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Clergy Corner

by Rabbi
Charles Feinberg



WELCOMING THE STRANGER

During this time of year, we read the story of Abraham and Sarah during the weekly Torah reading. At the end of October, we read *Parashat Lech Lecha* which includes God's call to Abram to leave his native land, Abram and Sarai arriving in Canaan, and then going down to Egypt to escape the ravages of severe famine. At the beginning of November, we read *Parashat Vayera*. In that portion we read how Abraham and Sarah (with new names) welcomed guests who

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Torah Lishma Pillar Weekend Face to Face: 'God of Relationships, God of Learning' with Rabbi Brad Artson, November 16–18



Join us November 16–18 when we will explore the power of learning face-to-face with another human being, one of the central features of Judaism. The secret is not mastering Hebrew, rather it is opening oneself to the exploration

of life's biggest questions with another person. This year we welcome Rabbi Bradley Artson as our teacher and facilitator.

Rabbi Artson holds the Abner and Roslyn Goldstine Dean's Chair at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at American Jewish University. He is also vice president of American Jewish University and teaches courses in ancient and medieval Jewish philosophy, modern and contemporary Jewish theology, and homiletics. He received his doctorate in philosophy and theology from Hebrew Union College/Institute of Re-

ligion, where he focused on integrating science and religion advocating process theology.

"Each of us is a universe in miniature—replete with our own depths and eddies, our hidden doubts and fears and talents. None can ever fully know themselves, let alone claim to truly know another person. So how do we summon the nerve to address each other with intimacy and familiarity?" —Rabbi Bradley Artson

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Nov. 16: Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:00 pm; Dinner (reservations required), 7:00 pm, followed by Hevruta: "The Power of Relationships in Judaism" with Rabbi Artson

Saturday, Nov. 17: Morning Services, D'var Torah by Rabbi Artson, 9:30 am; Kiddush Luncheon, 12:15 pm, followed by Hevruta & Shiur: "Self, Identity, and Choice"

Sunday, Nov. 18: Morning Services, 9:00 am; Breakfast, 10:00 am; "Learning in Relationship" with Russel Shaw and Rabbi Artson, 10:30 am

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Kesher Ishi to Become @Adas

Watch for the new and improved weekly e-mail newsletter from Adas Israel. Our highly anticipated weekly communication that you have known as *Kesher Ishi* (Personal Connections) will be redubbed @Adas sometime before this coming Hanukkah. @Adas will arrive in your inbox each week on Wednesday morning.

Enjoy all the material @Adas has to offer:

Hear about upcoming events and Shabbat times, read inspiring thoughts and articles

from our clergy, and receive all of the *in-the-know* information about exciting happenings in your community. This newsletter rejuvenation is part of a broader effort to streamline our communication between clergy, lay leaders, and YOU! Click it, follow it,

love it—it's all happening right here @Adas! ○



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turned out to be God's messengers into their home. Abraham and Sarah go to great lengths to welcome three men who they don't know. They allow them to wash and freshen up, while they prepare an elaborate meal. This story contrasts sharply with how Abram and Sarai were received in Egypt. Abram was so fearful of the Egyptians that he felt it would be best if he and Sarai presented themselves as brother and sister instead of husband and wife. This may have been a cowardly act, but it is difficult for us to appreciate how fearful they were of the Egyptians.

It seems to me that both these stories establish the foundation of later biblical injunctions not to take advantage of the stranger, to respect the stranger, and even to love the stranger. The first story teaches us how brutal a society can be in treating strangers and to what lengths people will go to protect themselves. The second story presents an ideal of how strangers should be treated: with respect and with generosity.

Over the past few generations, as the status of the Jewish people has changed in North America, we have struggled in welcoming into our midst those who are different: the intermarried, gays and lesbians, and people who are not married. I have myself witnessed significant changes in my career. There was a time when most Conservative synagogues did not welcome intermarried couples and often actively discouraged them from becoming part of the community. There was a time when people who converted to Judaism were not warmly welcomed into the community. It was only a short time ago when gays and lesbians felt totally unwelcome in Conservative synagogues. Indeed, the creation of gay and lesbian congregations such as *Beit Mishpacha* was a response to the hostility or cold indifference that gays and lesbians experienced in Conservative synagogues.

Much has changed or is still changing. Converts to Judaism have become an important source of energy and commitment in Conservative congregations. Intermarried families are not shooed away but are welcomed as members. Earlier this year, Rabbi Steinlauf officiated at a wedding of two gay men in the synagogue. I believe that the rabbinic and lay leadership of the community realizes how important it is to be as inclusive as possible. Just as the biblical "*ger*," the stranger, was included in many ways in the Israelite community, so we have an obligation to include those who in the past have been perceived as strangers.

These issues have not only been controversial in the Jewish community and within the Conservative Movement, but they also have been controversial and debated at length in the United States. While attempts to legalize marriage between gays or lesbians have been successful in a few states (recently in Maryland) and the District of Columbia, there is strong opposition in much of the country. Indeed, opponents in Maryland to legalizing gay or lesbian marriage have put on the November 6 ballot a referendum asking the electorate to overturn the recent action of the Maryland Legislature. (To see the language of Question 6 go to this website: [## Synagogue Closings](http://</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23:

Thanksgiving

Schools/Offices Closed

Minyan at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm

[ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Maryland_Same-Sex_Marriage_Referendum,_Question_6_\(2012\)](http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Maryland_Same-Sex_Marriage_Referendum,_Question_6_(2012)).) I hope that members of the synagogue who are Maryland residents will read the language of the referendum very carefully before voting on it.

Just as welcoming converts and intermarried families has been controversial within the Conservative Movement, so has welcoming immigrants and undocumented people into the United States. For a number of years the Congress has been unable to consider let alone vote on any kind of immigration reform bill. The number of undocumented residents in the United States numbers between 10 and 12 million people. While the vast majority of undocumented people work and pay taxes, they have no legal status in the United States and are liable to be deported at any time. Most people recognize that it would be both impractical and immoral to deport millions of people who are working law abiding residents. Many people recognize that it would be best to find a way for the undocumented to become citizens. Yet, welcoming the stranger has become a very divisive and highly emotional political issue.

A related issue is the status of children of undocumented residents. The great majority of undocumented children came to the United States with their parents when they were very young. They have grown up in the United States, have attended elementary and high schools, and regard themselves as Americans. But because they have no legal status, they are often barred from attending community colleges, colleges, or universities. If they are allowed to attend, they must pay out of state tuition which is often prohibitive for these young people. President Obama recently issued an executive order allowing these young people to stay in the country legally for two years. For two years, these young people do not have to fear deportation. The question now is will these young people be able to attend local colleges and universities. There is a question on the ballot in Maryland which calls for allowing the children of undocumented residents in Maryland to pay in-state tuition for state colleges and schools under certain conditions. (You can read the language of Question 4 at this website address: [http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Maryland_In-State_Tuition_Referendum,_Question_4_\(2012\)](http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Maryland_In-State_Tuition_Referendum,_Question_4_(2012)).) The other question is what will happen to these young people after two years? Will Congress create a path to citizenship for them?

Welcoming the stranger is one of the essential values of Jewish tradition. According to the rabbis, the Torah urges us to protect and welcome the stranger 36 times. One of the reasons the rabbis say that the Torah teaches this mitzvah 36 times is because it is often very difficult to fulfill. Often our natural instinct is to keep outsiders out. Too often that instinct leads to discrimination and violence against the stranger or the outsider. It is time both for the Jewish community and our nation at large to turn the page so that those who have been considered strangers in the past feel welcome in our midst. ○

Sisterhood

Join Sisterhood or Renew Your Membership

Send your dues to Dava Berkman, 2475 Virginia Ave., NW, #302, Washington, DC 20037. Basic membership is only \$36.

Torah Fund

Your support provides training for today's rabbis and cantors, educators, administrators, social workers, researchers, and scholars at Conservative/Masorti institutions here and in South America. A contribution at any level is appreciated.

Those who are able to donate \$180 or more will receive the lovely 2012-2013 Torah Fund pin. Send your donation, payable Torah Fund-JTS, to Gerry Lezell, 5800 Magic Mountain Dr., Rockville, MD 20852.



2012 Women's League Convention, December 2-5, Las Vegas, NV

Registration is open! Visit www.wlcj.org for information about the program, including daily schedules and speakers, and to register. ○

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Attention: Class of 5776 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Candidates

We are in the process of organizing the *b'nai mitzvah* class of 5776, which includes children who will celebrate this milestone between August 2015 and June 2016.

Below is a list of children of our members who, according to our records, should celebrate becoming *b'nai mitzvah* in the Class of 5776 (which means they were born between July 2002 and July 2003).

Bar/bat mitzvah dates are assigned to members in good standing with children

enrolled in our Melvin Gelman Religious School or a Jewish Day School. Members delinquent in their synagogue account or whose children are not enrolled in school will delay the assignment of their child's date.

If your child is missing from this list, and you believe he or she should be included with this *bar/bat mitzvah* group and celebrate between August 2015 and June 2016...

OR, if your child is in the fourth grade,

and you would like him or her to be included...

OR, if you have any questions...

PLEASE CONTACT Beryl Saltman in the rabbis' office, 202-362-4433, ext. 121, or beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org, so we can add your child to the list below.

5776 *Bar/bat mitzvah* parents will receive information soon about an upcoming meeting with Rabbi Steinlauf and Cantor Brown to assign *bar/bat mitzvah* dates.

Abigail Alter
Adam Alter
Annie Bass
Coco Becker
Tobias Berlinski
Cole Edelstein
Lucy Goldberg
Alexa Goldfarb
Sami Himmelfarb
Joseph Himmelfarb
Romi Hodor
Maia Hoffenberg
Maya Kagan

Gabriel Kanter-Goodell
Ruby Kaplan
Simon Katkov
Judah Kirschenbaum
Zoe Landau
Bowie Lanter
Brandon Leach
Ethan Leifman
Miriam Loeb
Elliot Lovinger
Luke Macklin
Marc Margolis
Matthew Mason

Ruby Mendelson
Tess Mendelson
Simon Merenstein
Nate Miller
Sophia Miller
Emily Perelman
Sean Rich
Samuel Rifkind-Brown
Daniel Ringel
Sadie Rosenthal
Jacob Rosinplotz
Ari Rubenstein
Norman Robinson

Dylan Sacks
Sydney Schwalb
Matthew Siff
Mendel Socolovsky
Oren Strobel
Celia Waldman
Benjamin Wander
Shifra Waskow
Eden Weinstein
Ethan Wilner
Brandon Wilner

Education

Gan HaYeled



◀ *Sasha Blecker practices blowing the shofar in anticipation of Yom Kippur.*

Once a month, Gan Parent Association volunteers plan a family *Shabbat* dinner that is followed by a special child-friendly service with Robyn Helzner and our clergy. Our next such *Shabbat* event is November 16. If your family has a preschooler who does not attend the Gan, we invite you to join

us and get to know this special part of the Adas community. We hope that all families will also attend the Gan Auction the following evening, November 17. See the flyer for more information about this adult-oriented activity.

The Gan will also host the first of a series of Open Houses for prospective students on November 29, from 9:30 to 11:00 am. If you know of someone looking for an NAEYC-accredited, exceptional preschool, please welcome him or her to this event or to our Open Houses on Dec. 4, Jan. 9, and Jan 22. More information about the school is available on the Adas website, www.adasisrael.org.

Religious School



◀ *Cantor Brown practices with Kolot, Adas Israel's new youth choir for third through sixth graders. Students who attend religious school and Jewish Day School are participating in Kolot and will have the opportunity to lead and perform in*

various services and events throughout the school year.

For more information about Kolot, contact Cantor Brown, cantor.brown@adasisrael.org.

► *Josh and Elie perform their weekly milat hayom (word of the day) skit in the sukkah for the pre-K thru second-grade students and their parents. This new feature is part of the weekly Shacharit Live service and a new conversational Hebrew initiative in the Religious School. Elie is demonstrating the word of the week, labriut (bless you or literally to your health), which is said in response to a sneeze.*



Ma'alot (7th-12th Grade) Parent Wine & Cheese

Tuesday, November 13, 8:00-8:45pm

Learn about enhancements to our Ma'alot DC curriculum and new initiatives for this year. This is a great time to schmooze with other seventh- through 12th-grade parents. Teachers will be available to answer questions and share important information with you. In addition, students will view and discuss an 18-minute film, called *The Tribe*, while parents enjoy the wine and cheese. The film addresses the question of what it means to be Jewish in the 21st century.

Feedback from the High Holy Days

We invite you to share feedback about the High Holy Day youth and family programming so we'll know what is working and where we need to improve for next year. Please e-mail josh@adasisrael.org to share your insights. ○

Adas Community Children Needs Assessment



Adas Israel strives to provide programming that meets the needs of members with children under the age of 12. Please take a brief survey so we can improve our ability to

provide programming in these areas. Thanks for your help. To encourage your participation, one respondent will win a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SYGM6N9> to take your survey today! ○

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ... GET THE BABYSITTER!! and GET READY FOR SOME FUN!!

All proceeds from the auction go directly toward school improvements and the GPA's amazing projects!

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Relive your B'nai Mitzvah Parties!

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Each ticket automatically enters you into our raffle to win a Grand Prize, additional raffle tickets are \$5. Tickets sold at The Sisterhood's Gift Shop, with Becki in the Gan Office, and online at: <http://bit.ly/Wpd9Qh>

The Gan Parents' Association cordially invites you to join us at the **GPA Silent Auction**, benefitting our youngest learners!

Saturday, November 17
Kay & Wasserman Halls
7:30-10pm
Savory & Sweet snacks
And Wine & Beer will be served!

Questions or Donations? Please contact Sanda Blank at sandablank@yahoo.com



Save the Date
Hanukkah Festival
Installation and Concert
for Cantor Arianne Brown
Sunday, December 9, 4:00 pm

Thank you to all who participated in the *Kol Nidre* appeal!

And if you would still like to participate, it's not too late! Please contact Pamela Reeves, vice president for development, at pamelareeves@hotmail.com, if you would like to talk about the *Kol Nidre* appeal and other giving in our community. Thank you for your participation. ○

A Welcoming Community & Environment

Adas Israel Congregation is a welcoming community and does not deny membership, education, or services to anyone experiencing personal financial hardship. The congregation is grateful for whatever amount one is capable of contributing, and all special arrangements are made in the strictest confidence. If you would like to discuss reduced fees, financial concerns, or a payment plan, please contact Glenn Easton at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433 or Glenn.Easton@adasisrael.org.

Adas Israel is also dedicated to creating an inclusive, nonjudgmental environment that fosters Jewish spiritual and intellectual growth. We have an open-door policy and encourage all those who

are Jewish or wish to learn about Judaism to participate. Our congregation seeks to be more than a synagogue that removes physical barriers; rather, we are working toward ensuring that all can participate and benefit as they choose. We have removed many of our physical barriers, but we know we still need to address others.

Individuals needing supports, such as sign language interpreters or reader services, are asked to contact Elinor Tattar, 202-362-4433, ext. 147, or Elinor.Tattar@adasisrael.org. Recommendations regarding how to continue to make our synagogue more accessible to persons with varied physical abilities are welcome and can be given to Glenn Easton. ○

Education Continued

Shabbat Unplugged

A monthly musical service for families with children in elementary school

Saturday, November 17, 2012
10:45am-Noon
Youth Lounge

*Led by Josh Bender, Director of Education, Elie Greenberg, Director of Informal Programming, and Storyteller Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff!

*With guitars and other instruments!

*Modeled off of Shacharit Live, a Sunday morning musical service for K-2 students in the religious school!



"From generation to generation..."

Back to Shul

L'Dor VaDor Service & Dinner And GAGA Tournament!

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

Friday, November 9

6:00pm - Service

7:00pm - Dinner

7:45 - Gaga Tournament

\$14.95 - Adult Dinner (11 and above)

\$4.95 - Child Dinner (Ages 3-10)

Children 2 and under eat FREE!

Financial Assistance Available. Please contact Josh

Bender at (202) 362-4449 or

josh.bender@adasisrael.org

RSVP by Wednesday Nov 7 at 11 am

Register Online at <http://adasisrael.org/ldervador>
 (202) 362-4433

Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org



Life Cycle

Milestones

Births

Elisha Ruth Prober, daughter of Bonnie & Rafi Prober
Adam Elan Sharon, son of Mr. & Mrs. Elad Sharon
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

Marriage

Ruth Samuelson, daughter of Robert Samuelson & Judith Herr, was married to Thor Blanco.
We wish the newlyweds and their families a life of joy, good health, and connection to the Jewish community.

B'nai Mitzvah



David Lieberman, November 3

David, son of Irving and Judith Lieberman, and grandson of Dr. William and Lillian Calem, and David and Rose Lieberman, both of blessed memory, began his religious education at Gan HaYeled and is currently a seventh grader at Westland Middle School. For his *mitzvah* project, he is organizing a cat adoption fair at a senior

home in Virginia that allows residents to have pets. David looks forward to sharing his *simcha* with family and friends.



Max Edelstein, November 10

Max, son of Lynne and Darryl Edelstein is a seventh grader at Westland Middle School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, and is a student at the Melvin Gelman Religious School. He celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his younger brothers, Cole and Garrett; his grandparents, Shirley Hoffenberg and Gail and Mannie Edelstein;

and other family and friends. He also thinks with love about his grandfather, Monte Hoffenberg, of blessed memory. For his *mitzvah* project, Max is combining his love for soccer and his family heritage by coaching soccer to first and second graders to earn money to donate to a charity in South Africa.



Sydney Levenson, November 10

Sydney, daughter of Robert Levenson and Michele Janis, stepdaughter of Mindy Kaiden Levenson and Mark Bottinick, and granddaughter of Paul and Marlyn Levenson (Newton, MA) and Lucille Weener (McLean, VA), is a seventh grader at Thomas W. Pyle Middle School. She started her Jewish education in the Ohr

Kodesh Full Day Preschool, continued through the fifth grade at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, and has been attending Melvin Gelman Religious School since sixth

grade. Sydney shares this *simcha* with her sisters, Shoshi and Isabel Levenson and Elisabeth and Katherine Lerner, along with the rest of her family. For her *tzedakah* project, Sydney is collecting donations for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through its "Light the Night" Fundraiser, in honor of two family members that are currently battling leukemia.

Members in the News

Rachel Laser has become deputy director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, charged with expanding its presence on Capitol Hill and in advocacy coalitions. She will also play a lead role on the RAC's entire agenda.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue member:
Norman Horwitz

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Ruth Allen, mother of Leslie Allen
Lester Block, father of Shelley Block
Grace R. Cohen, mother of Susan Kraut
Seth Gelman, son of Barbara and Mel Gelman
Samuel Goldberg, brother-in-law of Reeva Goldberg
Milton Kroll, father of Steve Kroll
Hans Larsen, father of Christina Larsen
Jack Slotkin, father of Ronald Slotkin

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 or Carole Klein. 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 (301-518-2275) or Edie Hessel (202-244-7189) or contact Toni Bickart (202-244-2747) regarding the *Tahara* Committee. ○

Before You Head South for the Winter

Please contact Elinor Tattar in the synagogue office, 202-362-4433 or Elinor.Tattar@adasisrael.org, and let her know the date you will be heading south and the date you plan to return, so you will continue to receive your synagogue mailings.

5773 High Holy Day Thank Yous

... to our clergy: Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Rabbi Charles Feinberg, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Cantor Arianne Brown, Rabbi Reuven Hammer, Hazzan Abe Lubin, Rabbi Mark Novak, Michael Leifman, and Robyn Helzner

... to our service coordinators: David Bickart, Ken Goldstein, Julia Gerdon, Susan Kay, and Nancy Weiss

... to the coordinators and leaders of the Gan and Youth Services: Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Joshua Bender, Elie Greenberg, Beth Ann Spector, Robyn Helzner, Menuhah Peters, Linda Yitzchak, and David Smolar

... to our *madrichim* (teen assistants)

... to Meredith Cymerman, membership VP, and her committee for staffing the New Member Welcome Table

... to Torah, *Haftarah*, & *Ashrei* readers for *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, & *Simchat Torah*

... to the *daveners* in the Preliminary & *Shacharit* Services on *Rosh Hashanah* & *Yom Kippur*

... to those blowing the *shofar*: Rabbi Feinberg; Rabbi Moshe Samber; Jennie Litvack; Harry Chauss; Mark Joseph; David Nemeth; Elie Greenberg; Jeff, Aaron & Noah Knishkowsky; Isaac Malka; and Menuhah Peters

... to the alumni of the Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience who shared their Israel experiences before the Israel Bonds Appeal: Elana Steinlauf, Jeff Marr, Jacqueline Prosky, and Anya Goodman

... to Johanna Chanin, president; Dirk Aardsma, vice president; and Ricki Gerger, Religious Practices Committee chair; and all of our officers and lay leadership

... to Judie & Harry Linowes, Pamela Reeves, and Jeffrey Goldberg for chairing our *Kol Nidre* Appeal

... to Sandy Bobb, Israel Bonds chair

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... to our *Yom Kippur* afternoon speakers: Hanna Rosin and Mark Leibovich

... to Cantor Arianne Brown for coordinating our *Selichot* program, which was underwritten by the Joseph and Mollie Muchnick *Selichot* Fund

... to the Martyrology readers

... to Marky & Martin Kirsch for dedicating our *Yizkor* Book of Remembrance in loving memory of their parents, Samuel and Sadie Lebowitz and Ralph and Helen Kirsch

... to the Sisterhood for the beautiful High Holy Day *bimah* flowers

... to the Sisterhood Decorating Committee and coordinators for the beautiful *Sukkot* decorations on the *bimah* and in the *sukkah*

... to the Men's Club "*Sukkah Studs*" and our maintenance staff for building our *sukkah*

... to Elinor Tattar, High Holy Day coordinator; to the synagogue and school administrative staff: Carol Ansell, Jane Baldinger, Suzanne Davidson, Marcia Miller, Rita Nicholls, Laura Bloomberg Rosh, Beryl Saltman, Talya Baiaomonte Schultz, Becki Walter, and Marcus Allen

... to Josh Bender, director of education, Sheri Brown, early childhood director; Rabbi Sarah Meytin, assistant Gan director; Lesley Brinton, controller; Beth Ann Spector, program & membership coordinator; David Polonsky, director of communications; and Elie Greenberg, director of informal programming

... to Glenn Easton, executive director, and Carole Klein, synagogue administrator

... to Brad Anderson, building manager, and the maintenance staff: Calvin Casey, Steve Claar, Charles Mallory, Phil Thomas, and the crew from PMM Companies

... to the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Quartet and musicians: Emily Levin, Samuel Rabinowitz, Alexander Ebin, and Lily Arbisser; pianist: George Peachey; and cellist: Lavena Johanson. On the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*: piano: Marshall White; bass: Mark Gruen; woodwinds: Steve Churchill; and percussion: Kenneth Krohn

... to those who assisted with High Holy Day tickets in the office: Arleen Kessler, Gerry Lezell, Stephanie Chill, Ron & Rise Schlesinger, and Stephanie Deutchman

... to the Ruthe & Nathan Katz Dial-In Fund, so members can hear our services from afar

... to the Dr. Judith Kossoff Outreach Program Fund for the Young Professionals Break-the-Fast Supper and to the synagogue for the Congregational Break-the-Fast

... to Sec Tek, Inc., Security and the Metropolitan Police Department, Second District

... and to the nearly 5,000 members and guests who attended and participated in our High Holy Day services.

Special thanks to Steve Rabinowitz & Laurie Moskowitz for sponsoring the *Erev Simchat Torah* refreshments in memory of Steve's mother, Dorothy Rabinowitz, on her *yahrzeit*. Linking her memory with the beauty and importance of *Simchat Torah* is a lasting and meaningful memorial to a special person. ○

November 2012
Cheshvan–Kislev 5773

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.
In the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: Interim Ritual Director, Naomi Malka will read Torah. Congregational kiddushim co-sponsored by the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein-Lande Shabbat Kiddush Fund and members of Adas Israel.
Traditional Egalitarian Minyan (TEM): Every Shabbat morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around 10:30 am. Led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of Adas clergy, the TEM is a participatory service with a full P'sukei D'Zimrah (introductory Psalms), Shacharit, and Musaf, a complete reading of the weekly Torah portion, and a d'var Torah. For more information, e-mail traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org.
Havurah Service: Lay-led, participatory service at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. A kiddush follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.
Youth Shabbat Services: Starting with Tot Shabbat for children ages 5 and under led by Menuhah Peters. Netivot,

for students in grades K–3, is led by Linda Yitzchak, Allison Redisch, Rina Bardin, and/or Naomi Michaelis. Junior Congregation, for grades 4–6, is led by David Smolar and/or the Steinsaltz Ambassadors.
Shabbat Unplugged: A new musical family service for families with young children on Saturday mornings at 10:45 am. The service is designed for elementary school families and above, though older children are welcome and encouraged take on leadership roles. Led by Josh Bender and Elie Greenberg.
'Dial-in' for Programs & Services: If you are unable to attend programs, lectures, or services, dial in to hear them. Call 202-686-8405.
Library Open on Shabbat: The Adas Israel Library is open on Saturdays from 12:30–1:30 pm. Our Shabbat volunteers will help you find just the right book to bring home. For assistance during the week, contact our librarian, Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 12 Cheshvan 9:00 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Religious School Shacharit Live 10:00 am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 10:30 am Author Program Sponsored by Sisterhood/Men's Club/Library Committee 10:45 am Hebrew I Class 10:45 am Hebrew III Class 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	29 13 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	30 14 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Course	31 15 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm Making Mishpacha Class	1 16 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:45 pm Scotch and Scriptures Men's Group (OFFSITE)	2 17 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:30 am Steinlauf & Starbucks 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing—Children Only 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat; D'var Torah: Rabbi Steinlauf 6:30 pm Shir Delight Oneg 7:30 pm Shir Delight Service with Rabbi Steinlauf 8:30 pm Shir Delight Dinner	3 PARSHAT VAYERA 18 Cheshvan 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah: David Lieberman; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Paul Taskier 11:00 am Jr. Congregation 11:00 am Netivot 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Youth Lounge available for kids (with parent supervision) 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Judith & Irving Lieberman 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush 5:45 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 6:49 pm Havdalah
4 19 Cheshvan 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Lifelong Learning Class #2 10:45 am Hebrew I 10:45 am Hebrew III 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	5 20 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:50 am Gan HaYeled Meets 12:00 pm Gan Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	6 21 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group (Off-Site) 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Course 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Class	7 22 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm JSC Classes 7:30 pm Making Mishpacha Class 7:30 pm Executive Committee	8 23 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am GPA Bagels & Coffee 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	9 24 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am GPA Bagels & Coffee 11:20 am Shabbat Sing 5:30 pm L'Dor VaDor Oneg 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Cantor Brown & Rabbi Steinlauf 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Dinner	10 PARSHAT CHAYE SARAH 25 Cheshvan 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah: Max Edelstein; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg; Bat Mitzvah: Sydney Levenson 11:00 am Jr. Congregation 11:00 am Netivot 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush sponsored by the family of Sydney Levenson 4:30 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 5:42 pm Havdalah
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Library Corner

The Election of 1868

by Robin Jacobson

In the annals of Adas Israel, President Ulysses S. Grant holds a place of honor. In 1876, he attended the synagogue's dedication service, a historic first for an American president and a momentous symbol of religious acceptance for American Jews. Yet only eight years earlier, in 1868, when Grant ran for the presidency, many Jews were afraid to vote for him. The election posed a "deeply vexing dilemma for Jews," says Professor Jonathan Sarna, author of the recent book, *When General Grant Expelled the Jews* (available in our library).

True, General Grant was the hero of the Civil War: he ended the bloody conflict and saved the Union. But even Northern Jews, supporters of the Union cause, could not forgive him for issuing the infamous General Orders No. 11, which, if fully implemented, would have expelled thousands of Jews from their homes in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Although many believed Grant's liberal policies on Reconstruction and Black suffrage would be good for the nation, they were loath to vote for a man who might be "bad for the Jews." On the other hand, if Jews campaigned against Grant on a "Jewish issue," would others question their loyalty to the United States? In his compact, engaging book, Prof. Sarna contends that President Grant redeemed his wartime maltreatment of Jews by vigorously promoting Jewish interests during his presidency. Especially in an election month, this book is an interesting read.

General Grant

No one really knows why General Grant issued General Orders No. 11. He was known to be angry with wartime speculators and profiteers, some Jewish, who were sidestepping trade embargoes. The last straw may have come when Grant's own father schemed with Jewish traders to covertly move Southern cotton north. Whatever the cause, Grant's order expelling all Jews from his war zone evoked bitter memories of the European expulsion decrees and anti-Semitism Jews had hoped never to experience in America.

Determined to have the order revoked, Cesar Kaskel, a Jewish businessman from Kentucky, took off on what Prof. Sarna calls a "Paul Revere-like ride to Washington," seeking to "spread the word of Grant's order" in the press and rouse Jewish groups to protest. The resourceful Kaskel even obtained an appointment with President Lincoln. At the White House, the following biblically infused (possibly apocryphal) conversation took place:

LINCOLN: And so the children of Israel were driven from the happy land of Canaan?

Abraham's bosom, seeking protection.

LINCOLN: And this protection they shall have at once.

President Lincoln immediately wrote instructions to cancel the order.

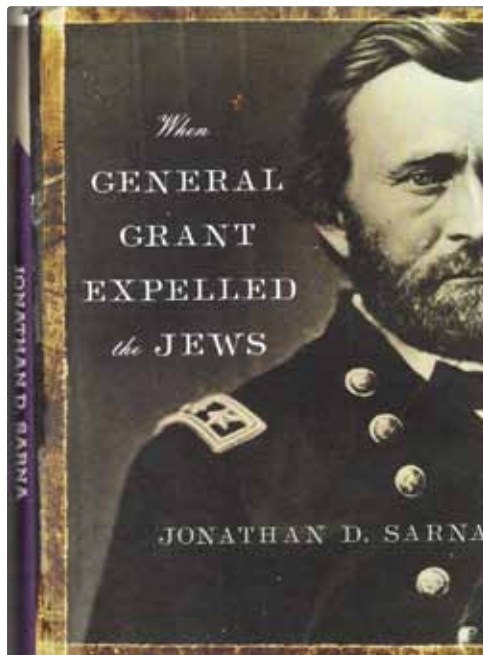
President Grant

During his presidential campaign, Ulysses Grant obliquely apologized for General Orders No. 11, writing that the order "would not have been issued if it had not been telegraphed the moment it was penned and without reflection." As president, however, Grant went further, transforming himself from the Jews' foe to their supportive friend.

Prof. Sarna writes, "[T]he new president reached out to Jews, appointing them to government positions they could never have aspired to hold before." He refused to support a proposed constitutional amendment identifying the United States as a "Christian government" and publicly criticized Russia and Romania for persecuting Jews. At the 1867 Adas Israel dedication, Grant delighted congregants by staying for the entire three-hour service and making a donation to the building fund.

When President Grant died in 1885, he was mourned in synagogues across the country. "Seldom before," one Jewish newspaper noted, "has the Kaddish been repeated so universally for a non-Jew as in this case."

To mark the 150th anniversary of Grant's General Orders No. 11, the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington is hosting Lincoln scholar John Sellers to speak about Jews in the Civil War, Tuesday, December 18, at noon. For more information, visit www.jhsgw.org/programs. ○

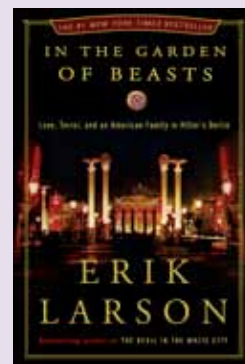


Book Chat

Sunday, November 4, 10:30-11:30 am
in the library.

Come discuss *In the Garden of the Beasts* by Erik Larson, the *New York Times* best-selling account of the experiences of America's ambassador to Nazi Germany in 1933.

For more information or to receive future book club e-mail notices, please contact Robin Jacobson, librarian@adasisrael.org.



Renovation: Phase 1

Dear Friends,

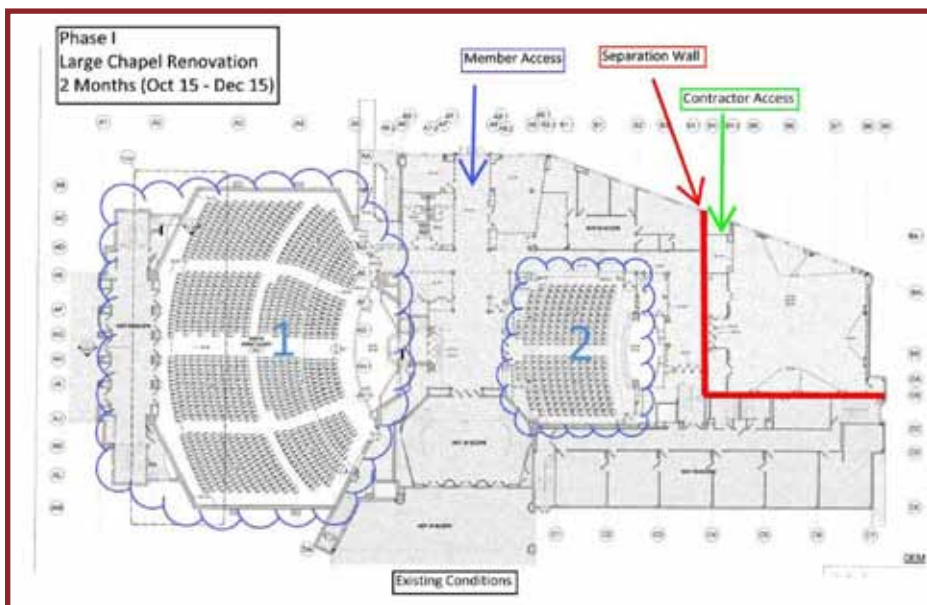
As you know, we are very excited to begin the Vision of Renewal Building Project in a few short weeks and we want to thank you in advance for your help and patience during the construction period. While the Steering Committee has scheduled the construction to minimize any inconvenience and maximize available space, undoubtedly some last-minute, unanticipated inconveniences may arise.

Phase One of the work began in the Gewirz Hall in October and will continue through mid-December. All events usually planned for the Gewirz Hall have been relocated, including our daily senior lunch program, which will meet in the Youth Lounge.

During this first phase of the renovation, a temporary wall will keep noise and dust from the Gewirz Hall work out of the rest of the building. In addition, a construction trailer and portable restroom are located on the Connecticut Avenue Plaza so workers will not need to be in the building or schools. Occasionally, workers will need access to areas outside of the Gewirz Hall (e.g., electrical room, water lines). They will be supervised and will have undergone a thorough background check.

Phase Two will be the renovation of the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary beginning in mid-December. Similar to the Gewirz Hall phase, the sanctuary will be sealed off with a temporary wall to protect, as much as possible, the rest of the building from the construction noise and dust.

Phase three, the Lobby/Beit Midrash/Kogod Chapel/Gift Shop renovation, from April through August, will be the most complicated and disruptive phase. The Quebec Street entrance to the building will be at the glass doors closest to the Gewirz Hall, and



we will temporarily relocate the reception desk/main telephone functions near that entry. During this phase, there will be no restrooms on the main level. On *Shabbat*, there will be access to the sanctuary from a new side handicap entrance. The elevator from the sanctuary to the Kay Hall level will remain operational and accessible. After these phases of the renovation, we'll begin planning for the Kay Hall Renewal.

No work is scheduled for the nursery school or religious school floors; if the parking lot is affected at all, it will only be temporary when a mobile crane lifts new mechanical equipment onto the roof. In addition to the on-site construction supervisor and project coordinators, we have engaged an "Owner's Representative" who is responsible for overseeing the project, representing our needs, and addressing any on-site issues.

We will continue to share information as it becomes available. Thank you for your cooperation during this exciting renewal of our congregation.

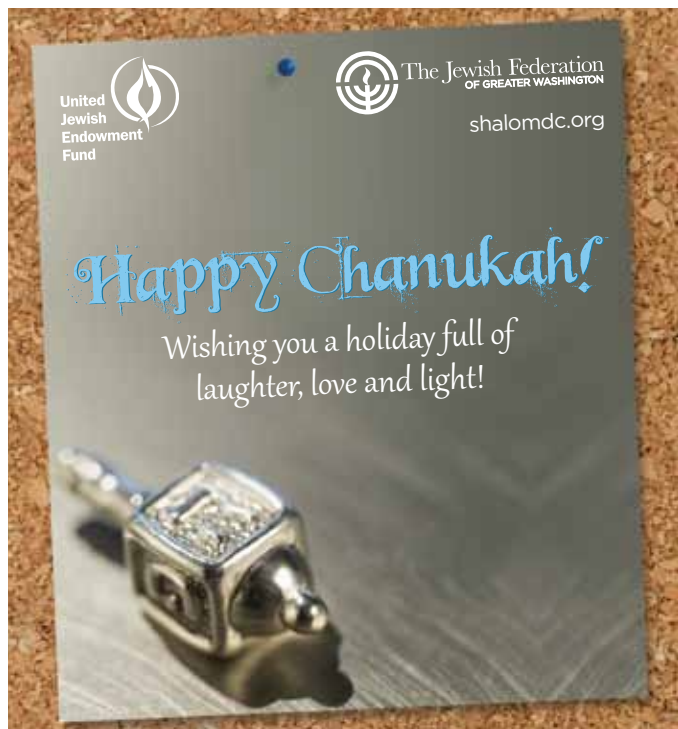
B'shalom, —The Vision of Renewal Steering Committee
(Steve Kleinrock, Lawrence Nussdorf, Robert Peck, Russell Smith, Herlene Nagler, Johanna Chanin) ○

Tips to the Staff Holiday Gift Fund

Adas Israel Congregation is fortunate to have a wonderful, dedicated maintenance, clerical, administrative, and support staff, all of whose members ensure that the synagogue runs as needed. Our staff serve our members, officers, committees, schools, and clergy in achieving the mission and goals of the congregation.

Several years ago, the synagogue adopted a policy of no tipping to individual staff members following events or programs. Some staff members are more visible than others, but it takes all of them to prepare.

In lieu of tipping, the congregation has created a Staff Holiday Gift Fund, which is divided equally among our support staff every December. We appreciate those who contribute to the holiday gift fund to our staff members in honor of their good work during the High Holy Days and throughout the year. ○



Ma Tovv

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Sophie Silfen's Military Memorabilia to Be "Stationed" at the Smithsonian

One of Adas Israel's and Sisterhood's most endearing matriarchs, Sophie Silfen (z"l) will take her place in history at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

Sophie was an active member of Adas Israel for 44 years following her 26-year career in the U. S. Army. She chose Fort Myer as her last post so she could retire in Washington, DC. Becoming a full-time volunteer in 1966, Sophie is best remembered at Adas Israel for her work with multiple generations of Gan children whom she watched grow into adulthood and attended their b'nai mitzvah and weddings. She was charitable with more than her time. Every baby named at Adas Israel receives a book of children's Bible stories from the Sophie Silfen Shalom Tinok Fund. In addition to helping out at the Gan, Sophie was a dedicated volunteer at the Washington Hospital Center outpatient surgical unit and a certified Braille translator at the Library of Congress.

She passed away at the age of 97 in 2010, having spent the last two years of her life at the Hebrew Home. Not surprising, she became one of the best-known residents in the Wasserman Building, where she regularly attended morning and afternoon minyanim and volunteered or participated in every activity offered, including a men's discussion group led by Adas member Arnold Hammer. She refused to have a TV in her room, preferring instead to go on museum outings or attend current events discussion groups. At her funer-

al, Rabbi Jim Michaels of the Hebrew Home joined the entire clergy of Adas Israel in eulogizing and celebrating her life. She is buried at Arlington Memorial National Cemetery.

This story begins in spring 2009. Sophie had asked me to empty her apartment as she had moved to the He-

brew Home. A group of caring women, all Sisterhood members, came to my aid—Marcia Feuerstein, Harriet Isack, Susan Klein, Jodie Blecker Lowit, Naomi Malka, and Nancy Weiss (apologies if I've left anyone out—so many people helped Sophie out during this time). Sophie was not a materialistic person, but, oh, there were papers. Extra care had to be taken to save any document that might be needed later. In an old desk was a neatly organized stack of files and business envelopes, probably placed there on September 1, 1966, the day she retired from the U.S Army. The family had said we could pitch the desk and all of its contents, seemingly just a bunch of old papers. However, something made me pick up the files and box them for sorting later.



Sophie Silfen as a young WAC and in her later years.

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It is these very files, consisting of her Army records and citations, photos, personal correspondence, and memorabilia, that tell the story of Sophie's life in the military, from her first overseas

assignment in Japan, on to Europe, and then the White House, where she served as the personal assistant to General Howard McCrum Snyder, M.D., President Eisenhower's personal physician. It is a virtual treasure trove revealing the professional path of a modest Jewish woman who served with high-ranking military personnel throughout her career. Personal correspondence from the likes of General and Mrs. Westmoreland and others reflects an abundance of respectful and surprisingly warm and enduring relationships.

In going through the papers and memorabilia with Sophie, Marcia Feuerstein and I became com-

mitted to preserving these records and discussed with Sophie possible venues for such wonderful artifacts. At the time of Sophie's passing, no repository had been found, but I resolved to continue looking for an appropriate home for this priceless piece of history.

Fast forward to August 2012, when an acquaintance of Sisterhood member April Rubin happened to mention that she worked as a curator in the Division of Armed Forces History at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, specializing in women in the military. A perfect fit! So on September 13, 2012, Marcia and I delivered these precious documents to a most receptive and delighted curator. Eventually, all of the items will be catalogued and will become part of a research center on Women in the Military.

Sophie, we salute you!

—Lucy Hassell, Past President,
Adas Israel Sisterhood

Lifelong Learning

Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington Expands

As the new year begins, we are expanding on Adas Israel's programs in Jewish spirituality and mindfulness by offering weekly Jewish meditation sessions on Tuesday evenings, 7:30–8:30 pm, followed by refreshments. Sessions involve a combination of contemplative Jewish text study, silent meditation, and discussion.

In November, the sessions will be led by Rabbi Gilah Langner (November 6); Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt (November 13); Harry Chauss (November 20); and Lauren Milstein (November 27). Beginners are welcome and are encouraged to come to any sessions.

Also in November, we are continuing our mindful yoga program with Harry Chauss and Lauren Rubenstein. Join us 10:45 am–noon, November 4, 11, 18, and 25, for an embodied spiritual practice in a uniquely Jewish context. Beginners welcome. Dress for movement; mats provided. Fee: donation-based. Any questions, please contact Harry.Chauss@gmail.com or DrLaurenRubenstein@gmail.com.

We appreciate all who helped with our successful High Holy Day programming, including spiritual *shofar* blowing, *mikvah* renewal, a meditative hike, and a special *Yom Kippur* meditation/chant. Please join with us as we continue this journey!

For further details and classes visit, www.adasisrael.org. ○



Jewish Study Center Fall Semester Continues on Wednesdays

To register for any of these classes, visit www.jewishstudycenter.org.

Time and Money: An Economic Perspective on American Jewish observance

Wednesdays, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 8:15–9:25 pm

Instructor: Carmel Chiswick, professor of economic history, George Washington University

Unpacking Torah (1st four parshiot of Genesis)

Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 8:15–9:25 pm

Centropa's Rescued Memories: A Digital Bridge to a World Destroyed

Wednesdays, Oct. 17, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 7:00–8:15 pm

Oct. 31: Sephardim in the Balkans

Nov. 7: Jews of Poland and Russia

Nov. 14: Our own family stories

Cost: Series: JSC & Adas members \$55, non-members \$75; single session: members \$15, non-members \$20

Jewish American Writers: Famous and Not So Famous

Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 28, 7:00–8:15 pm

Nov. 7: Avram Davidson: The Greatest Writer You Never Heard Of

Nov. 14: Three Jewish American Poets: Irving Feldman, Shirley Kaufman, Jacqueline Osherow

Nov. 28: Chaim Potok

Cost: three sessions: JSC & Adas members \$40, non-members \$55; individual session: members \$15; non-members \$20

Faith and Foxholes: Religion and the U.S. Military Today

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 7:00–8:15 pm

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

Experiencing the Jews of Azerbaijan

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7:00–8:15 pm

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

The First American Jews and How They Came to New York

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7:00–8:30 pm

Cost: JSC & Adas members \$15, non-members \$20 ○

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, November 2, 6:30 pm

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

professionals between the ages of 21 and 35. Our evening begins at 6:30 pm 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. Register at www.adasisrael.org/yp by October 30 to reserve your spot. ○

Save the Date

Shem Tov Shabbat

Friday, January 18

Honoring

The Bubes Family

David & Harriet Bubes

Nancy & Alan Bubes

"... the Crown of a Good Name ..."

TORAH LISHMA PILLAR WEEKEND CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Sunday, November 18

Join us for a conversation between Russell Shaw, head of Georgetown Day School, and Rabbi Brad Artson that will weave the universal ideas of the importance of learning in relationships as well as the particular Jewish value of *hevruta* study. ○

Contributions

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In Honor Of: Naming of his granddaughter by Jeffrey N. Cohen. **Marshall Cohen's** special birthday by Marshall & Arlene Cohen. Marriage of **Samantha Streicher & Jake Honigman** by Howard Streicher & Veneeta Acson. Naming of our granddaughter, **Madelline Scherr** by Arthur & Harriet Isack. **David Lieberman's** bar mitzvah by Irv & Judy Lieberman. **Judy Smith's** 65th birthday by Russell & Judith Smith. **Gladys Temkin's** birthday by Aaron & Gladys Temkin. **Michael Fensterheim** becoming a bar mitzvah by David Fensterheim & Julie Hoffman. **Nicholas El-Eini Whitman** becoming a bar mitzvah by James Whitman & Anna El-Eini. **Rebecca Rifkind Brown** becoming a bat mitzvah by Bruce Brown & Amy Rifkind. **Daniel Ingber & Rebecca Ingber** becoming b'nai mitzvah by Ken & Kathy Ingber.

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In Memory Of: **Dorothy Kluff Stearns** by Beverly & Sanford Cohen, Edward Kluff.

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Youth @ AI



Youth @ AI had a blast at our events in October!

Machar enjoyed a great day at Adventure Park USA mini-golfing, playing in the arcade, and making some new friends!

Kadima was in the band and rocked out at Rockville's Band Kamp!

USY made some delicious sushi and enjoyed a night of Sumo wrestling at Sumo and Sushi!

Don't let the cooler weather get you down! We're just getting warmed up at Youth @ AI! Check out what's coming up in November:

Machar: Stay out late with Machar's Laser

Tag Adventure on Saturday, November 10!

Kadima: Join the Israeli army... for a day!

Spend the afternoon at "Gadna" with us and enjoy a falafel lunch on Sunday, November 11!

USY: Take a weekend trip to Virginia Beach with the USY Fall Convention! Enjoy a weekend away with lots of friends in a sweet hotel at the beach!

For more information about youth group membership or participating in Youth @ AI events, check out our website at www.adasisrael.org/youth/ or contact Sasha at youth@adasisrael.org. ○

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Winter Coat Drive

The Ezra Pantry announces its annual Winter Coat Drive to benefit SOME (So Others Might Eat). We have had great success in the past and wish to double our contributions! Now that you've begun to dig out your winter clothes, you're sure to come upon outgrown coats your family members won't wear again. Please bring them to the Ezra Pantry (in the coatroom), where you'll see a large wardrobe box. Let's fill it! Place clean outgrown or no longer used winter coats in the box by Thanksgiving, and we will donate them to people in need. Thank you!

Contact Judith Krones, for information or with other ideas at david.judith@verizon.net. ○

Tikkun Olam

Veterans Day Social Action Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking for a chance to make a difference in the life of a Vietnam veteran who suffered a stroke a few years ago? On Monday, November 12 (this year's official observance of Veterans Day), Adas Israel and People's Congregational UCC will be making accessibility and roofing repairs on a home in Historic Anacostia

owned by a government employee whose partner, a Vietnam veteran, was left impaired by the stroke. Join the team and help repair the home's drywall, flooring, and painting.

Please call Linda Segal, 202-966-2402, to participate. All volunteers must be at least 13 years old. ○

Alan Gross Vigil

On the third Monday of every month, from noon to 12:30 pm, join other Adas members and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) in a vigil to free Alan Gross. The next vigil takes place on Monday, November 19, in front of the Cuban Interests Section (2630 16th Street, NW).

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, Gross went to Cuba to do humanitarian work on behalf of USAID with the peaceful, nondissident, Jewish community.

For more information or for other ways to help, visit www.jccouncil.org/freealangross. ○



Alan Gross and his family

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