40, non-members \$55

Register through jewishstudycenter.org. For more information, call 202-332-1221 or e-mail info@jewishstudycenter.org. ○



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

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