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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

THE QUEERNESS OF LOVE A JEWISH CASE FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

(As published in the Jewish Journal)

Last year, I officiated at the first same-sex wedding in the 145-year history of my synagogue. For a Conservative congregation, this was quite a break with tradition. Nevertheless, I was proud to stand beneath the wedding canopy with this couple, who affirmed the sacredness of their union "in accordance with the laws of Moses and the people of Israel." Before I chose to officiate, I studied the texts, teachings, and arguments in my tradition. I didn't make this decision lightly. Today, I am unfazed by the apparent biblical injunction against homosexuality as an "abomination." I am confident in my stand, despite a 3,000-year-old tradition that has no precedent for such a marriage. In fact, it is from a place of humility and awe before my tradition and God that I have

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Kol HaOlam III Saturday, April 13, 9:00 pm

Presented by the Adas Israel Men's Club

Held at UDC Theatre of the Arts

4200 Connecticut Avenue and Windom Place, NW
At the Van Ness Metro



The 3rd Annual National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Championship Competition! A cappella music is sweeping the nation... & Colleges & Universities take the lead...

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Garden of the Righteous A Theatrical Performance, April 7, 10:00 am

Please join us Sunday, April 7, at 10:00 am, as we remember Irena Sendler, who defied the Nazis and saved the lives of 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto. This year, Adas Israel is proud to present a professional performance piece for this seminal occasion: *Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project*.

In fall 1999, a rural Kansas teacher encouraged three students to work on a year-long National History Day project. The students discovered Irena Sendler and went above and beyond—creating this traveling, inspirational play about the courage and kindness of one extraordinary human being. A



professional performance troupe will inspire us with its presentation of this remarkable work.

The Adas Israel Garden of the Righteous is a beautiful reminder of numerous acts of decency and daring performed by many non-Jews in the midst of one of the most tragic moments in human history. The entire community is cordially invited for this moving event.

This program is supported in part by the Men's Club of Adas Israel, the Ryna and Melvin Cohen Senior Rabbi Program Fund, and the Peter Dreyer Memorial Endowment Fund. We look forward to sharing this experience with you. ○



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chosen to take this stand.

The Hebrew word for wedding is *Kiddushin*, which means “Sanctification,” or “Holiness.” A wedding is the formal declaration of the holiness of love. All the blessings and rituals and formulae under the wedding canopy affirm one idea: when two human beings find each other and love each other, it is

Godly: a taste of the World to Come, a world of perfected justice and joy. It is in our capacity to love that we are holy, and most fully in the image of God. If there’s anything that 3,000 years of Jewish history has shown us—3,000 years of so much exile and persecution—it’s that the only hope for humankind is to strive toward ever-more loving and just societies.

We Jews are a people who have never quite fit into the same categories of peoplehood or religion that other nations do. We are a distinct people, even as we bear a message of God’s universality. We affirm that we are different from other peoples, even as we know that we are no different from any other human being. Our presence in the world has often been a source of anxiety for other nations, religions, and people. In this way, we Jews have always been a queer people. And, yes, I use the term “queer” deliberately. To be queer is to be troubling, unsettling, not meeting expectations of the way others might want things to be.

It is, in fact, the Jews’ queerness in the world that captures our particular Divine message to all humanity. As Rabbi David Dunn Bauer, creator of Queer Spiritual Counseling teaches, the existence of God is the queerest thing about the universe. God, too, cannot be categorized or boxed in. The inexplicable mystery of God

April Office Closings

Passover Days 7 & 8

Monday & Tuesday, April 1 & 2

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is a source of unspeakable anxiety to so many of us who long to reduce God to our simplistic categories. Finally, we declare the love of a wedded couple to be holy because love, too, defies all classifications and can never be bounded—it’s a feeling, but not just a feeling; it’s a state of being that “have,” that we “are,” but it is larger than any one individual or relationship. Love is queer, and in recognizing this, we find its holiness, its Godliness.

It is no accident that the famous Levitical injunction concerning homosexuality appears in a section of the Torah called *Ke-doshim*, meaning “Holy.” When seen in context, the homosexual act described comes amidst a series of many kinds of human couplings—all of which are abusive because they are not loving acts. When one man rapes another man simply because he does not have access to a woman, such an act is, indeed, an abomination, a desecration of God’s holiness, a desecration of love. Such an act is the furthest thing from the love of two human beings—of whatever gender—that we can and must sanctify whenever it arises in our human condition.

I reject the idea that the Bible declares that the only sacred love that can exist is the love between a man and a woman. Love is queer—it can never be limited to our categorizations of roles and gender. Love is commitment, presence, and kindness so awesome and mysterious that nothing in our power can contain it. We must, in our very imperfect world, celebrate, sanctify, and lift up love wherever we find it, because our loving relationships are the only way that we will bring Godliness to this world. For these reasons, I proudly stand for the evolution of Judaism, in awe of the wisdom of my Jewish people and tradition, of the holiness of God and the queerness of love. ○

Yom HaZikaron

On this Memorial Day, the fourth of *Iyar* in the Hebrew calendar, we commemorate the soldiers who have fallen fighting for Israel’s independence and defending its security. In Israel, *Yom HaZikaron* is marked with sirens that alert people to stop all activity and honor the fallen.

This holiday’s placement the day before Israel Independence Day is intentional: the soldiers who gave their lives were directly responsible for the existence of Israel as an independent state. In this way, a day of solemn commemoration can be followed by joyous celebration and song. This year *Yom HaZikaron* is observed on Monday, April 15. ○



Yom Ha’Atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day, 5773



The anniversary of the modern State of Israel is a wonderful milestone for the State and for the Jewish people. This modern miracle is unparalleled in history. *Yom Ha’Atzmaut* is celebrated this year on Tuesday, April 16.

In celebration of *Yom Ha’Atzmaut*, please attend our morning *minyan* at 7:15 am on Tuesday morning, April 16. Join us as we celebrate modern Israel’s past, present and future. ○

Holidays

Lag B'Omer

(Excerpt from *United Jewish Communities Website*)

This year *Lag B'Omer* falls on Sunday, April 28 (the 18th of *Iyar*), but even before the second *seder* is over—while we're still at the table—we start to count the days until *Shavuot* in what has become known as *Sefirat Ha-Omer*—the counting of the *omer*. In Temple times, the *Sefirah* connected the seven weeks between the *Passover* barley harvest with the wheat harvest of *Shavuot*.

Starting with the second day of *Passover*, our ancestors brought sheaves of grain to the Temple in Jerusalem. These sheaves (called *omer*—literally, a “measure”) were brought every day for 49 days and placed on the altar as an offering to God. Then, on the 50th day, the people celebrated *Shavuot*. Two loaves of bread made from the new wheat crop were offered in thanksgiving for God's bounty, and the counting of the *omer* was finished for another year.

During the Exile, when the Jews were separated from their land, the rabbis shifted the emphasis of the *omer* from the agricultural to the allegorical and reasoned that, just as a bride

eagerly counts the days between her engagement and her wedding, so will Israel continue to count the days between *Passover* and *Shavuot*, when we were finally united with God through our acceptance of the Torah. In this spirit, the ancient Israelites celebrated the *omer* period with joy. But after the destruction of the Second Temple, for some, the *Sefirah* turned into seven weeks of semi-mourning, during which some do not get haircuts, go to banquets, listen to music, or attend weddings.

Some say the reason for this change from gladness to gloom is

because we can no longer bring offerings to the Temple. Others say the mourning is for Bar Kochba's failed rebellion against the Romans and for the 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiba who perished in the fighting. Whatever the reason for the mournful mood of the *omer*, things brighten up on the 33rd day of the count with the arrival—in the Hebrew month of *Iyar*—of the festival of *Lag B'Omer* (*lag* from the Hebrew letters *lamed* and *gimel*, which add up to 33).

Lag B'Omer has no religious significance, and its origins are a mystery. Was it instituted simply as a joyous break in the seven solemn weeks? Or is it perhaps connected with the legendary mystic, Rabbi Shimeon bar Yohai, who—before his death on 18th of *Iyar*—instructed his disciples to observe his *yahrzeit*, the anniversary of his death, in joy, not in sorrow? In many communities, dozens of weddings are performed on *Lag B'Omer*. People have parties and go to concerts, little boys get their first haircuts, and many celebrate *Lag B'Omer* with picnics in the woods. ○



An Amazing Mishloach Manot Mitzvah

On Sunday morning, February 17, more than 70 members of the synagogue came together to bake 500 *hamentashen*, box them with other goodies, and deliver them to over 200 members of the congregation, from



new members to the older members who have made Adas the community it is. The project was spearheaded by Harriet Isack, Krayna Feinberg, Julie Weisman, and Meredith Cymerman, and we thank them for their leadership.

Among the bakers and couriers were representatives from the Gan, Hebrew School, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Membership Committee, and all three *minyanim*! Those who worked to make it happen and those who received the *mishloach manot* were pleased with the project.

If you would like to participate in this *mitzvah*, we also deliver packages before *Rosh Hashanah*. ○

Congregation members of all ages prepare hamantaschen for baking.



Rabbis Batya and Gil Steinlauf Invite you...
to the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter,
Meirav Yael Steinlauf

Saturday, April 20 @ 9:30am
at Adas Israel Congregation

We hope to see the entire congregation join us
for this meaningful community event.

Kiddush Luncheon to follow!

Visit adasisrael.org or call 202-362-4433 to RSVP!

Sisterhood

Special Event

Excursion to Philadelphia's National Museum of American Jewish History Set for Sunday, April 28—Reserve Your Seat Now



In conjunction with the Foundation for Jewish Studies, Sisterhood is planning a day trip for a docent-led tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. **This trip is open to the entire congregation.** The cost is \$90 to cover the bus, tolls, and entrance fee. Food will be available for purchase at and near the museum, located in the

heart of the city's historic district.

Departure is at 8:30 am with an estimated arrival back in DC at about 6:30 pm. Tour leader will be David Epstein, who has led several successful foundation bus tours in the past. En route he will discuss the Jewish historical experience in the context of religious freedom in the United States. Also providing orientation is Sisterhood member **Dr. Carmel Chiswick**, research professor at George Washington University, whose academic specialties include economic history and religion.

Reserve your place online at <http://www.foundjs.org/Calendar.php?evntId=665>.

Upcoming Sisterhood Events

Women's League Institute offers Seaboard Sisterhood members the opportunity to learn with area rabbis. Remaining dates are April 4 and April 11. Contact Joyce Stern for locations and registration details at joycestern@starpower.net.

Torah Fund Luncheon: Sunday, April 14, 12:30 pm at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854. David Wachtel, senior consultant for special collections at the Jewish Theological Seminary Library, will describe "Treasures from the Rare Book Room."

Minimum Torah Fund donation is \$36. Send a check, payable to "Torah Fund," to Mrs. Gerry Lezell, Chair, 5800 Magic Mountain Dr., North Bethesda, MD, 20852. Cost for the lunch and program cost is \$18. Send checks, payable to Seaboard, WLCJ, to Mrs. Toby B. Holtzman, VP, Seaboard Torah Fund, 8507 Wilkesboro Lane, Potomac, MD 20854.

Taste of Tanach: Monthly Bible study with Rabbi Steinlauf, Tuesday, April 16, 10 am, in the Library

Seaboard Spring Conference: May 5–6 at Pearlstone Conference Center, Reisterstown, MD. Author Maggie Anton will discuss her recent book, *Rav Hisda's Daughter*; program and registration details will be available soon.

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

Even though we won't be the first sight you see when you enter the Quebec Street Lobby, we're still around. We have an office on the second floor, and our telephone number and e-mail remain the same:

202-364-2888

adasgiftshop@gmail.com

In addition, for your continuing Judaica and gift needs, we are available by special appointment with at least one day's notice.

Jean Bernard, 301-654-8914

Diane Keller, 301-442-7625

We also hope to have a limited number of popular items on display and available for purchase.

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

March Event: Sisterhood Shabbat

We hosted a wonderful Sisterhood-led *Shabbat* service with Sisterhood member Julie Weisman, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, and Cantor Arianne Brown's incredible women's flash choir. *Yasher koach* to all of the Sisterhood and Adas members who helped revive Sisterhood *Shabbat*. It was a wonderful and meaningful experience for the entire Adas community. Special thanks go to chairs Janet Kolodner, June Kress, and Susan Stiles.

"From generation to generation..."

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

A Shabbat Experience for All Generations!

Friday, April 12

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.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 10, 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.

Education

Gan HaYeled

The Gan Is Going to Israel!



Well, actually, it's only pretend. But to celebrate *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, the Gan will take an imaginary trip to *Eretz Yisrael*. With passports in hand (and "celebrity" border agents, such as Glenn Easton or Ron Schlesinger), the students will

eat falafel at a café in Tel Aviv, make orange juice on a *kibbutz*, and dig at an archaeological site. When they return home, they will enjoy milk and honey in their classrooms.

Spring is a time of new growth, and the Gan is GROWING.

Our full-day program is filling quickly, and our other classes are as popular as ever. Our new website has been launched, and parents are working to keep content fresh and interesting.



It's NOT too late to register for Sweet

Summertime. This camp program is available for two-week sessions beginning June 17 and running through July 26. To register, visit the Gan website, adasisrael.org/gan. ◊

Religious School

Shabbat Unplugged

Saturday, April 20, with Josh Bender

10:45 am–Noon

Shabbat Unplugged is a musical family service for families with children in elementary and middle school. Modeled after *Shacharit Live*, a Sunday morning musical service in the religious school, the service seeks to build a prayer experience that is fun, interactive, and spirited.

This will also be an opportunity for families to explore some of the key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer. Guitars and other instruments will enhance the experience and teach Jewish and Israeli songs. The Torah portion will come alive through the art of Jewish storytelling with Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff. Families are invited to join the congregational *kiddush* following the service.

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf and a cast of crazy characters from the Estelle and Melvin Religious School have a blast at Purim. ▶



April Religious School/Youth Calendar

1–2: Passover Days 7–8

1–6: Spring Break—No School

7: Classes resume; *Yom HaShoah*; Garden of the Righteous Ceremony

9: Ma'alot *Yom HaShoah* program

12: *L'Dor VaDor* service & dinner

13: -USY event; Kol HaOlam at UDC

14: -*Chugim* (Specials) for grades 3–6; Faculty meeting; *Kadima Goes Paintballing*

15: *Yom HaZikaron*

16: *Yom Ha'atzmaut*; Ma'alot *Yom HaZikaron/Ha'Atzmaut* program

20: *Shabbat Unplugged*

21: Earth Day program; *Siddur Cover Project*; *Machar Hike & Bike*

26–28: *Tikkun Olam Weekend*

27: USY *Lag B'Omer* Bonfire

28: *Lag B'Omer*; *Lag B'Omer* program; *Chugim* (Specials) for grades 3–6; USY & *Kadima Kings Dominion Day*



▲ *The Megillah Thrilla!*

This year's Purim festivities gathered quite a crowd. ▶



◀ *American University students talk with Ma'alot students in grades 10–12 about Israel advocacy on the AU campus and their work with AIPAC and J Street.*

Life Cycle

Milestones

Births:

Audrey Frances Yeston, daughter of Jake & Sarah Yeston
Hana Jeanine Dzubow, daughter of Jason & Rebecca Dzubow
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

B'nai Mitzvah



Oliver Ginns, March 25 (Israel)

Oliver, the son of Laura and Jonathan Ginns, is a seventh grader at Westland Middle School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled Nursery School and continues his studies at the Estelle and Melvin Gelman Religious School. Oliver will follow in the footsteps of his two older brothers, Aaron and Elliot, in becoming a

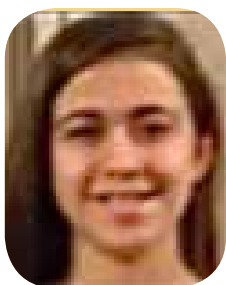
bar mitzvah at Robinson's Arch in Jerusalem. He shares his *simcha* with his grandparents, extended family, and friends.



Meirav Steinlauf, April 20

Meirav ("Ravi") Steinlauf is the daughter of rabbis Gil and Batya Steinlauf, a seventh grader at Deal Middle School, and a student of the Ma'alot DC Program at Adas Israel. She is a proud graduate of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital. She is very excited to share her *simcha* with her family, friends, and the

entire Adas Israel community! Ravi hopes the community can join her on Sunday, April 21, at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk for a Cure! Google JDRF Ravi's Revolution to find out how to join her team.



Abigail Perelman, April 27

Abigail, the daughter of Joshua and Stacey Perelman, and the granddaughter of John and Renny Kossow, Ronald Perelman, and Faith Golding Linden is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She began her Jewish education at the Estelle and Melvin Gelman Religious School, following in the footsteps of her mother and grandfather.

Abigail, who is a fifth-generation member of Adas Israel, shares her *simcha* at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue with her sisters, Emily and Serena.

New Members

Tziporah Fromberg lives in McLean.

Stephen Schwartz is an attorney at Kirkland and Ellis, LLP, and lives in Arlington.

Ruthellen Beller Yoshpe & Roger Heffez, who are both retired, live in Washington.

Members in the News

Michaela Brown, daughter of Gan HaYeled Director Sheri Brown, was elected the 69th International *N'siah* (President) of B'nai B'rith Girls at the International BBYO Convention at National Harbor, MD, in February. A senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Michaela will take a gap year before college, traveling nationally and overseas, as the teen girl leader of the world's largest Jewish youth movement.

Sandy & Adina Mendelson were honored at Camp Ramah in New England on their 60th anniversary. They were celebrated in honor of their service to the camp on Sat. March 2, 8:00 pm at Beth El in Bethesda.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Stanley Baum, father of Susan Demers

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Eitan Stern-Robbins, grandson of Joyce & Michael Stern
Jeannie Bernstein, mother of Steve, Brant, & Daniel Bernstein
Jason R. Cook, son of Michael Cook and Frances Kaiser Cook
Ruth Griefer, daughter of Amy Godin
Beatrice Kroll, mother of Stephen Kroll
Elaine Apfelbaum, mother of Perry Apfelbaum
Ruby Strauss bat Sara
Warren Levy, father of Nancy Kopf

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.

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.

Cemetery Hours

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

Bodies of Water Honoring Our Jewish Bodies

Pick a Sunday: April 21, May 5.

www.Bodies-of-Water.org



Women and girls can learn about Jewish approaches to building positive body image and promoting healthy choices. Join Adas Ritual Director Naomi Malka as we

reframe the mikvah as a safe and positive place in which to experience the profound physical and spiritual changes of adolescence, young adulthood, and womanhood.

"Before today, I believed that my body was beautiful. As a result of today, I believe that my body is sacred and special. Before today, I believed that the mikvah was scary. As a result of today, I believe that it is peaceful."

– a **Bodies of Water** participant after the first workshop.

Come with your daughters, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, or friends for an extra special experience! Contact Naomi Malka, Naomi.Malka@AdasIsrael.org, to register. This program is supported by the Tikkun Olam Women's Foundation and co-sponsored by the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington. ○



The first Bodies of Water session, a new program exploring mikvah and the relationships women and girls have with their bodies was a wonderful and moving experience. We hope to see you for the next one!

Important High Holy Day Seating Changes and Information

At the December meeting of the Adas Israel Board of Directors, Ricki Gerger, chair of our Religious Practices Committee, reported on the many months of committee work, discussions, and recommendations relating to the High Holy Days. This review occurs every year in advance of our High Holy Days planning, but was even more significant this year due to the changes being made to our prayer spaces.

With the renewal and reconfiguration of our chapels and sanctuary, along with the opportunity to address various issues raised over the last few years, the Religious Practices Committee presented the following determinations to the Board of Directors to enhance our High Holy Day season.

The creation of the *Beit Midrash*, including our Kogod Chapel, has created the opportunity to expand the wonderful, creative "Return Again" type of service held on the patio last year for *Kol Nidre* and last month in Kay Hall. A new service led by our own Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt will be held in this special, renewed space on *Rosh Hashanah* (1st day) and *Yom Kippur*. The musical and memorable "Return Again" *Kol Nidre* Service outside on the patio will be repeated.

The Gewirz *Beit Am* has been renewed to provide a beautiful and sacred space that our Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* will use during the holidays. The Gewirz Hall service conducted by Rabbi Reuven Hammer will be discontinued. We will miss Rabbi Hammer at High Holy Day services and look forward to bringing him to our congregation on other occasions during the years as a scholar and teacher.

For many years, we have turned away many congregants who have wanted to attend holiday services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. Due to the system of reserved seats, we have not been able to accommodate all of the requests, yet there often are many unused seats in the Smith Sanctuary during the holidays. To address this problem, we will begin a system of open seating in the Smith Sanctuary for the holidays except for the Historic Dedicated Seats that many members contributed toward in our early days in this location. We have experimented with open seating in the balcony for a few years with good success and believe open seating on the main level will accommodate member preferences. As noted, Historic Dedicated Seats will be reserved as they have been in the past and will be marked as reserved.

When the current phases of building construction are completed (by September 2013), we will begin the renewal planning of our Kay Hall and adjacent spaces. One of the new features of this area will be the opening of Kay Hall's back wall to accommodate more seating for that service. Plans for this phase of our Vision of Renewal are in their early stages, and completion is likely a year or two away.

We thank our Board and committee members for their time and thoughtful deliberations about the important and meaningful High Holy Day season at Adas Israel. Full descriptions of all changes, clergy, and holiday plans will be sent to members in June. ○

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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).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Chol HaMoed Pesach 20 Nisan 9:00 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	1 Pesach Day 7 21 Nisan 9:15 am Combined Smith & Traditional Egal. Minyan Service 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	2 Pesach Day 8 22 Nisan 9:15 am Combined Smith Sanctuary and Traditional Egal. Minyan Service (Yizkor at 11 am) 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	3 23 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm JSC Classes	4 24 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Adult Child Play Group (12–18 months old) 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	5 25 Nisan 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 PARSHAT SHEMINI 26 Nisan 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Dr. Al Munzer 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Shira Stutman 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush
7 Yom HaShoah 27 Nisan 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Garden of the Righteous Ceremony/"Life in a Jar" 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	8 28 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Gan Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Social Action Committee Meeting	9 29 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Adult Child Play Group (6–12 months old) 9:30 am Gan Class Meetings with Rabbi Holtzblatt 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group 1:00 pm JSSA Job Search Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Course 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session	10 Rosh Chodesh Iyar 30 Nisan 7:30 am Morning Minyan/Rosh Chodesh Iyar Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 10:40 am Gan Music 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm JSC Classes 7:30 pm Seven Blessings Workshop	11 Rosh Chodesh Iyar 1 Iyar 7:30 am Morning Minyan/Rosh Chodesh Iyar Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 9:00 am Adult Child Play Group (12–18 months old) 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	12 2 Iyar 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Shabbat Sing—Children Only 6:00 pm L'Dor Va Dor Shabbat Service with Cantor Brown & Rabbi Steinlauf 7:00 pm L'Dor Va Dor Dinner	13 PARSHAT TAZRIA/METZORA 3 Iyar 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 10:00 am Learners' Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush
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Keeping Up with the Vision



A dramatic scene in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary as the skilled construction workers from Forrester bring a section of the ceiling down onto the temporary scaffolding.

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.

Phase III is about to begin: Entrance Foyer, Beit Midrash, Gift Shop, & MakomDC

Let's just be honest here . . . This is definitely the most disruptive phase of our building renovation, which also means it's the most exciting!

This is the phase during which we will create a wonderful new entrance foyer, an inviting new Gift Shop, a brand new set of lobby restrooms, and, last but certainly not least, the new *Beit Midrash* and Chapel. The *Beit Midrash*, upon completion, will be a fully functioning House of Study equipped with sacred Judaic texts, modern computer and Internet technology, a coffee bar, and an inviting worship space for daily services. MakomDC (Place dc), the innovative learning and engagement center to be housed within this flagship new space, will feature a series of speakers, workshops, and worship opportuni-



Even Cantor Brown is pitching in!

ties throughout the year, specifically catering to the various cohorts represented in our community. This is a very exciting time for Adas Israel and for Jewish DC as a whole.

Now, there are a few things you'll need to know before we get started . . .

Once we begin construction in the lobby, and until approximately mid-August, the main Quebec Street entrance will be closed. Weekdays (Sun.-Fri.), please enter the building through the side parking lot door. For *Shabbat* services, please enter either through the Quebec Street Sanctuary entrance or through the Gewirz *Beit Am* doors. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are equally excited about the magnificent results to follow.

We truly look forward to gathering, worshiping, and connecting with you, and with each other, in your new and improved Adas Israel. Here's to Phase III! ○



Rabbi Steinlauf and Cantor Brown squeeze through the construction site.



Believe it or not, this will be the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary!

Lifelong Learning

Jewish Study Center Spring Semester Starts April 9

Jews of Africa and Asia

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm and 8:15 pm, through June 12
Includes sessions on Libya, the Sassoons of India, and more, as well as classes on psalms, poetry, and history. For more information and to register, visit www.jewishstudycenter.org. ○

Entering the World of Mussar with Alan Morinis

April 10, 7:30 pm

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington



Explore the Mussar movement, a beautiful dimension of Jewish spiritual practice. Mussar is a path of contemplative practices and exercises that have evolved over the past thousand years to help an individual soul to pinpoint and then to break through the barriers that surround and obstruct the flow of inner light in our lives. Mussar is a treasury of techniques and understandings that offers immensely valuable guidance for the

journey of our lives. Alan Morinis, a leading interpreter of Mussar teachings and practices, will discuss the movement on April 10, at 7:30 pm.

The Orthodox Jewish community spawned Mussar to help people overcome the inner obstacles that hinder them from living up to the laws and commandments—the *mitzvot*—that form the code of life. That community tends to see Mussar as inseparable from its own beliefs and practices, but the human reality Mussar addresses is actually universal, and the gifts it offers can be used by all people.

Acclaimed author of *Climbing Jacob's Ladder* and *Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Path to Mussar*, Morinis currently serves as dean of the Mussar Institute, which he founded in 2004 (www.mussarinstitute.org). The institute offers courses and training in dozens of cities to thousands of people annually.

Please join us for this moving and insightful evening. ○



The Shramchenko Collection

Adas Israel is fortunate to have a growing collection of paintings in a revolving display in the Mendelson Gallery. Among the collection is a series of watercolor paintings by the late Mykola Shramchenko, generously donated by Diane and Norman Bernstein.

Mykola Shramchenko, a Ukrainian Christian, lived in the household of a Jewish family and was arrested by the Nazis who considered him a Jew. He used his artistic talents to forge credentials for Ukrainian Jews attempting to escape from Hitler for which he was arrested. Many of his paintings are a vivid representation of what he saw in the concentration camps.

A selection from the Shramchenko Collection will be on display on *Yom HaShoah* and for the Garden of the Righteous program. ○



Save the Date A Celebration of Rabbi Feinberg! Saturday, June 8



Honoring
Rabbi Charles
Feinberg's
40th anniversary
in the Rabbinate.

Join us for a
special combined
service and
kiddush in his
honor.

RETURN AGAIN TO SHABBAT

Friday, April 26 at 6:30 pm

With Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt and Elie Greenberg!

A uniquely elevating *Shabbat* experience, in-the-round, in the style of our innovative outdoor *Kol Nidre* service. Join us for a reflective journey into the power of *Shabbat*—an eternal Oasis in Time.

Featuring seasoned musicians and a spiritual, personal excursion into prayer and song.

A program of the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington

Register at www.adasisrael.org/shabbat



Two New Saturday Shabbat Experiences

Infinite Light – Service of the Soul

Embodied Worship – Service of the Body

Smith Shabbat Service.

April 27 & May 4 at 9:30 am



Join Rabbi Steinlauf & Cantor Brown as we reinvigorate the experience of Shabbat Morning services.

April 27: Infinite Light – Service of the Soul

Knock on the sky. Listen to the sound. Discover the richness of your soul's potential, as we infuse our standard Charles E. Smith service with the musical, the mystical, and the transformative.

May 4: Embodied Worship – Service of the Body

Breaking the boundaries between Heaven & Earth, Body & Soul. Engage your whole body as we plumb the depths and unearth the deep eternal soul illuminating our physical selves. Discover the physical by means of the spiritual. ○



The NEW adasisrael.org A Smarter Website for an Era of Renewal

We are proud to announce the official “soft opening” of the new Adas Israel website.

Please use Chrome, Firefox, or Safari browsers for optimal visual effect.

The new site is fully functional but will remain under construction over the next few months while we add:

- Additional congregational information and photos
- Live streaming of significant Adas events
- Enhanced community and event pages
- A comprehensive B’nai Mitzvah guide sub-page
- Online learning, music, and podcasts


If, for whatever reason, content from the old website that you normally expect to see on **adasisrael.org** did not make it on to the first round of the new website, please (*calmly*) let us know at website@adasisrael.org and it will be corrected as soon as humanly possible. Happy clicking! ○



A Beautiful New Chuppah

Synagogue member Arlette Jassel has fabricated and donated an inspiring new *chuppah* to Adas Israel. The design of the *chuppah* was inspired by the seven species mentioned in the Bible in *Deuteronomy*: dates, grapes, pomegranate, fig, olives, wheat, and barley.

The Hebrew is the sixth blessing in the marriage ceremony, which translates to, "Grant perfect joy to these loving companions, as You did to the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden."

The *chuppah* is painted white cotton that has been hand-quilted, and the attaching brass rings were made by Maria Lasa Sloan. We look forward to celebrating many *s'machot* under this beautiful new work of art! 

Rabbis Batya and Gil Steinlauf
invite you to the
Bat Mitzvah of
Meirav Yael Steinlauf
on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.
at Adas Israel Congregation
2850 Quebec Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Kiddush Luncheon to follow the service.

Your e-invite should have arrived.
But you can RSVP at
adasisrael.org/ravisrevolution.

Join us at the
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Walk to Cure Diabetes
on the
National Mall
8am on April 21st, 2013
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Just "like" our page! **Our goal is 1,500 fans by Rosh Hashanah.** A special prize will be drawn from our first 1,500 fans.

Join in the fun!



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In Honor Of: Dedication of the new **Gewirz Beit Am** by Geoffrey Berman & Julia Gordon. **Minyan reunion** by Joshua & Melissa Ford. **Vision of Renewal Steering Committee** by Glenn & Cindy Easton. **Traditional Egalitarian Minyan** by Dov Weitman & Sylvia Horwitz, Michael Rosman & Jessica Kasten. Inauguration of the **Gewirz Beit Am** by Ian Gershengorn & Gail Levine. **Adas Israel clergy & lay daveners & leyners** by Bob Peck & Lynn Palmer. Opening of the new digs by Eric Koenig & Amy Schwartz. **Isaac Silber** becoming a *bar mitzvah* by Bill Levenson.

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In Honor Of: Birth of **Zindell (Zeana) Lirit Greenberg** by Jane Baldinger.

Youth Activities Fund

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The congregation is charged a \$25 bank fee for deposited checks that are returned for insufficient funds. Unfortunately, this occurs even when your account is inadvertently in arrears, and the \$25 bank fee will be charged to your synagogue account. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for understanding.

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Give to the Ezra Pantry @ Adas Israel

See the new wish list of Ezra Pantry needs in the cloak room at Adas. When you go to the supermarket, be sure to buy extra for those in need!

SAVE THE DATE Sukkot in Spring, May 5

A Social Action Day with *Yachad* dedicated to renovating the home of a lower-income family.

Tikkun Olam

Adas Israel/PCUCC Special Annual Darfur Vigil, April 21

For more than five years, members of the Adas Israel Social Action Council have organized a monthly vigil in front of the Sudanese embassy to protest the ongoing genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.

This has now grown to a Darfur Interfaith Network vigil with many churches and synagogues participating in the DC area.

This year, each of these organizations is "adopting" a month to bear witness to the humanitarian tragedy. **Adas Israel and Peoples Congregational Church UCC are "adopting" the April 21 vigil. We need to show strength to our commitment on this date. Please join us from 1:30 to 2:30 pm for this uplifting experience and bring your children, friends, and neighbors.**

The State Department just issued this statement about the tragedy befalling the people of Darfur:

The United States is deeply concerned that, ten years after the outbreak of war in Darfur, the Darfuri people continue to



suffer from increased insecurity, human rights abuses, and sexual violence. Brutal conflict among Sudanese Government forces, rebels, and militias, and continued aerial bombardments and indiscriminate attacks on civilian areas by the Sudanese Armed Forces, in violation of UN Security Council Resolutions, have led to the deaths of nearly 300,000 people, the vast majority unarmed civilians.

For questions about the vigil, contact Laura Cutler, 301-980-7182.

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