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דובר אמת Dover Emet Speaking the Truth

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

By the time you read this, my son's *bar mitzvah* will have come and gone. It's a unique experience to be the rabbi in a congregation and to celebrate my child's *bar mitzvah*. I work almost daily with *b'nai mitzvah* students and their families. We all know that *bar* or *bat mitzvah* means son/daughter of the commandment. Many of us know that we don't literally believe that our kids become "adults" at their *b'nai mitzvah*. What it means is that our children take their first steps into the circle of adulthood at this age. We sometimes refer to it all as the "age of responsibility." I have taught this for years, long before I even had kids. It's one thing to help facilitate others in the process of making meaning of it all; it's another to go through that meaningful process *myself* as a parent. Now that my own children are passing through their own adolescence, the depth of this extraordinary ritual has opened up to me in ways

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Tikkun Olam Weekend to Feature Shem Tov Award, Panel on Poverty and Community Health

The January 13–16 *Tikkun Olam* Weekend will feature *Shem Tov* honoree Congressman Henry Waxman, the U.S. Surgeon General, and a host of events celebrating Adas Israel's commitment to *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

Here is a summary of the year's second pillar weekend, during the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend:

Friday, January 13

- *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service, 6:00 pm.
- Congregational *Shabbat* Dinner, 6:30 pm; RSVP to Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433; cost: \$28 for adults; \$20 for children under 13.
- *Maariv* and *Shem Tov* service, 8:00 pm, highlighting our *Shem Tov* honoree Congressman Henry Waxman; no reservations required.

• Adas Israel will host the organizations that we regularly partner with for social action programming (Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ, Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Anne Frank House, N Street Village, and S.O.M.E.) at dinner and at the *Oneg Shabbat* reception following services.

Saturday, January 14

- *Shabbat* services, 9:30 am
- Kiddush* and discussion following services, featuring Dr. A. Janelle Goetcheus, founder of Health Care for the Homeless Project and

named a Local Legend of Medicine by the National Institutes of Health, Gabriela A. Garcia, perinatal coordinator at the Center for Perinatal Advocacy at Providence Hospital, and Dr. Pierre Vigilance, former director of the DC Department of Health and Visiting Professor for Public Health Practice at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, on "The Effects of Poverty on Community Health."

- Congregants of Peoples Congregational United

Church of Christ (PCUCC) will be our guests. For the last decade, Adas has partnered with PCUCC for shared MLK, Jr. Weekend commemorations and social action projects throughout the year.

Sunday, January 15

- We join in PCUCC's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

service; Rabbi Feinberg will take part. PCUCC is located at 4704 13th Street NW; the service begins at 11:00 am.

Monday, January 16

- Adas Israel participates in the National Day of Service honoring the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. by volunteering at various locations around DC, and providing volunteering opportunities for our younger members at Adas. There will be volunteer opportunities for different age groups—families with children, Young Professionals (21–35), and adults. Organizations

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Congressman Henry Waxman



Martin Luther King Jr.

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Clergy Corner



Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

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I never could have imagined before.

It seems like almost every other day, my son comes home from school and my wife and I look at each other and say, "My God, he's taller!" In many ways the magic of having an adolescent is not unlike the magic of having a toddler—there are the same kinds of astonishing almost-before-our-eyes transformations (and mood swings!). But something unique happens in adolescence: there are moments, sometimes only fleeting, when the adult that my child will be shines through. By this I mean that, more and more, I will suddenly encounter a new kind of child standing there before me. A child who doesn't speak like a child anymore.

The other day my son, my wife, and I went to walk the dog together. In the middle of the walk, the cell phone rang. A relative was going through a difficult experience. Batya was reassuring this person, helping him to understand how it will all be okay. And I'll never forget my son's face as he listened to my wife. A new kind of smile appeared on his face. A smile of total understanding and compassion. "He's going to be so proud of himself when he comes through this," he said to me with that smile. It was a tiny little moment, but one that conveyed a whole new level of *neshamah*—of soul—that was taking shape in him before my very eyes. It is a soul that can totally inhabit the plight of another, that can appreciate the good that can come even through difficult circumstances.

I could give a thousand examples of small moments like this. The chores he suddenly does without having to be asked; the new little acts of thoughtfulness that suddenly blossom in the midst of an otherwise perfectly typical 13-year-old kid's existence. Before my eyes, a young man in his own right is emerging. His strengths and his kindnesses, together with his challenges and longings, are becoming sud-

denly his own in a way they weren't before. I'm getting a piecemeal picture of the 18-year-old who will be leaving home before I turn around. I feel such pride as I think about the *mensch* he is becoming. And at the same time, my heart breaks for the mistakes I see that he could make . . .

This is what the *bar mitzvah* of my child means to me. Traditionally at a *bar/bat mitzvah*, the parents say the blessing, *Baruch shep'tarani me'onsho shel zeh*, Blessed be the One who has [now] exempted me from the punishment of "this one." Often, when I teach people about this blessing, I get a laugh. It almost reads like a joke ("Yeah, having a teenager really does feel like a punishment!") And the blessing is partially humorous! Raising teenagers seems to be designed to be a royal pain, with the often-times obnoxious, limit-testing, rebelliousness of it all. But there's another dimension to this *bra-chah* that is no joke at all, that really gets to the heart of it all: in the magic of adolescence, in the magic of discovering the adults whom they will be, we can see how they really are on their *own* path. The total package of life reveals itself at this age: the blessings and curses they will find on their journey are there for them to find, to own, to grow from, to recover from. Like all parents, I see so many echoes of myself in my child. I so want to spare him from the confusions and mistakes that I have made along the way, and to the extent that I can, I will. But at the same time, he won't take *all* of my sage advice, however heartfelt it is offered (and no matter how much I know that I'm right!). He won't and he shouldn't. Because his path—whether I like it or not—is *not* my path.

As I stand there on that *bimah*, watching my son ritually inhabit the space of that *mensch* whom I have been meeting, that is also my moment to realize *Baruch shep'tarani*, I am blessed in being "exempt," in acknowledging the truth that his life is becoming his to live out as he will. Someday, God willing, I will see that wonderful, loving guy under the *chuppah* with a very

lucky woman. And sometimes, I will have to see him struggling with difficulties that I know so well, but that I can't fix for him with Band-Aids or tissues or video games. All I will have to offer him is my heart, my attention, my yearning for his happiness. In a way, my child's *bar mitzvah* is a coming-of-age for me, too. In acknowledging his integrity on his own path, I am blessed, because for better or for worse, I can celebrate how he is on his path to God. ○

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Simcha Wall

The congregation is invited to mark special family occasions on our Simcha Wall. We are pleased to celebrate the most recent additions:

In Honor of

Johanna F. Chanin's
Synagogue Presidency
By Leah F. Chanin

In Honor of

Harry Handelsman
On his 80th Birthday
August 12, 2011
By Martin Marks

In Honor of

the birth of Ryder Benjamin Schwarz
August 11, 2010
Son of Jennifer and Graham Schwarz
Grandson of Laura and Jeffrey
Blumenfeld

In Honor of

the birth of Meirav Ephraim
July 3, 2011
Daughter of Yael and Dan Ephraim
Granddaughter of Herlene and
Yaacov Nagler

Families marking *s'machot* on our *Simcha Wall* may select a 2" x 4" plaque or a 4" x 4" plaque. For additional information on the *Simcha Wall*, please contact Jane Baldinger, 202-362-4433, ext. 146.

Sisterhood

Make a Mitzvah

Adas Israel Sisterhood offers members the opportunity to perform many *mitzvot*. Choose one (or more) and get involved; there's something for everyone. Here's a sampler of some opportunities past and future that help make the Adas Israel Congregation a "happening" synagogue.

- To benefit the Adas community, we are looking for Sisterhood volunteers to join with other organizations in the synagogue to help make a difference in someone's **Purim**! All types of skills are needed. For more information, call or e-mail Sisterhood President Lisa Kleine, 202-667-7916 or lkleine@verizon.net.

- To benefit the Conservative/Masorti movement, donate to **Torah Fund**, which supports the education of rabbis, cantors, scholars, teachers, researchers, and educated laity at the Movement's outstanding institutions in the U.S. and abroad. With donations of any size, you can help Sisterhood meet our goal of \$12,000 for the 5772 campaign. Kindly send contributions with checks made out to "Torah Fund" to Torah Fund Chair, Gerry Lezell, in care of Sisterhood, Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, DC 20008-5296, or use the envelope provided in the recent mailing. Please respond generously and as soon as you can.

- Learning is a time-honored *mitzvah* in Judaism. Last month, four Sisterhood members attended this year's **Education Day** sponsored by the **Seaboard Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism** and held at B'nai Israel Congregation in Rockville. Carol Ansell, Myra Promisel, Gail Roache, and Joyce Stern came away from the experience inspired. Featured speakers were Adas Israel's own Naomi Rosenblatt (*After the Apple—Women in the Bible—Timeless Stories of Lust, Love and Longing*) and Dr. Pamela Nadell of American University's history department.

- You can learn closer to home and on a regular basis at Rabbi Steinlauf's **Taste of Tanach**. Usually scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month, this month the program is **Tuesday, January 17**, at 10 am in Sisterhood Library. Join the regulars for a stimulating lesson from our foundation texts, and become a regular yourself!

- There are other, ongoing *mitzvah* opportunities: to help someone say *Kaddish* at **Thursday evening services** by making a *minyan*, just contact coordinator Harriet Isack, happyisack@gmail.com or 202-966-6169. Bring your time and talent to the daily **Adas-Behrend Senior Lunch and Fellowship Program** by contacting Aviva Atkin, seniors@adasisrael.org or 202-363-7530. Volunteer at the **Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop** by contacting



Adas member and renowned Bible teacher and author Naomi Harris Rosenblatt was featured at Women's League Seaboard Region's Education Day.

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

HOURS

Sun–Mon & Wed–Fri, 9:30 am–12:30 pm

Tues, 9:30 am–3:00 pm & 6:00–8:00 pm

Yair Emanuel

A graduate of the renowned Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Israel, Yair Emanuel bases his Judaic art on a fusion of traditional motifs and ancient Jewish manuscripts with modern and Oriental art. Vivid and harmonious colors and a mixture of old and new characterize his work, which is designed and crafted in his Jerusalem studio.



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co-managers Jean Bernard, dranreb@starpower.net or 301-654-8914, or Diane Keller, dianerk2@gmail.com or 301-469-0550.

Take the initial step to get involved by sending your membership dues of \$36 (or donate even more) to Sisterhood, mailing your check to Dava Berkman, in care of Sisterhood, Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, DC 20008-5296. Alternatively go to adasisrael.org/sisterhood and join with a "click." You can make a difference! ○

IRS Contribution Receipts

Throughout the year, the congregation has provided written acknowledgments for all contributions of \$250 or more as required by the Internal Revenue Service. The congregation also sends all congregants a complete listing and confirmation of all contributions and payments for the entire 2011 calendar year for your records.

Only checks *postmarked* by December 31, 2011, can be included in the statement. The statement cannot include contributions dated in December but received in January.

The statements will be mailed after January 31, 2012. For additional information or special tax reporting needs, please contact controller Lesley Brinton, CPA, in the synagogue accounting office, Lesley.Brinton@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433.

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,' January 6



"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/Maarit service and an \$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 January 3 to reserve your spot.

Yachad, January 16

This MLK Jr. Day, change a life in one day with Yachad as YP@AI commemorates Dr. King's belief in justice and community.



Join us on Monday, January 16, as we paint, plaster, and repair the home or community center of our low-income neighbors. True to Yachad's mission, we will work side-by-side with those we are serving to make a difference together. Work a morning shift (10:00 am–1:00 pm), an afternoon shift (1:00–4:00 pm), or all day (10:00 am–4:00 pm). DC location TBD. Sign up today (yachad-dc.org/wethepeopleapplication.php); spots are limited.

YP@AI Presents Speed Dating, January 21



Come meet your *bashert* at our exclusive speed-dating event, Saturday evening, January 21. Visit adasisrael.org/yp for more details. ○

Strengthening Israel's Democracy: Arab Citizens of Israel

Second Annual Community Education Day

Sunday, January 22, 1:00–5:30 pm

American University, Ward Circle Building

Nebraska Avenue at Ward Circle, Washington, DC

Free parking available in the American University commuter parking lot at the intersection of Nebraska and New Mexico avenues, NW

Free shuttle leaves every 15 minutes from Tenleytown Metro Station (Albemarle and 40th Streets, NW)

To register, visit: tinyurl.com/IsraeliArabs2012

No fee for advance registration;

\$5 at the door without an AU student or staff ID

Presented by the Greater Washington Forum on Israeli Arab Issues. Co-sponsored by Adas Israel Congregation

Office Closings & Minyan Times

New Year's Day (observed) Monday, January 2, 2012

Schools/Offices Closed

MLK Jr. Day, Monday, January 16

Schools/Offices Closed

Morning Minyan at 8:30 am & Evening Minyan at 6:00 pm

Kol HaOlam II

2nd Annual A Cappella Competition, Feb. 25



A cappella music is sweeping the country, and colleges and universities are a big reason for that. A cappella groups are proliferating on college campuses, and the number of Jewish collegiate a cappella groups (that we know of) is approaching 50! Add to that popular TV shows like *The Sing-Off*, and anyone who's anyone now realizes how cool it is to be a singer without accompanying instruments.

There are competitions for a cappella groups out there, such as the Harmony Sweepstakes and ICCA, but there has been a void in the Jewish a cappella world—at least until 2011! The Kol HaOlam National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Competition, held this past April in Washington, DC, saw Tizmoret crowned as the first official National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella champion. Who will be crowned as the second champion in 2012?

Join us again on Saturday evening, February 25, for Kol HaOlam II. Visit kolhaolam.org for more information and to purchase tickets. ○

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with which we are organizing service projects include Wider Circle, Jewish Foundation



Dr. A. Janelle Goetcheus



Gabriela A. Garcia



Dr. Pierre Vigilance

for Group Homes, Children's Hospital, Yachad, and Homeless Children's Playtime Project.

For more details or up-to-date information, or to sign up for an activity, please visit our website, www.adasisrael.org/dayofservice, or contact Beth Ann Spector, bethann.spector@adasisrael.org.

For more information on all of the weekend's events, contact Rabbi Feinberg or any of the members of the planning committee: Joel Fischman, Nechama Masliansky, Linda Segal, Linda Yitzchak, and Judith Krones. ○

Lifelong Learning

Sign up for classes at adasisrael.org/lifelonglearning or by calling Marcia Miller, 202-362-4433, ext. 112

The Making Torah Personal Project

Sunday, 9:30–11:30 am, Feb. 12

Taught by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

What does it *really* mean to study the Torah? What do we do when the Torah presents ideas of God or society that offend our sensibilities? How can we really make these texts our *own* if there is so much within them that doesn't speak to us?

Join Rabbi Gil Steinlauf in this new kind of study group project. He is developing a new approach to Torah study that gives us the tools to use the texts as a mirror that we hold up to ourselves to gain personal insight—even from the most disturbing sections and narratives. The core message of Rabbi Steinlauf's approach is that we actually have all it takes to learn Torah from one another—and from ourselves—when we have the right tools and ask ourselves the right questions. It doesn't matter if we don't speak Hebrew, or even if we've never studied the Torah before. The most important insights of the Torah already live inside of us, if we know how to find them through the text.

Rabbi Steinlauf will conduct two opening workshops for all participants during which he will teach his innovative approach to the texts. Afterward, all participants will be organized into study groups that can meet in living rooms, coffee shops—wherever and whenever works best for everyone. The goal is to create supportive groups of like-minded people who can help each other find personal meaning in the texts using the Rabbi's creative approach.

No background is necessary, but this project requires a willingness to join others in an intimate and supportive environment where we can help each other explore the “big questions” in the texts together.

Cost: Free for Adas Members; \$25 for non-members

SheHaKol: An Exploration of Torah through Food

Sundays, 7:00–8:30 pm; Feb. 12, Mar. 18, April 22

Taught by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

This three-part workshop explores Jewish thought, customs, and *b'rachot* (blessings) through the medium of food. We will explore our own “food stories”—why we eat what we eat and how food connects us to family, culture, and a people. We will also enjoy the smells, taste, and experience of cooking and eating together.

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

Where Does it All Come From? An Introduction to the Talmud

Sunday mornings, 9:30–10:30 am; Feb. 5, 12, 26; Mar. 4, 11, 18

Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Have you ever wondered where our rituals and practices come from? The Talmud provides the details to most of our practices and customs. This course is an overview of the origins of the Talmud, its format, and its importance to the development of Judaism. The class will also study several sections that are the basis for rituals and practices, such as Friday night *kiddush*, *Havdalah*, the Passover *seder*, the wedding ceremony, and mourning practices.

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

Seven Blessings: A Workshop for Engaged and Newly Married Jewish Couples

Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 pm, April 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16

Taught by Rabbi Charles Feinberg (of Adas Israel) and Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C, of the Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) lead this five-session workshop.

Meetings are interactive and include discussions, paired communication exercises, and text study, allowing Jewish couples to examine issues such as making decisions, setting up a Jewish home, and building communication skills.

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

Introduction to Shabbat

Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm; begins January 25

Taught by Michael Sloan

Interested in celebrating *Shabbat* at home but don't know how to get started? This class covers all of the prayers, rituals, songs, fun, and beauty associated with welcoming *Shabbat* on Friday night. We'll even teach you how to make *challah*!

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

Hebrew I (Introductory Hebrew)

Sunday mornings, 10:45 am–12 noon; begins January 22

Taught by Michael Sloan

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

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

Hebrew III

Sunday mornings, 10:45 am–12:30pm; begins January 22

Taught by Tamar Pelleg

Do you want to read the prayerbook with understanding? Would you like to be able to study the Torah in the original? Hebrew III will help you attain these goals. The course introduces all the important grammar and vocabulary that will enable you to begin to read the prayerbook with comprehension. The prerequisite for this class is knowledge of the *aleph-bet* and some fluency in decoding Hebrew.

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

Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Willa Elizabeth Altman Brand, daughter of Jesse Brand & Anna Johnson, granddaughter of Zalma Slawsky
Adam Joshua Toker-Katskee, son of Richard Katskee & Rachel Toker

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

Marriages

Rebecca Ostrov, granddaughter of Rhoda Baruch, married Dan Craparo in New York City on November 5.

Daily Lacey Susman, daughter of Judge Susan G. Braden and Thomas M. Susman, married Phineas Abraham Lambert, son of Sheila and Bill Lambert, were married in Washington, DC on November 14. Rabbi Wohlberg performed the ceremony.

Hope Axelrod, daughter of Ava Axelrod, married Carey Heller, son of Barry & Ilene Heller, on November 12.

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



B'nai Mitzvah

Adam Deutchman, January 7

Adam, son of Stephanie and Scott Deutchman, began his Jewish education in the Diamond class at Gan HaYeled, and has attended Religious School at Adas Israel since kindergarten. He is a seventh

grader at Pyle Middle School. Adam looks forward to celebrating his *simcha* with his two great-grandmothers, Roz Kamen and Isabel Deutchman; his four grandparents, Ronnye and Barry

Deutchman, and Maureen and Murray Wise; his sister, Emily, his parents; and his family and friends.

Natanya Schorr, January 7

Natanya is currently in the seventh grade at the Edmund Burke School. She also attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School at Adas Israel. Natanya is delighted to share this *simcha* with her parents, David Schorr and Judith Krones; her sister, Ronit; and their good friend, Norman Shore.

Nicolas Berlinski, January 14

Nick, son of Carola and Samuel Berlinski, is a seventh grader at Westland Middle School in Bethesda, and he is a member of the Ma'alot DC high school program.

Nick's passion for soccer and the concept of *tikkun olam* have driven his choice of *mitzvah* project as he intends to make this a better world by recycling sneakers and raising awareness of the



importance of looking after our planet. Nick shares his *simcha* with his brother, Toby, and the rest of his family.

Rachel Geltman, January 14

Rachel, daughter of Ed and Liz Geltman, is a seventh grader at the Maret School in Washington. Rachel is a graduate of Gan HaYeled and attends the Melvin Gelman Religious School. She is the granddaughter of Sheldon and Sara Lynn Glass, of Baltimore, MD, Muriel Geltman of Bridgewater, NJ, and Donald Geltman (z"l). Rachel shares her *simcha* with her brothers, Andy and Jeff.



Evelyn Roth, January 21

Evelyn, a seventh grader at Westland Middle School, began her formal Jewish education at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington preschool and has been

attending the Melvin Gelman Religious school since first grade. She celebrates becoming a bat mitzvah with her parents, Sharon and Mark Roth; her brother, Ben; her grandmother, Paula Roth; and her other relatives and friends.



Sophia Godin, January 28

Sophia Godin, daughter of Ed and Amy Godin, began her religious education at Gan HaYeled in the Puppy class and is currently in seventh grade at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. She shares her *simcha* with her sister, Shira, who is a fifth grader at CESJDS. Sophia's grand parents, Jack and Nesse Godin and Bernard and Ruth Greifer, also will share her *simcha*.



Alexander Koenig, January 28

Alexander (Sandy) Koenig, son of Amy Schwartz and Eric Koenig, is a seventh-grader at Georgetown Day School and a graduate of Gan HaYeled. He also attends

the Melvin Gelman Religious School. He looks forward to sharing his *simcha* in the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan with siblings, friends, and family.

Members in the News

David Brooks received New York's *The Jewish Week's* first Excellence in Journalism Award, in recognition of "his fine reporting, careful observation, clear writing and thoughtful analysis."

Doug Kamerow published a new book called *Dissecting American Health Care*, a compilation of short essays on health, policy, and politics.

Dick Meyer, former NPR executive editor, joined the BBC as executive producer of *BBC News America*.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Oral History Branch held a luncheon to honor Museum volunteer **Gail Schwartz** on her 100th interview conducted on behalf of the Museum.

Robert Taub was sworn in as a commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission following his nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Marc Tracy received the Best American Magazine Writing 2011 award for his work at *Tablet* magazine.

New Members

Murrey Jacobson, a producer/journalist at PBS *NewsHour*, and

Karyn Schwartz, a program analyst at HHS, live with their twins, Isaac and Dylan Jacobson, in Washington.

Richard Townend & Alexandra Wisotsky and their children, Ari and Eliana Townend, live in Washington. Richard is an engineer/management consultant at Altairis Technology Partners, and Alex is an attorney.

Ariel Weisbard, a public interest attorney at the Employment Justice Center, lives in Washington.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Lillian Becker

Robert G. Kolker

Julie Schapire

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Norton Ansher, father of Irwin Ansher

Marvin Berkowitz, father of Thea Mason

Dina Berlinski, mother of Samuel Berlinski

Evelyn Bernstein Bishoff, mother of Stuart Bernstein

Dr. Jordan S. Bloom, father of Sally Bloom-Feshbach

David Jack Cohen, father of Cheryl Wilner

Jason Geiger, brother of Molly Schuchat

Dottie Goldmeier, mother of Karen Green

Ida Goldberg, mother of Jackye Silberman

Leila Horn, mother of Lawrence (Carol) Horn

Harold Kass, uncle of Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Miriam Blaker Klein, mother-in-law of Janet Kolodner

Frances Knie, mother of Lynn Kletzkin

Loretta Levine, mother of Tandy Levine

Murray Melmed, father of Allan Melmed

Life Cycle Information

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.

Adas Israel Community Mikvah

Our *mikvah* is a sacred space where Jews can mark life transitions with powerful physical ritual. Immersing in a *mikvah* connects the body to the water cycle of our planet and to the sources of life. People visit our *mikvah* to observe the *mitzvah* of monthly immersion; to celebrate *s'machot*; to find strength during a difficult time; to pray for healing; to reflect on the meaning of becoming a bride, groom, or *bar* or *bat mitzvah*; to convert to Judaism; and to prepare physically and spiritually for *chagim*.

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



From generation to generation! . . .

L'Dor VaDor

Service & Dinner

and GaGa Tournament

Join us for a Shabbat experience for all generations with a Friday night service and Shabbat dinner. Featuring storyteller Services led by the clergy with the help of our children. Feel free to bring your own kosher wine to enjoy!

Friday, January 6, 2012

6:00pm – Service
7:00pm – Dinner
7:45pm – Kids GaGa Tournament

\$18.75 – Adult Dinner
\$12.50 – Child Dinner (Ages 3-12)
Children 2 and under eat FREE!

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

RSVP by Wednesday, January 4 at 11am
No refunds after RSVP deadline. After deadline cost for dinner will increase to \$23.50 for adults and \$16 for children.

Register Online at <http://www.adasisrael.org/ldorvador>
(202) 362-4433 Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org

Daily Minyan Update

Twice daily, we have the opportunity to strengthen our community by participating and sharing in the responsibility of making a *minyan*. By attending the Daily *Minyan*, we share in a ritual that has endured for centuries and will endure for time to come. At Adas Israel's daily morning and evening *minyan* services, we reach out to grieving congregants, welcome visitors, and strengthen old friendships.

The making of a stronger community takes effort to ensure that at least 10 adults are present so that those in mourning or observing *yahrzeit* may recite *Kaddish*. The *minyan* meets Monday through Friday mornings at 7:30 am, followed by coffee and bagels, and on Sundays and federal holidays at 8:30 am. Afternoon and evening services are held Sunday through Thursday at 6:00 pm, and *Shabbat Mincha* services are held at 6:00 pm during the time of the year when the sun sets after 6:00 pm and at earlier, changing times when the sun sets before 6:00 pm. Check the *Chronicle* or adasisrael.org for precise times.

The Daily *Minyan* has started a new group e-mail list. If you attend weekday services regularly or only occasionally, or even if you've never attended a weekday service but would like to learn more, join our new e-mail list for information about the daily *Minyan*. E-mail adasdailyminyan@gmail.com to sign up, or if you have any questions or would like more information about the daily *minyan*. We thank Bill Levenson for setting up and moderating the group e-mail list. ○

January 2012
Tevet–Shevat 5772

SHABBAT MORNING 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. 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 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. 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
1 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6 Tevet	2 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7 Tevet	3 7:30 am Morning Minyan Gan Classes Resume 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:00 pm Context Class 8 Tevet	4 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 9 Tevet	5 Asara B'Tevet 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Kittens Pre-School Visit 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 10 Tevet	6 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Shabbat Sing—Children Only 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Rabbis Steinlauf & Feinberg 6:30 pm Shir Delight: 6:30 Oneg; 7:30 Service with Rabbi Feinberg; 8:30 Dinner 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner 11 Tevet 4:42 pm 	7 PARSHAT VAYECHI 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Service; Bar Mitzvah: Adam Deutchman; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egal. Minyan; Bat Mitzvah: Natanya Schorr; with Rabbi Feinberg 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Julie Weisman 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush 12 Tevet 4:45 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Judith Kroner & David Schorr and Stephanie & Scott Deutchman 5:42 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:00 pm Havdalah Kadima Saturday Night Live—Off-Site
8 8:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am 5775 B'nai Mitzvah Parents' Meeting 1:00 pm Jewish Genealogy Society Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 13 Tevet	9 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 14 Tevet	10 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group—Off-Site 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:00 pm Context Class 15 Tevet	11 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Open House for Prospective Parents 9:00 am Gan Vision & Hearing 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting (tentative) 16 Tevet	12 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:50 am Gan Kittens 1/2 Class 9:00 am 2 X Parent/Teacher Conferences—No P,B,C Classes 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 17 Tevet	13 7:30 am Morning Minyan TIKKUN OLAM PILLAR WEEKEND/ SHEM TOV SHABBAT 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Congregational Shem Tov/MLK Shabbat Dinner Honoring Cong. Henry Waxman 8:00 pm Maariv/Shem Tov Shabbat Service with Rabbis Steinlauf & Feinberg 18 Tevet 4:49 pm 	14 PARSHAT SHEMOT 8:00 am TIKKUN OLAM PILLAR WEEKEND Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Service; Bar Mitzvah: Nicolas Berlinski; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 10:00 am Shabbat Spot Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Sami, Carola, & Toby Berlinski 19 Tevet 1:00 pm Panel Discussion on "The Effects of Poverty on Community Health" 4:45 pm Mincha/Maariv Service; Bat Mitzvah: Rachel Geltman; with Rabbi Feinberg & Hazzan Lubin 5:49 pm Havdalah
15 TIKKUN OLAM PILLAR WEEKEND 8:30 am Morning Minyan 11:00 am MLK Service at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ with Rabbi Feinberg 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 20 Tevet	16 Family Mitzvah Day Gan HaYeled—MLK Day—No Classes 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 21 Tevet	17 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 10:00 am Sisterhood Taste of Tanach 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism 22 Tevet	18 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting (if needed) 23 Tevet	19 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Tea & Tissues 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 24 Tevet	20 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:45 pm Gan Family Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6:00 pm Conversion Class—Friday Service and Dinner 6:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt & Robyn Helzner 25 Tevet 4:57 pm 	21 PARSHAT VA'ERA 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah: Evelyn Roth; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Shira Stutman 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 10:00 am Learners' Minyan with Rabbi Steinlauf 10:45 am Shabbat Unplugged Family Service 26 Tevet 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush 5:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 5:57 pm Havdalah 7:00 pm Young Professionals' Speed Dating
22 8:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 27 Tevet	23 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 28 Tevet	24 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 6:30 pm Investment Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism 29 Tevet	25 Rosh Chodesh Shevat 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:00 am Rosh Chodesh Shevat Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Meetings 1 Shevat	26 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 2 Shevat	27 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6:30 pm Ruach Minyan Service 8:00 pm Ruach Minyan Dinner 3 Shevat 5:04 pm 	28 PARSHAT BO 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah: Sophia Godin; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan; Bar Mitzvah: Alexander Koenig; with Rabbi Steinlauf 4 Shevat 10:00 am Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Amy Schwartz & Eric Koenig and Ed & Amy Godin 5:00 pm Shabbat Spot 5:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 6:04 pm Havdalah
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Education

Gan HaYeled

Presenting . . . John Henry, child entertainer, singer and pre-school wonder . . .

Adas Israel Congregation, in conjunction with Gan HaYeled is bringing the well-loved child entertainer, John Henry. He's guaranteed to get your little one(s) jumping and singing and to provide a break for the January blues! Take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet other Adas Israel families and our pre-school families.

Date: **Sunday, January 29**

Doors open: **9:30 am**

Showtime: **10:00 am**

Location: **Cohen-Wolpe Hall (Gan Space), Adas Israel Congregation**

Cost: **\$5/family**

Go to adasisrael.org/johnhenryevent to register for this event; registration is preferred but not required.

Open House for Prospective Families

Come learn about the wonderful opportunities here at the Gan for you and your children! We will have an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, January 11, 9:30–11:00 am.

For more information on the Gan, please contact Sheri Brown, Gan interim director, 202-362-4491 or sheri.brown@adasisrael.org.

2012–2013 Registration

Registration for the 2012–2013 school year begins in January. Take advantage of your Adas Israel membership during priority registration for members, January 5–11. Registration for current families is January 12–17, and open registration begins January 18.

The Gan Parents' Association Silent Auction 2012

The Gan's Inaugural Silent Auction Event takes place the evening of **Wednesday, February 22**. For the first time ever, the auction will be a stand-alone event—all in the name of fun for all! It is the biggest, most important fundraiser for our school, and we hope to make this year great!!

Please join us in the festivities, and if there's something you'd like to donate (a service provided by your office that someone would find useful, a vacation home, or season tickets to the Redskins), we can use your help!

All proceeds from the auction go directly toward school improvements, and the Gan Parents' Association's amazing projects. Ultimately it's the children who benefit, so let's make this really special.

If you have any questions or would like to donate to this event, please contact Silent Auction chairs: Sanda Blank (sandablank@yahoo.com) or Sandy Schulman (sandyschulman@yahoo.com). Thanks for your help!



Rabbi Steinlauf and Sheri Brown celebrate Thanksgiving with the Gan children. ▼

◀ Children in the Moonbeam class are growing in many developmental areas as they build with "big" blocks. They are developing large-muscle groups, problem solving, exploring spatial relationships, and learning basic math concepts, all through play. For more information on block play, see <http://nyti.ms/sx1TW7>.



Religious School

Ma Tovv Moments

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



Anne Frank House Mini-Walk for the Homeless

On November 6, more than 200 walkers came to our AFH Mini-Walk 2011 to support the Anne Frank House in its effort to combat homelessness and raised approximately \$4,000. The mini-walk was the culmination of a school-wide theme, *Hakeym Takim Imo* (literally, You shall surely lift him up), which is a law to encourage aid to one in distress.

This value was connected to the mini-walk for Anne Frank House, which provides permanent housing and social service support to homeless men and women with chronic mental illness. AFH is affiliated with Adas Israel Congregation, and many of its board members are members of our congregation.

To learn more about the Anne Frank House, please visit thefrankhouse.org.

8th Grade Family Tikkun Olam Project at A Wider Circle

On November 13, eighth grade families went to A Wider Circle (awidercircle.org), a Silver Spring, MD, organization that provides

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needed items to families transitioning out of shelters or simply living without life's necessities. They began the day with learning led by Director of Education Josh Bender, and then proceeded to help at the facility by sorting donations (linens, baby clothes, kitchen items, toys, books, etc.), maintaining the warehouse, and loading a truck for a family in need.



Upcoming dates for eighth grade families to participate: January 16 (Monday of MLK Jr. weekend), time TBA; February 26, 1:00–3:00 pm; March 18, 1:00–3:00 pm; May 13, 1:00–3:00 pm.

Faculty Spotlight: Our *Shinshiniyot*

This year, our faculty is joined by Dasha Tass (left) and Nitzan Katz (right) from Israel. Dasha is from Beit Shemesh (which means House of the Sun), and Nitzan is from a *moshav* called Ora which is near Jerusalem. They both graduated high school and have postponed their army service because they were accepted into the *Shinshinim* program, which enables them to come to DC to help people here learn more about Israel.

They teach the elective, "Visions and Voices of Israel," to our seventh through ninth graders, and "If You Will It, It Is No Dream: The History of Zionism" to our eighth graders in the Ma'alot program. They also teach at other places in the DC Metro area, including JPDS.

When they go back home, 10 months from now, they will join the Israeli army. We are pleased to have them as a part of our faculty!

Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service, Jan 21

Shabbat Unplugged, a musical family service for families with children in elementary school, meets Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:45 am. Older children are welcome and are encouraged take on leadership roles. *Shabbat Unplugged* is led by Josh Bender, director of education, and Elie Greenberg, director of informal programming.

Modeled on *Shacharit Live*, a Sunday morning musical service for K–2 students in the Religious School, the service seeks to build a fun, interactive, and spirited prayer experience. This is also an opportunity for families to explore some of the key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer. Guitars and other instruments are used to enhance the experience and to teach Jewish and Israeli songs. In addition, the Torah portion comes alive through the art of Jewish storytelling with Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff. Families are invited to join the congregational *kiddush* following the service.

January Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

- 1:** No School
- 3:** Classes Resume
- 6:** *L'Dor VaDor* Service & Dinner
- 8:** *B'nai Mitzvah* in 2014–15 Parents' Meeting; *Chugim* for 3rd–6th Grade
- 13–16:** *Tikkun Olam* Pillar Weekend
- 15:** No School, MLK Jr. Weekend
- 16:** MLK Day of Service
- 21:** *Shabbat Unplugged*
- 22:** 7th Grade Breakfast & Service; *Chugim* for 3rd–6th Grades, Parents' Corner
- 28:** 3rd /4th Grade Potluck & *Havdalah*, 6:00 pm

Jewish Value for January–February: *Bal Tashchit*

Do not destroy or waste, this law in *Deuteronomy* originally prohibited the senseless destruction of trees during wartime. The rabbis later expanded it to refer to other forms of senseless destruction or damage, including the senseless killing of animals. In a contemporary Jewish ecological context, *bal tashchit* refers to our obligation to protect and preserve the environment. *Bal tashchit* will culminate with a *mitzvah* project in February connected to *Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year for the Trees. ◉

Save the Date

5773 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Families Shabbaton, May 11–13

This year's pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah *Shabbaton* Retreat, led by Rabbi Steinlauf, Elie Greenberg, and Josh Bender, takes place the weekend of May 11–13. The *Shabbaton* is an opportunity to share *Shabbat* with other families and to deepen the Jewish aspect of the *bar/bat mitzvah* celebration. Families that participated in similar retreats in previous years have commented on how worthwhile—and how much fun—the *Shabbaton* is.

The retreat, again underwritten in part by the Sandra and Clement Alpert Fund for Family Education, will be held at the Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center outside of Baltimore. In addition to the various discussion sessions with Rabbi Steinlauf, the weekend offers the opportunity for both the parents and children to become better acquainted with other families celebrating *b'nai mitzvah* the same year, and to share ideas about this important event in your lives.

Several fun activities are also scheduled over the course of the weekend, as well as some free time Saturday afternoon for leisure activities, such as nature walks, basketball, jogging, or merely to relax at the scenic property. We very much look forward to your participation.

Participation is limited to room availability. You will receive information and registration forms soon. For more information or to register, please contact Beryl Saltman in Rabbi Steinlauf's office: beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433, ext. 121.

Library Corner

My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner

by Robin Jacobson

On a recent car ride to New Jersey, I read aloud to my husband from a new memoir by celebrated Israeli writer Meir Shalev. Funny and poignant, *My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner* entertained us all the way north on I-95. If you are looking for a quick, light read that also has real substance, try this book. You will laugh, you will sigh, and you will gain interesting insights into early 20th-century Zionism. Who could ask for more?

The Formidable Tonia

In 1923, Shalev's grandmother, Tonia, left her native Ukraine for Palestine, joining relatives already settled in the Jezreel Valley, including her late sister's widower, Aharon. Aharon was a founder of Nahalal, Palestine's first *moshav* (an agricultural collective made up of individual farms). Aharon and Tonia fell in love and married, but they did not live happily ever after. Although deeply committed to the Zionist dream of making the desert bloom, Aharon was unsuited to day-to-day farm labor. Periodically he would "runoff," as Tonia called it, leaving her to manage the fruit harvests, tend the cows, chickens and vegetable patches, and battle the endless dirt, her particular obsession.

Determined to keep her small home spotless, Tonia restricted guests to the outdoor porch and banned her own family from most of the house, insisting that they take showers outside. Furthermore, she carefully wrapped each shiny doorknob with a rag to protect against fingerprints. As a small boy, Shalev asked his mother what was behind the closed doors with the rags dangling from the handles. In all seriousness, she replied: "Here is the shower one may not shower in and here is the restroom one may not rest in and here are the bedrooms one may not bed down in."

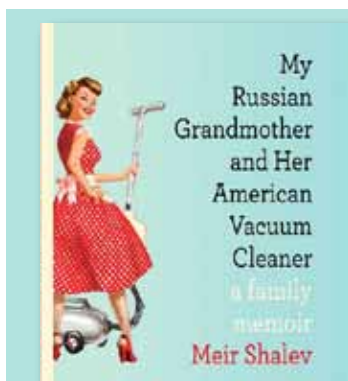
The Vacuum Cleaner That Made Aliyah

Shalev declares that the hero of his story is a legendary vacuum cleaner sent from America by his great uncle Yeshayahu. Within the family, Yeshayahu was a "double traitor" because he rejected both Zionism and socialism, choosing instead to be an American capitalist. Although Aharon had previously spurned all offers of financial help from Yeshayahu, he did not have the wherewithal (as Yeshayahu well knew) to mail back a large and heavy vacuum cleaner. Tonia, predictably, was initially enchanted with the vacuum cleaner; however, she used it only briefly (for reasons revealed in the book) before imprisoning it for decades in a locked, unused, sparkling bathroom.

Shalev swears that his narrative accurately recounts Tonia's life, yet playfully admits that within his family of storytellers, "memory and imagination are two names for the same thing." One of the most charming portions of the book portrays his mother theatrically passing down the family lore to a young, wide-eyed Shalev. Relaying the story of the vacuum cleaner, "the likes of which had never before been seen in our village, in the Jezreel Valley or in all of Palestine," she produced a globe and traced with a yellow pencil the long and arduous route taken by the Los Angeles vacuum cleaner, packed in its sturdy wooden crate—by truck, train, ship, and horse cart—to make *aliyah* to Eretz Yisrael.

Shalev acknowledges that Tonia was a difficult woman: stubborn, demanding, and obsessive. Yet without her gritty determination, he says

the family could never have remained Nahalal farmers. Shalev's warm and witty memoir portrays not only a memorable matriarch, but also a valiant *chalutza*, one of the Zionist pioneers on whose backs the State of Israel was born. ○



BOOK CHAT

Sunday, March 11, 10:30–11:30 am in the Library.

Meet other Adas readers and discuss *My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner* by Meir Shalev. Copies are available in our library, the D.C. and Montgomery County public libraries, in bookstores, and on Amazon.

For more information, contact librarian@adasisrael.org. Sponsored by the Library Committee.

Tikkun Olam *continued from back page*



Adas members Jean Bernard, Debra Rubin, Jamie Butler, and Marvene Hurwitz join Shirley Moseley (second from left), head of Peoples Church's Food Pantry, on November 17 to prepare bags of Thanksgiving food for distribution to those in need.

Adas members Jean Bernard, Debra Rubin, Jamie Butler, and Marvene Hurwitz join Shirley Moseley (second from left), head of Peoples Church's



Adas Israel volunteers Larry Povich, Susannah Epstein-Boley, Diana Engel, and Ken Boley help paint and plaster walls at StriveDC, a nonprofit employment training and resource center in Northeast DC.



Ma Tovv

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Pearl Goldman Weissler and her late husband, Alfred (z"l), were longtime members of Adas Israel, beginning in the early 1950s. In honor of Pearl's 92nd birthday, we invited her grandson, Nathan Weissler, to share some of her life experiences.

My grandmother was born in New York City on November 22, 1918. She had an older sister, Eleanor. Both of my grandmother's parents, Morris and Bertha Rabinowitz Goldman, had immigrated from Russia to the United States. My grandmother, who was 10 years old when the Great Depression began in October 1929, attended New York City public schools in her youth. For high school, she studied at Hunter College High School, where she developed an interest in physics. She attended Hunter College and, in 1938, received a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

My grandmother subsequently studied at Columbia University, from which she received a master's degree in physics in 1939. She married Alfred Weissler, a chemist, on May 30, 1941. In 1942, my grandparents moved to Washington, DC, and that same year, my grandmother began working at the National Bureau of Standards, where she stayed for many years. As part of her work there, she wrote several articles that were published in scientific magazines and government reports.

Today, my grandmother lives in

Bethesda, MD, and has four grandchildren, of which I am the second-oldest.

Around the time they moved to Washington, my grandparents joined Adas Israel. They regularly attended Shabbat services at Adas Israel, on both Friday night and Saturday morning, and their three children, the youngest of whom is my father, attended Hebrew school there. In addition, my parents were married at Adas in 1990.

My grandmother's experiences at Adas Israel have affected my Judaism in the sense that I have become friendly with several of their friends from the synagogue. Conversations with these friends have given me a broader and more diverse Jewish perspective, which has caused me to appreciate my Judaism more. Additionally, I met Rabbi Emeritus Stanley Rabinowitz in 2008, an enriching experience I will never forget.

On a more personal level, discussions about my grandmother's parents' experiences as immigrants have given me greater appreciation for the blessings of contemporary American Jewish life. My grandmother has helped to ensure that I will never forget my immigrant ancestry and I will constantly use that knowledge to do acts of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world.) ○

Yad Hakavod Award Nominations Sought

The Adas Israel *Yad Hakavod* Award honors a congregant who has distinguished himself or herself by serving the congregation and its members, or by providing exemplary leadership of projects, activities, or programs of the congregation. The award is not designed for past officers, since it is generally understood that officerships offer their own recognition. The *Yad Hakavod* recognizes those who have served for many years beyond the call of duty to make Adas Israel a better place.

Our previous *Yad Hakavod* honorees have been: Sophie Silfen, 1997; 1998- Gail Schwartz, 1998; Estelle Jacobs, 1999; James "Jimmy" Young, 2000; Rhoda Ganz, 2001; Bernard Fischgrund (z"l), 2002; Irwin Lebow, 2003; Ruthe Katz (z"l), 2004; Mildred Jacobs, 2005; Sybil Wolin, 2006; Samuel Weisbach, 2007; Sue Rosenthal, 2008; Michael Stern, 2009; Bernard Meyer, 2010; and David Bickart, 2011.

The *Yad Hakavod* Award, created by the Board of Directors in 1995, is presented and celebrated at the annual membership meeting in June. If you would like to submit a name for the committee to consider, please contact Johanna Chanin or Glenn Easton at the synagogue office (202-362-4433 or adasoffice@adasisrael.org). ○

Ruach Minyan

The *Ruach Minyan* invites the DC-area Jewish community, including those new to the area, visitors, and those looking for a new *Shabbat* experience, to join us at Adas Israel on the second and fourth Friday of each month for a spirited and engaging *Erev Shabbat* experience.

The lay-led egalitarian *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Maariv* service combines song and soulfulness and is followed by a tasty catered *Shabbat* dinner at Adas Israel or a potluck at a nearby home. We welcome people from all backgrounds and of all ages, and we provide a warm environment for prayer, study, growth, and getting to know one another.

If you're looking for an engaging and fun *Shabbat* experience, please join us for *Shabbat* evening services and dinner at the *Ruach Minyan*! For more information about upcoming events, or to receive our weekly e-mail announcements, visit adasisrael.org/ruachminyan. Join our Facebook Group at tinyurl.com/322fej or e-mail ruachminyan@adasisrael.org. ○

Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School Graduates to Be Honored Feb. 11

On Saturday, February 11, we will honor the graduating Adas Israel seniors of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. *Mazal Tov* to Samuel Matheson, Amanda Mendelson, and Aviva Weinstein:

They will be honored with an *aliyah* and a gift from the congregation. We are happy to participate in their celebration in this way and extend our sincere good wishes to them, their parents, and their families.

Contributions

The congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

21st Century Building Renewal Fund

In Honor Of: Naming of our granddaughter **Meirav Ephraim** by Yaacov & Herlene Nagler.

Anne Frank House

By: Lisa & Steve Schwat, National Title Corporation, Peter & Traci Ramsey, Mitchell & Allison Prince, Tulin M. Ozdeger & Mark Andersen, Ann & Edward Cowan, Sheila Meyer, Robert & Hazel Keimowitz, Sandy & Adina Mendelson, Morris & Susan Klein, June Kress, Elaine Kremens, Stan Cohen & Suzanne Ducat, David Cohen, Nancy & Ed Kopf, Stephanie Robinson & Seth Rosenthal, Jeffrey & Nicole Geifman, Peggy Brooks Smith, Leslie Braunstein, Petros Marafatos & Sons, Inc., Randy & Michael Leifer, Robert & Katherine Poole, Ellen Meehling, J C Reger Intrest Inc., Robert Atlas & Gloria Paul, Mark & Valerie Veckman, Richard & Ellen Fernandez, William & Margaret Wheeler, Ellen & Derek Coen, Shelley Klein & Catherine Bendor, Steven Kassen, Daniel & Jennifer Mendelson, Martin & Lynn Schwat, Eliot & Iona Klayman, Beltway Cleaning Services, Joseph Berman, Goodman-Gable-Gould Co., Bonnell Realty, Michael Rinaldi & Co., Howard Jerome Shatz, Dr. & Mrs. Barrett Burka, Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Goldstein, Jodi & Rodd Macklin

Anne Kampelman Wiederkehr Cultural Arts Program

In Honor Of: **Max Kampelman** by Dennis Wiederkehr.

Benjamin James Cecil Special Education Fund

In Memory Of: **Benjamin "Jamie" Cecil** by Glenn & Cindy Easton, Joe Cecil & Judith Friedman.

Bereavement Fund

By: Sharon Fine.

In Memory Of: **Littman Danziger** by Arnold Danziger.

B'Yahad Special Needs Fund

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Last Call: Celebrate *Hanukkah* and Save Lives Donate Solar Cookers for Darfur as Hanukkah Gifts

Adas Israel members again have the opportunity to bring light and sustenance to the people of Darfur, still displaced and in refugee camps. This will be the congregation's third *Hanukkah nefesh ahat min haolam*.

The Solar Cooker Project enables women to remain safely in the camps, using the solar cookers, without having to leave to find firewood and risk attack. The women also have income opportunities through making additional solar cookers, training others to use the cookers, and making carrying bags to increase the cookers' life span.

A gift of \$30 provides two solar cookers, two pots and potholders, a year's supply of

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For more information, please contact Judy Herr, jnherr20814@yahoo.com. You can watch a YouTube video of the solar cookers in use at youtube.com/watch?v=ou61_Wtu5TY&feature=channel. ○

Join members of Adas and People's Congregational Church for a vigil to bear witness against the genocide in Sudan. We protest every third Sunday of the month in front of the Sudanese Embassy, 1:30-2:30 pm, 2210 Massachusetts Avenue, NW. NEXT VIGIL: SUNDAY, JANUARY 15.

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