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HAPPY HANUKKAH!

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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

A 'VISION OF RENEWAL' FOR JUDAISM'S FUTURE

(Published in the *Saturday, October 28, Washington Post*)

At Adas Israel, a large and storied Conservative synagogue in Washington, D.C., we have launched a historic renovation project for our landmark mid-century building, led by renowned architect Hugh Hardy and H3 Collaboration Architecture. The transformation of four major worship and activity spaces and the creation of an innovative learning and engagement center called *MakomDC* (Place DC) is the keystone of Adas Israel's "Vision of Renewal." This Vision initiative will strengthen Adas's capacity to meet the diverse spiritual, intellectual and social needs of today's Jews and create a lived experience of the unique "technology" of Jewish living.

To revitalize the personal experience of Conservative Judaism, in an age where the

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Bubes Family Selected for *Shem Tov* Award *Shabbat* Dinner and Service, January 18



David & Harriet Bubes



Alan & Nancy Bubes

Adas Israel Congregation will present its prestigious *Shem Tov* Award to the Bubes family, represented by David and Harriet Bubes and Alan and Nancy Bubes, on Friday evening, January 18, announced synagogue president Johanna Chanin, as part of a congregational Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend.

Established in 1963, the Adas Israel *Shem Tov* Award was created to recognize synagogue members who have contributed significantly to the betterment of our congregation and community. The inspiration for the award comes from the passage in *Pirke Avot* (*Ethics of Our Ancestors*) that reads: "There are three crowns within one's reach—that of Torah, that of priesthood, and that of royalty. The crown of a Good Name, a *Shem Tov*, however, excels them all."

Receiving the *Shem Tov* award is a very special event for any recipient, but this year's presentation to the Bubes family marks the first time a second and third generation of Adas

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Hanukkah at Adas

► Religious School Dan Kaufman Memorial Latke Party, Sunday, December 9, 11:00 am



► Hanukkah Festival Concert & Installation of Cantor Brown

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► Community Hanukkah Menorah Candle Lighting & Hanukkah Sing-Along, Tuesday & Wednesday, December 11 & 12, 6:00 pm, at the exterior Hanukkah menorah

► L'Dor VaDor Hanukkah Shabbat: Friday, December 14, 6:00 pm
Visit the **Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop** for all your Hanukkah needs!

We look forward to lighting the exterior Hanukkah menorah dedicated in memory of Rose and Simon Laupheimer and to using the beautiful silver Israeli *hanukkiyah* donated to the synagogue by Ryna and Melvin (z"l) Cohen in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary a few years ago. ○

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Conservative movement has seen sweeping reductions in membership and participation, it is vitally important that the religious community bravely creates warm, welcoming and innovative environments and tools for fostering Jewish identity. To create a space where our members, as well as the broader Jewish community, can come and be Jewish

in a way that's true and meaningful for them is what our "Vision" initiative is all about.

With that, I am enormously excited to reveal the creation of *MakomDC*, the innovative Jewish learning and engagement center and coffeehouse-style gathering place for the 21st Century. The center will be housed within the state-of-the-art Biran *Beit Midrash* (House of Study), currently being built as part of our historic renovation project.

MakomDC is a completely new kind of immersive experience and modern social magnet for contemporary Jewish life. It is a transformed and active study center, combining Jewish learning with the bustling energy of a modern coffee-house as well as a participatory speaker jam at a downtown open-mic night. Regularly scheduled programs, speakers and events will be announced in the coming year. Upon completion, it will be one of the only progressive, non-Orthodox and technologically equipped Jewish houses of study in the world.

MakomDC attempts to offer Jews the opportunity to do what Jews do best: ask big questions and seek out the answers together — in all aspects of life, not only in Judaism.

Upon entering our renovated building and *MakomDC*, guests will immediately encounter Jewish texts accessible everywhere in multimedia formats, from traditional books to modern computer and internet technology. They'll take in breathtaking Jewish art and imagery, groups of people in animated conversations, as well as young people busy surfing the Web on laptops. So Adas is now both a place to hang out and connect, as well as a place to learn and to pray, which is what a synagogue is all about. The new center will feature world-renowned speakers presenting a variety of *shiurim* (lessons) from all over the world, followed by individual *Havruta* (one-to-one) sessions exploring a wide variety of topics and ideas, using an array of intellectual sources ranging from ancient Jewish texts to modern scientific periodicals.

There is something for everyone and everyone is welcome. That's Judaism.

However, these types of major transformations must not be about bricks and mortar, but rather about people, programs and ideas. Yes, we are renovating the space. However, the physical changes are merely reflections of the energy we already find amongst a thriving community of engaged Jews.

Office Closings & Minyan Times

Tuesday, December 25

Offices Closed

Minyan at 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Our Vision is one we wish to share with the broader Jewish community. It is a vision of hope. It is a vision of a true spiritual landscape where Jews engage their ancient heritage and discover meaning, community and love in the 21st Century. In living up to our 143-year-old name, Adas Israel, I envision a Jewish future in which our leaders and our community courageously provide the tools we need to become a true *Assembly of Israel*." ◊

Hanukkah Festival

Sunday, December 9, 7:00 pm

A Celebration of the Installation of Cantor Brown on Hanukkah!

Featuring a spirited concert and dessert reception for the entire community!

- An array of rousing Jewish music
- Special appearances by Adas's very own members
- An exciting assortment of local cantors
- The premiere of Adas's new Youth Choir, Kolot!

Light the *menorah* with us and welcome the holiday in song!

No registration required ◊

A colorful poster for the Hanukkah Festival. The background is blue with yellow and orange musical notes and a menorah. The text is in white and yellow. It features a photo of Cantor Arianne Brown in a red dress.

**HANUKKAH
FESTIVAL**

**& Installation of
Cantor Brown!**

**DECEMBER 9
@ 7PM**

**With Cantor Arianne Brown &
Celebrated Jewish Musician Aryell Cohen**

Holidays

Happy Hanukkah!

Why Do We Celebrate Hanukkah?

The festival of *Hanukkah* commemorates the successful struggle for religious liberty, led by the priest Mattathias and later by his son, the brave Judah Maccabee, against the Syrian oppressors, in the year 167 BCE. That effort culminated in victory for the Jewish people and in recapturing the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was cleansed and rededicated to the service of God with lights rekindled in the Sanctuary. The festival is known in Hebrew as *Hanukkah*, which literally means dedication. It is also called the Feast of Lights, because the *Hanukkah* candles are lit on each of eight successive nights. We celebrate the “miracle of the oil,” the rededication of the Temple and the first rebellion for religious freedom.



When Is Hanukkah Observed?

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month, Kislev, the day on which the Temple was reconsecrated to the worship of God. The festival is observed for eight days. According to our tradition, the “day” officially begins the evening that precedes it. Hence the first candle is lit on the evening that ushers in the 25th day of Kislev. On each succeeding night of Hanukkah, an additional candle is lit, totaling eight in all. This year, *Hanukkah* begins on Saturday evening, Dec. 8. Candle lighting takes place in the evening.

Hanukkah Practices

Each Jewish home should have a *Hanukkah menorah*. The Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop has a wide range of *hanukkiyot* and other *Hanukkah* items available for purchase.

Place the *Hanukkah menorah* in a conspicuous place in your home. The lights should be kindled as soon as pos-

sible after nightfall with all members of the family present. Any members of the family, including children, may kindle the *Hanukkah* lights.

A famous symbol of *Hanukkah* is the *dreidel*, a four-faced top, with one Hebrew letter on each face. Each letter is the beginning of a Hebrew word—*Nes Godol Haya Sham*—“a Great Miracle Happened There.” Various games can be played with the *dreidel*, and it is a custom among some to eat potato latkes at this time because they are fried in oil.

Besides being a “home” holiday, *Hanukkah* is celebrated in the synagogue as well. *Hallel* Psalms are recited, there is an additional Torah reading in honor of *Hanukkah*, and a special *haftarah* is chanted on *Shabbat Hanukkah*.

How to Light Hanukkah Lights

Light the *shamash* candle first. On the first evening of *Hanukkah*, one candle is

lit, which is placed on the far right of the *menorah*, as you face it. Place a candle to its left on the second night of *Hanukkah* and continue placing the candles toward the left on each successive night. Always light the “new” candle for that night first, and then proceed to the right in the lighting process.

On Friday, the *Hanukkah* candles are kindled before lighting the *Shabbat* candles. On Saturday night, the *Hanukkah* candles are kindled after *Havdalah*, which marks the conclusion of *Shabbat*, has been recited.

The ceremony of the kindling of lights is the most significant aspect of the festival. The family should remain standing around the *Hanukkah menorah* as the *shamash* (the candle used to light the other candles) is lit. As the candle is held, the first blessing over the *Hanukkah* lights is chanted. See blessings in box below. ○

Blessings for Lighting the Menorah

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.
Baruch ata Adonai Ehloheinu mehlech haolam asher kid'shanu

b'mitzvot v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the World, who has sanctified us by His commandments and commanded us to kindle the *Hanukkah* lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.
Baruch ata Adonai Ehloheinu mehlech haolam, sheasa nisim laavoteinu bayamim

hahaim baz'man hazeh. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the World, who did wondrous things for our ancestors, in days of old at this season.

On the first night, the following is added:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.
Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, Shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higianu
laz'man hazeh. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the World, who has granted us life, sustained us, and permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.

All join in singing Ma'oz Tzur:

Ma'oz tzur y'shuati lecha na'eh l'shabei-ah.

Tikon beit t'filati, v'sham todah n'za-bei-ah.

Leit takhin matbei-ah, mi-tzar ha'm'na-bei-ah.

Az egmor b'shir mizmor, Hanukat hamizbei-ah,

Az egmor b'shir mizmor, Hanukat hamizbei-ah.

מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבח,

תכון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזכה,

לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח,

אז אגמר בשיר מזמור חנוכת המזבח.

Education

Gan HaYeled

Learning is achieved only in company.—Talmud

During the year's journey at the Gan, staff studies and learns as much as the children do. On December 6, all staff will attend the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Early Childhood Conference, "*Ko'ach of the Mo'ach—The Strength of the Mind.*" National and local presenters will offer sessions on topics ranging from "Current Brain Research" to "Integrating Torah Study in the Early Childhood Classroom" to "Strategies for Inspired Teaching."

Open Houses for Prospective Families

Learn about the wonderful opportunities at the Gan for you and your children! Remaining Open Houses for prospective families are Tuesday, Dec. 4; Wednesday, Jan. 9, and Tuesday, Jan. 22, 9:30–11:00 am. For more information, contact Gan Director Sheri Brown, 202-362-4491 or Sheri.Brown@adasisrael.org.

2013/14 Registration

Registration for the 2013–2014 school year begins in January. Please take advantage of your Adas Israel membership: priority registration for members is Jan. 7–10. Registration for current families runs Jan. 11–16, and open registration begins Jan. 17. For class offerings, please check the Gan page on the Adas website, adasisrael.org.

Religious School

L'Dor VaDor Service & Dinner, December 14

"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!

Hanukkah Eve 7
Friday, December 14

6:00pm - Service

7:00pm - Dinner

7:45 - Gaga Tournament

\$19.95 - Adult Dinner (11 and above)
 \$14.95 - 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/ldorvador>
 (202) 362-4449
Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org



Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service, December 15

If you enjoy the High Holy Day family service, you will enjoy *Shabbat Unplugged*, a musical family service for elementary-school-age families. *Shabbat Unplugged* meets Saturday, December 15, at 10:45 am and is led by Josh Bender, director of education, and Elie Greenberg, director of informal programming.

The service seeks to build a prayer experience that is fun, interactive, and spirited. This is also an opportunity for families to explore some of the key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer. Guitars and other instruments are used to enhance the experience and to teach Jewish and Israeli songs. In addition, the Torah portion comes alive through the art of Jewish storytelling with Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff. Families are invited to join the congregational *kiddush* following the service.

Religious School Calendar

December 9: Dan Kaufman *Latke* Party and *Hanukkah* Celebration for Religious School families, 11:15–12:15 pm, Kay Hall

December 20–31: Winter Break ○



▲ Fourth graders discuss Bal Tashchit, the Jewish value of "do not waste," in Rock Creek Park, as a part of a unit on protecting the environment.



◀ Students who attended Religious School on Wednesday, Oct. 31, spent time learning about the Jewish value of ma'achil re'evim (feeding the hungry) and prepared gifts of food for Martha's Table to help the less fortunate in D.C.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Kicks Off Program Year Making Beautiful Music



Cantor Ari Brown

President Lisa Kleine welcomed more than 100 Sisterhood members and guests to the opening event on October 14 celebrating the arrival of our new Cantor, Arianne Brown. Following a reception, Cantor Ari performed a lively and evocative repertoire of Hebrew, English, Yiddish, and Ladino folk songs that told stories of women and love, marriage, and motherhood.

Some highlights of the program included Michelle Kanter

Cohen, making her Sisterhood debut as violin accompanist for the song, *Veirastich Li*, the betrothal ceremony. Cantor Ari also sang a special song, *Yonati* (My Yona), to her seven-month-old son, Yonah, who made a special guest appearance. And don't forget—many of these songs are on Cantor Ari's CD available in the Gift Shop.

Sisterhood's opening event is always an occasion for welcoming new members and energizing the many women who will contribute their talents throughout the coming year. Special kudos to Marcie Goldstein, chair; Lucy Hassell, Gail Roache, Maria Laszlo, and Joyce Stern for their countless hours spent on publicity and programming; Rebecca Boggs for an inspiring *d'var torah*; and Myra Promisel for her update on Women's League.

Those interested in learning more about Sisterhood and joining, please contact Membership Chair Maria Laszlo-Sloan, 301-654-1988 or marialasasloan@gmail.com, or check us out on the web at www.AdasIsrael.org. Go to the Communities Tab and follow the link to Sisterhood.



Event chair Marcie Goldstein and former Sisterhood president Lucy Hassell present Cantor Ari with a thank-you gift for her performance.

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

HOURS

Sun–Mon & Wed–Fri, 9:30 am–12:30 pm

Tues, 9:30 am–3:00 pm & 6:15–8:00 pm

Make us your first stop for all of your *Hanukkah* needs! See our *hanukkiyot*—we have many to meet every need, from children to adults. And don't forget *dreidels*, decorations, gift wrap, *gelt*, and countless other items.



202-364-2888

adasgiftshop@gmail.com

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

Value Our Vets: Women's League Convention 2012 Special Chesed Project

In keeping with the tradition of supporting local causes in convention host cities or regions, Women's League has selected as its project for the upcoming 2012 biennial convention Value Our Vets, a campaign to assist residents of the Fisher House in West Los Angeles. Fisher House provides free housing to military men and women and their families who are receiving medical treatments at local VA facilities. Women's League Sisterhoods, individual members, family, and friends are asked to purchase (through Women's League) gift cards for local grocery stores, restaurants, and pharmacies to help defray some of the costs incurred by these families.

If you would like to help, please go to www.wlaj.org; on the right-hand side of the home page is a link to the donation site.

Women's League: Our Connection to Jewish Women Worldwide


Adas Israel Sisterhood is an original member of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, which was founded in 1918. Our Sisterhood members join nearly 55,000 other Conservative



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Jewish women in 440 affiliates in North America, Israel, Europe, and Latin America who are dedicated to perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism through education, social action, and religious observance.

Women's League offers Leadership Institutes and free training services to help Sisterhoods grow and prosper. As part of Seaboard Region (covering DC, Maryland, Virginia, and part of North Carolina), our Sisterhood members are urged to participate in area programs such as JTS-taught Women's League Institute classes, the Region Conference (May 5–6) and the Torah Fund event on April 14.

A gift to the Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League supports students at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, and Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano. Torah Fund has raised over \$99 million during its longer than 70-year history. A contribution at any level is greatly appreciated. If you can give at the \$180 level or more, you will receive a Torah Fund pin with the theme: *Uri Uri*: Awake, the call of Devorah the prophet. You can also contribute by ordering Torah Fund greeting cards from Adas Torah Fund Chair Gerry Lezell. Donations to Torah Fund (payable to Torah Fund–JTS) can be sent to Gerry Lezell, 5800 Magic Mountain Drive, Rockville, MD 20852. 

Help us get to 700 LIKES by Hanukkah!

Like us on Facebook before December 7 and you could win a \$100 Gift Card to the Sisterhood Gift Shop...



Just in time for a Hanukkah gift!

Attention, Stockholders! A Good Time to Donate Appreciated Stock

We thank the firm of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney for its special arrangement for members who donate stocks and securities to the congregation. The congregation receives 100 percent of all stock proceeds donated to the congregation. We liquidate all stock when it is received, and a confirmation letter is sent to the donor following the sale. Our thanks also to Tim Hando and the staff of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney for their work on our behalf.

There are great tax advantages to donating appreciated stock directly to the congregation before the end of the year. For additional information and stock transfer instructions, please call Glenn Easton or Lesley Brinton at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433. (Please do not call Morgan Stanley directly.)

Sandy Relief Effort

Dear Friends:

We have all been stunned by the devastating impact of Hurricane Sandy on the communities in New Jersey, New York City, and Long Island.

I am sure we all in some way want to open our hearts and extend our hands to tens of thousands of people who have lost businesses, homes, all their personal effects, and their neighborhoods. We have been in contact with Jewish leaders in the New York and New Jersey, officials of the Red Cross, and others who have expertise in disaster relief. We have concluded that the best way we can help now is to write a check to support all the efforts to aid the victims. We recommend that you send a generous gift to the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund set up by UJA Federation of New York, the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund of Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest New Jersey, or to the Hurricane Relief Fund of the American Red Cross. UJA Federation of New York has already allocated \$10 million for hurricane relief and I am sure they will be allocating more. Those funds go directly to different local community organizations to help those who are in great need. The American Red Cross along with FEMA is the agency that is responsible for coordinating relief efforts during times of major disasters. We have learned that the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund is short of funds.

We have been instructed that the donation of material goods is not the most effective way to help as the recovery effort moves forward. People need cash now in order to buy the necessities of life and to replace what has been ruined or destroyed. There is a need for volunteers to help in the clean-up and to support the relief efforts. We are now looking into organizing a group to go to New York to volunteer. In order to do that, we need to figure out our logistics and make sure that we can help in a way that will be supportive and useful. We will be in touch once we have come up with workable plan for this effort.

Please then make a generous donation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, the UJA Federation of New York Hurricane Relief Fund, the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ Hurricane Relief Fund, or to the American Red Cross. Here is how you can do this:

Online: Go to www.adasisrael.org and follow the links
By Check:

UJA-Federation of New York, Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund, P.O. Box 4227, New York, NY 10261-4227

Jewish Federation of Greater Metro West NJ, 901 Route 10, P.O. Box 929, Whippany, NJ 07981

American Red Cross, 8550 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031-4634

Please join with us in asking for God's love and compassion upon all those who have suffered from the devastation of Hurricane Sandy.

Shalom,

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Rabbi Charles Feinberg and Joel Fischman, chairperson of the Social Action Council

Israel members are honored. In 1981, Nat Popick (z"l), Harriet's father and Alan's grandfather received this special award.

Harriet and Dave were married in 1951 by Rabbi Metz and Cantor Barkin, so their Adas roots go very deep. Harriet and Dave have four sons, Alan, Ron, Mark, and Ken, all of whom celebrated their *b'nai mitzvah* and confirmation at Adas. Each of the four sons has three children, making an even dozen grandchildren, all of whom, of course, have continued the family legacy and have become a *bar or bat mitzvah*.

David is a lifetime member of the Adas Israel Board of Directors and was chairman of the school and education committee for many years. He has also served on the Board of the Greater Washington Jewish Foundation and the Washington chapter of Technion and has devoted time and support to Jewish Foundation for Group Homes and various other organizations.

Harriet has also been very involved with Adas Israel, Hadassah, and the Bubes Family Foundation, which has supported many local Jewish charities here and in Florida. In addition, Harriet and Dave were honored by National Jewish Hospital. Their personal lives have been committed to their family, and they share their values with their children and grandchildren.

David served as president of Carter Service Industries, a well-known regional uniform company, where he worked with his father-in-law, Nat Popick; brother-in-law, Richard Block (z"l); and his sons. After selling Carter, David purchased Linens of the Week in 1985, a local linen company he and his four boys turned into one of the largest linen supply com-

panies in the country.

The Popick, Bubes & Block Foundation has continued to support Adas in many ways, including sponsorship of the *Chronicle*. David and Alan has served as co-chairs of the *Kol Nidre* Appeal, and their family business, Linens of the Week, has donated the synagogue linens needs for many years.

Alan and Nancy are recognized as philanthropic leaders in our community in their own right. They are both very dedicated to various organizations in Washington, itself and are focused on the needs of kids and families in the city. Alan is on the board of First Tee, a program that offers inner-city kids after-school programs and lessons in golf, as well as Fields of Dreams and the Youth Baseball Academy, which do the same with baseball.

Alan and Nancy have also recently help to underwrite through Federation, the Peres Center for Peace, Arab Israeli Youth soccer program after their family's visit to Israel. They were the 2011 Yachad honorees for their work in rebuilding homes around the city. In October they were also honored by the Georgetown Ministry, a group of churches and synagogues that feeds the homeless, for their work with that organization.

Nancy was recognized by the Georgetown Citizens Association as Business Leader of the year in 2012 and was recently recognized recently by Rose Park and the Veterans Homeless Shelter in Southeast DC, where she rebuilt the kitchen this year and purchased a new flat screen for residents to watch the Super Bowl. She has served on the board of the

Lab School for many years and was its vice president for development.

Alan and Nancy are also major supporters of Landon, Lab, and St. Andrews schools, which their three children attended. In her spare time, Nancy sells a "few" houses in DC and is nationally recognized by the *Wall Street Journal* for her work.

Please reserve the evening of January 18, which will begin with a congregational *Shabbat* dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by the award presentation during a special *Maariv* service at 8:00 pm. (Please note that there is also a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service at 6:00 pm that evening.) Members and friends are invited to RSVP to the *Shabbat* Dinner (\$25 adults/\$13 child under 10) to Carol Ansell at the synagogue, 202-362-4433 or carol.ansell@adasisrael.org. No reservations are required for the *Shabbat* service and *Oneg Shabbat* reception following services. ○

The symbol of the award is a *menorah*, created by distinguished sculptor Milton Hebal. The original was a gift



from Norman and Diane Bernstein in memory of Celia and Benjamin Bernstein, parents of Leo and Norman Bernstein. The first *Shem Tov* Award was presented posthumously to Abraham Kay in 1964. Last year's recipient was Congressman Henry Waxman.

Balanced in the Light: A Mikvah Experience for the Fourth Night of Hanukkah

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 to 9:00 pm



This December, on the fourth night of *Hanukkah*, join a small group of women and men for a warm and powerful mikvah experience. We will read and share stories of lighting up the darkness, meditate on miracles, study texts, light candles together, and do individual *mikvah* immersions (optional). Led by Rabbi Gilah Langner, Washington Jewish Healing Network, and Naomi Malka, Ritual Director, Adas Israel Congregation. Fee: \$36 with *mikvah*, \$18 without.

(Limited to six *mikvah* 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. Two other *mikvah* workshops will take place -- during Hanukkah (December 11) and before Passover (March 17, 2013). ○

Life Cycle

Milestones

Birth

George Bennett Perlman, son of Evan Perlman & Catherine Crow

We wish our newborn and his family strength, good health, and joy.

Marriages

Rabbi Wohlberg officiated at the wedding of Isabelle Liberman, daughter of Howard & Susan Liberman, to Gabriel Gold, son of Jeffrey & Helene Gold, on October 13.

Rabbi Steinlauf officiated at the wedding of members Brant Levine (son of Sylvia Levine) and Katherine Curley (daughter of Leslie & Dennis Curley) on October 21.

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

B'nai Mitzvah



Daniel and Rebecca Ingber,

December 8

Daniel and Rebecca, children of Kathy and Ken Ingber, are seventh graders at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Daniel and Rebecca began their Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, and then attended the Jewish Primary Day

School of the Nation's Capital through sixth grade. Daniel and Rebecca are excited about celebrating this special moment in their lives with their grandparents, Marylou and Leonard Kresch, and their community of family and friends.



Harrison Gray, *December 1*

Harrison, son of Ellen Kassoff and Todd Gray, is a seventh grader at St. Albans School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and attends the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his family and friends. For his *mitzvah* project, Harrison is working with the Washington

Humane Society by helping to organize a gala to raise funds for Humane Law Enforcement and Education programs that teach compassion toward animals to schoolchildren throughout the metropolitan Area.

Members in the News

Myra Promisel will be installed for a second term as financial secretary of Women's League for Conservative Judaism at its 2012 biennial convention (December 2–5, 2012, in Las Vegas). Founded in 1918, Women's League represents 440 affiliated women's groups in Conservative synagogues across North American, Great Britain, and Israel, as well as individual members. It is dedicated to the perpetuation of traditional Judaism in the home, synagogue and community.

New Members

Avram & Anat Bar-Cohen live in Bethesda. Avram is a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Maryland, and Anat is executive director in public health at the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

Ana Bilik and her son, Julian Gaines, live in Washington, where Ana works in international development at ASI.

Moshe Burstin & Courtney Wilkins live in Washington. Moshe is a financial advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors, and Courtney is human resources manager at Gate Gourmet.

Ann Chernicoff is an attorney in the U.S. Courts and lives in Washington.

Edward & Sarah Dovere live in Washington. Edward is journalist for Politico, and Sarah is director of development at the Woolly Mammoth Theatre.

Jeffrey & Sara Froikin-Gordon live in Washington, where Jeffrey is an entrepreneur at AgSquared, and Sara is an attorney at EPA.

Marissa Goldner lives in Washington and is an accountant at Leading Authorities, Inc.

Joshua Goodman lives in Washington and is an attorney with the government.

Christopher & Rachel Griffith live in Washington, and Christopher works at ICF.

Phillip Hummel & Lillian Shields live in Washington, where Phillip is an attorney at Linowes and Blocher, LLP, and Lillian is a health policy analyst at the Government Accountability Office.

David Lauter & Ann Gumbinner live in Washington, where David is a journalist for the *Los Angeles Times*, and Ann is self-employed.

Judah & Anneben Levine live in Washington, DC with their children, Emma and Lily. Judah is CEO of HIP Consult, and Anneben is a stay-at-home mother

Aaron Margolis lives in Arlington and is a data analyst at the State Department.

Harry & Karen Marks live in Washington, where Harry is a mathematical statistician at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Justin Meyers is a lobbyist at Nelson Mullins and lives in Washington, DC.

Janice Mostow & John Larson live in Bethesda, MD. Janice is retired from school administration, and John is a retired educational consultant.

Barry Pollack & Rebecca Reed and their children, Erin and Benjamin Pollack, live in Washington. Barry is a partner in Miller Chevalier, and Rebecca is an attorney/VP business affairs at Discovery Communications.

Eric Rose & Nina Dunn live in Washington. Eric is an attorney at Hertzfeld and Rubin, and Nina is an independent attorney.

Jennifer & Jon Rosenwasser live in Washington with their children, Max and Roxanne. Jennifer is in Jewish education and management at Hillel International and Jon is a strategist with the U.S. government.

Life Cycle Continued

Emily Rotbart is a graduate student at GW and lives in Washington.
Jeffrey Rubenstein is an analyst for the federal government and lives in Chevy Chase.

Betsy Strauss is a self-employed attorney/mediator.

Kate Sullivan is a lobbyist at the Mapetsi Policy Group and lives in Washington.

Andrew & Alexandra Taylor live in Chevy Chase with their sons, Gabriel and Noah. Andrew is a project manager at Fannie Mae, and Alexandra teaches at JPDS.

Eric & Melissa Tucker live in Washington with their children, Abigail and Samuel. Eric is a journalist with the Associated Press and Melissa is an attorney for the DC City Council.

Justin Wasserman is a doctor at the Pain Treatment Center of Greater Washington and lives in Bethesda.

Jeffrey Wheeler & Leigh Gilman and their children, Aaron and Margot Wheeler, live in Washington. Jeffrey is a financial advisor at ING, and Leigh is a Latin teacher at Sidwell Friends School.

Lisa Zusman works in marketing at Choice Hotels International and lives in Bethesda.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue member:

Joseph Gichner, husband of Sonya * father of Judi Kauffman

Norman Horwitz, husband of Elinor & father of Erica, Josh, & Tony Horwitz

Jacob "Jack" Lish, husband of Fran & father of Sam

Samuel Weisbach, brother of Sylvia (Lenny) Sheeskin and "uncle" of Alex Mates

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Jeanette Adler, mother of Helene Weingarten

Lester Block, father of Shelley Block

Grace R. Cohen, mother of Susan Kraut

John David Lightner, father-in-law of Bernie Lightner

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.

Cemetery Hours


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

Adas Israel Community Mikvah



Our *mikvah* is a sacred space where Jews can mark life transitions with powerful physical ritual. Immersing in a *mikvah* connects the body to the water cycle of our planet and to the

sources of life. People visit our *mikvah* to observe the *mitzvah* of monthly immersion; to celebrate *s'machot*; to find strength during a difficult time; to pray for healing; to reflect on the meaning of becoming a bride, groom, or *bar* or *bat mitzvah*; to convert to Judaism; and to prepare physically and spiritually for *chagim*.

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

Combined Community Shabbat Service, December 28

Continuing a tradition of more than 30 years, Adas Israel Congregation will participate in a combined community service on Friday, December 28, at 6:00 pm, at Washington Hebrew Congregation (3935 Macomb Street, NW). Rabbi Gil Steinlauf and Adas officers and congregants will join Washington Hebrew, Temple Sinai, and Temple Micah. Please note there will **not** be a 6:00 pm *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service at Adas Israel that evening.

This long-standing tradition of sharing is a significant way to mark the closure of the secular year and a wonderful opportunity to share *Shabbat* with members of sister congregations in our area.

We encourage your attendance as a way of strengthening intersynagogue relationships and marking the transition in the calendar in a religious manner.

The new face of the Adas Israel Community Mikvah



December 2012

Kislev–Tevet 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.

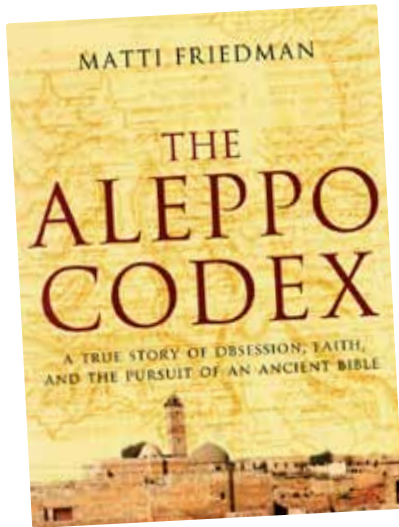
Library Open on Shabbat: The Adas Israel Library is open on Saturdays from 12:30–1:30 pm. Our *Shabbat* volunteers will help you find just the right book to bring home. For assistance during the week, contact our librarian, Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Adult B’nai Mitzvah Class 10:45 am Mindful Yoga 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 11 Kislev	26 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 12 Kislev	27 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm Conversion Course 7:30 pm Meditation Class 13 Kislev	28 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Parent/Teacher Conferences–Kittens (3D up) 9:00 am Gan Curriculum Fair with Conferences 9:30 am Gan Parents’ Class with Rabbi Holtzblatt 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm JSC Classes 7:30 pm Making Mishpacha Class 14 Kislev	29 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:50 am Gan HaYeled Meets 9:30 am Gan Open House 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 15 Kislev	30 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat; D’var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 6:30 pm Shir Delight Oneg 7:30 pm Shir Delight Service, 8 pm; D’var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 8:30 pm YP Shir Delight Dinner 16 Kislev	1 PARSHAT VAYISHLACH 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan; D’var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D’var Torah by Mary Hammer 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 17 Kislev
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Library Corner

The Aleppo Codex: Secret History of an Ancient Bible

by Robin Jacobson



As I write this, bloody street battles rage in the ancient city of Aleppo, as Syrian government and insurgent forces fight for dominance. Hard as it is to imagine, Aleppo was for centuries the peaceful dwelling place of a vibrant Jewish community and home to one of Judaism's greatest treasures, the oldest and most venerated Hebrew Bible, known grandly as the "Crown of Aleppo" or simply, the "Aleppo Codex."

The Aleppo Codex: A True Story of Obsession, Faith, and the Pursuit of an Ancient Bible by Israeli investigative journalist Matti Friedman brings to light the fascinating, extraordinary history of this preeminent Jewish book. Don't miss this real-life detective story, available in our library.

Early History

Nearly 1,100 years ago in Tiberias, two renowned scholar-scribes collaborated to write what would later be called the Aleppo Codex. (A codex is a handwritten bound book, in contrast to a scroll). Encompassing all 24 books of the bible, the Aleppo Codex was the crowning achievement of generations of work by Masoretes—sages dedicated to preserving ancient oral tradition regarding the meaning and vocalization of Judaism's sacred texts. Unlike Torah scrolls, the Aleppo Codex includes vowels, punctuation, trope marks, and marginal notes, indicating how the sacred words are to be understood, pronounced, and chanted.

Down the years, the fabled codex was captured by the Crusaders, ransomed by Egyptian Jews, relied on by Maimonides to write his great works of Jewish scholarship, and, in the 14th century, carried to Aleppo, Syria, where it remained for nearly six centuries and gained its name. The Aleppo Jews locked the codex in an iron safe within Aleppo's Great Synagogue, treasuring it like a priceless religious icon. Pregnant women and others in need would pray and light candles before the iron safe.

In November 1947, rioting mobs torched the Great Synagogue, raging at the UN resolution permitting a Jewish state in part of Palestine. Miraculously, the codex escaped the flames. For the next 10 years, the codex remained hidden in a storeroom in the Old City bazaar, until the local rabbis sadly concluded that Jewish life in Aleppo was over. They recruited a cheese merchant, Murad Faham, to smuggle the codex out of Syria by concealing it in a washing machine. Arriving in Israel, Faham entrusted the treasure to President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, a scholar who had long sought the codex for his Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the Middle East.

Controversy and Mystery

In the secret records of a bitter lawsuit, Matti Friedman

discovered that the Aleppo Jews of Israel fought to regain the codex from the Ben-Zvi Institute. They declared that the codex belonged to the Aleppo community, not to the institute or the State of Israel, and that the courier, Faham, betrayed the rabbis' instructions. Crucial to the dispute was the question, who owned the treasures of the Jewish Diaspora? Many immigrant groups came to Israel bearing rare Jewish texts. The State saw these treasures as the patrimony of the entire Jewish people, insisting that those who safeguarded them while the Jews were in exile must relinquish them to the Jewish homeland. To the Syrian Jews, this reasoning was preposterous. Aleppo had been home, not a place of "exile," nor had they been mere "temporary guardians" of the precious codex.

The Institute retained custody of the codex, but, tragically, did not safeguard its treasure. Two hundred pages of the codex—including virtually all of the Torah—disappeared, possibly on the Institute's watch. On this mystery, too, Friedman sheds some light in his fast-paced, suspenseful book. ○

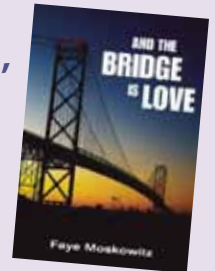
Adas Book Chat with . . .

Adas Author Faye Moskowitz
Sunday, January 13, 10:30 am,
in the Library

Join us for a discussion of Faye's essay collection, *And the Bridge Is Love*.

Faye teaches creative writing and Jewish American literature at George Washington University. Copies of the book are available through booksellers (at Politics & Prose, ask for the 20% discount for the Adas Book Chat).

For more information, please contact Robin Jacobson, librarian@adasisrael.org.



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. ○

Keeping up With the Vision

Keeping Up with the Vision is a monthly column providing up-to-the-minute information about our exciting renovation process. This is where you can find all you need to know to access all of our programs and activities during the construction phases. You can also follow all the noteworthy developments as they unfold over the coming year. Keep up with the progress as we strengthen Adas's ability to meet the social, intellectual, and religious needs of our wonderful congregation.

Forrester Construction Company Begins Phase 1

The renovation is underway! After a series of competitive bids, *Forrester Construction Company* has officially kicked off the construction efforts for our Vision of Renewal renovation campaign. As one of the Washington metropolitan area's leading commercial general contractors, Forrester Construction has earned an industry-wide reputation for consistently delivering exceptional construction services on projects ranging from national landmarks to religious and cultural centers. Its past clients include the Pentagon, Ford's Theater, Washington Hebrew Congregation, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. In addition, Forrester has received many local and national awards from the Associated Builders and Contractors, Washington Building Congress, Design Build Institute of America, National Association of Industrial Office Properties, and Mid-Atlantic Construction. We are very excited to have such seasoned hands leading this exciting year-long process.

Phase One of the process has begun thanks to the generous support of our donors and members. A construction bridge loan has been established through the Bank of Georgetown. Adas Israel has taken on no mortgages or put up any collateral to fund

the renovation. The loan was established with the generous pledges we have received and the support of our community.

In the coming months, the *Gewirz Beit Am* will officially



open its doors with an entirely reenvisioned atmosphere and practical use of the space. The room will be expanded and saturated with natural light. It will emphasize the many ways the community gathers, having transformed into a vibrant environment used for worship, meals, celebrations, school programs, classes, meetings, and other activities. All events usually held in the *Gewirz Hall* have been relocated temporarily, including our daily senior lunch program, which now meets in the Youth Lounge.

During this phase of the renovation, a temporary wall has been erected isolating the *Gewirz Hall* from the rest of the building. A construction trailer and portable restroom have been placed on the Connecticut Avenue Plaza so workers will not need to be anywhere else in the building.

In mid-December through April, construction will shift to the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, which will be sealed off by a temporary wall.

The final phase of construction, the lobby/Kogod Chapel/gift shop renovation, will begin in April. More information about the relocation of entrances, exits, and various activities will be released over the

coming months. During the winter months, we will also begin planning and designing the renewed *Kay Hall* and adjacent spaces.

So after a decade of dreaming, we are finally underway. We are enormously excited to have begun this historic initiative to give ourselves and our children the gift of renewal. Thank you for helping us to achieve the congregation's vision for the future. And please join us as we celebrate our accomplishments over the coming months. *B'Shalom.* ○



Gewirz Hall as of October 15



Working double-time to build the renewed Gewirz Bet Am



The Vision of Renewal Steering Committee and Leadership (Missing: Lawrence Nussdorf)



The Vision of Renewal hard hat!



Cantor Brown wows us her heavenly vocals, as usual!

The Vision of Renewal Groundbreaking Ceremony



Sarah and Bernard Gewirz temporarily remove the mezzuzah during construction



Adas members were front and center during the entire ceremony. Our many thanks to our incredible congregation! Pictured (left to right) are Andy Lipps, Shoshanna Marcus, Renée Fendrich, and Rabbi Steinlauf.



Board member Sydney Moskowitz and Rabbi Steinlauf have shovels ready to break ground!



The family of Estelle Gelman, of blessed memory, helps dedicate the newly named Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. Pictured are Elise & Marc Lefkowitz (center) and (left to right) synagogue president Johanna Chanan, Mathew Lefkowitz, Charlotte Lefkowitz, and Josh Bender, director of education.

Ma Tovv

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Remembering and Honoring the Memory of Captain John Wilner

End of an 18-Year Quest

French researcher Jean Paul Pitou ended an 18-year quest last month when he visited the gravesite of Capt. John Wilner at Adas Israel Cemetery in Anacostia. Pitou had been studying the 83rd Infantry Division and its role following the Normandy invasion in saving the town of Saint-Briac-sur-Mer in Brittany. Just months after the town was liberated in August 1944, the people of St. Briac erected a large stone monument in memory of the three American soldiers who were killed there. Capt. John Wilner of Washington, DC, was among those listed, but Wilner's name was misspelled on the French monument as "Woelner," a mistake that went unnoticed until 1994, when an American veteran, in town to commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day, noticed that the name Woelner did not appear in the historical records of the 83rd Division. It took years of searching before Pitou and fellow researchers Gille Billion and Antoine Nosier correctly identified the soldier who gave his life liberating St. Briac as Capt. John Wilner, the company commander of the 709th Tank Battalion that supported the 83rd Infantry. With that information in hand, they traced his burial place to the Adas Israel Cemetery in Anacostia.

The story began in Washington, DC, in 1897, when Joseph Wilner, a recent immigrant from Vilna, Poland, opened a tailor shop on 6th Street, NW. While his business prospered, he and

wife Ida raised four sons: Bernard, Morton, Paul, and John. Joseph Wilner quickly became a prominent leader in the Jewish community, founding the Jewish Community Center in the 1920s and serving as president of Adas Israel Congregation for 25 years. When World War II broke out, all four sons left Washington to serve their country. Just six weeks after Bernard died from an illness, the Wilners were notified of John's death in battle. Killed on August

annual memorial service. Weeks later, Pitou and Easton joined Joel Wind of the Jewish Historical Society and other members of the Wilner family at the Adas Israel Cemetery on a warm July afternoon.

At the graveside, Pitou shared his research into the battle's history and gave family members an engraved stone and some soil from St. Briac. Later, Pitou visited the archives of the Jewish Historical Society to view documents and photographs of the Wilner family. And the story will continue

next year, when the

village of St. Briac will correct the historical record by adding a plaque with Captain John Wilner's name to the monument on August 15, 2013.

These words from Capt. Wilner's letter to his daughter and his brother's children was found among his papers after his death: "More than anything, I value a cause, an ideal, which is decent and clean, representing relative happiness and insuring the validity of a few of the finer thing which life can offer. . . I am willing to die fighting for these things; I am happy to fight for them. . ."

Capt. Wilner's name is listed annually in the Adas Israel Yizkor Memorial Booklet, along with other synagogue members who have lost their lives in service to this country.



The Wilner Family Visits Adas Israel Cemetery

15, 1944, while on a reconnaissance patrol in preparation for the attack to liberate the town, Capt. John Wilner posthumously received the Bronze Star for his actions.

As part of Pitou's plans to attend the 83rd Infantry Division's 66th Reunion in Nashville, TN, this past summer, he contacted Glenn Easton, executive director of Adas Israel Congregation, for information about Wilner's final resting place. Easton quickly reached out to the extended Wilner family. John Wilner's daughter, Cathy, who never met her father, made an emotional phone call to Pitou from her home in Switzerland. Neither she nor the rest of the Wilner family had known of the monument to her father or the town's

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Got Summer Plans?

The year is racing by, and it's about time to start thinking about plans for this summer. For information about Jewish summer camps or Israel trips, please contact Elie Greenberg, 202-362-6295 or youth@adasisrael.org. Adas Israel offers summer subsidies to active members of our youth groups. Visit our website, adasisrael.org/youth, to download an application and learn how to become eligible to receive subsidies.

With gratitude, we acknowledge the following for their generosity:

Bertha & Oliver Atlas Youth Fund
Benjamin Eric Cooper Youth Scholarship Fund
Cecile & Seymour Alpert Israel Youth Scholarship
Minnie & Abraham S. Kay Israel Scholarship Fund
Harry & Judie Linowes Youth Endowment Fund
Morton & Norma Lee Fungler Israel Programs Fund
Janice Wasserman Goldsten Scholarship Fund
Isaac W. & Dina Halbfinger Youth Fund
Rita Rosenthal Heine Youth Scholarship Fund
Dr. Louis Jacobs Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund
Samuel & Sadie Lebowitz Israel Scholarship Fund
Anna & Abe Nathanson Youth Fund
Lillian & Max Offenberger Youth Fund
Steven M. Reich Memorial Youth Fund
Gertrude & Philip Smith Youth Fund
Leah M. Smith Memorial Youth Fund
Belle Tarshes Youth Fund
Myer "Mike" Feldman Memorial Youth Endowment Fund
Sisterhood Israel Scholarship
Men's Club Youth Department Scholarship Fund

We wish you all a wonderful and sweet December, *Hanukkah*, and Winter Break, and we are excited for all of you to come back and continue this amazing year together! See you all in 2013!! ○

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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.



DC'S Annual Hanukkah Happy Hour on the Hill

Monday, December 10, 6:00–9:00 pm

The Pour House (Capitol South Metro)

Join Washington DCJCC's EntryPointDC for the biggest party of the year, which

brings in hundreds of Jewish young adults from all over the DC area! Don't miss out on all the food, drinks, & *Hanukkah* fun!

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Save the Date

5774 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Families Shabbaton Retreat, May 10–12

This year's *pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbaton Retreat* takes place the weekend of May 10–12. The *shabbaton* is an opportunity to share *Shabbat* with other families and to deepen the Jewish aspect of the *bar/bat mitzvah* celebration. Families that participated in similar retreats in previous years have commented on how worthwhile—and how much fun—the *shabbaton* is.

As in past years, the retreat, underwritten in part by the Sandra & Clement Alpert Fund for Family Education, will take place at the Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center outside Baltimore.

In addition to the various discussion sessions with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, the weekend offers the opportunity for both the parents and children to become better acquainted with the other families celebrating *b'nai mitzvah* the same year, and to share ideas about this important event in their lives.

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

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Only checks **postmarked** by December 31, 2012, can be included in the statement. We cannot include contributions dated in December but received in January.

The statements will be mailed after January 31, 2013. For additional information or special tax reporting needs, please contact our controller, Lesley Brinton, CPA, in the synagogue accounting office, 202-362-4433 or Lesley.Brinton@adasisrael.org.

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Give the gift of light from your family as we again pray for those in need in Darfur, Sudan. Send donations to Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, DC 20008. For more information, contact Judy Herr, jorgsh2@gmail.com.

Many Ways to Light Up Hanukkah

Light up your *Hanukkah* experience and visit one of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes facilities to light candles, sing songs, and play *dreidel*. Visits can be made by individuals, groups of friends, or family groups. Two other ways to Light up *Hanukkah* are inviting residents and staff from one home to your home for one night of *Hanukkah* or a family *Hanukkah* party or give *Hanukkah* gifts to residents who do not have family.

Contact Linda Yitzchak, 240-283-6022 or lyitzchak@jfhg.org, to discuss how to Light up your *Hanukkah*.



Christmas Food Drive

Continuing an annual tradition, on Thursday, December 20, Adas Israel and Peoples Congregation UCC volunteers will pack food bags for Christmas food distribution to low-income DC residents. Volunteers will work for two or more hours between 9:00 am and noon at PCUCC, 4704 13th Street, NW.

Please contact Joel Fischman, fischman@comcast.net, to volunteer or for further information.

Christmas at N Street Village

Another great annual tradition! Join your friends and fellow congregants at N Street Village on Christmas Day. Laurie Williams, head chef and Christmas Day coordinator at N Street is looking

forward to welcoming Adas Israel back on the morning of Tuesday, December 25. The women at N Street always appreciate the good cheer and wonderful music we bring.

As we have now done for many years, we will help set up, serve, and serenade our guests, helping to make their holiday as special as it ought to be. Contact Ruth Kleinrock, ruthkleinrock@gmail.com, for more information. ○

Snow Policies

Melvin Gelman Religious School and Ma'alot DC (202-362-4449)

Weekday classes are canceled if Montgomery County Public Schools and/or DC Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather/snow. When Montgomery County and/or DC Public Schools close early due to inclement weather/snow, classes are canceled. In the case of a delayed opening of Montgomery County or DC Public Schools, classes meet as usual. When classes are canceled, there will be a message on the school voicemail, 202-362-4449, an email notice will be sent to parents subscribed to *Lahorim*, and a text message will be sent to families who have subscribed for text alerts. To subscribe to the *Lahorim* email list or text message alerts, please email talya.schultz@adasisrael.org.

Sunday closing announcements will be made on WTOP (103.9FM/103.5FM/820AM or wtop.com) radio after 7:30 am. When classes are canceled, there will be a message on the school's voicemail, 202-362-4449, an email notice will be sent to parents subscribed to *Lahorim*, and a text message will be sent to families who have subscribed for text message alerts. To subscribe to the *Lahorim* email list or our text message alerts, please email talya.schultz@adasisrael.org.

Gan HaYeled Nursery School (202-362-4491)

If Montgomery County, DC schools, or the federal government is closed, the Gan is closed. If DC schools have a delay, the Gan opens at 10:00 am. If Montgomery County schools have a delay, the Gan will open on time.

If Montgomery County and/or DC schools announce early dismissal, please come to the school ASAP to pick up your child.

Synagogue Office (202-362-4433)

The synagogue office follows the federal government's inclement weather policies. When the federal government closes, the synagogue office closes. When the federal government opens late, the synagogue office also opens late.

When in doubt, go to www.adasisrael.org or call the synagogue or individual school for a taped message. If synagogue offices are closed due to snow, all daytime and evening programs are canceled. If the schools are closed but the building/offices are open, please call the synagogue office regarding evening programs and classes. The daily *minyan* usually meets twice daily regardless of the weather, except in extreme circumstances. ○

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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

Anne Frank House Update



Members of the board of Anne Frank House receive the Benjamin Cooper Award.

Anne Frank House is grateful to the Religious School and the Adas Israel community for their fabulous support of the November 4 mini-walk as part of the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless efforts.

Thanks also to Adas Israel for graciously

hosting the Benjamin Cooper Award ceremony on October 17, presented by the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place. Anne Frank House was honored to be one of this year's award recipients.

As 2012 draws to a close, AFH wants to thank then many members of the Adas Israel community for their support and generosity this year.

As all of you plan your year-end contributions, please consider giving to Anne Frank House. In these uncertain financial times, your support is especially important. Checks may be sent to Anne Frank House, c/o Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, DC 20008, or contributions may be made online at www.theannefrankhouse.org. ○

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/freelangross. ○



Alan Gross and his family

Upcoming Chronicle Deadlines—

March issue: Thursday, January 31, noon; April issue: Friday, March 30, noon