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Historic Address by President Barack Obama at Adas Israel



Rabbi Gil Steinlauf welcomes President Obama to the bimah of the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. Photo by Ron Sachs

Our congregation, with its historic past and exciting future, is proud, humbled, and grateful to have hosted the President of the United States, and Jewish communities around the world, with heartfelt prayers that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst. This historic visit marked only the fourth occasion that a sitting U.S. President addressed a Jewish congregation from the *bimah* (the first such occasion was also at Adas Israel, in 1876, with President Ulysses S. Grant). Our entire community should feel honored to have played such an important role in an evolving Jewish history.

In celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, Adas Israel welcomed President Obama, who delivered powerful remarks at Adas Israel on Friday morning, May 22, in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. The President's visit also coincided with the Lantos Foundation's *Solidarity Sabbath*, when government officials in Europe and North America took part in synagogue visits and other events to highlight their commitment to combating anti-Semitism. The full transcript of the President's address can be found online at www.adasisrael.org.



◀ *President Obama delivers his remarks to the congregation. Photo by Ron Sachs*

◀ (Bottom Left) *President Obama sings "Shabbat Shalom! Shabbat Shalom!" with some of Adas's littlest learners at Gan HaYeled. Photo by Ron Sachs*

▼ *Rabbi Steinlauf explores the narrative of Parshat Bamidbar with the President, in one of the congregation's oldest Torah scrolls. Official White House photo by Pete Souza*





Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

My Chavruta with President Obama

The following remarks have appeared in the New York Jewish Week.

I could have said “*Dayeinu*,” “It would have been enough,” if the President of the United States came to visit my synagogue, as he did on May 22.

That President Obama came and visited, and I got the chance to greet him and introduce him to the congregation—*Dayeinu*. What I never anticipated was to have the chance to be in *chavruta*, in a moment of a Torah-study partnership, with the President. After we greeted him, we took the President into the Biran *Beit Midrash*. I explained as we entered that *Beit Midrash* means “House of Study,” how it’s far more than a library, but a place where people come to study Torah in *chavruta*, with a study partner, in a very special relationship. I pointed out that when Martin Buber wrote *I and Thou*, Buber’s reference to seeing the sacred in another human being, in true relationship, was based in the traditional Jewish idea of *chavruta*.

I further explained to the President that we are doing something very special at Adas Israel. We are taking the traditional I-Thou relationship of *chavruta* and bringing it into 21st-century discourse in our *Beit Midrash*. We don’t just study the Talmud and other classical Jewish texts in the traditional format. We create formats for people to encounter, to argue, dissect, and expound upon core Jewish texts and ideas. The goal now is not simply book-learning, but making personal meaning, and coming into true dialogue as Jews about what it means to be fully human and moral and just.

At this point in our conversation, the President and I were standing in front of the *amud* (lectern) at the Eastern Wall of the *Beit Midrash*. I opened a *Sefer Torah* (a Torah scroll) and pointed out to him this week’s Torah portion, *Bemidbar*, the very beginning of the *Book of Numbers*, and explained that Jews everywhere in the world read this section of the Torah together. And it was here, at the Torah, that our real *chavruta* began.

The President asked me to elaborate on the concept of *chavruta*. He asked whether it is obligatory, and I explained that Torah study is considered the most basic and essential Jewish act, that we must go back to our core narrative and classical texts to ground us in our values, and to guide us in our choices. He was fascinated by the idea of study as an obligation. “So,” he asked, “I know that your children have to come to Hebrew School and study. What about the adults? Is there a requirement or expectation that the adults come here and study as well?” (Inwardly I thought, “*Halevai*”—“Would that it could be”—that all our adults would come and study all the time.)

I answered the President this way: “In our times, it’s difficult to bring many people to Torah by holding an obligation and expectation over them in a hierarchical way. Instead,” I said, “think about the metaphor of this moment: we are standing here, and the Torah is in front of us, and it is literally an

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Thank you, Rabbi Herb Schwartz

A Rabbinic Presence We Will Cherish Forever!

Throughout these past few months, our community has been blessed in that Rabbi Herb Schwartz—beloved member of the Adas community and lifelong senior pulpit rabbi—agreed to come on board in an interim capacity, and assist the clergy and community in meeting a wide range of rabbinic duties. And Rabbi Schwartz did so much more than that! Indeed, during that time, he proved himself to be an invaluable member of the team; a kind and giving *neschama*, a wise teacher and friend, a compassionate and loving presence, and just an all-around mensch to all around him. We couldn’t be more grateful to Rabbi Schwartz for all he’s done for our community during the rabbinic transition. Rabbi Schwartz can still be found around the community, as he returns to a more “civilian life,” and transitions back into the kehilla as a fellow member and friend. Please join us in wishing Rabbi Schwartz a heartfelt “*Yasher Koach* and Thank You” on behalf of the entire Adas community.

From Toni & David Bickart: Please Pledge Your Gift to the Adas Fund Today!

"We're pleased that last year was such a success and we're ready to do it again."

—Toni and David Bickart (2015 Adas Fund Chairs)



Happy summer! We're pleased to report that we have already received many wonderful contributions for this year's Adas Fund campaign. We are thrilled that so many of you are participating at increased levels of giving, and we attribute this to your pride in the congregation and its accomplishments. But we aren't there yet, and we seek 100% participation.



THE ADAS FUND

We're very impressed with everything our congregation has achieved, and we hope you are as well. But we believe the best is yet to come. For the past few years, we've been in the process of building (not just with bricks and mortar) an extraordinarily talented clerical and professional staff, including last year's new hires, Rabbi Rosenbaum and the fabulous David Polonsky as our executive director. This summer, with the addition of Rabbi Aaron Alexander, we believe that Adas Israel will have a team, led by Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, that in its vision and depth of knowledge, is unsurpassed in the United States. We saw great evidence of this when the President of the United States addressed the international Jewish community and chose our congregation from which to do so.

There's every reason to be proud and excited for Adas Israel. A pledge card and return envelope will arrive at your home any day now, and you can use them to make a pledge. Or visit www.adasisrael.org to give online; you can even use a credit card if you wish. Please join us in making your Adas Fund donation to continue building a congregation that's worthy of our pride. 🌸

From the President

by Debby Joseph



It was an extraordinary moment for us as a community, as Americans, and as Jews, to hear President Barack Obama speak to us in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, transforming an *Erev Shabbat* into a day we will always remember. He expressed his belief in our shared values and emphasized his commitment to Israel and his awareness of and concern for the wave of anti-Semitism sweeping the world. His message served not only as a statement of reassurance to us as Jews, but as an

example to our fellow Americans and the people and leaders of the world. The importance of the President's visit to our synagogue lies in the ideals he promoted to all those who need to hear them.

As our congregation took pride in the honor of the historic visit, Mark and I were in Denmark, a country holding a unique place in the history of the Holocaust. During the Nazi occupation, the king of Denmark demonstrated the power of leadership and rejected the Nazi notion of a "Jewish problem." He and his countryman made it clear that religious differences did not define who was a Dane. As a result of the actions taken by the Danish people, the vast majority of the Danish Jewish community survived to return from safekeeping after the war. Less than 1% of the population was lost to Nazi brutality. The king's unwillingness to turn over Jews set an example of leadership followed by his countrymen but, unfortunately, not seen in other European countries.

As I contemplated the conduct of both these heads of state, I was awed by the profound responsibility that leaders convey. The timing of the President's historic visit as we were preparing to celebrate *Shavuot* reinforced this thought. We were focused on the essence of *Shavuot*, receiving the Torah, which transformed a wandering people into a community with a set of guiding beliefs and attendant responsibilities. I could not help but reflect on the obligations of leaders, whose moral standards guide their actions, influence their followers, and serve as an example for all who look to them.

On a community level, these lessons of leadership offer us guidance and context to understand our roles as members and officers of Adas Israel. During this past year, we recognized an opportunity to look at our partnership with our professionals in the successful stewardship of our congregation. Immediate Past President Arnie Podgorsky and Executive Director David Polonsky introduced us to United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Sulam Leadership Development Program under whose aegis we have entered into an ongoing and intense review of the board's performance and future goals. Led by board member Molly Levinson and championed by Past President Russell Smith, we are identifying priorities and strategies to promote effective collaboration with our professional staff and putting in place the oversight necessary to ensure long-term success. We will be looking to our Torah and the wisdom of our sages to provide us with greater understanding of how to serve the needs of our members.

We feel privileged to have a talented, learned, and passionate group of clergy to meet our pastoral, ritual, and educational needs and are delighted to welcome Rabbi Aaron Alexander and his family to our Adas Israel community. With this strong team of professionals, and with our extraordinary executive director in place, we also seek additional membership involvement. Please consider joining a committee or planning group to help us ensure that our wonderful congregation continues to go from strength to strength. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities for getting involved, please contact me or Marcy Spiro. 🌸

musicalnotes

Yasher Koach

Yasher koach to Cantor Arianne Brown for producing the beautiful concert, "Jewish Music—A Journey Through Time."

Special thanks to our generous sponsors:

Jamie and Stuart Butler
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Janet Scribner



Scenes from the concert:



Enter the Weekly *Parasha* Through the Eyes of the Hasidic Masters, with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

Fridays beginning June 19th @ 10:00am



In this weekly class we will study a piece of the weekly *parasha* through the Hasidic masters. We will get to taste a piece of their Torah and the world from which they emerged. Amongst the teachers we will study: Kedushat Levi, Netivot Shalom, Rav Soloveitchik, Noam Elimelech, and the Sefat Emet. Join us in the Biran Beit Midrash. ✿

Office Closing

Independence Day Observed
Friday, July 3
Schools/Offices Closed

Welcome Rabbi Aaron Alexander

We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Aaron Alexander to the community this July. Please watch for upcoming announcements on gatherings, events, and other opportunities to welcome Rabbi Alexander and his family.



Rabbi Aaron Alexander is an extraordinary rabbi, teacher, and human being. He has served as associate dean of the Ziegler School and lecturer in rabbinics and Jewish law, and is widely recognized as one of the preeminent Talmud/Torah teachers in the Conservative movement. His activities have included fusing comprehensive study with personal narrative and engagement to respond to the personal needs of community members, in addition to considerable pastoral work and managerial responsibilities. His experience includes pulpit work and community building: giving sermons, serving as monthly rabbi-in-residence at Temple Aliyah, and leading High Holy Day family *minyan* services at Sinai Temple. He is a certified *mashgiach* (kosher supervisor) by the Conservative Movement's *Rav Hamachshir* program and currently serves on its Committee for Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS). Rabbi Alexander recently introduced to the Ziegler School its newest area of concentration for senior students, *Halakhah*, redefining how passionate Conservative rabbis can approach modern Judaism using the breadth and depth in Jewish Law.

Rabbi Alexander and his wife, Rabbi Penina Alexander, have two young sons, Ariel and Eliav, and the family is excited about joining our community—our family, as they warmly described it to the committee. Penina, too,

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High Holy Day Service Schedule



EREV ROSH HASHANAH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

COMMUNITY SUNSET SERVICE 7:15-8:15pm

One Service w/ Full Clergy Charles E. Smith Sanctuary



FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

SHACHARIT 8:15am

Community Service w/ Full Clergy Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵
Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Gewirz Beit Am (*begins 8:45am*)

TORAH SERVICE 9:30am

Led by Rabbi Steinlauf & Cantor Brown Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵
Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander Kay Hall 🎵
Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Gewirz Beit Am
Clergy-Led, Non-Instrumental w/ Rabbi Novak Biran Beit Midrash

FAMILY SERVICE 10:30am

Family Experience for all ages w/ Rabbi Rosenbaum Cohen Hall (Gan Space)

SERMON & MUSAF 10:45am (*Sermon approx. 11:45am*)

Led by Rabbi Steinlauf & Cantor Brown Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵
Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander Kay Hall 🎵
Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Gewirz Beit Am
Clergy-Led, Non-Instrumental w/ Rabbi Novak Biran Beit Midrash

COMMUNITY TASHLICH 5:30pm

In Rock Creek Park Meet at Quebec St. Entrance

MINCHA/MAARIV 6:45pm

Community Services w/ Rabbi Novak Biran Beit Midrash



SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

SHACHARIT 8:15am

Community Service Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

TORAH SERVICE 9:15am

Led by Rabbi Alexander & Cantor Brown Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

SERMON & MUSAF 10:45am

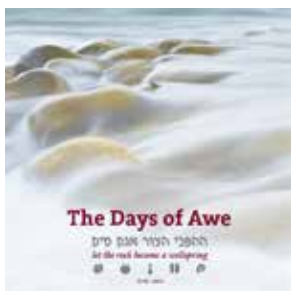
Led by Rabbi Alexander & Cantor Brown Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵
Led by Rabbis Steinlauf & Novak Kay Hall

MINCHA/MAARIV 6:45pm

Community Services w/ Michael Leifman Biran Beit Midrash

High Holy Days @ Adas, Around the Corner!

Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday, September 13



Planning for the 2015 High Holy Days is well underway and packets of information will arrive any day now. Join us for a new High Holy Day experience at Adas Israel. Whether you are new to the community, or a member of many years, we invite you to step out of your daily routines, join together with the *kehilla*, reflect deeply on what matters to you, and embrace the notion that anything is possible. The theme of this year's High Holy Days is derived from a passage in *Hallel*: "Let the rock become a well-spring." It will serve as the connecting thread throughout this years' service experiences.

We look forward to welcoming the new year with our Adas Israel family and a newly formed clergy team that includes **Rabbi Aaron Alexander**.

The Adas Israel clergy will be joined during the holidays by Rabbi/Cantor Mark Novak and Michael Leifman. Rabbi Holtzblatt and Elie Greenberg will lead our new "Return Again" service on *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, and outdoors on *Kol Nidre*. We also look forward to our new High Holy Day family services with Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum.

Please remember, to simplify the holiday ticket process, if you only want tickets for the people in your household in the Kay Hall,



KOL NIDRE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

MINCHA 5:45pm

Community Service Biran Beit Midrash

KOL NIDRE 6:30pm

Led by Rabbi Steinlauf & Cantor Brown Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵

Led by Rabbis Alexander & Novak Kay Hall

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Gewirz Beit Am

"RETURN AGAIN" KOL NIDRE 7:30pm

Reflective & Musical w/ Rabbi Holtzblatt Connecticut Avenue Plaza 🎸



YOM KIPPUR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

SHACHARIT 9am

Community Service Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

FAMILY SERVICE 10:30am

Family Experience for all ages w/ Rabbi Rosenbaum Cohen Hall (Gan Space)

TORAH SERVICE & YIZKOR 10:40am (Yizkor approx. 11:15am)

Led by Rabbi Holtzblatt & Cantor Brown Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵

Led by Rabbis Steinlauf & Novak Kay Hall

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Gewirz Beit Am

SERMON, MUSAF & MARTYROLOGY 12:45pm

Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎸

Led by Rabbi Steinlauf & Cantor Brown Kay Hall

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Gewirz Beit Am

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION 3:30pm

Justice Ginsburg & Judge Tatel Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

MINCHA 5pm

Community Service w/ Michael Leifman Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

LATE YIZKOR 5:30pm

Community Service w/ Rabbi Novak Biran Beit Midrash

N'EELAH 6:15pm

Community Service w/ Full Clergy Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎵

TRADITIONAL N'EELAH 6:45pm

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Gewirz Beit Am

🎸 With Instruments: *Reflective, Soulful Sounds*
 🎵 With Instruments: *Traditional, Cantorial Melodies*

Gewirz Beit Am (Traditional Egalitarian Minyan), Family Service, or Sanctuary open seating, they will be sent to you automatically. No ticket request form is required.

You only need to return the ticket request form if you have historic dedicated seats in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary or if you want to order extra seats for family and guests. If you are a dedicated seat holder in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, you will need to request the number of your seats that you intend to use for the coming holidays. (two seats are included in membership; additional seats will be charged to your account). Members will also be able to reserve non-dedicated seats (with limited availability) in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. You may ask for these seats on your seat request forms in the High Holy Day booklet. Please call, 202-362-4433, or e-mail Naomi Malka, naomi.malka@adasisrael.org, with any questions.

SEATING REMINDER

Please note that again this year, after the sermons in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, a seat that has not been occupied will be considered available for seating. This applies to both dedicated and reserved seats. We thank our committee members and coordinators for sharing their time and their holidays so others can have a meaningful High Holy Day season. Watch your mail for the High Holy Day packet. We look forward to celebrating the most exciting time of the year with you, our Adas family.

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Volunteers Needed for High Holy Days!

Yes, you read that correctly. You will be receiving your HHD packet in the mail very shortly (if you haven't already), and as you'll see, we have an amazing array of services, discussions, and special events planned. In addition to our clergy and staff members, we look to our members to help us make *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* a spiritual, enjoyable, meaningful, stress-free experience for our 5,000 members.

Volunteering as a High Holy Day usher can help you fulfill the *mitzvah* of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests). Not only do we make sure that congregants and guests feel welcome, but we play a role in maintaining the security and dignity of our services. We direct worshippers to their seats, answer general questions, and distribute books, *kippot*, *tallitot*, and other religious materials. Simply stated, your service observance would not be the same without the assistance of our ushers.

If you would like to do more this year, consider volunteering as an usher. We need ushers for all services, so no matter which one you attend, we can use your help at a time that is convenient for you. The time commitment is slight—two hours or less—and we have approximately 100 slots to fill.

So before you head off for your summer vacation, please take two minutes and sign up to usher for the High Holy Days this fall. We've made it very easy for you. Simply go to the Adas Israel website, www.adasisrael.org/HHD, and sign up today or contact Mark Berlin, HHD Usher Coordinator, berlin.potomac@gmail.com or 301-294-9018.

We have also scheduled an orientation for ushers on **Wednesday, September 2**, at 6:30 pm. More information about that session is coming later this summer. Thank you in advance for your assistance. ✿

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Rosh Hashanah Gift Bag Project

Keep an eye out for updates about our yearly RH *Hesed* Project! Each year we spread the sweetness of the New Year! For the past five years, the Hesed Committee has organized assembly and delivery of *Rosh Hashanah* bags with a lot of help from the Adas community, and we hope you will help us again this year. We haven't finalized the date yet, so please keep an eye out for updates in @Adas. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact

Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement, marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433, ext. 113.



Selichot, Saturday night, September 5 @ 9:00 pm in the Gewirz Beit Am

Avinu Malkenu . . .

Be gentle with us,
be in relationship with us,
bring us to our full potential.

Even though we have limitations.

Several days before *Rosh Hashanah*, Jews around the world gather together to recite the *Selichot*, a beautiful series of penitential

prayers and meaningful liturgy. This tradition invites us to open ourselves up to the essential work of the Days of Awe: the process of repair and return, of acknowledgment and longing. It allows us to chant in unison and begin to come to terms with where we have erred in relation to ourselves, to others, and to the Holy One.

Our *Selichot* service includes highlights of the High Holy Day liturgy, coupled with the hauntingly beautiful sounds of the Days of Awe melodies. Please join the community for a warm evening of personal reflection through song, text, and sharing our own stories. The evening is generously sponsored by the **Mollie & Joseph Muchnick Selichot Fund**.



Sukkot/Simchat Torah

Visit www.adasisrael.org/sukkot a full schedule of services & events

Sukkot begins on the 15th day of the month of *Tishrei* (*Erev Sukkot* is Sunday evening, September 27, and the holiday continues for seven days). We encourage you to order your *lulav* and *etrog* (\$40 each) in preparation for the festive observance of the *Sukkot* holiday. Ordering information will appear in the September *Chronicle*.

Sukkot 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.

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Tisha B'Av, July 25–26



For 20 centuries, *Tisha b'Av*, the ninth of Av, has been the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. *Yom Kippur* is known as the White Fast, *Tisha b'Av* is called the Black Fast. It commemorates the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, the death of Bar Kochba, and the last

rebellion against Rome in 135 CE, as well as the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492. When they could, Jews would historically come to the area near the *Kotel* (the Western Wall) to read *Eicha* (the *Book of Lamentations*) and to weep. Most Jews, of course, could not come to Jerusalem, and during many periods, the *Kotel* area could not be approached.

In modern times, the establishment of the State of Israel caused some to question whether *Tisha b'Av* was necessary any longer. This debate continues, although those who observe the day recognize its symbolic power and emphasize that we still lament the destruction of the Temples, which ruptured the sense of connectedness to God.

Our observance of *Tisha b'Av* at Adas Israel is exceedingly touching, a moving experience in which we gather as the sun sets to chant the *Book of Lamentations* quietly in a subdued atmosphere, by candlelight, using the traditional melody. The evening service on Saturday, July 25, begins with *Mincha* at 6:00 pm and *Maariv* and *Eicha* at 9:00 pm. The scroll is again chanted on Sunday, July 26, as part of the 9:00 am morning services (*Shacharit* and *Eicha*) and *Mincha* at 6:00 pm.

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

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Community-Wide Sukkah-Decorating Happy Hour, Sept. 24

We have so many community events already planned to take place in the *sukkah*: the Gan's "Snack in the Shack"; the Religious School's *Shacharit* Live; New Member *Oneg*; Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* dinner; *Kid-dush* 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 Thursday, September 24, at 4:30 pm for our community *Sukkah-Decorating Happy Hour*.

All ages are welcome to help with the different projects, including finishing any *sukkah* construction, making paper chains, stringing fruit, and decorating. Please join us after your work or school day for snacks, drinks, and fun! For more information or if you're interested in volunteering, please contact Marcy Spiro, marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433, ext. 113. ❀

Yom Kippur Afternoon Discussion

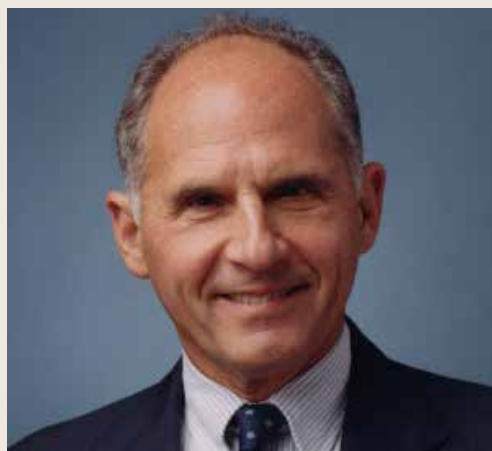
Wednesday, September 23 @ 3:30 pm

Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

Join us for an afternoon discussion with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Judge David S. Tatel.



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is widely recognized as one of the most powerful women in the world. She was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton as the first Jewish female Justice. An outspoken advocate for gender equality and civil rights, Justice Ginsburg has proven to be one of the most influential thought leaders of the 21st century.



Judge David S. Tatel is an American jurist who has been a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 1994. He has devoted his professional life to underprivileged members of society, especially children in urban areas. Overcoming tremendous personal obstacles, including a complete loss of vision in the early 1970s, Judge Tatel was nominated to fill the U.S. Court of Appeals seat vacated by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Summer Speakers 2015

Please join us for an exciting array of summer speakers at our clergy-led Saturday morning *Shabbat* Services in the *Biran Beit Midrash*. Our incredible guest speakers will cover a wide range of cultural, political, and spiritual topics connect the given week's *parsha*. Watch your @Adas newsletter and on check the web for full bios, topics, and photos.



Saturday, July 11
"Extremism" with Susan Sloan



Saturday, July 18
"Women's Issues" with Miri Cypers



Saturday, July 25
"Parasha Devarim" with Dr. Lauren Strauss



Saturday, August 1
"Comfort and Healing" with Ami Levy



Saturday, August 8
"The One Percent" with Dan Jossen



Saturday, August 15
"Reading Partners...making a difference" with Lois Fingerhut

Sign up Now!

Nationals vs. Marlins at Nationals Park

With Adas Israel Members

Sunday, August 30; game begins at 1:35pm

Spend the afternoon at the ballpark with your Adas Israel community! Great seats (section 140 and in the shade), great friends, and we hope, a great Nats victory! It's also Jayson Werth Bobblehead Game!

Tickets are \$21 each, or if you prefer to meet at Adas and take a charter bus to the stadium, tickets are \$32. You can register online or call Carol Ansell at 202-362-4433. ♣



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, is 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 for an *aliyah*, and the chance to take a meaningful pause in your day and 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*.

Daily Minyan Schedule:

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

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

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2015 Ma'alot High School Program Graduates:

Nathaniel Albert, Theodore Daniels-Kolin, Michael Fine, Maxwell Kanefield, Zachary Klayman, David Lane, Soshi Levinson, Benji Satloff, and Jessica Schwalb



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open book. And here, now, we are in *chavruta*. In the immediacy of relationship, with the Torah literally before us, we are seeking a deeper understanding together. This is our goal for our *Beit Midrash*. Both literally and metaphorically, our job is to open the books, the texts, the ideas, and the values for people so that together we can learn from them, question them, challenge them and each other. And then it is up to us to find how our discourse motivates us to live our lives more fully and deeply."

So what happens with those ideas that you generate together, he asked me. I answered by explaining that the power of *chavruta* lies in its ability to be at the nexus of ideas and action. "Mr. President," I said, "I know that you already know well the power of the 'One-on-One' to connect people and motivate them to action through responsibility one to the other." He smiled and nodded enthusiastically. "That's *chavruta*," I said, "Only in *chavruta*, our responsibility to act is reinforced not only through our shared partnership, but also in our shared connection to our sacred texts, our shared history and values, and in our shared relationship to our God who exhorts us to justice."

He thanked me warmly for this brief discussion. *Dayeinu*, it would have been enough to have had this incredible conversation with the President. But then in his speech, he said the following:

Before I came out here, the rabbi showed me the room that's been built to promote scholarship and dialogue, and to be able to find how we make our shared values live. And the reason you have that room is because applying those values to our lives is often hard, and it involves difficult choices. That's why we study. That's why it's not just a formula. And that's what we have to do as nations as well as individuals. We have to grapple and struggle with how we apply the values that we care about to this very challenging and dangerous world.

In that moment, the President's visit to Adas Israel became not only historic, but sacred. When the President of the United States sees the potential for justice and peacemaking in the very technology of Judaism and *chavruta*, then we truly know that there is indeed great hope for the Jewish people, for Israel, and for the world. ❀

Mazal Tov to Our Graduates!

Mazal tov on another incredible year for you and your families at Adas Israel. We were so proud to see all of our religious school students celebrating their achievements a few weeks ago at the end-of-the-year celebration.





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Morning Awakening

Tuesdays @ 9:15am; Gewirz Beit Am
Morning Awakening continues
through July & August.

The class will not meet on August 4th
and August 11th.

Tuesday Meditation

Meditation Returns Fall 2015!

Mindful Yoga @ JMCW

Yoga Returns Fall 2015!

Tisha B'Av Schedule

Saturday, July 25: Erev Tisha B'Av

6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha Services

9:00 pm Maariv and Eicha

Sunday, July 26: Tisha B'Av

9:00 am Shacharit & Eicha

6:00 pm Mincha

<p>31 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Parsha study with Rabbi Holtzblatt 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>10 Av 8:02 pm </p>	<p>1 PARSHAT VA'ETCHANAN/SHABBAT NACHAMU 15 Av 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service; Guest Speaker: Ami Levy 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 9:02 pm Havdalah</p>
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<p>28 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Parsha study with Rabbi Holtzblatt 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg</p>	<p>7 Elul 7:26 pm </p>	<p>29 PARSHAT KI TEITZEI 13 Elul 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service-Shabbat in Harmony; Sermon by Rabbi Aaron Alexander 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan with Rabbi Steinfeld; Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Siff 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 6:00 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 8:26 pm Havdalah</p>

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. *Nefivot*, 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.

'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).



ANNE FRANK HOUSE

Dear Adas Israel community:

By now you have probably received Anne Frank House's annual fundraising letter. As always, AFH relies in so many ways on the Adas Israel community, and we're grateful for everyone's continued support of our work. It's in large part thanks to this support that we were able to purchase a new apartment this year, bringing on a new resident.

For those not familiar with AFH, here are a few "fast facts" about the work we do:

- AFH provides apartments in NW Washington to 12 formerly homeless people who suffer from mental illness.
- AFH makes the difference between a degrading, difficult existence on the streets and a secure, stable, dignified, and independent home life.
- AFH is an all-volunteer organization.
- Over 90% of our income goes directly to serving our clients.
- Through a partnership with Friendship Place, AFH pays for our clients to receive psychiatric, medical, and case management services.

To contribute, you can mail a check to Anne Frank House c/o Adas Israel, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, or go online and make a contribution on the Adas Israel website. You can also make a donation on our website: <http://www.theannefrankhouse.org/>.

Thanks again and enjoy your summer.

—Alice Burton and Ari Strauss,
Co-Presidents

tikkunolam

A Hearty Todah Rabah to Our Volunteers!



We at Adas Israel can be proud of all that we do to help our community in many ways. Throughout the year, our Social Action Council activity coordinators and the corps of volunteers selflessly contribute to the many projects that in their own small ways help repair the world. This is a good time to show our appreciation and thank them. We can't list all the many Adas members who make all these efforts possible, but we will single out the coordinators.

- **Laura Epstein** (Laura_Epstein@hotmail.com) coordinates monthly dinners for the residents of the N Street Village Luther Place Shelter for women, including Thanksgiving dinner and, last year, evening Christmas dinner.
- **Ruth Kleinrock** (ruthkleinrock@gmail.com) coordinates the always well subscribed Christmas mid-day dinner and festivities for N Street Village.
- **Judith Krones** (David.judith@verizon.net) coordinates Ezra Pantry, including the Yom Kippur and Passover food drives, Purim edible groggers, and Omer Challenge.
- **Nechama Masliansky** (nmasliansky@some.org), our advocacy guru and liaison with So Others Might Eat, which distributes all proceeds for Ezra Pantry.
- **Ellen Winter** (eswinter7@gmail.com) took over Sukkot-In-Spring this year and serves as our liaison with Yachad; Ellen also coordinated the Adas presence at the Free Alan Gross vigils.
- **Jamie Butler** (Butler364@aol.com) coordinates the Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives with our partners at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ.
- **Judy Herr** (jorgsh2@gmail.com) and Laura Cutler (Mbcutler@aol.com) coordinate with the Darfur Interfaith Network and coordinators of the Save



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Milestone

Birth:

Zoe G. Cohen, daughter of John and Jodi Cohen DeKraker, granddaughter of Jeffrey Cohen, was born March 4.

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

Bar Mitzvah



Matthew Siff, August 29 (TEM)

Matthew, son of Kinney Zalesne and Scott Siff, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, graduated from the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, and is now a student at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his sister and brother, Adina and Gideon, as well as many

other family members and friends. For his *mitzvah* project, Matthew is working with the Rock Creek Conservancy on a special initiative to help more low-income DC students enjoy hiking and preservation in their hometown national park.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Sol Rosen

Sandra Sugar

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Barbara Barr, wife of Martin Barr

Jeffrey S. Dick, father of Paul Dick

Philip Goodman, father of Jody Goodman

Judith Habersfeld, mother of Caroline Friedman

Scott Kleier, father of Rachel Kleier Koch

Robert Rosson, father of Julia Small

Morris Wilkins, mother of Jill Wilkins

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. ❀

High Holy Day H₂O

Labor Day, Monday, September 7
8:00–9:00 am



Join us at the outdoor pool at Somerset House (5600 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy

Chase) for a "*mikvah* immersion" to get into spirit of the High Holy Days. Both men and women of all ages are encouraged to come, and you can either watch or participate. Wear your bathing suit and bring your towel.

For more information, call Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776.

YP@AI

YP Summer Events:

Sunday, July 12: YP@AI Hike

Wednesday, July 22, 7:30 pm:

YP@AI Theatre Outing to Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company

Sunday, August 9: YP@AI goes Kayaking/Paddle Boarding

Visit www.AdasIsrael/YP for more information and to register.

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Darfur Monthly Vigils and the Light the Fires for Darfur *Hanukkah* campaign.

Finally, note the new initiatives taking shape this year: Reading Partners (**Lois Fingerhut**, loisafingerhut@gmail.com); Legal Clinic (**Laurie Davis**, lauriebavis@gmail.com); the revival of the Green Committee (**Julie Hantman**, juliehantman@gmail.com), and the One Congregation One Family pilot team (**Jackie Hoffenberg, Laura Epstein, Laurie Davis, Marty Lewin, Steve Kroll, and Joel Fischman**).

We are also grateful to the congregants of Adas Israel for generous financial support. Please keep the Social Action Fund in mind as you are commemorating a *yahrzeit* or celebrating *s'machot*.

—Joel Fischman (fischman@comcast.net),
Social Action Council Chair

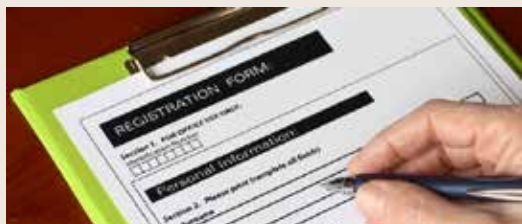
Coffee Club for Parents of Our Youngest Adas Members



Drop in Wednesday mornings any time between 10:30 and 11:30 am to meet other parents of babies. Use our Keurig to make your coffee or bring your own. Either way, you're sure to make a new friend or run into people you know. The cozy corner of the *Beit Midrash* is the place to be on Wednesday morning if you have a baby!

Some of the best Adas ideas come from congregants, and this gathering was suggested by new member Sharon Cohen as a way for her to meet other parents with babies. Come get to know Sharon and *schmooze*.

Religious School Registration Reminder



Don't forget to register for the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School for 2015–16 online at www.adasrael.org/rsregistration. Our purpose is to instill Jewish values and a sense of pride in our students for their Jewish heritage, customs, language and traditions by creating a learning environment that is warm, challenging and enticing. Sign up today!

educationupdate Gan HaYeled



After giving his speech in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, President Barack Obama went downstairs to meet with Gan children. It was hard to tell who had more fun—President Obama or the little ones.

If you've been at Adas recently and heard spirited singing or squeals of delight, you're not alone. Sweet Summertime Camp is in full swing and the children are happy. We have experienced Gan staff with "on-the-road-to-being-experienced" teen counselors as well. Children are enjoying all that camp can offer: sun, water, art activities, *tikkun olam* projects, and fun food experiences.

The summer is also when the Gan prepares for the next school year. This year, although school starts after Labor Day, families gather for a picnic on Sunday, August 16, and the always-popular Buddy Dinner is Wednesday, September 2. Class offerings continue to evolve as families' needs do; this year we will offer more spots in the full-year program (which runs 8:00 am–6:00 pm daily, with a 5:00 pm dismissal on Fridays). There are a few spots left in a number of programs. Again, Sheri or Sarah in the Gan office is happy to help you choose the one appropriate for your child.

Our strategic planning work for Adas's programming for families with young children continues this fall. Be sure to keep an eye out for opportunities to participate in focus groups or community surveys. Your participation is vital for a successful process! 🌸

From the Director of Education

By Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum

For me, the summer always feels like a slightly disjointed time in the world of education. On one hand, the hustle and bustle of the school year has quieted, the classrooms have been emptied, the teachers and students have departed, and everyone seems happily engaged in their summer activities. On the other hand, we are thoroughly occupied with the work of imagining next year, reworking curricula, planning programming, and dreaming



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up new service options, not to mention creating an implementation plan for everything. In fact, more than once when a parent has innocently asked how I will be spending my summer, I have launched into my list of everything I hope to accomplish by the fall, only to have the inquiring individual gently inform me that he or she was trying to ask if I would be taking any vacation!

While I am looking forward to some much anticipated family time, I do believe that the summer is incredibly valuable work time for our education team to prepare properly for the year ahead. We are incredibly grateful to the community for its patience and warmth over our first year together as a team, and we look forward to continuing to deepen and strengthen those relationships. But an essential part of that relationship is our commitment to creating an educational experience that has meaningful content, that inspires our children to live their lives in the framework of Jewish values, that can help them begin to articulate their own Jewish identity, and that can make us all proud to be members of the Adas community.

The more we use this quiet time to focus on the details, logistics, lesson plans and structure, the more I am reminded that it is all meaningless without each of you and each of your children. The program we are designing does not exist in a vacuum; it is meant to serve you as families, as parents, as students, as learners. Please remember that our door is always open. We want to hear from you, because only with your insight can we help to shape experiences that reflect the diversity of this community. We are proud to be able to do this holy work and look forward to continuing to dream and grow with you over the next year! ✨

A Message of Love in a Time of Despair

By Yoni Buckman, Youth & Family Educator

Tisha B'Av commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, observed through communal fasting, grieving, and lamenting. For almost two thousand years we have recalled the loss of our most sacred space, reading from the *Book of Lamentations* and bearing the disposition of mourners. But at times we lose sight of the holiness of the day. Shrouded in sorrow, overcast with agony, and drowned out by tears, we detach ourselves from the spirit of *Tisha B'Av* and count down the hours to its conclusion. How has such a distant memory persisted in our collective psyche, and how do we continue to find meaning in a tragedy so far removed?

Rabbinic tradition offers an explanation for the destruction of the Second Temple: that the Temple was destroyed as a punishment for *sinat chinam*—baseless hatred—among the Jewish people. In response to this understanding, Rav Abraham Isaac Kook taught, “If we were destroyed, and the world with us, due to baseless hatred, then we shall rebuild ourselves, and the world with us, with baseless love—*ahavat chinam*.” In this sense, we can view the lesson of *Tisha B'Av* as an annual wake up call, a time to fill the world with love and repair the damage that hatred has brought the world.

Two thousand years ago, the destruction of the Second Temple marked one of the most pivotal moments in Jewish history. Decimated and exiled, without a Temple as a religious center, Judaism evolved in response to an existential crisis. From the devastation rose innovation, and Judaism grew into a religion centered on ritual and text, community and ethics.

Today, we must continue to innovate. In the spirit of *Tisha B'Av*, we should be innovative in our compassion and love for one another. We should not limit our compassion to times of tribulation, nor should we reserve our love for moments of pain. Just as the Jewish community reflected and evolved after the destruction of the Temple, we, too, should reflect and evolve, abundantly and boldly bringing baseless love—*ahavat chinam*—into our daily lives. ✨

Summer 2015 Youth Calendar

7/17–23: USY Encampment/Kamp Kadima @ Capital Camps

July–August Youth Services

7/11: Tot Shabbat, Netivot

7/18: Tot Shabbat

7/25: Tot Shabbat, Netivot

8/1: Tot Shabbat

8/8: Tot Shabbat, Netivot

8/15: Tot Shabbat

8/22: Tot Shabbat, Netivot

8/29: Tot Shabbat



Youth Update

By Rich Dinetz, Youth Director

Shalom, Chevre!

As the summer is heating up, so are we here in the Youth Department. Come fall, Youth@AI will be unveiling a new Teen Lounge for our students and teens to enjoy during youth programs and religious school events. We will also be launching a new Youth@AI calendar for all of our youth groups that you can find on our website, www.adasisrael.org/youth, later in the summer.

Our 10th graders, along with Marcy Spiro and I, recently returned from our two-week Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience. Needless to say, it was a blast. Experiencing and being part of our teens' growth, both spiritually and mentally, is inspiring and an honor. Be sure to join us during the High Holy Days to hear one of our teens talk about it (at a service TBD).

A few of our teens and I are attending USY Encampment/Kamp Kadima at Capital Camps, August 17–23. For more information about any of our programs here at Youth@AI, to register for the 2015–2016 program year, or to view pictures of what we've been up to this summer, be sure to visit our website, or contact us at youth@adasisrael.org, 202-362-6295. ✨

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

Summer is the time for weddings. Stop in and see all of our gorgeous gift possibilities.



Gift Shop Summer Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday,
10:00 am–12:00 noon
or by special appointment by calling
Jean Bernard, 301-654-8914
Diane Keller, 301-442-7625
Susan Winberg, 301-656-7766

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

202-364-2888

adasgiftshop@gmail.com

sisterhoodnews

Annual Meeting Makes Sisterhood Proud

The congregation's June 11 Annual Meeting had many highlights. Everyone beamed when our Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop co-manager Jean Bernard, joined by Communication VP Joyce Stern, representing Sisterhood President Marcia



Feuerstein who was unable to attend, presented a \$20,000 check to outgoing synagogue president Arnie Podgorsky, representing the shop's 2014–15 contribution to Adas Israel. While the amount varies depending on the shop's proceeds, this is an annual donation we are delighted to make to our shul, thanks to the jewel in Sisterhood's crown, the Gift Shop.

Immediate Past-President Arnie Podgorsky accepting a generous contribution from Sisterhood

Closing Event: 'With Respect to Women's Military History'



Sophie Silfen later in life



Sophie Silfen in uniform

Sisterhood marked Flag Day—Sunday, June 14—with a memorable program honoring women in the military and remembering our own Sisterhood and Adas Israel legacy, Master Sergeant Sophie Silfen (z"l), pictured here in uniform and later in life.

Our guest speaker, world-renowned curator of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History Division of Armed Forces, Margaret S. Vining, discussed the Women in the Military Archives, which will now include Sophie's extensive military collection. Following the talk, we paid a special visit to the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary where the American flag that draped Sophie Silfen's casket hangs. Thanks go to chairs Sabrina Sojourner, Lucy Hassell, and Marcia Feuerstein for an unforgettable event.

Election Results for Sisterhood Executive Committee and Board Positions

At Sisterhood's closing meeting on June 14, members adopted the Nominating Committee's slate for governing positions:

Executive Committee/Officers

President: Marcia (Marcy) Feuerstein (*completing two-year term in 2016*)

Corresponding Secretary: Joyce Stern (*two-year term, 2015–2017*)

Recording Secretary: Lisa Kleine (*two-year term, 2015–2017*)

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Treasurer: Dava Berkman (two-year term, 2015–2017)

Co-VPs for Communications: Susan Klein and TBD (one-year term ending 2016)

Co-VPs for Education/Programming: Linda Yitzchak and Susan Winberg (two-year terms, 2015–2017)

VP for Membership: June Kress (two-year term, 2015–2017)

Parliamentarian: Julie Weisman (two-year term, 2015–2017)

Gift Shop Co-Managers: Jean Bernard, Diane Keller, and Susan Winberg (not elected positions)

Immediate Past President: Lisa Kleine

Past President: Alisa Abrams

These members continue on the General Board in the second year of two-year terms ending 2016: Tzipora Fromberg, Leah Hadad, Lucy Hassell, Myra Promisel, Miriam Rosenthal, Deborah Wallach, and Nancy Weiss.

These members will serve two-year terms on the General Board ending 2017: Carol Ansell, Roberta Boam, Carmel Chiswick, Barbara Cline, Marcie Goldstein, Miriam Gusevich, Miriam Isaacs, Arlette Jassel, Judy Melamed, Janice Mostow, Betsy Strauss, and Tanya Yahana.

Ex-Officio Members of the General Board: Cantor Arianne Brown, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Ritual Coordinator Naomi Malka, Rabbi Emerita Avis Miller, Rabbi Kerreth Rosenbaum, and Rabbi Penina Alexander.

These members concluded terms on the General Board ending in 2015: Rebecca Boggs, Marilyn Cooper, Rachel Eitches, Maria Lasasloan, Gerry Lezell, Gail Roache, Elizabeth Sloan, Sabrina Sojourner, and Sara Vogler. In addition, Joyce Stern, Miriam Rosenthal, Carol Ansell, and Nadine Jacobs concluded terms as, respectively, VP for Communications, Parliamentarian, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. We thank them for their invaluable service.

The Nominating Committee proposing this slate comprised Marian Fox (Chair), Miriam Rosenthal, Deborah Wallach, June Kress, and Marcia Feuerstein. ♣



Carol Ansell and Her Gift of Poetry

Sisterhood is proud to feature a poem by gifted poet Carol Ansell each month in Sisterhood's on-line newsletter, the *Source*. Carol has been writing and publishing poems most of her life. Her poetry has appeared in local and national literary publications, including a juried collection in which her entry was considered one of the best in the country. Here is Carol's poem that summarizes the year 5775 in Sisterhood:

Sisterhood 5775 Redux

by Carol Ansell

We have gone to the movies,
Sipped kosher wine,
Turned *sukkah* décor
Into festive design.

We've haunted the Gift Shop,
Their treasures to savor,
And had a *Shabbat*
Laced with Indian flavor.

We chatted 'bout books,
And we wrapped them, too,
We had Taste of Tanach,
This year fairly flew.

The Torah Fund Tea
Was surely a smash,
In fact, the whole year
Had a certain panache.

Daily Minyan

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evening prayer from Jacob. It is 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, too, can learn how to wrap *tefillin* by coming to the morning *minyan* and receiving instruction from our helpful community members. Each service is unique in its way and offers 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 anyone over the age of 13 (*b'nai mitzvah*). Prayer is the service of the heart and is one of the many ways that love of God and community is expressed. Although one may obviously pray in private, praying with a congregation provides us 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. ♣

Ezra Pantry



Give to the Ezra Pantry @ Adas Israel

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

Ma Tovv: Alan Friedman

HONORING OUR LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Alan was interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement



Tell us your Adas Israel story. When did you join, why did you choose Adas, and what are some of your favorite things at Adas?

I have been a member of Adas for about 20 years. I chose Adas because it's a Conservative synagogue with a wide variety of services and other programs, and I knew many Adas members. It also helped that Adas is three blocks from my apartment. I took a Hebrew class as a refresher, and then taught Hebrew for a few years with the Adult Hebrew Literacy Program, which was very rewarding. I enjoy attending services, particularly during the High Holidays.

What is your favorite Jewish holiday and why?

My favorite Jewish holiday is Passover whether with a large or small gathering. My partner and I usually go to New York or Philadelphia to be with family or spend the holiday here with close friends.

You are here at Adas at least once or twice a week volunteering with the Adas Behrend Senior Fellowship program. Can you tell us a little bit about this program and why you choose to volunteer?

I do attend the Adas Behrend Senior Fellowship Program as a participant, and have volunteered occasionally as needed. I have made several friends

there who live in the neighborhood. The program is a senior lunch program that also includes an exercise component and occasional speakers. For some participants, it's a wonderful opportunity to get out of the house and to socialize.

Calling you a theater lover would be an understatement. You usher all over the city and have numerous theater subscriptions. What is your favorite theater, and what are some of your favorite shows you've seen in Washington.

DC is a great theater town, and I usher at about 10 theaters and saw 108 plays last year. In addition, we have subscriptions to three theaters in DC and Baltimore. While all of them do great work, some of my favorites are Folger, Washington Stage Guild, Theater J, and Studio.

You're an avid traveler. What are some of your favorite places you've visited, and what is your dream vacation destination?

In the last five years I have been to Thailand, India, Israel, Turkey, and Sicily, and this summer we're doing a safari in Tanzania, Africa, for 17 days. I have loved all my trips and look forward to many more.

How do you like to spend your summers in DC? Are there any museums, parks, concerts we should know about?

I try to avoid the heat! In addition to attending theater, I volunteer at the National Gallery of Art and the National Building Museum, and I am taking a theater class at UDC under its senior program.

Most important and most satisfying, I am a volunteer courier picking up and delivering life-saving bone marrow and other products from one hospital and making a delivery to another hospital to a cancer patient waiting for surgery. With this program I have traveled to many cities in the U.S., Europe, and South America. ❄



Kay Hall Renovation Update Scheduled for Completion by September 2015

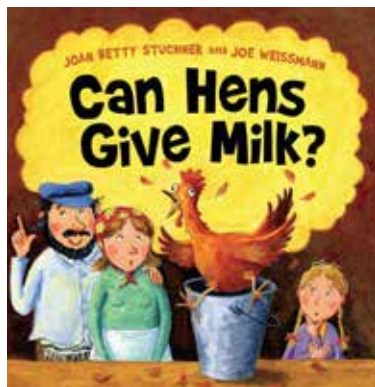
Beautiful and multi-functional gathering, social, and worship environments for the community to enjoy for years to come!

Thanks to a meaningful and significant contribution from beloved Adas member Jack Kay (z"l), the renovation and upgrade of the Kay Hall, Gildenhorn Foyer, and Wasserman Hall is well on its way. The Kay Hall Renovation Design Committee, chaired by **Ross Eisenman**, and **Ritter Norton Architects** have achieved a beautiful design for the congregation, and construction will continue thorough summer 2015. A plan is in place to have minimal impact on our congregational activities and programming during the construction phase. Generally speaking, congregational *kiddushim* and other receptions will continue take place in Cohen Hall (Gan Space) or on the Adas outdoor plaza.

Kay Hall and the adjoining spaces are multifunctional and heavily used. Over the years, the space has become well-worn and is in need of some fundamental mechanical and aesthetic improvements. Having recently completed the transformational renovation of our prayer and public entry-level spaces, the congregation will update these other critical spaces to meet the functional needs of the community and to create a gathering, social, and worship environment that befits Jack Kay's *Shem Tov*, good name. ❄

A Summer Splash of Children's Folktales

By Robin Jacobson, Library & Literary Programming Director



Among the treasures of the Jewish people are folktales—told and retold for hundreds of years across the different continents where Jews have wandered. The tales are for all ages, but children's authors have adapted many into captivating picture books. Our library is lucky to have a large children's folklore collection—perfect for entertaining (and enriching) children and grandchildren this summer. Here's a sampling (in alphabetical order by author).

A Big Quiet House by Heather Forest. An unhappy man complains to the village wise woman that he gets no peace at home—his house is small, and his family is noisy. The old woman advises bringing a chicken into the house. Not surprising, the squawking chicken makes home life even more chaotic. Confused but trusting, the man faithfully follows the woman's further instructions to herd a goat, horse, cow, and sheep into the crowded house. After reading the satisfying denouement, kids may enjoy comparing this story to other versions: *Could Anything Be Worse?* by Marilyn Hirsch; *The Little, Little House* by Jessica Souhami; and *It Could Always Be Worse* by Margot Zemach.

What His Father Did by Jacqueline Dembar Greene. Herschel must travel from his home in Minsk to visit his elderly aunt in Pinsk. But how can he afford to travel all the way from Minsk to Pinsk with just one kopek in his pocket? Stopping halfway at an inn (located in Linsk, naturally), Herschel puts down his one kopek for a place to sleep and then begins bargaining for a meal, ominously threatening to "do what his father did" if no meal appears. The nervous innkeeper runs all over town, putting together a feast for Herschel. After Herschel is well fed, he finally reveals what his father did.

Joha Makes a Wish by Eric Kimmel. Joha finds a magic wishing stick, but until he learns how to use it, his wishes go awry, causing trouble and even peril. One well-intentioned wish puts an enormous wart on the Sultan's nose, forcing Joha to flee for his life.

The Wise Shoemaker of Studena by Syd Lieberman. Yossi the shoemaker is renowned both for his skill at mending shoes and for his wise advice. Eager to be the first in Budapest to host the famous shoemaker, a rich merchant invites Yossi to his daughter's wedding. But when Yossi arrives at the wedding wearing his dirty and rumpled traveling clothes, the merchant, who has never met Yossi, turns him away. Returning in borrowed finery, Yossi is immediately welcomed. At the wedding feast, Yossi plays a prank on the guests to teach that it is better to judge others by their character than by their clothes.

Can Hens Give Milk? by Joan Stuchner. Set in the town of Chelm, famous for its foolish inhabitants, this story is about a farming family determined to train its hens to give milk. They begin by encouraging the hens to eat grass, as milking cows do. Alas, the hens show no interest in changing their diet. Frustrated, the family resorts to drastic measures.

Lemuel the Fool by Myron Uhlberg. Lemuel dreams of sailing across
continued in next column

Summer Reading for the Fall Book Club Meeting



The Betrayers by David Bezmozgis, an award-winning novel about a Soviet Jewish dissident, set in contemporary Israel and the Crimea. Join the discussion on **Sunday, October 18 @ 10:00 am.** Questions? Con-

tact Robin Jacobson, librarian@adasisrael.org.



Give your babies, toddlers, & preschoolers the gift of Ms. Ellie's Music & Movement Program

@Adas on Tuesday mornings, beginning fall 2015!

Ms. Ellie's celebrated *Shir A Song* classes immerse children and their accompanying adults in a joyous confection of Jewish and secular songs, together with finger plays and hand motions, rhythmic chants, percussion instruments, props, and dance moves. To learn more and register for this enriching program, now available for the first time in DC, go to www.mselliemusic.com. Space is limited, first- come, first-served!

Books & More continued from previous column

the horizon to reach the magical city that he imagines is there. One day he sets sail, but a storm throws him off course. The seaside village where he lands seems oddly similar to his own village—there is even a family whose members look like his family and who call him by name. Disturbed by this mysterious coincidence, Lemuel sets sail once again, hoping to find his way home. ✨

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Annual Community CPR Program, Sept. 8

Once again, the Men's Club is sponsoring a Community CPR program, this year on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:30 pm, providing a chance to learn or brush up on your CPR skills. Participants will enjoy a free light supper, starting at 6:30 pm, and training begins at 7:00 pm. To register, contact Steven Miller, 703-981-1709 or smiller173@aol.com. Registration is limited. There is no charge or synagogue members; for non-members, the cost is \$5.

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was ordained by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in 2009 and loves teaching learners of all ages in various educational settings. She has been teaching 12th graders at Milken Community High School and plans to complete her master's degree in education at American Jewish University this spring. As a Global Justice Fellow with the American Jewish World Service, she actively advocates for the rights of women and girls worldwide, especially in India, where she traveled with the AJWS in February.

They are truly a remarkable family, and we are honored to welcome them to our congregation this summer!



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