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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

THE POINT OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

There is a great culture these days of ensuring that our kids get involved in community service projects. Most schools even mandate these projects for all students. This dovetails perfectly with our Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam*. As Jews, we are all striving to be people of action and justice. And now, there is wide societal support for getting started early on this character development. Most of our kids link their *b'nai mitzvah* experience with *Tikkun Olam* projects. We have a strong emphasis on social justice issues and activities in our Hebrew high school program at Adas. Our young people, and all of us, are very fortunate because there is so much access to opportunities for making a difference.

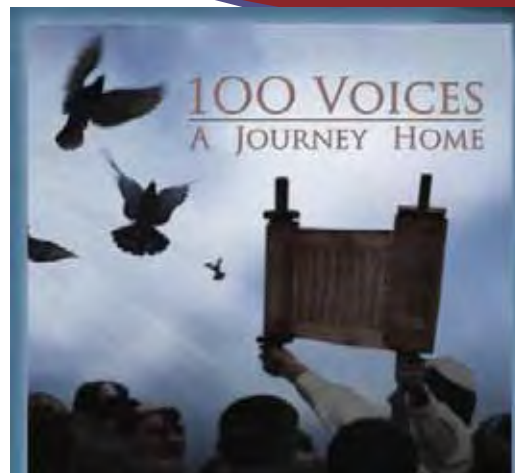
But with all the blessings of *Tikkun Olam* projects, there is one critical element that all of our

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Selichot Eve Program: '100 Voices,' Sept. 8

Cantor Arianne Brown will introduce a compelling and moving documentary film, entitled *100 Voices: A Journey Home*, beginning at 8:30 pm before our *Selichot* service. Cantor Brown was among a group of cantors who participated in a historical mission to the birthplace of cantorial music in Poland. This trip serves as the basis of the film, which celebrates the resilience and the power of Jewish life while telling the story of two peoples who shared intertwined cultures. The film will be followed by a question and answer session with Cantor Brown.

A coffee reception to continue the discussion will begin at 10:00 pm, followed by



the Traditional *Selichot* Service at 11:00 pm. The evening is sponsored by the Mollie & Joseph Muchnick *Selichot* Fund. ○

Vision of Renewal Groundbreaking Set for October 14

A plan is in place to stage all construction in three phases to minimize the impact our congregation.

October–December Gewirz *Beit Am*

December–April Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

April–August Lobby and *Beit Midrash* (most complicated part but our quietest time)

We have informed our neighbors and community representatives of our plans. We encourage our members to serve as ambassadors should any questions arise. Please refer to our website, www.adasisrael.org, for all updates, progress reports, and photos.

The Vision of Renewal is *more* than a building renovation; it will cultivate innovative programming and community building, including:

- New programming for our *Beit Midrash*, Jewish Mindfulness Center, and Lifelong Learning is being developed to complement our renewed spaces.
- New approaches to our religious services are being explored.
- Creative uses of our improved spaces are challenging our creativity!

All programming is supported by our *Kol Nidre* Appeal. We appreciate the extra level of generosity our members have demonstrated through their support of our total vision for Adas Israel.

Watch for in invitation to the groundbreaking on October 14. ○

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projects and activities cannot convey to our young people. It's the element that is most perfectly expressed in our experience of the High Holy Days—our deeply felt understanding that we are not alone.

There is a series of moments that often happen at the service of *Ne'elah* at the end of *Yom Kippur*. The room is full. We have come through so much during the long day of fasting and prayer. Individuals and families come and stand in front of the open ark and pour out their hearts one last time. Members of the congregation, one last time, beat their chests with the repeating phrase, "*Al cheit she-chatanu lefanecha*," "For the sins that we have committed before You . . ." In those moments, there is the experience of something personal and yet communal as well. We acknowledge our mistakes and fears not just as ourselves, but as a Jewish people. And then finally, the *shofar* sounds, we drink a glass of orange juice, and we have made it through. We feel relief, we feel changed, accomplished, humbled.

And there's one other thing we get from this experience: we're liberated. And I don't just mean liberated from long services. I mean liberated from the burdens that have weighed on us in life. We're liberated from all the ways we have lied to ourselves and others. We're liberated through the simple acknowledgement of our mistakes, our human frailty. Most important, we're liberated because we have felt how we are not alone in the burdens of life. We share our burdens, our mistakes, our sins

with everyone. The result of that great catharsis is such relief and gratitude. There is also a tremendous feeling of connection and empathy with all of humanity.

I would argue that this uncanny experience of personal/communal liberation is the most important element in social action. When I am confronted with someone in need, in pain and suffering, I am very different with that person when I have experienced my own personal liberation from suffering and burdens. It's no longer an act that smacks of a kind of noblesse oblige. It's an interaction of two equals, two fellow travelers, struggling to find our way through life.

For now, I'm the one in the position to help and to serve, and I do so with gratitude. I'm not there with the other because I'm "doing *Tikkun Olam*." I'm there because—how could I not be there? The most important part of social justice and *chesed* is the quality of presence we each bring to our lives, to every interaction. To live life with gratitude for the *t'shuvah*, the cathartic return to truth, is the essence of a life of service.

Our children receive great rewards for their social justice projects, as do those whom they serve. Equally, if not more important, our children deserve the spiritual core of *Tikkun Olam*—the liberation of *t'shuvah*, the sense of personal connection to all those who struggle for relief from their burdens. The wisdom of *t'shuvah* can't be facilitated in a class or project. It can only come as we grow and mature as Jews and as human beings. It comes when we're mature enough to acknowledge our limitedness, and our yearning for compassion. The generations of adults in our community can model this humility—the very essence of the High Holy Days. May we pass the power and beauty of our personal/communal transformation on to future generations, so that we, our children, and all people can indeed repair the world.

L'Shanah Tovah Tekateivu—May you be inscribed for a happy and healthy New Year. ○

Shalom and Shalom: Summer Staff Changes

This past summer we bid *shalom* to two staff members, Kate Bailey and Randy Asbury.



Since 2008, Kate served in a variety of capacities in our school office and, most recently, as our communications director responsible for our monthly Chronicle, website, weekly *Keshet Ishi*, flyers, and general publicity. This fall Kate is beginning a PhD program in Jewish history at the University of Maryland. We wish her well in her studies and beyond.

Randy Asbury, our building manager, only worked with us for one year but made many friends in the congregation. He has taken a construction job in Saudi Arabia, and we wish him a safe and productive experience.



This summer we also said *shalom* to two new staff members, Carole Klein and Suzanne Klein Davidson.

Carole joined our staff this summer as synagogue administrator and membership coordinator working in a variety of areas, including membership recruitment and engagement, facility management, life

cycle events, cemetery administration, and synagogue projects, and will be working on Sunday mornings during the school year to assist the schools and committees with their building needs. Carole worked for nine years as the synagogue administrator of Congregation B'nai Israel in Basking Ridge, NJ. She and her husband moved to the DC area to be near their children.

Suzanne has been hired as an executive assistant and development staff member. She will assist us with the Vision of Renewal Building Campaign, *Kol Nidre* Appeal, Torah Dedication Project, High Holy Days, and multiple other projects throughout the year. Suzanne was a member of Adas Israel before moving to the suburbs. She became an Adult Bat Mitzvah at Adas and had a child in our Gan. She has been working at Washington Hebrew Congregation in various educational capacities and has worked at the Religious Action Center in Washington.



This summer also welcomed school office manager Talya Schultz's new baby, and we thank Laura Bloomberg Rosh for her help in the school office during Talya's leave.

Please help us welcome Carole and Suzanne to the Adas Israel family. ○



From the President

For anyone who's ever been six years old and arrived for the first day of school, September probably remains a magical time. No matter how many years separate me from that first day of first grade, the arrival of fall always returns my senses to Alexander IV Elementary School—the smell of newly sharpened pencils, the taste of a peanut butter sandwich, the sight of a bright construction paper alphabet, the sound of the first bell calling us into class, and the feel of stiff, new “school shoes” (whatever happened to those once-essential autumn purchases—school shoes and Sunday school shoes, anyway?).

Not every September since that first grade year has been quite as exciting as that first day of school, but this one, the fall of 2012 at Adas Israel, surely is. There is much to experience to rival even the most eagerly anticipated first day of school! The beautiful sound of our new Cantor, Arianne Brown, is filling our services, no—our entire building—with joy and warmth. And speaking of our building, the commencement of construction (after the holidays) will turn our Vision of Renewal into a reality and will be a thrilling project to experience. I know that the construction will occasion inconvenience, but I am confident you'll feel that the satisfaction of being part of this transformative project will far outpace any small aggravation caused. So many more exciting things are happening at Adas that I'd need the entire *Chronicle* to outline them all, but just look around and you'll see—and even more important, you'll feel—the magic going on inside 2850 Quebec Street. Stop in to welcome Sheri Brown as she assumes her role as Gan director (following her service as interim director). Attend one of Rabbis Steinlauf and Holtzblatt's “Making Torah Personal” classes or Rabbi Feinberg's *Boker Ohr* study group. Join the *Havurah* for its 41st year of fellowship and davening. Experience the powerful waters of our *mikvah* or the powerful yoga class of Adas's Mindfulness Center.

As perhaps you can guess from reading the above, we have focused this year on supporting these and all of our activities with two fundraising efforts—our annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal and the Vision of Renewal campaign. I know we've asked a lot of this wonderful community this year. Supporting our annual campaign enables our synagogue to serve so many diverse needs and the seemingly “everyday” services, programs and educational offerings that would be far from routine without your support. I cannot emphasize enough how critical your continued support of the *Kol Nidre* Appeal is to our congregation's needs—this year and every

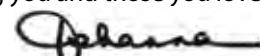
year. If you are able to stretch a bit further to support the Vision of Renewal campaign, you will have made a lasting contribution to creating a fitting space for the programs, services, and spiritual experiences that have become the hallmarks of our community. Vision of Renewal pledges may be paid over five years, so I hope each of you will find a place for that commitment alongside your *Kol Nidre* Appeal donations. Please accept my thanks for your generous giving.

And to turn back to my first grade year once last time . . . my elementary school has a Facebook page, which I joined. A few classmates also joined, and while I remembered most of them, it seems that almost none of them remembered me, even though I was the third grade multiplication champion (for one day). I am not really bitter about that (much), but it was an inconsequential lesson in how easy it is to belong and matter to an institution, and then not. In a far more consequential way, communities like ours also risk having members lose that important sense of belonging. Sometimes, rarely, this happens by choice, but sometimes neither we nor our fellow members even realize it has happened. If you're a member who's the “multiplication champ” of your circle at Adas (for a day or a lifetime), please reach out to someone you may not have seen before, whether at services, in a meeting, at a program, or in a class. And if you are someone who is new to Adas or a friend we've missed seeing for a while, please reach out to me; our wonderful clergy and staff; or our officers, board, and volunteers, to give us the chance to make you feel at home.

I look forward to an amazing year at Adas with all our members—I believe the excitement of the new “*shul* year” will rival the best new school year I ever had. Wishing you and those you love a year of sweetness and fulfillment—a *shana tova* to you and all. ○



Johanna Chanin


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Synagogue Closings

Monday, Sept. 3, Labor Day

Schools/Offices Closed, *Minyanim*, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 16, Erev Rosh Hashanah

Schools/Offices Close at 1:00 pm

Mon. & Tues., Sept. 17 & 18, Rosh Hashanah Days 1 & 2

Schools/Offices Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 25, Kol Nidre

Schools/Offices Close at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 26, Yom Kippur

Schools/Offices Closed

Sunday, Sept. 30, Erev Sukkot

Religious School OPEN/Offices Closed



High Holy Days

Home Observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, 5773

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 Sunday evening, September 16; candles are lit and the blessing is followed by the *Shehechyanu*:

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 Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'hecheyanu, v'kee'manu, v'heegee anu lazman hazeh. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

► 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 כפארים וכמנשה.

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

May God make you as Ephraim and Menashe

For daughters:

ישמך אלהים כשרה 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, שתתחדש 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.*

Kever Avot Memorial Services & Cemetery Hours

Jews worldwide mark the approaching High Holy Days with 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 healing within families by creating 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 9, 10:00 am
Adas Israel Cemetery, 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf. Bus leaves from the congregation at 9:00 am. Call Carol Ansell at the synagogue, 202-362-4433, to reserve a seat. Space is limited.

• **Judean Memorial Gardens Kever Avot Service**, Sunday, September 23, 10:30 am, with Rabbi Charles Feinberg participating

The Adas Israel Cemetery on Alabama Avenue will be open on Sunday, September 9 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you wish to visit at any other times, please call Carole Klein, 202-362-4433, ext. 157.

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

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If you are on Facebook, "like" our page! Our goal is 1,000 fans by Rosh Hashanah. A special prize will be drawn from our first 1,000 fans.

Join in the fun!



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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 on Tuesday, September 25**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של יום הכיפורים.

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzeevanu l'hadleek ner shel Yom HaKippureem. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle lights for Yom Kippur.

► **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*.

► **A traditional greeting for Yom Kippur is:**

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

Yom Kippur Afternoon Speakers Hanna Rosin and Mark Leibovich

Turning to Each Other: Jewish Women and Jewish Men in the 21st Century

A generation ago, it was uncommon to find female rabbis, especially in the Conservative Movement. Now, at Adas Israel and elsewhere, women are well integrated in leadership. And not just as rabbis. Jewish women are taking on more synagogue leadership roles at every level, at the same time that Jewish men are stepping back from those lay leadership roles. Why is that? Are men ceding spiritual leadership to women? Is “rabbi” on its way to becoming a feminine profession, the way secular “teacher” did a century ago? After all, other arenas of leadership—business, politics—are full of Jewish men. So why not synagogue leadership?

We will discuss what it's like to be a Jewish man and a Jewish woman in our time, and what kind of Jewish legacy are we leaving to our Jewish sons and daughters.

We are very pleased to have Hanna Rosin of the *Atlantic Monthly* and author of the forthcoming, *The End of Men*, along with Mark Leibovich, *New York Times* magazine chief national correspondent join us at 3:30 pm in Kay Hall on Yom Kippur afternoon. Together, they will discuss these issues and offer their unique perspectives. ◯



Kol Nidre Appeal from the Vice President for Development



I am vice president for development at Adas Israel, but more important, I am the mother of three children who have been through the Gan, two of whom (so far) have become *b'nai mitzvah* at Adas; I am a member of the Garden of the Righteous Committee and the Education Committee; I am an occasional reader of Torah; and I am a consumer of those programs at Adas that

really speak to me (like a class in Torah in Food!). In short, I am a 2012 Conservative Jew living in Washington, DC, seeking to enrich my experience with Judaism and share and sustain with my children the connection to my religion that my parents, grandparents and their grandparents—even before they lived in Vilna—preserved so carefully and shared with me.

You are probably not so different. And that is really what the *Kol Nidre* Appeal is about. It's not an empty plea to send in dollars. It is a concerted, important way that we all participate in the continuation and enrichment of our personal connection to Judaism, and to the bigger picture of Conservative Judaism in America. When we participate in a community appeal like our *Kol Nidre* Appeal, we are voting to keep our community alive. We are both demanding and authorizing our leadership to enrich and improve our offerings to congregants to keep them relevant and responsive to the kind of Jews we are today, without losing the traditions we've carried with us for generations. We are saying that “Yes, we want Conservative Judaism, through our community, to thrive for our own children and into their future.”

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Schedule of Services

	<i>Charles E. Smith Sanctuary</i>	<i>Other Locations</i>
<i>Rosh Hashanah Eve</i>	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 * 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm	
<i>First Day Rosh Hashanah</i>	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	
Shacharit	8:15 am	(One Service – Sanctuary)
Torah Service	9:30 am	9:30 am
Family Service		10:00 am (Cohen-Wolpe Hall)
Children's Services		10:30 am (see page 6 for details)
Sermon	11:00 am	11:00 am
Musaf	11:30 am	11:30 am
USY Hike and Tashlich Service (9th–12th graders)		12:00 pm (meet in Quebec Street Lobby)
Family Tashlich		12:00 pm (meet on Conn. Ave. Plaza)
Community Tashlich		5:45 pm (meet at Quebec Street entrance)
Mincha/Maariv		6:45 pm (Kogod Chapel)
<i>Second Day Rosh Hashanah</i>	<i>Charles E. Smith Sanctuary</i> <i>(open seating)</i> TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 *	<i>Other Locations</i>
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 (see page 6 for details)
Creative Musical Musaf Service with choir & instruments and Sermon	10:45 am	
Traditional Musaf Service and Sermon		10:45 am (Kay Hall)
Mincha/Maariv		6:45 pm (Kogod Chapel)
<i>Kol Nidre</i>	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	
Mincha		6:00 pm (One Service – Gewirz Hall)
Kol Nidre	6:30 pm	6:30 pm (Kay, Gewirz, Kogod Chapel)
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (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
Bullyism and Judaism (7 th -12 th graders)		12:00 pm (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)
Pre-school (Gan) Service		3:30 pm (Gewirz Hall)
Mincha	5:00 pm	(One Service Charles E. Smith Sanctuary)
Late Yizkor		5:30 pm (Kogod Chapel)
Traditional Minyan N'eelah		6:00 pm (Kogod Chapel)
N'eelah *	6:00 pm	
Shofar	7:35 pm (approx.)	

*No Tickets Required

Usher Request for the High Holy Days

The Adas Israel Men's Club has the honor and responsibility of coordinating volunteers to serve as ushers on the High Holy Days. This important role serves a number of important functions, including welcoming members and guests, orienting attendees as they enter the service, and assisting during an emergency.

This year, we are again enlisting the support of the entire congregation to assist in our planning for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Would you consider sharing an hour (or more) during the holidays to assist your fellow members during this special High Holy Day season?

Even if you traditionally *daven* elsewhere, we especially need more volunteers for the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary services. Even if you've never ushered before, we'd be delighted to have your help.

You are cordially invited to accept the invitation below to help ensure meaningful and safe holiday services. We hope you will accept this invitation for the High Holy Days. NO experience is necessary. We'll provide instructions and mentors. We need your help!

Any questions? Please contact Elinor Tattar, 202-362-4433, ext. 147 or elinor.tattar@adasisrael.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

B'todah,

David Lynn, Usher Coordinator

David Nemeth, Men's Club President ○

High Holy Day Ushering Request Form

I accept the invitation to greet and assist our members on:

- ☐ *Erev Rosh Hashanah* (Sept. 16)
- ☐ *Rosh Hashanah*—Day 1 (Sept. 17)
- ☐ *Rosh Hashanah*—Day 2 (Sept. 18)
- ☐ *Kol Nidre* (Sept. 25)
- ☐ *Yom Kippur* (Sept. 26)

I am willing to usher in (check all that apply):

- ☐ Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
- ☐ Kay Hall
- ☐ Gewirz Hall
- ☐ Kogod Chapel

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please PRINT so we can read your contact information.

Sukkot Schedule, 5773 / 2012

Eve 1, *Erev Sukkot*, Sunday, Sept. 30, 6 pm

Day 1, Monday, Oct. 1, 9:15 am: Combined Service

Eve 2, Monday, Oct. 1, 6 pm

Day 2, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 9:15 am: Combined Service

Eve 3, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6 pm

Day 3, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:15 am

Eve 4, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 6 pm

Day 4, Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:15 am

Eve 5, Thursday, Oct. 4, 6 pm

Day 5, Friday, Oct. 5, 7:15 am

Eve 6, Friday, Oct 5, 6 pm

Day 6, Saturday, Oct. 6, 9:15 am: *Chol HaMoed Sukkot/Baby Shabbat*

Eve 7, Saturday, Oct. 6, 6 pm

Day 7, Sunday, Oct. 7, 8:30 am: *Hoshana Rabba*

Eve 8, Sunday, Oct. 7, *Erev Shemini Atzeret*, 6 pm

Day 8, Monday, Oct. 8, *Shemini Atzeret*, 9:15 am: TEM joins Smith service; *Yizkor* at 11 am

Eve 9, Monday, Oct. 8, *Erev Simchat Torah*, Full *Mincha* at 6 pm; *Maariv* & *Hakafot* at 6:30 pm

Day 9, Tuesday, October 9, *Simchat Torah*, 9:15 am: TEM joins Smith service

Lulav and Etrog Order Form

Orders Due Monday, September 24

"...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 Naomi Malka at the synagogue, 2850 Quebec Street NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Lulavim may be picked up on Sunday, September 30, between 8:30 am and 1 pm.

Enclosed is my check, made out to Adas Israel, for \$40 for a *lulav* and *etrog* set.

Print Name _____

Phone Number _____

* Alternatively, if you prefer we will bill your synagogue account directly, please contact Naomi Malka at (202) 362-4433, x 142, or Naomi.Malka@adasisrael.org to make arrangements.

Education

Gan HaYeled

The Gan celebrates its 40th year with an energy and vibrancy usually reserved for teenagers.

The Gan was recently reaccredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that their children are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, the Gan went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit to ensure that it meets each program standard. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts five years.

In the 25 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC—approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs. For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, visit www.naeyc.org/academy.

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

If you've been wondering about which school will be the best fit for your child after preschool, please join us for an information-packed event Friday, September 21, 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, spweinstein@hotmail.com. This event is open to all Adas families, whether or not their children attend the Gan.

Save the Date: Honoring Babies Born in 5772

The 15th annual *Shabbat Tinok/Baby Shabbat*, honoring all babies born during the Hebrew year 5772 (September 2011 through September 2012), takes place October 15 as part of our *Shabbat* morning service. On this *Shabbat*, babies, along with their parents and siblings, are called to the *bimah* for a blessing and a special gift, compliments of the Sophie Silfen *Shalom Tinok* Fund.

Shabbat morning services 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.

Religious School

Ma'alot DC Students Return from Two Amazing Weeks in Israel

The Second Annual Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience was truly transformative for our 20 Confirmation students who

participated in this amazing journey. We are beginning to plan for our 2013 trip where we will have 25 Adas Israel teens joining us for this unforgettable experience! We thank Jack and Barbara Kay for their tremendous generosity.

Ma'alot students pose for a picture at Independence Hall in Tel Aviv where David Ben Gurion declared Israel's statehood.



NEW! Conversational Hebrew Initiative for 2012–2013

The Religious School Committee has worked closely with our staff to implement a new Conversational (Modern) Hebrew Initiative this fall, which will reach all of our religious school age groups. Below is an overview of this exciting new project, which will build on our existing *siddur* Hebrew curriculum. Students will now have the chance to learn Hebrew as both a sacred and "living" language. Please direct questions or comments to Josh Bender, at josh@adasisrael.org or to Susan Kay, chair of the Religious School Committee, susankaysk@gmail.com.

Gishron Pre-K–2nd Graders: Milat Hayom (Word of the Day) through Movement

Josh and Elie will introduce a modern Hebrew component during our *Shacharit* Live service every Sunday for pre-K–2nd grade students and parents. They will introduce a *milat hayom* (word of the day) that will have a movement associated with it. For example, they will introduce *lakum* (get up or rise) or *lalechet* (go or walk) and demonstrate the word by getting up or walking to the door. A short dialogue will include a bit of humor to help make things "stick." Teachers will also use the *milim* (words) in class to encourage a modern Hebrew culture and to reinforce words.

3rd–6th Graders: Hebrew Chug (Special)

We will offer our 3rd–6th graders Conversational Hebrew as part of our new *chugim* program on two Sunday mornings a month. The *chug* will give students an introduction to Conversational Hebrew through engaging and fun activities.

6th and 7th Graders: Two-year Ulpan Experience

By 6th grade, students will have had four years of *siddur* Hebrew and are now ready to experience Hebrew as a "living" language. This new *ulpan* program will focus on conversational Hebrew in familiar and practical settings. The students will be introduced to 5–10 modern Hebrew vocabulary words each week and will have the opportunity to converse with one another using Hebrew associated with restaurants, traveling and airports, the grocery store, school, and many more settings. The two-year *ulpan* program will include multimedia and the use of technology and Hebrew apps.

9th–12th Graders: Ma'alot Conversational Hebrew Online Platform

Last year we had a focus group as part of Parents' Corner with some of our high school teens who expressed a keen interest in doing some serious and formal learning of Modern Hebrew. We will implement a Modern Hebrew program for 9th–12th graders

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that uses some of the latest online technology in teaching Hebrew. A teacher will facilitate the course and provide review activities so students can practice their skills with each other. More details coming soon.

Ivrit (Hebrew) ONLY Table for Ma'alot Dinner

We will have a Hebrew-speaking table at Ma'alot during the dinner portion of the evening, and our *shinshinim* (Israeli teens) will facilitate weekly discussions at the table *rak b'ivrit* (only in Hebrew)!

Adas Welcomes New Youth Advisor, Sasha Block

Please join us in welcoming our new youth advisor, Sasha Bloch. Sasha grew up in Wilkes-Barre, PA, where she was very active in her synagogue, Temple Israel. She joined USY as a high school junior and fell in love with the entire youth group experience. As a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region of USY, Sasha served on the Regional Executive Board as Social Action/Tikkun Olam (SATO) VP during her senior year of high school. She also studied abroad in Israel for two months during her senior year through USY High, and again during college at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for six months.



After graduating from American University with a BA in international studies and an MAT in English as a second language, Sasha spends her days as a middle-school ESL teacher for Alexandria City Public Schools. Some of her fondest memories from her high school and college years were involvement in Jewish programming and groups. Sasha looks forward to making our children's time in Youth@AI as memorable as her own was. From *Chaverim* to USY, Sasha looks forward to sharing experiences that will make Adas Israel a place where children embrace and enjoy their Judaism!

NEW! Gishron Sunday Morning Pre-K Program

Learning through doing! Using the synagogue as a learning laboratory on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 12:15pm, students in the *Gishron* (Little Bridge) program will learn about Jewish traditions through fun and interactive activities. Music, dance, art, and storytelling will bring Judaism alive for our children. Every 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. Tuition is FREE for Adas Israel members (thanks to the generosity of the Sandra and Clement Alpert Fund); there is a \$50 supply fee only. For non-members, tuition is \$250 as well as the \$50 supply fee.

This program is meant to act as a bridge for students who leave Gan HaYeled for a secular Pre-K program but are not yet ready for the Religious School Kindergarten class. Limited space available.

Our *Gishron* Pre-K program is made possible by the Sandra & Clement Alpert Family Education Fund. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Josh Bender, 202-362-4449 or josh.bender@adasisrael.org. ○

Fall Religious School Calendar

1st Days of School:

3rd–6th Grade: **Tuesday, Sept. 4 or Wednesday, Sept. 5**

Pre-K–2nd Grade: **Sunday, Sept. 9**

7th Grade: **Sept. 4 in the evening** (Ma'alot program)

Special Events:

Sukkot in your Neighborhood! (home-hosted *Sukkot* programs): **Sunday, October 7**

Back-to-School Parent Meeting: **Sunday, October 14, at 9:30 am** (after drop-off)



Josh and Elie visit Capital Camps in Waynesboro, PA, which hosts some 20 kids from Adas Israel every year. To learn more about Capital Camps or other Jewish summer programs, contact Elie Greenberg.

"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, August 31

6:00pm - Service

7:00pm - Dinner

7:45pm - Kids GAGA Tournament

\$19.95 - Adult Dinner (11 and above)
 \$14.95 - Child Dinner (Ages 3-10)
 Children 3 and under eat FREE!

Financial Assistance Available. Please contact Josh Bender at (202) 362-4449 or josh.bender@adasisrael.org

RSVP by Wednesday Aug. 29 at 11 am
 Register Online at <http://adasisrael.org/ldervador>
 (202) 362-4449
Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org

Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Micah Aaron Cohen, son of Craig Cohen & Tracy Dill and grandson of Jeffrey N. Cohen & Fran Cohen
 Ava N. Knight Dekraker, daughter of Jodi & John Dekraker
 Isaac Zev Eber, son of Gabriel & Stephanie Eber
 Ella Brett Jeweler, daughter of Danielle & Aaron Jeweler, granddaughter of Rick & Amy Cantor, and great granddaughter of Elaine Kremens

Navah Sigal Schultz, daughter of Talya & Ben Schultz
 Alexander Paul Veksler, son of Michael & Carina Veksler
 Eliot Holden Werner, son of Ben & Meredith Werner and grandson of Marsha Werner

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

Marriages

Dale Kaufman & Stephen Klatsky.
 Rachel Hope Jonas, daughter of Roz & Gary Jonas, married Adam Seth Gilman, son of Cora & Fred Gilman of Los Angeles.
 David Buck and Otelia Keretztes-Naty wed on August 12.
 Megan Sobel and Brian Yellin.

Jonathan Scherr Gracia, son of Daniel & Dyan Gracia and grandson of Stanley Scherr, married Lindsay Brandinger, daughter of Paul and Adeana Brandinger.

Rebecca Grad, daughter of Rae Grad and John Grad (z"l) and Aaron Druller

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

B'nai Mitzvah



Sophia Fishman, August 25

Sophia Navit, daughter of Zalman and Lauren Fishman, began her Jewish education at the JCC in DC, graduated from the Jewish Primary Day School, and now attends North Bethesda Middle School. She celebrates her *bat mitzvah* with her brothers, Asher and Jadon; her grandmothers, Tamar Fishman and Vivien

Deitz; and other family and friends.



Susannah Epstein-Boley, September 1

Susannah, daughter of Laura Epstein and Kenneth Boley, began her education in the Kitten class at Gan HaYeled and has been attending the Melvin Gelman Religious School since kindergarten. She is currently a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School and is looking forward to sharing

her *simcha* with her family and friends.



Zachary Bergman, September 8

Zachary, son of Stephanie and David Bergman, is an eighth grader at Georgetown Day School. Zachary began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and is a student at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. He is the grandson of Holly and Larry Philips, of Stamford, CT, and Judy Bergman of Palm Beach, FL,

and the late Milton Bergman. For his *mitzvah* project, Zachary volunteered as a swim coach for the Montgomery County Special Olympics swim team, and he is raising money for Freedom Guide Dogs. Zachary shares his *simcha* with his sisters, Meredith and Amelia, and his extended family, friends and members of the community.



Alan Jinich, September 15

Alan, son of Daniel and Patricia Jinich, and brother of Samuel and Julian shares his *simcha* with family member who are coming from Mexico and other parts of the world. A special welcome goes to his grandparents, Carlos and Perla Jinich and Moises Drijanski and Susana Roth. Alan began his Jewish education at Gan

HaYeled, continued at JPDS, and continues at Georgetown Day School. As a *tzedakah* project Alan is sharing his love of all things cars, mechanics, and Spanish by creating a workshop for kids whose main language is Spanish, to build cars from recyclable materials.

Members in the News

Donald A. Baer has been named chief executive of the public relations firm Burson-Marsteller.

Arnold Hammer has been appointed as the new president of the Foundation for Jewish Studies.

Dr. Lauren Strauss has been named executive director of the 30-year-old foundation founded in 1983 to bring advanced Jewish adult learning to our community. Outgoing president is Dr. Sander Mendelson. Lauren is also a professor of modern Jewish studies in the Judaic Studies Program and history department at George Washington University.

Yoni Kalin has been named one of 15 winners in the U.S. and Canada in Build-a-Bear Workshop's Huggable Heroes program. Yoni is the founder and leader of the Color My World Project, which repurposes crayons discarded by restaurants and donates them to schools serving underprivileged children

New Members

Sharon Burka is a self-employed attorney living in Rockville.

Her parents are Frances and Leonard Burka, her aunt and uncle are John and Renny Kossow, and her cousins are Elise and Marc Lefkowitz.

Maiya Chard-Yaron is director of educational engagement at Maryland Hillel. She lives in Washington and is the granddaughter of Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz (z"l).

Harry Chaus lives in Washington, where he is a web content strategist at Sypiet Nitro, Inc.

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Derek Dickey & Anna Kertesz live in Bethesda with their children, Abigail and Charlotte. Anna is an attorney, and Derek is a consultant at Colgate Consulting Group.

Robert Gordon & Catherine Brown live in Washington with their sons, Silas and Gabriel. Robert is executive associate director at the Office of Management and Budget, and Catherine is a consultant at the Leadership for Educational Equity.

Bruce Hirsh is an attorney on the Senate Finance Committee, and **Marney Cheek** is an attorney at Covington & Burling. They live in Washington with their children, Rebecca and Ethan Hirsh.

Drs. Jonathan & Leah Hodor and their daughters, Romi and Roxi, live in Bethesda. Jonathan is a physician at the Maryland Perinatal Association, and Leah is a physician at the Community Neonatal Association.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Richard Block

Dr. Stephen Paul Ginsberg

Stanley Snyder

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Joseph Cropsey, father of Seth Cropsey

Leah Goldman, daughter-in-law of Martin and Donna Goldman

Lester Holtzblatt, father of Ari Holtzblatt

Beatrice Gray Jacobs, mother of Lynn Jacobs and Alan Jacobs

Harvey Kagan, father of Michael Kagan

Zachary Alfred Newman, father of Aliya Newman

Eugene Resnicoff, grandfather of Debra BenAvram

Douglas Schneiderman, son of Milton and Karen Schneiderman

Franklin Schultz, father of William Schultz

Kol HaMayim: Voice of the Waters



Volunteer Orientation, October 10

The Adas Israel Community *Mikvah* is seeking a new cadre of volunteers. This opportunity is open to women and men of all ages, from all levels of Jewish observance. No experience is necessary.

A background in social work, therapy, or health care might be useful, but anyone with the right amount of sensitivity to others can be a good guide. This is a great opportunity for learning, growth and connection.

Some occasions when your guidance might be called upon: life cycle events, infertility, healing, aging, conversions, monthly cycles, and recovery.

You also don't have to be a *mikvah* user to become a *mikvah* guide, and no minimum time commitment is required. There will be an orientation at Adas on October 10 at noon and informal trainings at your convenience.

For questions or more information, or to express interest even if you can't come on October 10, please contact Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776. ○

Maria Sereghy, mother of Eva Sereghy
Judith Sklarin, mother of Stephanie Slater
Jean Slavin, mother of Renata Kossow

Life Cycle Information

When Death Occurs

When death occurs, please call the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, so that we may inform the clergy and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for Glenn Easton. After business hours, a staff member on call may be reached by calling the synagogue office at the number above and pressing "2" to be connected automatically, or by calling the answering service, 301-421-5271, which will page the staff member on call.

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

Bereavement Committee

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

Cemetery Hours

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

TODAH RABBAH

To Our Summer Speakers

Todah rabah to our summer *Shabbat* morning speakers. As always, they challenged us, enlightened us, and added to the meaning of our Sabbath worship. Our sincere thanks to Carmel Chiswick, Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlberg, Prof. Calvin Goldscheider, Esther Foer, Rabbi Herbert Schwartz, Rabbi Emanuel S. Goldsmith, and Lisa Gurwitch.

Behrend Adas Senior Fellowship Holiday Break Schedule

Please join us Friday, September 7, at 11:00 am to welcome and celebrate *Shabbat* with a delicious and nutritious festive meal, entertainment, and friendship. This will be the final senior lunch program before the High Holy Days. The Senior Lunch program will resume on Monday, October 15.

For more information contact Aviva Atkin, 202-363-7530. Please note that the lunch program will now take place in the Youth Lounge on the second floor because of renovations in the Gewirtz Hall. ○

September 2012
Elul 5772–Tishrei 5773

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.
In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: Interim Ritual Director, Naomi Malka 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. Netivot,

for students in grades K–3, is led by Linda Yitzchak, Allison Redisch, Rina Bardin, and/or Naomi Michaelis. Junior Congregation, for grades 4–6, is led by David Smolar and/or the Steinsaltz Ambassadors.
Shabbat Unplugged: A new musical family service for families with young children on Saturday mornings at 10:45 am. The service is designed for elementary school 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.
Library Open on Shabbat: The Adas Israel Library is open on Saturdays from 12:30–1:30 pm. Our Shabbat volunteers will help you find just the right book to bring home. For assistance during the week, contact our librarian, Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8 Elul USY Encampment/Kamp Kadima at Capital Camps 9:00 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	27 9 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Clergy Beyond Borders Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	28 10 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Course	29 11 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm JMCW Meditation Training Session	30 12 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	31 13 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Back to Shul Service 7:00 pm Back to Shul BBQ: Welcome Cantor Brown & Family—Dinner on Patio	1 PARSHAT KI TETZE 14 Elul 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah: Susannah Epstein-Boley; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Michael Stern 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Laura Epstein & Kenneth Boley 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services
2 15 Elul 9:00 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	3 16 Elul Labor Day Weekend – Bldg Closed 9:00 am Morning Minyan 5:00 pm USY Kickoff BBQ 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	4 17 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Gan Buddy Program and Parent Orientation 7:00 pm Conversion Class	5 18 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	6 19 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:45 pm Scotch and Scriptures Men's Group (off-site)	7 20 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan Last Senior Fellowship until October 15 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Shir Delight Oneg 7:30 pm Shir Delight Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt 8:30 pm Shir Delight Dinner	8 PARSHAT KI TAVO 21 Elul 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah: Zachary Bergman; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan; D'var Torah by Brian Weinstein 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by the Bergman Family 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services
9 22 Elul 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Adas Israel Kever Avot Cemetery Service with Rabbi Steinlauf 10:00 am Spiritual Shofar-Blowing Class 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Immersing in Holiness: A New Year Mikvah Renewal Experience	10 23 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Social Action Committee Meeting (off-site)	11 24 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Tea and Tissues 9:15 am Gan Advisory Committee 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group (Off-Site) 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:15 pm Men's Club CPR Training 6:30 pm Anne Frank House Dinner Meeting	12 25 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Tea and Tissues 10:40 am Gan Shofar Blowing 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm JSC Classes	13 26 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Tea and Tissues 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	14 27 Elul 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Tea and Tissues 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing—Children Only 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Brown; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Dinner	15 PARSHAT NITZAVIM 28 Elul 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah: Alan Jinich; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan; D'var Torah by Rabbi Reuven Hammer 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Ed Kopf 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by the Jinich Family 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services
16 Erev Rosh Hashana 29 Elul 9:00 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Early Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 pm Late Rosh Hashanah Service	17 Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 1 Tishrei 8:15 am Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 Services 6:45 pm Mincha/Maariv	18 Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 2 Tishrei 8:15 am Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 Services 6:45 pm Mincha/Maariv	19 3 Tishrei 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Tea and Tissues 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	20 4 Tishrei 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Tea and Tissues 9:15 am GPA Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	21 5 Tishrei 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:30 am Gan Tea and Tissues 9:00 am Life After the Gan 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing - Children Only 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	22 PARSHAT VAYELECH/SHABBAT SHUVAH 6 Tishrei 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:15 am Smith Sanctuary joins TEM Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 7:49 pm Havdalah
23 7 Tishrei 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:30 am Judean Memorial Gardens Kever Avot Cemetery Service with Rabbi Feinberg 10:30 am Adas Book Group Discussion 12:15 pm Chaverim Kickoff Event 12:30 pm Meeting for Grandparents of Children from Intermarried Couples 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	24 8 Tishrei 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	25 Erev Yom Kippur 9 Tishrei 7:30 am Morning Minyan 1:00 pm Building closes 6:00 pm Mincha 6:30 pm Kol Nidre Service	26 Yom Kippur 10 Tishrei 9:00 am Yom Kippur Services 3:00 pm Preparing Body & Soul through Mindful Moments 8:00 pm Congregational Break-the-fast 8:00 pm YP Break-the-fast	27 11 Tishrei 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	28 12 Tishrei 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am GPA Meeting 11:20 am Shabbat Sing 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	29 PARSHAT HA'AZINU 13 Tishrei 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Service; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Mike Sloan 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services
30 Erev Sukkot 14 Tishrei 12:15 pm Machar Sukkot Scavenger Hunt 6:00 pm Erev Sukkot, Evening Minyan						

Sisterhood

Sisterhood in 5773



By now every woman in the synagogue should have received the Sisterhood membership mailing (back by popular demand) reminding her to join or renew and also asking her to contribute as generously as possible to **Torah Fund**. We hope everyone will respond promptly so we can move with financial confidence into the new year.

Indeed, Sisterhood has planned an exciting year. First up is the joint program with the Library Committee, a **Book Chat** in the Sisterhood library on **Sunday, September 23**. The book is *Comedy in a Minor Key*. Our collaboration with the Library was very successful last year, and we look forward to bringing to everyone's attention the marvelous books selected by Librarian Robin Jacobson.

Sukkah decorating follows the next week, scheduled by the dictates of the calendar right before *Sukkot*—**Sunday, September 30**. The pressure is on! Please collect your friends and bring them and your talents and enthusiasm as so many of you did last year. Check *Kesher Ishi* or the website for start time. *Sukkah* decorating may be a Sisterhood activity, but the entire congregation benefits. Indeed, it is our gift of beauty to the synagogue each year.

October's dance card is filling up. **Sunday, October 14**, sees Sisterhood's official opening event to welcome our new **Cantor, Arianne (Ari) Brown**. Let us turn out in force to enjoy "A Musical Interlude" and light refreshments from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the synagogue. The entire congregation is invited. RSVP to Carol Ansell at Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org.

Our Torah study program, **Taste of**



Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

REGULAR HOURS (effective September 4)
Sun-Mon & Wed-Fri, 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Tues, 9:30 am-3:00 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.



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Tanach, resumes **Tuesday, October 16**, at 10:00 am. Every month, usually but not always on the second Tuesday, Rabbi Steinlauf leads a timely discussion of the Bible and Jewish values. This regularly scheduled event is also open to all members of the synagogue.

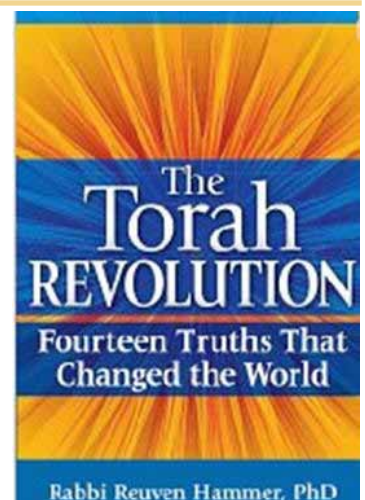
Stay tuned for more happenings with Sisterhood . . . and join today! ○

Rabbi Hammer to Introduce The Torah Revolution

Rabbi Reuven Hammer, who is returning to Adas Israel for the High Holy Days, is speaking on *Shabbat* morning, September 15. During his talk, he will introduce his latest book, *The Torah Revolution: Fourteen Truths That Changed the World*, published by Jewish Lights.

This work demonstrates that radical, revolutionary ideas that transformed human society were the result of Moses's rejection of the beliefs and practices of the pagan world of his time as he attempted to form a new society for the Israelites leaving Egypt. Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg called the book, "Masterful . . . speaks to our generation with important and powerful ideas. Persuasive, inspiring and rewarding reading." Rabbi David J. Wolpe wrote, "To distill the essential truths of the Torah requires both learning and vision. Reuven Hammer has achieved this in superlative style."

Signed copies of the book will be available at the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop. ○



Library Corner

Madeleine Albright's Journey to Her Jewish Past

by Robin Jacobson



In January 1997, Madeleine Korbelt Albright made history by becoming the first female secretary of state. Almost immediately, a startling *Washington Post* story shattered Secretary Albright's lifelong beliefs about her ostensibly Catholic Czechoslovak heritage. The *Post* reported that Albright's parents were Jewish, and that three of her grandparents, as well as many other relatives, perished in concentration camps. In her engrossing new memoir,

Albright confronts these revelations and explores World War II history. You can find *Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948* in our library.

The Infamous Munich Agreement

The early years of Albright's life in Czechoslovakia were pivotal ones in the history of World War II. In 1938, Nazi Germany demanded the right to annex part of Czechoslovakia—the Sudetenland—on the pretext of liberating the ethnic Germans who lived there. Still haunted by the horrors of the Great War, Britain and France were reluctant to wage war over Czechoslovakia, a “faraway place that few people in such capitals as London and Washington had visited or even knew how to spell.” To the Western powers, says Albright, “Czechoslovakia was not thought to be worth fighting for, so it was sacrificed in the quest for peace.”

The sacrifice failed to appease Hitler. Less than six months after Britain, France, and Italy (Czechoslovakia was not represented) signed the Munich Agreement ceding the Sudetenland to Germany, Hitler seized the rest of Czechoslovakia and embarked on his conquest of Europe.

A Family in Exile

After the Nazi takeover of Czechoslovakia, Albright's diplomat father, Josef Korbelt, escaped with his family to London. There, Korbelt served the Czech government-in-exile. He directed wartime radio programs, broadcast to partisans in Czechoslovakia who risked the death penalty for tuning in to a foreign radio station.

While in England, the Korbelt and four-year-old Madeleine converted to Catholicism, although Albright does not remember the baptism ceremony. Her parents never mentioned their Jewish heritage to Albright and her younger siblings. Albright grew up a believing Catholic, but became Episcopalian when she married to please her husband's family.

Trying to fathom her parents' conversion from the distance of more than half a century, Albright speculates that her parents felt no religious connection to Judaism [the Korbelt's 1935 marriage certificate identified them as *bez vyznani* (without religious confession)]. She suspects that her parents decided that their children's lives would be easier if they were Christian. Says Albright, “The reasons for such a conclusion, in the Europe of 1941, need little explanation.”

Journalists often ask Albright whether she is tempted to embrace Judaism now that she has discovered she is genetically Jewish. Albright responds diplomatically, saying that her Jewish heritage is one new thread in her multifaceted identity—American, Czech, Democrat, mother, grandmother, and practicing Episcopalian. Nonetheless, there is new Jewish life on Albright's family tree. Albright's youngest daughter is married to a Jewish man, and the couple is raising their children as Jews. In interviews, Albright has noted with pride that her grandson, Benjamin, will celebrate his *bar mitzvah*. ○

Adas Book Chats Resume!

Join us on **Sunday, September 23, 10:30–11:30 am** in the Library to discuss *Comedy in a Minor Key* by Hans Keilson, praised as a short “masterpiece” in a front-page review in the *New York Times Book Review*. Copies are easily obtainable from libraries and booksellers. In addition, we have a few remaining hardcover copies that you may purchase for \$5 each (a fabulous deal); all proceeds benefit the library. To purchase a copy, contact librarian@adasisrael.org.

Save the Date for Superman

Sunday, October 28, 10:30 am in the Library

Marc Tyler Nobleman, popular local speaker and author of *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*, will present “Superman: The Jewish Story,” followed by a book-signing.

This event is co-sponsored by the Library Committee, Sisterhood, and Men's Club.



Join Our Ushers and Keshet Ishi Greeters!

Become a Part of This Very Important Cadre 34rd Annual Community CPR Program, Sept. 11 High Holy Day Usher Light Supper Precedes CPR Course

For the 35th consecutive year, the Men's Club is sponsoring a community CPR program on Tuesday, September 11, in Kay Hall, providing a chance to learn or brush up on your CPR skills.

All High Holy Day and *Shabbat* ushers, and *Keshet Ishi* greeters, are encouraged to attend this year's training, especially new participants. The Men's Club will provide a free light supper, starting at 6:15 pm, during which we will thank and brief our High Holy Day ushers on important security, emergency, and procedure information. Training begins at 6:45.

To register, call Steven Miller, 703-408-5237 or 703-415-0684, or e-mail him at smiller173@aol.com. Registration is limited. There is no charge for synagogue members; for nonmembers, the charge is \$5. ○

A Personal Letter to Each Member of the Adas Israel Family

by Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz's Children

Dear Members of the Adas Israel Family,

As the surviving children of Rabbi Stanley and Anita Rabinowitz, we would like to express our gratitude to the Adas Israel Family. We have been a part of this congregation since 1960, and our lives have been intertwined with that of the congregation. Even though we have long since left Washington, whenever we are in town or during the holidays, we always have enjoyed attending services and celebrating family *s'machot* with you. So many milestones and events of the Adas Israel history are a part of our family history.

We would like to mention and remember a few that are important to us:

- Rabbi Rabinowitz's outspoken and courageous stand for civil rights back in the '60s.
- His insistence on offering women equal roles in the service as well as in leadership positions.
- Establishing Camp Tel Shalom to emphasize the value and importance of the Jewish Summer Camp as a means of "living Judaism" and not just learning about it.
- Hosting numerous families and dignitaries from the Israeli embassy as well as building personal relationships with these families.
- Insisting on renewing traditional prayers and appealing to all ages with the production of "The Hush of Midnight" Selichot service.
- Helping and accompanying murdered Israeli embassy official Joe Alon back to Israel.
- Protesting for the liberation of Russian Jewry and placing placards in front of the synagogue building in the '70s.
- During Yom Kippur services in 1999, speaking for an hour in the Kay Auditorium about "The Jews during this Last Millennium"—without any written notes. (He was "only" 82 at the time.)

More recently, in 2007, we were fortunate to celebrate Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz's 90th birthday with the congregation at the old Adas Israel building. At that modest gathering, he spoke for 45 minutes (without notes) about the congregation's connection to the U.S. presidency and the White House from his arrival in 1960 up to Jimmy Carter's administration. He said, "I will tell you about the other p-residents at my 95th."

That horrible stormy icy winter night in 2008 when Rabbi Rabinowitz insisted on being released from the hospital to attend Rabbi Wohlberg's installation as president of the Rabbinical Assembly, which took place at Adas Israel. Rabbi Rabinowitz addressed the entire RA, again with no notes whatsoever. His standing ovation was unforgettable.

In December 2009, we were thrilled and honored to be at the dedication of the Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz Confirmation Hall—and most of our family was able to attend. Our father was so pleased.

And we, ourselves, had walked down that very hall for our own Confirmation ceremony one hot Shavuot morning many years ago, back in the 1960s.

We have so many memories of the synagogue—at different times and during different chapters. Whether it was Jimmy Young's apartment or candy store, Stanley Weiner's kippah collection and the never-ending supply of candies in his pockets, the delicious gefilte fish balls on Saturday morning kiddush and

the yummy Friday night fudge brownies, exploring the various passageways of the building—even daring to climb up to where the choir sat. Chicken Bucket pizza after Sunday school. Running down the halls before Hebrew School and Rachel Frank or Dr. Ashrei, the educational directors, trying to slow us down. Yiggi Barkan (Bruckenstein) may have even run with us. Jean Title—the Rabbi's secretary who remembered everyone's phone number by heart. Cantor Raphael Edgar who brought a young spirit and change to the congregation. In short—a collection of dedicated and wonderful people who seemed to be part of our extended family.

Judi's bat mitzvah was celebrated here. Sharon, Nat, and Judi were confirmed. Judi was married in the sanctuary. Baby naming of all four grandchildren. And Noa, Judi's youngest, also celebrated her bat mitzvah at Adas Israel. Maiya, Sharon's daughter, has had the honor of speaking at Adas Israel on several occasions. So the connection is still very strong.

When our mother, Anita, died three years ago, the congregation reached out to us and offered much comfort, love, and assistance—minimizing our geographical distance from Washington.

And now, our last chapter, laying our father to rest. Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz. He never liked putting anyone out, so on his 95th birthday, he simply closed his eyes and made his final exit. Sharon and his beloved service dog, Joyce, were with him for this unexpected event.

The entire "operation" of transporting him to Washington, of waiting until we could gather our dear family from the four corners of the earth and getting everyone to Washington (all three generations), of arranging a "family funeral" for a community leader, and even for opening the synagogue doors to us as a place to greet visitors during shiva—how appropriate—Rabbi Rabinowitz really did belong to the synagogue and was an integral part of Adas Israel—so that the shiva should be at the synagogue.

We are grateful to so many people. But as our father always said, don't start thanking people by name because you are bound to forget someone. WELL, we will take that chance. The bereavement committee was on call constantly to make sure things went smoothly: Lucy Hassell, who coordinated the shomrim who volunteered to be at Rabbi Rabinowitz's side. Each shomer and shomeret who devoted his or her time for this task.

Glenn Easton, Rabbi Wohlberg, Rabbi Steinlauf, Rabbi Miller, and Cantor Saltzman were helpful and comforting. All of the baalei tefila who joined us for the evening minyan. The staff at the synagogue who set up each afternoon and cleaned after the shiva and minyan. If we have forgotten anyone, it was not intentional...

We have been touched by the outpouring of e-mails, letters, and contributions made by friends and members of the congregation. We have been comforted by the lovely articles and obituaries that have been written and have appeared in the Jewish press. We will always feel part of the Adas Israel Family, and it is clear that this wonderful group of families has been an important and integral part of our lives.

Todah Rabah,

Judi (Rabinowitz) Argaman,

Sharon (Rabinowitz) Chard-Yaron, and families ○

Ma Tovv

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Judith E. Heumann

The purpose of the Ma Tovv column—now in its third year—is to honor and acknowledge congregants who work tirelessly behind the scenes to enrich our Adas Israel experience. Judy is one of our many congregants whose contributions to Adas and the community at large are what make our community so special.

Judy Heumann has been a lifelong advocate for civil rights of people with disabilities. Since 2010, she has served as the U.S. State Department special advisor on disability rights, the first person ever to serve in that role. She is the leading expert on the aspect of our foreign policy that works to remove barriers and create a world in which disabled people enjoy dignity and full inclusion.

Judy contracted polio at the age of 18 months and has used a wheelchair most of her life. Growing up, she had to fight repeatedly to be included in the educational system. The local public school refused to allow her to attend, calling her a fire hazard. Judy's mother, a community activist in her own right, challenged the authorities, and Judy was allowed to go to school in the fourth grade.

When Judy was denied her New York teaching license because the board did not believe she could get herself or her students out of the building in case of a fire, she took the case to court. The judge recommended that New York City's Board of Education rethink its decision, and Judy became the first person in a wheelchair to teach in New York City. Since then she has been instrumental in fostering legislation that protects people with disabilities and opens society to their full participation.

Judy is equally committed to disabled people having a fully participatory place in synagogue life. "A lot of work has gone on in the Jewish community over the past generation to

make this real," she points out. "We are talking about physical accessibility, but also attitudinal accessibility. Everyone should be made to feel as welcome as possible."

Many of us remember that Judy Heumann was the featured *Shabbat* speaker during our first *Tikkun Olam* weekend in 2010, which informed us about the needs and rights of the disabled. This led to the creation this past year of Adas Israel's new Inclusiveness Task Force, dedicated to removing barriers and providing a more inclusive environment for all who want to participate. Judy helped found and is now co-chair of the task force.

Judy is also a member of the Vision of Renewal Design Committee, advising the committee on accessibility issues to ensure that the new Adas Israel building will be a welcoming place for everyone. Judy points out that we often don't think about how important it is to a disabled person to "just be there," to be fully a part of things and not feel different. For example, in the new building, seating will be moveable. Right now there are no places in the sanctuary, or the Kogod Chapel for that matter, where two or three people can sit next to each other in wheelchairs. "Where can I sit next to my husband?" Judy asks.

Judy came to Adas Israel in 1993, the year she moved into our neighborhood when she became assistant secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. It was the first time in her life she was able to come to the synagogue in her chair, at will. She grew up in a small German-Jewish congregation of 150–200 families and describes her initial experience



Judith E. Heumann

of coming to a congregation as big as ours to be overwhelming. Nevertheless, she cherishes the opportunity to carry on the tradition, as her parents did, without having to rely on outside help.

And Judy is moving our inclusiveness agenda forward. Whether it is gender, race, disability, or gender preference, we need to be able to understand and reach out to others in the daily life of our congregation. We need to continue to be more explicit about what we want to do and to help our youth to be more aware of these issues. We need to ensure that we are able to work with students with learning issues. We need to be ready to meet the needs of our growing number of aging members. And much more . . .

Judy says, "Disability should be seen as a natural part of life rather than as abnormal. Being able to participate actively in religious life, in a learning environment, and having the opportunity to meet new and interesting people is what I want I am interested in. I want people to see me as a Jew with a disability. Both have made me a stronger person. Adas is becoming a leader in removing barriers and creating itself to be welcoming community for all." ○

Lifelong Learning

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

Conversion Course (formerly Introduction to Judaism)

Tuesdays, beginning August 28, 7–9 pm

Instructors: Rabbi Charles Feinberg, Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlberg, Rabbi Avis Miller, Rabbi Herbert Schwartz, Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Rabbi Lyle Fishman, Alisa Abrams, and Natalie Merkur Rose

Bereavement Support Group

Wednesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 19, 7:30–8:30 pm, in the Miller Chapel

Led by Rabbis Gilah Langner and Charles Feinberg

Free of charge; drop-ins welcome!

Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren

Sunday, Sept. 23, 12:30—2 pm, Miller Chapel

Led by Dr. Marion Usher and Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Free of charge; drop-ins welcome.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Sundays, beginning Oct. 14, 10 am–noon

Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg

All-inclusive cost of the course is \$450.

Making Mishpacha

Wednesdays, Oct. 24–Nov. 28, 7:30–9 pm

Led by Rabbi Feinberg and Natalie Merkur-Rose

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

Boker Ohr

Saturdays, ongoing, 8–9:15 am, Boardroom

Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Boker Ohr is open to the community at no charge.

Hebrew I

Sundays, Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11 (no class Nov. 18); Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:45 am–noon

Taught by Michael Sloan

Cost: \$100 for members; \$150 for non-members (cost includes books and materials)

Gan Parents' Class

Wednesdays, Oct. 17, 31; Nov. 14, 28; Dec. 12, 9:30–11 am

Taught by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt.

Learners' Minyan

Saturdays, 10 am, beginning Oct. 20, continuing on the third Saturday of each month, until Mar. 16, Library

Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Spiritual Parenting

Taught by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt.

Those interested should email Rabbi Holtzblatt at Lauren.Holtzblatt@adasisrael.org

Nothing to Fear: An Exploration of Death and Bereavement in Judaism

Sundays, Oct. 28; Nov. 4, 11; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 10–11:30 am

Taught by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

Downtown Study Group

Tuesdays, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4, noon–1:30 pm

Taught by Rabbis Steinlauf, Feinberg, and Holtzblatt)

Cost: There is no charge for the class, but there is a fee for lunch. For more information, please contact Beryl Saltman, Beryl.Saltman@adasisrael.org.

Save the Date

Shabbat Weekend Retreat for Adults, Nov. 2–4

If you have any questions about the Retreat, please call Rabbi Feinberg at the synagogue, 202-362-4433.

And keep in mind . . .

First Torah Lishma Pillar Weekend, Nov. 16–18: Celebrates opening of the new Beit Midrash; incredible opportunity to learn about yourself, Torah, and the community in a new way. Details coming soon!

Shem Tov Dinner, Friday, Jan. 18

Community Day of Service, Monday, Jan. 21

Jewish Study Center

To register for any of these classes, visit

www.jewishstudycenter.org.

Get in a High Holy Days mood with the Jewish Study Center's special pre-holiday mini-session Wednesday, September 12! All classes start at 7 p.m.

Challah-Baking as Spiritual Practice: Rosh Hashanah,

Taught by Susan Finston

Forgive Me: Modern Poetry of Atonement,

Taught by Amy Schwartz

Blowing the Shofar, Taught by Baruch Weiss

Coming in October:

Don't miss our exciting fall offerings starting October 17! Jews of Azerbaijan and Nigeria, the economics of religious choices, bringing vanished Jewish cultures back to life with digital wizardry, and more!

Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington

Spiritual Shofar Blowing

Sunday, September 9, 10–11:30 am

Taught by Jennie Litvack

Cost: Free of charge to Adas Israel members, \$10 non-members. Pre-registration highly recommended.

Immersing in Holiness: A New Year Mikvah Renewal Experience

Sunday, September 9, 6:30–8:30 pm

Taught by Rabbi Gilah Langner and Naomi Malka

Cost: \$36 with mikvah, \$18 without

Exploring the Path of Your True Nature: A Meditative Hike

Monday, September 17, 3–4:30 pm, *Cost: Free*

Preparing Body and Soul through Mindful Moments

Wednesday, September 26, 3–3:25 pm, *Cost: Free*

As the new year begins, the Jewish Mindfulness Center will continue to offer programming, anchored by weekly seated meditation sessions. Please join us as we begin this journey! ○

YP @ AI

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



Shir Delight

September 7, 6:30 pm

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

between the ages of 21 and 35. Our evening begins at 6:30 with a happy hour *oneg*, followed by a lay-led Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv service and \$8 Shabbat dinner. While everyone is welcome to join us for our happy hour *oneg* and services, we can only accommodate a limited number of people for dinner. Please register at adasisrael.org/yp by September 4 to reserve your spot.

Yom Kippur Break-Fast

September 26, around 8 pm

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



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SEPTEMBER 25
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A reflective experience for young adults that blends traditional Yom Kippur liturgy with ancient Eastern sounds. Featuring seasoned musicians, a spiritual journey into prayer, in a serene outdoor setting.

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KOL NIDRE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

When you participate in the *Kol Nidre* Appeal at Adas Israel, you are doing something else, too. As we build a vibrant, interesting, connected community in the nation's capital, we are building a beacon for other communities that are struggling. Conservative Judaism is regaining its feet in America, and Adas is a model for Conservative Jews, and non-Jews, who look to our community for innovation and leadership. You need to be a part of that and help us lead.

Why should you give to the Kol Nidre Appeal? You should give because participating in this endeavor means you helping to maintain the future of our community in America. You should give because we cannot offer different kinds of services to our diverse congregation if we cannot fund our clergy, and we cannot fund a Bereavement Committee or an adult education class without your dollars. Most important, we simply cannot sustain our Jewish lives if we do not have a center to our Jewish religious learning and practice; and if we do not participate in maintaining that center—both physical and spiritual—then Judaism in America has lost

its most important foundation. You have given to the campaign to build our physical house. Every year we need you to help keep Judaism's spiritual center alive and strong through your *Kol Nidre* giving.

How much should you give to the Kol Nidre Appeal? You should participate at any level that makes you comfortable. And if you can stretch it, you should. If you have never given before, and you can give at least \$10 a week or more this year, please do that. If you gave last year, please try and give more this year.

Participating in the *Kol Nidre* Appeal, and participating in keeping this community vibrant, strong, and relevant, is about

you. And it's about a lot more than you.

If you would like to talk about the *Kol Nidre* Appeal and other giving in our community, please contact me at Pamela-reeves@hotmail.com. Thank you for your participation. —Pamela Reeves ○

Our thanks to Pamela Reeves, Jeffrey Goldberg, and Judie and Harry Linowes for co-chairing this important appeal.

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Welcome back, Youth @ AI!

We are gearing up for a great year and kicking it off with some fantastic events in September:

Chaverim (K–2nd grade): Sunday, September 23: Haven't gotten enough of the Olympics?! Come join us for *Chaverim Maccabiah* and show off your sport skills!

Machar (3rd–5th grade): Sunday, September 30: It's a mystery! Search the synagogue for fun stuff in the *Sukkot* Scavenger Hunt starting with lunch in the Sukkah!

Kadima (6th–8th grade): Saturday, September 22: Can't leave summer behind? Hang on for a *Kadima* Kick-Off Pool Party!

USY (9th–12th grade): Saturday, September 8: Come hang with old friends and meet new friends from all over the region at the Seaboard Fall Kick-Off Dance!

Monday, September 17: Bring in the Jewish New Year with the USY Hike and *Tashlich* Service!

Can't wait to see you at these events, and keep an eye out for October event flyers! ○

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Complete and return this form with your child's contact information. Students receive each issue of the Chronicle, letters from our rabbis, and special holiday packages.

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Return to Youth@AI, Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, or e-mail the information to youth@adasisrael.org. If you have any questions, call 202-362-6295.

Getting to know Cantor Ari Brown and Family

How did you decide to become a Cantor?

I started attending *Shabbat* morning services when I began Hebrew School at the age of eight. I was entranced by the beautiful davening of the Cantor—*Hazzan* Mitchell Martin. He always invited children onto the *bima* to sing with him, and after leading *Mizmor Shir L'Yom HaShabbat*, I couldn't wait to come back. There was something incredibly special and powerful to me about the experience of singing on the *bima*. I came home that day and told my mom that I planned to go to services every week, and that I would become a Cantor. Although many people laughed ("a female Cantor?!" they'd say incredulously), it was the beginning of a wonderful journey that led me to where I am today.

Did you ever consider another profession? What other road might you have followed?

I never seriously considered another profession. I always felt that I was meant to be a Cantor, and that my musical talents were gifts given to me for a specific purpose.

I have always also loved musical theater. Much of my childhood was spent on stage, and even while in Cantorial school, I made sure to attend auditions and to perform in theatrical venues whenever possible given my *shomer Shabbat* lifestyle. Though the theater has always had immense appeal to me, I always felt that pursuing theater alone would not be nearly as rewarding or meaningful as becoming a Cantor.

You and Randy are still fairly new parents to beautiful Yonah, who was just four months old



when you moved to DC. Has anything about parenthood surprised you?

Becoming a parent is even more wonderful than I could have imagined. I expected to fall in love with my son, but did not realize that I would truly enjoy every minute spent with him.

When you sing to Yonah, what do you sing?

Yonah and I make up many songs together! He is quite the composer. I wrote a song called *Yonati* for his *b'rit mila*, and I love singing his own song to him. Yonah knows lots of Yiddish, Hebrew, and English songs for babies as well.

What are your hobbies, assuming you have "free" time to pursue them?

I love attending theater and opera. On an unrelated note, I enjoy crossword puzzles, Scrabble games on *Shabbat*, and cardio kickboxing.

Anything we, as a community, can do to help your transition to making DC your home?

Randy and I are truly touched by the warmth of the Adas Israel community. The *Shabbat* meals, offers of help, and friendly introductions have been amazing. All I ask is that you join me and sing along as we embark on a musical journey at Adas Israel!

Washington seems to have two current dessert obsessions: cupcakes and frozen yogurt.

Which side are you on?

Isn't there any water ice here?

(Interviewed by Meredith Cymerman)

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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*. ◯

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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, adding one more to the number of clients we currently serve. As is the case with most of our apartments, the furniture and furnishings come largely from items donated by members of this congregation—and we thank you for your help.

Watch this space or the Adas website (adasisrael.org) for details about this year's Help the Homeless mini-walk.

If you have questions about AFH, or want to become more involved in our work, please contact Sue Ducat, stansue@verizon.net.

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