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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

MITZVAH DOESN'T MEAN COMMANDMENT

I remember the very first moment my eldest child, my daughter, was born. After nine months of pregnancy, I actually believed that I was "ready" to become a father. I read the books. I went to the Lamaze classes. I accompanied my wife to multiple visits to the obstetrician. I listened to the sound of her heartbeat in utero and looked in awe and excitement at those wispy ultrasound images. I felt her kicking when I

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IN MEMORIAM:

RABBI STANLEY RABINOWITZ, Z"L

Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz, who for 26 years guided our congregation, died on June 8, his 95th birthday. Story on page 10.

2012 Kol Nidre Appeal It's Time for 100% Participation

Thank you! Last year, your generous gift made our *Kol Nidre* Appeal the most successful in recent history. We raised more funds than in the past five years. Because of that, we were able to support more congregants who are struggling to pay tuition and dues; we did more for our adult education program; we were able support our Bereavement Committee; and we were able to accomplish so much more. **Your dollars made an important difference!**

This year, we are asking for more than dollars. We are asking every congregant to participate in this important investment in our community. Let's aim for 100% participation this year, and let's all be a part of Adas's growth and renewal.

Are you a first time giver? Maybe your first gift to this community could be \$10 per week to Adas Israel, for the year. That's all it takes. A gift of **any** size is appreciated and

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Welcome Cantor Arianne Brown! Join Us for Several Opportunities to Welcome Cantor Brown and Her Family

Cantor Arianne Brown will officially begin her tenure at Adas Israel on August 1. We look forward to welcoming Cantor Brown; her husband, Rabbi Randy Brown; and their new son, Yonah. We have planned several opportunities to welcome Cantor Brown and her family to our congregation and community. Please join us for the following:

- *Saturday morning, August 4: Special Shabbat Morning Kiddush Welcoming Cantor Brown*
- *Friday, August 31: "Back to Shul" Shabbat Services (under the stars) and BBQ Shabbat Dinner (RSVP to Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org or on our website, adasisrael.org.)*



- *Saturday evening, September 8: Pre-Selichot film about Cantor Brown's visit to Poland (with the Cantors Assembly) followed by a reception with the cantor and clergy.*

In addition to the above, watch for the date of the Cantor Brown's installation after the High Holy Days. There will also be a series of "Adas Israel in Your Neighborhood" coffees in the fall to introduce Cantor Brown to our members. If you would like to host a coffee, please contact Glenn Easton at the synagogue office (202-362-4433 or glenn.easton@adasisrael.org). ○

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placed my hand on my wife's tummy. And then, there was that moment when she actually emerged into the world. I'm a very visual person. I have a crystal clear mental photograph of that moment. Her little arms were splayed in that classic newborn startle reflex. She was still attached to the umbilical cord.

She was letting out her first shrill infant cry. It was one of those moments when time slows to a near-stop. A million thoughts and feelings raced through my mind, and they can all pretty much be summed up with this phrase: "Oh, my God! It's a BABY!!!"

I later reflected on this moment with my wife, who was totally amused by my reaction. For a mother, it's never "theoretical." She had a literal felt-sense that this thing in her tummy was, indeed, a baby. In my defense, it was only a momentary loss of all of my wits. That moment instantly gave way to my falling head over heels in love with my baby girl. The first moment I held her, I hummed a lullaby-like *niggun* (wordless melody) to her that was based on the High Holy Day liturgy—in the moment when we acknowledge the miracle of life, and how we are all God's handiwork.

I tell this story here and now because that moment perfectly captures what the word "*mitzvah*" really points us to. Naturally, the actual Hebrew word translates into English as "commandment." And we often use it colloquially to mean "good deed." Almost all of us associate this word with ritual actions like lighting *Shabbat* candles, making *kiddush*, or praying in synagogue. But allow me to unpack my witnessing the birth of my daughter a bit to make the deeper connection to *mitzvah*.

In that totally unbelievable moment, I was completely blown away. It was a moment of shock and wonder so profound that I was reduced almost to a child myself. It was as if I had never seen a baby before. As if the whole world was totally new to me. Maybe my daughter and I had a lot in common, just for that instant! But for me, the next instant was one where, as the shock wave passed, I began to regain myself, and even as there was awe, I was realizing what an amazing miracle was transpiring before my very eyes, and she was so beautiful and so sweet! She was the most beautiful miracle I had ever seen. And from that instant on, I was hers. When she cried and was in distress of any kind, there was never a moment when I, together with my wife, ever felt that she was anyone else's responsibility. From that moment to this, if any of my children need me, I'm there. No questions asked. That's what love does. But it's not just love. It's my deep knowledge of how much of a miracle my children are. I need no further proof that there's a God after having witnessed the birth my children. And so I act, and will continue to act, for my children because I love them and know beyond a shred of doubt that they are precious miracles.

That insight and loving responsibility born of an irreducible, uncanny experience of the miraculous, is what we really mean

Synagogue Office Closings

Wednesday July 4, Independence Day

Offices Closed

Minyan at 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

by "*mitzvah*." The story of the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai is full of booming thunder, flashes of fire and lightning, the earth trembling, the Voice of God reducing the Israelites to awe and panic. The purpose of this narrative is not merely to give us a history lesson about why we're obligated to "the commandments." It's also a powerful story of spirit that exists to point us back to ourselves, to our own "Mount Sinai" experiences like the one I had at my child's birth.

A final point about "*mitzvah*": I don't want anyone to think that I enjoyed changing my children's diapers—particularly at 3:00 in the morning. But in those moments when I heard my daughter crying, and I knew that "I'm it," I dragged myself from my peaceful slumber and did the deed, even though it was the last thing I felt like doing. Why? Because deep down, I loved her and the miracle that she was so much, I couldn't *not* do it. It's as simple as that. That's what *Mitzvah* really means.

Case in point: You're walking down the street. You're late for an appointment. You hear a voice next to you say, "Can you spare some change so I can get something to eat?" In that moment, when you know you're late, you can pretend you didn't hear and keep going, rationalizing all the way that you were late, that maybe you'll do it on the way back, that maybe he was going to use the money for drugs. Or you can stop, despite everything in you screaming that you don't want to stop. You take out your money, and you give *tzedakah*. And then you are left with a deep feeling of being true to yourself, and it's a joyful feeling. Why does it feel good? Because somewhere deep down, we all know what a miracle each human life is. We're all head over heels in love with the gift of life that we have been given, and that we have each other. When we overcome ourselves and realize that we really can't *not* give *tzedakah*, then we're most truly alive, most truly ourselves. *That's mitzvah!*

All of Judaism, with all its ritualized *mitzvot* there as a brilliant technology to point us to this, the truest and most loving and human parts of ourselves. It's all there to get us to appreciate how that miracle I saw at my daughter's birth is really there in every moment—even in the so-called mundane moments when I wouldn't have bothered to notice. May we all live lives of *mitzvah*, and when the High Holy Days come around again after this summer, may we all celebrate how we are truly the miracle of God's handiwork. ○

Todah Rabah to Hazzan Lubin and Cantor/Rabbi Mark Novak

A sincere *todah rabah* to Hazzan Abraham Lubin and Cantor/Rabbi Mark Novak for serving as our Interim Hazzanim during our cantorial transition. Abe and Mark brought experience, *ruach*, and heart to every service they led, and we look forward to their continued davening with us during the High Holy Days. ○

Holidays

High Holy Day Packets in the Mail Welcome Cantor Arianne Brown Gan Yom Kippur Service Time Changed

Planning for the 2012 High Holy Days is underway, and packets of information will arrive at members' homes over the summer.

We look forward to welcoming Cantor Arianne Brown to our congregation and High Holy Day services. Our rabbis and cantors will rotate between the services to allow them to *daven* with all of our members. *Hazzan* Abe Lubin is returning to participate in our sanctuary services.

Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt will help lead our Family Service with Josh Bender and Elie Greenberg on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Josh Bender will lead our family *Tashlich* in Rock Creek Park on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*. In addition, we welcome back our *B'aalei T'fillah*, Michael Leifman and Cantor/Rabbi Mark Novak, who will *daven* primarily in the Kay Hall and Gewirz Hall.

We also welcome back Robyn Helzner to two Gan Family Services and look forward to our self-led Traditional *Minyan* Services. Naomi Malka, our interim ritual director, will coordinate and read Torah during the holidays. Other youth service leaders will be announced soon.

Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington High Holiday Programs, 2012

This year, we are in the process of developing the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington at Adas Israel to expand experiential programs and workshops that will deepen our spiritual connections and foster a vibrant, diverse spiritual community. We are pleased to offer the new programs described below.

Spiritual Shofar Blowing

Sunday, Sept. 9, 10:00–11:30 am

Take a deep breath and come learn all about the *shofar*. This hands-on workshop, led by Jennie Litvack, will cover biblical references and spiritual interpretations of *shofar* blowing, along with as techniques of lip buzzing, tonguing, and deep, soulful breathing. Find the center of the note, the center of oneself, and the center of the universe! The workshop will culminate with an outdoor group *shofar* blow on the steps of Adas Israel. BYOS (Bring Your Own *Shofar*).

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

Immersing in Holiness: A New Year Mikvah Renewal Experience

Sunday, Sept. 9, 6:30–8:30 pm

Enter the waters of renewal in time for the High Holy Days in this intimate, intensive workshop led by Rabbi Gilah Langner of the Washington Jewish Healing Network and Adas Israel ritual director Naomi Malka. Participants sing, share stories, meditate, study text and move toward a place of wholeness, with the choice to experience private *mikvah* immersions as well. Limited

The timing of the Gan Family Service on *Yom Kippur* afternoon has been changed to **3:30 pm** to better accommodate the schedules of our children. We are also exploring the option of adding babysitting for children 3 to 5 years of age on *Kol Nidre*; information will be in the holiday packets, and a minimum number of reservations will be required.

Remember, to simplify the holiday ticket process, if you only want tickets for the people in your household in the Kay Hall, Gewirz Hall, Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*, Family Service, or Smith Sanctuary balcony, they will be sent to you automatically. You do **not** have to complete a ticket request form.

You only need to return the ticket request form if you have dedicated seats in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, if you want to order extra seats for family and guests, or if you want a reserved seat in the sanctuary service. The majority of balcony seats in the sanctuary will now be open seating, first-come, first-served. Please call or e-mail Elinor Tattar at the synagogue office with any questions (202-362-4433 or elinor.tattar@adasisrael.org).

We thank our committee members and coordinators for sharing their time and their holidays so others can have a meaningful High Holy Day season: Ricki Gerger, Jamie Butler, David Bickart, Susan Kay, Nancy Weiss, Ken Goldstein, and others not appointed by press time.

Watch your mail for the High Holy Day packet. For High Holy Day information, please contact Elinor Tattar in the synagogue office. ○

to six participants; additional dates may be scheduled to accommodate enrollment. This program is the first in the series, "Deepening Your Awareness with *Mikvah*" as part of the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington at Adas Israel. The next two classes take place during *Hanukkah* (December 11) and before Passover (March 17).

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

Exploring the Path of Your True Nature: A Meditative Hike

Monday, Sept. 17, 3:00–4:30 pm

The inspiration of nature can help us unite mind, body, and spirit to connect with the present moment and contemplate our true nature. Forester Rick Fox will guide a gentle hike through Rock Creek Park, and yoga teachers Harry Chauss and Lauren Rubenstein will lead mindful stretching.

Free of charge

Preparing Body and Soul through Mindful Moments

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 3:00–3:25 pm

Calming our bodies and minds, opening our hearts, and awakening our spirits through mindful practices can help us move into the new year refreshed, alert, and enthusiastic. Join Susan Barocas and Michelle Buzgon and concentrate on the sounds and rhythms of deep breathing, guided meditation, and melodic chanting to increase our sense of well-being and ability to accept the joys and sorrows of life. Open to all, whether new to mindful practice or experienced.

Free of charge ○

Join Our Ushers and Keshar Ishi Greeters!

**Become a Part of This Very Important Cadre
34rd Annual Community CPR Program, Sept. 13
High Holy Day Usher Light Supper Precedes
CPR Course**

For the 35th consecutive year, the Men's Club is sponsoring a community CPR program on Tuesday, September 13, in Kay Hall, providing a chance to learn or brush up on your CPR skills.

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

To register, call Steven Miller, 703-981-1709 or 703-415-0684, or e-mail him at smiller173@aol.com. Registration is limited. There is no charge for synagogue members; for nonmembers, the charge is \$5.

Tisha B'Av

For 20 centuries, *Tisha B'Av*, the ninth of Av, has been the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. *Yom Kippur* is known as the White Fast, *Tisha B'Av* is called the Black Fast. It commemorates the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, the death of Bar Kochba, and the last rebellion against Rome in 135 CE as well as the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492.

When they could, Jews would historically come to the area near the *Kotel* (the Western Wall) to read *Eicha* (the *Book of Lamentations*) and to weep. Most Jews, of course, could not come to Jerusalem, and during many periods, Jews could not approach the *Kotel* area.

In modern times, the establishment of the State of Israel caused some to question whether *Tisha B'Av* was still necessary. This debate continues, although those who observe the day recognize its symbolic power and emphasize that we still lament the destruction of the Temples, which ruptured the sense of connectedness to God.

Our observance of *Tisha B'Av* at Adas Israel is exceedingly touching, a moving experience in which we gather as the sun sets to quietly chant the *Book of Lamentations* in a subdued atmosphere, by candlelight, using the traditional melody. The evening service on **Saturday, July 28**, begins with *Mincha* at 6:00 pm, followed by a *Seudah Shleesheet* and *Maariv* and *Eicha* at 8:45 pm. The scroll is again chanted as part of the morning service on **Sunday, July 29**, at 9:00 am (*Shacharit and Eicha*) and *Mincha* at 6:00 pm.

Join us in this annual beautiful experience as we connect with tradition and history.

Correction: On page 15 of the June 2012 *Chronicle*, when referring to the children of Judy and Saul (z"l), we omitted the names of their third son and his wife, Andrew and Bonnie Strauch. We regret the omission.

Selichot: Saturday, September 8 100 Voices: A Journey Home

100 Voices: A Journey Home is a compelling and moving musical documentary that uniquely tells the history of Jewish culture in Poland. It highlights the current resurgence of Jewish culture through the personal reflections and musical selections of a group of cantors and acclaimed composer Charles Fox ("Killing Me Softly," "I Got a Name," and many more), who made an important historical mission to the birthplace of cantorial music.



The documentary, which includes Cantor Brown and Hazzan Lubin, will give generations the opportunity to learn about and re-embrace the Jewish culture that produced one of the most artistic and educated societies that once flourished in Europe. Above all, the film celebrates the resilience and the power of Jewish life, while telling the story of two peoples who shared intertwined cultures. Join us on Saturday, September 8, at 8:30 pm for this very special film, followed by a question-and-answer session with Cantor Arianne Brown.

Join us on Shabbat morning for our Summer Speakers Series

- July 7:** Balak, Prof. Carmel Chiswick, "The Economics of American Judaism"
- July 14:** Pinchas, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, "Judaism and Feminism"
- July 21:** Matot-Mase, Calvin Goldscheider, "Verbal Commitments and Community Loyalty: A Torah View"
- July 28:** Parshat Devarim/Shabbat Hazon, Esther Foer, "My Journey Back to the Holocaust"
- August 4:** Parshat Va'etchanan/Shabbat Nachamu, Rabbi Herb Schwartz, "Half-a-Comfort"
- August 11:** Ekev, Rabbi Emanuel S. Goldsmith, "Deuteronomy and Jewish Loyalty"
- August 18:** Re'eh/Rosh Chodesh Elul, Lisa Gurwitch, "'There Will Never Cease to be Needy': Personal Journeys of Tzedakah"

**Services on Saturdays begin at 9:30 am
in the Kogod Chapel.**

Vision of Renewal Building Campaign at 92% of Goal

We want to express our appreciation to the generous donors to the Vision of Renewal Building Campaign. To date we have raised over \$11 million, or 92%, of our projected construction costs. Every member is encouraged to be a part of our future vision and contribute to the campaign. Construction begins on October 15 and will continue through August 2013.

If you would like more information about the project or have one of our volunteers call you, please contact Herlene Nagler, Russell Smith, Rabbi Steinlauf, or Glenn Easton at the synagogue. Please send your five-year pledge to the synagogue or e-mail it to Vision@adasisrael.org. Our donors as of June 1 include:

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meaningful as we strive to sustain our programs and service.

2012 is an important year for our annual giving fund. *Kol Nidre* funds are a critical source of operational support every year to keep us going, even this year when the Vision of Renewal campaign is also asking for a pledge. We are mindful that Adas Israel is asking more of our members this year; please help us make this big leap forward by your continuing generosity and commitment to our Congregation. Seniors still need kosher meals. Religious School students still need special needs teachers. Congregants still want to enjoy reading groups led by our wonderful librarian; and we still want to be able to subsidize additional clergy for the High Holy Days so we can encourage our different styles and preferences for prayer in our congregation.

Let's do more this year. And let's get more of you involved.

Feel free to contact the Vice President for Development, Pamela Reeves, at any time.

Thanks for all you do.

The 2012 *Kol Nidre* Appeal Chairs,

Judie and Harry Linowes, Pamela Reeves and Jeffrey Goldberg ○

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Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Liav Eyal Moon, son of Daniella Yitzchak & James Moon, grandson of Linda & Razi Yitzchak
Jackson Shai Remer, son of Blake & Jodi Remer, grandson of Shelley & Stewart Remer
Carter Hudson Shear, son of Melissa & Bradley Shear
Jane Marie Granek, great-granddaughter of Bernard S. & Zita H. Glassman
Max Aaron Sultoon, son of Samantha & Jonny Sultoon
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

Marriages

Alexandra Fisher, granddaughter of Barbara Kay, married Eric Fabrikant on May 19.
Adas Executive Assistant Laura Bloomberg, daughter of Jerry & Jo Ann Bloomberg, married Andrew Rosh, son of Ron & Arlene Rosh, on June 3.
Rachel Bernard, daughter of Jean & Larry Bernard, married Seth Kimmel, son of Hinda & Elliot Kimmel of Waterford, CT, on June 10.
We wish the newlyweds and their families a life of joy, good health, and connection to the Jewish community.

Members in the News

Julia Peck was selected as a Presidential Scholar, one of the top distinctions in the nation for high school students.

David Lieberman competed in the Junior Maccabi games in Harrisburg, PA, on May 20. He represented the Greater Washington Jewish community in swimming and won three gold medals and one silver for his team.

Sandy Bieber was named Independent Counsel of the Year by *Fund Industry Intelligence* and *Fund Director Intelligence*, two publications of Institutional Investor. The awards are given in recognition of significant accomplishments in the mutual funds industry.

Glenn Easton has been elected to the Board of JProDC, the Jewish communal professionals association in the greater Washington community.

Lisa Rachel Racki received the Harold Weintraub Award from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center for her PhD research in biochemistry at the University of California, San Francisco. Her findings were also published in the journal *Nature*. Lisa also won the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Fellowship for her postdoctoral work at CalTech.

Clarice Smith received an honorary degree from George Washington University at the school's recent graduation ceremony. Clarice is an internationally known artist.

New Members

Gregory Davis & Charlene Cho live in Washington, DC, with their children, Olivia (Rosie) Davis and Atticus Davis. Greg is a physicist at IDA, and Charlene is a regulatory analyst at the US FDA.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Maurice "Maury" Atkin
Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz
Dr. Stephen Paul Ginsberg

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Lillian Glazer Arons, mother of Lynn Arons
Annette Conison, mother of Donna Goldman
Ruth Fine, sister of Betty Miller
Dr. Percy Gersholowitz, father of Reena Racki
John Indyk, father of Martin Indyk
John Juul, brother-in-law of Larry Bernard
David Levi Keimowitz Crozier, grandson of Bob & Hazel Keimowitz

Life Cycle Information

When Death Occurs

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

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

Bereavement Committee

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

As of July 1, Sunday and Federal Holiday Morning *Minyan* to Begin at 9:00 am

Our Sunday and federal holiday morning *minyanim* will begin at 9:00 am starting July 1. Several years ago, we changed the start time to 8:30 am to accommodate our 9:30 am educational programming. But after evaluating this change and speaking with a number of congregants, we have decided to begin our adult education classes and programs at 10:00 am.

Many of our religious school parents come in with their children for *Shacharit* Live. We hope the time change will enable parents to join us for morning *minyan* and lifelong learning programs and classes after dropping off their children.

Youth @ AI



Adas Israel Youth had a fun end of the year! *Chaverim* had a blast at *Shabbat in the Park*, where we had a picnic lunch and played fun games! *Machar* sped through the zoo on our awesome scavenger hunt! USY had a cool bonfire to celebrate *Lag B'Omer* and ate like Israelis with our potatoes and s'mores! *Kadima* and USY had a wonderful "Passing of the Torch" ceremony, where we said bye to our old board, and installed the new! *Kadimaniks* should watch for news about how to get involved in a *Kadima* board next year!

Looking ahead: Sign up for *Kamp Kadima/USY Encampment* on August 20–26! Don't miss out on this fun, first regional event of the year! Have a great summer!

Meet Sasha Bloch

We welcome Sasha Bloch to our Youth@AI team! A note from your new youth advisor:

Shalom, Adas Israel! I am so excited to be joining your community as the youth advisor in the fall. I grew up in Wilkes-Barre, PA, where I was very active in my synagogue, Temple Israel. I joined USY as a high school junior and fell in love with the entire youth group experience. As a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region of USY, I served on Regional Executive board as Social Action/Tikkun Olam (SATO) VP during my senior year of high school. I also studied abroad in Israel for two months that year through a program called USY High,



an experience I got to repeat during my time as an American University student when I had the incredible opportunity to study abroad at Hebrew University of Jerusalem for six months.

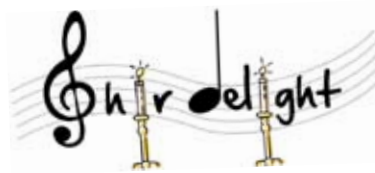
After graduating from American University with a BA in international studies and an MAT in English as a Second Language, I spend my days as a middle school ESL teacher for Alexandria City Public Schools. Some of my fondest memories from my high school and college years were being involved in Jewish programming and groups.

As I join Adas Israel, I look forward to making your children's time in the Youth@AI programs as wonderfully memorable as mine were. From *Chaverim* to USY, I look forward to sharing in experiences that will make Youth@AI, AI Kadima and USY, and Seaboard USY places where children embrace and enjoy their Judaism! ○

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'
Friday, August 3,
6:30 pm

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

Jewish professionals between the ages of 21 and 35. Our evening begins at 6:30 with a happy hour *oneg* followed by a lay-led *Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv* service and \$8 *Shabbat* dinner. While everyone is welcome to join us for our happy hour *oneg* and services, we can only accommodate a limited number of people for dinner. Please register at adasisrael.org/yp by July 31 to reserve your spot. ○

Kol HaMayim: Voice of the Waters



Congratulations to our Adas Israel Community *Mikvah* for receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Tikkun Olam Women's Foundation to fund a program for girls ages 10+ and their mothers to learn about the *mikvah* as a tool for Jewish identity, positive body image, and connection to

tradition. We look forward to rolling out this program for our congregation and other synagogues or youth groups from the greater Washington region starting this fall. Many thanks to the TOWF for its support and to the many Adas staff and wonderful *Mikvah* Guides who were instrumental in securing this grant.

If you are interesting in joining the project as either a

volunteer or a mother/daughter pair, please call Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776.

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. ○

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Friday	Saturday
<div>6</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg</div> <div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>16 Tamuz</div> <div>8:19 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>7 PARSHAT BALAK</div> <div>17 Tamuz</div> <div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf</div> <div>GUEST SPEAKER: Prof. Carmel Chiswick, "The Economics of American Judaism"</div> <div>12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush</div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services</div> <div>9:19 pm Havdalah</div>
<div>13</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg</div> <div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>23 Tamuz</div> <div>8:16 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>14 PARSHAT PINCHAS</div> <div>24 Tamuz</div> <div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf</div> <div>GUEST SPEAKER: Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, "Judaism and Feminism"</div> <div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush</div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services</div> <div>9:16 pm Havdalah</div>
<div>20 Rosh Chodesh Av</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>8:00 am Rosh Chodesh Av Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund</div> <div>5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg</div> <div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>1 Av</div> <div>8:12 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>21 PARSHAT MATOT-MASEI</div> <div>2 Av</div> <div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; with Rabbi Feinberg</div> <div>GUEST SPEAKER: Calvin Goldscheider, "Verbal Commitments and Community Loyalty: A Torah View"</div> <div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush</div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services</div> <div>9:12 pm Havdalah</div>
<div>27</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>9:00 am Sweet Summertime—Last Day</div> <div>5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg</div> <div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service</div> <div>8:00 pm Ruach Minyan Dinner</div> <div>8 Av</div> <div>8:06 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>28 PARSHAT DEVARIM / SHABBAT HAZON</div> <div>9 Av</div> <div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; with Rabbi Feinberg</div> <div>GUEST SPEAKER: Esther Foer, "My Journey Back to the Holocaust"</div> <div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush</div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha Service</div> <div>9:06 pm Havdalah</div> <div>8:45 pm Erev Tisha B'Av Service</div>
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<div>31</div> <div>7:30 am Morning Minyan</div> <div>5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg</div> <div>6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat—Back to Shul</div> <div>7:00 pm Back to Shul BBQ and Welcome Cantor Brown</div> <div>13 Elul</div> <div>7:23 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>1 PARSHAT KI TETZE</div> <div>14 Elul</div> <div>8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf; Bat Mitzvah: Susannah Epstein-Boley</div> <div>9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service</div> <div>12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush</div> <div>6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services</div> <div>8:23 pm Havdalah</div>

SPECIAL
July–August pull-out Friday
and Shabbat calendar

July 28: Erev Tisha B'Av
8:45 pm Mincha, Maariv and Eicha

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.

In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: Interim Ritual Director, Naomi Malka will read Torah. Congregational *kiddushim* co-sponsored by the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein-Lande Shabbat Kiddush Fund and members of Adas Israel.

Traditional Egalitarian Minyan (TEM): Every *Shabbat* morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around 10:30 am. Led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of Adas clergy, the TEM is a participatory service with a full *P'sukei D'Zimrah* (introductory Psalms), *Shacharit*, and *Musaf*, a complete reading of the weekly Torah portion, and a *d'var Torah*. For more information, e-mail traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org.

Havurah Service: Lay-led, participatory service at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. A *kiddush* follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.

Youth Shabbat Services: Starting with Tot *Shabbat* for children ages 5 and under led by Menuhah Peters. *Netivot*, for students in grades K–3, is led by Linda Yitzchak, Allison Redisch, Rina Bardin, and/or Naomi Michaelis. Junior Congregation, for grades 4–6, is led by David Smolar and/or the Steinsaltz Ambassadors.

Shabbat Unplugged: A 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).

In Memoriam: Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz, z"l

by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf



The first time I saw Rabbi Rabinowitz, it was in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. It was at the Rabbinical Assembly convention five years ago, when Rabbi Wohlberg was installed as the new president of the RA. I watched as this 90-year-old man slowly ascended the *bimah*. He took his place behind the podium, and the voice and the words that emerged were nothing like the aging figure that stood before us. His voice rang out with unbelievable power and clarity and conviction. His words were mellifluous and inspiring. Our sages teach us that our voice and our words—carried forth by our life-breath—contain the essence of our *neshamah*, our soul. At no moment was that clearer than when I had the privilege of encountering Rabbi Rabinowitz's *neshamah*—brilliant, passionate, wise, and truly ageless.

The second time I met his *neshamah* was shortly after my arrival. He arranged for a dinner party to welcome me and my wife, Batya. I had my first opportunity to get to know this great man, together with his equally great wife, Anita. His charm and graciousness and humor, as well as his deep passion for Judaism and Jewish education in particular, were astounding. Right around dessert, with some difficulty, he stood up. He raised his glass in an impromptu toast to me. And once again, the great orator emerged, transcending his years, now in this intimate setting. And I'll never forget what he said to me. He said that he had had the great privilege of spiritually leading Adas Israel, one of the great flagship congregations of the American Jewish community—a congregation that, for generations, has served to inspire the Jewish community from our nation's capital. And, as the senior emeritus rabbi, he has the great satisfaction to welcome Adas Israel's new senior rabbi, who will bring the congregation and its greatness to new generations in a new century. And the thing that saved me from being totally humbled and intimidated by these august remarks was that indelible twinkle and devilish smile that flashed at me throughout.

While I only knew him for a few short years, that twinkle and smile never left him for a moment. We shared many encounters after that: he sat by my side at my installation, we had lunches together, we chatted quietly in his study at home, and we dined and laughed a lot together at the Cosmos Club. He would often call me and have conversations with me entirely in Hebrew—at his insistence—about topics great and mundane. He was thoughtful enough to buy special diabetic-friendly chocolates for my daughter. He regaled me with amazing stories of his seminary days back in the 1940s, where Cyrus Adler's educational vision was to make scholars and gentlemen out of these Eastern European Ashkenazi boys, treating them like English schoolboys with maid service and

dinners in jackets and ties. He loved to talk about his tenure at Adas Israel and about the history of our great synagogue, how he had every moment of the service timed to the second. I learned he was no stodgy rabbi. He was a hip rabbi, always keeping Adas Israel at the cutting edge of progressive Judaism. And how he truly loved this congregation and the generations of Jewish people who made it great!

They don't make rabbis like Stanley Rabinowitz anymore—top-notch scholars; erudite elucidators of Jewish insights on any and every worldly topic; rabbis with commanding presence, as at home counseling one-on-one as he is in full purple regalia with organs and choirs and pomp and circumstance. He uplifted us with his great orations, inspiring generations not only with his elegant presence, but with true kindness, caring, and humor. We have all been so blessed to be touched by his *neshamah*. And true to character, his life came to a close, timed exactly—on his 95th birthday!

And Rabbi Rabinowitz: you have my word that, indeed, this congregation will continue to live up to the legacy you have left it with—a place of greatness among the Jewish people, a place of inspiration, innovation, and most important a place that will continue to bring, for generations to come, the Jewish people to Torah and to one another. *Yehi zichrono baruch*, may the generations of this great *Adat Yisrael*—this Assembly of Israel—be blessed by his righteous memory in this century and beyond. *Amen.* ○

Scenes from Our Annual Congregational Meeting



Clockwise from top left: Johanna Chanin and Rabbi Steinlauf thank Cantors Novak and Lubin for serving as our interim hazzanim; Johanna delivers the State of the Synagogue Address and thanks outgoing Board members including Leah Chanin; Nancy Weiss presents a contribution to the synagogue on behalf of the Sisterhood and Gift Shop; Representing the Vision of Renewal Building Campaign, Russell Smith presents the resolution to move forward with construction; Greg Chudy from SOME thanks the congregation for our contributions of food to the Ezra Pantry.

Education

Gan HaYeled

Stacey Horn Receives Doris Herman Award



Doris Herman is a Gan institution. Several years ago, the parents of Doris's students endowed an award in her honor. Each year, one special teacher is honored with this award and receives a stipend for professional development.

This year's recipient is Star teacher Stacey Horn. Stacey began at the Gan in 2005. Her distinguished career has taken her from the Oyster Bilingual School to the Roper Learning Center to the Gan. She excels in helping children perform to the best of their abilities in a variety of settings. In addition, her outstanding creativity, sensitivity, and communication skills combine to make Stacey a most effective practitioner in the classroom.

One of Stacey's greatest gifts is her ability to integrate entire families into her classroom community. Her imaginative approach to learning enriches the lives of every student who is fortunate enough to have her as a teacher. Please join us in congratulating this year's honoree, Stacey Horn.

Rabbi Sarah Meytin Joins Gan Leadership Team

Rabbi Sarah Meytin has been named assistant director of the Adas Israel Early Childhood Center joining our director, Sheri Brown, to lead our award-winning Gan HaYeled Nursery School.

Rabbi Meytin is an ordained rabbi (HUC-JIR/LA, 2004) with an MSW. She has significant program development and oversight, community engagement, and nonprofit administration experience from her five years serving as assistant director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington. In her capacity as assistant director, she will have the opportunity to leverage her 10-plus years of education and teaching experience, including formal classroom education, workshop/seminars, and educational program facilitation for children and adults of all ages to further enhance the Gan's already thriving and rich curriculum and early childhood program.

For the last three years, Rabbi Meytin has been a full-time teacher at Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center, another Reggio Emilia-inspired school. Her experience there has helped her to refine her skills and articulate her values with regard to early childhood education and to the capacity, ability, and dignity of young children. Rabbi Meytin will work closely with Sheri Brown on administrative matters and to deliver emergent and positive curriculum development areas for the Gan.

Rabbi Meytin's keen understanding of and proven track record in education, her experience with Reggio Emilia learning



disciplines, and her rich Judaic experience will enhance our developmental school and community. We are thrilled to have her join our team.

Religious School

Mah Tov

"Mah Tov" means "How Wonderful!" this section highlights memorable moments in the Religious School.

Ma'alot Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration



For Yom HaZikaron/ Yom Ha'Atzmaut, our Ma'alot teens participated in a commemoration for fallen IDF soldiers, followed by a celebration of Israel Independence Day that included Israeli

dancing and other fun activities. Pictured above (front row, L to R): teachers Dan Miller and Amy Berelowitz; (back row, L to R): Sole S., Hannah R., and Hannah S.

3rd Graders Receive Their Own Siddurim and Lead Shacharit Service

On Sunday, May 6, *Gimel* (3rd grade) class members received their own *siddurim* (prayer books) and led a service for a gathering of parents and PreK-2nd grade students for *Chagigat HaSiddur*. Mazal tov to our 3rd graders on this special occasion!



Pictured are Ruby K. (left) and Annie B.

Mazal Tov to Our Graduates and Award Winners!



Mazal tov to our 12th-grade students on their graduation! Graduates leading the tefillat haderech (traveler's prayer) include (L to R) Kalman W., Naomi B., Nathan B., Alison K., Lily M., and Julia P. Missing from photo: Jonathan F.

Mazal tov also to our award winners!

- Ben Cooper Community Youth Service Leadership Award: Emma F.
- Herman and Jennie Robbin Award: Ben K. and Justin S.
- Nathan and Rosa Povich Award: Jake S.
- *Derech Eretz* Award: Naomi B.

Israel Festival for Families a Success!

Israel Festival activities included crafts, Israeli dancing, and more. Left: David S. making his own pita. Middle: Nick P. on the IDF obstacle course. Right: Ella R. and the camel.



Education Continued

10th-Grade Students Travel to Israel for the 2nd Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience



Front Row (L to R): Noa Gelb, Hannah Taub, Madeline Taub, Anya Goodman; 2nd row: Rachel Finston, Jacqueline Prosky, Hannah Gordon, Danielle Kupfer, Elana Steinlauf, Leah Sorcher; 3rd row: Gabrielle Makowski, Caroline Cole, Gabriel Colman, Evan May, Samuel Phillips, Julia Fine; 4th row: Jeremy Epstein, Ari Moskowitz, William Ellick, Benjamin Rubenstein, Jeffrey Marr; back row: Elie Greenberg, Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Rabbi Charles Feinberg, Josh Bender. Missing from photo: Andrew Bubes.

This summer, 22 10th-grade students will embark on the second annual Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience for 14 days in Israel. The itinerary includes the following:

- Tree planting at Neot Kedumim Biblical Nature Reserve
- A visit to Independence Hall and historic Nahalat Binyamin neighborhood
- Exploring technology with a visit to Ayalon Institute and Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology
- Travel to the Negev: Why was the Torah given in the desert?
- Visit a Bedouin community
- Climb Masada: What is the price for freedom?
- Hiking and swimming at Ein Gedi and the Dead Sea
- Visit with Ethiopian families rescued by the Mossad
- Archaeology and excavation in Jerusalem
- *Shabbat* in Jerusalem
- The Second Temple period
- A visit to Yad Vashem
- Raise money for Alyn Hospital through "Wheels of Love"
- Environmental project at Kibbutz Hanaton
- Ascend the Golan Heights
- Visit with wounded Israel soldiers at Beit Kay
- The mystical city of Zefat
- Experience Tel Aviv

We thank Jack and Barbara Kay for their generosity, which makes this Israel trip a reality.

School Registration for Next Year Underway!

It's that time of year again when we kick off our registration process and begin planning for the next school year. We have created a new online registration form that we hope will make the process as smooth as possible for our school families. There is a very short registration form for returning students and a fuller form for new students. The first payment by check is due by July 1. To register your child for the 2012–2013 school year, please visit our website, www.adasisrael.org/religiousschool.

Fall Calendar for School, Youth, and Families

Friday, Aug. 31: Back to *Shul* BBQ

Sunday, Sept. 9: First Day of School for PreK–2nd Grade

Tuesday, Sept. 4, or Wednesday, Sept. 5: First Day of School for 3rd–6th Grade

Tuesday, Sept. 4: First Day of School for Ma'alot program (7th–12th Grade)

Sunday, Oct. 14: Back-to-School Parent Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov. 13: Ma'alot (7th–12th Grade) Parents Wine & Cheese:

Madrichim of the Month

Our *madrichim* program is a leadership program for students in 8th through 12th grade. *Madrichim* hold a number of different leadership roles in our religious school, from assisting teachers in classrooms to helping in our education office and library with various tasks. Forty *madrichim* were enrolled in our program during the 2011–2012 school year. To learn more about the *madrichim* program, please contact Elie Greenberg or visit adasisrael.org/madrichim.

In less than one year as a *madrich*, Ethan has already proven himself as a young leader in our program. He always takes the initiative in his role as teacher's aide in Morah Sunshine's first-grade class. He is responsible and really cares about his work as a *madrich*. A long-term Camp Ramah attendee, Ethan puts his Hebrew skills to the test in class. He helps coordinate a host of different student activities and always wears a smile. We thank Ethan for his hard work and commitment to our school. *Kol Hakavod!* Keep up the great work!



Jonah has stepped up this year and taken his leadership role in our school to the next level. He has stood out as *madrich* in Deena's second-grade class, and he takes his responsibilities seriously and is a positive role model for our young students. An accomplished guitar player (with his own band), Jonah recently helped lead a musical service for our Ma'alot students. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty in recent times and it certainly doesn't go unseen. We thank him for his commitment to our school and look forward to his continued involvement in our program in the years to come. ○

Youth Services Summer Schedule

Please note adapted service structure. Our regular structure will return in the fall.

Tot Shabbat & Entering

Kindergarten

11:00am–12:00pm

in the Cohen-Wolpe (Gan Space)

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 11, 18, 25

Netivot

for students entering 1st–3rd Grades

11:00am–12:00pm

in Room 345

July 14, 28

August 11, 25

Junior Congregation

For students entering 4th–6th Grades

11:00am–12:00pm

in the Miller Chapel

July 14, 28

August 11, 25

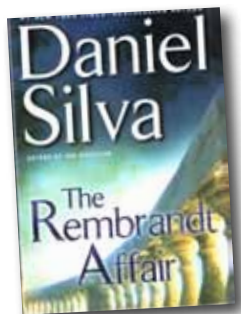
Please read *Keshet Ishi* for updates and specific details about Shabbat Youth Services.

Library Corner

Sizzling Summer Suspense

by Robin Jacobson

You lead a prudent, sensible life, but secretly, you burn to experience life on the edge. One option is to seek out opportunities to fight leopards or hang from a trapeze over the Grand Canyon. However, if preserving life and limb is important, you might consider expressing your inner daredevil by visiting our library. We are currently featuring works of mystery and suspense, guaranteed to add a shot of adrenalin to your summer.



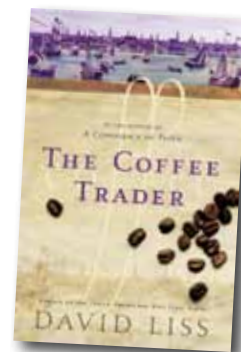
Daniel Silva: Art and Espionage

Before becoming a novelist, Daniel Silva was a respected journalist: a Middle East correspondent for United Press International and a producer for CNN. Now, Silva blends world politics into the death-defying exploits of his fictional hero, Gabriel Allon. (The series' 12th book, *The Fallen Angel*, will be released in mid-July.)

Allon is an agent for Israel's elite intelligence service, "The Office," based on Israel's Mossad (whose officers are reportedly avid fans of Silva's books). A reluctant hero, Allon accepts perilous missions, but much prefers his "day job" as an expert restorer of Old Master paintings. Allon was studying at Israel's Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design when recruited for his first mission, Operation Wrath of God. Leading a skilled team, Allon successfully hunted down and killed the terrorists who murdered Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics. Afterward, Allon returned to Israel with a legendary reputation, prematurely gray hair, and a tormented soul. Forever after, he was the go-to guy for clandestine operations necessary to protect the Jewish state. Allon's globetrotting escapades illuminate serious themes: the roles played by the Catholic Church and "neutral" Switzerland in the Holocaust; Islamic terrorism; and dangerous anti-democratic forces in post-Soviet Russia. But one motif appears in all of the books: anxiety about Israel's future. As one reviewer noted, "Behind every adventure in a Silva novel is the reminder of Israel's fragile survival."

David Liss: Financial Skullduggery

David Liss's historical novels combine murder and monetary intrigue. *A Conspiracy of Paper*, set in 18th-century London, introduces Benjamin Weaver, a former Jewish prizefighter, embarking on a new career as a private detective for hire and all-around tough guy. Weaver's professional investigations turn personal when he learns that his father has been murdered, possibly in connection with a scam in the volatile new stock market.



The Coffee Trader goes back to 1659, the time of Weaver's forebear, Miguel Lienzo, a Portuguese Jew who fled to Amsterdam to escape the Inquisition. Lienzo schemes to control the market for coffee, an exotic, energizing new beverage, that Lienzo presciently predicts will become the "drink of commerce." Among Lienzo's many adversaries is the Ma'amad, the fiercely protective governing body of Amsterdam's Portuguese Jewish community, which prohibits Jewish/Christian commercial ventures.



Frank Tallis: Murder in Sigmund Freud's Vienna

The mysteries of Frank Tallis, a London clinical psychologist, are set in turn-of-the-20th-century Vienna (*Vienna Blood* is a favorite). A dazzling hub of culture and science, Vienna is also home to a menacing movement of anti-Semitic Aryan supremacists. The mysteries feature Jewish physician Max Lieberman, a

keen disciple of Sigmund Freud and sometime consultant on perplexing murder cases. When not using psychoanalytic tools to solve crimes, Max and his friend, Inspector Oskar Rheinhardt, savor the delights of Viennese society: they perform Schubert duets (Max plays piano and Oskar sings), frequent art exhibitions and concerts, and indulge in delectably described Viennese pastries at gilded cafes. The reader knows, as the characters cannot, that Nazism will eventually destroy Vienna's vibrant intellectual life. When a crude swastika is found at a murder scene, Lieberman wonders curiously what the "broken cross" symbolizes. The reader cannot help but shudder. ○

Read along with the Adas Israel Book Club

For your summer reading, consider *Comedy in a Minor Key* by Hans Keilson, praised as a "masterpiece" in a front-page review in the *New York Times Book Review* in 2010. The Adas Book Club will discuss this World War II story at its next meeting on Sunday, September 23, 10:30–11:30 am.

Copies are available in our library, public libraries, through online booksellers, and at Politics & Prose (ask for the 20 percent Adas Book Group discount). **In addition, we have five remaining hardcover copies that you may purchase for \$5 each (a fabulous deal); all proceeds benefit the library.** To purchase a copy, contact librarian@adasisrael.org.



Summer Library Hours

During July, the library will be open for the same hours as Sweet Summertime Camp (M–F, 9:00 am–1:00 pm). Please drop by to browse the collection. You are also welcome to contact our librarian, Robin Jacobson, for book recommendations, story times for children, and any other library assistance (librarian@adasisrael.org).

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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



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Tikkun Olam

Letter from Anne Frank House

Dear Adas Israel Community:

We hope you have received Anne Frank House's annual fundraising letter. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary this year, we want to thank the Adas Israel community for the many ways it has supported our work over the years.

For those not familiar with Anne Frank House (AFH), here are a few "fast facts" about the work we do:

- AFH provides apartments in NW Washington to 11 formerly homeless people who suffer from mental illness.
- AFH makes the difference between a degrading, difficult existence on the streets and a secure, stable, dignified, and independent home life.
- AFH is an all-volunteer organization.
- About 95 percent of our income goes directly to serving our clients.
- Through a partnership with the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place, AFH pays for our clients to receive psychiatric,

medical, and case management services.

This past year Anne Frank House also became involved in an exciting new initiative that helps formerly homeless people who have recently found jobs maintain their employment and housing. Through the "Aim Hire" program, organized by the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place, AFH enables people who have recently found employment to obtain and remain in an apartment for up to three months, until they become settled in their new job and can begin to make the payments on their own.

Your continued support will help us to maintain this new program as well as our current residents. To contribute, you can mail a check to Anne Frank House c/o Adas Israel, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, DC 20008. You can also make a donation on our website: <http://www.theannefrankhouse.org/>.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer.
Sue Ducat and Joe Berman, Co-Presidents ○



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