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Clergy Corner

by Rabbi
Charles Feinberg

BEARING THE BURDEN OF THE OTHER

Rabbi Yisrael Salanter, one of the founders of the Lithuanian Mussar Movement, taught how bearing the burden of the other feeds our souls. "Spiritual needs are more elevated than material needs," he said. "But the material needs of another are an obligation of my spiritual life." Our souls cannot develop except by caring for the needs of others. An elevated soul must be sensitive. And we are not sensitive if we cannot feel the pain and suffering of others. If we do feel the pain of others, then it would be difficult for us not to play some role in helping others out.

Making the effort to bear the burdens of others—as a conscious, deliberate practice—diminishes the power of the ego to take over our life. Bearing the burden of the other instills sensitivity in the soul that might otherwise not be there. Each act

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Introducing Eric S. Levine, New Adas Israel Executive Director

We are thrilled to announce that Eric S. Levine, MBA, FSA, will join the Adas Israel community as our new executive director in January 2014.

Eric has been executive director of Congregation Beth El in La Jolla, CA, since 2007. He attended the American Jewish University in Los Angeles (formerly University of Judaism), where he participated in a specialized five-year joint degree program, earning a bachelor in business administration and an MBA in non-profit management. He also earned his fellow in synagogue administration (FSA) from the North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE) in 2012. Eric is an officer of NAASE and chairs its annual conference.

Before starting his professional career as a synagogue executive director, Eric worked for the Jewish Federation system for almost a

decade as director of operations in Sacramento and director of planning and allocations in San Diego. In addition, he has had

experience working as a kosher caterer, camp director, and Jewish educator. Eric is originally from Los Angeles, CA, and is married to Shauna Levine; they have two daughters, Cara and Cayla. We could not be more excited to welcome Eric and his family to our congregation.

An accomplished Jewish executive, Eric quickly demonstrated all of the excellent qualities and characteristics, as well as professional qualifications, needed to serve in this important role at Adas Israel. Our Executive Director Search Committee, chaired by



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Glenn Easton to Receive *Shem Tov* Award, Saturday, Nov. 23



Adas Israel will present its prestigious *Shem Tov* Award to Glenn Easton during services on *Shabbat* morning, November 23. A festive community *kiddush* will follow the service.

Established in 1963, the *Shem Tov* Award was created to recognize members who have contributed significantly to the betterment of our congregation and community. RSVP to carol.ansell@adasisrael.org or call 202-363-4433 to let us know if you will plan to attend the *kiddush* in honor of Glenn.

The *Shem Tov* Award was inspired by a passage in *Pirke Avot*

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of support we undertake is an opportunity to develop finer sensitivity and to elevate our soul.

The “other” I want you to focus on are the hungry in our midst. The “other” I want you to focus on are the workers who pick our food, process our meat, and serve us in restaurants. This year the Adas Israel Social Action Council wants all of us to focus on food justice in our community. We need to learn more about those who are hungry, who do not eat adequately, and we need to learn more about the needs of those who pick, process, and serve us our food.

Here are some facts about the challenge of hunger in the United States. These facts were compiled by the Department of Agriculture, along with a number of university scholars.

- Twenty-one percent of households with children were food insecure at some time during the year. This means that at some time during the year 2011 these families did not have enough food to feed their children adequately.
- A total of 10.6% of households with adults only were food insecure.
- Nine percent of households with children had low food security; 1% of all households reported very low food security among children, and about 4.5% of all households with children reported a reduction in the amount of food children ate.
- Sixty percent of households with food insecurity among children had one or more full-time workers in 2010–2011. Another 15% had one or more part-time workers.
- The unemployed and the disabled comprised about 19% of households with food insecurity among children and 21% of households with very low food insecurity among children.

We should understand that the hungry are often working. As these statistics indicate, almost 80% of the homes reporting some food insecurity have adults who are working full or part time. We too often forget that the poor in our midst work but don't earn enough to feed their families and pay the rent.

Second, SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps, does not serve everyone who might need this assistance. Many of the working poor are not eligible for these funds because they earn too much money. That is, they earn enough above the established poverty line that they become disqualified for SNAP. Many of the poor earn too little to pay for food and rent but too much to be eligible for food assistance. On top of all this, Congress is planning to cut back funding for SNAP even more.

Third, parents instinctively try to protect their younger children at the expense of their older children. Teenagers are often more vulnerable to food insecurity. We can only speculate about what this might mean to teenagers and how they might deal with it.

So what should we do as individuals and as a congregation? First, we should learn more about the working poor and the hungry in our midst. On December 10, the Social Action Council will be asking all of us to take up the Food Stamp Challenge. We will ask everyone to live off the food that can be bought with food

stamps for one week. Too often the debates about food stamps or SNAP are conducted abstractly without the participants' really knowing what it is like to live and eat using only food stamps.

In January, we are dedicating the weekend celebrating the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. to issues surrounding food insecurity and food justice. And in March or April, we plan to conduct a program on the issues facing migrant workers. There will be opportunities for all of us to learn more about what the people who pick our food or who do not have money to buy food face.

Second, we ask all of you to get personally involved in opening our hands to the poor in our community. And this can be done in many ways. It means bringing food more regularly to the Ezra Pantry. Instead of bringing it once or twice a year, let's resolve to bring food once every month. It can mean helping prepare food for the women at Luther Place. It can mean volunteering at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ with whom we partner over MLK weekend. Before Thanksgiving and Christmas, members of the synagogue help prepare food packages for the poor at the church. We can always use more volunteers for this project. It can mean volunteering for *Sukkot* in Spring when a group of volunteers in partnership with Yachad helps to refurbish the home of a family in need.

There are number of important organizations that help the hungry and homeless in our community. Adas Israel has entered into a partnership with SOME (So Others Might Eat). Of course, we have a long-standing relationship with Anne Frank House, which supports 11 people in their own apartments. Miriam's Kitchen, N Street Village, Capital Food Bank, Martha's Table, and Friendship Place all deserve our support.

In the Jewish community, Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) needs our support. JSSA does not have enough resources to help all the people in need in the Jewish community in our metropolitan area.

We live in a wealthy country. We have enough food in this country so that no one should go hungry. Hunger in the United States stains our good name. As Abraham Joshua Heschel said regarding another moral issue, “Not everyone is guilty, but we are all responsible.” We bear responsibility for the well-being of others. Let us make the material needs of the other an essential element of our spiritual life. ○

Interim Executive Director



Sandy Cohen, who served as Adas Israel's executive director from 1974 to 1985, and, more recently, as interim executive director at B'nai Israel and Temple Micah, has been named interim executive director. Sandy will serve as Adas Israel's interim director until Eric Levine's arrival in January 2014. He was also executive director

of Washington Hebrew Congregation and served as president of NAASE (North American Association of Synagogue Executives). He attended New York University and the University of Rhode Island. Sandy can be reached at sandy.cohen@adasisrael.org. ○

A Reflection from Eric Levine, Incoming Executive Director at Adas Israel

When Solomon Schechter developed Conservative Judaism, his intention was not to create an organized religious movement, but a way American Jews could hold onto the core values and principles of Judaism while adapting to modern life in the early 20th century. Schechter believed that *halacha* “is formed and evolves based on the behavior of the people” (Wikipedia). But while Schechter was instrumental in developing what we know today as United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, his idea of maintaining tradition with evolving practice based on modern circumstances is not new.

With the destruction of the second temple in 70 AD, the holy priests had a choice—let their Judaism be destroyed along with the Temple or adapt and evolve into a new modern era. This is what Judaism and rabbis have done for thousands of years: update our religious practice to fit the needs of current society. The core of our belief, however, has never changed nor wavered . . . we are the chosen people, we have a covenant with God. Just the manner in which we express our devotion has been altered.

Looking at Conservative Judaism in the early 21st century, many things are different from when most of us grew up. Society is different. Our parents’ Judaism is not our Judaism today (regardless of which generation you fall in). Religious school has been reduced from three to two days a week. Instead of one *Shabbat* service, we now have as many as five at the same time, with each one catering to a different cohort.

It is time, once again, to adapt to modern times. But what does that mean? The honest answer is that no one knows. What we do know, however, is that if we do not try and evolve, if we do not make certain changes to the manner in which we observe and celebrate our core Jewish values, Judaism will not survive.

This is an exciting time at Adas Israel. Under the leadership of Rabbi Steinlauf, we are embarking on a journey of renewal, and I am proud to be on this journey with you as your new executive director. Journeys are hard, especially when we do not know exactly where we are trying to go. Just like the Israelites wandering the desert, Rabbi Steinlauf and I (your own Moses and Aaron), with the assistance of the rest of our staff and volunteers, are exploring new ways of keeping our Jewish community together and connected.

Just as the Israelites did not recognize their surroundings as Moses and Aaron led them to the promised land, some of our new initiatives might seem different from what you are accustomed to. I encourage you to participate in our new programs firsthand and experience a fresh and invigorating Conservative Judaism.

I couldn’t be more grateful and excited to begin this new journey with all of you in this wonderful congregation. My family and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you over the coming years as we continue to foster community, personal connections, learning, and meaningful worship together at Adas Israel.

—Lehitraot, Eric ○

From the President Lurching On



Arnie Podgorsky

After pleas to Pharaoh, miracles, and rushed packing, they gathered and went out from Egypt. Go left? Go right? Into that sea? Are you kidding? That fellow Moses must be nuts! Who does he think he is anyway?

Imagine the competing factions, criticisms, and well-intended efforts gone awry. Even in glorious moments, our collective actions can lurch, slide, and go awry. This

seems inherent in our earthly existence. Our precepts are strong, but through our lengthy history, only Moses knew just what to do (and sometimes his impatience got in the way). Among those of us who are not prophets, only the naïve are certain about how plans will work out. So we try our best to shape the present to serve the future, continuously experimenting, testing, bumping against other well-intended actions, and fixing our mistakes. This does seem the way to a life of passion and exhilaration.

So let’s talk about seating. Yes, seating.

This year’s plan for High Holy Day seating in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary was wise, considerate, and meant to foster openness and inclusion. But then came the unanticipated impact, variables, and reactions, and no Moses to give us absolute guidance.

There are two related aspects to sanctuary seating on the High Holy Days.

Many years ago—as far back as our migration from 6th Street—Adas Israel assigned seats in the main sanctuary to members for often modest contributions. Our sages establish the *halachic* reason for the assignments. R’ Chelco said in the name of Rav Huna: “Anyone who establishes a set place for his prayer, the God of Abraham will be a help to him.” Abraham himself set a consistent place to stand before God (*Berachot* 6b). Now that’s my lay take on it. As Rabbi says, we learn Torah from each other (or at least we read a bit).

Let’s call these assigned seats the “historic reserved seats.” Under this policy, children can avail themselves of their elders’ historic reserved seats as long as the children are synagogue members. Not all seats in the sanctuary are historic reserved seats. Until this year, Adas members, in exchange for donations, could reserve the remaining seats (we’ll call them annual reserved seats) for a given year’s Holy Days. For years, people coming to the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary had either historic reserved seats or annual reserved seats. Everyone knew exactly which seats to use, and no “Reserved” signs on seats were necessary.

But, lurching onward, little is easy, and there’s that thing about best-laid plans. This year, hoping to provide more opportunities for members to enjoy services in the Smith Sanctuary, the board determined that all seats other than historic reserved seats would be available for open seating. There would be no annual reserved seats. After all, wouldn’t such openness in the newly renovated sanctuary be a good thing?

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Holidays

Happy Hanukkah!

Why Do We Celebrate Hanukkah?

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



When Is Hanukkah Observed?

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month, *Kislev*, the day on which the Temple was reconsecrated to the worship of God. The festival is observed for eight days. According to our tradition, the “day” officially begins on the evening that precedes it. Hence the first candle is lit on the evening that ushers in the 25th day of *Kislev*. On each succeeding night of *Hanukkah*, an additional candle is lit, totaling eight in all. This year, *Hanukkah* begins on Wednesday evening, November 27. Candle-lighting should take place in the evening.

Hanukkah Practices

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

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

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

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

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

How to Light Hanukkah Lights

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

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

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

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

Blessings for Lighting the Menorah

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.
Baruch ata Adonai Ehloheinu mehlech haolam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the World, who has sanctified us by His commandments and commanded us to kindle the *Hanukkah* lights.

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

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

On the first night, the following is added:

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

All join in singing Ma'oz Tzur:

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

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

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

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

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

מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבח,

תכון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזבח,

לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח,

אז אגמר בשיר מזמור חנוכת המזבח.

Sisterhood

Torah Fund

You can ensure the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism. Give today to the **Torah Fund Campaign** of Women's League. The campaign was first launched in 1942 as a scholarship fund and later expanded to help provide housing for undergraduate students. Since then, Torah Fund has been a vital source of support for our institutions, raising more than \$66 million. While continuing to support students, Torah Fund has helped to create structures such as a seminary synagogue, residence hall, and campus formal garden.

Donate today by sending your check to Mrs. Gerry Lezell, TF Chair, at 5800 Magic Mountain Dr., Rockville, MD 20852. Direct your questions to her at 301-231-8676 or gerrytf@gmail.com. Thank you.

Our TF Goal

Adas Israel Sisterhood is hoping to raise **\$12,000**.

- A contribution of just **\$18 from each of you reading this message would allow us to surpass that goal.**
- **Everyone making a contribution of \$36 or more will be invited to a special Torah Fund event** Sunday, November 17, at Adat Chaim Synagogue, Reisterstown, MD.
- With a donation of **\$180 or more, you will receive the lovely pin pictured here. It depicts "family," Mishpachah, the Women's League theme for 5774.**

Save the Dates for Other Upcoming Events

December 8: "Celebrate *Hanukkah*" with Sisterhood on Sunday, December 8, noon–3:00. Everyone is invited to the fun featuring music, costumes, belly dancing (including lessons), lots of delicious *Hanukkah* food, and more! Be on the lookout for more details.

February 8: Sisterhood *Shabbat* this year is Saturday, February 8. Sisterhood is honored



Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH IS WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27?

Come to our beautiful new shop to check out our menorahs, dreidels, nut-free gelt, and other Hanukkah goodies!



Gift Shop Hours:

Sunday–Monday, Wednesday–Friday,
9:30 am–12:30 pm

Extended hours:

Tuesday, 9:30 am–3:00 pm & 6:15–8:00 pm

202-364-2888

adasgiftshop@gmail.com

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

to lead this service for the Adas community, and we look forward to your joining us. Sisterhood women interested in participating in a formal role in the service (*leyning* or *davening*, lifting, wrapping, reading) may contact Marcie Goldstein, Marcie.b.goldstein@gmail.com. Detailed information will be available soon. ○



Yasher koach to the Adas Israel Men's Club and Sisterhood for building and decorating such a lovely, and ENORMOUS, community *sukkah* on the Connecticut Avenue Plaza this year!

Attention: Class of 5777 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Candidates

We are in the process of organizing the *b'nai mitzvah* class of 5777, which includes children who will celebrate this milestone between August 2016 and June 2017. Below is a list of children of our members who, according to our records, should celebrate becoming *b'nai mitzvah* in the class of 5777 (which means they were **born between July 2003 and July 2004**).

Bar/bat mitzvah dates are assigned to members in good standing with children enrolled in our Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School or a Jewish day school. Members delinquent in their synagogue account or not enrolled in school will delay the assignment of their child's date.

If your child is missing from this list and you

believe he or she should be included with this *bar/bat mitzvah* group and celebrate between August 2016 and June 2017 . . .

-OR, if your child is in the 4th grade and you would like him or her to be included . . .

-OR, if you have any questions . . .

Please contact Beryl Saltman in the rabbis' office, 202-362-4433, ext. 121, or beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org, so we can add him or her to the list below.

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, January 12, for the 5777 *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Parents' Meeting with Rabbi Steinlauf and Cantor Brown (coffee at 9:30 am; meeting at 10 am) to assign *bar/bat mitzvah* dates.



Lincoln Aftergood
Ellie Aladjem
Coco Becker
Lev BenAvram
Micah Berger
Rochelle Berman
Marika Campbell-Blue
Isaac Cymerman
Samuel Davis
Shai Dweck
Anastasia Fidler
Jadon Fishman
Asher Fishman
Gabriel Ford
Sadie Ford
Jonah Frumkin
Lilah Genachowski

Nathan Gershengorn
Maya Goelman
Eden Goldblum
Lindsey Grosser
Sophie Hare
Elinor Hasenberg
Arthur Herman
Anya Herzberg
Frederick Horowitz
Hayden Ikenson
Eli Kahler
Simon Katkov
Eian Katz
Judah Kirschenbaum
Leo Klayman
Noah Knishkowsky
Daniel Kotelanski

Johanna Lane
Isabella Lefkowitz-Rao
Willow Lehigh
Eliza Leibovich
Meira Liebman
Isaac Malka
Marc Margolis
Vanessa Mark
Naomi Meyer
Eve Mullen
Jennifer Nehrer
Yael Nemeth
Shira Neufeld
Jacob Nicolson
Sammy Rabinowitz
Sean Rich
Nava Roskes

Benjamin Schulman
Dora Schulman
Jacob Schwartz
John Speaks IV
Jake Strouse
Ma'ayan Stutman-Shaw
Rachel Suissa
Ezra Tinsky
Isaac Trommer
Benjamin Wander
Yael Wellisch
Matthew Winter
Sophie Zinn
Nicole Zuckerman
Robert Zuckerman
Rachel Zuckerman
Jacob Zuckerman

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(*Ethics of Our Ancestors*), which reads:

"There are three crowns within one's reach: that of Torah, that of priesthood, and that of royalty. But the 'Crown of the Good Name' excels them all."

The award is presented annually to the person, or couple, whose life exemplifies the teachings of that passage. Glenn Easton is a shining example of one who has excelled as a *Shem Tov* throughout his life and career.

The symbol of the award is a *menorah*, an original design created by distinguished sculptor Milton Hebard. The original was a gift to the congregation from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bernstein in memory of Celia and Benjamin Bernstein, parents of Leo and Norman Bernstein. The first *Shem Tov* Award was presented posthumously to Abraham Kay in 1964. Last year, the Bubes family was the recipient.

Please join us on *Shabbat* morning, November 23, when we honor Glenn with the *Shem Tov* Award, followed by a festive *kid-dush* luncheon in his honor.



Easton's Discretionary Fund to Support Hearing Loops

One of Glenn's last instructions was to use the money in his discretionary fund for the Assisted Sound System (hearing loops and headsets) in honor of his hearing-disabled mother. The sound system was a part of the Vision of Renewal project, which occupied so much of Glenn's energy and time for the past few years. We thank Glenn for this generous and thoughtful parting gift to Adas Israel. ○

Kristallnacht 75th Anniversary

Voices of the Holocaust
Sunday, November 10, 7:30 pm,
Strathmore Music Center

There will be a community *Kristallnacht* Concert Commemoration at Strathmore Music Center, featuring local cantors and choirs, including our own Cantor Arianne Brown and singers from the Adas Israel performance choir. Tickets on sale now at www.strathmore.org.



November @ MakomDC: Food Month

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An Evening with Sarah Polon (Soupergirl)

Tuesday, November 5 @ 7:30 pm

Judaism acknowledges almost every major holiday with a festive feast. Sarah Polon (founder, owner, and operator of Soupergirl, the local kosher, organic soup franchise) and her mom Marilyn will join us for a conversation about food, ethics, spiritual eating, and how to make yummy

vegan cream. Enjoy this unique opportunity to sip soup as we delve into food's role in our spiritual lives. Join us!

Free and open to the community; register at www.adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433



Meals and Memories

Sunday, November 17 @ 10:30 am in the Library

Congregant Beth Kanter, author of *Chef's Table*, will share behind-the-scenes stories from some of our city's most popular restaurants and food trucks. She will also lead a fun and informal workshop on writing and preserving meal-related memories, just in time for this year's combo of Thanksgiving and *Hanukkah*—a time rich with spice and story that can outlast the holiday.



An Evening with Paula Shoyer (The Kosher Baker)

Tuesday, November 19 @ 7:30 pm

A delicious discussion with owner and operator of Paula's Parisian Pastries Cooking School and author of *The Kosher Baker: 160 dairy-free desserts from traditional to trend*. Paula will discuss her journey to becoming the Kosher Baker and prove to us that Kosher desserts can be just as good as or better than non-Kosher baked goods.



November Learning Opportunities in the Biran Beit Midrash

Berachot (Blessings), Rituals, and Food: Bringing the Holy and Ordinary Together

Sunday, Nov. 3, 10, 17 @ 10:00 am

Make a blessing! Community educator Norman Shore will lead this stimulating class and text study that focuses on food and how it fits into our Jewish lives.



Film Screening of "Oma and Bella" in the Biran Beit Midrash

Wednesday, November 13 @ 7:30 pm

Filmmaker Alexa Karolinski brings us an intimate portrait of two

elderly Jewish women in Berlin with humor, powerful stories, and a deep fondness for good food. In partnership with the DCJCC. Screening & Talk Back with Susan Barocas, Director of the Jewish Food Experience, with refreshments.



Send us your favorite Jewish recipe either through facebook/adasisraeldc or by e-mailing Marcy.Spiro@adasisrael.org so we can put together a little cookbook at the end of November!

Upcoming Food Event!

Food Stamp Challenge on December 10 and follow-up on December 17. Learn more on the back page of this issue.

NEW ADAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Stefan Tucker and co-chaired by **Mark Yecies**, identified Eric out of a field of nearly 50 qualified applicants nationwide. Eric was the clear selection, bringing with him a wealth of experience and insight as a synagogue executive and community leader. He is a warm, thoughtful, and kind-spirited individual as well as a deeply dedicated and proficient business professional and managerial leader. His commitment to his own Jewish journey, and his highly successful career as a Jewish communal professional, make him an ideal leader for our diverse and thriving congregational community.

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We are, of course, tremendously grateful to **Glenn Easton**, our executive director for 22 remarkable years, for his unwavering commitment to our community. In honor of his service, Adas Israel will present its prestigious annual *Shem Tov* Award to Glenn on *Shabbat* morning, November 23. Established in 1963, the *Shem Tov* Award was created to recognize members who have contributed significantly to the betterment of our congregation and community.

Many of you met Eric at our Vision of Renewal Dedication Ceremony on Wednesday, October 2. If you did not get the chance to meet him, there will be more formal opportunities to introduce Eric to the community in the near future. Please join us in wishing a heartfelt welcome to Eric and his family as he joins our congregation. ○

Life Cycle

Milestones

Birth:

Luke Wyatt Nussdorf, son of Jed & Sarah, grandson of Melanie & Lawrence Nussdorf, was born on September 25.

Hannah Beatrice, daughter of Lauren & David Edelstein was born on September 11

Kira Faye Berg Matarese, daughter of Samantha Berg & Seth Matarese, granddaughter of Michael & Linda Berg, was born on September 30.

We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

B'nai Mitzvah



Amelia Davidson, November 2

Amelia, daughter of Alan and Melissa Goldman Davidson, is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. She is also a proud graduate of the Gan HaYeled. Amelia's lineage at Adas Israel goes back six generations, and she will follow in the footsteps of mother Melissa, grandfather Michael, and great-grandfather Aaron Goldman (z"l), in celebrating her *bat mitzvah* at Adas. For her *mitzvah* project, Amelia is a volunteer with the Gudelsky Swim Program, helping children and adults with disabilities learn to swim.



Harry Kaplan, November 9

Harry, the son of Jill Wilkins and Jonathan Kaplan, is a seventh grader at the Bullis School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled Nursery School, continuing at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. Harry is happy to celebrate his *bar mitzvah* with his sisters Ruby and Stella, parents, grandparents, family and friends.



Naomi Alter, November 9

Naomi, a graduate of Gan HaYeled and the Jewish Primary Day School, is currently a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. The daughter of Amanda and Michael Alter, Naomi celebrates her *simcha* with her sister Abigail, brother Adam, grandparents Emily Alter, Stephen Alter, and Eve and Richard

Robins, among others. For her *tzedakah* project, Naomi is raising money for the Parkinson's Foundation and the Good People Fund, an organization that makes care packages for IDF combat soldiers.



Eliana Nicolson, November 16

Eliana, the daughter of David and Tamar Nicolson, is a sixth grader at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital. She began her Jewish education at the Ohr Kodesh Early Childhood Center. Eliana's passions include reading, horseback riding, art, and Israeli dancing. Her *mitzvah* project has her collecting

children's books to donate to Martha's Table to support those who may be learning English as a second language. Eliana is looking forward to celebrating this event with her family and others. The entire family thinks with love of her brother Chaim (z"l) at this special occasion.



Sarah Paul, November 16

Sarah, daughter of Douglas Paul and Stacy Merenstein, shares her *simcha* with family and friends. She is an eighth grader at Westland Middle School and received her Jewish education at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. Sarah's *tzedakah* project supports Go Give Yoga, which empowers children in underfunded

schools and communities to maximize their physical, intellectual, and emotional well-being through yoga. She is the granddaughter of Donna Paul and the late Bruce Paul (z"l) and Bonnie Merenstein and the late Jerry Merenstein (z"l).



Dora Mendelson, November 30

Dora Mendelson is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, and her interests include dance, baking, working out, and going to Camp Ramah in New England. For her *mitzvah* project, she will combine her love of cooking with her compassion for others to help feed those who are hungry. Dora is the daughter of

Jennifer and Dan Mendelson and granddaughter of William and Lois Loew and Sander and Adina Mendelson.

Members in the News

Congratulations to **Isaac Frumkin** (catcher) and **Aaron Rosenthal** (second base) for their success on the baseball diamond. Their summer baseball team, representing Washington, DC, advanced to the semifinals of the Little League Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament, before losing to the Delaware team that won the tournament and moved on to the Little League World Series. This was the first time since 2004 the DC team had advanced to the semifinals of the Regional Tournament. Congratulations also to Aaron's dad, **Seth Rosenthal**, one of the team's coaches.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Allen M. Wolpe, husband of Annette Wilen

Hyman Kornberg, husband of Frances Kornberg

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Barry Bluestein, father of Phillip Max Bluestein

Erika Brodsky, mother of Jean Bernard

Elayne Pollack, wife of Rabbi Alex Pollack

Ari Zymelman, husband of Beth Gansky

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 Sandy Cohen 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 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 Sandy Cohen or Carole Klein at the synagogue office (202-362-4433) to schedule a visit. ○

Bodies of Water

Honoring Our Jewish Bodies

www.Bodies-of-Water.org

Next Up : December 8 @ 1:30 pm

More 2014 Dates to Be Announced Soon

Join us for a program the Jewish Daily Forward calls "innovative and important for the 21st century" with Naomi Malka, Adas ritual coordinator and *mikvah* director. Reframe the



mikvah with us as a safe and positive place in which to experience the profound physical and spiritual changes of adolescence, young adulthood, and womanhood. This program is open to Jewish girls and women to join us in welcoming atmosphere, as we explore Jewish techniques for improving our sense of self and positive body image.

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 Daily Minyan @ Adas!

Community & Prayer @ Adas—7 days a week!

A traditional daily service, led by a member of the clergy, along with congregation members:

Morning Minyan: Monday–Friday, 7:30 am; Sundays and legal holidays, 9:00 am

Evening Minyan: Sunday–Thursday, 6:00 pm

The Daily *Minyan* is now meeting the beautiful new Biran *Beit Midrash* (check www.adasisrael.org for changes). We especially need *minyan* members on Monday and Thursday evenings

(ordinarily light attendance days) to ensure that all those in mourning have the opportunity to say *Kaddish*.



November 2013
Cheshvan–Kislev 5774

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.
Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: Join us for our Shabbat morning services in the renewed Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, the synagogue's largest worship space, led by our inspiring Rabbi and Cantor. The service includes a D'var Torah and sermon by the Rabbi and often includes participation by members and B'nai Mitzvah.
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.
'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
27 23 Cheshvan 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	28 24 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	29 25 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm PJ Library Storytime in the Adas Library 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism–Conversion Program	30 26 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm JSC Classes 7:30 pm A Taste of Mussar	31 27 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	1 29 Cheshvan 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:30 am Steinlauf & Starbucks 10:50 am Gan Shabbat Sing 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 6:30 pm YP Shir Delight Oneg, Service & Dinner; 8 pm D'var Torah by Rabbi Hotzblatt	2 PARSHAT TOLDOT 29 Cheshvan 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan; D'var Torah by Cantor Brown 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah: Amelia Davidson; with Rabbi Steinlauf 10:00 am Shabbat Spot 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot
3 30 Cheshvan 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 10:00 am Berachot (Blessings), Rituals, and Food (MakomDC) 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 12:30 pm Grandparent Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan Rosh Chodesh Kislev Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund	4 1 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 1:30 pm Chronic Illness Support Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan Rosh Chodesh Kislev Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund	5 2 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group with Rabbi Holtzblatt (Offsite) 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Investment Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism–Conversion Program 7:30 pm Soupergirl: Food Month @ MakomDC	6 3 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm JSC Classes 7:30 pm A Taste of Mussar	7 4 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	8 5 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Gan Parent Class with Rabbi Holtzblatt 6:00 pm Traditional Lay-Led Shabbat Service	9 PARSHAT VAYETZE 6 Kislev 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service (Musical Shabbat); Bar Mitzvah: Harry Kaplan; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan; Bat Mitzvah: Naomi Alter; with Rabbi Feinberg 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Junior Congregation
10 7 Kislev 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Berachot (Blessings), Rituals, and Food (MakomDC) 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Community Wide Kristallnacht Program at Strathmore Hall	11 8 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	12 9 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Sisterhood Taste of Tanach with Rabbi Steinlauf 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism–Conversion Program 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session	13 10 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm JSC Classes 7:15 pm Bereavement Support Group 7:30 pm Film Screening: "Oma and Bella" in the Biran Beit Midrash (MakomDC)	14 11 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:45 pm Scotch and Scriptures Men's Group (Offsite)	15 12 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Gan Parent Class with Rabbi Holtzblatt 10:50 am Gan Shabbat Sing 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 5:30 pm Young Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf & Robyn Helzner 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat; D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 6:15 pm Young Family Shabbat Dinner 6:30 pm Ruach Minyan Service & Dinner	16 PARSHAT VAYISHLACH 13 Kislev 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service; Bat Mitzvah: Eliana Nicolson; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Ari Strauss 10:00 am Learners' Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot
17 14 Kislev 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Berachot (Blessings), Rituals, and Food (MakomDC) 10:00 am Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 10:45 am Meals and Memories with Beth Kanter (MakomDC) 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	18 15 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 1:30 pm Chronic Illness Support Group 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Social Action Council Meeting	19 16 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Gan Open House 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:00 pm Introduction to Judaism–Conversion Program 7:00 pm An Evening Paula Shoyer–The Kosher Baker (MakomDC)	20 17 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm JSC Classes	21 18 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:50 am Gan Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	22 19 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 8:50 am Gan Parent Teacher Conferences 9:30 am Gan Parent Class with Rabbi Holtzblatt 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf & Cantor Brown 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner	23 PARSHAT VAYESHEV 20 Kislev 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service–Shem Tov Shabbat honoring Glenn Easton 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 11:00 am Junior Congregation 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush
24 21 Kislev 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 10:00 am Religious Practices Committee Mtg. 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	25 22 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	26 23 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Introduction to Judaism–Conversion Program 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session	27 24 Kislev 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan Erev Hanukkah–Light First Candle	28 25 Kislev 9:00 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	29 26 Kislev 9:00 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat; D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg	30 PARSHAT MIKETZ/SHABBAT HANUKKAH 27 Kislev 9:15 am Combined Shabbat Morning Service with Traditional Egalitarian Minyan; D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Havurah Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah: Dora Mendelson; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush 4:30 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services

Lifelong Learning

Jewish Study Center Classes Ongoing in November

Wednesday nights at 7:00 & 8:15 pm

For more info and to register, visit
www.jewishstudycenter.org.

Judaism and Feminism: Where Do We Go from Here?

Wednesdays, 7:00–8:15 pm, in the *Beit Midrash*

Nov. 6: The Hazentes: The Evolution of Women Cantors,

taught by Cantor Arianne Brown

Nov. 20: Discussion: Is Judaism Good for Women?

An Ask-the-Rabbis panel offered in cooperation with *Moment Magazine*

Untangling the Psalms

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 8:15–9:25 pm

Taught by Amy Schwartz

Jewish-Owned Slaves in Three 19th-Century Communities: India, the Ottoman Empire, and the New World

Nov. 6, 8:15–9:25 pm

Taught by Dr. Thomas Timberg

Global Jewish Cultures: History of Jews in Iraq

Nov. 13, 7:00–8:15 pm

Taught by Maurice Shohet

Up to the Minute in the Middle East

Dec. 11, 8:15–9:20 pm

Discussion and analysis of breaking news with Paul Scham, Gildenhorn Center for Israeli Studies, University of Maryland (there will be more sessions in December)

A Taste of Renewal

Oct. 23, 30; Nov. 6, 8:15–9:25 pm

What is Jewish renewal? See our website for individual sessions.

Taught by Rabbi Mark Novak

All single sessions are \$15 for Adas/JSC members, \$20 for non-members. There is a significant discount for multi-session classes and for early registration! ○

Youth @ Adas

Shalom, Chevre!

From Rich Dinetz, Youth Director



The fall is flying by quickly! It'll be *Hanukkah*—and Thanksgiving—before you know it! Fun fact: not only is this the first time ever that *Hanukkah* and Thanksgiving are on the same day, but the next time this will happen it will be the year 79,811 . . . weird, right?! Keep your eyes and ears open for some fun *Hanukkah Kadima* & USY programs this month—they're bound to be once in a life time!

In addition, USY (grades 9–12), please note this information from Shira Kaplan, Seaboard Regional USY director: Registration is now open for USY Fall Convention, which will be held on November 22–24 at the Wyndham Oceanfront Resort in Virginia Beach. We're expecting over 200 Jewish teens from across Maryland, Virginia, Washington, DC, and North Carolina. It's going to be an incredible weekend jam-packed with nonstop fun and excitement! You'll also enjoy our beautiful oceanfront hotel, which has a private beach and indoor pool, and all sleeping rooms have direct ocean views and balconies. Your registration fee also includes kosher catered meals and snacks, all program materials and expenses, convention regalia, and coach bus transportation.

Also note: All youth events require a yearly membership fee, and special events may require an additional fee. Registration can be done the day of your child(ren)'s first event—just arrive 10 minutes early to do so. For more information regarding these events or for general youth group questions, contact Rich Dinetz, Rich.Dinetz@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4961, ext. 137. ○

Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren

Sunday, November 3, 12:30 pm, Dr. Marion Usher & Rabbi Charles Feinberg



This discussion will focus on ways grandparents can introduce and foster Judaism with their interfaith grandchildren. It includes how to acknowledge the entire family, promote Jewish experiences, take pride in your children and grandchildren, celebrate the Jewish holidays, and attend to the complex feelings grandparents experience dealing with this area of their lives.

Dr. Marion Usher has been led interfaith couples groups for the past 19 years and has worked with more than 600 couples. Her film, *Love and Religion: The Challenges of Interfaith Relationships*, premiered at the Washington Jewish Film Festival in December 2009. Rabbi Charles Feinberg has led discussion groups for parents of intermarried adult children in Poughkeepsie, NY, and Vancouver, BC, and at Adas Israel. ○

Education

Gan HaYeled

Open Houses at the Gan HaYeled PreSchool

Come learn about the wonderful opportunities at the Gan for you and your children. We have part-day, part-week, and full-day/year-round options for children two years old and older. Prospective families are welcome from 9:30 to 11:00 am on **Tuesday, November 19**, and **Thursday, January 9**, and from 7:30 to 9:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 17**. Come find out what the NAEYC-accredited Gan offers your family.

Nine Gan classes will participate in the Gan's new healthy eating initiative by First Bites. As part of this program, we are offering a workshop next month for parents on healthy eating and dining habits. The Adas community is invited to attend. Register online at www.adasisrael.org/gan. ○

Religious School

Lots of Learning and Fun in Nov.!

And be sure to join us for our Hanukkah festivities!

Religious School has gotten off to a great start! Our teachers and students are having a blast, and we're excited to report that November begins with a new back-to-school format. Parents will have the opportunity to visit classes during the week of November 3–6. On Sunday, November 3, you can visit *Gishron* (Pre-K)–*Bet* (grade 2) and any teacher, from *Gimel* (grade 3) to *Zayin* (grade 4) who teaches only on Sundays. The visitations continue on the afternoons of Tuesday, November 5, and Wednesday, November 6. We invite you to join us in our classes, and you will have a chance to participate in our curriculum. We look forward to seeing you at school!

Dan Kaufman Latke Party and Hanukkah Celebration for Religious School Families

Sunday, November 24, 11:00 am

Happy *Hanukkah*! Join us for our annual *Latke* Party and *Hanukkah* celebration featuring *Ko'olot*, Adas Israel's Youth Choir led by Cantor Brown, Lunch and *Latkes*, and fun and games for the whole family! ○



Gan children read from the Torah to get ready for Simchat Torah!



The Rimomim class picked pumpkins for Sukkot at Homestead Farm.

November Religious School & Youth Calendar

- 3:** Parent Visitation *Kitot Gishron–Bet* (Pre-K–grade 2); Faculty Meeting
- 5:** Election Day—YES, there is Religious School; Parent Visitation *Kitot Gimel–Vav* (grades 3–6)
- 6:** Parent Visitation *Kitot Gimel–Vav* (grades 3–6)
- 10:** Anne Frank House Walk for the Homeless
- 15–16:** *Kitah Hey* (grade 5) *Shabbaton* at Capital Camps
- 17:** *Kitah Vav* (grade 6) *Limud B'Yachad*
- 22:** *L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service* (Highlight *Kitah Dalet*/grade 4)
- 22–24:** USY Fall Convention
- 24:** Dan Kaufman *Latke* Party
- 27:** Thanksgiving Break—No School



Shacharit Live! with Rabbi Ben Shalva and Rabbi Steinlauf in the community sukkah. ▶

◀ *Religious School students parade through the synagogue.*



"From generation to generation..."

L'Dor VaDor Service & Dinner and GAGA Tournament!

A Shabbat Experience for All Generations!

Friday, November 22

6:00 pm Service

7:00 pm Dinner

7:45 pm GAGA Tournament

Adult Dinner (11 and above), \$17.95

Child Dinner (ages 3–10), \$8.95

Children 2 and under eat FREE!

This month's L'Dor VaDor will feature 4th grade service leaders! 4th grade families all encouraged to attend.

RSVP by Wednesday, November 20, 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.

Vision of Renewal Campaign 2013/5774

We dedicated the incredible new worship and gathering spaces at Adas Israel on Wednesday, October 2, at an extraordinary cultural celebration in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. We thank everyone who made that event so special and meaningful for our community. It was no doubt an evening that will be remembered for many years to come. Please keep an eye out for a full photo display and list of thank yous, which will appear in the December 2013 *Chronicle*.

With eternal gratitude to all those who made this historic renewal a reality...



VISIONARIES

Charles E. Smith Sanctuary dedicated by Robert H. & Clarice Smith and Robert & Arlene Kogod
Max N. Berry & Family in memory of Heidi Lehrman Berry
Beit Midrash in memory of Dr. Avraham Biran dedicated by Susie & Michael Gelman
Beit Am Ark in memory of Dr. Irving Brick
Sanctuary Bimah & Menorahs dedicated by Diane & Norman Bernstein
Sanctuary Ark Parochet Curtain dedicated by Norma Lee & Morton Funger
Beit Am dedicated by Bernard & Sarah Gewirz
Sanctuary Ark in memory of Estelle & Melvin Gelman dedicated by Elise & Marc Lefkowitz & Family
Kay Hall & Sanctuary Balcony dedicated by Barbara & Jack Kay
Quebec Street Foyer & Lobby dedicated by Robert & Marion Rosenthal
Beit Midrash Learning & Media Center in memory of Jordan Baruch dedicated by Rhoda Baruch & Family
The Nussdorf Family

BUILDERS

Sanctuary Ner Tamid dedicated by Richard & Judy Cohen, Deborah & Stephen Ellick, Philip & Ronit Cohen, Gary & Laurie Cohen
Sanctuary Reading Table dedicated in memory of Shirley & Ethyl Povich
In memory of Mozelle Saltz by Donald Saltz

BENEFACTORS

Quebec Street Mezuzah in memory of Mildred & Israel Hofberg dedicated by Sandy & Stanley Bobb & Family
Rabbi's Chair & Sanctuary Torah Mantels



in memory of Arnold Bortman dedicated by Nadine Levin, Eileen Lehrer, & Donni Rappaport
Sanctuary Foyer & Entrance dedicated by Harriet & David Bubes, Nancy & Alan Bubes
Emanuel Cohen Judaica Collection & Sanctuary Torah Mantels dedicated by Nina Cohen
Inscribed Stone Foyer Wall dedicated by Ambassador Joseph & Alma Gildenhorn, Michael & Catherine Gildenhorn
Sanctuary Torah Mantels & Chapel Ner Tamid dedicated by Sonia & Joseph Herson
Lobby Gallery in memory of Murry Mendelson dedicated by Lorita Mendelson, Herlene & Yaacov Nagler, Alfred & Ida Mendelson Foundation
Sanctuary Window & Torah Mantel dedicated by Judith & Russell Smith
Beit Midrash Community Refreshment Center dedicated by Marilyn & Stefan Tucker
Sanctuary Window dedicated in memory of Elizabeth Gelman Kossow by John & Renny Kossow, Frances & Leonard Burka and Eileen & Stephen Samuels
Beit Midrash Community Refreshment Center dedicated by Marilyn & Stefan Tucker

PILLARS

Jamie & Joseph A. Baldinger & Family
Sanctuary Kiddush Table dedicated by the Bieber-Rosenzweig Family
Prayer Book & Bible Bookcase dedicated by Sarah & David Brooks and Johanna Chanin & Randall Levitt
President's Chair dedicated by Johanna Chanin & Randall Levitt
Memorial Board in memory of Melvin S. Cohen dedicated by Ryna Cohen, Neil & Marcella Cohen, Diane & Howard Zack, Mark & Theresa Cohen
Reception Desk dedicated in memory of Eva Goldberg
Estate of Herman Goldberg
Sylvia Kay Greenberg
Marvin & Beatrice Gray Jacobs
Kippah & Tallit Cabinet dedicated by Carol & Richard Margolis
Beit Am Torah Mantels dedicated by Charlotte & Abraham "Hersh" Muchnick (z"l)
Beit Am Ner Tamid dedicated by Barton & Shereen Rubenstein
Sanctuary Mezuzah dedicated by Stanley R. Zupnik

SUSTAINERS

Susan Liss

Beit Midrash Mezuzah dedicated in memory of our parents by Linda & Sidney Moskowitz
Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz Confirmation Hall in memory of Rabbi Stanley & Anita Rabinowitz dedicated by their children

SUPPORTERS

Anonymous
Toni & David Bickart
Sanctuary Torah Mantel dedicated by Leonard & Frances Burka
Beit Am Torah Mantel dedicated by Gail Levine & Ian Gershengorn
Grace & Daniel Melrod
Beit Midrash Torah Mantel in memory of Janice Ruth Peck dedicated by Lynn Palmer & Robert Peck
Beit Midrash Torah Mantel in memory of Col. Henry L. & Helen T. Peck dedicated by Lynn Palmer & Robert Peck
Barbara & Bert Rein
Alan Roth & Michael Rodgers
Elinor Yudin Sachse (z"l) & Harry R. Sachse
Stanley Scherr
Mickie Simon & Brian Schwalb
Gail & Robert Wilensky
Ellen & David Winter
Beit Midrash Learning & Study Area dedicated by Mark Yecies

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Tikkun Olam

In the September edition, Chronicle readers had a chance to read about the Adas Israel Social Action Council. Over the next several months, the Chronicle will be featuring the many Tikkun Olam activities that Adas Israel members engage in to help make our community a little bit better. Please feel welcome to volunteer for these activities or ask for more information. Check out the Tikkun Olam page on the Adas website or contact Rabbi Feinberg, Rabbi.Feinberg@adasisrael.org or Social Action Council chair Joel Fischman, fischman@comcast.net.

Housing our neighbors in need.



Spread over as the shelter of your spirit

ANNE FRANK HOUSE

Thomas Circle, at his group of homeless shelters (now N Street Village). Rev. Steinbruck challenged Adas volunteers to create their own project. They took up the challenge and founded a group home (a single building) for women, which they have operated for 12 years.

Rev. Steinbruck suggested the name Anne Frank House, in honor of the famous teenage girl who was made homeless by the cruel circumstances of Nazi terror. Anne Frank and her family had a home thanks to the kindness and courage of friends and strangers. Adas volunteers wanted Anne Frank House to be a celebration of people helping people irrespective of religion, race, or background, improving the circumstances of others and, by doing so, improving our community.

The first Anne Frank House board consisted mostly of Adas members, but Elaine recalls that one board member, her insurance agent, not only was *not* a member of Adas, he wasn't even Jewish; he just liked the concept. It was difficult in those days to get insurance, but he pulled strings and did not charge a fee.

Today, Anne Frank House, a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, provides permanent housing to formerly homeless men and women suffering from chronic mental illness in 11 apartments in NW Washington. Anne Frank House acquires or rents and furnishes apartments; provides continuing liaison and support to residents; and contracts with social service agencies, notably Friendship Place, for case management, medical, and psychiatric services to provide independent living for our residents. Anne Frank House volunteers act as liaisons, together with official case managers from Friendship Place, to note whether any residents are showing signs of mental health failure. Sometimes this can be noted more readily by a volunteer than by a professional.

Anne Frank House has no staff. The all-volunteer board of directors, 19 of whom are Adas members, manages all organizational operations. In addition to serving as liaisons to the Anne

Frank House residents, board members purchase groceries and other necessities and help residents to become fully functioning. They care about the residents and work to improve lives by showing compassion, making connections, and providing security for people who badly need it. In the more than 25-year history of Anne Frank House, only one resident had to be asked to leave.

Anne Frank House is still affiliated with Adas Israel. Elaine still serves on the board and, with Adina Mendelson and Sue Ducat, serves as liaison with the Adas Israel Social Action Council. Sue just stepped down as Anne Frank House co-president in September.

Anne Frank House activities are financed by individual donations and grants, with some in-kind support from Adas. **More than 98% of all donations go directly to pay rents, mortgages, and other associated costs of providing services to AFH clients.**

Every year in November—this year Sunday, November 10—the Miniwalk to Help the Homeless helps to raise needed funds. We invite everyone to sign up to walk, to and from Rock Creek Park, and/or to sponsor a walker. Sign up to be a virtual walker, or, if you're interested, become a corporate sponsor. Your company's logo will be on the shirts worn by the walkers.

To learn more about Anne Frank House, or to make an online contribution, visit our website, www.theannefrankhouse.org/. Donations also can be sent to Anne Frank House, Inc., c/o Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Joint Adas-Peoples Thanksgiving Food Drive

Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 am



Join fellow Adas members and our friends at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ on Wednesday, November 20, at 9:00 am for the annual "Hands Across the Park" Thanksgiving food distribution to low-income DC residents. We pack food bags with turkeys, canned vegetables, eggs, cranberry sauce, corn muffin mix, and more.

Have fun, greet old friends and meet new people, and perform a *mitzvah*. We work from 9:00 am to approximately noon. Stay the entire time or come for an hour or two. Last year we packaged food to feed almost 500 families in need. Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 4704 13th Street NW, not far from Adas.

For further information or to volunteer, contact Jamie Butler, butler364@aol.com, and put "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the subject line. ○

Library Corner

The Boy Who Wanted to Be a Hero

By Robin Jacobson, Adas Israel Librarian



Seventy-five years ago this November 7, a Jewish teenager named Herschel Grynszpan entered the German embassy in Paris and fired five bullets at a junior diplomat, Ernst vom Rath. Two days later, when vom Rath finally died from his wounds, the Nazis unleashed a savage, retaliatory pogrom against the Jews of Germany and Austria. *Kristallnacht*, the "Night of Broken Glass," left in its wake thousands of demolished synagogues

and shops and 91 dead. More than 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to concentration camps.

In the ensuing years, history's spotlight has focused on *Kristallnacht*, while Herschel Grynszpan has remained a shadowy figure. Little has been written about him. Now, an intriguing new book, *The Short, Strange Life of Herschel Grynszpan* by Jonathan Kirsch (available in our library), recovers Grynszpan's lost history and makes a case for honoring him as a resistance hero.

Why Did Grynszpan Shoot Rath?

As Kirsch recounts, Herschel Grynszpan was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1921. When he was 15, his parents, Polish émigrés, sent him to live with an uncle in Paris, futilely hoping that opportunities for Jews would be better there. Unhappily, in Paris, Herschel faced insurmountable visa problems. In August 1938, he had to go into hiding—France had expelled him, but Germany refused to let him come home.

To add to Herschel's distress, his family was among 12,000

Ruach Minyan Update

The *Ruach Minyan* will only meet for two holiday dinners: *Sukkot* (which just happened and was a wonderful evening for all) and *Pesach*, which falls on Friday, April 18. The *Ruach Minyan* will no longer meet regularly on the fourth Friday as previously scheduled. However, the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* is hosting a lay-led, traditional *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Ma'ariv* service on the second Friday of each month, which this month is November 8, at 6:00 pm.

Learn more at adasisrael.org/shabbat-and-daily-minyan.

Polish-born Jews living (legally) in Germany whom the German police brutally drove at gunpoint back to Poland in late October 1938. Unwilling to "take back" the Jews, the Poles housed them in miserable conditions at the border.

On the fateful morning of November 7, 1938, a distraught Herschel wrote to his family: "My heart bleeds when I think of our tragedy and that of the 12,000 Jews. I have to protest in a way that the whole world hears my protest . . ." Stopping only to purchase a revolver from a sporting goods shop, Herschel headed for the German embassy. In short order (the price tag was still dangling from the revolver), he shot vom Rath, shouting about "12,000 persecuted Jews."

The Nazi leadership made elaborate plans for a grand show trial, designed to convict "world Jewry," as personified by Grynszpan, of an act of war against the Third Reich. But then Herschel abruptly changed his story. He stopped portraying himself as a righteous avenger of the Jews, declaring instead that he killed vom Rath to end a furtive homosexual affair. The Nazis suspected (and Kirsch and others believe) that Grynszpan was lying to sabotage a trial that would be bad for the Jews; nonetheless, they cancelled the trial, not wishing to broadcast scandalous allegations about Nazis infatuated with Jewish boys. Soon after, Herschel Grynszpan disappeared from history, and his fate is unknown. ○

Anne Frank House's 2013 Walk to End Homelessness

Sunday, November 10, 11:30 am at Adas Israel

Please Join Religious School Families for this Important Community Event!

A few fast facts about Anne Frank House:

- It's now been affiliated with Adas Israel for 27 years.
- It provides housing to formerly homeless men and women with chronic mental illness.
- Its 11 clients live in single-occupancy apartments, all located in Northwest DC.
- An all-volunteer organization, 98% of its income goes directly to helping its clients.

Register @ www.adasisrael.org/religious-school or by calling the Religious School office, 202-362-4449, by November 6 to guarantee receiving your free T-shirt in time for the walk.

Registration Fees: \$18 per youth (25 or younger), \$36 per adult. Cash, check or credit card (VISA, MC, Amex) accepted.



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Not so easy so fast. The plan created problems. Because not all seats could be reserved, we had to distinguish between historic reserved seats and the open seats. This accounts for so many "Reserved" signs on seats. Many members coming into the sanctuary found the many "Reserved" signs offensive. Some had difficulty finding open seats and felt that the invitation to open seating created a mistaken impression.

Others were frustrated for entirely different reasons. Some members who had obtained annual reserved seats every year were very upset about losing their traditional, set place for worship. It turns out that many of these members had received the same annual reserved seat year after year, just as the Talmud suggests. Unwittingly, we had intruded into long-established

personal *minhagim*.

Nobody intended or expected these bad feelings, and we are terribly sorry about them. Our committees, officers, and board will review the seating practices in the Smith Sanctuary. So there we have it: an experiment, a lurch, and a slide. Creation continues infinitely in time and in everything we do, even including sanctuary seating. Our passions, zest, happiness, our anger and disappointments, all are part of the boundless energy of infinite creation. We feel it each time we walk into our renewed Adas Israel. That energy sounds great, but it helps to remember that our best creative intentions can go sideways. Sometimes, we might look back to the decisions of our elders and the traditions and laws of our sages. —Arnie Podgorsky

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The Ezra Pantry is now located in the coatroom of the Quebec Street Entrance Foyer, next to the Biran Beit Midrash. When you go to the supermarket, be sure to buy extra for those in need!

Tikkun Olam

Food Stamp Challenge 2013

Engage in a Dialogue about Food Justice in our Community and Take the Food Stamp Challenge with Adas, Tuesday, Dec. 10 & Dec. 17

Join us for an evening of discussion and learning as we gather to watch the documentary, *Food Stamped* (2010), and participate in a dialogue with national and local leaders on food justice and our Jewish connection.

We will also start a week-long SNAP/Food Stamp Challenge to gain perspective and a greater understanding of hunger in our community as we experience the struggle millions of low-income Americans face in affording nutritious foods on a limited budget.

The discussion will take place at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 10. Dinner will be served beforehand at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in joining us for dinner and the program, please visit www.adasrael.org or contact Marcia Miller,



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202-362-4433 or Marcia.Miller@adasrael.org.
Cost of the dinner is \$15.

For more information, contact Rabbi Feinberg, Rabbi.Feinberg@adasrael.org.

Then, on Tuesday, December 17, at 7 pm, those who took up the Food Stamp Challenge will reconvene to evaluate the experience and share what they learned from it. At that meeting, we will discuss future initiatives and programming. *Yasher koach* in advance!

Upcoming Chronicle Deadlines—

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