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HAPPY PURIM!

## Clergy Corner

by Rabbi  
Charles Feinberg



### 'JUSTICE, JUSTICE YOU SHALL PURSUE'

Adas Israel has always perceived itself as playing an important role in the community and in the District of Columbia, as have local residents and organizations. We have done this in a number of ways. In a previous generation, when the District suffered destructive riots, lack of public services, and high crime rates, the congregation took a stand by remaining in the District and not moving to the suburbs. Under Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz's leadership, the congregation affirmed that its destiny was to serve the Jewish community in the District. By doing so, Adas Israel signaled to the rest of the community that we had faith in a brighter future for our community.

Members of Adas Israel were in the forefront of advocating for the homeless and mentally ill by creating the Anne Frank House. The congregation also

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## Sisterhood Shabbat Returns!

Back by popular demand, Sisterhood is honored to lead services for the Adas Israel community, Saturday, February 23. **Julie Weisman** will introduce the Torah reading, and **Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt** will deliver a *d'var* Torah. There still may be volunteer opportunities left; those wishing to *leyn* or *daven* should contact **Janet Kolodner**, [kolodner@bellsouth.net](mailto:kolodner@bellsouth.net).



Rabbi Lauren  
Holtzblatt

There will also be a Sisterhood Flash Choir open to non-Sisterhood women of the congregation as well as Adas teens and young girls who are musical. Contact **Susan Stiles**,



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for Conservative Judaism



[suelstiles@gmail.com](mailto:suelstiles@gmail.com), to join. Those who want to participate in other ways (for example, ark openings, English readings, Torah carrying and dressing) should contact **June Kress**, [kress@courtexcellence.org](mailto:kress@courtexcellence.org).

We look forward to everyone joining us, whether on the *bima* or in the congregation. The *kiddush* will be co-sponsored by **Donald Saltz**, a longtime supporter of Sisterhood, in memory of his wife, **Mozelle Saltz** (z"l), who was a devoted member of Sisterhood for many years. ○

## Traditional Egalitarian Minyan's Inaugural Gewirz Beit Am Shabbat Saturday, February 2, 9:30 am

The Gewirz Beit Am is ready for launch, the Vision of Renewal moves forward, and the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan will hold its exceptional Shabbat services in the renewed Gewirz Beit Am for the first time on February 2!

This wonderful occasion marks the first time the Minyan will *daven* in the beautiful new space. To help celebrate, the Charles E. Smith Shabbat Service will join the Minyan in the Gewirz Beit Am for morning services. The services will be led by the Minyan, entirely in the style of the Minyan. We look forward to seeing you there! ○

## Les Méshegenahs Coming Purim 2013

Can you hear  
the people kvetch?

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# Clergy Corner

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gave early support to the creation of Luther Place and N Street Village. More recently, the congregation has become a partner with So Others Might Eat (SOME), the Jewish Group Homes of Greater Washington, Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ, Yachad, and the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place, while maintaining its support for Anne Frank House and N Street Village (Luther Place). We have also been an important member of the Darfur Interfaith Network, a coalition of synagogues and churches that have fought for the victims of genocide in Darfur.

Under the umbrella of our Social Action Council, we have provided many opportunities for members of our congregation to help the homeless, the disabled, and the impoverished. We have emphasized hands-on activities. Many in our congregation help prepare a meal once a month for the women at Luther Place. A member of our congregation has led and organized the monthly vigils in front of the Sudanese embassy to protest the genocide in Darfur. Another member coordinates monthly vigils in front of the Cuban Interests Section to bring attention to the plight of the imprisoned Alan Gross. Our Gan makes sandwiches for a homeless shelter on a regular basis, and we make regular appeals for Ezra Pantry, which provides food for the poor in our community through SOME. Students in our Religious School have provided Christmas gifts for 300 homeless children as part of the Homeless Children's Playtime project. Finally, our Young Professionals, along with more seasoned congregants, have been involved with Yachad in repairing and fixing up homes and apartments of those less fortunate.

As important as hands-on projects are, members of the Social Action Council would like members of the congregation to become more involved in advocating for the poor and homeless through the political process. We have come to consider this for several reasons. First, the statistics are bleak. Here are a few: almost one in five residents of the District lives at or below the poverty line, the third highest rate in the nation. The poverty rate for children below the age of 18 is 30%, compared to the national average of 22.5%. The number of homeless persons in the District increased by 6% in one year to 6,954; this is an increase of 15% since 2008. The number of persons in homeless families increased by 18% since 2012. One in six DC residents has applied for housing assistance. Persons lucky enough to receive housing assistance first applied to the DC Housing Authority in 2003.

Second, our partners such as SOME and the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place have asked us to support their efforts to persuade the City Council to allocate more funds for the homeless and for affordable housing. Our partners believe that the lack of affordable housing in the District is one of the prime reasons that the numbers of homeless people and families are increasing.

Third, our partners believe that if more middle- and upper-

## Office Closing & Minyan Times

President's Day, Monday, February 18

Schools/Offices Closed

**Morning Minyan at 9:00 am & Evening Minyan at 6:00 pm**

class people speak up on behalf of the poor, then budget priorities for the poor might change. As important as our hands-on efforts are, we need government action to make a real dent to relieve the suffering of the homeless and the poor.

By the time you read this article, members of the Social Action Council already will have made a presentation to the Board of Directors on this issue. They are planning to make a specific proposal to the Board about the District's budget priorities regarding homelessness and affordable housing. The Board then will decide whether it supports such a proposal. If the Board does support the proposal, then the Social Action Council will turn to the congregation for its support.

What does that mean? The Council will be asking you to write letters to members of the City Council in support of what we are advocating. They may ask our members to come to a hearing to speak out in favor of more financial support for the homeless and for affordable housing. What is clear is that if the Board votes in favor of our taking a position on some aspect of public funding for the poor, that action will just be a first step. Then we as congregation members need to support the Board's action.

While becoming involved in the local political process would be something new for Adas Israel, it would not be the first time we have been involved in political advocacy. For years we advocated on behalf of Soviet Jewry. More recently, we have advocated on behalf of the victims of genocide in Darfur and are publicly asking the Cuban government to free Alan Gross. Of course, we have supported Zionism and the State of Israel even before its establishment. The time has come to use our influence to substantially aid the poor in our midst.

The Torah teaches us, "*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof*. Justice, justice you shall pursue." The key word in the sentence is "pursue." It is not easy to achieve justice in society. It requires a great expenditure of effort and the expression of compassion. May God give us the strength and will to pursue justice in our own community. ○

## Edible Groggers will be for "sale" at Purim services.



Erev Purim is February 23! Come to Adas and purchase your Edible Groggers (boxes of macaroni and cheese) on the spot, then return them at the end of the service so we can recycle them for the next service. We recycle the Edible Groggers as many as three times before donating them to SOME (So Others Might Eat). Funds raised from the sales also go to SOME.

# Holidays

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

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

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

### Reading the Megillah

Each year, we are required to listen to the complete reading of *Megillat Esther*. We are instructed to listen to every word and to do this twice—evening and morning. Perhaps, in attending these public readings, we are learning the value of sharing with

the entire community recognition of, and appreciation for, our collective triumph over adversity.

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

### Mishloach Manot

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

### Matanot Levyonim

Based on the injunction in the *megillah* that we must “send gifts to the poor” (9:22), the holiday affords us a special opportunity to share our good fortune with those in need. Gifts can be given directly, for example, bringing food and clothing to a homeless shelter, or indirectly, through an organized charity. It is important to keep in mind that whatever additional *tzedakah* we give throughout the year, donations must still be given on *Purim*. How important is this *mitzvah*? As Maimonides writes in his *Mishneh Torah* (*Hilkhos Megillah* 2:17): “It is better for a person to increase gifts to the poor than to increase his feast or the *mishloach manot* to his neighbors.”

### Seudat Purim

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

### Chag Purim Sameach!! ◊

## Purim Schedule

### SATURDAY, FEB. 23: EREV PURIM

5:30 pm *Mincha*

6:30 pm TEM Family *Megillah* Reading

6:30 pm YP Wine & Cheesentaschen

8:00 pm *Les Méshuganahs*: Congregational Full *Megillah* Reading and *Purim Shpiel*

### SUNDAY FEB. 24: PURIM

10:00 am *Megillah* Madness, Abbreviated *Megillah* Reading with *Shpiel* for elementary and middle school age families.

With Rabbi Holtzblatt, Cantor Brown, Josh Bender

10:30 am Abbreviated Preschool *Megillah* Reading with *Shpiel*. With Rabbi Steinlauf and Sheri Brown

11:00 am *Purim* Carnival, Parade, and Costume Contest



**Purim Family Carnival**

**Sunday, March 4 @ Adas Israel**

Pre-School ages only: 10:30am  
All ages: 11:00am-1:00pm

**featuring...**

Obstacle Course — Dunk Tank  
Moonbounce — Pin Art — Ring Toss  
Henna — Sand Art — Music  
Fishing in the Galilee — Prizes  
Cotton Candy — Hamantaschen  
Popcorn & More

**come in your favorite costumes!**

**Admission is \$10 per child**

Food sold separately



# Education

## Religious School

### Thank You to Our Religious School Families

Thank you for creating joyful holiday memories with us this year! With your help, Playtime volunteers and partners brought joy to more than 200 families who are spending their holidays in transitional housing and shelters.

Thanks to you, more than 300 children had beautiful gifts from their wish lists to open this holiday season. Festive parties took place each night this week at Playtime's six sites, giving parents a chance to relax and play board games or make ornaments with their children. Santa visited, and children loved getting to pick and wrap precious gifts for their parents. Sparkling new books and toys appeared on our Playroom shelves from your Amazon purchases. Thank you for all you did to help bring gifts, goody bags, parent presents, and holiday activities and treats to the children of Playtime!

### Shabbat Unplugged Musical Family Service, February 9

If you enjoy the High Holy Day family service, you will love *Shabbat Unplugged*, a musical family service for elementary age families! The next *Shabbat Unplugged* meets Saturday, February 9, at 10:45 am. Led by Josh Bender, Director of Education, and Elie Greenberg, Director of Informal Programming, with storytelling by Jennifer Zunikoff. ○

### February Religious School/Youth Calendar

- 3:** 6th-Grade NY trip meeting for parents and students, 11:30 am; Faculty meeting, 12:30 pm
- 8:** *L'Dor VaDor* service & dinner, 6:00 pm
- 9:** *Shabbat Unplugged*, 10:45 am
- 10:** *Chugim* (Specials) for 3rd–6th graders, 11:30 am
- 11:** Mid-year progress reports mailed
- 17:** Presidents' Weekend—No School
- 23:** *Erev Purim Megillah* Reading
- 24:** *Megillah* Reading and *Purim* Carnival



*On a cold, crisp Hanukkah night, Religious School students, parents, and teachers come together for Hanukkah candle lighting and sing-along.*



*Thirty-one Day School and Religious School Adas 5th graders stop for a quick pose during their Shabbaton at Capital Camps at the end of November. The Shabbaton is a wonderful opportunity for these students to connect and reconnect with each other.*



"From generation to generation..."

## Back to Shul L'Dor VaDor Service & Dinner and Gaga Tournament!

**A Shabbat Experience for All Generations!**

**Friday, February 8**

**6:00 pm Service**

**7:00 pm Dinner**

**7:45 pm Gaga Tournament**

**Adult Dinner (11 and above), \$19.95**

**Child Dinner (ages 3–10), \$14.95**

**Children 2 and under eat FREE!**

Financial assistance is available; please contact  
Josh Bender, 202-362-4449 or  
[josh.bender@adasisrael.org](mailto:josh.bender@adasisrael.org).

**RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 11:00 am.**

Register online at <http://adasisrael.org/ldorvador>; or  
call or e-mail Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433 or  
[Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org](mailto:Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org).

# Sisterhood

## Membership Status

**Call for Members.** If you have postponed updating your membership, please join today and be part of the growing ranks of today's Sisterhood. Send a check for \$36 or more, payable to Adas Israel Sisterhood, to our treasurer, Dava Berkman, 2475 Virginia Ave. NW, #302, Washington, DC 20037. Or join online.

**Check your e-mails.** Several women who have joined or renewed their membership for 5773 report not receiving e-blasts or our exciting mid-month e-newsletter, *The Adas Israel Sisterhood Source*. If you are having this problem, check your spam folder. If they are not there, contact Maria Sloan, membership chair, [marialasloan@gmail.com](mailto:marialasloan@gmail.com), to report it. Meanwhile, back issues of the *Source* are available through links on the Sisterhood page at the synagogue's website: [www.adasisrael.org](http://www.adasisrael.org). ○

## Sisterhood January Calendar

**Taste of Tanach:** Tuesday, Feb. 19, 10:00 am, in the Library, with Rabbi Steinlauf

**Sisterhood Shabbat:** Saturday, Feb. 23, back by popular demand! See page 1 to learn more.

## Sisterhood Events

### Upcoming Events, Save the Dates

**Torah Fund Luncheon:** Sunday, April 14 at Har



Shalom, celebrating those donating \$36 or more. Contact Chair Gerry Lezell, [gerrytyf@gmail.com](mailto:gerrytyf@gmail.com), for details.



**Day Trip to Philadelphia's National Museum**

**of American Jewish History:** Sunday April 28. Estimated cost of \$90 covers the chartered bus, admission fee, and docent. This is open to the entire congregation, and Sisterhood is seeking to determine level of interest. If you think you might participate, please contact chair Joyce Stern, [joycestern@starpower.net](mailto:joycestern@starpower.net).

**Women's League Seaboard Region's Spring Conference:**

May 5-6 at the Pearlstone Center. Author Maggie Anton will discuss her new book, *Rav Hisda's Daughter*.

## Recent Events

**Rosh Chodesh Tevet:** Friday December 14, Adas Israel hosted at morning *minyan* the local women's group that supports the Women at the Wall in Jerusalem. It was both *Rosh Chodesh* and *Hanukkah* that day, and Sisterhood co-sponsored the breakfast as a gesture of welcome and solidarity.

**January Activities:** Sunday January 6, Sisterhood held its second annual "Night at the Movies"—this year a matinee—as part of the DCJCC Film Festival. Elizabeth Sloan chaired and led a discussion of the featured movie over coffee. Sunday, January 27, Cantor Arianne Brown and her trio, ASHIRA, performed at a Sisterhood reception open to the entire synagogue. Joined by vocalists Laura Lenes and Leah Tehrani, Cantor Ari offered a beautiful program of contemporary and traditional melodies. Linda Yitzchak chaired the event. ○

## Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

### SHOP HOURS

**Sun.–Mon., Wed.–Fri.:** 9:30 am–12:30 pm

**Tues.:** 9:30 am–3:00 pm and 6:15–8:00 pm

During this anxiety-provoking time, please know that we are doing all we can to support Israel. Come and see the beautiful Israeli products we feature and purchase one or more for yourself, your family, or your friends.



**202-364-2888**

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

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

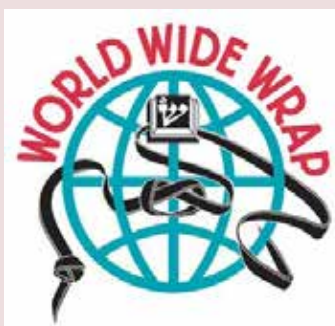
## Join us

at the  
**Morning Minyan**  
on

**Sunday, Feb. 3, 9:00 am**  
for

**World Wide Wrap XIII**  
(Bar Mitzvah Year of the Wrap)

The World Wide Wrap is a signature program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, teaching thousands of people about the *mitzvah* of wrapping *tefillin*! Contact Rabbi. [Feinberg@adasisrael.org](mailto:Feinberg@adasisrael.org) to learn more, or visit <http://fjmc.org/content/world-wide-wrap> to learn about this incredible signature program of the FJMC.





## Weekend Retreat, March 15–17

### This Year's Theme: 'Exodus Through Bibliodrama'



Rabbi Feinberg will lead the annual weekend retreat at Capital Camps, March 15–17, the theme of which is “Exodus Through Bibliodrama.” Bibliodrama is a way for people to step inside the biblical story and imagine themselves as characters in the story. Instead of studying the text from without, participants experience the story from within without changing any of the details in the Torah. Since

the Torah leaves many details out of its stories, participants try to imagine what might have been said if the Torah had left it in. For example, the group might be asked to imagine they are courtiers in Pharaoh’s court when Joseph is hauled out of prison. What might these courtiers be thinking about Pharaoh or Joseph? Instead of talking about the story, participants are asked to imagine themselves in the story.

Since the retreat takes place before *Pesach*, the group will focus on some of the stories leading up to the Exodus from Egypt. The bibliodramas will focus on three aspects of the story: the midwives and the birth of Moses; Moses at the burning bush; and Moses confronting Pharaoh and his court. The text study will examine the leadership of Joseph and Moses.

The retreat begins at 5:00 p.m. on March 15 and concludes by 12 noon on Sunday, March 17. The cost is \$235 per person/\$470 per couple. Reserve a place by

registering at the Adas Israel website, [www.adasisrael.org/retreat](http://www.adasisrael.org/retreat), or call Marcia Miller, 202-362-4433. Registrants will receive a schedule for the weekend, suggested clothing to bring, and directions to Capital Camps. Capital Camps is 69 miles from Adas Israel, about a 90-minute drive. ○

### Adas Weekend Retreat Information

**Where:** Capital Camps,  
Waynesboro, PA

**When:** Friday, March 15 to  
Sunday, March 17

**Theme:** Exodus Through Bibliodrama

**Cost:** \$235 per person/\$470 per couple

Sign up by March 1 at  
[www.adasisrael.org](http://www.adasisrael.org).

## Adas Israel Community Mikvah



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

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

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

An elderly woman who recently immersed in our *mikvah* with the intention of absolving herself of having converted to Catholicism during World War II read the following text. As a young girl, she took vows at a Catholic nunnery to be hidden safely from the Nazis and had carried the pain of this action with her for her entire life, even though she began living as a Jew again immediately after the war. Now the woman is frail, hard of hearing, and doesn't see well; yet as you will read, she is fully aware of her past, present, and future. On the day of her *mikvah* visit, her daughter helped her in and out of the water, but she immersed by herself and spoke these words:

"All vows and bonds and pledges and promises  
that I vowed, that I swore, that I undertook,  
at a time when the world was roiled by war  
All actions that I rashly agreed to or was swept up in  
or that were imposed upon my body and upon my soul  
Because of events beyond my control—

I have sincerely prayed for God's forgiveness for them,  
And the forgiveness of my family and my ancestors  
And all Jews who have died *al Kiddush ha-Shem*.  
From this day forward and for the rest of my life,  
I am released from these vows and these acts.

Let them be forgiven and erased.

My past oaths are no longer valid;

My promises are not promises.

These actions do not bind me;

They are null and void.

*Ach tov va-hesed yirdefuni kol yemai hayai*

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life  
*V'shavti b'veit Adonai l'orech yamim*

And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever." ○

# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Marriage

Marin Hoffer, son of Ron & Audrey Hoffer, married Melissa Faubert, daughter of Patrick & Carole Faubert of Port au Prince, Haiti, on November 17 in Miami.

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

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Menachem and Jonas Drogin,

February 9

Menachem and Jonas, children of Jack Drogin and Monica Gourovitch, are in seventh grade at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Nachi and

Jonas began their Jewish education at Temple Sinai Nursery School and then attended Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital through sixth grade. They look forward to celebrating their *b'nai mitzvah* with their grandparents, Saul Gourovitch and Ely and Mary Ann Drogin, and their family and friends.



### Rebecca Rifkind-Brown,

February 16

Rebecca, daughter of Amy Rifkind and Bruce Brown, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She has attended the Estelle and Melvin Gelman Religious School since first grade. Rebecca is looking forward to celebrating her *bat mitzvah* with her brother, Sam; her grandparents

Arleen and Robert Rifkind and Barbara Brown; and friends and other family. And she remembers her grandfather, Bernard Brown, of blessed memory.



### Noah Trauben, February 18

Noah, the son of Steven and Sarah Fertig Trauben, is a seventh grader at The Lab School of Washington. He shares this *simcha* with his brothers, Judah (a Square in the Gan) and Sasha (a Kitten). Noah's *mitzvah* and *tzedakah* projects include spending time with and supporting others with learning disabilities. Contributions are

being made to the Sunflower Bakery, located in Gaithersburg, a vocational and kosher bakery whose mission is to prepare individuals with developmental or other cognitive disabilities for employment in baking and related industries through skilled, on-the-job training.

## New Members

**Janet Weinstein** is a TV journalist living in Washington, DC.

**Herbert & Dorothy Dym** live in Washington, DC. Herb is a retired attorney, and Dottie is a retired art teacher.

**Daniel Jossen & Susan Klein** and their daughter, Orly Jossen, live in Washington, DC. Daniel is a financial advisor at Mindful Wealth Partners, and Susan is a self-employed consultant. Susan's mother, Carole Klein, is the Adas Israel Synagogue Administrator.

## In Memoriam

### We mourn the loss of synagogue member:

Irving Burka, father of Sandy Goldstein

Miriam Baskind, wife of Irwin Baskind, mother of Judith Sprague

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

Norman Frumkin, father of Samuel Frumkin and Susan Kay

Zoila Luskin, mother of Miriam Ain

Sidney Silberman, father of Jay Silberman

Peter Kenen, father of Joanne Kenen

Victoria Ain, mother of Sanford Ain

## 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. ○

## Thank You to Adas Israel's Chevra Kadisha

The Adas Israel Bereavement Committee comprises remarkably dedicated individuals involved in one of Judaism's most important *mitzvot*. These special volunteers quietly perform a *mitzvah* for which they cannot be thanked. Following the tradition of honoring the *Chevra Kadisha* on 7 Adar—occurring this year on Sunday, February 17—marking the *Yahrzeit* of Moses, we thank our bereavement committee *chaverim*, *taharah* group, and *shomrim* for their extraordinary work on behalf of their fellow members.

For information about joining the Bereavement Committee, please leave a message for Jane Beller or Edie Hessel at the synagogue, 203-362-4433.

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SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.
Charles E. Smith Service: 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).

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## Library Corner

### Words Like Sapphires

by Robin Jacobson

Until March 16, a rare exhibit of Judaic treasures will remain on view at the Library of Congress. Treat yourself to a visit to *Words Like Sapphires: 100 Years of Hebraica at the Library of Congress, 1912–2012*.

This splendid exhibit won enthusiastic reviews from Adas Israel members on a recent tour sponsored by our Library Committee. Dr. Peggy Pearlstein, head of the Hebraic Section of the Library of Congress, led the group through the sumptuous displays of precious manuscripts, scrolls, and books. She spoke captivantly of the long-ago and not-so-long-ago worlds of the Jews who labored over these texts, honoring tradition through words and art.

#### A Seminal Gift

*Words Like Sapphires* celebrates the centennial of the Library of Congress's Hebraic collection. The exhibit's sparkling "sapphire" imagery is taken from medieval Jewish writings, which likened "the clarity and brilliance of the well-chosen word and the beauty of the written page" to "shining sapphires."

In 1912, philanthropist Jacob Schiff purchased for the Library a magnificent collection of nearly 10,000 Hebrew books and pamphlets from more than 300 localities and spanning almost 500 years. Befitting this grand beginning, the Library's Hebraic Section has grown into one of the world's great treasure houses of Judaica, with close to 200,000 works in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Judeo-Persian, Judeo-Arabic, Aramaic, Syriac, and Amharic.

#### Exhibition Highlights

The exhibition encompasses 60 objects, each a gem with its own fascinating story, including: The Washington Haggadah (1478), Psalms with Commentary (15th century), The First Hebrew

Grammar in America (1735), The Hebrew Bible Printed in 1933 in Berlin, and the 1948 Talmud Created for Holocaust Survivors.

*Words Like Sapphires* is open for self-guided tours Monday through Saturday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm. Preview the exhibit online at [www.loc.gov/exhibits](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits).

The Library Committee sponsors events and local field trips (such as the *Words Like Sapphires* tour) throughout the year. To receive announcements of upcoming activities, contact Robin Jacobson ([librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org)). ○



## Next Adas Book Chat

March 10, 10:30 am, in the Library

Celebrate Philip Roth's 80th birthday with a discussion of his latest novel, *Nemesis*.

Sponsored by the Library Committee and Sisterhood.

For more information, please contact Robin Jacobson, [librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org).



## Bodies of Water

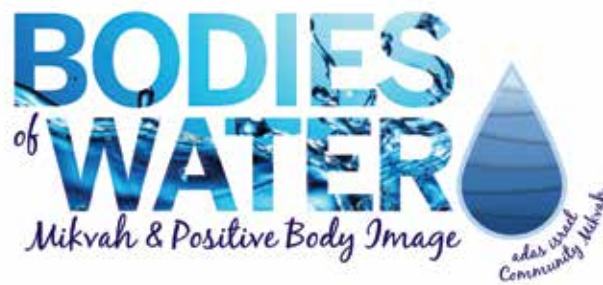
Join us for a Sunday afternoon of experiential learning about Jewish approaches to developing a positive body image. Open to girls and young women, ages 10–20 and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and sisters. No previous Jewish knowledge about these topics is required. The program is free, and a kosher lunch is included.

#### Activities will include:

- Exploring the practice of Jewish yoga and meditation
- Viewing a simulated *mikvah* immersion
- Eating lunch with guided mindfulness practices
- Experiencing Jewish "technologies" for body awareness and gratitude

#### Participants will receive:

- Jewish tools for building a healthy body paradigm
- Understanding of the *mikvah*'s role in healthy, embodied Judaism
- Materials to take home and explore further



• Coupon for a complimentary *mikvah* immersion in the future  
**This program is for you if you are:**

- Eager to deepen your Jewish knowledge and practice
- Curious about *mikvah* practices in the progressive Jewish community

- Struggling with body image issues or eating disorders
- A parent, teacher, or counselor of Jewish girls

Choose one Sunday: February 10, March 3, March 10, April 21, or May 5. Time is noon–3:00 pm.

"This program is supported by a generous grant from the Tikkun Olam Women's Foundation of Greater Washington and is co-

sponsored by the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington.

To sign up as a pair or as an individual, call Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776, or email [mikvah@adasisrael.org](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org). Visit [www.Bodies-of-Water.org](http://www.Bodies-of-Water.org) to learn more. ○

# Keeping Up with the Vision



*The renovation progress in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary.*

*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.*

## **Moving on to Phase Two!**

Phase 2 of the renovation has begun! We have moved construction into the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, which has been blocked off by a temporary wall to seal off, as much as possible, the construction noise and dust from the rest of the building. The chairs have been removed, the floor is coming up, and the Torah scrolls are in safekeeping.

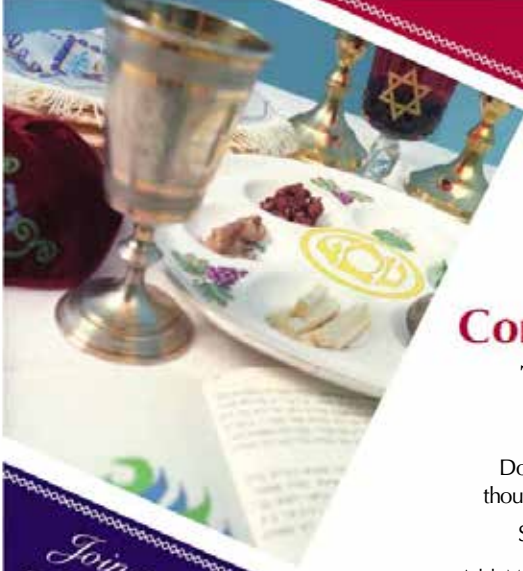
The Smith *Shabbat* services have been relocated temporarily to the Kogod Chapel, and the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* has been meeting in the Youth Lounge. On February 2, the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* will be relocated to the new Gewirtz *Beit Am*. Please join us at 9:30 am for a celebratory *Shabbat* morning service honoring the new and improved space! Please visit [www.adasisrael.org](http://www.adasisrael.org) for full *Shabbat* listings and project information. ○



*Chairs in the Sanctuary being dismantled to be replaced with new ones.*



*The exterior side entrance is under construction.*



*You're invited to...*

*Adas Israel's*  
**Second Night  
Community Seder**

Tuesday, March 26, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

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

Adult Member (\$42), Child Member 9 and under (\$18)  
Adult Non-Member (\$56), Child Non-Member (\$29)

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

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

RSVP by Friday, March 15. Minimum 100 guests needed. In event of cancellation, all payments will be refunded.

Supported by the Marilyn & Stefan Tucker Program Fund



## 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, February 1, 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](http://www.adasisrael.org/yp) by January 29 to reserve your spot.



### Purim Wine & Cheesentashen

**Saturday, February 23, 6:30 pm**

Join us at our largest YP event of the year! All you can nosh and drink! YP reception will be followed by the *Megillah* reading and *Shpiel!* \$5 for Adas Israel members, \$10 non-members; pay at the door



### Kudos to the YP Program and great news from Adas member Rae Grad:

"Hello Adas friends—it would have been enough for the YP program to bring a cohort of young Jewish adults together for fun events. It would have been enough that my daughter married this summer the man she met at the YP *Lag B'Omer* barbeque two years ago. But now, I am sharing the happy news that my daughter will be bringing another grandchild to me this summer. Wow, what can I say but THANK YOU Adas YP?! I wonder if they will name the child 'Lag.'" ○

## Can We Talk?

by Arnie Podgorsky, Treasurer, President-Elect

This past November Hamas attacked Israel with numerous rockets, threatening safety and well-being. Our response was modest. Rabbi Steinlauf wrote in his blog about Israel's efforts to avoid Palestinian civilian casualties; links for medical donations were posted on the Adas Israel website and in *Kesher Ishi*; and during *Shabbat* services we expressed sorrow for deaths on both sides. We all are God's children.

The principal reason for such restraint is that our members hold disparate, often passionate views about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. At one end of the spectrum some advocate a single state in which Palestinians and Israelis would live harmoniously. Some believe that Israel fails to abide by *mitzvot* concerning treatment of the *ger* or that its policies toward Palestinians are arrogant (an arrogance having precipitated our exile). At the opposite end some support expanding settlements to achieve an Israel of Biblical boundaries. Numerous gradations in between include support for negotiations between Israel and Palestinians with the United States as dispassionate broker, or support for settlements as a fitting response to outright Palestinian rejection of Israel's right to exist. Needless to say, this oversimplifies, but you get the gist.

Despite strategic and political differences, most of us probably could agree on some common objectives: an Israel free of threats to its existence and boundaries, with control over appropriate portions of Jerusalem, thriving in a peace without occupation, attacks, terror, and blockades—a peace allowing Israeli and Palestinian peoples each to pursue their own aspirations. Yes, this seems utopian, but rational people could produce these results. The disagreement within our congregation—much as within Israel itself—is not so much over the ultimate goals as it is about the best strategies to attain them. Given the difficulties and criticality of the issues, it is natural that some of us are hawks, some doves, some mediators, some exhausted with the

subject, and others exasperated that Adas Israel does not speak passionately in support of one view or another.

Now to the heart of the matter. Do our passionate, diverse views preclude us from conversing as a congregation about Israel? Must we be virtually silent even when Israel is attacked? After all, however we feel about strategies and rights, silence can be an unintentionally powerful statement. Some would readily misconstrue silence as opposition to Israel itself. Our heritage of martyrdom for Torah and action for social justice counsels against silence. Just as speaking out is woven within our fabric, we know too well that complacency can be misinterpreted as complicity.

But what can we say about Israeli policies and actions in the face of passionate disagreement within our own family? Despite disagreement over tactics and strategies, and even if we cannot speak with a single voice, we can drown out the silence with learning, exploring, and listening to various viewpoints. That learning is enhanced if we accept the good faith and *ahavat Yisrael*, even of those who advocate positions we may find disturbing. That doesn't mean that every speaker we might present would advocate a particular political agenda. Our city and, indeed, our congregation houses experts in universities, think tanks, and study centers; authors of renowned works; and journalists who experience much on the ground where it counts. They can convey facts and perceptions without advocating political positions.

We do not need press releases or banners, at least not now, but we should engage. Exploration and learning about the challenges facing Israel would not just lift us upward, it also would improve our abilities to consider different perspectives with higher regard for each other and less frustration. Engagement would also demonstrate to the broader community not just our commitment to educated viewpoints, but to Israel itself. ○

# Youth @ AI

What a great time we had in January! The USY and *Kadima* basketball leagues started off a great season; we're looking forward to seeing more of your moves on the court in February! USY danced the night away at Seaboard Regional Winter Formal and had a great time playing laser tag. *Kadima* had a blast at the Seaboard Regional Saturday Night Live and rocked out at a late-night ice-skating event. *Machar* enjoyed ice-skating with Rabbi Steinlauf, especially the fifth-grade *b'nai mitzvah* students and parents!

Get ready for the awesome events coming at you in February! Can't wait to see you at these upcoming events:

**USY** (9th–12th grade) is hittin' the town to see the Washington Wizards play the Houston Rockets on February 23.

**Kadima** (6th–8th grade) is going away for President's Day Weekend (February 15–17) for three amazing days at the Seaboard Regional Kadima Winter Kallah!

**Machar** (3rd–5th grade) will be rockin' as its members spend an afternoon as rock stars and pop stars at BandKamp in Rockville on February 3.

**Chaverim** (K–2nd grade) will be dancin' and dye-in' at a Tie-Dye Dance Party on February 10. ○



*Machar members takes a break from their Hanukkah Bowling Party for a quick photo!*



## Nominating Committee Appointed

In accordance with the Adas Israel bylaws, synagogue president Johanna Chanin has appointed Margaret Siegel and Susan Kay to co-chair the Nominating Committee, which will include (as of publication time) Ed Kopf, Jacob Bardin, Amy Golen, Gene Sofer, David Bickart, Rick Fox, Edna Povich, and officer liaison Brian Schwalb. Recommendations for Board members and officers are welcome and should be sent to the synagogue office ([adasoffice@adasisrael.org](mailto:adasoffice@adasisrael.org)) to the attention of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee, shall, not later than the third Monday in April, prepare and present to the Secretary a list of candidates for each of the offices of the Congregation, the Trustees, and the Board of Directors. (Bylaws Article VIII, Sec. 4)

Additional nominations for any of the offices of the Congregation, the Trustees, and the Board of Directors may be made by petition signed by not less than 25 members of the Congregation in good standing, providing that the petition shall be filed in the office of the Executive Director of the Congregation by May 15. (Bylaws Article VIII Sec. 5)

Synagogue elections will be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 5. ○

## 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.

Participation is limited to room availability. For more information or to register, please contact Beryl Saltman in Rabbi Steinlauf's office, [beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org](mailto:beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4433, ext. 121.



# Contributions

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In Honor Of: **Drs. Michael & Marion Usher's** 50th anniversary by Steve & Sybil Wolin, Bob & Phyllis Hanfling.

## **Cantor Brown Discretionary Fund**

In Honor Of: **David Buchwald's** election to the New York State Legislature by Ross Eisenman & Shelley Tomkin.

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By: Edith Couturier.

In Honor Of: Anniversary of **Susan Stiles's** bat mitzvah by Susan Stiles. One-year anniversary of the b'nai mitzvah of **Susan Klein, Susan Stiles, Alex Preker, & Rachel Wainer** by Susan Stiles. **Mel Gelman's** 70th birthday by Helen & Louis Rib & ALL their children.

In Memory Of: **Irving Cantor & Elizabeth Cantor** by Arnie & Mary Hammer.

## **Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington**

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In Memory Of: **Jack Lish** by Joan Kantor, Paula Evans, Diane Tukman, Lisa & Marc Abrams, Sandy & Bev Cohen.

## **Mikvah Fund**

By: Richard Townend & Alex Wisotsky.

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In Memory Of: **Bertha Atlas** by Rita Atlas Wolfson & family.

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In Memory Of: **Bertha Frohlich** by Harry Kempler.

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In Memory Of: **Betty Burbano Adler, Hilda Preiss Adler** by Betty Adler. **Jerome A. Gross** by Alma Gildenhorn. **Alfred Jacobs** by Karen & Lester Goldberg. **Harry Seltzer** by Toba Penny.

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*In Memory Of:* **Helen Alpert Cobin** by Dr. Clement Alpert.

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## Save the Date Good Deeds Day, Sunday, March 10

*A Community Day of Service*

*Presented by the Jewish Federation of  
Greater Washington*

Show the world that you are a **Good Deed Doer!** Join us for a one-day community project, in which members of Adas Israel will accomplish a good deed on behalf of the community. The specific Adas project will be announced in the coming weeks.

### **Past projects have included:**

- Food sorting with Manna Food Center
- Mitzvah projects with JFGH in Rockville and NoVA, JCCGW, and Gesher JDS
- Park cleanup with Maryland-National Capital Parks & Planning Commission
- Activities with seniors with JCA and Charles E. Smith Life Communities
- Tree-planting with Earth Sangha in NoVA
- Food preparation with Shepherd's Table and Stepping Stones Shelter

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## Tikkun Olam

### Christmas at N Street Village/Luther Place

Continuing a tradition of many years, Adas Israel served Christmas dinner to, and generally created a festive environment for, the patrons of N Street Village, a community of empowerment and recovery for women. Special thanks to Cantor Arianne Brown for playing the keyboard and to our chorus led by Margie Siegel. The event was coordinated by Ruth Kleinrock.

If you would like to contribute food to meals that Adas Israel delivers once a month to Luther Place Night Shelter, a transitional housing facility for homeless women, please e-mail [laura\\_epstein@hotmail.com](mailto:laura_epstein@hotmail.com). Volunteers receive a monthly e-mail asking for contributions, and you may offer to bring food as often as it suits your schedule: once a month or once a year. ○

### February Is Adas Israel Blood Donation Month



Prepare yourselves for the gift of life! Take this opportunity to donate blood or to support Magen David Adom. Check the Adas Israel website, <http://adasisrael.org/articlenav.php?id=100#blooddrive>, for further information or contact Judith Krones, [david.judith@verizon.net](mailto:david.judith@verizon.net), or Marcia Feurstein, [mfeurster@hotmail.com](mailto:mfeurster@hotmail.com). Have a healthy February! ○



▲ Cantor Arianne Brown leads Adas volunteer singers in some light afternoon entertainment.

► Jean Bernard and Kraina Feinberg help prepare a Christmas meal for women at N Street Village.



### Message from Shirley Moseley, Food Pantry Coordinator for Peoples Congregational UCC:

"I wish to thank you again for the excellent support and commitment of your members at Adas Israel for the labor and love that you show for our annual holiday projects. I wish you and your congregation peace and blessings as we look forward to a new year."

—Shirley

### Upcoming Chronicle Deadlines—

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