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Speaking the Truth

Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

## THE PURIM YOU NEVER LEARNED ABOUT IN HEBREW SCHOOL

What I love most about *Purim* is not the costumes or the funny *Purim shpiels*, or even the *hamen-tashen*. Those are all great. But the greatest thing about *Purim* is that it is, in so many ways, among the most sophisticated holidays on the Jewish calendar. Here are just a few of the core aspects of *Purim* that are truly mind-blowing:

### Proto-Feminism

Let's be clear: classical Jewish texts are decidedly patriarchal. That being said, nothing can quite compare to the fascinating role of women in *Megillat Esther*. Apart from Vashti's famous refusal to do her husband's demeaning bidding, there is Esther—beautiful, never forgetting who she is, courageous, single-handedly saving her people from destruction. She brilliantly

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## Adas' Got Talent!

2014/5774 Congregational *Purim Shpiel* & *Megillah* Reading, Saturday, March 15, 8:00 pm



Join us for Adas Israel's very own zany version of *America's Got Talent*, the hit reality TV talent competition, Saturday, March 15, at 8:00 pm. This *Purim*-style talent "competition" extravaganza will feature music, dance, magic, and comedy performed live by Adas Israel members and staff. Which figure from the *Megillah*—played by our own staff and members—will take his or her place alongside Abraham and Sarah in the great history of the Jewish people . . . by taking home the grand prize as champion of **Adas' Got Talent 2014**?

*Purim*, celebrated on the 14th of *Adar*, is the

wildest, most action-packed day of the Jewish year. Twenty-four hundred years ago, Haman, the Persian prime minister, persuaded King Ahashuerus to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all the Jews. Mordechai, the leader of the Jews, rallied his people, urging them to unite in prayer and repentance. Meanwhile, his cousin Esther, who, due to a miraculous chain of events was Ahashuerus's queen, lobbied the king to spare her people. Ahashuerus acceded to her request, Haman was sent to the gallows, Mordechai became the new prime minister, the Jews successfully defended themselves against their enemies, and . . . we celebrate!

Learn more about the holiday and see the full Adas *Purim* schedule on page 7. ○

You are invited to . . .

## The Second Night Community Seder

Passover 2014/5774 – Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 pm

**RSVP by Wednesday, April 2, online at [www.adasisrael.org/seder](http://www.adasisrael.org/seder), or by calling the synagogue, 202-362-4433.**

Join us for our annual, festive community Passover *seder* at Adas Israel, with delicious food, thought-provoking discussion, and joyful song. The Passover *seder* is one of the Jewish people's most treasured traditions. Few rituals have survived so long and remain so true to their original form. Using rich symbolism, role-playing, and creative



use of all of the senses, the *seder* has warmly transmitted the values of human dignity, liberty, and the search for higher meaning to every society it has reached.

To this day, in every corner of the world, Jewish families come together to reconstruct that original Passover *seder*, again and again, year after year. And every year, there is more to learn. We look forward to sharing this beautiful and meaningful tradition with you and your family this year at Adas. ○

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# Clergy Corner



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makes use of the precarious power she is given. She is a savvy political actor in the court of the king. She not only represents the best of the Jewish people; she is a role model of how women for millennia have used what resources they had to do extraordinary things. And most of them received no credit.

### Reversals

The Book of Esther is full of reversals. Things are turned upside down and backward. Matters go inside out and sideways. The lowly Jewess becomes the queen of the land. Mordechai's sackcloth and ashes are replaced with royal garments. The gallows built for the Jew become the gallows for the villain. The Jews go from a doomed people to sword-carrying victors. Despair transforms into joy. Powerlessness turns into ultimate power. The story itself is accompanied by meta-messages of reversal in the observance of *Purim*. We read the *Megillah* hurriedly, as if it were written as a letter, knowing that it's all a farce. And yet, it is a terrifying story of the deepest seriousness about the precariousness and powerlessness of exile. Every time we mention the name of Haman, we follow the command to blot out his name with groggers; and yet we are commanded to hear every word of the *Megillah*—a decidedly impossible task, reflecting the paradox of being a holy and inspiring people who go through history bearing deep scars that we can never forget.

### The God Who Wasn't There

Never is God a direct actor in the entire Book of Esther. Even the name of the book, "Esther," is a reference to "*Hester Panim*," literally "The Hiding of God's Face." *Hester Panim* is how we describe our experience of God whenever we encounter evil. Whenever we experience bad things happening to good people, we call that a moment of God's hiding of God's Face. There is certain doom in this story. And yet, there is deliverance. But God doesn't do the delivering like God did in Egypt. Esther and Mordechai did it! Or did they?

To what extent can we really call the story of *Purim* truly one of "lots," or chance, as the name of the holiday suggests? Was God really totally hidden in this story, or was the delivering hand of God what is *hester*, or hidden? As we celebrate *Purim*, it's all about wearing masks, hiding our identities; it's all about taking on alternate appearances, reversing genders and roles and expectations. We go through life hoping and expecting God to act and to do miracles, but God never seems to fulfill that expectation. We experience the Hidden Face of God, and many of us reject God because of that hiddenness. But what of *Purim*'s meta-theological message? What about the miraculous deliverances that each of us has known that have enabled us to be alive in this moment? What of the miraculous survival of our people through thousands of years of exile and persecution? Can we

reject a hidden Presence of God outright despite these miracles? *Purim* opens us up to all of these explorations.

### Moral Ambiguity

One of the most (in)famous commands of *Purim* observance is to get drunk—to drink to the point where you cannot distinguish between "Arur Haman," "Accursed is Haman" and "Baruch Mordechai," "Blessed is Mordechai." On how many levels is this disturbing?! And deliberately so! We, the Jewish people, with a Divine charge to be a Light to the Nations, teachers and exemplars of holiness and justice . . . rip-roaring drunk and unable to distinguish good from evil?! Before I go any further, my favorite *Purim* apologia is a reference in the *Shulchan Aruch* explaining that the command is only to drink "Ad" *delo yada*—"until" you cannot tell the difference between Accursed is Haman and Blessed is Mordechai (i.e., until the threshold of losing one's moral sense, but not crossing that line!). Far be it for us ever to confuse good and evil! While I like the point, the fact remains that the story of Esther and *Purim* is about our facing and owning not only our victimization, powerlessness, and miraculous deliverance. There is also the Jews' behavior in the concluding chapters of the Book of Esther: the description of how the Jews, newly emboldened and empowered, commit act after act of violent and bloody revenge upon the Persian men, women, and children.

In the Book of Esther, we aren't passively redeemed by God's outstretched and mighty hand as we were in Egypt. We aren't the awestruck witnesses of God's slaying of the first-born. In this book, the sword—and the blood—is on our hands! I think the most remarkable thing about *Purim*, like all of Judaism, is its refusal to pretend that this dark stuff isn't a part of our history, our identity, our collective karma. Ancient texts can and regularly did purge all references that would morally sully the image of the victors. We Jews never did that. We read the story. It's farcical. We laugh. We joke. We drink. And right there, not even beneath the surface—we are horrified, not just by the villains, but by our own seething revenge and hatred of our exilic hosts. God is hidden.

God allows us to survive, and part of us wonders why. And yet, here we are, all these thousands of years later. If we're observing this holiday correctly, we're humbled. We don't see ourselves as inherently better than our oppressors. We're forced to wonder if there is a reason for our miraculous survival throughout the ages. And I think the reason is the knowledge of this very moral ambiguity: we are the witnesses to history itself. We have seen it all—miracles and atrocities and everything in between. We have been the powerless and the powerful. We have morally triumphed and morally failed. We are indeed a light to the nations—and it's the light of sober insight about our very complex human nature and about life's incomprehensible mystery. It's quite a burden to bear the weight of so much history and knowledge. So how do we respond? *L'Chayim!* Make merry and laugh and celebrate that, for some strange reason, we're here and alive. All our certainties and notions are farcical in the face of God's Great and Unknowable Plan. So we tell ourselves the story. All of it. We deny nothing. Even as we try—and fail!—to blot it out. And in the end, we have each other, doing our best not only to survive, but to make this world one where powerlessness, victimization, and exile are no more.

*Chag Purim Same'ach!*



## Save the Date Garden of the Righteous Ceremony

**Honoring Alicja Szczepaniak Schnepf  
Sunday, April 27 at 10:00 am**



**We hope the entire Adas Israel community will join us for this seminal annual event.**

On Sunday morning, April 27, Adas Israel Congregation will honor Mrs. Alicja Schnepf from Poland. Alicja Szczepaniak Schnepf (mother of the current Ambassador of Poland to the United States, Ambassador Ryszard

Schnepf), along with her younger sister and her mother, took in several Jewish families in their one-bedroom apartment, often deceiving their neighbors while risking their own lives. Frequently Mrs. Schnepf had to distract the German authorities or cover up for noises or other signs of the many people living in their apartment. *Yad Vashem* honored Alicja Schnepf as Righteous Among the Nations on November 13, 1991.

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

The program, initiated in 1992 by Rabbi Emeritus Jeffrey A. Wohlberg to honor non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust, is supported in part by the Men's Club of Adas Israel and The Peter Dreyer Memorial Endowment Fund. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Scenes from Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend



## Remembering Jimmy Young

### Adas Israel family member for more than 50 years



"I am forever young," Jimmy liked to say, "Just like my name." Adas Israel mourns the loss of our beloved friend and family member, Jimmy Young, who served our community with grace, distinction, and dedication for more than 50 years.

Jimmy was one of our own. The youngest of six children, he was born in Washington, DC, where his

father worked for the District and his mother worked for the federal government. Jimmy looked after our members, particularly our children, for more than half a century. He lovingly watched our community's children grow into adults and, eventually, bring their own children to the synagogue. He invested so much of himself into helping members, presidents, auxiliaries, clergy, and staff members in every way.

To keep our schoolchildren safe and cared for, Jimmy opened a "store" for students to purchase snacks before Religious School.

Over the years, the store grew from a small closet with candy bars and drinks to a full room with ice cream, sandwiches, and personal items Jimmy sold to the students, staff, and members. When he wasn't in the store, Jimmy was behind the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary taping a *bar mitzvah* service, sitting at the front desk greeting members and friends, or ensuring that all of the operational needs of the community's activities went off without a hitch.

In recognition of more than 50 years of service to our congregation, Jimmy Young was honored with the distinguished *Yad Hakavod* Award in 2000.

Jimmy played a crucial role in all that we did at Adas for half a century, and he called Adas Israel his home in every meaning of the word. He not only lived in our home, he was a beloved member of our extended family. Jimmy passed on January 30, after being cared for lovingly by Adas staff and leadership during his eight years of well-earned retirement. We honored Jimmy at a meaningful community memorial service on February 23. May the family and loved ones of Jimmy Young be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Thank you, Jimmy. Your memory will live on in the heart of our community for generations to come. ○

## The Daily Minyan @ Adas Israel

### When was the last time you made it to the minyan?

Twice daily, we have the opportunity to strengthen our community by participating and sharing in the joy and responsibility of making a *minyan*. Attending the daily *minyan*, in one respect, serves a charitable purpose. It allows others to pray and recite *Kaddish* for their loved ones. Just as significant, however, are the spiritual gifts you receive from the service itself. It is diverse in its attendees and filled with beautiful melodies, a special *ruach*, Torah readings on Monday and Thursdays, many opportunities to have an *aliyah*, and the chance to take a meaningful pause in your day and to connect with friends. As members of a synagogue community, we owe it to each other and to ourselves to participate regularly in the daily *minyan*.

### Please Join Us—Daily Minyan Schedule

**Morning:** Monday–Friday: 7:30 am; Sundays & Legal Holidays: 9:00 am

**Evening:** Sunday–Thursday: 6:00 pm

### A Brief Background

In Judaism, there are three daily prayer services: morning (*Shacharit*), afternoon (*Mincha*), and evening (*Maariv*). The tradition of three services is attributed to the prayers of our

forefathers. The morning prayer was learned from Abraham, the afternoon prayer from Isaac, and the evening prayer from Jacob. These services are also structured in this way to recall the three daily sacrifices offered up in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

The morning service is divided into several sections, which include the *Amidah* (the standing prayer of 19 key blessings); the afternoon prayer consists of the *Amidah* and supplications; and the evening service consists of the *Shema* and the *Amidah*. Morning prayer is often recited wearing *tefillin* (phylacteries) and *tallit*. You can learn how to wrap *tefillin* by coming to the morning *minyan* and learning from our helpful community members. Each service is unique in its way and offers us different opportunities for connection and introspection.

Individual prayer is encouraged, but prayer with a quorum of 10 adults—a *minyan*—is the most highly recommended form of prayer and is required for some prayers. An adult in this context means over the age of 13 (*b'nai mitzvah*). Prayer is the service of the heart and is one of the many ways to express love of God and community. Although one may pray in private, praying with a congregation provides the opportunity to come together in a most beautiful and meaningful way. Come and experience it for yourself at the Daily *Minyan* and on *Shabbat* and holidays at Adas. ○





## March @ MakomDC: Israel



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### March Main Presenter: **Yehuda Kurtzer**

**Tuesday, March 4 @ 7:30 pm**

Less than 70 years ago, Tel Aviv was a desert, and today it is a thriving city of the arts, technology, culture, and Jewish autonomy. Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North

America, will join us as we open a new dialogue on Israel, leading us through a thought-provoking evening exploring his curriculum of 18 videos featuring the voices of scholars from the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Yehuda previously served as the inaugural chair of Jewish Communal Innovation at Brandeis University, where he taught courses in Jewish studies and in the Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program. He has also taught at the Hebrew College Rabbinical School and in adult and academic settings across the country. We are very excited to welcome him to the Adas Israel community this month. Free & open to all; RSVP at [adasisrael.org](http://adasisrael.org).

session on mindfulness practices that can help keep families close. Meeting in the new Biran *Beit Midrash* every Friday, this intimate gathering of Gan-age families is a great opportunity to grab a cup of coffee, get to know Rabbi Lauren, and connect with friends.



### ***The Essence of the Holiness of the Land of Israel, with Gideon Amir***

**Wednesday, March 19 @ 7:30 pm, in the Library**

Explore the Bible's understanding of the "special nature" of the Promised Land, and the

implications regarding our relations to the Land and our behavior on the Land. In particular, we will analyze whether the land is actually holy, and why we call it "The Holy Land." Co-sponsored by the Foundation for Jewish Studies.



### **A Film Screening: *SHTISEL***

**Sunday, March 2 @ 2:00 pm**

In partnership with the DCJCC's Washington Jewish Film Festival The new Israeli hit TV series, *Shtisel*—from the producers of the beloved series *Srugim*—focuses

on a Haredi family living in Jerusalem and gives us a glimpse into an often closed-off world, overflowing with surprisingly poignant romanticism. Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased at the DCJCC website.



### ***Jewish Genealogy: How Jews Got Our Last Names, with Connie Krupin***

**Tuesday, March 11 @ 7:00 pm**

Ever wonder where your last name came from? Why are there so many Jewish Schwartzes, Weisses, and Kleins? Take the

ultimate "Jewish Genealogy" journey through history with author Connie Krupin to learn the origins of our Ashkenazi and Sephardic surnames. Discover what our names mean, what they tell us about our great grandparents and about ourselves.



### ***Mindful Parenting, with Rabbi Lauren***

**Fridays @ 9:30 am**

Our culture's epidemic of "busy" challenges the sense of connection that is so important for families. Join Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt for an experiential



### **PHOTOS FROM RECENT ADAS ISRAEL LEARNING EVENTS!**



# Sisterhood

## Upcoming Sisterhood Goes to the Movies:

Please join Adas Israel Sisterhood for our third annual Washington Jewish Film Festival outing. This year,



sisters, their friends, and families are invited to view *Shtisel* at Adas Israel on Sunday, March 2, at 2:00 pm. *Shtisel* (in Hebrew and Yiddish with English subtitles) is composed of the initial episodes from the new Israeli hit TV series of the same name and focuses on a Haredi family living in Jerusalem. It just swept the Israeli Academy Awards for TV with 10 awards, including Best TV Drama and Best Director.

Afterward we'll have our own private reception at Adas with light refreshments and a discussion. Reservations required. Call chair **Miriam Rosenthal**, 202-966-3897, to reserve your \$15 ticket today (\$20 at the door).

**Sisterhood Studies:** Tuesday, March 11, is the date of our next Taste of Tanach, a Torah study class with Rabbi Steinlauf in the Biran *Beit Midrash*. Never been? Never studied Torah with Rabbi Steinlauf before? You're in for a treat as he explicates the meanings of our sacred texts. Time: 10:00–11:00 am.

**Women's League:** Seaboard Region offers a time to learn together at its second Education Day of 5774, on March 23 at Olam Tikvah in Fairfax, VA. Contact chair **Linda Rosenberg** ([linda.rosenberg@juno.com](mailto:linda.rosenberg@juno.com)) to register. WLCJ Education/Program Director Lisa Kogen will address the group. Anticipate a wonderful program about what the modern Jewish family is and how we can continue to grow together.

**Do You Knit?** Women's League also offers you a chance to participate in knitting hats for Israeli soldiers, now in its sixth year. You can download the knitting pattern, see photos of soldiers in their hats, and read about some of the hat knitters on the blog: [www.HatsforIsraeliSoldiers.blogspot.com](http://www.HatsforIsraeliSoldiers.blogspot.com). If you have any questions, contact the organizer, Channah Koppel Efrat, [kovakoppel@gmail.com](mailto:kovakoppel@gmail.com).

**Sisterhood Reads:** Come to the library Sunday, April 6, at 10:30 am for a **Book Chat** with librarian Robin Jacobson on *The Invisible Bridge* by Julie Orringer, a novel about a young architect, set in Paris and Hungary before and during WWII.

## Sisterhood Shabbat Soars!

The weather may have been blustery, but Sisterhood turned out in force February 7 and 8 to celebrate our organization and each other, and to showcase our ritual and study skills. It began with a wonderful potluck dinner following the congregational *minyan*.

Over a tantalizing array of home-cooked food, some 50 sisters and family members mingled, got to meet our visiting scholar, and discussed verses from the portion, *Tetsaveh*, led by **Julie Weisman**.

## Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

**Purim! Purim! Purim!**

Come see our crowns, masks, groggers,  
and other Purim items.

Get into the holiday spirit!



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

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

Saturday, our scholar, JTS professor Dr. Marjorie Lehman, demonstrated the pedagogy and deep knowledge of Talmud for which she is highly regarded—with both a *d'var Torah* during services and text study afterward.

We thank event co-chairs **Marcie Goldstein, Janet Kolodner, and Betsy Strauss** as well as members who contributed their skills in numerous ways to help plan the event: **Rebecca Boggs, Miriam Gusevich, Lucy Hassell, Marcia Feuerstein, Susan Klein, Lisa Kleine, Gail Roache, Rhoda Ritzenberg, Sabrina Sojourner, Joyce Stern**, and others.

Sisterhood also acknowledges with deep gratitude the generosity of **Donald Saltz**, who underwrote the guest scholar and *kiddush* through the Mozelle Saltz Fund for Sisterhood Speakers.

## Reminders

**Membership:** To join Sisterhood, send a check for \$36 to **Dava Berkman**, Treasurer, 2475 Virginia Avenue, NW, Apt. 803, Washington, DC 20037.

**Torah Fund:** Send your check for any amount to **Mrs. Gerry Lezell**, Torah Fund chair, 5800 Magic Mountain Dr., Rockville, MD 20852. Help us reach this year's \$12,000 goal! ○



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# Holidays

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

On its surface, the holiday of *Purim* is fairly straightforward, characterized by an atmosphere of joy and celebration. We are required to eat and to drink; we parade around in outlandish costumes; and we make loud noises that can hardly be described as dignified. It is not only children who are expected to wear costumes. (Don't forget to stop by the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop for masks, crowns, groggers, and other holiday trinkets.) Adults as well are very much encouraged to wear costumes and participate in the joyous celebration. Still, beneath its almost too obvious guise of merriment, *Purim* is marked by a seriousness of purpose equal to that of the most solemn holiday. We are required to perform a variety of *mitzvot*—and from each, we learn an important lesson.

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

### Reading the *Megillah*

Each year, we are required to listen to the complete reading of *Megillat Esther*. We are instructed to listen to every word and to do this twice—evening and morning. Perhaps, in attending these public readings, we are learning the value of sharing with the entire community recognition of, and appreciate for, our collective triumph over adversity.

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

### *Mishloach Manot*

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

### *Matanot L'evyonim*

Based on the injunction in the *megillah* that we must "send gifts to the poor" (9:22), the holiday affords us a special opportunity to share our good fortune with those in need. Gifts can be given

## *Purim* at Adas Israel



### *Erev Purim*, Saturday, March 15

**6:00 pm:** *Mincha* (Only)

**7:45 pm:** Full *Megillah* Reading (Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Family Service)

**8:00 pm:** "Adas' Got Talent!" Full *Megillah* Reading & *Purim Shpiel*

**10:00 pm:** Refreshments

### *Purim*, Sunday, March 16

**8:30 am:** Morning *Minyan* & *Megillah* Reading

**10:00 am:** *Megillah* Madness for Elementary/Middle School Families

**10:30 am:** Gan Pre-School *Megillah* Reading & *Shpiel*

**11:00 am:** *Purim* Carnival

directly, for example, bringing food and clothing to a homeless shelter, or indirectly, through an organized charity. It is important to keep in mind that whatever additional *tzedakkah* we give throughout the year, donations must still be given on *Purim*. How important is this *mitzvah*? As Maimonides writes in his *Mishneh Torah* (*Hilkhot Megillah* 2:17): "It is better for a person to increase gifts to the poor than to increase his feast or the *mishloach manot* to his neighbors."

### *Seudat Purim*

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

**Chag Purim Sameach!!**

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



*Erev Purim* is March 15! Come to Adas and purchase your Edible Groggers (boxes of macaroni and cheese) on the spot, then return them at the end of the service so we can recycle them for the next service. We recycle the Edible Groggers as many as three times before donating them to SOME (So Others Might Eat). Funds raised from the sales also go to SOME.

# Education

## Gan HaYeled

The Gan wishes to congratulate Rabbi Sarah Meytin, Gan assistant director, on her acceptance into the third cohort of the Jewish Early Childhood Education Leadership Institute (JECELI). This prestigious program only accepted 18 students from a national pool of applicants.

JECELI is a 15-month in-service professional learning program for new directors of Early Childhood Education Centers or educators working toward a leadership position in a Jewish Early Childhood Education institution. The program, a unique partnership of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Hebrew Union College with academic support from Bank Street College, includes online study as well as in-person learning in New York and Israel, and ongoing professional mentoring.

*Mazal tov* to Rabbi Sarah on this accomplishment!

### Registration Continues!

Gan registration is strong for the fall, but we still have a few openings. For more information, please visit [www.adasisrael.org/gan](http://www.adasisrael.org/gan).

### Register Now for Sweet Summertime

Though we're not quite done with cold, wintery weather, it's not too early to look ahead to summer! Along with the warm weather and sunshine comes Sweet Summertime, the Gan's summer camp. This year Sweet Summertime begins June 23 and runs in two-week sessions through August 15.

Throughout the eight weeks of Sweet Summertime, you'll see smiles and hear laughter from our campers and staff alike. Our many activities range from cooling off in wading pools to creating special art projects to going on field trips to the Puppet Company at Glen Echo and the National Aquarium.

Most important, Sweet Summertime is a time to connect with former classmates, meet new people, and form new friendships. Our very special Gan teachers work in the summer and make Sweet Summertime a wonderful experience. We are very fortunate to have a number of terrific teenagers, many of whom are Adas Israel members, joining our summer staff and adding energy and excitement to the camp.

Sweet Summertime registration has begun. For more information call the Gan office, 202-362-4491. Registration forms can be found at [www.adasisrael.org/gan](http://www.adasisrael.org/gan). ○



## March Religious School & Youth Calendar

**2/28–3/2:** Vav (6th grade) New York Trip

**1:** Youth Services: *Tot Shabbat/Netivot*

**8:** Youth Services: *Tot Shabbat, Netivot & Jr. Congregation*

**9:** *Kitah Gimel Siddur* Cover Project; *Chugim* for *Kitot Gimel–Vav* (3rd–6th); Faculty Meeting

**15:** Youth Services: *Tot Shabbat/Netivot*

**16:** *Purim* Carnival

**22:** USY Spring Fling Dance and T.O. All-Night-Dance-a-Thon, Tifereth Israel; Youth Services: *Tot Shabbat, Netivot & Jr. Congregation*

**23:** *Chugim* for *Kitot Gimel–Vav* (3rd–6th)

**28:** *L'Dor Vador*

**29:** Youth Services: *Tot Shabbat/Netivot*

**30:** *Chugim* for *Kitot Gimel–Vav* (3rd–6th); Kindergarten Visit to Matza Factory

## Religious School

In January I attended the 62nd Annual Conference of the Jewish Educators Assembly in Atlanta, GA, the theme of which was Engaging the 21st-Century Learner.

Imagine that you're sitting in a car that is speeding down the highway. You look straight out the side window and watch the scenery rushing by you. It would seem to many of us that the landscape of Jewish education is changing and evolving at an equally rapid pace as that car ride. Different approaches come and go. New models are taking seed and technology advances moment by moment, day by day.

As a Jewish educator, I know that I will be the driver of that speeding car and I will be the agent of change. I also understand that it is a partnership . . . a shared vision.

This conference forced me to have an internal debate. Through affinity groups, presentations and courageous conversations, we were pushed to take a hard and often difficult look at the challenges we are facing and will continue to face as we look forward at the students whom we will be engaging in the years to come.

As individuals, we have passion and are driven in our work. Passion translates into a vision of how we educate. We need to use our voice to express our passion (which is further defined as patience) and enact our vision.

The conference was truly a time of struggle and confirmation. Through the prophetic thoughts of Dr. Jonathan Woocher, Cyd Weissman, and Rabbi Paul Steinberg, it became increasingly clear that we must elevate ourselves and look beyond the corrective lenses to see the possibilities and new directions.

At Adas Israel, where do we see ourselves in the spectrum of engaging our students and congregants as the 21st-century learner? We cannot raise our children alone, so we embrace your partnership. What is our "Jew-wish" for the future? Do we share the same wishes?

Thanks for listening,  
Jill Epstein, Interim Director of Education ○



## Education Continued



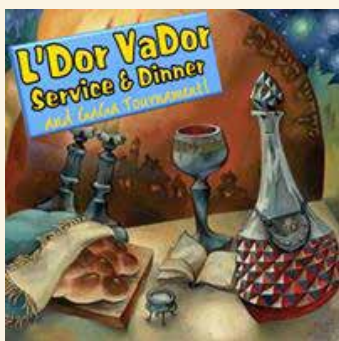
◀ Pizza Party with Youth@ AI at Adas Israel. Nothing beats a good pizza study break!

A PJ Library story and learning session in the Library with Robin Jacobs and Cantor Brown! ▶



◀ Shacharit Live in the Renewed Charles E. Smith Sanctuary!

Hands on learning around the geography of the State of Israel, with Ma'alot! ▶



### L'Dor VaDor Service and Dinner!

**Friday, March 28 @ 6:00 pm RSVP for Dinner by Wednesday, March 26!**

Please join us for L'Dor VaDor, a joyful service and Shabbat dinner,

where children and our amazing youngsters at Adas get the chance help lead this multigenerational event. After services and dinner, parents are invited to relax and schmooze (bring a bottle of wine) while the kids play *Gaga* with our youth advisor, Sasha Bloch. E-mail [Education@AdasIsrael.org](mailto:Education@AdasIsrael.org) to learn more!

## Purim Carnival 2014 / 5774

**Sunday March 16 @ Adas Israel**

**Pre-school ages only: 10:30 am**

**All ages: 11:00 am–12:30 pm**

Join us for the annual  
*Purim Carnival Extravaganza at Adas!*  
Featuring all of your favorites...

*Obstacle Course • Dunk Tank • Moonbounce  
Spin Art • Ring Toss • Henna • Sand Art  
Fishing in the Galilee • Prizes • Music  
Cotton Candy • Hamentashen • Popcorn & more!*

*Prizes, food, and fun for the entire family!  
Come in your favorite costume! Awards will be given out!  
Admission is \$10 per child for children not enrolled in the religious school. No charge for religious school students.  
Food sold separately (cash only).*



# Life Cycle

## Milestones

### Birth:

Our beloved Cantor Arianne and Rabbi Randy Brown welcomed their son, Nathaniel Emet Brown, into the world on January 19.

*Mazal tov*, also, to big brother Yonah!

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

## B'nai Mitzvah



### Ariella Cymerman, March 1

Ariella, a graduate of Gan HaYeled, is currently a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School and a student at the Washington School of Ballet. She is on the Teen Board for Hope for Henry and is also devoted to the organization Autism Speaks. Ariella shares her *simcha* with her brother, Isaac, and her parents, Meredith and Michael. She is the

granddaughter of Meri and Jonathan Wallace, Tzvi Cymerman and Deborah Aquila, Linda Weiner, and the late Irwin Robert Weiner (z"l).



### Shira Godin, March 8

Shira, daughter of Ed and Amy Godin, began her religious education at Gan HaYeled in the Butterfly class and is currently in seventh grade at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. She looks forward to sharing her *simcha* with her sister, Sophia, who is in ninth grade at CESJDS. Shira's grandparents, Jack and Nesse Godin, will share her *simcha* as well.



### Bradley Ellick, March 15

Bradley, son of Stephen and Deborah Ellick, is a seventh grader at The Lab School of Washington. He has attended the Estelle and Melvin Gelman Religious School since first grade. Bradley is passionate about basketball and is proud to play on his school team as well as on a KOA team, and he spends his summers in Maine at Camp

Wildwood. He proudly celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his older brothers, William and Michael, and he is excited to have his four grandparents, Bert and Barbara Ellick and Richard and Judy Cohen, celebrate this monumental *simcha* with him.



### Alexander Laser Davies, March 22

Alexander, son of Rachel Laser and Mark Davies, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, and is a student at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his older sisters, Nicole and Emily, and with family and friends from near and far. For his *mitzvah*

project, Alexander is playing piano, including tunes from the 1930s,

for guests at Iona Senior Services in Tenleytown DC. The selection of a Manchester City shirt for this picture was not accidental.



### Mica Gelb, March 29

Mica, son of Elizabeth Shapiro and Amos Gelb, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School in Washington. He started his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, and has been attending the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since kindergarten. Mica is serving the community by volunteering his time to youth baseball. He

shares this *simcha* with sisters Noa and Eliya, his grandparents from England, and the rest of his extended family.

## In Memoriam

### We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

David Osterhout, husband of Susan Tannenbaum

Rudolph Pick, husband of Rosa Pick

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

Shirley Esquith, mother of David Esquith

Jimmy Young, beloved friend and family member of Adas for more than 50 years

Lena Pozner, aunt of Krayna Feinberg

## 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 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.

### Cemetery Hours

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

## Immersed in the Mikvah!

The past month has seen a wide variety of *mikvah* visits. I'll list just a few here, without naming any names. During the month of *Shevat*, people came to the *mikvah* to . . .

- celebrate the beginning of their treatment for IBD, now that they're covered by the Affordable Care Act
- feel the joy and pain of turning 60 years old
- mark *Rosh Chodesh*, a new month
- mourn the loss of a close relationship
- pray for a *Lida Kala* (an "easy" birth)
- focus spiritually on their upcoming *bar mitzvah*
- observe their monthly cycle
- convert to Judaism
- celebrate their upcoming wedding
- immerse their new dishes (service for 20!)

Who will be next? Is it you? What occasion will you be marking here? To have a conversation about it, please give me a call, 202-362-4433, or send me an e-mail, [Naomi.Malka@adasisrael.org](mailto:Naomi.Malka@adasisrael.org). ○





## Staff Spotlight

Get to know the staff of Adas Israel with this monthly column! Day in and day out, these dedicated professionals work to ensure that Adas Israel runs smoothly and effectively, while providing us with all of the community resources we could possibly need. Above all, this incredible team seeks to create a warm, welcoming epicenter for all Adas members to call home, to find community, and to enrich their lives.

### March Spotlight: It's Tax Season, so you guessed it . . . the Accounting Department!

From financial leadership, to formulating accounting strategies, to managing all accounts payable owed, this team rocks! They diligently ensure that all aspects of our financial records and activities are organized, accurate, and efficient. They also wear the human resources hat at Adas, which gives them an opportunity to sit down with employees and get to know the entire team.

#### From Lesley:

"I joined the Adas family in March 1994. I was working at an association and decided it was time to move on and spread my accounting wings. Twenty years later, I couldn't be happier to be a veteran staff member here at Adas! I love the sense of family and community I find here. The staff, members, and lay leadership are the best. During my time at Adas I got married, earned my CPA, said goodbye to both my loving parents, and achieved my greatest accomplishment of all: my son Liam. During good times and bad times, Adas has always been there for me and my family. And, of course, I love all the food we get at Adas! In general, a controller of a not-for-profit, I have found, is a jack of all trades . . . and I love it!"

#### From Rita:

I had the pleasure of joining Team Adas on May 5, 1995. I interviewed with the incomparable Lesley Brinton, and we just clicked! I later found out that we shared something in common;



*Pictured here (from left) are Jane Baldinger, executive assistant; Lesley Brinton, controller; and Rita Nicholls, bookkeeper.*

our fathers were both named "William Henry!" The Accounting Office is a small space, and Lesley and I have found a great, harmonious interaction. I am now in my 19th year here at Adas, processing members' account billings and payments, staff paychecks, and everyday operating expenses as well. What I like most of all are the regular friendly encounters with staff and members; the variety in age, from two-year-olds to 80-year-olds, offers a great diversity of community interactions. I also love the opportunity to learn more and enjoy the rhythm of the Jewish holidays, which are just a bit more meaningful than my everyday expense reports! Go Adas.

#### From Jane:

"I started at Adas Israel on the day after *Pesach* in 2007. My position broadened to include handling donations a few years later. In 2011, I became a full-time member of the Accounting Department staff. Before I came to Adas, I spent many years embroiled in the unrelentingly stressful world of social issue advocacy. Being able to embrace my faith and work to the rhythm of the Jewish calendar has been a joy. The added benefit is that I have made some very good, and I hope, lifelong friends at Adas." ◉

## Nominating Committee Appointed

In accordance with the Adas Israel bylaws, synagogue president Arnie Podgorsky has appointed Jamie Butler to chair the Nominating Committee, which will include (as of publication time) Jacob Bardin, David Bickart, Amy Golen, Susan Kay, Rachel Rosenthal, Sharon Samber, Brian Schwalb (officer liaison), and one other member. Recommendations for nominations for Board members and president-elect are welcome and should be sent to the executive director ([eric.levine@adasisrael.org](mailto:eric.levine@adasisrael.org)) to the attention of the Nominating Committee. Following are some pertinent bylaw provisions:

"Immediately after the appointment of the Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee shall nominate, prior to the last year of the President's term, a President Elect to be nominated from the membership of the congregation who is serving or has served as a Board member, Officer, or Trust-



ee, to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Article IV, Sec. 14 d.

"The Nominating Committee, shall, not later than the third Monday in April, prepare and present to the Secretary a list of candidates for each of the offices of the Congregation, the Trustees, and the Board of Directors." (Bylaws Article VIII, Sec. 4; this year the only officer position to be nominated is president-elect.)

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

**Synagogue elections will be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 11.** ◉

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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: Our third-floor library is open on Shabbat following services. You may sign out materials using our "no-writing Shabbat method," explained in signs on the check-out desks. For assistance during the week, contact our Director of Library Services, Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> 23 Adar I 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Library Event: Professor Allan Lichtman, FDR and the Jews 10:00 am Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 12:15 pm Youth@AI: Grades K–2 Slumber Party 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>24</b> 24 Adar I 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>25</b> 25 Adar I 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Program 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session	<b>26</b> 26 Adar I 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Rabbi Holtzblatt with Gan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Religious Practices Committee Meeting 7:00 pm JSC Classes	<b>27</b> 27 Adar I 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Playgroup 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>28</b> 28 Adar I 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 6:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf 7:00 pm L'Dor VaDor Shabbat Dinner	<b>1</b> PARSHAT PEKUDE/SHABBAT SHEKALIM 29 Adar I 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service; Bat Mitzvah: Ariella Cymerman; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush
<b>2</b> 30 Adar I 9:00 am Morning Minyan Rosh Chodesh Adar II Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 10:00 am Kol HaOlam Schmoozefest 10:30 am Adas Book Chats 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 1:30 pm Bodies of Water 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>3</b> 1 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan Rosh Chodesh Adar II Breakfast sponsored by the Goldstein Rosh Chodesh Minyan Breakfast Fund 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>4</b> 2 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 11:00 am Rabbinic Study Session 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group (off-site) 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Program 7:00 pm Hebrew Class for Conversion Students 7:30 pm Yehuda Kurtzer Lecture on Israel (MakomDC Main Event) 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session	<b>5</b> 3 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm JSC Classes 7:00 pm Film sponsored by Moishe House 7:30 pm A Season of Mussar	<b>6</b> 4 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Playgroup 9:30 am Gan Steinlauf & Starbucks 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>7</b> 5 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Gan Parent Class with Rabbi Holtzblatt 10:00 am Gan Class Shabbat-Parparim 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat; D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 6:30 pm Shir Delight Oneg, Service & Dinner; 8 pm D'var Torah by Rabbi Holtzblatt	<b>8</b> PARSHAT VAYIKRA 6 Adar II 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service; Bat Mitzvah: Shira Godin; Sermon by Rabbi Feinberg 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
<b>9</b> 7 Adar II (Daylight Saving Time begins) 9:00 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Hesed Project Meeting 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 3:30 pm Gan Tzingo Tzedakah Event 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>10</b> 8 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Social Action Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 9 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Sisterhood Taste of Tanach 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Anne Frank House Board Meeting 7:00 pm Conversion Program 7:00 pm JSC Classes 7:00 pm Hebrew Class for Conversion Students 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session	<b>12</b> 10 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm JSC: Latke/Hamentashen Symposium 7:15 pm Bereavement Support Group	<b>13</b> 11 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Playgroup 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>14</b> 12 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Gan Parent Class with Rabbi Holtzblatt 10:30 am Gan Purim Schpiel 11:20 am Gan Shabbat Sing 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:30pm Traditional Lay-Led Shabbat Service	<b>15</b> PARSHAT TZAV/SHABBAT ZACHOR 13 Adar II 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service; Bar Mitzvah: Bradley Ellick; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Betsy Strauss 10:00 am Learners' Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot
<b>16</b> Purim 14 Adar II 8:30 am Morning Minyan/Megillah Reading 10:00 am Megillah Madness for Elementary/Middle School Families 10:30 am Gan Pre-School Megillah Reading & Shpiel 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 11:00 am Purim Carnival 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>17</b> 15 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>18</b> 16 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Program 7:00 pm Hebrew Class for Conversion Students 7:30 pm Budget and Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session	<b>19</b> 17 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Foundation of Jewish Studies Class: The Holiness of the Land of Israel 7:30 pm A Season of Mussar	<b>20</b> 18 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Gan Playgroup 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:45 pm Scotch and Scriptures Men's Group (off-site)	<b>21</b> 19 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am Gan Parent Class with Rabbi Holtzblatt 10:50 am Teacher Recognition Shabbat Sing 5:00 pm Adult Retreat (off-site) with Rabbi Feinberg 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 5:30 pm Young Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt & Kabbalat Shabbat; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 6:00 pm Young Family Shabbat Dinner	<b>22</b> PARSHAT SHEMINI /SHABBAT PARAH 20 Adar II 7:00 am Adult Retreat (off-site) with Rabbi Feinberg 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service; Bar Mitzvah: Alexander Davies; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 11:00 am Junior Congregation
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<b>30</b> 28 Adar II 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:45 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 12:15 pm Youth@AI: Chocolate Seder 12:30 pm Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren 6:00 pm Evening Minyan	<b>30</b> 29 Adar II 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan					



# Lifelong Learning

## Jewish Study Center Classes, Wednesday, March 5

Single sessions: Adas/JSC members, \$15; non-members, \$20

**Book Talk: *Afro-Jewish Encounters: From Timbuktu to the Indian Ocean and Beyond***

With author William F. S. Miles

7:00–8:15 pm

**How to Tell a Story**

With writer/filmmaker Jay D. Krasnow

7:00–8:15 p.m.

**Twentieth-Century Judaism: Two American Jewish Theologians. An Introduction to the Work of Will Herberg and Rabbi Joseph P. Soloveitchik**

Instructor: Jason Schulman

7:00–8:15 pm

**Jewish Approaches to Mediation and Conflict Resolution**

With Marc Gopin

8:15–9:25 pm

## The Great Latke-Hamentash Debate

**Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 pm**

Co-sponsored by Adas Israel Congregation  
and the Jewish Study Center

Join us as our noted scholars and experts  
debate the perennial question:

Which is better, the *latke* or the *hamentash*?

**Celebrity moderator:**

Marc Fisher, *The Washington Post*

**Panelists:**

Pati Jinich, cookbook author and host of  
*Pati's Mexican Table* on public TV stations nationwide

David Polonsky, director of marketing and  
communications at Adas Israel

Andrew Joskow, economist and former deputy assistant  
attorney general, U.S. Dept. of Justice

Stay for additional research afterward on both *latkes* and  
*hamentashen*!

Buy tickets at [www.jewishstudycenter.org](http://www.jewishstudycenter.org) or at the door. Adas/  
JSC members \$10, non-members \$12; further discounts online!  
Ticket price includes all the “research materials” you can eat!

## Upcoming Learning Opportunities with Rabbi Feinberg



### Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren

Sunday, March 30, 12:30 p.m.

Taught by Rabbi Charles  
Feinberg

This discussion focuses on  
ways grandparents can

introduce and foster Judaism with their interfaith grandchildren. The focus is on how to acknowledge the entire family, promote Jewish experiences, take pride in your children and grandchildren, celebrate Passover, and attend to the complex feelings that grandparents experience dealing with this area of their lives. This is a drop-in group; there is no need to sign up in advance.

### Seven Blessings

Wednesday, April 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Taught by Rabbi Charles M. Feinberg and Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C

This premarital class is for couples who have recently married or who are planning to marry in the near future. Participants will learn about the many *mitzvot* and traditions involved in getting married, and they will deal with universal issues such as managing family expectations, understanding and dealing with conflict, the importance of understanding the family as a system, and character preferences. Open to members and non-members, the cost is \$80 per couple for members and \$120 per couple for non-members. Contact [marcia.miller@adasisrael.org](mailto:marcia.miller@adasisrael.org) for questions and to register.

### Annual Adas Israel Adult Weekend Retreat

**“The Life and Loves of King David”** March 21–23

Adas Israel is sponsoring a Jewish learning and living *Shabbaton* for adults over the weekend of March 21–23, the theme of which is “The Life and Loves of King David.” The event is open to anyone over the age of 18, and all members of Adas Israel are encouraged to attend.

Rabbi Feinberg will lead the retreat and serve as rabbi in residence. In addition, there will be a high level of lay participation in all aspects of the program.

The program will include a study session on Biblical portions of the King David story, bibliodrama on different aspects of David’s relations with his wives and his children, and a session on how David became the ancestor of the Messiah in later Rabbinic literature. In addition, there will be a Saturday night program that will include both singing and Israeli dancing.

The *Shabbaton* will take place at Capital Camps in Waynesboro, PA. Capital Camps recently opened a brand-new Conference Center and Hotel, which, along with its dining hall, is a beautiful and comfortable facility.

You and your friends can sign up for the retreat by e-mailing Rabbi Feinberg’s assistant, Marcia Miller, at [Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org](mailto:Marcia.Miller@adasisrael.org). The cost of the retreat is \$500 per couple and \$250 for singles who share a room with another single. **Deadline for signing up is Monday, March 10.** If you have any questions about the Retreat, please call Rabbi Feinberg at the synagogue or contact Carmel Chiswick, Lucy Hassell, Elizabeth Sloan, Ed Kopf, or Donald and Susan Lubick, who are assisting Rabbi Feinberg in organizing the retreat. ○

# Jewish Life and Learning

Your monthly learning resource for Jewish "How-To's" & insights from Adas Israel

## Shabbat Candles: How and Why We Light



The *Shabbat* candles have ushered the peace, serenity, and holiness of *Shabbat* into the Jewish home for thousands of years—ever since the matriarch Sarah illuminated her tent with her Friday night lights.

One of the most beautiful functions of the *Shabbat* flame is to bring peace and tranquility into the home and to enhance our enjoyment of the *Shabbat* meal. The candles also remind us of the spiritual dimensions of *Shabbat*: just as a physical candle reveals

the otherwise unseen contents of a room, so, too, in a spiritual sense, do the *Shabbat* candles reveal the unseen and intangible sacredness that permeates the world. We light two candles to recall the two unique expressions of the Torah's commandment to keep *Shabbat*: in one instance, the text encourages us to "guard the Sabbath," and in another, to "remember the Sabbath." And so we endeavor to do both with our two flames.

The *Shabbat* candles are lit Friday evening, 18 minutes before sunset. Certain communities light slightly earlier or later. The latest one is supposed to light the *Shabbat* candles is sunset.

It is a wonderful idea to give extra *tzdekakah* or charity before lighting the *Shabbat* candles. This reminds us to consider the needs of others, even, and perhaps especially, during great spiritual moments. Once the candles are lit and *Shabbat* has been ushered in, the charity box should be put in a place where it can remain all *Shabbat*.

After lighting your candles, draw your hands over the flames and toward yourself, bringing the peace and sanctity of *Shabbat* into your home and your life. Then, cover your eyes and recite the blessing:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו,  
וצונו להדליק נר של שבת

### Transliteration:

Boruch A-toh A-do-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sheer Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Vi-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Shab-bos Ko-desh

### Translation:

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the light of the holy Shabbat.

The time of candle lighting is an especially auspicious time for prayer and expressions of gratitude. From behind covered eyes, people throughout history have whispered prayers for

health and happiness, and for children whom we hope will illuminate the world with *tikkun olam* and sacred action.

Take a few moments to whisper your own prayers, allowing the unique holiness of the time to permeate your prayers and convey them on high. Finally, uncover your eyes and gaze at the *Shabbat* lights. Turn to your loved ones and wish them *Shabbat Shalom* or Good *Shabbas*. Embrace the light, peace, and joy you have generated, and welcome the *Shabbat* into your home. Share the joy of this ritual with family, friends, and guests. The *Shabbat* flame, an eternal symbol of our people, is especially meaningful when we see it reflected in the eyes of those we love. *Shabbat Shalom!* ○



### Kadima (grades 6–8): SATO Cupcake Event

Saturday, March 29,  
6:00–9:00 pm

Meet us at Adas for a fun Social Action/*Tikkun Olam* cupcake-decorating party. All cupcakes will be sold for charity during religious school!

### Shalom, Chevre,

Join us for some youth events as we near the end of the first quarter of 2014. Be sure to come to our *Purim* Carnival on Sunday, March 16, 11:00 am–12:30 pm. Free to Religious School families; \$10 general admission.



### Machar (grades 3–5): Chocolate Seder

Sunday, March 30,  
12:15–3:00 pm

Have a craving for chocolate?!? Join us for super-sweet Pass-over. Come to relax, eat some chocolate-



covered *matzah*, and sip some hot chocolate over a Pass-over play!

Call the Youth Office, 202-362-6295, for more information regarding the above events, *Chaverim* (grades K–2), and AIUSY.

—Rich Dinetz, Youth Director ○



# Tikkun Olam

## Tikkun Olam at Adas Israel Hesed Project

One of a monthly series, highlighting the many tikkun olam activities in which Adas Israel members engage to help make our community a little bit better. For more information, check out the Tikkun Olam page on the Adas Israel website.

Several years ago at a dinner, Rabbi Charles Feinberg and Harriet Isack were talking about a topic that was vital to both of them, the importance of paying attention to those of our members who are alone, convalescing, and/or infirm. How can we as a congregation reach out to those in our congregation who are not able to get around easily and find themselves isolated? Why not, they asked, do something about it? Thus, the Hesed Committee was born. With Rabbi Feinberg's active participation and support, Harriet formed a small committee of people representing various interests in the congregation.

They started with a modest agenda, looking for the greatest need. They sought to identify older people who felt isolated and would appreciate visits. The rabbi sent a letter to everyone in the congregation 80 or over, and they discovered that Adas is a robust and proud congregation and that very much applies to the many among us who are over 80. We are an accomplished bunch. We achieve a lot in our lifetimes and have a hard time accepting that we need help when we get to a certain age. But the committee, also consisting of accomplished people, was a good match.

Today, the Hesed Project consists of 19 active participants representing all age and interest groups in the congregation. They refer to themselves as "visitors" who cater to 15 to 20 people at any one time who serve as the "hosts." The committee is looking for more hosts to accommodate the growing visitor waiting list. Harriet is co-chair, along with former congregation president Ed Kopf. The relationships they have built help create a *kehilla k'dosha* (sacred community) by enriching visitor and host alike and, by extension, our entire community.

Project members cherish the special relationships they have built that represent a bond with their hosts (and vice versa), which sometimes extends to the hosts' extended family. Two visitors regularly call on a former academic who is legally blind. They began their relationship by reading to the host from his own journals. Now they are reading novels, and the ensuing discussions are vibrant.

One woman who serves as visitor landed at BWI on her way home to Washington. She grabbed a taxi back to the city but was so shaken by her reckless cab driver that she asked to be dropped off at her host's senior residence, rather than go on to her own home. (Remember that Hesed members are all visitors, and the people they call on are the hosts.) The host was so delighted to be able to give comfort to her visitor, rather than the other way around, that she insisted on introducing her visitor to everyone in her senior housing.

The visitors take their hosts to lunch and to medical appointments. They bring their hosts to synagogue, mindful that many of them want a connection with the synagogue but have no way of getting there. Visitors sometimes are able to provide other favors, such as repairing items for hosts. The group is considering expanding its services to help provide meals for those who temporarily unable to prepare food for themselves.

Most visits are one-on-one. Some are a couple of hours a week, some less frequent. Two of the hosts are in nursing homes, five in assisted living, and others still in their own homes but not getting out much anymore.

Twice a year, on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Purim*, the committee members, with help from additional volunteers, prepare gift bags for their hosts and other homebound, elderly, and infirm members of our synagogue community, as well as all new members. This month three volunteer teams will again prepare, package, and deliver more than 200 *shalach manot* baskets, complete with *hamentashen*. Like all

Hesed Project activities, this is a member-to-member effort that creates a strong sense of personal connection for both givers and receivers.

The members of the Hesed Project meet with Rabbi Feinberg about four times a year to study some aspect of *gemilut hasidim* (giving of lovingkindness) and discuss their experiences. Sometimes they invite guest speakers on related issues. They welcome new members, even though there is a waiting list for hosts. We urge you to take another look at the brochure in last month's *Chronicle*; there are never too many people to offer acts of lovingkindness.

For more information on the Hesed Project contact Harriet Isack ([happyisack@gmail.com](mailto:happyisack@gmail.com)), Ed Kopf ([ejkopf@bmcassociates.com](mailto:ejkopf@bmcassociates.com)), or Rabbi Feinberg ([Rabbi.Feinberg@adasisrael.org](mailto:Rabbi.Feinberg@adasisrael.org)). ◉



# Books, Ideas, & More

## Unlikely Heroes: The Monuments Men of World War II

by Robin Jacobson, Director of Library Services

By the time you read this, *The Monuments Men*, with its all-star cast (George Clooney, Matt Damon, Cate Blanchett, John Goodman, Bill Murray, and Hugh Bonneville) will have opened in local theaters. If the film does justice to the brave band of scholar-soldiers who rescued Europe's artistic and architectural masterpieces during World War II, it will be riveting.

*The Monuments Men* is based on Robert Edsel's book of the same title (available in our library) and refers to a small Allied Armies' unit called the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives Section formed in 1943. The Monuments Men were unlikely soldiers; they were an international group of primarily middle-aged men from the arts world—museum curators, artists, architects, archaeologists, and art historians—charged with saving European art and architecture from the ravages of war.

As Edsel recounts, the Monuments Men's initial mission was to protect historic monuments and churches from combat damage. But before long they found themselves on a perilous treasure hunt for artwork (including works by Da Vinci, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, and Vermeer) seized by Hitler's army and hidden in underground mines and remote castles throughout Europe. One of Hitler's war aims was to steal the masterpieces of Western civilization and install them in the magnificent Fuhrer Museum planned for his boyhood home of Linz, Austria. In the last days of the Third Reich, the Monuments Men raced to reach an Alpine salt mine stuffed with looted art before Nazi fanatics, maddened by defeat, could detonate previously planted bombs that would destroy everything.

### The People Behind the Movie Characters

The characters in *The Monuments Men* film are based on real-life heroes, including:

**George Stout** (Frank Stokes, played by George Clooney). Before World War II, George Stout, the man who would lead and mentor the Monuments Men, was head of the conservation department at Harvard's Fogg Art Museum. There, he spearheaded innovations



## Upcoming Events:

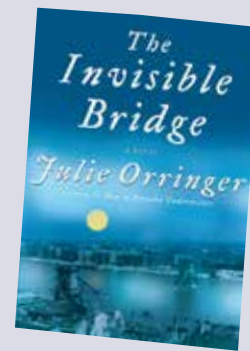
### Next Book Chat:

**Sunday, April 6, 10:30 am.**

Join us to discuss *The Invisible Bridge* by Julie Orringer, a World War II novel set in France and Hungary.

All are welcome! Questions?

Contact Robin Jacobson, [librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org).



in scientific conservation techniques. A World War I veteran, Stout quickly grasped the threat that modern warfare posed to the cultural treasures of Europe. He pushed museum and military authorities to establish an art conservation corps to accompany Allied troops as they advanced across Europe. Following the war, Stout returned to the art museum world, and, in 1955, he became director of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.

**James Rorimer** (James Granger, played by Matt Damon).

Before the war, James Rorimer was a medieval art expert, the Curator of the Cloisters, the medieval collection of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. As a Monuments Man in France, Rorimer investigated the Nazi looting of private collections (mostly Jewish), and with information from French spy Rose Valland (see below), discovered key Nazi stolen art repositories, including the fairytale castle Neuschwanstein. After

the war, Rorimer resumed his career at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, becoming its director in 1955.

**Rose Valland** (Claire Simone, played by Cate Blanchett).

When the Nazis occupied Paris, they repurposed the Jeu de Paume museum into a collection and sorting depot for the spoils of France, including 22,000 works of art confiscated mostly from Jewish collectors. The Nazis allowed Rose Valland, a Frenchwoman employed at the Jeu de Paume, to remain to supervise the maintenance staff. Valland secretly spied on the Nazis (who did not realize she understood German) and passed information to the French resistance. At great risk, she meticulously recorded the art shipments that left the Jeu de Paume for locations within the Reich. James Rorimer (see above) persuaded Valland to entrust him with her records, leading to dramatic recoveries of stolen art. ○



# Ma Tovv

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## Adina Mendelson, of Many Hats!

by Sheryl Stolberg

Adina Mendelson has held many titles within organized Judaism: board member (and former president) of Anne Frank House; co-president (with husband Sandy) of Camp Ramah in Palmer, MA; longtime officer of the Masorti Foundation, to name just a few.

But at Adas Israel, Adina holds another, unofficial, title: trailblazer for women.

The congregation, like many conservatives *shuls*, was just beginning to entertain the notion of egalitarianism when Adina and Sandy, who helped found the *Havurah* service, joined four decades ago. Adina led by quiet example, without making a fuss. She became the first woman at Adas who was not a *bat mitzvah* to read Torah, and the first to carry a Torah on *Simchat Torah* in the main sanctuary.

"I just walked up and took one," she said, "and nobody said anything. You know, you don't have to make a lot of noise—you just have to do things."

Still, she faced some resistance—not from Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz, who was supportive, but from other synagogue elders. After Adina's first Torah reading, in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, one took her aside. "You did an excellent job of reading," she recalls him saying, "but it's women like you who are going to be the downfall of the Jewish people."

Not long ago Adina shared some memories and insights about the congregation she and Sandy have called home for 41 years—a congregation that now includes three generations of Mendelsons. As she said, somewhat wryly, "We joined in 1972, and we have been making trouble ever since."

Theirs is a story that begins not in *shul*, but at camp. They met at Ramah in the summer of 1956 when Sandy gave Adina a job as a waterfront counselor; a year later they were married. By the early 1970s, the Mendelsons were raising a family in Washington, where Sandy's family had strong Adas ties. But the ser-

vice in the main sanctuary—so formal they dubbed it "the cathedral service"—didn't appeal to them.

"We were Ramah people," Adina said. "We were used to doing it ourselves."

Thus the *Havurah* was born. Working with Rabbi Harold White (recently retired from Georgetown University), Adina, Sandy, and a few other couples developed a plan for a service that, she said, "would be one-third t'filah, one-third Torah reading, and one-third *drash*." It would meet every other week, so as not to "absent ourselves from the larger congregation." And they would skip *Musaf*. "We figured that we had enough prayer," Adina said, "and we were really into the study."

Having a separate service was a vaguely radical idea; other *havurot* existed, but typically they stood alone. (The Adas *Havurah* has since become a model for other *shuls*.) The group met in the Adas board room, where the walls were adorned with looming portraits of former synagogue presidents. The group imagined them all registering silent disapproval. "So a friend of ours who was an artist made banners to put over all those faces," Adina said, "and we just made ourselves at home."

From the outset, it was important to Adina that women participate—and that they perform flawlessly. She had grown up in an Orthodox home with parents who "didn't want us to be shamed in front of our family for being know nothings." While pursuing her degree at Barnard College, she attended the Jewish Theological Seminary for two years. Her professional path was that of career counselor, often helping women get back into the workforce. Those interests converged in her work teaching Hebrew and Biblical Hebrew in Adas's adult education programs.

"While I am not a bra-burning feminist, advancing women is very important to me," she said. "But it is also



Adina and Sandy Mendelson, with yet another assortment of hats, celebrating the holiday of Purim at Adas Israel.

important for them to be competent. There is such a thing in Judaism called *kavod hatzibur*—loosely translated as public dignity—often invoked in the debate over gender equality in Judaism. "The honor of the congregation is such that you don't read the Torah unless you do it right."

While Sandy went on to serve as synagogue president, Adina preferred contributing to Jewish life in other ways, through her work with Ramah, Masorti, Anne Frank House, and various educational boards. She also helped found the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.

At Adas, where Adina is a frequent *Haftarah* reader on the High Holy Days, there is no question she helped created a climate in which women cannot only contribute, but can lead. Rabbi Avis Miller joined Adas in 1984, becoming the first woman to serve a major conservative pulpit. Today, Adas has a female rabbi and female cantor. Yet Adina draws comfort from less-noticed changes, as she remembers the words of a friend from *Havurah* who, decades ago, thanked her for reading Torah there.

"She was bringing these two little girls to synagogue, and she said, 'You are going to be the role model for my girls, because they had never heard a woman read before.' And now they all read beautifully."

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—Meredith & Michael Cymerman, 2013  
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In Honor Of: **Rita & Bern Segerman's** 60th anniversary by Sholom & Theda Shefferman, Bernice & Joel Breslau.

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In Memory Of: **John Grad** by Rae Grad.

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In Honor Of: Birth of **Nathaniel Emet Brown** by Glenn & Cindy Easton. Welcoming **Nathaniel Emet Brown** to the congregation by Bruce Ray & April Rubin.

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In Memory Of: **Dan Kaufman** by Stuart Horn & Marian Fox.

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In Memory Of: **Millie Gershowitz, David**

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In Honor Of: **Harriet Bubes's** birthday by Marilyn Glickfield.

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By: Benjamin & Sara Tauber.

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In Honor Of: **Rita & Bern Segerman's** 60th anniversary by Shirley Cohen. Engagement of **Arielle Pascal & Steven Koval** by Norbert & Doris Lustine.

## **Harry & Judie Linowes Youth Endowment Fund**

In Honor Of: **Rita & Bernie Segerman's** 60th anniversary by Harry & Judie Linowes.

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In Honor Of: Birth of **Norah Beatrix Krvaric** by Ron Schwarz & Marcy Feuerstein. **Janet Kolodner** on her special birthday by Mileve Phillips & Miriam Rosenthal.

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## New Friday Night Siddur from the Rabbinical Assembly

The Rabbinical Assembly recently introduced *First Fruits:*

*Erev Shabbat*, a preliminary edition of *Siddur Lev Shalem*

for *Shabbat & Festivals*, which is now in circulation in vari-

ous synagogues and Jewish communities around the

United States. Those of you who have participated in our

various Friday night services at Adas over the last few

months have likely had the opportunity to use these

new *siddurim* for yourselves, and we're interested in your

feedback; please e-mail the clergy with your thoughts, [Rabbi.Steinlauf@adasisrael.org](mailto:Rabbi.Steinlauf@adasisrael.org),

[Rabbi.Feinberg@adasisrael.org](mailto:Rabbi.Feinberg@adasisrael.org), or [Rabbi.Holtzblatt@adasisrael.org](mailto:Rabbi.Holtzblatt@adasisrael.org). Your responses will

have a direct impact on future updates, edits, and changes to the structure of the new

conservative *siddur*.

*Siddur Lev Shalem* follows on the heels of *Mahzor Lev Shalem*. Like the *Mahzor*,

it includes a new translation in contemporary language, a commentary providing

historical context and conveying the spiritual meaning of the text and *kavanot*, and

poetry and prose enlarging our relation to the text.

As a Rabbinical Assembly member remarked, "*Mahzor Lev Shalem* stretches us in

two directions: it is both more traditional and more contemporary than any previous

Conservative *mahzor*." The new *siddur* continues with this approach: we've looked at

each service, thinking through how it was put together, how the tradition around it

developed, what customs were dropped that can be reincorporated, and what con-

temporary ideas can respond to the text.





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for those in need!

## Tikkun Olam

### Anne Frank House Update

Anne Frank House and its residents have  
much to be grateful for, particularly for the  
continuing support and generosity of Adas  
Israel congregants. We want to thank these

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housing for one of our 11  
residents.

Anne Frank House  
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