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## דובר אמת Dover Emet Speaking the Truth

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

### A RABBI ON THE ECONOMY AND THE GREAT GATSBY As published in the *Huffington Post*

F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote *The Great Gatsby* in 1925 as a poignant commentary on the excesses of the pre-Great Depression jazz era. And now, in 2013, Baz Luhrmann has brought it, once again, to the silver screen—a gaudy and beautiful rendering in a moment of economic recovery and rebounding housing markets. We watch this movie in an America hoping to return to dreaming big.

I have long appreciated Fitzgerald's novel as a commentary on the limits of the American Dream that we all hold sacred. Dreams and fantasies, the pursuit of wealth and fame and success—these vanities have been lifted to the highest levels of respect and hope and yearning over the past century. For many, they replace core values. They

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## High Holy Days 2013 The Heights of Renewal

Please turn to page 4 for a complete schedule of the 2013 High Holy Days at Adas Israel. Your High Holy Day booklets will arrive soon and stay tuned for the special "High Holy Days" edition of the *Chronicle* in September. Visit [www.adasisrael.org/highholyydays](http://www.adasisrael.org/highholyydays) to learn more.



## An Introduction to MakomDC Our new learning structure for the Beit Midrash

by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt



We are all very excited to enter a new era of programming at Adas next year! As you all well know, our facility will be transformed, and that transformation will create many new kinds of

programmatically and educational possibilities.

I'm sure you also know that a major centerpiece of the renovation will be the *Beit Midrash*, home to the Kogod Chapel daily *minyan*, a coffee bar, and thematic programs known as *MakomDC*, Adas's center for Jewish experience in the nation's capital. *MakomDC* will feature innovators and innovative ideas in 21st-century Jewish life—ideas and learning opportunities that will make our Judaism a living and breathing part of our lives in ways we haven't seen before.

Most important, I want you all to know that our new *Beit Midrash* belongs to the entire Adas Israel congregational community. It is a meeting place, a safe place, a place of dynamism and

welcome, a place of many different people from different walks of life intersecting. Clergy, staff, and lay leaders are all hard at work designing a structure for our various Adas Israel arms, cohorts, subcommunities, and age groups to fill the programming year with relevant and exciting experiences in the *Beit Midrash*. Upon completion, our *Beit Midrash* will be one of the only progressive, non-Orthodox, and technologically equipped Jewish houses of study in the world. So we should all be proud of this achievement.



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### Selichot, August 31

Please join us Saturday, August 31, for an evening of personal reflection through song, text, and exploring our own stories. This reflective service begins at 9:00 pm.

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# Clergy Corner



Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

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replace real connection and contentment with the pursuit of praise, which is a false kind of love. When we have achieved fame and power and wealth, we are validated, appreciated, fawned-over. Jay Gatsby could readily dismiss his outward success as empty of meaning. But his tragedy was that he

could never acknowledge that the object of his desire—Daisy—was now a dream as empty as any garish party he threw. Her approval could never be made into real love.

My favorite character in the novel is not Gatsby, but Nick, the narrator. The love that Nick feels for Gatsby is real love, not ersatz fantasy love. Nick loved his friend Gatsby because he could see through his futile pursuit of dreams. In essence, Nick could see into his friend's *neshamah*, his soul. And what he found was a greatness that lived not just in Gatsby, but potentially in us all: a drive never to give up on the possibility of finding real love.

It strikes me as a funny moment in our society for this picture to roll out. After all, with its hip-hop score and beautiful young cast, it's geared toward the lucrative teen market, and also to the host of twenty-somethings who are struggling to find work, but who are maybe a bit more hopeful nowadays. The movie is a big money-maker, full of visions of what money can and can't buy. Do the Millennials watching this movie identify with their counterparts of a century ago? Or are they much wiser and world-

weary, unlikely to fall for illusions the way that Gatsby did?

Dreams and fantasy may capture our yearning, but they can never, in the end, replace reality. That's a hard lesson to learn. When the housing market crashed in 2008, I was hopeful that a silver lining of this recession was the possibility of a spiritual return to reality—to its curses, but also to its blessings. We may lose our jobs, even our houses, but when it's all said and done, we have each other. Real love is the final reality that nothing can take away. But do we have the courage to let go of the fantasy priorities of material success that our society has long exulted?

There are real signs that our economy is doing better. Are we going to breathe a sigh of relief that our interruption on the way to success is now ending? Will that be all that recession meant to us? Will we be able to see past the cool music, the gorgeous costumes, and attractive stars of the movie, and really take in the core message of Fitzgerald's great novel?

As an American who is also committed to the values and wisdom of Judaism, I relish the feeling of infinite possibility in America. But I also am grateful to be grounded in an ancient tradition that demonstrates time and again that nothing can replace the bonds of community, the connection between generations of families, and the power of an authentic spiritual life. I pray for our economy to recover, for jobs to emerge, and for prosperity to reign once again. But I pray with equal fervor that as our Millennials get jobs and build beautiful lives for themselves, those lives will be based on the solid ground of wisdom and not just dreams of external success. I pray that they be more like Nick, and less like Gatsby—cutting through vanity, artifice, and arrogance, and remembering instead that the measure of a life well-lived is not the love that we can buy or achieve, but rather the love that we can give. ○

## From the President Feet on the Ground



Arnie Podgorsky

Summer is a fine time to think about goals for the *shul*. Some goals are lofty. Purely operational goals can seem mundane, but they certainly are important. Other goals are immediate: selecting new executive and education directors and assuring smooth transitions. It's a good time to have both feet on the ground.

Before laying out goals though, let's review Vision of Renewal construction. We have devoted years to designing, fundraising, and now constructing renewed physical space. This endeavor (steered with extraordinary dedication) is nearly complete, with the opening of new spaces expected in mid-August. The next phase will be renewal of Kay Hall and adjacent spaces. Barbara and Jack Kay (*z"l*) generously funded that renewal, and we look forward to beginning work in 2015. Our education facilities also need work, but that, too, is not imminent. Instead, it's time to take a construction breath and renew in other ways.

I think about the *shul* in three broad categories: first, membership and educational experiences; second, operational management; and, third, Adas Israel in the context of contemporary Judaism. Here are my thoughts about each.

The value of the membership experience should be foremost in our thinking. Renewal is for all of our generations. We do much for young adults with Young Professionals, membership discounts, and programs. The young indeed are the future, and encouraging young members to participate in a synagogue is an important mission. Yet, senior and veteran members also are our present. We should renew joyful respect for these congregants—for their wisdom, for their experience, and for all our sakes. Older members bring us life stories and extraordinary personal histories, some shaped in the crucible. Just as honoring our fathers and mothers is a *mitzvah*, there is joy in experiencing, venerating, and loving every person in the *shul*, in all generations.

Now let's look more broadly. We can renew goals to forge deeper relationships among members and with clergy and staff. We can foster feelings that coming to *shul* is coming home. This kind of engagement, whether through a renewed Adas in Your Neighborhood, local learning, or meeting with a rabbi or our cantor in an office or home, should be a significant aspect of the Adas experience. With support from our clergy, staff, and others, Vice President for Membership Steve Rabinowitz takes the lead in renewing initiatives to enhance fulfillment for existing members and to enhance membership growth.

Worship at Adas Israel is rich and wonderful, yet there is more

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# Holidays

## Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington High Holy Day Programs, 2013

The JMCW @ Adas offers programs and workshops to help deepen our experience of the spiritual and create connections to foster a vibrant, diverse spiritual community. This year, heighten your spiritual experience of the pinnacle of our holy calendar with the following mindful programs:

### Spiritual Shofar Blowing

Led by Jennie Litvack

**Sunday, Aug. 25, 10:00 am**

We will take a deep breath and learn all about the *shofar*. This hands-on workshop will cover biblical references and spiritual interpretations of *shofar* blowing, along with techniques of lip buzzing, tonguing, and deep, soulful breathing. We will find the center of the note, the center of ourselves, and the center of the universe! The workshop will culminate with an outdoor group *shofar* blowing on the steps of Adas Israel. Please bring your own *shofar*.

### Immersing in Holiness: A New Year Mikvah Renewal

Led by Rabbi Gilah Langner; Washington Jewish Healing Network, & Naomi Malka, Adas Israel Ritual Director

**Sunday, Sept. 1, 10:00 am**

We will enter the waters of renewal in time for the High Holy Days in this warm and invigorating workshop. Participants will sing, share stories, meditate, study texts, and move toward a place of wholeness, with the choice to experience private *mikvah* immersions as well.

### Uniting Body and Mind: Mindful Yoga

Led by Harry Chauss

**Thursday, Sept. 5, 2:00 pm (Rosh Hashanah Day 1)**

The Days of Awe present us with an opportunity to reflect and gain new perspective. On *Rosh Hashannah*, yoga teacher Harry Chauss will lead a mindful yoga session focused on returning to our self — physically, mentally, and spiritually.

## Tisha B'Av

For 20 centuries, *Tisha B'Av*, the ninth of Av, has been the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. *Yom Kippur* is known as the White Fast, *Tisha B'Av* is called the Black Fast. It commemorates the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, the death of Bar Kochba, and the last rebellion against Rome in 135 CE, as well as the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492.

When they could, Jews would come to the area near the *Kotel* (the Western Wall) to read *Eicha* (the Book of Lamentations) and to weep. Most Jews, of course, could not come to Jerusalem, and during many periods, the *Kotel* area could not be approached.

In modern times, the establishment of the State of Israel caused some to question whether *Tisha B'Av* was necessary any



### Setting Intentions for the New Year

Led by Rabbi Gilah Langner

**Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:30 pm**

Based on the teachings of Jewish Mussar practices and the work of Alan Morinis, who visited Adas Israel in April, this workshop will set us on a path of mindfulness for the new year, focused on specific character traits and one's own goals and aspirations.

### Preparing Body and Soul through Mindful Moments

Led by Susan Barocas & Michelle Buzgon

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 5:30 pm (Yom Kippur)**

Calming our bodies and minds, opening our hearts, and awakening our spirits through mindful practices can help us move into the new year refreshed, alert, and enthusiastic. Susan Barocas and Michelle Buzgon will help us concentrate on the sounds and rhythms of deep breathing, guided meditation, and melodic chanting to increase our sense of well-being and ability to accept the joys and sorrows of life. An elevating *Yom Kippur* experience.

### Two by Two: A Supportive Mikvah Experience

Find a friend or bring your partner and prepare together for the new year. Schedule two back-to-back *mikvah* immersions (each one is private) and support each other as you discuss your intentions and challenges for the new year. A beautiful pre-*Rosh Hashanah* ceremony (provided) helps give voice to the hopes and concerns we all share at the close of one year and the beginning of the next. Or create your own *mikvah* ceremony for the new year. Schedule your High Holy Day immersions the week before *Rosh Hashanah* or during the 10 days before *Yom Kippur*. E-mail [mikvah@adasisrael.org](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org) or call Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776, to schedule daytime or evening appointments. ○

longer. This debate continues, although those who observe the day recognize its symbolic power and emphasize that we still lament the destruction of the Temples, which ruptured the sense of connectedness to God.

Our observance of *Tisha B'Av* at Adas Israel is exceedingly touching, a moving experience in which we gather as the sun sets to quietly chant the Book of Lamentations in a subdued atmosphere, by candlelight, using the traditional melody. The evening service on Monday, July 15, begins with *Mincha* at 6:00 pm and *Maariv* and *Eicha* at 9:00 pm. The scroll is chanted again as part of the morning service on Tuesday, July 16, at 7:30 am service (*Shacharit* and *Eicha*) and *Mincha* at 6:00 pm.

Join us in this annual beautiful experience as we connect with tradition and history. ○



# Schedule of Services

**ROSH HASHANAH EVE\***

*No Tickets Required*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

6:00 pm & 8:00 pm\*

## FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Shacharit	8:15 am	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
Family Service	9:00 am	Cohen-Wolpe Hall
Torah Service	9:30 am	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, Kay Hall, Gewirz Beit Am
Children's Services	10:30 am	see page 6 for locations
"Return Again" Service	10:45 am	Beit Midrash/Kogod Chapel
Family Tashlich	10:45 am	meet on Connecticut Avenue Plaza
Sermon	11:00 am ( <i>approx.</i> )	All locations
Musaf	11:30 am	All locations
USY Hike and Tashlich Service (9th–12th graders)	12:00 pm	meet in Quebec Street Lobby
Community Tashlich	5:45 pm	meet at Quebec Street entrance
Mincha/Maariv	6:45 pm	Gewirz Beit Am

## SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH\*

*No Tickets Required*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Preliminary Service and Shacharit	8:15 am	One Service – Sanctuary
Combined Torah & Shofar Service	9:30 am – 10:45 am	One Service – Sanctuary
Pre-school (Gan) Service	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Cohen-Wolpe Hall
Children's Services	10:30 am	see page 6 for locations
Creative Musical Musaf Service with choir & instruments and Sermon	10:45 am	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
Traditional Musaf Service and Sermon	10:45 am	Kay Hall
Mincha/Maariv	6:45 pm	Gewirz Beit Am

## KOL NIDRE

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

Mincha	6:00 pm	One Service – Gewirz Beit Am
Kol Nidre	6:30 pm	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, Gewirz Beit Am, Kay Hall
"Return Again" Kol Nidre	7:30 pm	Connecticut Avenue Plaza

## YOM KIPPUR

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 (PLEASE NOTE YIZKOR TIME)**

Shacharit	9:00 am	One Service – Sanctuary
Family Service	9:00 am	Cohen-Wolpe Hall
Children's Services	10:30 am	see page 6 for locations
"Return Again" Service	10:45 am	Beit Midrash/Kogod Chapel
Torah Service	11:00 am ( <i>approx.</i> )	All locations
Yizkor	11:40 am ( <i>approx.</i> )	All locations
Teen Discussion (7th–12th graders)	12:15 pm	Library
Sermon	12:15 pm ( <i>approx.</i> )	All locations
Musaf & Martyrology	12:40 pm ( <i>approx.</i> )	All locations
Afternoon Discussion	3:30 pm	Kay Hall
Mincha	5:00 pm	One Service Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
Late Yizkor	5:30 pm	Beit Midrash/Kogod Chapel
Pre-school (Gan) Service	5:45 pm	Cohen-Wolpe Hall
N'eelah*	6:00 pm	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
Traditional Minyan N'eelah*	6:00 pm	Gewirz Beit Am
Shofar*	7:55 pm ( <i>approx.</i> )	Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

\*No Tickets Required

# Sisterhood



*Sisterhood members (clockwise from top left) Lisa Kleine (president), Joyce Stern, Myra Promisel, and Alisa Abrams take an outdoor break from sessions at the May Seaboard Region Conference of Women's League.*

## Sisterhood Year in Review

5773 was an exciting and event-filled year for Sisterhood. We kicked off with *sukkah* decorating, Sisterhood's gift of service to the congregation each fall. This year we worked in conjunction with Ezra Pantry and the Gan to gather nonperishable food. The bounty graced the *bimah* during the holiday, and was then donated to the Capital Area Food Bank. Next, we welcomed Cantor Ari Brown to Sisterhood and the Adas community with a lovely reception, followed by her fabulous recital of Jewish music. As winter approached, Sisterhood staffed the annual Politics & Prose Gift Wrap to benefit the Washington Literacy Council. Then we enjoyed our second annual Sisterhood "Night at the Movies" as part of the Washington Jewish Film Festival. Sisterhood also had the opportunity to collaborate again with Cantor Brown by hosting her musical group, Ashira, which delivered a wonderful concert to the community.

February saw Sisterhood *Shabbat*, which began with a delicious Friday night potluck (Esther costumes optional) and culminated in a beautiful and thought-provoking *Shabbat* service, complete with a flash choir. A tasty *kiddush* followed—compliments of Donald Saltz, our Sisterhood "angel." In the spring, from our fabulous Sisterhood Gift Shop's proceeds, we donated to the synagogue a check for \$15,000 in unrestricted funds, which was received with enthusiasm and gratitude from the Adas Israel Board. Next up, Sisterhood, in conjunction with the *Hesed* Committee and Membership Committee participated in the *Purim Mitzvah* Project that prepared and delivered dozens of *mishloach manot* to members of the Adas community. In April, Sisterhood sponsored a day trip to Philadelphia with the Foundation for Jewish Studies for a stimulating tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History. The month of May found Sisterhood

members biking to Old Town for a historical tour of Jewish Old Town Alexandria.

Throughout the year, Sisterhood co-hosted frequent book chats with the Library Committee and studied Torah with Rabbi Steinlauf's monthly Taste of *Tanach* classes. In addition, we twice hosted the morning *minyan* with Women of the Wall and helped support the Senior Lunch program, where several sisters volunteered. For our final event of the year in June, we learned how to recover our "wow" factor from coach and author Diane Horn, participated in lively Israeli dancing with Lisah Bernstein, and inducted a new Board. Adas Israel Sisterhood members also actively engaged with Women's League in supporting its *Torah* Fund and attending WL events (see photo). 5774 promises to be fun-filled, intellectually stimulating, and community-oriented as well, so join us!

—President Lisa Kleine

## Election of Sisterhood Officers and Board

At the closing general meeting on June 23, the Nominating Committee presented a final slate for the General Board and Executive Committee of Adas Israel Sisterhood for 2013–2015. The committee included **Betty Adler**, **Lucy Hassell**, and **Miriam Rosenthal**. The membership voted on the final slate, below, which was sworn in.

**Officers**—Officers will complete their two-year terms in 2015 except as indicated otherwise.

President: **Lisa Kleine** (continuing through 2014 as a bridge year); President-Elect: **Marcia Feuerstein**; Corresponding Secretary: **Carol Ansell**; Financial Secretary: TBA; Recording Secretary: TBA; Treasurer: **Dava Berkman**; VP Communications: **Joyce Stern**; VP Education/Programming: **Susan Klein & Marcia Feuerstein** (1 year only); VP Membership: **June Kress**; Gift Shop Co-Managers: **Diane Keller & Jean Bernard**; and Parliamentarian: **Miriam Rosenthal**.

**General Board**—General Board members are elected to a two-year term. Those with an asterisk begin a two-year term ending in 2015; those in bold continue in the second year of a two-year term ending in 2014. Members are Rebecca Boggs\*, Carmel Chiswick\*, Rachel Eitches\*, **Marian Fox**, Marcie Goldstein\*, Nadine Jacobs\*, **Janet Kolodner**, Maria Lasasloan\*, Gerry Lezell\*, Gail Roache\*, **Maricy Schmitz**, Elizabeth Sloan\*, Sabrina Sojourner\*, **Dale Sorcher**, Betsy Strauss\*, Sara Volger\*, Julie Weisman\*, Susan Winberg\*, and Linda Yitzchak\*.

**Ex-officio Members of the General Board** are Immediate Past President: **Alisa Abrams**, Previous Past President: **Lucy Hassell**, Cantor Ari Brown, Krayna Feinberg, and Rabbi Batya Steinlauf. ○



*Yasher koach to Joyce Stern and Adas Israel Sisterhood! Joyce received the Eishet Hayil award at the Seaboard Region Conference of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, bestowed only occasionally to select women who inspire and enrich their Sisterhoods, are active in synagogue life, and participate in Women's League activities.*

# Education

## Gan HaYeled

Each year Gan HaYeled awards the Doris Herman Educator Recognition Award to a teacher who has exemplified excellent teaching. This

year's recipient is Marsha Pinson. Six years ago she started at the Gan as an assistant teacher and soon became the lead teacher of the Ovals class.

Marsha quickly became a beloved teacher and a guiding hand for both the students in her class and the families whose lives she touched. To quote some of the parents of children she taught, Marsha "brings spirituality into her classroom." She "has endless patience and love for her children," and her classroom is all about "peace, kindness, and empathy."

Parents talk about the long-lasting life lessons their children learned, from lessons about France and the Eiffel Tower to a child teaching her parents that Marsha taught her, "We need to use peaceful hands so that we can be God's helpers." Marsha challenges herself to grow as a teacher, regularly participating in professional development seminars; last year she went to Italy with a Jewish Reggio-Emilia study group.

*Mazal tov* to Marsha on being recognized for her excellent work in teaching! ○

There are still a few spots left for July in Sweet Summertime, the Gan's delightful camp for preschool children. Please contact the Gan office if you are interested.

## Religious School

### *Mazal tov* to our graduates!

**2013 Ma'alot Graduates:** Elyse Eitches, Eliana Klanefield, Daniella Klayman, Sarah Sloan, Eric Blitzer, David Landerman, Adam Miller, Jonathan Gabel, Benjamin Kean, David Peck, Eli Schwat, and Jacob Shapiro.

### 2013–2014 Religious School Registration

It's that time of year again when we kick off our Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School registration process! There is an easy-to-use online registration form (available at [www.adasisrael.org/rsregistration](http://www.adasisrael.org/rsregistration)) that should make this process as quick and smooth for our school families as possible. Please note that this year, we are asking all families to complete the registration form in its entirety so we can update all student and family information.

## A Sneak Peak at Our Upcoming Events— Stay Tuned for the Full Calendar

**September 10:** Ma'alot classes begin for 7th–12th grades  
**September 10–11:** Classes begin for 3rd–6th grades  
**September 22:** First Sunday of classes for preK–7th grades and Opening Program

Please send the 50% deposit, plus a \$40 per student registration fee, payable to Adas Israel by July 1. (The registration fee will increase to \$80 per student after July 1.) The remaining balance will be due by December 1. All school families must be current on their tuition and synagogue dues to register for the 2013–2014 school year. To discuss your account, please contact Rita Nicholls in the accounting office, 202-362-4433 or [rita.nicholls@adasisrael.org](mailto:rita.nicholls@adasisrael.org). For special financial arrangements, please contact Glenn Easton, [Glenn.Easton@adasisrael.org](mailto:Glenn.Easton@adasisrael.org).

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions! ○

## Gishron Pre-K Program

Learning by doing! Music, dance, art, and storytelling bring Judaism alive!

Starting September 22, Sunday mornings, 9:15 am–12:15 pm, the *Gishron* (Little Bridge) program is designed for students who leave Gan HaYeled for a secular pre-K program but are not yet ready for the Religious School kindergarten class.

Registration and tuition (due by July 1) is free for Adas Israel members, with a \$50 activity fee only; \$250 for non-members and \$50 activity fee. Limited space is still available.

Our *Gishron* Pre-K program is made possible by the Sandra & Clement Alpert Family Education Fund. If you are interested in learning more about this new program, please contact the education office (202-362-4449 or [education@adasisrael.org](mailto:education@adasisrael.org)). ○



*The third graders lead Shacharit Live as part of the annual Chagigat HaSiddur program.*



*Parents of the class of 2013 closed the graduation ceremony with a blessing over their children.*



## Scenes from Our Last Day of School and Farewell for Josh Bender



## Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

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*The Ma'alot graduating class led the annual "Passing of the Torch" ceremony with a symbolic Havdalah service, marking the end of their education at Adas. The ceremony included reflections from the graduates on their experience at Adas Israel and a send-off to our 10th graders before their Abe and Minnie Kay Israel Experience.*

# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Birth:

March Gordon Silberman, granddaughter of Henry & Jackye Silberman, was born to Matt & Megan Silberman.

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

### Weddings:

Tali Nagler, daughter of Herlene & Yaacov Nagler, was married in Israel on June 13 to Shachar Kaufman, son of Yehudit Schwartz & Nir Kaufman (z"l). They met on a Birthright trip six years ago!

Rabbi Steinlauf officiated at the wedding of members Adam Berg & Erika Gebel at the Silver Spring Civic Building on Sunday, May 26.

## B'nai Mitzvah



### **Ella Buring, June 15**

Ella, the daughter of Ben and Shelly Buring, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. She began her Jewish education at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School and enjoys the Ma'alot DC Program at Adas Israel. Ella did a wonderful job at her *bat mitzvah* last month and we are all so proud of her!



### **Joshua Taubman, August 24**

Josh, son of Beth and Geoff Taubman, will be a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. He began his Jewish education at Gan Ha-Yeled Nursery School, continuing at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious school. Josh is happy to celebrate his *bar mitzvah* with his brother Sammy, parents, grandparents, great-grandfather, family, and friends.



### **Raphael Katkov, August 24**

Rafi, son of Mark Katkov and Ellen Hamilton, attended JPDS through fourth grade, and is now at The Lab School of Washington. He is happy to share this *simcha* with his parents; brother Simon; grandparents Lynne McKelvey, William Hamilton, Joan Katkov, and Morris Katkov; and the entire Adas community.



### **Sara Apfelbaum, August 24, Mincha**

Sara is the daughter of Laura and Perry Apfelbaum and will start eighth grade at Westland Middle School in the fall. She began her Jewish education at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School, following in the footsteps of her older brother Benjy, her mother, and grandfather. A fifth-generation member

of Adas Israel, Sara is the granddaughter of Faye and Sheldon S. Cohen and the late Elaine and Jacob Apfelbaum (z"l).

## New Members

**Chad & Tara Ehrenkranz** live with their children, Owen and Eva, in Washington, where Chad is an attorney at Greenberg Traurig.

**Janet Scribner** is a self-employed CPA living in Washington.

**Geoffrey & Ilana Stern** live in Washington. Geoffrey is a pilot with Air Wisconsin, and Ilana is a nurse at Children's National Medical Center.

## Members in the News

**Ari Holtzblatt**, husband of Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, begins clerking for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg in July 2014.

**Yoni Kalin** and **Nicholas Lowinger** organized two *bar mitzvah* projects that became two nonprofit companies, called the Gotta Have Sole Foundation and Color My World. They organized a shipment to a Syrian refugee camp of more than 10,000 crayons and over 270 pairs of shoes for the children who are suffering from the political turmoil of Assad's regime. They would like to make this one of many shipments and show that the Jewish community cares about this humanitarian crisis. Visit [www.colormyworldproject.org](http://www.colormyworldproject.org) and [www.gottahavesole.org](http://www.gottahavesole.org).

**Estelle Jacobs** has been appointed a trustee of Brandeis University.

**Stephanie Chill**, daughter of Nancy and Adam Chill, and granddaughter of **Elinor Tattar**, was elected president of the National Honor Society chapter at Magruder High School in Rockville.

**Zachary Natan Cohen** received a bachelor of arts degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary's List College at the 2013 Commencement on May 23.

## In Memoriam

### **We mourn the loss of synagogue members:**

David Austern, husband of Marilyn Austern

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

Carlton Ralph Daniel Jr., father of David Daniel  
Marlyn Katz Levenson, mother of Robert Levenson  
Evelyn Ruth Milhender, mother of Judy Shulman  
Alfred M. Sellers, father of Joseph Sellers  
Kathy Lee Sobel, sister of Ellen Winter  
Lee Ziegler, mother of Sherry Gratz

## 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

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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](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org). For more information, visit [adasisrael.org/mikvah](http://adasisrael.org/mikvah). ○

## **Kol HaMayim**

by Naomi Malka

### **Mikvah Guide Training, Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 pm**

*Mikvah* attendants guide people through profound moments of personal and spiritual transition and facilitate a connection to the holy through Jewish ritual. They offer themselves as

witnesses to both quiet moments and joyous celebrations. *Mikvah* guides can attest to the beauty of Jewish tradition in addressing the sanctity of the body.

This fall, the Adas Israel Community *Mikvah* is again looking to train a cadre of volunteers. This opportunity is open to women and men of all ages, from all levels of Jewish observance. No experience is necessary. A background in social work, therapy, or health care may be useful, but anyone with the right amount of sensitivity to others can be a good guide. This is a great opportunity for learning, growth, and connection.

Some occasions when your guidance might be called upon: life-cycle events, infertility, healing, aging, conversions, and monthly cycles.

Again, you don't have to be a *mikvah* user to become a *mikvah* guide, and no minimum time commitment is required. There will be an orientation at Adas on October 16 at 7:30 pm and ongoing informal training at times convenient for you. For questions or more information, or to express interest even if you can't come on October 16, please contact Naomi Malka, 202-841.8776 or [Mikvah@adasisrael.org](mailto:Mikvah@adasisrael.org). ○

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

to do. As we introduce new approaches to some services, we should also guard against alienating members or creating concern that Judaism itself is changing. In truth, change has been mostly additive, displacing little. Our daily *minyanim* and Saturday services are quite traditional, though our clergy have been working with new approaches in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary service. Even so, we can better explain the reasons for new elements and educate about their historical contexts. We learn as we go, and Ricki Gerger, vice president for religious practices and Adult Education, will help guide us collaboratively with our clergy and an experienced Religious Practices Committee.

Educational programs receive constant attention. Our Gan HaYeled Nursery School has successfully initiated a full-day program. Our Religious School has flourished under Josh Bender, but, alas, Josh is departing. As we involve a new director, we will consider how our schools and Education Department can even better meet the diverse needs of a growing student population. Debby Joseph, vice president for education and youth, spearheads much of this effort with strong, involved support from the school steering committees, the Youth Caucus, and many caring and thoughtful parents.

Our second category, operational management, is very broad, so I'll discuss just some aspects. We recently renewed contracts with Rabbi Steinlauf (five years) and Rabbi Feinberg (two years). Glenn Easton's departure in the fall will require a significant transition. The strong staff Glenn developed gives us a leg up. Smooth transition will be a high priority, but not the sole priority.

With an eye toward improving our finances, we can advance an even more successful annual campaign and sustained endowment growth. Although our staffing is prudent, like most synagogues, our dues contributions do not fund total operational costs. We turn to annual giving and endowment earnings to close the gap. This year we already see a stronger annual Adas Fund campaign, with Meredith and Michael Cymerman as chairs. Long-term endowment and capital fund development will also

need planning and attention. Vice president for development Pamela Reeves, with a dedicated group of members, has principal responsibility for these development challenges.

We manage our finances well, particularly with fine efforts by Glenn, our controller Lesley Brinton, and other staff. We can strengthen financial management through more integration and planning of our endowment, capital, and operating funds, and raising awareness of needs and giving opportunities. Centralizing and integrating financial management falls to Jeff Goodell, treasurer, and Alexandra Horowitz, assistant treasurer, as well as vice president for administration Herlene Nagler and Pamela Reeves.





The third category seems aspirational, but is essential and pressing. Sustaining Adas Israel over the long term depends on the vitality of Conservative Judaism, Masorti, and religious pluralism. If egalitarian Judaism is to be available outside the United States, we should strengthen our support for Masorti and pluralism in Israel. Closer to home, Adas Israel has not been shy in its criticism of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. The criticism is valid, but we might achieve more by working within USCJ and eventually participating in its leadership. As a large metropolitan congregation, we have that opportunity if not that duty.

Categories and challenges are merely ways of explaining what we undertake. Through officers mentioned above, and together with secretary Laurie Aladjem, assistant secretary Brian Schwalb, and immediate past president Johanna Chanin, we have a committed and experienced Executive Committee. The Board, drawn from across generations and activities within the *shul*, has the final say. Our committees, often unsung, do much of the work. With so many involved in governance, our actions generally reflect membership preferences. Collectively, well over a hundred members participate in managing the *shul*, each bringing the benefit of his or her learning and experience. With such a strong collaborative effort, the next two years should bring us excitement and continued success. But for now, let's all have a relaxing and restorative summer. —Arnie Podgorsky ○

# July–August 2013

## Tammuz–Elul 5773

**SPECIAL**  
July–August pull-out Friday  
and Shabbat calendar

Friday		Saturday	
<b>5</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>27 Tammuz</b> 8:18 pm 	<b>6 PARSHAT MATOT/MASEI</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Service with Rabbi Steinlauf. Guest Speaker: Toni Bickart 9:30 am TEM Shabbat Service 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 9:19 pm Havdalah	<b>28 Tammuz</b>
<b>12</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm YP Shabbat Service	<b>5 Av</b> 8:16 pm 	<b>13 PARSHAT DEVARIM/SHABBAT HAZON</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt. Guest Speaker: Rabbi Lynne Landsberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 9:16 pm Havdalah	<b>6 Av</b>
<b>19</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>12 Av</b> 8:12 pm 	<b>20 PARSHAT VA'ETCHANAN/SHABBAT NACHAMU</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service with Rabbi Feinberg. Guest Speaker: George Driesen 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 9:12 pm Havdalah	<b>13 Av</b>
<b>26</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service 8:00 pm Ruach Minyan Dinner	<b>19 Av</b> 8:06 pm 	<b>27 PARSHAT EKEV</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service with Rabbi Feinberg. Guest Speaker: Jeff Rosen 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 9:06 pm Havdalah	<b>20 Av</b>

# July

**Summer Tuesday  
Meditation Schedule**  
Jewish Mindfulness Center of  
Washington @ Adas Israel  
**Free & Open to the entire  
community . . .**

**July 2** Rabbi Steinlauf @ 7:00 pm  
**July 9** Rabbi Holtzblatt @ 7:30 pm  
**July 16** Rabbi Steinlauf @ 7:00 pm  
**July 23** Rabbi Langner @ 7:30 pm  
**July 30** Rabbi Holtzblatt @ 7:30 pm  
**Aug 6** Rabbi Langner @ 7:30 pm  
**Aug 13** Rabbi Holtzblatt @ 7:30 pm  
**Aug 20** Rabbi Steinlauf @ 7:00 pm  
**Aug 27** Rabbi Steinlauf @ 7:00 pm

**Mon, July 15: Erev Tisha B'Av**  
6:00 pm Mincha  
9:00 pm Maariv and Eicha

**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–Landes 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Alison 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.

**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](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org)).

<p><b>2</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm YP Shabbat Service</p>	<p><b>26 Av</b> 7:59 pm </p>	<p><b>3 PARSHAT RE'EH</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Feinberg. Guest Speaker: Rabbi Gilah Langner 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:59 pm Havdalah</p>	<p><b>27 Av</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>3 Elul</b> 7:52 pm </p>	<p><b>10 PARSHAT SHOFTIM</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Feinberg. Guest Speaker: Rabbi Emanuel Goldsmith 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:52 pm Havdalah</p>	<p><b>4 Elul</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>10 Elul</b> 7:43 pm </p>	<p><b>17 PARSHAT KI TETZE</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Steinlauf; Guest Speaker: Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:43 pm Havdalah</p>	<p><b>11 Elul</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm Ruach Minyan Service 8:00 pm Ruach Minyan Dinner</p>	<p><b>17 Elul</b> 7:33 pm </p>	<p><b>24 PARSHAT KI TAVO</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service, Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg; Bar Mitzvah: Joshua Taubman 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan, with Rabbi Steinlauf; Bar Mitzvah: Raphael Katkov 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Service, with Rabbi Feinberg; Bat Mitzvah: Sara Apfelbaum 8:33 pm Havdalah</p>	<p><b>18 Elul</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Ha'eled Parent Classroom Visits 9:00 am Gan Visiting Day 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p><b>24 Elul</b> 7:23 pm </p>	<p><b>31 PARSHAT NITZAVIM/VAYELECH</b> 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Smith Sanctuary Shabbat Service; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:23 pm Havdalah 9:00 pm Selichot Program and Service</p>	<p><b>25 Elul</b></p>

# Keeping Up with the Vision

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



*The glass for the ceiling oculus in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary arrives.*



*Forrester's skilled artisans apply the words over the Smith ark.*



*Life goes on at Adas in spite of the renovation. Longtime Sisterhood Gift Shop volunteer Leah Chanin displays one of the many menorot at the shop, now housed in Sisterhood Hall A on the third floor.*



*Our historic Magen David chandelier from our old 6th & I home will be preserved and installed in the sanctuary lobby.*



*We're down to the building's bones in the entrance foyer and Beit Midrash.*

## Summer Speakers 2013

Please join us for an astounding array of summer speakers this year!



**July 6 Toni Bickart**

"Beyond Women of the Wall: Religious Pluralism in the 21st-Century Jewish State"



**July 13 Rabbi Lynne Landsberg**

"If Not Now, When": The Jewish Community and People with Disabilities



**July 20 Rabbi George Driesen**

"Thou Shalt Not Murder: So What Else Is New?"



**July 27 Jeff Rosen**

"The Future of Privacy and Free Speech in the Age of Google and Facebook"



**August 3 Rabbi Gilah Langner**

"Here in the Wilderness, We Do As We Please"



**August 10 Rabbi Emanuel S. Goldsmith**

"American Religion in Defense of Democracy"



**August 17 Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt**

Adas Israel's New Beit Midrash

## Tikkun Olam

### Yachad Sukkot in Spring 2013

On Sunday, May 5, 10 Adas families volunteered with Yachad DC to help paint and spruce up Covenant House's Community Crisis Center in Anacostia. Under the supervision of a professional contractor, volunteers worked in two shifts to paint rooms, plant flowers, and decorate pots and the entrance to the Center. This was an extraordinary opportunity for parents and children to contribute to *tikkun olam* in the DC community. *Yasher koach* to the Adas community!

## YP @ AI



YP@AI is a community for young Jewish adults between the ages of 21 and 35. Singles can meet singles, young couples can meet young couples, newcomers can connect with other newcomers—join us!

For all you Young Professionals out there . . . I know we all miss *Shir Delight* over the summer (don't worry, it'll be back in October), but that doesn't mean we can't get our daven on in the warmer months.



### Shabbatot @ Adas

Join us this summer for the inaugural YP Summer Shabbatot @ Adas on **Friday, July 12, and August 2: Happy Hour schmoozing and lay-led Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv** at 6:30 pm. Services are

free, \$5 liquid refreshments. Register online at [www.adasisrael.org/yp](http://www.adasisrael.org/yp).

### Outdoors @ Adas YP Summer Hike & Drinks Sunday, July 21 @ 1 pm

Join YP@AI on Sunday, July 21, for a hike in the urban wilds of Rock Creek Park! Meet at Adas at 1pm. We will walk past Peirce Mill to the Nature Center and then return to Adas for freshly-made s'mores and drinks. Hike is about 5 miles round-trip and the cost is \$5/person. And just like you remember from summer camp: Wear closed-toe shoes and a hat & bring a filled water bottle! Register online at [www.adasisrael.org/yp](http://www.adasisrael.org/yp). ○



# Mah Tov

HONORING OUR LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

## Will the Real Glenn Easton Please Stand Up?

An interview with Stephen Lachter

We've all seen his bio—if you haven't, look at the Adas website. Glenn's achievements are quite impressive. Last month we officially learned of his departure from his resignation letter and the president's reply. Most of us know about Glenn's 22-year career as executive director of Adas Israel. This month, we want to recognize him for his service to the synagogue, the congregation, the Jewish community, and our city, as our *Mah Tov* honoree.

This interview will not go over old ground, however. Instead, it will attempt to focus on Glenn in a personal way, as a man who always was there when we needed him and who will be loved and missed by all of us.

**S: I would be remiss if I did not start out with the \$64,000 question: How did you get here, why are you leaving, and why are you leaving now?**

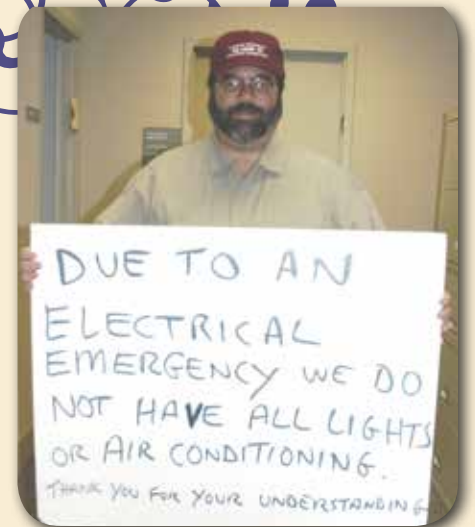
**G:** After working for several years as a synagogue youth director and executive director of synagogues in California and Rockville, I decided to take a one-year break to pursue my interest in the use of technology in nonprofit organizations. I developed a computer newsletter with 15,000 subscribers; published *The Software Bible: A Guide to Nonprofit Computing*; consulted for synagogues, churches, and other nonprofit organizations; and designed Bulletin Board Systems (before the Internet) for national organizations. In 1991, I was invited to lunch by Bern Segerman and Stu Fidler (z"l), who knew me from my work at B'nai Israel, to give them some guidance on their upcoming search for a new executive director. They wanted to discuss what Adas should look for and what skills were the most important for an executive director. I shared my thoughts, and they asked me when I could start. I later

learned that their intention was not to solicit my thoughts but to solicit me for the position.

Ironically, a similar thing happened with my next congregation, Chizuk Amuno, in Baltimore. After a conversation with its senior rabbi whom I knew from our youth in California, their challenges and my interests led us both to believe that I may have something to contribute to their synagogue as their new executive director. Chizuk Amuno reminds me of Adas Israel 22 years ago and could benefit from many approaches and improvements that our lay leaders and staff have implemented. After so many wonderful years at Adas, I thought the time was right for a change and that I could take much of what I've learned here and apply it there.

**S: We know you have a lengthy job description, but what was your most meaningful role as executive director at Adas?**

**G:** I take pride in our ability to make the synagogue part of people's lives. The more we are part of our congregants' lives, the more successful we will be. They're called "life-cycle" events for a reason. We are not here just to rent out our space; we're here to create relationships. It is not about programs; it is about people. Membership at Adas is a relationship, not a financial transaction. It's about creating community and having that community available and responsible when people are in pain and it's about sharing in celebrations. It is meaningful and fulfilling to be helpful to families during difficult times and for family *s'machot*. The burial of a child, a hospital visit to a sick congregant, the death of a young mother, and the work of our Bereavement Committee are profound events that we all share. A special-needs *bar mitzvah*, deliver-



ing food to the home with a new baby, helping a young couple get married, are all times that our community steps up to the task.

Our relationships as a staff, that family feeling and the remarkable longevity of many current and former staff members make Adas Israel special. Our approach to staff benefits and equality, support of professional development, enjoyable and food-infused working environment (except during this construction), supportive lay leaders, continued support of Jimmy Young, fun staff mystery bus rides, and holiday luncheons are some reasons why we were voted "Best Nonprofit to Work For" by the *Nonprofit Times*.

**S: How were you able to accomplish these goals?**

**G:** The underpinning of our success is the clergy, staff, and lay leader partnership working together to create the necessary administrative and financial foundation for the synagogue to thrive. I have worked with 10 different rabbis and cantor, 10 different presidents, and innumerable officers, committee chairs and members. Their leadership, combined with the participation of our wonderful members and the generosity of our donors, enables the congregation to excel, experiment, and "celebrate Conservative Judaism at its best," as coined by the

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## Welcome, Gail Mattison

### New Adas Event Coordinator

We are pleased to welcome Gail Mattison to Adas Israel as our new event coordinator.

As part of our staff reorganization to better serve our members and streamline our administrative functions, we have consolidated tasks currently performed by three people into this new portfolio.

Gail now coordinates all *b'nai mitzvah kiddushim*, family afternoon and evening receptions, synagogue dinners, community events, and all catered and food service needs of the synagogue. She will facilitate all room use contracts, coordinate our panel of caterers, and ensure our inventory, and will be present for evening and weekend events, weddings, *b'nai mitzvah*, and receptions.

Gail can be reached at the synagogue, 202-362-4433, ext. 113, and [Gail.Mattison@adasisrael.org](mailto:Gail.Mattison@adasisrael.org). Her office is upstairs near the administrative offices, and Mondays are generally her day off. *B'nai mitzvah* families will have a chance to meet Gail at the next group meeting in the fall.

A third-generation food service professional, Gail took over the longtime family catering business when her father became ill, forcing her to leave the Navy. Her grandfather was the first African American steward to run the kitchen at the White House, which he did during the Hoover administration where he made

many high-profile contacts and was invited to run the dining operation at a prominent foreign service club.

He branched out into the catering business while running that operation, which employed him, along with many other family members. Gail took over at another foreign service club in downtown DC, where she expanded the business, called Mattison Avenue Caterers, Inc. She too had the privilege of catering events for high-profile clients—even a birthday celebration for Julia Child!

Our Catering Committee, under the leadership of Amy Golen and Herlene Nagler, has worked many hours evaluating our catering and food service needs and our members' needs and developing a plan that will consolidate our event planning under one portfolio.

Our thanks to Beth Ann Spector for handling the *b'nai mitzvah kiddushim* and synagogue food service needs, to Suzanne Davidson for handling the receptions and facility contracts, and to Carole Klein for handling the catering panel and event logistics. We now have a "one-stop shop" to meet the needs of our members and community. ○



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late Charles Lerner (z"l). Our budget is balanced, our endowment fund is significant, policies and practices are in place, and our construction is fully pledged (and may even finish on time). I feel I am leaving Adas in a sound, solid condition.

**S: Can you think of a moment in your early years that made you feel really part of the synagogue and community?**

**G:** The day before the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Family Retreat in 1996, Rabbi Wohlberg's father died, and I was called upon to pitch in and run the retreat along with the *b'nai mitzvah* families. Most of the families did not know me well. Between the services, singing, and discussions I was able to develop a bond with the parents and kids who began to see me in a different light from the administrative guy sitting in the office.

Similarly, every year when I have the honor of leading *Havdalah* at the end of *Yom Kippur*, I feel that unique bond with our members. (I hope I can get through my last *Havdalah* at Adas this *Yom Kippur* without tears.)

**S: Can you recount a particularly challenging moment?**

**G:** You know I'm going to talk about "Kol

Nidre Without Power." As you probably remember, the morning of *Erev Yom Kippur* in 2004, the transformer that feeds the synagogue blew out. Little did I know when I dashed out of the house in shorts and a baseball cap (and without breakfast) that I would be on site (and fasting) for 36 hours. I spent the entire day working to get the power back on, trying to find alternative space for services, calling a congregant on the PEPCO board to get the problem fixed. Indeed, things were moving forward, but not quickly enough. A backup transformer was on its way, but the driver got lost. The new transformer arrived at 6 pm, and the power was restored by 10 pm, but in the interim we had a crane on working on Quebec Street and emergency lights in place. When the fire department trucks arrived, we thought they would shut us down. Instead, they brought in portable lights, and somehow services went on as scheduled. Most members remember it as their most memorable and spiritual *Kol Nidre*, notwithstanding the heat.

**S: Final thoughts?**

**G:** I could fill the entire *Chronicle* with remembrances of special times and events

during the last 22 years. Hosting the National Memorial Service for Yitzhak Rabin, being accompanied to Israel by my rabbi and three past presidents to see me installed at NAASE president, Florida reunions with pioneer members, the *b'not mitzvah* of our daughters, our 125th Anniversary Gala, and the many special friendships are just a few that come to mind. But I know you are particularly interested in interfaith outreach—*Keruv*.

Early in my tenure, I realized that we were not responsive to and respectful of our dual-faith families and our gay and lesbian members. With the support of clergy and lay leaders, we no longer ignored a non-Jewish spouse, we recognized "nontraditional" households, and we created a culture where no one is denied membership, education, or participation due to financial hardship. We are, after all, a synagogue, not a business.

I leave with a touch of sadness for the friends I will not see regularly, but I'm moving on to a new challenge where I hope to bring fresh ideas and a new vision to another wonderful congregation. ○

Each month at *MakomDC* will have a theme and will be kicked off with a celebrated keynote presenter on that theme. The rest of the month will feature programs for every cohort in the community (from Gan and Religious School families, to our senior members, and everyone in between) that explore various components of the month's theme. Such themes include Torah study, food, relationships, music, justice, spirituality, and Israel. Already slated to appear at *MakomDC* are the literary-awareness organization G-dcast, Sarah Polon (otherwise known as "Soupergirl"), Theater J's Artistic Director Ari Roth, and Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, among others (see full month-by-month list below).

With *MakomDC*, Adas Israel will provide the community with a unique tool for bringing together the various subcommunities within the larger community in a dazzling new learning structure. It will allow for all the varied generations of Jews who are genuinely interested in embracing modern Judaism to meet and explore their innermost beliefs and ideas. We feel strongly that the creation of *MakomDC* will strengthen this 143-year-old institution's capacity to meet the spiritual, intellectual, and social needs of our diverse membership.

Again, we are so excited to usher the entire Adas community into this exciting and focused new approach to synagogue learning and programming. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me, Rabbi Steinlauf, or Rabbi Feinberg.

## Roster of 2013–2014 *MakomDC* Season

Stay tuned for full calendars of dates, times, and locations.



G-dcast has created more than 75 short films used by over 3,000 educators, all based on Jewish texts.



Sarah Polon

### November @ *MakomDC*

**Theme:** Food

**Featuring:** Sarah Polon

**About:** Sarah Polon is the founder, owner, and operator of Soupergirl, the local kosher, organic soup franchise. Made from scratch, her soups are cooked slowly with love. Learn more at [thesoupergirl.com](http://thesoupergirl.com).

### December @ *MakomDC*

**Theme:** Relationships

**Featuring:** Ari Roth

**About:** Ari Roth has served as artistic director of Theater J in Washington, DC, since 1997. He is a celebrated theatrical producer, playwright, director, and educator.

### January @ *MakomDC*

**Theme:** Music

**Featuring:** The Epichorus and ShirLaLa

**About:** The Epichorus returns Hebrew love songs and mystical acrostics to the

sounds of the east. An Arabic ensemble and a heavy dose of world percussion create a new sound in world music, carrying listeners at once to a Tunisian marketplace in festival season or a yoga class in the village.

### Shira Klein (ShirLaLa)

has a unique and innovative approach to Jewish education incorporating music, interactive storytelling, imaginative play, and spirituality to enrich and inspire children, their families, and their teachers.

### February @ *MakomDC*

**Theme:** Justice

**Featuring:** TBA

**About:** TBA

### March @ *MakomDC*

**Theme:** Israel

**Featuring:** Yehuda Kurtzer

**About:** Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, oversees the Institute's many educational initiatives for the leadership of the North American Jewish community.

### April @ *MakomDC*

**Theme:** Spirituality

**Featuring:** Rabbi James Jacobson-Maisels

**About:** Rabbi Jacobson-Maisels is a faculty member at *Mechon Hadar* and teaches *Kabbalah* and an elective on spiritual practices at *Yeshivat Hadar*. He teaches Jewish thought and mysticism at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and in a variety of other settings throughout America and Israel. ○



Ari Roth



Epichorus



ShirLaLa



Yehuda Kurtzer



Rabbi Jacobson-Maisels

## Search Committee Updates

Our Director of Education search committee, chaired by Amy Cooper, and our Executive Director search committee, chaired by Stefan Tucker, are actively meeting, reviewing resumes, and interviewing candidates.

The Director of Education search committee has 15 candidates, and the Executive Director search committee has received 23 resumes. As the number of finalists is narrowed down, candidates will be interviewed by and meet with the search committees, lay leaders, members, and staff. While the goal is to have a new Director of Education prior to the opening of school and an Executive Director by the fall, both committees will explore candidates for interim positions, if needed.

Members of the Director of Education search committee are Amy Cooper, chair, Toni Bickart, Frank Foer, Rick Fox, Beth Heifetz, Andrew Herman, Jennifer Kagan, Mark Katkov, Molly Levinson, Amy Mazur, Daniel Mullen, and Russell Shaw; ex-officio

members are Deborah Joseph, Susan Kay, Johanna Chanin, and Arnold Podgorsky.

Members of the Executive Director search committee are Stefan Tucker, chair, Patricia Andringa, Jeffrey Goodell, Elise Lefkowitz, Susan Liss, Pamela Reeves, Gerald Sandler, Robert Satloff, Judith Strauch, and Mark Yecies; ex-officio members are Judith Bartnoff, Johanna Chanin, Herlene Nagler, and Arnold Podgorsky.

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf and Glenn Easton serve as staff liaisons to both committees with advice and participation by other senior staff members.

Please watch for search committee updates and opportunities to meet final candidates in the @Adas weekly e-mails during the summer months. Our thanks to both search committees for their help in filling these two important positions. ○

## You Asked, We Listened . . . Credit Card Use Introduced



In response to members' requests for the ability to use credit cards for synagogue contributions, events, programs, dinners, and other charges, you will soon be able to take advantage of that option.

For online donations, you will have the voluntary option of contributing the 3% "convenience fee" or reducing your net contribution by the fee. You still have the option of merely charging contributions to your synagogue account to be paid when you receive your synagogue statement.

For synagogue events, programs, dinners, and other charges, the 3% convenience fee will automatically be added to your transaction. You can still pay for event registrations by check or choose to have them charged to your Adas account, in which case there will be no additional fee.

We hope this new option will meet the needs of those who want to use credit cards and prefer not to use checks. We greatly appreciate your participation and support, and we look forward to seeing you at Adas for another year's worth of wonderful events! ○

## Summer Building Hours

As you may be aware, the building is closed on Monday and Thursday nights during the school year. As we approach the summer months, please keep in mind that we will also be closed on Wednesday nights after the evening *minyan*, to reduce energy use, utility costs, security charges, and staffing expenses. Since Tuesday will be the only available night for meetings, please plan accordingly. Thank you and have an enjoyable summer. ○

## 36th Annual Community CPR Program

August 27 at 6:15 pm



For the fifth consecutive year, the Men's Club is sponsoring a Community CPR program on Tuesday, August 27, at 6:15 pm, providing a chance to learn or brush up on your CPR skills. All High Holy Day and *Shabbat* ushers and *Keshet Ishi* Greeters should attend this year's training, and we encourage new participants as well! Participants will enjoy a free light supper, starting

at 6:15 pm, and training begins at 6:45 pm. During the supper we will thank and brief our High Holy Day ushers on important security, emergency, and procedure information.

To register, contact Steven Miller, 703-981-1709 or [smiller173@aol.com](mailto:smiller173@aol.com). Registration is limited. There is no charge for synagogue members; for non-members, the cost is \$5. ○

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*In Memory Of:* **Abraham Nathanson** by Bennett Nathanson.

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*In Honor Of:* **Harriet & Art Isack** receiving the *Yad Hakavod* award by Harry & Judy Melamed, Stuart & Jamie Butler. Engagement of **Hanna Feinberg &** by Harriet & Art Isack. **Susan Klein's** birthday by Karen & Herb Levitan.

*In Memory Of:* **Robert Kleine & Stuart Tattar** by Harriet & Art Isack. **Phillip Stern** by Susan Willens.

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*In Honor Of:* **Rabbi Feinberg's** 40 years in the rabbinate, birth of **Margalit Penina Feinberg, Harriet & Art Isack** receiving the *Yad Hakavod* award, all by Bob & Hazel Keimowitz.

*For The Speedy Recovery Of:* **Edie Hessel** by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

## **B'Yahad Special Needs Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Marsha Pinson** receiving the 2013 Doris Herman teacher award by Stephan Diamond & Unice Lieberman.

## **Cantor Brown Discretionary Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Jacob Horn's** graduation from Haverford College & new position at the Whitney Museum by Dava Berkman. **Cantor Brown, Rabbi Brown & Yonah** moving to their new home by Sheri Brown.

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## **Charles Pilzer Computer Center**

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*By:* Bess & Phillip S. Lewis & Marshall, Bruce & Zev.

*In Honor Of:* Our 45th anniversary by Richard & Carol Margolis. **Hayley Antonelli** becoming a *bat mitzvah* by Arthur & Kim Antonelli. **Noah & Theodore Daniel** becoming *b'nai mitzvah* by David & Lisa Daniel. **Dr. Alpert's** 101st birthday by Dr. & Mrs. Clement Alpert. **David Berley's** *bar mitzvah* anniversary by David & Estelle Berley. Our 42nd wedding anniversary by Russell & Judith Smith.

## **Daily Minyan Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Harriet & Art Isack** receiving the

*Yad Hakavod* award by Marvene Horwitz. **Josh Siegel's** marriage by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

**Arnie Podgorsky** by Norman Shore.

*In Memory Of:* **Bessie Yecies** by Mark Yecies.

## **Dan Kaufman Children's Program Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Simon Levy** becoming a *bar mitzvah*, birth of **Margalit Penina Feinberg, Minna Kaufman** on Mother's Day, all by Stephen Klatsky & Dale Kaufman. **Minnie Kaufman's** 95th birthday by Patricia Rye & William Spinard. **Minna Kaufman** by Geri Weidner.

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## **Dr. William & Vivienne Stark Wedding & Anniversary Fund**

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*In Honor Of:* **Isaac Frumkin** becoming a *bar mitzvah* by Stuart & Jamie Butler.

## **Estelle Gelman Endowment Fund**

*In Honor Of:* Birth of **Stella Rose Friedman** by Sharon Burka.

## **Executive Director Discretionary Fund**

*In Honor Of:* **Glenn Easton** by Richard & Susan Ugelow.

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*In Honor Of:* Birth of **Margalit Penina Feinberg** by Glenn & Cindy Easton.

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*In Honor Of:* Conversion of Betty Adler & Mark Rosenberg's grandchildren. **Coco & Charlie Claxton, Rabbi Feinberg's** 40 years in the rabbinate, birth of **Margalit Penina Feinberg**, all by Judy Strauch.

*In Memory Of:* **Laurie Clark's Uncle George, Stuart Tattar** by Judy Strauch. **Jack Connick** by David Connick.

## **Havurah Kiddush Fund**

*By:* Ken Goldstein & Arlette Jassel, Barry & Carmel Chiswick.

*In Honor Of:* **Hanna Rubashkin's** graduation from Barnard by David Rubashkin & Pamela Karasik.

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*By:* Mr. & Mrs. David Wellisch.

*In Honor Of:* **William Satloff, Meirav Steinlauf** becoming a *bat mitzvah* by David & Jessika Wellisch.

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*In Memory Of:* **Teresa Kelin** by Stephen Kelin. **Ruth Winnick** by Ellen Sinel. **Israel Stern, Abraham Stern, Chana Liebling Stern, & the other members of the Stern/Liebling family who died in the Holocaust** by Alvin Stern.

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By: Harry Sachse.

*In Honor Of:* Birth of **Margalit Penina Feinberg**

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The Ezra Pantry has moved to the end of the Gan Ha'Veled hallway on the ground floor. When you go to the supermarket, be sure to buy extra for those in need!

## The Adas Fund

The Adas Fund is fully underway, and we have already witnessed an impressive outpouring of support. But we still have a way to go before achieving the community's goal of 100% participation. By now, you have all received a letter from us requesting your contribution. You'll continue to hear from us intermittently until our campaign to fund 2013–14 programming ends after the High Holy Days. Please take a moment to consider how you can support Adas, and understand the real needs driving this noble quest.

Did you know that the gift you make through The Adas Fund allows more than 1,000 people to pray each *Shabbat* at Adas, provides teachers for our children's Jewish education, supports adult education and programming, delivers kosher meals to the elderly, provides a cushion for those who cannot afford synagogue dues, infuses our early childhood center, Gan Ha'Veled, with vital resources, helps support

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So this year, we are urging each congregant

to invest in our community. We are aiming for 100% participation. We trust that we'll be able to include every Adas member as a contributor during this significant stage in the growth and renewal of this shul. Gifts of all and any size are encouraged and appreciated as

we strive to sustain our remarkable programs and services.

It's up to us. As always, feel free to contact us or Vice President for Development Pamela Reeves, at any time.

—Warmly and Gratefully,  
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