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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

THE MAGICAL INGREDIENT

For centuries, people have wondered, "What is the magical ingredient that has allowed the Jews to survive in the world?" Some have wondered if it was the very fact of persecution that kept us together. Some have concluded that we're still here in the world just because of luck. While both these factors certainly have played a role in our continued existence, I believe another factor has kept us alive: study. The great crown jewel in Jewish identity is our undying emphasis on learning and study of Torah, of learning about why we're here, about our purpose in the world. Our tradition of study has enabled us to think, always to see options, to compromise, always to find new ways of being and living and surviving in the world. The greatest call to each of us from our tradition is the call to continue to learn and to study all the days of

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Shabbat Scholar Series at Adas Israel

A three-part scholar series at Adas Israel, presented by the Lifelong Learning Committee, will be offered this year. Throughout the year, scholars from around the Jewish and scholarly worlds will participate in informative post-*kiddush* lectures in the Biran *Beit Midrash*. The first program will take place Saturday, November 8, 1:15–2:45 pm (after *Kiddush*) with Rabbi Reuven Hammer. This series, generously underwritten by the Mendelson Family Learning Fund, will enable the congregation to continue learning from the leading scholars in the Jewish community during a full year of formal and informal lectures and discussions.

Rabbi Reuven Hammer,
November 8, 1:15–2:45 pm

Rabbi Reuven Hammer, who served as the president of the International Rabbinical Assembly, the worldwide organization of Conservative Rabbis, from 2002 to 2004, was the first resident of Israel to be elected to that position. He was born in Syracuse, NY, and received his rabbinic ordination and doctorate in theology from the Jewish Theological Seminary. He also earned a PhD in special education from Northwestern University.



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Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah

Sukkot begins on the 15th day of the month of *Tishrei* (**Erev Sukkot** is on Wednesday evening, October 8) and continues for seven days. It is known by several names, none more descriptive than **Z'man Simchataynu**, Day of Our Rejoicing. **Hag HaSukkot**, the Feast of Tabernacles, reminds us of the huts (*sukkot*) in which our ancestors dwelt in the desert for 40 years on their way to the Promised Land. Another name for *Sukkot*, **Hag He'asif**, the Feast of the Ingathering, stresses that this is a harvest holiday, falling at a time when crops were gathered. It is one of the three harvest festivals in the Jewish year known as the



Shalosh Regalim, the three pilgrimage festivals (the other two are *Pesach* and *Shavuot*).

The *lulav*, a palm branch composed of three myrtle twigs and two willow branches, and the *etrog*, a large citron resembling a

lemon, both symbols of the harvest season, are used in keeping with the biblical commandment (*Leviticus* 23:40), "You shall take the fruit of the pleasant trees, palm branches, thick leafy boughs, and willows of the brook, and you shall

rejoice..." Because the *brachot* (blessings) for the *lulav* and the *etrog* are recited on six of the

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Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

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our lives.

The truth is, there is so much to learn in Judaism, and it can be overwhelming. In fact, there is more to study and discover than can be achieved in a lifetime. We are talking literally about 3,000 years of collected wisdom and material. We all know that the Torah is where it all starts. But that's just the beginning. The Torah leads to the rest of the Bible. In addition to all of this material, there is what we call "the Oral Torah," or the laws and teachings and stories (known as *Midrash*) that were handed down for generations in the ancient world; teachings that were codified 2,000 years ago into the multivolume tome known as the *Mishnah*. But even the *Mishnah* is only a tiny fraction of the story. There were many more teachings, as well as unanswered questions that needed to be addressed, and as the rabbis of late antiquity pondered these texts and questions, eventually another epic tome, the *Talmud* took shape. And all of these materials, the Torah, the Bible, *Midrash*, *Mishnah*, *Talmud* together, form only the basis, the foundation of Judaism. Throughout the Medieval period, there was an explosion of commentaries and teachings and philosophies and codification of laws, everything from the works of the great commentator Rashi, to the renowned philosopher and codifier Moses Maimonides in works like the *Guide for the Perplexed* and the *Mishneh Torah*.

And throughout these developments, we can also see a more and more sophisticated understanding of God—who God is, and what the concept of God means—throughout our literature. We begin with a God as a Creator/Warrior/Parent/King in the Torah, and as we move through the generations and literatures, we

begin to discover more and more subtle ways of understanding Divinity and the Source of all Being in the mystical works of Kabbalah like the Zohar and later writings from the rabbis of Safed, Israel, in the 16th century. And works of great Jewish thinkers and teachers continue to develop right into our modern period.

The existence of these texts, and our constant drive to study and learn from them, has nourished our souls and minds. Through our study, we have constantly been able to reinvent ourselves, finding meaning and relevance and ways to impart the tradition from generation to generation. Our greatest challenge as a Jewish community here at Adas Israel is to continue this vital tradition of study. It begins with our children in the Gan and in religious school. It continues with our teenagers in our Ma'alot Hebrew High School. And it falls on us as adults to live Jewish lives of constant learning and study.

If we want Judaism to feel relevant and meaningful, the greatest way to begin is to come and learn. If we want the next generation to value Judaism, then we as adults must model that learning and passion for study for them. We are so excited to roll out an incredible array of learning opportunities at Adas this fall. There are the innovative and horizon-broadening programs of *MakomDC* in the Biran *Beit Midrash*, the offerings of the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington, the Downtown Study Group, and many more. I am personally excited to be teaching a class, called "How to *Daven* and Have It Be Meaningful," as well as another installment of my workshop, called Making Torah Personal, where we encounter texts of the Torah and use them as a kind of psychological mirror into our own lives. In addition to the Adas offerings, there is a wonderful array of classes offered through the Jewish Studies Center, the DCJCC, and elsewhere. Take advantage of these offerings. Not only can we all learn a lot, but equally important, it is through these classes and programs that we are committed to helping you build community and connection to our synagogue and beyond.

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Two Special Sukkot Shabbat Events at Adas on October 10

Join us for the New Member Oneg!
Sunday, October 10 @ 5:30 pm

We are very excited to have welcomed many new families to Adas Israel over the summer. Please join us for a relaxed *oneg* and «meet & greet» with the Adas Israel clergy, lay leaders, and community members in the *AdasSukkah*! Longstanding members of the community are also encouraged to attend to welcome our new friends to Adas Israel! After, we invite everyone to join us for *Kabbalat Shabbat* services followed by a dessert reception in the *Sukkah*.



TEM Sukkot Shabbat Service & Dinner in the Sukkah

Friday, October 10 at 6:40 pm

Please join with the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan for a *Shabbat Sukkot* service and dinner on Friday, October 10.

The *Shabbat* evening service will be at 6:30 in the Gewirz Beit Am, followed by the annual TEM dinner in the *Sukkah* at 7:30. This popular dinner in

the *Sukkah* will fill up, so register today!

Please RSVP at www.adasisrael.org no later than Wednesday, October 1.

From the President



Arnie Podgorsky

With Ahavat Yisrael

A cease fire is in place (writing at the end of August), but no war was won. Thousands of lives were lost and for what? Of course, Hamas started the war. But, still, can Israel not do better?

Israel and its adversaries have been at near constant war since 1948. Early wars were between Israel and nation-states with conventional forces. Adversaries and targets were clearly defined, the conflicts brief, and the results unambiguous. After four wars, the Arab countries realized that Israel could not be defeated militarily.

In their place have arisen informal organizations driven by religious ideology and lacking governance responsibilities—Hamas and Hezbollah. In the face of their violence, Israel's reliance on overwhelming force, however necessary to defend, has failed to pave a road to peace.

Many of us are hawks, feeling that the outright refusal of many Palestinians to countenance even the existence of Israel so slams the door on peace that powerful military force is the sole response. Many of us disagree, feeling that, regardless of provocation, bombs cannot bring peace. Across the spectrum of views, can any of us be comfortable? Sure, Torah teaches us to be strong, but it also teaches us to be holy and pursue the ways of peace. Besides, military advantage can dissipate. No army, no defense technology, is forever invincible.

Worse, each war makes peace more elusive. Responding

to increasingly sophisticated Hamas rockets, Israel does what it must. Outgunned, Hamas fights for public opinion, locating rocket launchers and civilians together to maximize the death count. Despite Israel's military prowess, the carnage diminishes respect for Israel, feeds anti-Semitic myths, and nurtures more extremists. Consider the rage of families and friends of the dead.

Israel's blockade leaves the economy of densely populated Gaza in shambles. The unemployment rate is some 50%. Restrictions on travel, imports and exports, fishing rights, and banking steadily diminish the quality of life. In the face of utter hopelessness, arguments that Israel does not occupy Gaza ring somehow technical and hollow. Arguments that more have perished in Syria or Iraq ring cold. Every life is God's creation.

Israel suffers, too. Historic Zionists envisioned a peaceful Jewish homeland, not this. Constant war has changed Israel's political contours. Israel's own extremists influence the current coalition government and are uncommitted to peace. Benjamin Netanyahu's vaunted strength is derived much from his weakness, for he has become a prisoner of a Tea Party-like cohort that ties his hands and limits the concessions he can offer.

As the nation-state in the conflict, it falls to Israel to find higher ground and break the stalemate. It falls to Netanyahu to take a strong stand for peace, better lives for Gazans, and enhanced security for Israel—a stand better reflecting Torah.

Netanyahu should unilaterally propose a resolution package that goes far beyond the cease fire terms. It should include:

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Simchat Torah Honorees, 5775

Simchat Torah is one of the most joyous days of the Hebrew calendar. On this day, the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah is begun again. Each year, several congregants who have served with unusual dedication are selected to receive special honors on *Simchat Torah*. For each of them, Adas Israel is deeply entwined with their lives and those of their families. Please join us on the morning of *Simchat Torah* on October 17 when we will honor this year's worthy honorees.



Julia Gordon

Julia Gordon is the director of housing policy at the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank in DC, where she advocates before Congress and regulators for affordable housing and consumer protection issues, including equitable access to mortgage credit and effective foreclosure prevention.

An active *leyner*, service leader, and participant in the Adas Israel Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* since 1995, Julia currently serves on the Adas Religious Practices Committee and Music Committee, and she co-chairs the Kol HaOlam National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Championship. She was previously a member of the Adas board, and she has helped to organize TEM High Holy Day services for almost two decades.

Born in Philadelphia, Julia attended the Solomon Schechter Day School (now known as the Perelman Jewish Day School) and Har Zion Temple, where she served as president of the

USY chapter and was recognized during her senior year in high school for her outstanding contribution to synagogue life. She frequently led services at the Harvard Hillel egalitarian minyan during college and law school.

Julia is married to Geoffrey Berman, an IT systems administrator at the Pentagon, accomplished barbershop singer, and the other Kol HaOlam co-chair. Their daughter Rochelle is in fifth grade at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, sings with the Adas Israel Flash Choir and Kolot, and loves to lead prayers in all Adas services. When not at synagogue or work, Julia, Geoff, and Rochelle can be found hosting concerts in their living room, attending Rochelle's many dance and musical theater performances, and playing with their guinea pigs.



Jennie Litvack

Jennie Litvack was born and raised in Montreal, Canada, where her parents were active in the Jewish community. She attended public high school in an area reputed to have the highest concentration of Jews outside of Tel Aviv, graduating with a class that was 98% Jewish. Eager to experience the world, she came to America for college, earning her BA from Duke University and then her master's and doctorate degrees from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. She married Rob Satloff in 1990, and they spent a year-long "honeymoon in Cameroon" doing her

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



The Sukkah: How and Why

For 40 years, as our ancestors traversed the Sinai desert before they entered the Holy Land, miraculous "clouds of glory" surrounded and hovered over them, shielding them from the dangers and discomforts of the desert. In the words of the verse (*Leviticus* 23:42–43), "For a seven-day period you shall live in booths. Every resident among the Israelites shall live in booths, in order that your [ensuing] generations should know that I had the children of Israel live in booths when I took them out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord, your God."

Ever since, we remember God's kindness, and reaffirm our trust in the universe, by "dwelling" in a *sukkah* for the duration of the *Sukkot* festival, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of *Tishrei* (in Israel, through the 21st only).

A *sukkah* is essentially an outdoor hut that is covered with vegetation, known as *sechach*.

Where Do I Build My Sukkah?

Construct your *sukkah* outdoors, ideally in a spot that's most accessible from your residence. Popular *sukkah* locations include porches, backyards, courtyards, lawns, balconies, and rooftops—basically, any location under the open sky.

An important requirement is that there should be nothing between your *sukkah* and the open sky. So make sure that there are no trees, canopies, or roofs of any sort overhanging the structure.

Walls of the Sukkah

A *sukkah* must have at least two walls, and a partial third wall. If you don't have enough material to build all the walls, you can use the wall of an already existing structure such as a house to complete one side of the *sukkah*. Any material can be used to make the walls. The only requirement is that the material is strong

Simchat Torah @ Adas The Biggest Torah Party of 5775! Thursday, Oct. 16 @ 6:30pm

Featuring **Sruli and Lisa** to lead us in festive song & dance!

On *Simchat Torah*, the Torah scrolls wish to dance, so we become their feet! Multi-instrumentalists and vocalists **Sruli and Lisa** play the clarinet, violin, accordion, bass recorder, cello, and drum, and perform and teach Klezmer and Hasidic music and dance all over the country.

Join the Adas Israel community for an ecstatic, musical community celebration on the most joyous holiday of our holy calendar! There will also be a joyous *Simchat Torah* service with the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan, without instruments, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!



enough to withstand a normal gust of wind and prevent a candle from being blown out. If you use cloth for the walls, tie it down so that it doesn't flap in the wind.

Size of the Sukkah

Traditionally each wall of your *sukkah* should be at least three feet tall. As a whole the *sukkah* should be at least 26 inches long and 26 inches wide, with room enough to accommodate a table where people can comfortably eat a meal. The walls of a *sukkah* cannot be more than 30 feet tall because the ancient rabbis felt that if a *sukkah* became too big, people might forget the purpose of the structure and view it as a regular building instead.

Roof of the Sukkah

The roof of your *sukkah* should be made of natural materials that grow in the ground and have been detached from it. Examples include straw, cornstalks, tree branches, and bamboo reeds. Narrow beams of wood are also permissible as long as they are no wider than 16 inches. Whatever materials you choose, they should not have been treated in any way (e.g., you can't paint them with a waterproofing solution). They also can't be attached to your *sukkah* with metal or leather.

When building the covering for your *sukkah*, be sure to space your materials evenly and check that there are no gaps wider than 11.5 inches between each piece. The finished roof should provide shade from the sun but allow you to see the stars at night. Rain should be able to come through the covering as well.

Decorating Your Sukkah

Decorating a *sukkah* is one of the most-anticipated *Sukkot* activities. Children especially like to help and, at synagogues, where

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nine days (not *Shabbat*) of this festival period, and because these harvest symbols do so much to enhance the home, many families purchase them for home use.

Attached to *Sukkot* is an eighth day known as **Shemini Atzeret**, which is a separate *yom tov*. Not technically part of *Sukkot*, *Shemini Atzeret* is punctuated by two special prayers. The first is **geshem**, the prayer for rain, in which the Jewish people prays for a sufficient rainfall in *Eretz Yisrael* to make the land fruitful and the crops plentiful. This is especially meaningful since Israel has suffered years of drought. The other prayer is **Yizkor**, the memorial prayer for those we have lost, which is also recited on *Yom Kippur*, the eighth day of *Pesach*, and the second day of *Shavuot*.

The final day of this holiday season, **Simchat Torah** (which in Israel is the same day as *Shemini Atzeret*), celebrates the Festival of Rejoicing in the Torah, at which time we give thanks for the Torah by parading the scrolls around the synagogue in a joyous ceremony known as seven **hakafot**, in which men, women, and children of all ages participate. It is on this day that we complete the annual reading of the Torah and begin again with the first words of *Bereshit* (Genesis).

Simchat Torah begins this year on Thursday evening, October 16. Celebration of *Simchat Torah* at Adas Israel will begin at 6:00 pm with *Mincha*, followed by *Maariv* and *Hakafot* at 6:30 pm.

The celebration continues on Friday morning, October 17, at 9:15 am, at which time we will recognize our *Simchat Torah* honorees, Julia Gordon, Jennie Litvack, and Rae Grad. Please come to honor them and the Torah. ○

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communal *sukkot* are usually built, children from the religious school will often make decorations. Examples of *sukkah* decorations include drawings, colorful paper chains, wind chimes, and streamers. Many people also like to use plastic fruit or colorful plastic leaves to decorate their *sukkot*. When possible, save your decorations and use them every year.

If you can accomplish this *mitzvah*, you will probably find great joy in it. Start building as soon after *Yom Kippur* as possible. One of the good things about a *sukkah* is that you should build your own. Even if you buy the "prefab variety," you should erect it yourself. Most of us live in houses or apartments built by others and eat bread baked by professionals. Like *challah*-baking, *sukkah*-building gives us the chance to enjoy the fruits of our own labor. And it is a great joy to sit back in the *sukkah* with friends and family and reflect on the fragility of all things considered "permanent" in this world. In this natural environment, we rediscover what is truly important in life, and, ultimately, we surrender to a much higher calling than our earthly possessions. Our willingness to leave the security of our homes and spend eight days in a flimsy outdoor hut demonstrates our faith in God and in our traditions. May it be a joyous season for you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy the fruits and warmth of the *sukkah* experience this holiday season. ○

Community-Wide Sukkah Building and Decorating Sunday, October 5



We have so many community events already planned to take place in the *sukkah*: the Gan "snack in the shack," Religious School *Shacharit* Live, New Member *Oneg*, Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* dinner, *Kiddush* in the *Sukkah*, etc. Now we need a community to help build and decorate the famous Adas Israel *sukkah* on the Connecticut Avenue patio.

Please join us in this *mitzvah* on Sunday, October 5, we will be there from 9am-2pm building and decorating and invite you to volunteer at any point during this time.

All ages are welcome to help with the different projects, including building the *sukkah*, making paper chains, stringing fruit, and decorating. And since you might still be hungry after fasting the day before, breakfast will be provided.

For more information or to sign up, please contact director of membership engagement Marcy Spiro, 202-362-4433, ext. 113, or marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org.





Sukkot / Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah Full Service Schedule 2014 / 5775

Eve 1, Erev Sukkot, Wednesday, Oct. 8

7:30 am Morning Minyan
6:00 pm Evening Minyan
6:30 pm Kiddush in the Sukkah

Day 1, Thursday, Oct. 9

9:15 am Combined Morning Service
6:00 pm Evening Minyan
6:30 pm Kiddush in the Sukkah

Day 2, Friday, Oct. 10

9:15 am Combined Morning Service
12:00 pm Kiddush in the Sukkah
5:30 pm New Member Oneg in the Sukkah
6:00 pm Lay-Led Shabbat Service; followed
by Sukkot Dinner

Day 3, Saturday, Oct. 11

9:15 am Shabbat Morning Service
9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan
11:00 am Tot Shabbat
11:00 am Netivot
6:00 am Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services

Day 4, Sunday, Oct. 12

9:00 am Morning Minyan / Chol HaMoed
Sukkot
6:00 am Evening Minyan

Day 5, Monday, Oct. 13

9:00 am Morning Minyan / Chol HaMoed
Sukkot
6:00 am Evening Minyan

Day 6, Tuesday, Oct. 14

9:00 am Morning Minyan / Chol HaMoed
Sukkot
6:00 pm Evening Minyan

Day 7, Erev Shemini Atzeret, Wednesday, Oct. 15

9:00 am Morning Minyan / Hoshana Rabba
Service
6:00 pm Evening Minyan

Day 8, Erev Simchat Torah, Thursday, Oct. 16

9:15 am Combined Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor
Service
6:00 pm Mincha
6:30 pm Musical Erev Simchat Torah with
Sruli & Lisa
7:00 pm TEM Erev Simchat Torah Service
8:00 pm Erev Simchat Torah Reception

Experience **MakomDC**:

A Preview of the 2014/15 Season in the Adas Israel Biran Beit Midrash



Our Avraham Biran *Beit Midrash* (House of Conversation), at the heart of our renewed synagogue, features monthly thematic programming for the entire community, welcoming innovators and innovative ideas in 21st-century Jewish life.

Each month, *MakomDC* features a keynote presenter who will kick off the month with engaging sessions that explore our monthly theme in depth. The rest of the month will feature programs on the month's key topics for every community within our congregation. Visit our new, interactive website (adasisrael.org/makomdc) to learn more and take an exciting look at each month's themes and presenters below.



November: Mindfulness

Featuring Rabbi James Maisels-Jacobson,

All Weekend, Nov. 14–15

November @ *MakomDC* is all about mindfulness. Brought to you by the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington, *MakomDC* offers programs and workshops to help deepen our experience of the spiritual, and create connections to foster a vibrant, diverse community.

Experience Jewish meditation, yoga, mindful learning, and spirited *Shabbat* and holiday programs . . . all within a uniquely Jewish context.



December: Innovation

Featuring Rabbi Aaron Alexander, Tues, Dec. 9, 7:30 pm

At the giving of the Torah at Sinai, we entered into a relationship with Jewish law and Jewish living. How do we continue to honor that sacred relationship, while growing outward with our ever-changing and evolving world? December @ *MakomDC* is all about unraveling the connections between tradition and innovation.



January: Music

Featuring Dale Schatz,

All Weekend: January 30–31

Music is the language that binds us, that calls to us, that elevates us, and brings us all together. This year for *Shabbat Shira*, the congregation is very excited to welcome Dale Schatz, a wonderfully talented Jewish musician! Celebrate the entire weekend of *Shabbat Shira* (the Sabbath of Song), when we commemorate singing of

the Song of Songs after the splitting of the Red Sea and mark the entire weekend with music and joy!



February: Ritual

Featuring Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 pm

February @ *MakomDC* allows us reflect on what it really means to assimilate or radicalize our ancient rituals into our modern lives. Jewish tradition will encourage you to connect each moment, each activity, each transition with a ritual. How do we do that in 2015 with an iPhone

buzzing in our pockets a hundred times a day? Ask the Rabbi.

March: Israel

Featuring Rabbi David Rosenn Tuesday, March 10, 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. The early Zionists attempted to establish a better, wiser, more humane, and more moral state in the Holy Land. Explore the many facets, both cultural and spiritual, of

the Jewish experience of having the modern state of Israel in our ancient land of prophecy.



April: Food

Featuring Naftali & Anna Hanau (Grow & Behold)

Sunday, April 26, 10 am–1 pm

Judaism acknowledges almost every major holiday with a festive feast. We go out of our way to make blessings before and after consuming any food or drink, and we've developed an architectural code of eating in holiness that we all know as *kashrut*. So what's all that about? April @ *MakomDC* is all

about cooking, eating, loving our bodies, loving our flavors, and exploring what it means to be truly grateful for and connected to this most basic human activity. ○

October Office Closings

Kol Nidre, Friday, Oct. 3: Schools/Offices Close at Noon

Yom Kippur, Saturday, Oct. 4: Schools/Offices Closed

Erev Sukkot, Wednesday, Oct. 8:

Schools/Offices Close at 3:30 pm

Sukkot Days 1 & 2, Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 9 & 10:

Schools/Offices Closed

Erev Shemini Atzeret, Wednesday, Oct. 15:

Schools/Offices Close at 3:30 pm

Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor, Thursday, Oct. 16:

Schools/Offices Closed

Simchat Torah, Friday, Oct. 17: Schools/Offices Closed

Life Cycle

B'nai Mitzvah



Joe Goldberg, October 18

Joe, the son of Laurie Strongin and Allen Goldberg, is a seventh grader at Rose L. Hardy Middle School. An avid photographer who loves to travel, play basketball and cheer on the Washington Capitals, Joe has chosen for his *mitzvah* project to support Hope for Henry Foundation in memory of his oldest brother, Henry

Strongin Goldberg. Joe began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled. He shares his *simcha* with his brother Jack and other family members and friends.

Gabriel Saul Wittes, October 18

Gabriel, son of Benjamin and Tamara Wittes, is an eighth grader at Edmund Burke School in the District. He began his Jewish education at the DC Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Primary Day School. For his *mitzvah* project, Gabriel is volunteering with the Washington Animal Rescue League, helping cats and dogs get healthy, happy, and ready for adoption. He also teaches Tae Kwon Do at Yong Studios.



Adam Crausman, October 25

Adam, the son of Ginger Moss and Jamie Crausman, is a seventh grader at E.L. Haynes Public Charter School in DC. He began his Jewish education at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School, and is currently in the Ma'alot Program. Adam enjoys Anime, designing (and playing) video games, and singing in choirs. He

is looking forward to celebrating his *bar mitzvah* with his sister Julia, grandparents Joel and Sandra Crausman and Virginia and Sedgwick Moss, and other family and friends. For his *mitzvah* project, Adam is raising money and collecting items to donate to the Lone Soldier Project, which provides support for Israeli soldiers who don't have families in Israel.



Anna Leder, November 1

Annie is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She started her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and has been attending the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since kindergarten. She celebrates her *bat mitzvah* with her mother, grandparents, and the rest of her extended family. For her *mitzvah* project, Annie is organizing a fundraiser for Pets for Vets, an organization that rescues, trains, and pairs shelter pets with America's veterans who can benefit from a companion animal.



Aaron Knishkowsky, November 1

Aaron, the son of Jeff Knishkowsky and Patti Lieberman, is a seventh grader at Westland Middle School. He started his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, is a graduate of the Jewish Primary Day School, and now attends the Ma'alot program at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He shares his *simcha* with his younger

brother, Noah, grandparents David and Rene Lieberman and Mitzi Knishkowsky, and family and friends. At this special time he remembers with love his grandfather, Emanuel Knishkowsky, z"l.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Paul Boymel, mother of Marsha Boymel
Maurice Friedberg, father of Edna and Rachel Friedberg
Joseph Herson, husband of Sonia Herson
Lillian Kramer, mother of Susan Beram and Richard Kramer

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Stanley Belkin, brother of Leonard Belkin
Bernice Cohen, mother of Susan Lubick
Sarah Hadad, mother of Leah Hadad
Albert Herzberg, father of Benjamin Herzberg
Gertrude Jorisch, mother of Paula Jorisch
Jack Rabinowitz, brother of Judith Rabinowitz

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.

Adas Israel Community Mikvah



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

planet and to the sources of life. People visit our *mikvah* to observe the *mitzvah* of monthly immersion; to celebrate *s'machot*; to find strength during a difficult time; to pray for healing; to reflect on the meaning of becoming a bride, groom, or *bar* or *bat mitzvah*; to convert to Judaism; and to prepare physically and spiritually for *chagim*. To learn more about our *mikvah* or to schedule an appointment, contact Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776 or mikvah@adasisrael.org. For more information, visit adasisrael.org/mikvah. ◉

field work. She then began a fascinating career as an economist at the World Bank, which included stints working in Russia, Vietnam, and Latin America. Shortly after 9/11, she moved with her young family to Rabat, Morocco, as the Bank's lead economist. It was there, in the absence of almost any other Jews, that she developed a profound appreciation for Jewish community, something she had taken for granted growing up in Montreal.

Jennie and Rob joined Adas Israel in 1998 and have become increasingly involved in congregational life since returning from Morocco. Their three boys, Benji (17), William (14), and David (nearly 7) are proud graduates of the Gan and current students at the religious school, and Rob recently led the search committee for the congregation's new executive director. Jennie has served on the religious school committee for many years and is now a member of the Board of Directors.

In late 2011, Jennie realized that juggling an intense job and three kids may be tough but manageable logistically, but not spiritually. She retired early from the Bank (though she continues to do short-term consulting) to slow down a bit and appreciate the gift of each moment. In early 2012, inspired by Rabbi Steinlauf's vision, she began leading a task force of devoted lay leaders to create the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington (JMCW) at Adas. Two years on, she is especially proud of how JMCW has helped to make synagogue life more meaningful for many Adas members, attracted new members to the synagogue, and enabled unaffiliated Jews in the DC area find a meaningful Jewish practice and community.

Above all, Jennie's most profound passion is blowing the *shofar*. A lifelong trumpet player, she came across a particularly magical *shofar* in the souk of the Old City of Jerusalem six years ago and found her spiritual calling. She blows *shofar* at Adas throughout the High Holy Days and spends the month of *Elul* visiting infirm and elderly people throughout the area who cannot make it to *shul* but want to fulfill the *mitzvah* of hearing *shofar*. She was featured on NPR (*All Things Considered*) a few years ago and teaches a class in spiritual *shofar* blowing at Adas each year. Jennie is currently engrossed in an intensive, two-year program of Jewish learning as part of the Wexner Heritage Program. She is the chairperson of the Advisory Board for the Weist Fund

for Oncology Wellness Programming at Sibley Hospital, a substantial endowment established by her late friend Dana Weist. Finally, she is an active member of the Alumni Board of Directors for the Duke University Marching and Pep Bands.



Rae Grad

Rae Grad was born in a small farm community in southeastern Pennsylvania where her father was a family doctor and her mother was a psychologist. She was the middle child with an older sister and younger brother, and the majority of her free time was spent at the local synagogue, the mecca for the small local Jewish population. She was among the first in her congregation to have a *bat mitzvah* (on a Friday night, of course) and was active in Young Judea, BBG, and the local Israeli dancing group. She went to a summer JWB camp in the Poconos, *davening* in the outdoors accompanied by many guitars.

Rae is currently the federal lobbyist for the University of Maryland. She began her career as a labor and delivery nurse, spending much of her time doing advocacy at the state and federal levels for maternal and child health. At one point, she ran a congressional commission to promote the health of babies, which led to a stint working for General Colin Powell in his efforts to rally communities around child health and welfare.

Rae and her late husband raised their three children in Alexandria, VA. Arlen, a JSSA hospice social worker in Rockville, MD; Rebecca, a cantorial soloist with Temple Isaiah in Fulton, MD; and Aaron, a composer and musician in Seattle, WA. She also has three grandchildren: Jaden, Casey, and Hershel.

She joined Adas about 12 years ago and has enjoyed meeting many wonderful new people including her significant other, Manny Schiffres. They live in Cleveland Park. Rae currently chairs the Adas Musical Moments Committee, and is a member of the Adas Flash Choirs, and a participant in the Downtown Torah Study Group, the Chesed Committee, and the Martin Luther King Weekend committee.

Rae sings in Zemer Chai and loves everything that has to do with Jewish music. ○

Kol HaMayim

Mikvah Guide Training, Tuesday, Oct 21, 7:00–8:30 pm

Mikvah guides support people through profound moments of personal and spiritual transitions 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 looking to train a third 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 include 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 21 and ongoing informal training based on your schedule. For questions or more information, or to express interest even if you can't come on October 21, please contact Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776 or Mikvah@adasisrael.org. —Naomi Malka ○

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Tishrei–Cheshvan 5775

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).

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5 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Community Sukkah Building & Decorating 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 11 Tishrei	6 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 12 Tishrei	7 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Morning Awakening with Rabbi Lauren 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:00 pm Conversion Course 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session 13 Tishrei	8 Erev Sukkot 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan; Erev Sukkot 6:30 pm Kiddush in the Sukkah 14 Tishrei	9 SUKKOT, Day 1 9:15 am Combined Smith/TEM Sukkot Service: D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Kiddush in the Sukkah 15 Tishrei	10 SUKKOT, Day 2 9:15 am Combined Smith/TEM Sukkot Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Feinberg 12:00 pm Kiddush in the Sukkah 5:30 pm New Member Oneg in the Sukkah 6:00 pm Traditional Lay-Led Shabbat Service; followed by Sukkot Dinner 16 Tishrei	11 PARSHAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT 9:15 am Shabbat Morning Service–Baby Shabbat/Shabbat Tinok; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 7:19 pm Havdalah 17 Tishrei
12 Chol HaMoed Sukkot 9:00 am Morning Minyan/Chol HaMoed Sukkot 10:00 am JMCW Yoga Stretch 11:00 am JMCW Mindful Yoga 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 18 Tishrei	13 Chol HaMoed Sukkot 7:15 am Morning Minyan/Chol HaMoed Sukkot 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 19 Tishrei	14 Chol HaMoed Sukkot 7:15 am Morning Minyan/Chol HaMoed Sukkot 9:00 am Morning Awakening with Rabbi Lauren 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 6:30 pm Anne Frank House Board Meeting 7:00 pm Conversion Course 7:00 pm Bereavement Support Group 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session 20 Tishrei	15 Hoshana Rabba 7:15 am Morning Minyan/Hoshana Rabba Service 6:00 pm Evening Minyan Erev Shemini Atzeret 21 Tishrei	16 Shemini Atzeret 9:15 am Combined Smith/TEM Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Holtzblatt 6:00 pm Mincha 6:30 pm Erev Simchat Torah Maariv & Hakafot 7:00 pm TEM Erev Simchat Torah Service 8:00 pm Erev Simchat Torah Reception 22 Tishrei	17 Simchat Torah 9:15 am Combined Service 12:00 pm Simchat Torah Kiddush 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat; D'var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf 23 Tishrei	18 PARSHAT BERESHIT 8:00 am Boker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service; Bar Mitzvah: Joe Goldberg; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan with Rabbi Feinberg; Bar Mitzvah: Gabriel Wittes 9:45 am Havurah Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Ken Heitner 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 24 Tishrei 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 12:30 pm Havurah Shabbat Kiddush 12:30 pm Parshat Hashavua (Ma'alot) 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 7:08 pm Havdalah
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Sisterhood

Membership Drive

By now you have received the packet containing our membership brochure for 5775. Remember, the **\$36 dues** are payable annually. As the brochure explains, Sisterhood does so much good with the funds you provide, including an annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon for all Adas Israel employees, a sizable donation to the Senior Lunch program, and significant programming for members. We hope you will become active in Sisterhood, but if you cannot, please join or renew your membership to help us further our mission here at the synagogue. There are two ways to do it:

- Online by visiting our Sisterhood webpage at www.adasisrael.org. Click on *life@adas*, then *Sisterhood*. There you may either (a) pay your dues by major credit card or (b) inform the synagogue that you wish to be billed for your Sisterhood dues through your Adas account.
- Complete the form in the brochure (or just write your name and contact information on a slip of paper) and mail it with your check, payable to *Adas Israel Sisterhood*, to **Dava Berkman**, Sisterhood Treasurer, 2475 Virginia Ave. NW, #803, Washington, DC 20037.

Torah Fund Campaign for 5775 Has Begun



Our membership mailing included particulars about this effort, which is vital to the future of Conservative Judaism. Included was an envelope you can use to send in your donation. To reach our goal of \$12,000 it is critical that everyone reading this message contribute at least \$18. Those donating \$36 or more will be invited to a Women's League luncheon for donors on March 15. Those donating

\$180 or more will receive the beautiful pin pictured here by way of acknowledgment. Give what you can. Can't find the envelope? Send your donation with a note to Torah Fund Chair **Gerry Lezell**, 5800 Magic Mountain Dr., North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Activities

We opened the program year September 14 with "A Taste of Honey—and Wine," a social gathering that featured a variety of Israeli wines (tastings just in time for the High Holy Days), coupled with savory snacks, delicious fruit, and sweets. A good time was had by all. Thanks

go to **Tzipy Fromberg** and **Lucy Hassell** who organized the



event and to the many sisters who volunteered as wine stewards and hostesses. The event included a short general meeting covering business matters and upcoming events. The first **Book Chat** of the year, co-sponsored by Sisterhood, also took place that day, featuring Matti Friedman's *The Aleppo Codex*. On September 16, **Taste of Tanach** text study with Rabbi Steinlauf resumed in the Biran *Beit Midrash*. The remaining sessions this calendar year are November 18 and December 16. **Sukkot**: On October 5, Sisterhood joins other congregants in building and decorating the deservedly famous Adas *sukkah* on the plaza. Be there at noon and bring your talents and enthusiasm to make this the best *sukkah* ever.

Appreciation

Thanks go to **June Kress**, VP Membership, who led preparation of the brochure and the mailing activity, ably assisted in different capacities by **Lucy Hassell**, **Lisa Kleine**, **Gerry Lezell**, **Gail Roache**, and **Joyce Stern**. And we also thank the team that June formed to get the synagogue-wide mailing out: **Dava Berkman**, **Jamie Butler**, **Marilyn Cooper**, **Marcy Feuerstein**, **Lucy Hassell**, **Nadine Jacobs**, **Lisa Kleine**, **Miriam Rosenthal**, **Elizabeth Sloan**, and **Nancy Weiss**.

Convention



Adas Israel Congregation's Sisterhood was represented at the Women's League Convention this past summer by **Jean Bernard** and **Myra Promisel**. For Myra, it was her 12th convention and she reports, "I found Convention to be an exhilarating, energizing experience. The camaraderie, the spirit of shared Jewish values, and the multiple educational opportunities—both inspirational and practical—are hard to find anywhere else." Myra's full report

will appear in the October e-newsletter, the *Adas Israel Sisterhood Source*, the first issue for 5775. ○

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Finally, there is simply nothing more Jewish than to study Torah. As it says in the Talmud, "*Talmud Torah keneged kulam*," "The study of Torah is equal to all [other *mitzvot* and activities that we can do as Jews, and as human beings]." In other words, study is not only a gateway to knowledge; it's the gateway to a life of meaning, connection, justice, holiness, and happiness. In this year of 5775, we look forward to walking through that gateway with you! ○

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- materially easing the blockade of Gaza to encourage economic activity, movement of people in and out of Gaza, exports from Gaza, and injection of funds;
- tax incentives to Israeli businesses to locate plants where Gazans might seek employment; and
- rebuilding Gaza's infrastructure under an international Marshall Plan that Israel would spearhead.

In return, Israel would require:

- Hamas to accept the package and demilitarization, and
- an international police force to oversee border security between Gaza, Israel, and Egypt, and oversee the demilitarization.

While these steps alone would not achieve a lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians, they would improve the lives of Gazans, creating hope and purpose. Gaza and Israel's neighboring towns would have the opportunity to develop the habits of peace. These steps would be a far better investment in Israel's security than any weapon.

Netanyahu would emerge as a visionary leader, recalling the days of Yitzhak Rabin and Anwar Sadat. By contrast, if Hamas rejected the approach, it would clarify for the world its cynical disregard of Palestinian well-being and a despicable preference for death and apocalypse.

Peace between Moslems and Jews is attainable. For centuries Jews in Islamic lands were treated tolerantly and respectfully. Faced with Moslem extremism in Spain, Maimonides fled not to Christian Europe but to Moslem Egypt. Both faiths emphasize the importance of even a single life. Many Palestinians and other Arabs seek peace. For everyone's sake, it is time for bolder Israeli diplomacy to avoid another war.

—Arnie Podgorsky

This column is derived from an earlier piece by Raja Kamal and Arnold Podgorsky published in the Providence Journal. Raja is senior vice president of the Buck Institute for Research on Aging in Novato, CA. This column does not state official views of the Buck Institute or Adas Israel Congregation. ○

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After serving as a chaplain in the Air Force and as a congregational rabbi for 15 years, Rabbi Hammer, and his family, made *aliyah* to Israel in the summer of 1973. For 18 years he headed the Israel programs of the Jewish Theological Seminary in Jerusalem serving as director and dean and was the founding director of the Institute for Jewish Studies, today the Schechter Institute, the school for training Masorti rabbis and educators in Israel. He has also been a professor of rabbinic literature at Schechter and has taught rabbinics at Oranim College, the Hebrew University Rothberg School, the Seminario Rabbinico Latino Americano, and the Moscow State University of the Humanities.

One of the founders of the Masorti Movement in Israel, Rabbi Hammer has served the organization in many key capacities. He was a member of its Committee on Jewish Law, the Masorti representative on the Neeman Commission of the State of Israel concerning conversion, and the president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel. In addition, for many years he was the head of the Rabbinical Court for Conversion, and is now the Masorti

representative on the board of the Joint Institute for conversion and a member of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the International Rabbinical Assembly.

Rabbi Hammer is a prolific writer whose articles appear often in the Israeli press and elsewhere in both Hebrew and English, and his column appears regularly in the *Jerusalem Post*. Two of his books, *Sifre, A Taanaitic Commentary on Deuteronomy* and *Entering the High Holy Days*, received the National Jewish Book Council prize as the best book of scholarship for the year. His most recent book is *The Torah Revolution*, and his new book, *Akiva: Life, Legend, Legacy*, will be published in early 2015.

In 2003 he received the Simon Greenberg Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Rabbinate from the Zeigler Rabbinical School of the University of Judaism, and in 2013 he was honored by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Hammer and his wife, Rahel, a Judaica artist, live in Jerusalem. They have five children, 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. ○

Education

Gan HaYeled

The Gan has kicked off this school year stronger and better than ever. The year-round, full-day program has expanded, and classes are full of eager, curious students. Stephanie Slater, development support coordinator, is at the Gan full time, and her expertise enhances the learning of *all students*, regardless of whether they are developing typically. The Gan is proud of its tradition of inclusion, which mirrors that of Adas.



Highlights for October are the GPA-sponsored Snack in the Shack (pizza lunch in the *sukkah*) and the start of the *Challah* and Flowers program. Room parents are also hard at work as they complete the class parent socials that each class organizes.

While the Gan only had four spots open at press time, all prospective students are welcome to check for spots that may open due to family relocations. ○

Religious School



It has been amazing to watch our halls come to life as the school year finally began. With the holidays starting a little later than last year, we had the opportunity to make some preparations for *Rosh Hashanah* as a community and are looking forward to continuing to

celebrate together through the rest of the *chagim*. Now that school is up and running, we want to encourage you to keep coming to visit us and checking in; we love hearing from you all!

From Adas to Campus: A New Pre-College Program for 12th Graders

In a jam-packed, anxiety-ridden year filled with visiting colleges, completing applications, and pestering teachers for recommendations, high school seniors have to prepare for one of the most important transitions of their young lives. A new program at Adas Israel this fall will help



12th graders from throughout the DC metro area focus on an often-overlooked aspect of getting ready for college—the real-life issues facing Jewish students on campus.

“Preparing to Be Jewish on Campus” is a weekly seminar series that exposes seniors to what it means to be Jewish in American universities today. Discussions will explore such hot button topics as campus anti-Semitism; the heated politics of Israel

and the Middle East; and Jewish values and the rise in collegiate sexual violence. In addition, the program will address such hardy perennials as navigating Jewish holidays, Jewish versus non-Jewish fraternities, and how to keep kosher at school.

The program is the brainchild of Adas Israel’s new education director, Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum, who comes to Washington after two years as the senior Jewish educator at Tufts University. From that experience, she knows how common it is for Jewish students to arrive on campus clueless about the many Jewish-related issues they will face. Moreover, she knows how beneficial it would have been for those kids to have meaningful conversations about the transition to an independent Jewish life before they showed up at freshman orientation.

As he was moving to DC, Adas member Robert Satloff (parent of Benji, a high school senior) had a similar idea—to energize Adas’s Ma’alot 12th-grade curriculum by transforming it from the last year of religious school to the first year of thinking seriously about life and learning at college. The two teamed up over the summer to create a course whose guest speakers will feature current students and recent graduates from major colleges and universities; representatives of prominent campus Jewish groups like Hillel, Chabad, AIPAC, and J Street; and distinguished members of the DC community, including award-winning journalist and Adas member Jeffrey Goldberg. Dr. Guy Ziv, a long-time Adas instructor who is assistant professor of international relations at American University, will lead part of each week’s class; Rabbi Rosenbaum who will teach monthly.

To build the class, the synagogue is eager to reach out beyond that committed group of students who completed Ma’alot’s 11th grade last year. All Adas 12th graders are urged to participate, regardless of when they last enrolled in religious school. And in a special innovation, the pre-college program will be open to all Jewish 12th-grade students in the DC metro area. The goal isn’t just to boost enrollment; it is to prepare kids for campus communities that include all strands and denominations of contemporary Judaism in America.

For questions about Adas’s pre-college program, including enrollment information, contact Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum, rabbi.rosenbaum@adasisrael.org.

Family Shabbat Reminders



Shabbat Dinner for Families with Young Children

Third Friday of Each Month; in October: Friday, Oct. 17!

A joyful, family-friendly service for families with pre-school-age children. Join us for Happy Half-Hour (free) at 5:00 pm, followed by

musical, child-friendly services led by Robyn Helzner with Adas clergy. A family-friendly dinner follows.

L’Dor VaDor Service & Dinner for All Ages
Next Up: Friday, Oct. 24 at 6:00 pm

Join us for Friday night *Shabbat* services and dinner for families, children, grandparents, and all members. Services are led by our clergy with the help of our students. ○



Tikkun Olam

Anne Frank House

From Anne Frank House to the entire Adas Israel family, best wishes for a sweet and healthy new year. Our residents are doing well, and we hope to acquire a new resident in the year ahead.

We appreciate the support of many members of the Adas Israel community, which enables us to do our important work. Our annual Walk to End Homelessness will take place November 9 at Adas Israel. The walk is one of the ways we raise funds for Anne Frank House and build awareness of the need to help homeless people with mental illness in our community. This year, we are inviting the entire community to participate in the walk, which honors Bonnie Lewin z"l, an Adas congregant and a devoted Anne Frank House board member.

If you or your company or organization would like to be a walk corporate sponsor, let us know; your corporate logo will be proudly displayed on the walk T-shirts.

The Anne Frank House Walk to End Homelessness



Sunday, November 9, 2014

11:00 am at Adas Israel

A brief program will precede the walk.

Registration Fees: \$18 per youth (25 or younger),
\$36 per adult

Your registration fee will serve as a donation to Anne Frank House even if you can't be present at the walk.

Everyone who registers **will receive a free T-shirt!** You must **register by October 22** to guarantee your T-shirt will be available by the day of the walk.

To register, visit <http://www.theannefrankhouse.org/> and click on the "Walk to End Homelessness" tab.

For additional information about either the walk event, corporate sponsorship or any other questions about Anne Frank House, please contact Sue Ducat, 301-841-9962 or stansue@verizon.net.

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GOLD-STANDARD MUSICAL FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Book by Joseph Stein

Music by Jerry Bock

Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

Directed by Molly Smith

In the Fichandler Stage

October 31, 2014 – January 4, 2015



Save the Date:

Fiddler on the Roof at Arena Stage with Adas Israel Members

Followed by talk back with clergy and cast!

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 pm

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of an American classic at one of the great DC theaters with your Adas community! Join Adas families, clergy, and staff for this wonderful afternoon performance in Arena's in-the-round theater. Online registration is now open. You can also RSVP for the performance by calling Carol Ansell at the synagogue, 202-362-4433.

More than just a poor milkman, Tevye is a humble Jewish father who finds his devotion to God severely tested by his headstrong daughters, who want to be their own matchmakers, and the increasingly ruthless government forcing him from his land. With a jubilant and masterful score, including "If I Were a Rich Man," "Sunrise, Sunset," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," and "Tradition," Tony nominee Jonathan Haidary makes his Arena debut as Tevye in this celebration of family, community, and life's unexpected miracles, large and small.

If you're an Arena Stage subscriber and already have tickets to this production for a different date, you can also exchange them for the December 7 matinee so you can enjoy it with Adas friends and family. Buses will likely be provided from Adas Israel and from Somerset House in Chevy Chase. Details TBA.

From Arena Stage Artistic Director, Molly Smith:

I love Fiddler. I grew up with this music and it was such an integral part of my family that it became part of our own tradition. It's the concept of tradition and specifically changing tradition that is such an exciting, contemporary idea to me. I can't wait to introduce this perfect American musical to young people who can carry on its music and its message for another 50 years.

Books, Ideas, & More

Saving Monticello

by Robin Jacobson, Library & Literary Arts Director



One of America's most sacred spaces sits on a Virginia hilltop, roughly 120 miles from Washington, DC. Millions have visited Monticello, beloved home of President Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence. Sightseers wander through the rooms Jefferson designed, marvel at his ingenious inventions, and view the quarters where slaves lived and labored. Few appreciate, however, that Monticello survived into our time because of the stewardship of a Jewish naval captain, Uriah Phillips Levy, and his nephew, Jefferson Monroe Levy, a New York congressman. Both men made fortunes in real estate, which they devoted to maintaining Monticello for nearly a century. This history is described in *Saving Monticello* by Marc Leepson and *The Levy Family at Monticello* by Melvin Urofsky (both in our library). Here are some highlights.

Jefferson at Monticello

Jefferson began building Monticello ("little mountain" in Old Italian) in 1769 and continued redesigning and rebuilding it for 40 years. With no formal training in architecture, Jefferson drew inspiration from book illustrations of Italian country villas and, later, from the French manor houses and buildings he admired while serving as an American diplomat in Paris. Jefferson proudly called the blend of designs in Monticello his "essay in Architecture."

Sadly, when Jefferson died in 1826 he was so deeply in debt—due to excessive spending, poor financial management, and bad luck—that his heirs saw no option but to auction off his possessions. Monticello itself languished on the market until 1831 when an apothecary named James Barclay purchased it, hoping to transform the property into a silkworm farm. When that farfetched plan failed, Barclay sold Monticello in 1834 to Uriah Levy, an ardent admirer of Jefferson.

The Levy Family at Monticello

Born in Philadelphia in 1792, Uriah Levy belonged to a prominent Jewish family. Always strong-willed, Uriah ran off to sea at age 10, signing on as a cabin boy. According to family lore, Uriah told the ship's captain that he needed to return home in two years to prepare for his *bar mitzvah*. Return he did, but when he was 14 (after the *bar mitzvah*!), he shipped out again. In time, Levy became a distinguished naval officer, remembered both for fighting anti-Semitism within the Navy and for spearheading a successful campaign to abolish flogging as a mode of naval discipline. The Jewish Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy is named for him.

One of Uriah Levy's heroes was Thomas Jefferson. Levy revered Jefferson as "one of the greatest men in history" because of Jefferson's commitment to religious freedom, even for members of minority religions. In gratitude, Levy commissioned, in 1832, a statue of Jefferson by a renowned French sculptor. The statue stands today in the Capitol, the only one there donated by a private citizen.

While in France, Levy met Jefferson's dear friend, the Marquis de Lafayette. According to one story, Lafayette asked Levy what had happened to Monticello, and Levy promised to investigate. When Levy saw the dilapidated state of Jefferson's cherished home, he purchased it and immediately began repairs.

In 1861, the Confederacy seized Monticello as the property of an enemy northerner. Levy died the next year, but Monticello did not revert to his heirs until the war ended. Following years of litigation over Uriah Levy's complex will, Uriah's nephew, Jefferson Monroe Levy, gained ownership of Monticello in 1879. Congressman Levy shared his uncle's commitment to Monticello and funded its restoration. Forty-four years later, Jefferson Levy sold Monticello to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization, which has faithfully preserved Monticello since 1923. ○

Meet the Author! Sunday, Oct. 19, 10:30 am

Dr. Alice Nakhimovsky, professor of Russian/Eurasian/Jewish studies at Colgate University, presents her new book, *Dear Mendl, Dear Reyzl*, about past worlds revealed by Jewish letter-writing manuals.



Lifelong Learning



Jewish Study Center's Fall Semester Starts Wednesday, October 22!

Classes take place Wednesday evenings, 7:00–8:15 pm and 8:15–9:30 pm.

Transformations in American Judaism: What's Happening to the Denominations?

Starts Oct. 22 with sessions on open Orthodoxy, renewal, and more.

The Military Campaigns of Moses and Joshua
Oct. 22, 29, November 5

Anti-Semitism, Anti-Judaism, and Anti-Zionism: Confronting Hostility and Building Bridges

Starts November 5

- Presbyterians, Jews, Israel and Divestment, with Rabbi Kenneth Cohen, Vine and Fig Project, Nov. 5
- Anti-Semitism in Europe: Why It's Not New and Why It's Serious, with Emanuele Ottolenghi, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Nov. 12, 19

Global Jewish Cultures: Jews of Turkey

Instructor: Alexander Murinson

Sephardic Culture series continues in November with Mizrahi Music, Ladino Music, and Medieval Poetry

Plus: **Do Jews Take Interest? Caring for Caregivers Jewishly** and Janice Garfunkel Memorial Lecture.

For full schedule, prices, details, and course information, visit our website, www.jewishstudycenter.org. Discounts for online registration!

Downtown Study Group

Tuesdays at noon

**Sept. 9, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10,
March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9**

Led by Rabbis Steinlauf, Feinberg, and Holtzblatt

Cost: There is no charge for the class, but there is a fee for lunch. For more information, please contact Beryl Saltman, Beryl.Saltman@adasisrael.org.

Join this highly motivated group that has been meeting monthly in a downtown conference room for more than 25 years. The Downtown Study Group meets (mostly) the second Tuesday of the month over lunch at a convenient downtown location to study texts and grapple with powerful Jewish issues. The intellectual level of the group ensures that every session is challenging, intellectually satisfying, and horizon-broadening. This cohesive group welcomes new members, and this class is open to the community.

Todah Rabah... From our B'nai Mitzvah

We express our sincerest thanks to Joseph and Ellen Goldstein for providing the books we give as gifts to our *b'nai mitzvah* from the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein Lande B'nai Mitzvah Book Fund. Through this fund, the children received *Siddur Sim Shalom*, which will be worthwhile and useful to them in the coming years.

Last year's *b'nai mitzvah* also received the book, *Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community*, underwritten in part by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington. These gifts are in addition to the *kiddush* cups given by the Sisterhood and the Men's Club.

We know these gifts are appreciated because we hear from previous *b'nai mitzvah* and their parents that they use them while in high school and take them along when they go off to college. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide these special gifts.

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The Best Maintenance Team on Planet Earth

With the close of the Vision of Renewal building renovation, followed immediately by the daunting operational demands of the High Holy Days, we would like to express our sincere and heartfelt *thank you* to Bradley Anderson, Steve Claar, Calvin Casey, Charles Mallory, Phillip Thomas, and Marc Holderman for successfully and graciously navigating one of the most challenging operational periods in the history of Adas Israel.

Through the countless relocation trials arising from our building renovation, the impressively busy programming calendar at Adas Israel, and the formidable task of preparing a brand-new building for 5,000 High Holy Day visitors in less than a week, this team has proven time-and-again that they simply **are** Adas Israel. Without their commitment,

dedication, hard work, and support, Adas Israel just wouldn't **go**.



Taking a rare break are members of the best maintenance team on earth (left to right): Steve Claar, Calvin Casey, Charles Mallory, Phil Thomas, Marc Holderman, and Bradley Anderson.

Every time chairs are set up in one of our worship experiences, every time the tables are dressed and prepared for one of our community dinners, every time the lights are turned on at Adas Israel—it happens because one or more members of this incredible team has invested the time, energy, and impressive physical labor required to make our worship and gathering experiences a reality. It's easy to take it for granted when things run smoothly at a synagogue, but without these precious members of our Adas Israel family, we'd have a hard time calling this place home.

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To get involved with these committees, please contact Rabbi Feinberg, Rabbi.Feinberg@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433.



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