

Adas Israel Congregation

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KAY HALL



The Awaited Kay Hall...Join Us As We Dedicate Our Beautiful New Gathering Space!

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From the President

By Debby Joseph



I am writing this column after the conclusion of *Yom Kippur*. This year, Adas Israel was blessed with what many have described as the most meaningful and moving High Holy Day services that they have experienced. I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you and a hearty *yasher koach* to the many individuals who were responsible for making these services so memorable. As I reflect on what goes into this effort, a process that began almost 11 months ago, it seems to me that it exemplifies what takes place in the synagogue throughout the year.

Successful *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services are truly a collaborative effort among Adas Israel's clergy, administrative and support staff, custodians, and many members. The unique tone and spirituality present in each service was clearly the result of the work of our rabbis and Cantor Brown. Sermons and teaching moments offered by the rabbis were very much appreciated and amplified the experience of these holiday services. The synagogue staff's coordination of the logistics resulted in each room, gathering, and space meeting the needs of those present. The work of our caring and attentive custodians, this year's High Holy Day coordinator Naomi Malka, and administrative staff was evident.

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Rabbi Lauren Holzblatt

November evokes gratitude. It is the month of giving thanks. In this spirit, I would like to raise up a group at Adas that does not get a lot of outward attention, but is one of the bedrocks of this great synagogue.

This particular group, the Bereavement Committee, was started by several laypeople over 15 years ago and was headed by Sybil Wolin. Today the Committee is made up of over 25 volunteers and is headed by Edie Hessel. The Bereavement Committee is a group of people who are giving of their time, their love, comfort, and their physical and spiritual selves.

So how does it work? The committee currently has three different teams with many members serving on multiple teams. The teams are as follows:

Havurot (literally, friends)

When someone dies and the family chooses to use the Bereavement Committee, our *havurot* are set into action. In addition to the clergy, the *havurot* also meet with the family of the deceased to help arrange the entire funeral from start to finish, including announcement of death, preparation of death certificate, contract with Hines-Rinaldi (our community funeral home), and any other details for the funeral. The *havurot* attend the funeral, help make sure all of the details are covered, often provide a ride to the officiating rabbi to the cemetery, and often attend the *shiva minyanim*.

Tahara (Ritual cleansing)

Our tradition ordains that we immerse the dead body into living waters. The body is washed with water in a ritual called *tahara*. The prophet Ezekiel says: "And I will pour pure water upon you, and you shall be purified from all of your impurities; and from all of your abominations I shall purify you" (Ezekiel 36:25). This act of purification is both for the purpose of cleansing the body so that it can return back to the earth, as well as a purification of the soul as it gets ready to be returned to God. This act is one of absolute love and in our tradition is called *Hesed shel Emet*—the ultimate act of love. It is also one in which there is no public recognition as we do not permit the surviving family, or anyone for that matter, to know who served on a particular *tahara* for the deceased. This way we protect the honor of the deceased. The final act of the *Tahara* Committee is to dress the deceased in traditional shrouds (*tachrichim*) and to place the deceased into the coffin.

Shmira (Guarding)

Our tradition, which has always mandated that the deceased be treated with *kavod* (honor), created a ritual act of guarding the body from the time the person dies until he or she is buried. This year, under the leadership of Lucy

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Dedication Ceremony

**Kay Hall, Wasserman Hall
& Gildenhorn Foyer**



Hava Melava

**Saturday Night Musical Celebration
with Craig Taubman & Cantor Brown
November 21 @ 5:30pm**



Join us as we dedicate our beautiful new gathering spaces with the soulful, ecstatic sounds of celebrated musician *Craig Taubman* in the round in Kay Hall. Followed by savories and sweets!

*A chance for the entire community to join together in song and celebration!
With gratitude to the generosity of beloved Adas family member Jack Kay (ז"ל).*



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**To register online, go to
adasisrael.org/musicalmoments**

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Congregants played a huge role. A special thank you to Mark Berlin who started working on what would be required of the ushers in the spring. He created a schedule, reviewed the handbook, and solicited almost 70 members who served as ushers at all services from *Erev Rosh Hashanah* to the conclusion of *Yom Kippur*. Members of the Religious Practices Committee recruited all of the Torah and *Haftarah* readers and those who would have aliyot from among our always-willing members.

The list of names of all our congregants and staff who contributed to these holidays is very long. Each one deserves our appreciation for adding to our collective opportunity to engage in the reflective renewal that we were invited to do this year in creative, innovative, and traditional ways. I feel so very fortunate to be part of the Adas Israel community, with this star-quality team of people who are always prepared to step forward to work together. May we continue to go from strength to strength. ✨

Rabbi Holtzlatt

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Hassell, we will be providing *shmira* for our congregants who have died. *Shmira* involves sitting with the body at the Hines-Rinaldi funeral home in shifts (usually two people at a time). We literally guard the body from harm (this piece is more a remnant of the past than an issue today) and provide comfort to both the soul as it travels back to its Maker and comfort to the family whose members know that their loved one is being taken care of before burial.

This committee, as you can see from the descriptions, is one of devoted, loving, committed members of Adas. They are never mentioned publicly or receive any recognition for the incredible work they do. I want to take this moment to recognize each and every member for this holy work and to say thank you.

I invite you to become a part of this incredible committee. We are always looking for new people to serve on each of our subcommittees. If you are interested, please be in touch. All my best for a season filled with gratitude and giving thanks. ✨

ongoing learning

Come learn with us! All classes co-sponsored by Adas Israel and the Jewish Study Center. For more information and to register: www.jewishstudycenter.org.

Global Jewish Cultures: France—Resistance to Memory in Vichy and Lyon
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4, 8:15–9:25 PM

Instructor: Miriam Isaacs

The French cities of Lyon and Vichy have a stained history when it comes to the treatment of Jews, particularly during World War II. Klaus Barbie, the so-called “Butcher of Lyon,” finally met his punishment in Lyon’s Montluc prison. Marshall Petain’s collaborationist government in the spa city of Vichy sent many Jews to their deaths. There are many signs that France is increasingly acknowledging its role in this shameful history, even as many Jews are leaving that country in the face of increased anti-Semitism. What are the implications of this difficult process and its effect on Jewish life in France today? Miriam Isaacs will explore the dimensions of these questions and offer insights, conversations, and observations from a recent visit.

Miriam Isaacs is a scholar of Yiddish literature and recently completed a Fulbright grant in Sweden.

Global Jewish Cultures: Jews in a Changing Latin America
WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 4, 11, 18, 7:00–8:15 PM

Nov. 4—Jews of Cuba, Betty Adler

Life is changing rapidly for Cuba—and for Cuban Jews. Photographer Betty Adler was in Cuba on a humanitarian mission the day Alan Gross was released in 2014. Learn about the Jewish community’s history in Cuba and see photographs of its past and present, including the first *b’nai mitzvah* in 50 years in a small town outside Havana.

Nov. 11—Jews of Ecuador, Betty Adler

Ecuador was settled by Spanish conquistadors, many of them “hidden Jews” or *conversos*. The session covers the modern history of a small but dynamic and well-to-do community arising from the ashes of European Jewry, with many photographs of a beautiful country and its synagogues, community centers, and schools. The instructor’s father arrived much later, in 1939, when Ecuador was one of the few countries still accepting Jews from Europe. Photographer and instructor Betty Adler was born in Ecuador and has visited there often.

Nov. 18—Jews of El Salvador, Aaron Sztarkman

How a small community—at times only 50 families—was able to thrive in a sometimes difficult setting. Even during hard times like the Salvadoran civil war during the 1980s, this community didn’t stop having services for the most important holidays. Aaron Sztarkman is a native of El Salvador.

Series: Adas, JSC members \$40, others \$60, single sessions \$15/\$20.

Sacred Spaces: Tales and Laws of Synagogues and Study Halls
WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 18, DEC. 2, 8:30 PM

Instructor: Norman Shore

Ashrei yoshvei veitecha, says the psalm: “Fortunate are those who live in your house.” But what makes a synagogue a holy space? The class will read stories and traditional texts on the synagogue as a sacred space and its customs and history. According to the tradition, Abraham created a permanent place to pray, ancient Jerusalem was full of *shetiblech*—little prayer-rooms, and Alexandria, Egypt, had a mega-*shul*. Why do we pray in a permanent space and with a regular community? What makes a place holy, and how do we act within it? The focus of this course is on the sanctuary, but we will also discuss other roles of the synagogue, as study centers and, in modern times, a home for community centers, pre-schools, Hebrew schools, and *mikvahs*. If possible, one session will

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Sukkot (Sans Rain!)

We express a heartfelt thank you to our amazing Adas Israel community members who joined us to help build and decorate the beautiful *sukkah* on the outdoor plaza for all to enjoy throughout the holiday (notwithstanding the rain!). We send a special *yasher koach* to our "Engineer-in-Chief," **Steve Rabinowitz**, for helping us design and build the single largest community *sukkah* in the DMV area!



5776 High Holy Days *Todah Rabah*

... to our Clergy & Service Leaders: Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Rabbi Aaron Alexander, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Cantor Arianne Brown, Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith, Rabbi Mark Novak, Michael Leifman, Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum, and Elie Greenberg.

... to Marky and Martin Kirsch for dedicating our *Yizkor* Book of Remembrance in loving memory of their parents, Samuel and Sadie Lebowitz and Ralph and Helen Kirsch.

... to Janet Scribner, Leah Chanin, Reena Glazer, Sara Lichtenfeld, Lauren Markoe, Rhoda Ritzenberg, Ron Schlesinger, Rachel Merritt, and Jackelyn Roshwalb, the amazing *Mikvah* Guides of the Adas Israel Community *Mikvah*, who facilitated countless pre-holiday immersions and helped our community usher in the season in a meaningful and mindful way.

... to Naomi Malka, Marcy Spiro, Carole Klein, and Elinor Tattar, High Holy Day coordinators, and to the synagogue and school administrative staff: Melissa Adler, Carol Ansell, Jane Baldinger, Lacy LeBlanc, Marcia Miller, Rita Nicholls, Beryl Saltman, Naomi Simanin, and Brenah Srouf.

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... to Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum, Director of Education; Sheri Brown, Early

Childhood Director; Rabbi Sarah Meytin, Assistant Gan Director; Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement; Rich Dinetz, Director of Youth & YP Activities; Yoni Buckman, Youth & Family Educator; Gail Mattison, Event Coordinator; Robin Jacobson, Librarian; and Lesley Brinton, Controller.

... to the Ruthe and Nathan Katz Dial-In Fund, so members can hear our services from afar.

... to Elinor Tattar for underwriting the Congregational Break-the-Fast in memory of Dr. Stuart R. Tattar and to the Dr. Judith Kossoff Outreach Program Fund for underwriting the Young Professionals Break-the-Fast Supper.

... to our *madrichim* (teen assistants).

... to Torah, *Haftarah*, and *Ashrei* readers for *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, and *Simchat Torah*.

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... to Ari Holtzblatt for securing our incredible *Yom Kippur* afternoon speakers, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Judge David S. Tatel.

... to everyone who helped build and decorate the Adas Israel *sukkah*.

... to Brad Anderson, Building Manager, and the maintenance staff: Steve Claar, Calvin Casey, Charles Mallory, Phillip Thomas, Marc Holderman, Mike Freeman, and Geno Nicholls.

... to Executive Director David Polonsky for leading the village.

... and to the more than 5,000 members and guests who attended and participated in our High Holy Day services. ✨

November 2015 Religious School & Youth Calendar

1: Religious School Family Day, Anne Frank House Mini Walk

6-7: 5th-Grade Retreat

13: 4th-Grade *L'Dor VaDor*

14: *Kadima* Event

15: Parenting Class, USY Event

22: Parent Sunday in the *Beit Midrash*

25: No School (Thanksgiving)

29: No School (Thanksgiving)

November 2015 Children's Services and Classes

7: Tot Shabbat, Parsha Shiur, Netivot, Parshat HaShavua

14: Tot Shabbat, Junior Congregation, Netivot, Parshat HaShavua

21: Tot Shabbat, Parsha Shiur, Netivot, Parshat HaShavua

28: No Services (Thanksgiving)

Attention, Stockholders!

A Good Time to Donate Appreciated Stock

We thank the firm of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney for its special arrangement for members who donate stocks and securities to the congregation. The congregation receives 100 percent of all stock proceeds that are donated to the congregation. We liquidate all stock when received, and a confirmation letter is sent to donors following the sale. Our thanks also go to Russell Lagreca and the staff of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney for their work on our behalf.

There are great tax advantages to donating appreciated stock directly to the congregation before the end of the year. For additional information, please call David Polonsky or Lesley Brinton at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433. (Please do not call Morgan Stanley directly.) ❀

educationupdate

From the Director of Education

By Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum



With the holidays spreading through September and into the beginning of October, it is only now that I feel as though we are finding our rhythm. And, although it is a busy year, there is something comforting about the consistency of it all. In many ways our holidays are meant to be “disruptive” to shake us from the regular routines at hand and to call our attention to something significant and different. But despite the celebration and community, the irregular schedule often takes its

toll on the practicalities of everyday life.

And yet, as we settle into more normal patterns and embrace the warmth of the predictable, my wish for all of us is that we not become complacent in that comfort. The holidays, both religious and secular, often serve as an external vehicle to remind us to be joyful, to come together as families and congregations, to take time from our busy schedules to be present in a moment, and to think about the world at large. But now, as we begin to manage the tasks of daily living, we need to find our own opportunities to celebrate, to cultivate gratitude, to engage in the moment at hand, and to truly encounter the people we share our lives and our world with.

Judaism provides us with a framework that can help lift up those moments, but it is on each of us to find a way to make it personal. When is it time to take a step back and reassess? How do you express thanks? Who are the people who support you and whom you support in return? What impact can you have on those around you and in our larger society? Where do you want to put your energy moving forward? The more we can find ways to continually ask ourselves these questions and engage in these conversations, the more we are able to translate the spiritual work of the holidays into the rest of the year. We look forward to making time in our days to share these moments with you. ❀

Gan HaYeled



Students at Gan HaYeled are enriched through hands-on learning, both within the Adas building and beyond its walls. Our STEAM room provides an opportunity for small groups of students to extend their learning of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. This room, a virtual treasure trove of recycled and discarded, found and natural materials, and tools, allows children to explore their world. From discovering chemistry in baking a cake or gravity in a marble run, students delight in multiday, scaffolded learning.

Off-site, our students explore and learn in both the natural and man-made adventures that await them around Cleveland Park. From afternoons spent in Rock Creek Park to walks through the National Zoo (or the local pet store), to an impromptu visit to the local

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fire station, Gan students see, hear, feel, smell, and, yes, sometimes taste the wonders of our local community. Enjoy these pictures of Gan students delighting in their learning.

Shabbat Dinners

Our Shabbat Dinners for Families with Young Children are a great place to get to know other families with pre-school-age children. We are happy to welcome children to participate in our lively Shabbat services with rotating members of the Adas clergy each month. The evening begins with Happy Half-Hour in the Cohen-Wolpe Gan Space. Child-friendly services follow and include dancing and a joyful welcome to Shabbat. Dinner is available after to those who pre-register. Please come join us. ♣



Youth Update

By Rich Dinetz, Youth Director
Shalom, Chevre!

Youth@AI keeps it rolling in November with two great chapter events and the Seaboard USY Fall Convention. Also, we're pleased to release the 2015-16 Summer Scholarship application!

Kadimaniks (grades 6-8): Join us on Saturday, November 14, for this perennial favorite, and team up with your

friends and against your friends for an evening of laser tag at Shadowland.

Snacks and transportation to and from Adas Israel will be provided.

USYers (grades 9-12): Join AIUSY on Sunday, November 15, for an afternoon of espionage and adventure at the International Spy Museum. The museum "focuses on human intelligence and reveals the role spies have played in world events throughout history." Join us to figure out what else they offer. We'll Metro to and from the museum. Bring money for lunch downtown.

SAVE THE DATE—USY Fall Convention: Friday, November 20—Sunday, November 22. Look out for more information from Seaboard USY & Youth@AI regarding this awesome event!

For more information about these events, or to register, visit www.adasisrael.org/youth.

Got Summer Plans?



As 2015 comes to a close, and Hanukkah just around the corner, now is a great time to start thinking about summer camp 2016. Adas Israel and Youth@AI are proud to offer a Summer Scholarship program, which offers summer subsidies to active members of our youth groups. Please visit our website, www.adasisrael.org/youth, to download an application and learn about eligibility requirements. ♣

With gratitude, we acknowledge the following for their generosity:

Bertha & Oliver Atlas Youth Fund

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Cecile & Seymour Alpert Israel Youth Scholarship

Morton & Norma Lee Funger Israel Programs Fund

Janice Wasserman Goldstein Scholarship Fund

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Office & School Closings

Thursday, November 26

Schools/Offices Closed

Day After Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

Schools/Offices Closed

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Isaac W. & Dina Halbfinger Youth Fund

Rita Rosenthal Heine Youth Scholarship Fund

Dr. Louis Jacobs Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Samuel & Sadie Lebowitz Israel Scholarship Fund

Anna & Abe Nathanson Youth Fund

Lillian & Max Offenbergs Youth Fund

Steven M. Reich Memorial Youth Fund

Gertrude & Philip Smith Youth Fund

Leah M. Smith Memorial Youth Fund



The deadline for summer scholarships is Monday, February 1, 2016, so get your application in soon! Feel free to contact Rich with any questions.

For more information about Youth@AI, visit our website listed above

or contact Rich Dinetz, Youth Director, at Rich.

Dinetz@adasisrael.org, 202-362-6295. ♣

HAZAK@AI

HAZAK Dinner for Members 55+

Friday, November 13: services at 6:00 pm immediately followed by dinner



The HAZAK Steering Committee is pleased to invite you to a very special Friday night Shabbat dinner for members ages 55 and

older, following the congregational L'Dor VaDor Shabbat services.

Shabbat is a time to lift our mood and spirit, and that is best achieved with good friends and family. So join us as we sit down to a delicious Shabbat dinner together, reconnect with old friends, and meet new ones. Please register online at adasisrael.org/hazak or call the Front Desk, 202-362-4433. ♣

Kol HaMayim: The Voice of the Waters

There are so many wonderful ways to introduce kids to the idea and practice of *mikvah*. A simple question like, "Where does water come from?" can stimulate a fascinating conversation about the water cycle of our planet and how all water was present *B'Resheet*—at the beginning of life on Earth. Informally, kids can make the connection between their bodies and God when they are in the ocean, or even a pool or a bathtub! Kids and teens can immerse in the *mikvah* before *Shabbat*, before *Yomtovim*, before their *bar* or *bat mitzvah*, or to formally convert or affirm their Judaism.

Encouraging kids to think creatively about marking their own life cycles and milestones with a ritual immersion is the best way of helping the next generation of Jewish youth to grow up with positive associations about *mikvah*. Kids from Adas have immersed before going to Israel for the first time, before leaving home and going away to college, when they first began to drive independently, or after recovering from a serious illness, and for many other transitions they found meaningful.

Recently, Rabbi Alexander brought his son Ariel to the *mikvah* before *Shabbat*. He writes here about their experience:

Life presents us with so many transitions. As adults we experience promotions, demotions, physical changes, emotional triumphs and setbacks over the course of many years. But the rhythm of kids' lives is faster and they grow so quickly from week to week and month to month. Soon after my family moved to Washington my son Ariel (age 5) heard about the *mikvah* and told me he wanted to go in. To be honest, he didn't really know exactly what it was, but the idea of a little pool inside of a synagogue clearly piqued his interest and energy. So before *Shabbat* one week—late on a Friday afternoon—he and I scheduled time for the two of us to immerse together, marking spiritually and playfully this new space that captures so much of our new life here. We made two blessings together (he repeated after me, the blessing over the *mikvah* and then *She-hecheyanu*) and just spent about 20 minutes floating, talking, and deeply enjoying uninterrupted time without the normal noise of our busy lives. Without even one explicit word of Torah leaving either of our mouths during that time, it was a flowing sanctuary filled with Torah. Total Torah. That's what the waters of the *mikvah*—especially ours here at Adas—can do and be for each of us.

To make an appointment or to discuss other ways of introducing your kids to *mikvah*, contact Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776 or Mikvah@adasisrael.org. ❀

lifecycle B'nai Mitzvah



Romi Hodor, November 7

Romi Faith, daughter of Leah and Jonathan Hodor, is a seventh grader at the Holton-Arms School. Romi began her Jewish education at Ohr Kodesh, and is a student at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. She celebrates her *bat mitzvah* with her younger sister, Roxi, and her extended family and friends. For her *bat mitzvah* project, Romi is the founder of the Junior Board of Nyaka AIDS Orphans project and has worked tirelessly helping the children of Uganda.



Samara Himmelfarb, November 14 (TEM)

Sami, daughter of Lisa and Steven Himmelfarb, began her Jewish education in the Puppy Room at Gan HaY-eled. A graduate of the Jewish Primary Day School NC, Sami is now a seventh grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For her *mitzvah* project, Sami has organized a book drive with a goal of collecting 720

gently used books. If you have books you would like to donate, Sami has collection boxes at various locations, including Adas Israel and CESJDS. The books will be donated to two local nonprofits that promote literacy and life-long learning. Sami is grateful to be sharing her *bat mitzvah* with her grandparents, family, friends, and community.



Nate and Sophia Miller, November 21 (TEM)

Nate and Sophia are seventh graders at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. They are supporting Miriam's Kitchen and Children's Hospital as their *b'nai mitzvah* project. They share this *simcha* with their older sister, Claire, their parents, their grandparents, and extended family.



Dylan Sacks, November 28

Dylan, son of Beth Merachnik and David Sacks, is an eighth grader at North Bethesda Middle School. He began his Jewish education at the Alef Bet Program at Temple Beth Shalom and then the Keshet Program in Cambridge, MA. Dylan celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his grandfather, Donald Merachnik; grandmother,

Fern Sacks; and other family and friends. At this special time he thinks with love about his grandfather, Emmanuel (Mendel) Sacks, and grandmother, Sondra Merachnik, of blessed memory. For his *mitzvah* project, Dylan will recognize his South African heritage and continue his grandmother Sondra's tradition of baking *mandelbrodt* and selling it to raise money for Astra, Jewish Sheltered Employment in Cape Town, South Africa.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Betty L. Dinsmore
Rebecca Kopf
Ruth Lombard
Marvin Sugar

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Jeffrey Cohen, father of Brian Cohen
Harris Rosenthal, father of Dan Rosenthal
Annabelle Kaufman Comins, mother of Susan Taubenkibel
Irving Goldsmith, father of Denise Gershowitz
Suzanne Schindel, daughter of Paula Goldman ❀



Adas for Serious Learning

November: Sacred Conflict

Conflict is a natural and necessary part of our lives.

November learning is generously co-sponsored by the Annie Bass Yellen Scholar Fund.

It is present no matter how hard we try to avoid difficult situations. Conflict isn't a question of "if" but "how" we engage. Our lives hold deeper meaning when we have discipline and when we can interact and disagree with each other with dignity. This month we'll explore the concept of *machloket shem shamayim*, disagreement for the sake of heaven.

Register online or by calling Melissa Adler, 202-362-4433, ext. 146.

MakomDC Learning:



Open Beit Midrash with Rabbis Alexander, Holtzblatt, & Yolkut
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ 7:30 PM

The first Tuesday of the month will offer an Open *Beit Midrash*, a place to sit across the table from fellow seekers and explore the

rich, sophisticated, sacred texts that have animated our people for so many years. We'll question together, grapple together, and passionately talk through the uplifting and challenging ideas these ancient and modern texts provide. These sessions will be led by the Adas Israel clergy, along with Rabbi Elianna Yolkut.



Scholar: Rabbi Brad Hirschfield
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 7:30 PM

Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, author & president of CLAL, ranked as *Newsweek's* "50 Most Influential Rabbis" Arguments about religion, or in the name of God, are often

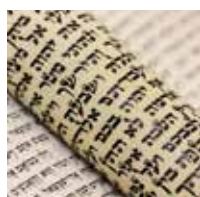
the ugliest disputes people have, yet arguing about those very things is a sacred tradition going back to Abraham! What's going on, and how can we recover an ethic of controversy, and a method of argument, that brings dignity and wisdom to life?



Conflict Resolution Workshop
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 7:30 PM

Conflict Resolution Workshop: "The Practical Skills We Need to Disagree with Dignity" with Dorit Price-Levine of the JCPA. Using Israel as our paradigm, and the JCPA's Reset-

ting The Table program as our guide, we'll learn the practical skills of constructive dialogue and collaborative deliberation.



Post-Kiddush Halakhah Class with Rabbi Alexander : "Multiple Truths and Halakhah"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 1:00 PM

Text-focused study exploring how Jewish law can hold together competing values

and still be a primary vessel for decision making.



Making Torah Personal with Senior Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 @ 10:30 AM

Delve into an in-depth learning session, using the month's theme: Sacred Conflict, as a catalyst to go deeper into various critical Jewish texts and concepts.



Religious School Parent Drop-In, Drop-Off

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 @ 10:30 AM

Once a month Religious School Parents are given a space to learn about the month's topic. Come in, enjoy a cup of coffee, and

explore some traditional and relevant texts on the role of conflict in our lives with Rabbi Alexander.

Additional Ongoing Learning



Beginners' Hebrew

SUNDAYS (NOV 1, 8, 15, 22)

@ 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Give yourself the gift of learning to read Hebrew. Whether you've never seen a Hebrew letter before, or you've learned to read a little

bit as a child, this class will help you reach your next skill level. Class is \$54 for the six-part series. Register online or call Marcia Miller, 202-362-4433, ext. 112.



Boker Ohr Shabbat Study

SATURDAY MORNINGS @ 8:30 AM

NOVEMBER 7, Rabbi Steinlauf

NOVEMBER 14, Rabbi Alexander

NOVEMBER 21, Rabbi Yolkut

NOVEMBER 28, No Boker Ohr (Thanksgiving)

Boker Ohr meets Saturday mornings in the Biran *Beit Midrash* with the weekly portion as its focus.



Friday Parsha Study with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 10:00 AM

Study a piece of the weekly *parsha* through the eyes of the Hasidic masters. Taste a piece of their Torah and the world from

which they emerged. Among the teachers we will study: Kedushat Levi, Netivot Shalom, Rav Soloveitchik, Noam Elimelech, and the Sefat Emet.

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<div>119 Cheshvan</div> <div>CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS: “FALL BACK”</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amJMCW Yoga Stretch</div> <div>10:30 amMakomDC</div> <div>10:30 amJMCW Class-Wise Aging</div> <div>11:00 amJMCW Mindful Yoga Flow</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>220 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>321 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:15 amMorning Awakening with Rabbi Lauren</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>7:00 pmJMCW Meditation Session</div> <div>7:30 pmMakomDC: Open Beit Midrash</div>	<div>422 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>523 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>624 Cheshvan</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amParshat Hashavua Class</div> <div>5:30 pmKabbalat Shabbat Oneg</div> <div>6:30 pmShir Delight Happy Hour</div> <div>6:30 pmReturn Again Service with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt and Elie Greenberg</div> <div>7:30 pmShir Delight Service;</div> <div>8 pm: D’var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf</div> <div>8:30 pmShir Delight Shabbat Dinner</div> <div>4:44 pm</div>	<div>7 PARSHAT CHAYA SARAH25 Cheshvan</div> <div>8:30 amBoker Ohr Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>9:30 amReturn Again Shabbat Morning Service;</div> <div>Bat Mitzvah: Romi Hodor;</div> <div>D’var Torah by Rabbi Steinlauf</div> <div>9:30 amTraditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>9:45 amHavurah Shabbat Service;</div> <div>D’var Torah by Rabbi Holtzblatt</div> <div>11:00 amTot Shabbat</div> <div>11:00 amNetivot</div> <div>12:00 pmCongregational Kiddush</div> <div>12:30 pmHavurah Shabbat Kiddush</div> <div>4:45 pmShabbat Mincha/Maariv Services</div> <div>5:44 pmHavdalah</div> <div>6:00 pmYP Havdalah and a Movie</div>
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SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.

Charles E. Smith Sanctuary: Join us for our Shabbat morning services in the renewed Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, the synagogue’s largest worship space, led by our inspiring Rabbi and Cantor. The service includes a D’var Torah and sermon by the Rabbi and often includes participation by members and B’nai Mitzvah.

Traditional Egalitarian Minyan (TEM): Every Shabbat morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around

10:30 am. Led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of Adas clergy, the TEM is a participatory service with a full P’sukei D’Zimrah (introductory Psalms), Shacharit, and Musaf, a complete reading of the weekly Torah portion, and a d’var Torah. For more information, e-mail traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org. Havurah Service: Lay-led, participatory service at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. A kiddush follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.

Youth Shabbat Services: Starting with Tot Shabbat for children ages 5 and under led by Menuhah Peters

or Rabbi Ben Shalva. Netivot, for students in grades K–3, is led by Linda Yitzchak or Allison Redisch. Junior Congregation, for grades 4–6, is led by Yoni Buckman and teenage madrichim.

‘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 (lbrarian@adasisrael.org).

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

The first night of *Hanukkah* is right around the corner—Saturday, December 6. Now is the time to come to the Gift Shop to buy a new *menorah*, *Hanukkah* candles, and gifts for family and friends.



And, let's not forget the children! We have new activity books, *dreidels*, *gelt*, *Hanukkah* cookies, and lovely toys.



We're looking forward to seeing you!

Gift Shop Hours:

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

Tuesday, Special Extended Hours
9:30 am–3:00 pm, 6:00–8:00 pm

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

202-364-2888

adasgiftshop@gmail.com

sisterhoodnews

New Adas Clergy Meet with Adas Israel Sister- hood at Opening Event *It's all about 'Getting to Know You'*

It was all about “Getting to Know You” at the Adas Israel Sisterhood Opening event on Sunday, October 25. Over 100 members and guests had the opportunity to meet and share ideas with the newest members of our clergy family: Rabbi Aaron Alexander and his wife, Rabbi Penina Alexander, and Ritual Director *Hazzan* Rachel Goldsmith. The event was billed as “A Little Study, a Little Song, and a Little *Drash*,” and it certainly was.

Everyone at the opening event was treated to a powerhouse of creative connecting. The three guests of honor shared their backgrounds with the group and learned about the interests of many members of the audience. Rabbi Aaron taught a piece of Talmud about wearing *tzitzit*. We learned a great deal about this *mitzvah*, one of the 613 commandments that God instructs us to carry out.

Then Rabbi Penina discussed her work with adolescent girls and how she taught them Jewish values. She also invited Sisterhood to do some additional imaginative programming at Adas. She then led the group in helping others learn to tie their own *tzitzit*.

Hazzan Rachel led the group in singing special psalms for the day as we helped each other tie our own *tzitzit*. She then shared her ideas on how this *mitzvah* relates to the beautiful ribbon ceremony she conducted next: the ceremony represents the interwoven community that the women of Sisterhood create within the Adas Israel community.

As is always the case with Sisterhood, we take away at least three things from any event: Friendship, Knowledge, and Community. Everyone at the gathering left with very positive feelings about these three concepts, and each of us felt uplifted and inspired. We offer a hearty welcome to Rabbi Aaron, Rabbi Penina, and *Hazzan* Rachel. We know they will be a wonderful support for Sisterhood.

A very special thank you goes to Susan Winberg and Lucy Hassell, chairs of this wonderful program.

Sisterhood will co-sponsor two Book Chats, November 8 and 22

On Sunday, November 8, at 10 am: *One Nation Taken Out of Another*. Cantor Ariane Brown and poet Zackary Sholem Berger will present a program of Yiddish music and poetry.

On Sunday, November 22, at 10 am: *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking*. Author and food historian Joan Nathan will interview Chef Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook about their celebrated Philadelphia restaurants and new book.

Please contact Robin Jacobson, librarian@adasisrael.org, for more information.



Rabbis Aaron and Penina Alexander



Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith,
Ritual Director

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SAVE THESE DATES Sisterhood Special Events

November 8: Seaboard Region Education Day at Kol Shalom in Rockville. For details, contact Myra Promisel, 202-265-0196.

February 26–27, 2016: Sisterhood *Shabbat* with Scholar-in-Residence Naomi Less

June 26, 2016: Sisterhood Closing Event

Renew Membership or Join Sisterhood Now

Last month, Sisterhood completed a mailing to all of the women in the congregation, inviting them to join or renew their membership for 5776. It's not too late to become involved or just to find out more about this organization that provides opportunities to learn, deepen spirituality and personal Jewish growth, do *mitzvot*, and network. Adas Israel Sisterhood embraces women of all ages and stages of life.

Choose a membership level that is appropriate for you: Basic Membership: \$36; Contributor: \$54; Patron: \$72; and feel free to contribute any amount above these suggested amounts. The first year of Sisterhood membership is complementary for all new Adas Israel members. To join Sisterhood, go to <http://adasisrael.org/sisterhood> or send a check payable to Adas Israel Sisterhood to Sisterhood Treasurer Dava Berkman, 2475 Virginia Ave., NW, Apt. 803, Washington, DC 20037. To learn more about Sisterhood, call June Kress, Membership Chair, at 202-316-3439.

We thank the Sisterhood members who helped prepare the membership mailing: Alisa Abrams, Dava Berkman, Jean Bernard, Roberta Boam, Barbara Cline, Miriam Gusevich, Leah Hadad, Lucy Hassell, Mary Hammer, Miriam Isaacs, Arlette Jassel, June Kress, Judith Melamed, Deborah Wallach, Julie Weisman, Nancy Weiss, and Susan Winberg.

Taste of *Tanach*

We meet once a month for Taste of *Tanach* with Rabbi Steinlauf, who leads the group in a lively Torah-based discussion. The meetings are on Tuesdays at 10 am. The next Taste of *Tanach* is Tuesday, November 17. For more information about the Taste of *Tanach*, contact coordinator Roselle Abramson, rosellelabramson@yahoo.com.

Adas Torah Fund Campaign Reaches 30% of 5776 Goal



New Torah Fund pin for 5776

As of the first week of October, the Adas Israel Torah Fund campaign reached 30% of its 5776 goal. This is a wonderful start to the year, but we still some distance to go. We thank all of our wonderful supporters and extend an appeal to those who have yet to make a gift to plant today for tomorrow in support of our Conservative/Masorti seminaries and professional communal leadership programs.

You may submit your donation using the envelope provided in the annual Sisterhood mailing or send a check to Torah Fund c/o Adas Israel Sisterhood, 2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, DC 20008. ❀



RSVP for *Oliver!* at Arena Stage with Adas Israel Members, Sunday, Dec. 13

Join Adas families, clergy, and staff for this wonderful performance at Arena Stage! Charles Dickens's unforgettable characters come to life in this classic Tony Award-winning musical about an innocent orphan thrown into the dark world of double-dealing thieves and conmen of 19th-century London. Bursting with jubilant songs, including "You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two," "Consider Yourself," "Where Is Love?" and the scrumptious "Food, Glorious Food," director Molly Smith (*Fiddler on the Roof*, *Oklahoma!*) will serve up a musical feast for the eyes and ears that will have every theater-lover calling out for more! Contact Marcy Spiro at Marcy. Spiro@adasisrael.org for more information.

Tips to the Staff Holiday Gift Fund

Adas Israel Congregation is fortunate to have wonderful, dedicated maintenance, clerical, administrative, and support staff members, all of whom ensure that the synagogue runs as needed. Our staff serve our members, officers, committees, schools, and clergy in achieving the mission and goals of the congregation.

Several years ago, the synagogue adopted a policy of "no tipping" to individual staff members following events or programs. Some staff members are more visible than others, but it takes all of them to prepare.

In lieu of tipping, the congregation has created a Staff Holiday Gift Fund, which is divided equally among the support staff every December. We appreciate those who contribute to the holiday gift fund to our maintenance and support staff members in honor of their good work during the High Holy Days and throughout the year.

Ma Tovv: Aaron and Erin Claxton

HONORING OUR LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement

What is your Adas Israel story? Your history with Adas, how you ended up here, why you're here?

Aaron: It was the fall of '79. My parents and I were living at Connecticut and Davenport when a friend told them about a wonderful preschool at Adas Israel called Gan HaYeled. They enrolled me immediately, and the rest is history. My mother, Betty, describes the Gan as "the gateway drug to full time Adas membership."

Erin: My first memories of Adas are from sixth and seventh grade when I would attend a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* almost every weekend. I remember the Kay Hall in its former state . . . it's way better now! Aaron and I chose to raise our kids in the same places we grew up. Adas has been "in the family" for a long time and we're happy to continue the tradition.

You both spend a lot of time and energy volunteering at Adas. What types of projects have you worked on, and why do you think it's so important to volunteer?

Aaron: Let's get this straight: ERIN volunteers. She has been a Gan room parent, chaired teacher appreciation luncheons, fancy *Shabbat* dinners, and is now in her second year as GPA co-president. I'm the owner and operator of a busy hair salon in Bethesda, and the only volunteering I can do right now is to drive Charlie to school every day. Hey, it helps!

Erin: I truly believe that in volunteering you will find community. In the time I've spent working on GPA events, I've bonded with many Gan and Adas staff members, I've partnered with members of our clergy, and my children and I have developed some very cherished friendships. My time with the GPA has also inspired me to reach out in my neighborhood. It's important that I show my children how important our community is—large and small.

When you're not working or volunteering, how do you like to spend time with your family?

We have a boat in Edgewater, MD, on the South River and Chesapeake Bay. Being together on the water is always relaxing for us. Memories are certainly made catching fish and cannonballing into the water. We also have family movie nights, which we call our "P. Five" parties. We get in our Pajamas, eat Pizza, Peppers, and Popcorn, and watch a Picture show.

What are some of your favorite Jewish holidays, and how do you celebrate them with your family?

We look forward to *Shabbat* dinner every week. It's very meaningful to light the candles and talk about all the week's events. We play a game called "High/Low" during *Shabbat* dinner that gives all of us the opportunity to talk about the best parts, and the not-so-best parts, of our busy week. These

evenings together will allow us to continue to "stay in touch" as our children grow and change.

Pesach is always a great time for us. Every year we host around 25 friends and family for the second night *seder*. We recline, we sing, we eat (a lot), and we laugh as the kids scramble to find the *afikomen*. And while AC always leads, we look forward to his father, Rick, underscoring the importance of everyone thinking of themselves of having personally left Egypt.

What are some of your favorite places to go in DC for family fun? What about for date night?

We love the National Zoo. AC and Maeve go almost every Thursday morning. The kids love the seal feedings and the small mammal house "look and learn." We're avid Washington Capitals fans (we've had season tickets for years), so you can find us at the Verizon Center during hockey season. We have three kids under age 9 . . . what is this "date night" you speak of?

Erin, you've admitted to being a wonderful Adas recruiter. If you had to describe Adas Israel in six words to a potential member, what would those words be?

Tradition. Sanctity. Community. Belonging. Love. Home.

You're answering these questions during Sukkot, and people will be reading this before Thanksgiving. On both of these holidays we give thanks. What are some of the things that you are most thankful for?

We're so thankful for the health and happiness of our children, our family and friends, and the blessing of our growing business. We're very thankful that we live in a time and place that offers so much—something not everyone in this world has. We're thankful for Adas Israel Congregation, and we are proud of the legacy our family has created there. ✨



A Culinary Love Affair Born from Tragedy

By Jeremy Steindecker, Adas member



Michael Solomonov



Steven Cook

Modern Israeli cooking was still new in the United States when Chef Michael Solomonov and business partner Steven Cook opened their restaurant, Zahav, in Philadelphia in 2008. Rave reviews quickly followed. In 2011, Solomonov won "Best Chef: Mid-Atlantic" from the

James Beard Foundation, and in 2014, *Eater* named him "National Chef of the Year."

Now, in their just-published cookbook, *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking*, Solomonov and Cook reveal how home cooks can prepare the simple-to-make dishes that critics have called "beguiling," "inspired," "seductive," and even "profound."

Later this month, the Adas community will have the opportunity to hear from the celebrated Zahav team in person. On **Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 am**, award-winning author and culinary historian Joan

Joan Nathan

Nathan will explore with Solomonov and Cook the surprising journey that led to cooking stardom. A book signing will follow the program.

I first met Chef Solomonov in 2014 when he was the star chef at a dinner my wife and I co-hosted to benefit Martha's Table and DC Central Kitchen. Mike served us some of the most delicious food I have ever eaten. His menu of kosher dishes blended influences from North Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. Beyond the superlative meal, I was struck by what a generous person Mike is—a real *mensch*. He captivated us with his inspiring personal story and his commitment to giving back to the community.

Chef Solomonov was born in G'nei Yehuda, Israel, in 1978, but was raised in Pittsburgh. At age 19, with no Hebrew language skills, he returned to Israel and took the only job he could get—working in a bakery. But that job sparked his culinary fire, leading to culinary school and, later, to jobs at famed Philadelphia restaurants.

Then tragedy struck. In 2003, Solomonov's younger brother, David, an Israeli soldier, was killed by snipers near the Lebanese border on *Yom Kippur*. Days away from being discharged, David had volunteered to take the watch shift of a more religious soldier.

In the orchard where his brother was killed, Solomonov held a memorial dinner that he says changed the direction of his life. Although he would stay in Philadelphia, he realized that his roots were in Israel. "Until I visited that place," he said, "I had no intention of cooking Israeli food. But, after my brother's death, the path I was going to take became clear."

Following the success of *Zahav*, Solomonov and Cook opened other Philadelphia restaurants: Percy Street Barbecue, Federal Donuts, Abe Fisher, and Dizengoff, an Israeli-style *hummus*ia. A new restaurant, Rooster Soup Company, scheduled to open this winter, will donate its profits to the Broad Street Ministry, which provides meals for the homeless and other needed community services.

Come hear more of Chef Solomonov's inspiring story on Sunday, November 22! 🌟

Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking

Sunday, Nov. 22, 10:00 am

Author and culinary historian **Joan Nathan** in conversation with Chef **Michael Solomonov** and **Steve**

Cook about *Zahav*, their celebrated Israeli restaurant in Philadelphia,

This is a ticketed event. To purchase tickets, go to www.wizevents.com/register/3781. 🌟



Music & Poetry in the Library: One Nation Taken Out of Another.



Sunday, November 8, 10:00 am. Delight in Yiddish music and poetry with **Cantor Ariane Brown** and poet **Zackary Sholem Berger**. Free program; reserve at www.wizevents.com/register/3782. 🌟

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

Anne Frank House Update

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, on November 1 at Adas Israel, 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. Again this year, we are inviting the entire community to participate in the walk.

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.



ANNE FRANK HOUSE



The Anne Frank House Walk to End Homelessness

**Sunday, November 1, 11:15 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 18 to guarantee that your T-shirt will be available by the day of the walk.

To register, visit,
<http://www.theannefrankhouse.org/>
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.

Thank You for Your Support!

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Ezra Pantry

Kol Hakavod! Yom Kippur Food Drive a Success!

Many thanks to all who contributed food to our annual *Kol Nidre* Food drive, enabling us to send hundreds and hundreds of pounds of food to S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat). The Ezra Pantry project continues all year long (in addition to the special food drives during High Holy Days and *Pesach*), so please remember to "bring one more" when you come to synagogue. *Todah rabah!*

Winter Coat Drive

The Ezra Pantry begins its annual **Winter Coat Drive** to benefit S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat). Now that you're digging out your winter clothes, please consider donating your outgrown coats or ones that your family members will not wear again

to Ezra Pantry. You'll see a large wardrobe box in the coat room dedicated to winter coats. **Let's fill it!** Bring in winter coats by Thanksgiving, and they will be donated to someone in need. Thank you!

Contact Ezra Pantry Coordinator Judith Krones, judith.krones@gmail.com, for more information or to share new ideas for Ezra Pantry.



A Mitzvah for Thanksgiving—Dinner for Luther Place Shelter/N Street Village



It is Adas Israel's privilege to provide Thanksgiving dinner for homeless or low-income women at the Luther Place Night Shelter of N Street Village. Our *mitzvah* date is Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26. We prepare and deliver a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 25–30 people. Volunteers bring food that is fully prepared, ready to reheat and be enjoyed, and delivered in disposable containers.

Better yet, join the cadre of Adas congregants who help provide food for this transition shelter the fourth Thursday of every month. Adas Israel members have been providing dinners to Luther Place Women's Shelter, one of the earliest N Street Village programs, for more than 20 years. Each month Laura Epstein organizes 10 or so volunteers to contribute a meal, and Roger Nehrer delivers the food. Volunteers, who can participate once in a while or every month, contribute something simple like 30 apples or an entrée for 10.



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We can always use more volunteers. Located in the Logan Circle area, N Street Village has as its formal mission statement: "N Street Village empowers homeless and low-income women to claim their highest quality of life by offering a broad spectrum of services and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. The Village also provides affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families."

The Village began in 1973 as an outgrowth of ProJeCt (Protestant-Jewish-Catholic), an interfaith response to the suffering in our nation's capital. According to a 2012 District count, N Street Village was serving over 60% of DC's adult female homeless population (those unaccompanied by minor children). Adas Israel is proud to be an N Street Village partner.

To help with Thanksgiving and monthly dinners for N Street Village, contact Laura Epstein, laura_epstein@hotmail.com. ❀



Save the Date:

Christmas Day at N Street Village: Volunteer to serve the women a holiday lunch and provide musical entertainment. Great family activity. Contact Ruth Kleinrock at RuthKleinrock@gmail.com for information.

Our Kids: The American Dream, Dec. 1



Adas's lay leadership and clergy have supported social action projects and advocacy on the critical DC issues of housing, homelessness, and poverty. As the Social Action Council continues to explore ways in which the congregation can buttress its already robust communal

involvement to have even more impact, we'd like to invite the congregation to a book discussion that will give all of us a chance to reflect on where we are and begin—together—to together chart a path forward.

The book is ***Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*** by Robert Putnam. Rabbi Alexander and members of the Social Action Committee will lead the discussion. We encourage everyone to read as much as you can (we'll focus on chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5) and join us December 1 after *kid-dush* for a lively discussion. ❀

Attention: Class of 5779 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Candidates

We are in the process of organizing the *b'nai mitzvah* class of 5779, which includes children who will be celebrating this milestone between August 2018 and June 2019. Below is a list of children of our members who, according to our records, should celebrate becoming *b'nai mitzvah* with the class of 5779 (which means they were **born between July 2005 and July 2006**).

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

If your child is missing from this list and you believe he or she should be included with this *bar/bat mitzvah* group and celebrate between August 2018 and June 2019,

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

OR if you have any questions,

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

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 10, for the 5779 *B'nai Mitzvah* Parents' Meeting with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Cantor Arianne Brown, Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum, Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith, and Naomi Malka (coffee at 9:30 am, meeting at 10 am) to assign *bar/bat mitzvah* dates.

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include a close look at Adas's recently renovated Charles E. Smith Sanctuary.

Norman Shore is a longtime teacher and a former president and co-founder of the Jewish Study Center.

Cost: Adas, JSC members \$25, others \$35; single session \$15/\$20.

Panel: Where Do You Go for News You Can Trust About Israel?

A discussion moderated by

Robert Satloff

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, 7:00 PM

"You are entitled to your own opinion," Daniel Patrick Moynihan is supposed to have said, "but not to your own facts." Do people who disagree politically on Israel sometimes seem to be working from different sets of facts? With so many possible sources of news and insight, how do we learn what we know about Israel and, more generally, about the Middle East? If you're confused, where should you look for guidance? What should you read? Whose Twitter should you follow? In this panel discussion, journalists, scholars, and advocates with different perspectives on Israeli politics will discuss how they stay informed.

Robert Satloff is executive director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Tamara Coffman Wittes is director of the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. From 2009 through 2012 she was a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs at the U.S. State Department.

Paul Scham is executive director of the Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies at the University of Maryland.

Josh Block is president and CEO of The Israel Project and a former director of strategic communications for AIPAC.

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