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HAPPY PURIM!

## דובר אמת Dover Emet Speaking the Truth

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

### A SYNAGOGUE TRANSFORMED

In just a matter of months, our congregation will begin an amazing transformation. The sanctuary will be updated with a new look. The lobby, and what is now the Gewirz Hall will be very different. There will be a new *Beit Midrash* (House of Study) in the space where the Kogod Chapel is now. It will look beautiful. But the transformation I'd like to talk about only begins with the physical reconstruction.

The real transformation is the experience that will begin in the new spaces. Picture walking into the entrance on Quebec Street and feeling that you're entering a place of light and air and open space. As soon as you walk in, you're feeling that you're a welcome part of a vibrant community, where many possibilities of connection and meaning are immediately open to you. Everywhere you glance, there are ways into Jewish

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## New Cantor Selected Cantor Arianne Brown

Dear Friends,

With great excitement I write to inform you of the selection of our new cantor at Adas Israel Congregation. The Board of Directors approved the engagement of Cantor Arianne Brown as our new *hazzan* based on the unanimous recommendation of the Cantor Search Committee and Executive Committee and the positive comments of the many members who met and heard her during her December visit.

Cantor Brown was invested as a *hazzan* and received a master of arts in sacred music from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2005, where she won the Hazzan Max Wohlberg Award and went on to receive a master's degree in Jew-



ish education from JTS in 2006. In addition, she earned a bachelor of music education/voice degree from Rutgers University and is a graduate of the Hebrew Academy of Atlantic County, NJ.

Since 2006, Cantor Brown has served Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, CA, where she had a large liturgical, educational, and musical portfolio. Fluent in Hebrew and Yiddish, Cantor Brown is an expert Torah and *Megillah* reader, pianist, composer and arranger, and theater director. She teaches in the Sinai Temple Religious School and Day School, has written and directed children's and adult productions, and has prepared more than 500 students for *b'nai mitzvah*.

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## Purim at Adas

### Sunday, March 4

- 10:30 am *Purim* Carnival (pre-school age)
- 11:00 am *Purim* Carnival (elementary school age and up)

### Wednesday, March 7

- 6:00 pm Evening *Minyan* (*Mincha* only)
- 6:00 pm YP's *Purim* Wine and Cheesentaschen
- 6:30 pm Family Abbreviated *Purim* Service (designed for pre-school-2nd-grade families)
- 7:00 pm Family Service with Full *Megillah* Reading
- 7:30 pm *Purim* Service with Full *Megillah* Reading & *Purim Shpiel*

### Thursday, March 8

- 7:15 am Morning *Minyan* with *Megillah* Reading

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# Clergy Corner



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life. There is art and color, there are sacred worship spaces and opportunities just to be—either by yourself or with friends and community members.

As you make your way forward, you're invited into a central hub of glass and light and energy: the *Beit Midrash*. You walk into that space, and the dynamism of the place strikes you first. There are books everywhere. There's a coffee bar. There are comfortable chairs. There are computer consoles and wi-fi. You see people of many different ages and backgrounds. Parents are catching up with friends over a cup of coffee while their little ones play, or while they're waiting

for school dismissal. Individuals are reading books and newspapers and surfing the web. Tables of learners and teachers are discussing substantive issues. You see small study groups of people in pairs or groups of three having deep discussions about texts and ideas.

As you come in, just as you are, you are immediately a part of the "Adas Institute"—a new kind of Jewish think tank and outreach center housed in the *Beit Midrash*, whose goal is to find new ways into Jewish engagement and meaning in the 21st century. There are several "Adas Fellows," young adults there whose job it is to help you find connection. They welcome you and invite you to some of the programs already happening there, or they're available to answer your questions

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about anything—Judaism, Israel, spirituality, identity, the arts, and Jewish life. You feel welcome and encouraged. Across the *Beit Midrash*, you see a beautiful Aron *Ha-Kodesh* and podium with chairs around it where the Adas daily *minyan davens*, surrounded by all the learning and creativity going on in that space. If you come in at night, you might find an author or celebrity at that very same podium presenting on his or her works or accomplishments to a packed house. If you come into the *Beit Midrash* on *Shabbat*, you may find the *Havurah* or a Learners' Minyan or Youth Service praying together in the space.

While you could easily spend all your days just in the *Beit Midrash*, the other spaces beckon as well.

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# Lifelong Learning

## Ayeka: Soulful Jewish Education

Wednesdays, 7:15–8:30 pm; March 14, 21, 28, April 4. Taught by Rabbi Tamara Miller\*

*Ayeka* is the first question in the Torah: In the Garden of Eden, when God asks Adam, "Where are



you?" Adam is hiding. This is an eternal paradigm. We all hide, at times, in different ways. The goal of this new approach, called *Ayeka*, is to create a venue in which we can stop hiding in order to explore our personal relationship with God, and to see how this relationship can affect our lives. It is possible to imbue our relationships, our work, and our entire lives with a sense of living in the image of God.

Join *Ayeka* as we explore what tradi-

tional Jewish texts and our own personal experience can teach us about our relationship with God and how we can use this relationship to enhance our lives and to bring out the best in ourselves and in all our personal relationships.

Cost: \$120 for members and non-members.

\*Rabbi Miller is the first *Ayeka* facilitator in the Washington, DC, area. A graduate of the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York City, she is currently spiritual director at the Center for Integrative Medicine in Washington. A CLAL Rabbis Without Borders Fellow, Rabbi Miller also has an independent practice as a Judaics teacher, spiritual counselor, and life cycle ritualist.

## Exploring the Mishnah's Perspective on Family Relationships

Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 pm; March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18

Taught by Calvin Goldscheider

Register at [adasisrael.org/III](http://adasisrael.org/III) or call 202-362-4433.

The *Mishnah* is a third-century set of Jewish texts (Rabbinic Judaism) consisting of 63 volumes organized around the functioning of an imagined and constructed community. One of the divisions of the *Mishnah* focuses on family issues. This class explores selective *Mishnayot* to identify core themes associated with family relationships. The key themes will include the process and timing of family formation (marriage); kinship relationships and obligations; the role of fathers; reproduction and the role of children; intermarriage; the role, value, and dependency of women; age-related issues in the life course (who is an adult?); divorce and the dissolution of marriage; and transitions to adulthood and to nonfamilies.

Participants will treat the text as a whole (rather than as commentary on the Biblical text or as preface to the Tal-

# Holidays

## Eat Drink and Be Holy: The Holiday of *Purim*

On its surface, the holiday of *Purim* is fairly straightforward, characterized by an atmosphere of joy and celebration. We are required to eat and to drink; we parade around in outlandish costumes and we make loud noises that can hardly be described as dignified. Not only are children expected to wear costumes; adults as well are very much encouraged to wear costumes and participate in the joyous celebration. Still, beneath its almost too obvious guise of merriment, *Purim* is marked by a seriousness of purpose equal to that of the most solemn holiday. We are required to perform a variety of *mitzvot*, and from each, we learn an important lesson.

One of the most important things we learn from *Purim* is that no person can exist alone. We share with others not only our daily lives, but our hopes and dreams as well. Hillel taught: “*Al tifrosh min ha’tzibbur*—Do not separate yourself from the community.” From each of the *mitzvot* we perform on *Purim*, we learn something new about the concept of sharing.

### Reading the *Megillah*

Each year, we are required to listen to the complete reading of *Megillat Esther*. We are instructed to listen to every word and to do this twice—evening and morning. Perhaps, in attending these public readings, we learn the value of sharing with the entire community recognition and appreciation of our collective triumph over adversity.

Defeating Haman was a shared enterprise. Mordecai and Esther led the way, supported by the prayers of the entire Jewish people. In every generation, there are those like Haman who prey on people’s basest fears to maximize their own power. Confronting such evil must be a shared responsibility. While one group may be singled out for harsh treatment, it is the responsibility of all good people to fight against this kind of tyranny.

### *Mishloach Manot*

Each year, increasing numbers of Jews are discovering the wonderful *Purim* custom of sharing food with friends and neighbors, giving at least two types of food to at least two recipients. The *mitzvah* of *mishloach manot* is based on the verse in the *megillah* instructing us to “send portions one to another” (9:22). Some people bake *hamentashen* and other goodies, while others send food packages through their synagogue. Use this opportunity to spread *Purim* cheer to those who might not otherwise receive such gifts. Consider bringing some brightly decorated baskets to seniors, the homebound, or newcomers.

### *Matanot L’evyonim*

Based on the injunction in the *megillah* that we must “send gifts to the poor,” the holiday affords us a special opportunity to share our good fortune with those in need. Gifts can be given directly, for example, bringing food and clothing to a homeless shelter, or indirectly, through an organized charity. It is important to keep in mind that whatever additional *tzedakah* we give throughout the year, donations must still be given on *Purim*. How important is

this *mitzvah*? As Maimonides writes in his *Mishneh Torah* (*Hilkhot Megillah* 2:17): “It is better for a person to increase gifts to the poor than to increase his feast or the *mishloach manot* to his neighbors.”

### *Seudat Purim*

Few things are more pleasurable than sharing a celebratory meal with our families, and the *megillah* tells us that *Purim* should be a time for feasting. This year, approach the *Purim seudah* with the commitment we bring to preparing the Passover *seder*. Wear special clothing (off-beat costumes are definitely permitted), prepare special foods, and learn *Purim* songs.

—*Chag Purim Sameach!* ○



## Making Passover Personal

Sunday, March 25  
10:00–11:45 am

Discussion with Rabbi Steinlauf



## Edible Groggers will be for “sale” at *Purim* services.

\$1 per box of dried mac and cheese to be used as *groggers* and donated back to Ezra Pantry for SOME (So Others Might Eat).



### Passover Sale of Hametz

During Passover, it is technically forbidden to have any *hametz* in our possession. Because we cannot finish it all, and it is improper to destroy usable food, the rabbis provided for a symbolic sale of all the *hametz* to a non-Jew who then "sells" it back to us after *Pesach*. The *hametz* is then no longer "in our possession." This includes food, dishes, and utensils, which are locked away in storage for the duration of the festival. This year the sale can be done through April 5.

Funds collected through donations and through the "sale" of *hametz* are used for charitable purposes and to help provide Passover food for those who otherwise might have none. This legal procedure technically transfers ownership of *hametz* that remains in our pantry during the festival. Technical ownership reverts to us when the festival is over.

**Please fill out this form and send it to Marcia Miller (Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org) by Thursday, April 5**

Dear Rabbi Feinberg:

Please sell our *hametz* so that we have fulfilled our obligation of religious ownership and accept this contribution so that others are assured of a *seder*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Erev Pesach Preparations

#### Bedikat Hametz

**Thursday evening, April 5**

*Bedikat hametz*, the lovely home ceremony of searching for leaven with a candle, feather, and wooden spoon as an indication that all other preparations have been made, is carried out on **Thursday evening, April 5**. The *kol hamira* formula for nullifying unseen *hametz* found in the *haggadah* should be recited at this time and in the morning before 10:00 am, when the *hametz* is disposed of.

#### Siyyum for the Firstborn

**Friday, April 6, 7:15 am**

The fast of the firstborn is a time-honored custom that recognizes God's role in history. As do many congregations, we hold a *siyyum* (the celebration of concluding a section of the *Mishna*), after which all of the firstborn present may join in the festivities. Our *siyyum* is Friday, April 6, as part of the morning *minyan* at 7:15 am, followed by breakfast.

#### Biur Hametz

**Friday morning, April 6**

This day should be treated as an ordinary *Erev Pesach* in regard to *be'ur hametz* (removal of *hametz*). The burning of the *hametz* should be completed **by about 10:00 am**, and the stove should be kashered for *Pesach*. All cooking should be done in *Pesach* pots, and only *Pesach* utensils should be used. Food required for the first *seder* should be cooked at this time.

Burn your *chametz* at Adas on Friday, April 6, at 9:15 in the parking lot. ○

*You're invited to...*

*Adas Israel's*  
**First Night  
Community Seder**  
Friday, April 6, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

Don't miss this evening of lively and  
thought-provoking discussion and song.  
Seder led by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf.

Adult Member (\$40), Child Member 12 and under (\$18)  
Adult Non Member (\$54), Child Non Member (\$27)

[adasisrael.org/seder](http://adasisrael.org/seder)

*Join us for a seder of  
celebration and learning!*

Supported by the Marilyn & Stefan Tucker Program Fund

### Cantors Assembly Germany-Israel Mission with Hazzan Lubin

Join Hazzan Abe and Sandy Lubin on a musical journey of heritage and healing to Germany and Israel on June 27–July 11. The group will spend seven nights in Germany and six nights in Israel.

In 2009, more than 400 participants traveled with the Cantors Assembly on a mission of music, healing, and connection to Poland and Israel. This trip promises to be another memorable experience in this tradition.

For more information, visit [ayelet.com](http://ayelet.com) or e-mail Hazzan Lubin at [salubin1@verizon.net](mailto:salubin1@verizon.net).



# Sisterhood



Lisa Kleine (left) presents synagogue President Johanna Chanin a generous contribution from the Sisterhood at a recent Adas Israel Board of Directors meeting. Lisa shared with the board the latest Sisterhood activities, e-news letter, and webpage. The contribution represents proceeds from the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop managed by Jean Bernard, Diane Keller, and Helene Weingarten.

## Ongoing and Upcoming Events

**N Street Village Yarn Project:** Sisterhood is collecting yarn for the Village's knitting and crocheting classes. If you have any yarn or needles, please deposit them in the coat room bin marked "N-STREET VILLAGE YARN COLLECTION."

**Torah Fund Campaign:** Help meet Sisterhood's goal of \$12,000. See the website for details. Please send your check, made out to "Torah Fund," to Chair, Mrs. Gerry Lezell, c/o Sisterhood, Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, DC 20008-5296.

**Shirley Abrams Memorial Fund:** Shirley Abrams (z"l) was one of Sisterhood's most memorable and active leaders, serving as president from 2001 to 2003 and upgrading the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop offerings. Donations in Shirley's memory may be sent to Sisterhood c/o Dava Berkman, Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008-5296.

## Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

### HOURS

Sun–Mon & Wed–Fri, 9:30 am–12:30 pm

Tues, 9:30 am–3:00 pm & 6:30–8:00 pm

**NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!**

Come and see our beautiful new *seder* plates. In addition to plates from our well-known artists and vendors, we have new offerings. It's not too early to start stocking up for Passover!



And don't forget about children's Passover toys to keep the kids calm until the feast!

**202-364-2888**

**[adasgiftshop@gmail.com](mailto:adasgiftshop@gmail.com)**

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

**Sisterhood Shabbat Goes Year-Round:** We are calling on the many women in Adas Israel who can *leyn* to commit to reading Torah in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary throughout the year. Become part of this cadre of women by first contacting chair **Marcie Goldstein** ([Marcie.B.Goldstein@gmail.com](mailto:Marcie.B.Goldstein@gmail.com)) for available dates. **Naomi Malka**, interim ritual director, will assign specific portions and provide coaching as needed.

**Health Fair, April 29:** Co-sponsored with the Men's Club. Contact Betty Adler, [bettyadler1@gmail.com](mailto:bettyadler1@gmail.com), for details.

**Join Sisterhood:** Haven't sent in your dues yet? You can go online via the Adas website, or just mail your check to Dava Berkman, Sisterhood Treasurer, c/o Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, DC 20008-5296. Deadline for 5772: March 31, 2012. Send in your dues today! Choose from Basic membership, \$36; Contributor, \$54; Patron, \$72; or Other, \$\_\_.

## Looking for a Few Good Volunteers in the Sisterhood Gift Shop

### Prerequisites—

Must be warm & friendly; must be willing to work 3 hours a week; must have very basic computer experience

### Duties—

Opening & closing the shop for your shift; Ringing up sales; helping buyers pick out Judaica and other gifts from our extensive stock; filling in for other volunteers

### Perks—

First dibs on new merchandise when it comes in; 10% discount (except on edibles, cards, *mezzuzah* scrolls & books); camaraderie with a fun group of women

**If you're interested, please contact**

**Jean Bernard, 301-654-8914 or [dranreb@starpower.com](mailto:dranreb@starpower.com)**

# Taste of Tanach—An Interview with Rabbi Steinlauf

by Joyce Stern

**Joyce Stern:** Rabbi Steinlauf, each month you offer a lesson for Sisterhood members (and anyone else who drops into the class held in the Sisterhood Library the second Tuesday of each month). The class is called *Taste of Tanach*. What exactly does the word, *Tanach*, mean? What are the Hebrew letters from which this anglicized term is derived, and do they stand for something in particular?

**Rabbi Steinlauf:** *Tanach* (the Hebrew Bible) is actually an acronym that stands for Torah (the Five Books of Moses), *Nevi'im* (the Prophets), and *Ketuvim* (the Writings, i.e., books like the Book of Esther, the Book of Job, etc.). Together these form the canon of the Hebrew Bible. The *Tanach* forms the foundation for all later Jewish literatures, including the *Midrash* and other rabbinic texts. The *Sefer Torah*, or the Torah scroll that we see in synagogue, only contains the first third of the Hebrew Bible—Torah, the Five Books of Moses. Whenever we read the *haftarah* in synagogue, those readings are taken from *Nevi'im*. On special occasions and holidays, we read from the *Ketuvim*. So, for example, on *Purim* we read the Book of Esther, on Passover, we read from the Song of Songs, and on *Sukkot* we read from the Book of Ecclesiastes. All of these texts, as well as rabbinic texts and later texts, form the basis of our study in our Sisterhood class.

**JS:** Is an extensive background in Judaic studies required to appreciate the class? Is one expected to study in advance?

**RS:** No previous background or knowledge of Hebrew is required at all. The purpose of the class is to open up the world of Jewish study for anyone. We often discuss sections from the *Tanach*, but very often I also bring in texts from *Midrash*, the *Mishnah*, *Talmud*, the *Zohar* (*Kabbalah*), *Maimonides*, *Chasidic* writings, etc. The goal is to help everyone, regardless of knowledge level, to find personal meaning, relevance, and inspiration from the texts and ideas of our tradition. This year, I have been experimenting with e-mailing an essay before each class that captures the topic at hand. That has been going very well. People appreciate the advance reading, and it enables them to come to class with some ideas to share in our group. That being said, I also appreciate that people are very busy, and it's not always easy to catch up on reading. So it's important for people to know that if you haven't had a chance to do the advance reading,



*Pictured (left to right) are Sisterhood members Joyce Stern, Naomi Harris Rosenblatt, Helen Kramer, Roselle Abramson, Gail Roache, Gilda Snyder, and Fay Brodie, studying Tanach with Rabbi Steinlauf. Photo credit: Marshall H. Cohen*

that's totally fine. I always start the class by summing up everything that was in the essay anyway, and nobody is ever "on the spot" in my classes.

**JS:** What is a class typically like? Is the format lecture or discussion?

**RS:** The class is taught in a seminar-style format. This means that we sit around a table and learn together. My role is to facilitate the discussion. We read the text either together or with study partners, and then we discuss what these texts and ideas mean to us. A phrase I like to use is, "We all learn Torah from one another,"

and that forms the basis of our classes. Each of us has insight and wisdom to share, that the texts of Torah can bring out. It's when we listen and learn from each other that the learning becomes really exciting and fun.

*To be continued in the next issue* ○

## Come to the Adas Book Chat

### My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner

a family memoir

Meir Shalev



A funny and poignant portrayal of Israeli pioneers by a celebrated Israeli author

All are invited to attend the **Adas Book Chat** on *My Russian Grandmother* Sunday, March 11, 10:30-11:30 am in our cozy library

Facilitated by our librarian, Robin Jacobson

Co-sponsored by the Library Committee and Sisterhood

Copies of the book are available in the Adas library, the D.C. and Montgomery County public libraries, through online book sellers, and at Politics & Prose (ask for the 20% discount for the Adas Book Chat)

**Questions?** Contact [librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org) or call 202-362-4433. RSVPs appreciated. Adas Israel | [adasisrael.org](http://adasisrael.org) | 2850 Quebec Street NW, Washington, DC 20008



## SAVE THE DATE

# Garden of the Righteous Ceremony, Sunday, April 22



Join us Sunday, April 22, at 10:30 am, when Adas Israel honors Dr. Tina Strobos, who saved Jews in Holland during the Holocaust, in our Garden of the Righteous.

Born in Amsterdam in 1920, Dr. Strobos was a medical student there when the Germans invaded Holland in May 1940. From the first days of the Nazi invasion, Dr. Strobos and her family, who were not Jewish, became actively involved in hiding Jews providing them with food, shelter, and forged documents. Dr. Strobos, together with her mother and grandmother, sheltered more than 100 Jewish refugees—four or five at a time—at their boarding house, which was only a 10-minute walk from Anne Frank's house in Amsterdam. Dr. Strobos also carried news and ration stamps to Jews hiding on farms outside the city, as well as radios and firearms for the Dutch resistance. She was seized or questioned nine times by the Gestapo. Her grandmother had a radio transmitter hidden in the house that was used to send clandestine messages from the underground to Britain. Dr. Strobos said of her grandmother, "She is the only person I know who scared the Gestapo."

After the war, Dr. Strobos and her husband immigrated to the United States, where she practiced psychiatry and told

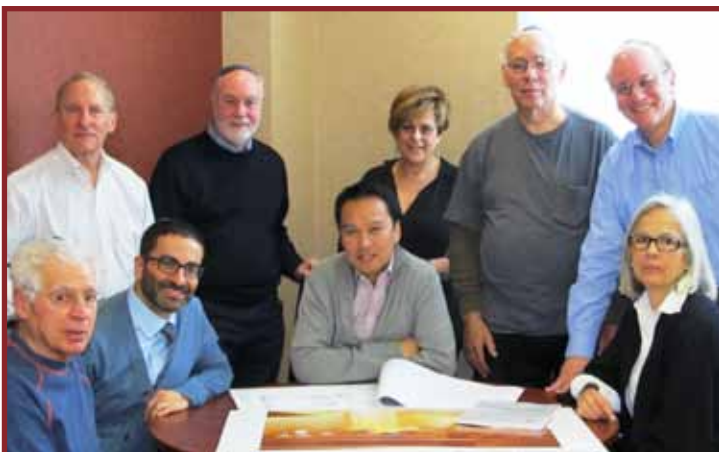
how Jews were rescued from the Nazis. In a 2009 interview, she said, "It's just the right thing to do. I believe in heroism, and when you're young, you want to do dangerous things."

The Garden of the Righteous is a reminder of numerous acts of decency and daring many non-Jews performed in the midst of one of the most tragic moments in human history. The entire community is invited to attend. This program is supported in part by the Men's Club of Adas Israel, the Marilyn & Stefan Tucker Program Fund, and the Ryna & Melvin Cohen Senior Rabbi Program Fund.

Please join us Sunday, April 22, as we honor the righteous. ○



*Tina Strobos, Bram Pais, who was saved by her efforts, and Tina's Mother, Marie Schotte, 1941*



## 21st Century Building Renewal Design Committee

*Members of our 21st Century Building Renewal Design Committee meet to review the evolving plans. Watch for updates, drawings, and opportunities to participate. (Seated L to R: David Bickart, Rabbi Steinlauf, Architect from H3, Ariel Fausto, Jennifer Gibson; standing: Russell Smith, Steve Kleinrock, Herlene Nagler, Milton Shinberg, Gary Malasky). Camera-shy members of the Design Committee are: Miriam Ain, Jamie Butler, Judith Heumann, Jay Kirshenbaum, Michelle Leavy, Jerry Levine, Jeanie Millbauer, Robert Peck, and Barton Rubenstein.*

## Calling ALL Minyanites! Shabbaton Shira V'Kehilla: Building Our Community, April 27–28

The Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* is planning a spirited *Shabbat* experience for the weekend of April 27–28. The *Shabbaton Shira V'Kehilla* will bring Joey Weisenberg from New York to Adas Israel to share his expertise at bringing people of all ages together with music and melodies, traditional and new, to emphasize the joys and meanings of *Shabbat*. More information about Joey Weisenberg can be found at [mechonhadar.org/buildingsingingcommunities](http://mechonhadar.org/buildingsingingcommunities).

Starting on Friday evening, *erev Shabbat*, we will sing together to welcome *Shabbat* and share a *Shabbat* meal in song and melody (and good food). Then we'll spend *Shabbat* in spirited prayer and joyful singing, followed by *kiddush* lunch and more *Shabbat* singing, and concluding with *Seudah Shlishit* and *Havdalah* at the end of *Shabbat*.

Please hold the date to join us in bringing new and inspiring ways to experience the beauty of *Shabbat* together as a community. It may just change your life! Please contact Ketura Persellin, [keturap@aol.com](mailto:keturap@aol.com), for more information. ○

# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Births

Ari Daniel Levine, son of Melissa Blume & Scott Levine  
 Tabitha Beller Chew, daughter of Lindsay Beller & Ryan Chew, granddaughter of Jane & Herb Beller  
 Zachary Haviv Golden, son of Abigail Pokempner Levine & Matthew Golden, grandson of Jerry Levine & Sarah Pokempner  
 Theodore Bennett Hughes, son of Joanna & Daniel Hughes  
 Shira Hannah Miller, daughter of Justin & Julianne Hackman Miller, granddaughter of Rabbi Avis & Ralph Miller  
 Madeline Jayne Scherr, daughter of Suzanne & Mitchell Scherr, granddaughter of Art & Harriet Isack  
 Yael Bracha Berman, daughter of Ben and Natasha Berman  
*We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.*

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Zita Moghadam, March 3

Zita, the youngest child of Rachel Hall and Reza Moghadam, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She began her religious education at Gan HaYeled and currently attends the Melvin Gelman Religion School. For her *tzedakah* project, Zita is collecting pet toys and towels for the animals at the Washington Animal

Rescue League where she volunteers. Zita is looking forward to celebrating her *bat mitzvah* with her siblings, Lily and Reuben, and her family from England.



### Seth Lieberman, March 10

Seth is a 7th grader at McLean School of Maryland in Potomac. He has received his religious education at the Melvin Gelman Religious School and Ma'alot DC. He follows. Seth celebrates his *simcha* with his older brother Aaron (who became a *bar mitzvah* at Adas in 2007), little sister Meira, family and friends. His mitzvah project is

to raise money for the C&O Canal Trust to help preserve the C&O Canal National Park.



### Caleb Gershengorn, March 10

Caleb, son of Ian Gershengorn and Gail Levine, is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. He shares this *simcha* with his brothers, Ari and Nathan; his grandparents, Ken and Wendie Gershengorn and Jules and Marcia Levine; his great-grandmother Blanche Herberg; and the rest of his family.



### Noa Donovan, March 17

Noa, daughter of Ranit Mishori and John Donovan, is the granddaughter of Edna and Yaakov Mishori of Tel Aviv, Israel, the late Frank Donovan, and Helen Donovan. She graduated last year from the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) and is currently a student at the Potomac School. Noa began her Jewish education at Gan

Hayeled and spent the past three summers at Capital Camps. She shares her *simcha* with her brother Ben, family and friends.



### Orly Strobel, March 24

Orly, daughter of Gil Strobel and Janine Goodman, began her religious education at Gan HaYeled and continued at JPDS-NC through sixth grade. She is currently a seventh grader at the Edmund Burke School and attends the Ma'alot program at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. Orly is looking forward to sharing her *simcha*

with her brother, Oren, friends, and family.



### Eliya Gelb, March 31

Eliya, daughter of Elizabeth Shapiro and Amos Gelb, is a seventh grader at the Washington International School. She started her Jewish education as a Chick in the Gan and has been attending the Melvin Gelman Religious School since kindergarten. For her *mitzvah* project, Eliya is producing an antibullying video to

show in schools. She shares her *simcha* with sister Noa, brother Mica, and the rest of her extended family.

## Members in the News

*Mazal tov* to three Adas families that will be honored for their service to the community at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) Purim Ball and Auction on March 11. Honorees include **U.S. Ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro & Julie Fisher, Debbi Wilgoren & Rick Silber, and Kathy & Ken Ingber**. U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic Norman Eisen and Lindsay Kaplan will also be honored. The event is open to the entire community. For more information, go to [jpbs.org](http://jpbs.org).

**Alan Saltman**, formerly managing partner of Saltman & Stevens, is now managing partner of the DC office of Smith, Currie & Hancock, a national law firm based in Atlanta, GA. Feminist Press recently reissued **Faye Moskowitz's** memoir, *And the Bridge is Love*.

**Paul Taskier** was one of five "Lawyers of the Year" for 2011 by Lawyers USA and one of 500 "Leading Lawyers in America" in LawDragon 500, and was named a "Litigation Star" by Benchmark Plaintiff's Guide for 2012.

**Randall Wagner** was promoted to chief medical officer at Washington Adventist Hospital.



## New Members

**Nicholas Stark & Rachel Dorman** live in Washington, where Nick works for the Department of Homeland Security, and Rachel works for the Office of Personnel Management.

**Marilyn Cooper** is a nonprofit professional at HasNa, Inc., and lives in Washington.

**Deborah Wallach** works in policy research, advocacy, and outreach and lives in Washington.

## In Memoriam

**We mourn the loss of synagogue member:**

Dr. Norman Bernstein

Joel Winnik

**We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:**

Richard Bass, father of Peter Bass

Isidore Cross, father of Dr. Alan Cross

E. Stephen Emanuel, father of Eric Emanuel

Irving Keller, father of Daniel Keller

Mitchell Liberman, father of Howard Liberman

Shirley Narcissenfeld, daughter of Isaac (z"l) & Eva (z"l) Narcissenfeld

Sidney B. Ross, father of Judy Ross

Ida Shwake, mother of Raymond Shwake

## 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. ○



## Kol HaMayim: Voice of the Waters

**Here is what visitors to the Adas Israel Community Mikvah are saying:**

*More emotional than I expected. It marked the importance of ritual for these life decisions. I am happy.* —Paula C.

*It was a nice and comfortable experience. We appreciate everyone's kindness, courtesy, and patient explanations.* —Ariel W. (conversion of a child)

*Incredible, loved it, very significant, process was like going through heaven.* —Jon M.

*This mikvah means so much to me and I love that it is accessible to the whole Jewish community.* —Miriam G. (transitioning to a new job and city)

*Thank you for so generously making the mikvah available to the Jewish community. It was very meaningful for me to have this experience. The mikvah guide made everything very welcoming and I thank her, too.* —Dorothy K. (healing from cancer, preparing for more surgery.)

*Thank you for your patience and thank you to Adas for leaving room for a wheelchair to enter the area.* —Karene G. (bride)

### 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](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org). For more information, visit [adasisrael.org/mikvah](http://adasisrael.org/mikvah). ○

## CANTOR SELECTION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

A renowned specialist in Yiddish music, Cantor Brown performed in off-Broadway productions of the Folksbiene Yiddish Theater, and has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Safra Hall, Disney Hall, the Krakow Jewish Music Festival, and Warsaw's Ida Kamin-ska State Theatre. She is the author of the biweekly "Dear Cantor" advice column in the *Yiddish Forverts* and has been published in the *Journal of Synagogue Music*. She is also conversant in Farsi and has sung the National Anthem at Dodger Stadium.

Cantor Brown is married to Rabbi Randy Brown, who currently serves as director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee in Los Angeles. They are expecting their first child in March.

The Cantor Search Committee, under the leadership of Melanie Nussdorf, has spent nearly two years searching for the right *hazzan* for our congregation. The committee reviewed 68 applications, listened to hundreds of music selections from the applicants, held phone interviews with almost 20 applicants, hosted on-site interviews with seven applicants, checked references, posted updates on our website and in the *Chronicle*, and spent hundreds of hours meeting to evaluate and discuss candidates

based on the congregational surveys and input from over 675 Adas members. Our deepest thanks to the members of the search committee: Dirk Aardsma, Patricia Andringa, David Bickart, Jamie Butler, Glenn Easton, David Edelstein, Joel Fischman, Arlette Jassel, Rae Grad, Mark Gross, Andrew Lipps, Melanie Nussdorf, Robert Peck, Edna Povich, Gabriela Rubin, David Schorr, Shelley Schonberger, Judith Bartnoff, Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, and the entire Adas Israel staff, who assisted during the search process.

Cantor Brown is moving to our community during the summer and will begin officially on August 1. A series of opportunities to meet Cantor Brown, both formal and informal, large and small, is being planned to welcome and integrate Cantor Brown and her family into our congregation and community. Please watch for these opportunities to join us.

*L'shalom,*

Johanna Chanin  
President

March 2012
Adar–Nisan 5772

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. 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.
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
<b>26</b> 3 Adar 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am An Introduction to the Talmud 4:00 pm GPA Tzingo Tzedakah Event 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>27</b> 4 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>28</b> 5 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Rabbi/Parent/Child Program— "Talking to Children about God" 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	<b>29</b> 6 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>1</b> 7 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>2</b> 8 Adar 7th- & 8th-Grade Shabbaton Begins Spring Kadima Kallah Begins 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Rabbis Steinlauf & Feinberg 6:30 pm Shir Delight (Oneg at 6:30 pm; Service at 7:30 pm; Dinner at 8:30 pm) with Rabbi Steinlauf 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner	<b>3 PARSHAT TETZAVEH/SHABBAT ZACHOR</b> 9 Adar 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah: Zita Moghadam; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Linda Yitzchak 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services for Tots–6th Grade 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Rachel Hall & Reza Moghadam
<b>4</b> 10 Adar 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am An Introduction to the Talmud 10:30 am Purim Carnival (Pre-Schoolers) 11:00 am Purim Carnival (All Ages) 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>5</b> 11 Adar Gan HaYeled-Professional Day—No Classes 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>6</b> 12 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	<b>7 EREV PURIM</b> 13 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan—Mincha Only 6:00 pm YP Purim Wine and Cheesentaschen 6:30 pm Family Abbreviated Purim Service (pre-K–2nd grade families) 7:00 pm Family Service—Full Megillah Reading in Kogod Chapel 7:30 pm Full Megillah Reading & Purim Shpiel in Smith Sanctuary	<b>8 PURIM</b> 14 Adar 7:15 am Morning Minyan— Megillah Reading 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>9</b> 15 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Shabbat Sing—Children Only 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Ruach Minyan Service	<b>10 PARSHAT KI TISA</b> 16 Adar 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah: Seth Lieberman; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egal. Minyan Service; Bar Mitzvah: Caleb Gershengorn; with Rabbi Steinlauf 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services for Tots–6th Grade
<b>11</b> 17 Adar DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (SPRING AHEAD) 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am An Introduction to the Talmud 10:30 am Library Committee Book Chat 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>12</b> 18 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>13</b> 19 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Sisterhood "Taste of Tanach" 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 6:30 pm Anne Frank House Meeting 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism	<b>14</b> 20 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Bereavement Support Group	<b>15</b> 21 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>16</b> 22 Adar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing—Staff Recognition 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 5:45 pm Gan Family Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Gan Family Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi Feinberg & Robyn Helzner	<b>17 PARSHAT VAYAKHEL PEKUDE/SHABBAT PARAH</b> 23 Adar 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service- Bat Mitzvah Noa Donovan; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Larry Paul 10:00 am Learners' Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services for Tots–6th Grade
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<b>25</b> 2 Nisan 8:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Men's Club Passover Wine Sale 3:00 pm Mikvah Workshop 5:30 pm JUFJ Labor Seder 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>26</b> 3 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>27</b> 4 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Torah Club 7:00 pm Conversion Class @ Ohr Kodesh	<b>28</b> 5 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>29</b> 6 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>30</b> 7 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>31 PARSHAT TZAV/SHABBAT HAGADOL</b> 8 Nisan 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah: Eliya Gelb; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Youth Shabbat Services for Tots–3rd Grade

# Education

## Gan HaYeled

### Sweet Summertime Registration

Along with summer comes Sweet Summertime, the Gan's summer camp. This year Sweet Summertime begins June 20 and runs through July 29. Throughout the six weeks of Sweet Summertime, you will see smiles and hear laughter from our campers and staff alike.

Our many activities range from cooling off in wading pools to creating special art projects to going on field trips to places such as the Puppet Company at Glen Echo and the National Aquarium. Most important, Sweet Summertime is a time to connect with former classmates, meet new people, and form new friendships.

Our very special Gan teachers work in the summer and make Sweet Summertime a wonderful experience. We are very fortunate to have a number of terrific teenagers as well, many of whom are Adas Israel members, join our summer staff and add energy and excitement to the camp. Sweet Summertime registration has begun. For more information call the Gan office, 202-362-4491.

### 'Exploring Reggio Through a Jewish Perspective'

*"That which is far off, and exceedingly deep, who can find it out?" —Ecclesiastes 7.24*

For the past two decades, educators from around the world have been flocking to the small town of Reggio Emilia, Italy, to witness first-hand the work that takes place in the municipal early childhood centers. The Reggio Emilia Approach to Early Childhood education, which takes its name from the city, has been recognized all over the world as the most exceptional example of the highest-quality early education that the world has ever seen.

The Reggio philosophy of early education has been a strong inspiration for the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Early Childhood community. It provokes us to think about what it means to educate nowadays. Reggio envisions the school as a place of culture, where each one's identity can be renewed and new thinking can take place. The Reggio Emilia Approach, hailed as an "exemplary model" of early childhood education, is committed to the creation of conditions for learning to enhance and facilitate relationships that focus on children's powers for thinking and learning. To that end, The Partnership has announced its participation in the second Reggio Study

Institute, March 15–25, in Reggio Emilia.

"Exploring Reggio Through a Jewish Perspective" will focus on increasing each participant's knowledge and understanding of the Reggio Emilia Approach as well as providing skills to enhance abilities that will infuse our Jewish early childhood classrooms with this world-renowned philosophy.

During this professional development program, participants from Washington, Baltimore, and Israel will study and learn the

## March Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

- 2:** L'Dor VaDor Service & Dinner
- 2–4:** Spring *Kadima Kallah*/7th- & 8th-Grade *Shabbaton*
- 3:** 6th-Grade *Havdalah* in Your Neighborhood
- 4:** *Purim* Carnival
- 6:** Ma'alot *Makom*
- 7:** No school, *Erev Purim*, *Megillah* reading
- 8:** *Purim*
- 9–11:** 6th-Grade NJ/NY Trip
- 11:** *Chugim* for 3rd–6th Grade
- 18:** 6th-Grade *Model Seder*; 5th-Grade Intergenerational Program; 8th Graders at A Wider Circle
- 24:** *Shabbat* Unplugged
- 25:** 7th-Grade Service; *Chugim* for 3rd–6th Grades

philosophy from Reggio Emilia's lead educators and have the opportunity to observe the early childhood centers of Reggio Emilia. They will also attend workshops and interactive sessions to learn, discuss, and share both connections between this educational philosophy and Jewish thinking and specific ways to bring this into our Jewish early childhood programs.

Before, during, and after the week-long intensive study in Italy, these three groups will come together for a unique tricommunity learning opportunity to study and collaborate on their learning of the Reggio philosophy and its relationship to Jewish teaching and Judaic curriculum. The Gan is fortunate to have three participants in this program: Marsha Pinson, Liza Kurtz Bragin, and Brenda Footer. ○

## Purim Carnival 2012

### Shushan Comes Alive!

Sunday, March 4th

Pre-School ages only: 10:30am

All ages: 11:00am–1:00pm

### Featuring...

- Obstacle Course
- Dunk Tank
- Moonbounce
- Spin Art
- Ring Toss
- Henna
- Sand Art
- Fishing in the Galilee
- Prizes
- Music
- Cotton Candy
- Hamantashen
- Popcorn & More!

Prizes, food, and fun for the entire family!

**come in your favorite costume!**

Awards will be given out!

Admission is \$10 per child

Food sold separately (cash only)

Religious school families (K-7) will be billed the \$10 admission per child automatically. To opt-out, email [talva.baiaamonte@adasisrael.org](mailto:talva.baiaamonte@adasisrael.org).



"From generation to generation..."

### Every Person Counts at L'dor Vador : Tefillah and Tikkun Olam

Thanks to an anonymous donor, for every person who registers for our L'dor Vador Shabbat dinner experience, a \$5 donation will be made to Anne Frank House in its effort to combat homelessness in the DC region. At dinner, you'll meet members of Anne Frank House's leadership and learn more about how you can get involved. For more details about Anne Frank House, visit [theannefrankhouse.org](http://theannefrankhouse.org).



Friday, March 2, 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!

RSVP by Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am

No refunds after RSVP deadline.

Register Online at [adasisrael.org/ldorvador](http://adasisrael.org/ldorvador)  
(202) 362-4433 [Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org)

## Religious School

### 8th-Grade Family Tikkun Olam Project at A Wider Circle, March 18

On Sunday, March 18, 1-3 pm, eighth-grade families will return to A Wider Circle ([awidercircle.org](http://awidercircle.org)), a Silver Spring, MD, organization that provides needed items to families transitioning out of shelters or simply living without life's necessities. Participants will begin with learning, led by Director of Education Josh Bender, and then proceed to help at the facility by sorting donations (linens, baby clothes, kitchen items, toys, books, etc.) and maintaining the warehouse. Plan to join us on May 13 as well!

### Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service, March 24, 10:45 am

Shabbat Unplugged, a musical family service for families with children in elementary school, meets Saturday, March 24, 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.

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.

### Jewish Value for March-April: Leket

Leket (agricultural provisions for the poor) were a series of ancient agricultural laws that guaranteed that a portion of food products was left untouched in the fields for the poor to gather. In a modern context, this may mean collecting a portion of the harvest and donating it to the poor or collecting food and donating it to a shelter or soup kitchen.

Our students will participate in a *mitzvah* project with Adas Israel's own Ezra Pantry, which partners with SOME (So Others Might Eat), that will involve a food collection drive. Some of our students will learn about an organization in Israel, called Leket, that uses volunteers to glean the fields in Israel and donates the produce to poor families throughout the nation.

### Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service, Feb. 11, 10:45 am

Shabbat Unplugged, a musical family service for families with children in elementary school, meets Saturday, Feb. 11, 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. ○

## New Head of Security

We are pleased to welcome Lieutenant Leonard Taylor, new head of security for Adas Israel Congregation through our security consultant, ICS Protective Services. Officer Taylor is replacing Capt. Rease whom we all miss but who set a high standard for care, service, and concern for our children, members, and guests.



Continuing on our security detail are officers Sean Wormsley, Jason Torrez, James Moore, Kenneth Oliver, and Robert Aikens, and we continue to benefit from the security expertise of Carl Williams, president of ICS. Please see Glenn Easton or Randy Asbury with any questions, suggestions, or concerns about our synagogue security. ○

## Library Corner

### The King's Edict

by Robin Jacobson

Many centuries ago, a mighty king issued an evil edict against the Jews in his realm. This sounds like the *Purim* story, only the king was not Ahasuerus of Persia, but Edward I of England. In 1290, Edward signed the notorious Edict of Expulsion, earning for England the sorry distinction of being the first nation to expel its Jews.

Three and a half centuries would pass before England allowed the Jews to return. For history buffs (as well as fans of PBS's English-accented *Masterpiece Theatre*), we recommend some new books in our library on Anglo-Jewish history: *The King's Jews* by Robin Mundill (medieval history) and *The People of the Book* by Gertrude Himmelfarb (17th-century and subsequent history). Here are some highlights from the Jews' early years in England, which began in prosperity and ended in poverty and peril.

#### Jews in Medieval England

After William the Conqueror seized England in 1066, a wave of adventurous Jews followed him across the Channel from northern France. William granted them the King's protection, a mixed blessing for the Jews, since it meant that the "king would treat both their persons and property as his own."

The Jews filled an economic need in medieval England for moneylenders. Kings wanted to erect grand buildings and fight wars; they needed capital and could not obtain it from Christians, who were forbidden by the Church from practicing usury, considered a grievous sin. Despite spasms of anti-Jewish violence, the Jewish community thrived. One fabulously wealthy Jewish financier was Aaron of Lincoln (c.1125–1186), who advanced funds for the construction of English cathedrals and abbeys and built himself an elegant stone mansion (see illustration). When he died, the Crown seized his estate, establishing an entire department, the Exchequer of Aaron, to sort through his assets.

#### Death and Taxes

During the Crusades, the fanatical preaching against the faraway Moslem infidels in the Holy Land mutated to cover condemnations of the local infidels—the Jews. At the coronation of Richard I

in 1189, a Jewish delegation, bearing congratulations and costly gifts, was massacred by a London mob.

The violence spread throughout England, reaching a horrific climax at York. Trapped in the castle where they had sought refuge, the York Jews made a Masada-like decision to commit suicide rather than be killed by the bloodthirsty mob. In the meantime, nobles who owed money to the Jews seized and burned the records of their indebtedness.

Enraged, King Richard punished those who had destroyed the king's property (the Jews and their possessions) and established a system for safeguarding royal rights in the future. Copies of all Jewish transactions were deposited in specially designed royal chests secured with three locks and three seals. Thus, no matter what harm befell the Jews, the royal Treasury would suffer no loss. (An unintended but far-reaching benefit of this meticulous documentation was to illuminate for historians medieval Anglo-Jewish life; no such records exist for ordinary medieval Christians.)

As time passed, the Crown turned to a new revenue-raising measure: the repeated extortion of huge sums from the Jewish community. One historian wryly observed that in Egypt, Pharaoh merely required the Jews to make bricks, whereas in England, the king demanded that the Jews make gold. Eventually broken by ruthless taxation, the impoverished Jews could no longer enrich the royal treasury. At that point, Edward I gave in to popular clamor and expelled them from England.

To read about the Jews' readmission to England in 1656 and their subsequent challenges and triumphs, please visit our library. ○



## 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,' March 2, 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 today at [adasisrael.org/yp](http://adasisrael.org/yp) by February 28 to reserve your spot.

#### 'Purim Wine & Cheesentaschen,' March 7, 6:00 pm

Join us at our largest YP event of the year! All you can nosh and drink! YP reception will be followed by the *Megillah* reading and *Shpiel* at 7:30 pm in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. Pay at the door: \$5 for Adas Israel members, \$10 non-members

#### Pesach First-Night Seder, April 6, 7:00 pma

Don't spend the holiday alone! Join YP for a spirited participatory *seder* on the first night of Passover. To learn more about our *seder* and to register, please visit [adasisrael.org/yp](http://adasisrael.org/yp). ○







Adas Israel Youth had some awesome events in January!



*Machar* had a blast rock climbing at Sportrock Gym! It was great to eat, travel, and climb together! Everyone was so good at it!

*Kadima* had a really fun regional event—Saturday Night Live, where they jumped on all kinds of moon bounces and enjoyed snacks and dancing, video games, and just being with their friends!

Our USYers looked beautiful at the Regional USY Formal. We enjoyed dinner together and took a super-cool limo all the way to Olney, where we danced the night away.

## Here's what to look for in March:

**Chaverim (K–grade 2):** March 18 we'll get ready for Passover by watching *A Rugrat's Passover* and making pillows to lean on at our *sedarim*!

**Machar (grades 3–5):** March 24, we'll enjoy a *kiddush* lunch together, followed by lots of fun games, from Uno to Jeopardy!

**Kadima (grades 6–8):** Regional *Kadima Kallah*, March 2–4 at Capital Camps! In addition to all of the awesome spy-themed regional programming, we'll snow tube Saturday night!

**USY (grades 9–12):** March 25, we'll have an exciting costume-themed event to celebrate a belated *Purim*! Who doesn't like *Purim* after *Purim*? ○



## Memorial Plaques

### New Memorial Plaques Dedication, April 26

Dedication of new memorial plaques will take place during the Passover *Yizkor* Service, Tuesday, April 26 (the service begins at 9:15 am; *Yizkor* is at 11:00 am). We will formally dedicate all new memorial nameplates installed since last Passover.

IN MEMORIAM											

In loving remembrance these names have been recently inscribed on the Memorial Boards in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary:

Hilda Aks  
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Benjamin Eli Becker  
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Benjamin "Jamie" Cecil

Jason P. Green  
Jeanette L. Hornstein  
Ruthe T. Katz  
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*May their memory be a blessing.*

Memorial plaques are a traditional and dignified way of honoring your dear departed. Each memorial plaque bears the name and *yahrzeit* date of a loved one. The memorial light adjoining the plaque is illuminated on every *yahrzeit* and for every *Yizkor* service. These plaques are truly perpetual memorials.

The cost is \$750 per nameplate. If you are interested, please call Elinor Tattar at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433.

We have a permanent *yahrzeit* listing at the entrance of the Smith Sanctuary.

Monthly we will display the names, locations, and corresponding English date of *yahrzeit* for all who have plaques on the Memorial Boards in the back of the Sanctuary.

## 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, combining song and soulfulness, 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 each other. 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](http://adasisrael.org/ruachminyan). Join our Facebook group at [tinyurl.com/322fej](http://tinyurl.com/322fej) or e-mail [ruachminyan@adasisrael.org](mailto:ruachminyan@adasisrael.org). ○



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## Nominating Committee Selected

In accordance with the Adas Israel bylaws, synagogue President Johanna Chanin has appointed Susan Kay and Margaret Siegel to co-chair the Nominating Committee. Members of the committee are Jacob Bardin, Johanna Chanin, Glenn Easton, Beth Heifetz, Susan Kay, Amy Golen, Harriet Isack, Brian Schwalb, Margaret Siegel, Eugene Sofer, and David Strouse. Recommendations for Board members and officers are welcomed and should be sent to the synagogue office ([adasoffice@adasisrael.org](mailto:adasoffice@adasisrael.org)), Attention: Nominating Committee.

- The Nominating Committee, shall, not later than the third Monday in April, prepare and present to the Secretary a list of candidates for each of the offices of the Congregation, the Trustees, and the Board of Directors. (*Bylaws Article VIII, Sec. 4*)
- Additional nominations for any of the offices of the Congregation, the Trustees, and the Board of Directors may be made by petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) members of the Congregation in good standing, providing that the petition shall be filed in the office of the Executive Director of the Congregation by May 15th. (*Bylaws Article VIII Sec. 5*)

Synagogue elections will be held at the Congregational Annual Meeting on June 6. ○



## Alan Gross Vigil

On the third Monday of every month, from noon to 1:00 pm, join other Adas members and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) in a vigil to free Alan Gross. This month's vigil takes place Monday, March 19, in front of the Cuban Interests Section (2630 16th Street, NW).



*Alan Gross and his family*

Alan Gross, a local resident, has been held by the Cuban government since December 2009. Charged with "acts to undermine the integrity and independence" of Cuba, he went to Cuba to do humanitarian work on behalf of USAID with the peaceful, nondissident, Jewish community. ○

## Adas Israel Volunteers for DC Housing Renovation, May 6

Join the Adas Israel-Yachad team to assist with prep, painting, and other badly needed repairs to the home of a 61-year-old DC neighbor who has lived there for 26 years and takes care of her six-year-old granddaughter. Her cousin, 64, recently moved in after surgery and is living in the basement. No special skills are necessary, only the desire to help improve the lives of others in a lasting and tangible way! Volunteers are asked to commit to working at the house from approximately 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or for at least half a day (a four- or five-hour morning or afternoon shift).

Plan to volunteer on May 6 as we work side-by-side with the family to make the home safer and more habitable for all three members of the family; contact Ed Kopf, [ej@kopf.com](mailto:ej@kopf.com) or 301-907-9174, to sign up. Don't have house repair experience? Don't worry! Our very own Ethan Landesman is leading the volunteers and teaching you whatever needs to be done.

We can truly share the experience of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and *gemilut hasidim* (acts of lovingkindness). ○

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- canned meats, fish, peanut butter and beans (low sodium)
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- coffee
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## Ezra Pantry Passover Food Drive will be collecting food until April 1.

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## LIFELONG LEARNING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

mud) guided by questions such as: What emerges from the text that informs us about the *Mishnaic* notion of family structure, formation, transitions and change? What are the roles of parents, extended relatives, children, grandparents, and other relatives? What are the relationships and obligations between men and women? Throughout participants will study the *Mishnah* together, in Hebrew and English, and struggle to clarify core family themes. (No prior knowledge of the text or of Hebrew is assumed.)

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## **Ezra Pantry Shelves are Looking for Your Hametz!**

As Passover approaches, please remember to fill our Ezra Pantry shelves with your unwanted *chametz* and other food items. These food items can make a huge difference in someone else's life. In fact, consider taking this opportunity to enlarge your *tzedakah* donations by

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## **Tikkun Olam**

### **Anne Frank House Update**

As we start 2012, Anne Frank House will be 25 years old! We want to give special thanks for all the support we have received from Adas Israel Congregation clergy, officers, staff, and members, and the many people who gave so generously in 2011.

We are very excited about a new initiative: in cooperation with the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place, we have created the Rent Subsidy Fund with a \$12,000 annual budget. This program will provide a three- to six-month rent subsidy for individuals who have been living in shelters and are looking for jobs and affordable housing. This program will help ease their transition from the shelters to permanent housing. Our history and accomplishments were highlighted in a recent article in the *Washington Jewish Week*. You can read it on our website: [theannefrankhouse.org/news.html](http://theannefrankhouse.org/news.html).

If you have questions about AFH, or want



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