



Adas Israel Congregation

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## From the President

By Debby Joseph



February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month. Established several years ago, it is an annual opportunity to remind us of the need to ensure that we are truly including all who want to participate in our community. Interest surveys have demonstrated that people with disabilities value the importance of faith at the same rate as those without disabilities. Despite the interest, actual involvement with their faith communities is low because of many barriers.

What does inclusion mean? At its most basic, our worship opportunities need to be accessible to all who want to participate. This includes accessibility of our spaces, availability of assistance such as sign language interpreters, hearing loops, and Braille prayer books. It refers to the full community experience, which our congregations are offering to many. Also, we need to provide safe places for people to form friendships, participate meaningfully in activities, and provide learning opportunities and/or guidance and support to family members who may need resources to assist their loved ones.

With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, Congress expanded the world of disabled citizens by ensuring that all people would have access to lives of their design and interest, with the supports needed to facilitate such opportunities. We celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Act's passage this past summer, and while much has been

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Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

*Hesed*, love, is the bedrock of all cohesive communities. When people are seen, cared for, and have the opportunity to care for each other—bonds are formed and relationships deepen.

At its core, our tradition teaches that acts of *hesed* are the deeds that condition our souls not only to be good, but to be very good. In his 16th-century work, *Derekh Hayyim*, Rabbi Judah Loew of Prague (The Maharal) writes: "People's capacity for goodness can be divided into three parts: Her own intrinsic goodness; her goodness in her relationship with God; and her goodness in her relationships with her fellow human beings. . . ."

*Hesed* corresponds to this third aspect of a person's life, for it is eminently clear that when people perform kind deeds for other people without expecting any reimbursement, one person is being good toward another. There is, in fact, no greater good than when one bestows kindnesses upon others from his or her own volition—in doing so, the person is truly and really "good."

This year the Hesed Committee at Adas, chaired by Rae Grad, will begin to broaden its work to deepen our care for our members in times of sickness and transition. This year our work focuses on four major areas: visiting the homebound and sick, providing meals for those who are sick or in transition (new parents), a caring phone line providing calls to our elderly members each week to wish them a *Shabbat Shalom*, and *hesed* baskets to members in transition (new members, sick, new parents, etc.).

We have a wonderful new committee with co-chairs for each of these work areas, including Rabbi Penina Podwal Alexander, Mike Fingerhut, Kathie Hoppie, Art Isack, Harriet Isack, Susan Klein, Susan Klein, Naomi Perl, Edna Povich and Janet Scribner. If you are interested in volunteering with the new Hesed Committee, please be in touch with me ([Rabbi.Holtzblatt@adasisrael.org](mailto:Rabbi.Holtzblatt@adasisrael.org)) or Rae Grad ([rgrad@comcast.net](mailto:rgrad@comcast.net)). We look forward to continuing to build a community filled with love and care. 🌸

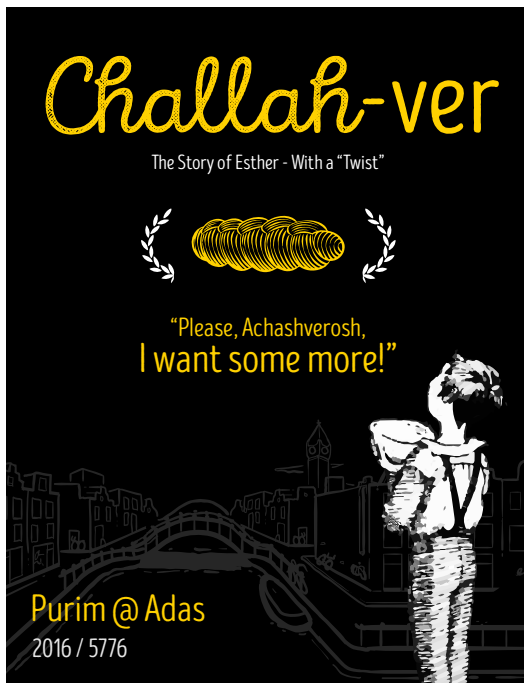


**Adas Israel is proud to present livestreaming of our keynote weekday learning events in the Biran Beit Midrash.** What is livestreaming? If you can't make it to Adas, you'll still be able to connect to a live feed through any computer, laptop or mobile device! Visit [adasisrael.org/adaslive](http://adasisrael.org/adaslive) to view upcoming broadcast times and recently archived videos.



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## Purim 5776/2016



Join us for the festive observances of *Purim*! The festival of *Purim* is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of *Adar* (late winter/early spring). It commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot "to destroy the Jews in a single day."

This year at Adas observances include a full *Megillah* reading in the style of *Oliver Twist*, a Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* family reading, readings for families with young children, and the incredible annual *Purim* Carnival with games, attractions, snacks, and more!

### 'Challah-ver' Auditions!

We are excited to announce the 2016 *Purim* production of "Challah-ver"! All members are encouraged to participate in the shpiel; auditions will be held Sunday, February 21, at 12:30 pm (*Purim* begins Wednesday evening March 23).

All roles are open. Please come prepared to sing any song a cappella! All ages are welcome. For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Cantor Brown, cantor.brown@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433.

See you on stage! 🌟

## Save the Date...

### The First Night Community Seder

#### Passover 2016/5776, Friday, April 22



Join us for our annual, festive community Passover *seder* at Adas Israel with delicious food, thought-provoking discussion, and joyful song. The Passover *seder* is one of the Jewish peoples' most treasured traditions. Few rituals have survived so long and remained

so true to their original form. Using rich symbolism, role-playing, and all the senses, the *seder* has warmly transmitted the values of human dignity, liberty, and the search for higher meaning to every society it has reached. To this day, in every corner of the world, Jewish families come together to reconstruct that original Passover *seder*, again and again, year after year. And every year, there is more to learn. We look forward to sharing this beautiful and meaningful tradition with you and your family this year at Adas. 🌟

### Purim Schedule

Sunday, March 20

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

**Erev Purim, Wednesday, March 23**

6:00 pm: *Mincha* (Only)

6:30 pm: Full *Megillah* Reading (TEM Family Service)

7:00 pm: Full *Megillah* Reading & "Challah-ver" *Purim Shpiel*

**After the Readings:** Refreshments & Celebration!

**Purim, Thursday, March 25:**

7:15 am: Morning *Minyan* & *Megillah* Reading

5:30pm: *Purim* celebration for families with young children

## The 6th Annual National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Championship Competition!

### Saturday, March 12 @ 8:00 pm

A cappella music is sweeping the country, and colleges and universities are a big reason for that. There is



an ever-increasing number of a cappella groups on college campuses, and the number of Jewish collegiate a cappella groups (that we know of) is approaching 50! Add to that popular TV shows such as *The Sing-Off*, and anyone who's anyone now realizes how cool it is to sing without accompanying instruments.

There are competitions for a cappella groups out there, such as the Harmony Sweepstakes and ICCA, but there was a void in the Jewish a cappella world—at least until 2011! The inaugural Kol HaOlam National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Competition held in Washington, DC, saw Tizmoret (Queens College) crowned as the first official National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella champion. After Tizmoret repeated in 2012, Hooshir (Indiana University) claimed the title in 2013 and 2014, and then Tizmoret again in 2015! **Who will be crowned the next champion? And who will win the coveted Audience Favorite prize?** 🌟



## National Jewish Disability Awareness Month and Inclusion Shabbat

February 20 marks the third year that the Adas community will actively participate in National Jewish Disability



Awareness Month. This day is an opportunity to continue to learn from members at Adas and others in the DC-area Jewish community about why Judaism is important to us, and what more we can do to remove physical and attitudinal barriers. The program, presented by the Inclusion Task Force, assembles a diverse group of people who have wonderful, thoughtful comments to make. It is also an opportunity to look at the progress we at Adas have made and learn about what other congregations are doing.

Our main speaker will be Liz Weinberg, who is nationally recognized as a self-advocate. She will tell her compelling life story in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. Following *kiddush*, members of a panel of speakers with a broad array of disabilities will discuss their experiences, followed by an opportunity for discussion. We welcome your active participation. This program will be sign interpreted.

The purpose of the Inclusion Task Force is to engage across the Adas community to collaborate and provide enriching experiences that make Adas a leader in the inclusion of disabled people of all ages, with all types of disabilities and their family and friends. The Task Force, along with our Board, clergy, and staff, is engaged in making this happen.

We want to hear and learn from you about your experiences and what more you would like to learn and contribute. Strengthening Adas as a diverse community is happening, and our leadership is being recognized across the United States. Together we are making a difference. We look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming year.

—Judy Heumann and Marci Goldstein  
Co-chairs, Adas Inclusion Committee ❄

## Mark Your Calendars Garden of the Righteous Ceremony

Honoring the Memory of Joachim Alexopoulos, Greek Orthodox Bishop of Volos, Sunday, May 22

On Sunday afternoon, May 22, at 4:00 pm, Adas Israel Congregation will honor the memory of His Eminence, Joachim Alexopoulos (1873–1959), Greek Orthodox Bishop of Volos. His courage and faith during World War



II were little known until his posthumous recognition in 1997 by the State of Israel, for saving the lives of 700 people who were hidden by the residents of the villages of Mount Pelion. When the Nazis asked him to hand over the list of Jewish residents, he refused, answering, "I am a Jew."

Honored as "Righteous Among the Nations," Father Alexopoulos's name is inscribed in the Holocaust Museum here in Washington and entered on the Righteous Honor Wall at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.



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

This program, initiated in 1992 by Rabbi Jeffrey A. Wohlberg to honor non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust, is supported in part by the Men's Club of Adas Israel and the Peter Dreyer Memorial Endowment Fund. Adas member Judith Strauch, who chairs this program, has dedicated herself to the success of this program for more than two decades. We look forward to seeing you there. ❄



## Hachnasat Orchim Workshop, February 23

*Hachnasat Orchim* (welcoming guests) is a core Jewish value, modeled biblically by Abraham and Sarah in *Genesis*. When guests unexpectedly arrived at the tent of Abraham and Sarah, the couple warmly welcomed the visitors, made them comfortable, and fed them generously.

In a congregation as large as ours, it is very easy to feel like a stranger when walking into a service, lecture, or class. However, one advantage of being a large synagogue is that we have more than 4,000 dedicated members to serve as greeters, ambassadors, and connectors.

So what does it mean to be an ambassador or connector? How do you do it, and how might this help you in your life outside of Adas?

In this workshop, Senior Rabbi Gil Steinlauf explores the spiritual dimension of welcoming the stranger, and shows us how living our lives with openness and welcome not only blesses the stranger, it enriches us as well. Join us on Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 pm, in the Biran Beit Midrash for this enlightening session. Please register online at [www.adasisrael.org](http://www.adasisrael.org) or call Carol Ansell at 202.362.4433. 🌟



## Hagbah & Gelilah Practice Session

February 27, after Kiddush  
Free & open to all!

*Hagbah* is the term for raising the Torah scroll, and *gelilah* is the word for rolling up and tying the Torah scroll and replacing its cover and ornaments.

After *kiddush* on the February 27 *Shabbat*, anyone who's interested is welcome to join us for an explanation and "how-to" about *hagbah* and *gelilah*. This event, hosted by the

Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*, is open to anyone in the congregation who wants to practice this wonderful *mitzvah*, particularly those who've never done it . . . and women are especially encouraged! After the explanation, everyone will be able to practice lifting the Torah scrolls for themselves, with spotters. Please join us we practice this important community *mitzvah*.

The verse, "And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people" (*Nehemiah* 8:5) is the biblical precedent for raising an open scroll so the entire congregation can view the Torah script. The person who lifts the Torah traditionally opens at least three columns of the scroll before raising it up as high as possible, and then slowly turns to show the script to all assembled. This allows everyone in the congregation to see the text and proclaim, "V'zot ha-Torah" (this is the Torah [that Moses placed before the Children of Israel], *Deuteronomy* 4:44). Some worshipers raise the edges of their *tallit* toward the script and then kiss the *tzitzit*, although the *halakhic* requirement is merely to bow toward the open Torah. It's a beautiful tradition that we hope to share. We look forward to seeing you there! 🌟



## The Jewish Theological Seminary and Adas Israel Congregation invite you to study:

Forbidden Wisdom: Jewish Mysticism through the Ages



### Dr. Jonathan Ray

Four Wednesdays,  
Feb. 24; March 2, 9, & 16,  
7:00–9:00 pm  
Instructor: Dr. Jonathan Ray, JTS Fellow & Samuel Eig Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Georgetown University

Mysticism has been an essential feature of Judaism from its very beginning. Yet for most Jews, mystical texts and ideals remain elusive. Indeed, the nature of the *Kabbalah* is so mysterious and potentially confusing that, for centuries, rabbis prohibited its study by all but the most mature and well-grounded adults.

This four-part series explores some of the central concepts of the *kabbalistic* tradition and discusses how they have helped to shape Jewish thought and practice. We trace the evolution of *kabbalistic* thought from its emergence in medieval Europe, to its reformulation by the mystics of Safed in the 16th century, through the contributions of the Hasidic masters of 18th-century Poland, and, finally, to the reemergence of *kabbalistic* traditions in contemporary America.

The cost for this four part series is \$54. Register by visiting <http://adasisrael.org/jmcw/> 🌟

## SAVE THE DATE FOR NEW MEMBER ONEG Friday, March 11, at 5:30pm in Biran Beit Midrash



Please join us in the Biran Beit Midrash on Friday, March 11 for a new member

reception. This is an invitation to all our wonderful new members at Adas Israel to join us for a relaxed "meet & greet" with the Adas Israel clergy, lay leaders, and community members! Longstanding members of the community are also encouraged to attend to welcome our new friends to Adas Israel! 🌟



## Adas for Serious Learning

*Elasticity: Maximizing the boundaries of thought, practice & identity.*

The world is presented to us in binaries: black and white, good and bad, pro and con, good and evil. Jewish elasticity maximizes the boundaries of thought, practice, and identity to elevate the Torah without losing its timeless truth. Together we'll learn to read the Torah in this way, and conceptualize these ideas for our own growing religious awareness. *Register online or by calling Melissa Adler, 202-362-4433, ext. 146*

### MakomDC Learning:



#### "Open Beit Midrash Night" in the Biran Beit Midrash

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 @ 7:15 PM

The "Open Beit Midrash" is 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. Jewish learning has the potential to create an unmatched soulful energy. The "Open Beit Midrash" is where that energy is found.



#### Coffee Roasting 101

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 @ 7:15 PM

There's a lot of Torah in coffee. From the growing of the beans to the final product each and every step along the way is an exercise in elasticity and defining boundaries. This evening will focus in on the process of roasting coffee beans and how each of us can own what we consume. Join Rabbi Alexander as he teaches the community how your home can be a coffee roasterie. Each person will leave with their own hand crafted bag that they roasted at Adas Israel. The cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is required; there will be no drop in option.



#### Scholar: Rabbi Leon Morris

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 @ 7:15 PM

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#### "Between the Ideal & Real"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 @ 1:00 PM

Post-Kiddush Halakah class with Rabbi Alexander. Every Jewish community is aspirational. We create goals and benchmarks and figure out how to utilize the best of our tradition to help get us there. We also know that life is unpredictable and creates many forks in the road along the way. This session will use Jewish legal principals to help us navigate the space where choices are made, right in between the ideal and the real.



#### What is Jewish Identity in the 21st Century? With Senior Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 @ 10:30AM

Delve into an in-depth learning session, using this month's theme and traditional texts as a catalyst to go deeper into the ever changing boundaries of 21st century Jewish identity. Who is a Jew? What does a Jew believe? Who is in and who is out?



#### Religious School Parent Drop-In, Drop-Off

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 10:30

Once a month Religious School Parents will be given a space to learn on the month's topic. Come in, enjoy a cup of coffee, and explore some traditional and relevant texts on Jewish identity.

### Additional Ongoing Learning

#### Boker Ohr Shabbat Study



SATURDAY MORNINGS @ 8:30 AM

FEBRUARY 6, Rabbi Steinlauf

FEBRUARY 13, Rabbi Holtzblatt

FEBRUARY 20, Rabbi Alexander

FEBRUARY 27, Rabbi Steinlauf

*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. ❀



## Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

*Purim* will be here before you know it!  
Come in and check out our groggers,  
beads, crowns, and other holiday items.



### 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

\*Note: We will be closed for Presidents' Day,  
Feb. 15.

*Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.*

202-364-2888

adasgiftshop@gmail.com

### SAVE THESE DATES FOR SISTERHOOD SPECIAL EVENTS

**February 26–28:** Sisterhood *Shabbat* with  
Mozelle Saltz Scholar-in-Residence Naomi Less

**March 6:** Cantor Arianne Brown performs at  
Torah Fund Concert, Har Shalom, Potomac, MD

**June 26:** Sisterhood Closing Event

## sisterhoodnews

### *Storahteller* Naomi Less to be Mozelle Saltz Scholar-in-Residence for Sisterhood *Shabbat*, Feb. 26–28



Sisterhood *Shabbat*, at the end of February, is a very special weekend for the Adas Israel community. The entire weekend, including the beautiful *Shabbat Kiddush*, is underwritten by the *Mozelle Saltz Fund for Sisterhood Speakers* established by Adas Israel Board member Donald Saltz, in memory of his beloved

wife who was an active Sisterhood member.

In keeping with Adas Israel's and Sisterhood's goal of discovering new ways to understand and connect to Jewish prayer and our Jewish source texts, we have invited Naomi Less as our Mozelle Saltz Scholar-in-Residence for 5776. Naomi is recognized as a dedicated performer and songwriter who makes biblical text accessible, understandable, and personal, thereby empowering the individual in his or her Judaism.

Associate director and ritual leader of the well-known Lab/Shul in New York City, Naomi is one of the original *Storahtellers*, those who use a method of studying Jewish texts by drawing from the ancient tradition of Torah reading, while providing an alternating translation in the local language. She becomes the characters (in the weekly *parsha*) who reveal the social and historical contexts of the stories of the Torah in contemporary terms. Members of the congregation will witness Naomi's unique interpretation of the characters at both the Friday night and *Shabbat* morning services. In addition, Naomi will offer her own special take on the *Havdalah* service.

As a gift to the congregation from Sisterhood, on Sunday morning, Naomi will lead and teach religious school students at their weekly *Shacharit* service. Later in the day, she will facilitate a unique *mikvah* program for women and daughters. Mark your calendars now for what will be a terrific Sisterhood *Shabbat*, February 26–28.

### Torah Fund News

Our own Cantor Arianne Brown will perform in a Torah Fund Concert on Sunday, March 6. Join Seaboard Region in celebrating this year's Torah Fund theme, *Nat'ah Karem*, or "She Plants a Vineyard," with a concert and wine and cheese reception featuring cantors from Seaboard congregations. The title of the concert is "Wine, Women, and Song."

The concert takes place at Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac, MD, on Sunday, March 6, 2:00–4:30 pm. Be sure to save the date.

The Torah Fund has found a wonderful way for you to support students at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Beautiful Torah Fund greeting cards are now available for special occasions throughout the year. For \$5, each you may purchase cards for all kinds of *s'machot* (birthdays, anniversaries, *b'nai mitzvah*, to name just a few). We have get-well, *mazal tov*, and condolence cards as well.

With *Purim* just around the corner, you can fulfill a double *mitzvah* by



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giving *tzedakah* and sending this beautiful card. You can also attach a *Purim* card to each *mishloach manot* (traditional gift of food or drink given to family and friends at *Purim*).

Please order *Purim* and all other Torah Fund cards by sending an e-mail to Torah Fund Chair Alisa Abrams, [adasisraeltorahfund@hotmail.com](mailto:adasisraeltorahfund@hotmail.com).

### It All Starts with YOU, So Join Sisterhood Today

Dues for 5776 (July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016) are still being accepted. Send in your membership check payable to *Adas Israel Sisterhood*. Basic Membership: \$36; Contributor: \$54; Patron: \$72; and feel free to contribute any amount above these suggested. Please provide your contact information to, or use the form enclosed in the late summer mailing, and send it to Treasurer **Dava Berkman**, 2475 Virginia Avenue, NW, Apt. 803, Washington, DC 20037.

New Adas members receive a complimentary membership for one year, but we need your contact information to make this happen. For membership questions, call June Kress, 202-316-3439.

### 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 next Taste of *Tanach* is Tuesday, February 16, 10:00–11:00am. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Beryl Saltman, [beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org](mailto:beryl.saltman@adasisrael.org). 🌸

### Torah Fund Cards Available for All Occasions



*This photograph of a Purim Megillah, from 19th-century Austria, appears on the Torah Fund Purim card available for a donation of \$5. Order them right away to send to your family members and friends at*

*Purim. Photo courtesy of the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary.*

## Scenes from the installation of Rabbi Aaron Alexander and MakomDC Learning Session with Rabbi Brad Artson

We were blessed to have welcomed Rabbi Alexander and his family into our sacred *kehillah* on Tuesday evening, December 8. Accompanying the installation was a keynote learning session on “Seeing Through the Eyes of God” with Rabbi Brad Artson as part of our MakomDC learning series. We thank everyone who attended, and helped make this night extraordinary! To view the full installation and session by Rabbi Brad Artson, visit [adasisrael.org/adaslive](http://adasisrael.org/adaslive). Photos by Betty Adler.





# life cycle

## Milestones

### Births

Zachary Saul Netter, son of Brian Netter & Karen Dunn, was born December 8. Sylvia (Sylvie) Violet Lieberman, daughter of Jeff & Jessica Lieberman, was born December 27

Jack Theo Weiler, son of Jessica & Mathew Weiler, was born January 1  
*We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.*

### Wedding

Jackie Burka & Adam McConagha were married Saturday, November 21. Rabbi Gil Steinlauf officiated at the wedding of Jennifer Smolin & Jason Berman on December 13.

*We wish the newlyweds and their families a hearty mazal tov.*

### B'nai Mitzvah



#### Zoe Landau, February 6

Zoe, a seventh grader at Maret School, attends the Ma'alot program at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School, where she began her Jewish education in the third grade. For her *mitzvah* project, Zoe is organizing a toy and book drive for Children's Hospital. She looks forward to sharing her *simcha* with her sister,

Penelope; her parents, Paul and Emily Landau; and her grandparents, Mel and Rachel Epstein and Sidney and Sarah Landau.



#### Annie Bass, February 6 (TEM)

Annie, daughter of Felice Roggen and Peter Bass, is a seventh grader at Sidwell Friends School. She began her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, and she goes to Camp Modin, a Jewish summer camp in Maine and is continuing her Jewish education at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. Annie is the grand-

daughter of Shirley and Edgar Roggen of Great Neck, NY; Julie Berger of Forest Hills, NY, and Edwin Berger (of blessed memory); and Elizabeth Bass of Scottsdale, AA, and Richard Bass (of blessed memory). Annie shares her *simcha* with her sister Sophie, her brother Oliver, and many family members and friends. For her *mitzvah* project, Annie has organized a food drive to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank, whose mission is to solve hunger and its companion problems in the Washington metro area. There will be collection bins at Adas Israel for those who wish to donate.



#### Elinor Hasenberg, February 13 (TEM)

Ellie, daughter of Kimberly and John Hasenberg and sister of Benny, is a sixth grader at JPDS-NC. A graduate of Gan HaYeled, she enjoys horseback riding, sailing, dance and spending time with her friends. Ellie believes every horse deserves a good life, so in honor of her *bat mitzvah*, she has joined the 100% volunteer-

driven Horse Net, a facility that rescues horses from abusive situations, rehabilitates them, and finds them caring homes. Ellie is sponsoring a horse with her *zedakah* money and volunteering regularly to clean, feed, groom, and spend loving time with each horse to nurture it back to full health.

### In Memoriam

**We mourn the loss of synagogue member:**

Kenneth Doggett  
Balfour Goldman

Frances Kornberg  
Evelyn Lieberman  
Bernard "Bernie" Meyer  
Barry Schweid

**We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:**  
Howard Bleznak, grandfather of Cantor Arianne Brown

Aaron Feuerstein, father of Marcy Feuerstein  
Shulamith Rubinfiem, mother of Louisa Rubinfiem  
Zelda (Shalinsky) Tasman, grandmother of Rabbi Sarah Tasman

Gloria Basch Weinstein, mother of Susan, Joyce, & Nancy Weinstein

### 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.

#### Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee assists families with all of the arrangements surrounding the funeral and subsequent burial of loved ones. We welcome your interest and encourage your participation and assistance. We need you; please join us. If you have questions, or know of someone whom you think might be interested in participating in this important work, please feel free to call Edie Hessel (202-244-7189) or contact Toni Bickart (202-244-2747) regarding the *Tahara* Committee.

#### Adas Israel Community Mikvah

Our *mikvah* is a sacred space where Jews can mark life transitions with powerful physical ritual. Immersing in a *mikvah* connects the body to the water cycle of our planet and to the sources of life. People visit our *mikvah* to observe the *mitzvah* of monthly immersion; to celebrate *s'machot*; to find strength during a difficult time; to pray for healing; to reflect on the meaning of becoming a bride, groom, or *bar* or *bat mitzvah*; to convert to Judaism; and to prepare physically and spiritually for *chagim*. To learn more about our *mikvah* or to schedule an appointment, contact Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776 or [mikvah@adasisrael.org](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org). For more information, visit [adasisrael.org/mikvah](http://adasisrael.org/mikvah). ❄

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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](mailto:traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org).  
**Havurah Service:** Lay-led, participatory service at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. A *kiddush* follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail [havurah@adasisrael.org](mailto:havurah@adasisrael.org).

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

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



# Office & School Closing

**Presidents' Day**  
**Monday, February 15**  
**Schools/Offices Closed**

## From the President

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accomplished, there is still much to be done.

Here at Adas Israel, we have made many accommodations for our members over the years. We have accessible ramps, hearing loops, dial-in access to services, braille *siddurim*, and developmental supports in our Gan, to name a few. When we learned that people with auditory sensitivities found the metal hangers in our cloak room uncomfortable, we changed those. Currently our Disability Inclusion Task Force, co-chaired by Judy Heumann and Marci Goldstein, is working on several initiatives. Together with the House and Grounds Committee, the task force has completed a full ADA-compliant accessibility study of the synagogue's building and is prioritizing changes to ensure that physical barriers will not prevent disabled people from participating.

While we celebrate the positive steps these represent, we are well aware of the many additional areas we must address. To assist us in understanding what these are, the task force's second initiative is soliciting feedback. Please go to [adasisrael.org/inclusion](http://adasisrael.org/inclusion) to participate in the survey, which task force members developed for this purpose. As participants in United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Ruderman Inclusion program, our task force has been working hard to develop a plan for ensuring that all Jews may participate in Adas Israel's *kehilla*.

With all of Adas Israel's efforts to enrich and support our members' spiritual, educational, and social needs, ensuring full participation is basic. We do it for all the religious reasons we Jews take care of others. We believe all people are created in G-d's image and know we must not put a stumbling block before a blind person. Judy reminds us that all of us are either born with or acquire a disability over our lifetimes. If there is no other reason for us to be motivated, beloved Adas member S. Robert Cohen, co-founder with his wife, Joy, of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, says it best when he reminds us that we must care either because we have a child or family member with a disability... or because we don't.

## educationupdate

### From the Director of Education

*By Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum*



This month in *parshat Terumah*, we read the line, וְעָשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וּשְׁכֵנִתִּי בְתוֹכָם (*Exodus 25:8*). Along with the detailed instructions for the building of the *mishkan*, God says, "Let them make me a Holy Shrine, that I may dwell amidst them." While the majority of this section contains the concrete details of planning, construction, and decoration, this one line helps bring the amazing project of the *mishkan* into context.

It reminds us that although the *mishkan* should be beautiful, built with gifts from the people and assembled with love, it is not, in fact, the place that God will dwell. We can read this verse to understand that God lives not in the physical structure itself, but within those who came together to create that holy place.

The details are indeed important—something that we cannot lose sight of in our day-to-day work. We need teachers and classrooms, curriculum and books. We want to make our school and youth programs thoughtfully planned, "structurally sound," and beautifully designed. But it is not for the sake of the programs themselves, it is for those who participate in them—the teachers and students who come together to share, to learn, and to create something bigger than themselves. It is a privilege to be on the education team and to help build these experiences, and that is because of the people it serves, the community it fosters, and the opportunities it creates. This is our holy work, and we appreciate the partnership of "each person whose heart is willing" (*Exodus 25:2*) as you join us in shaping these moments. ✿

## Gan HaYeled

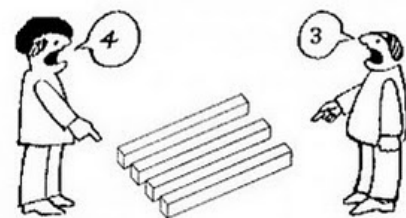
### Gan Staff Goes to School Federation Early Childhood Conference 2015

Professional Development (PD) is not only a "requirement" for maintaining the Gan's license; it's what keeps the Gan staff current on the latest research, techniques, innovations, and pedagogy in Early Childhood Education (ECE). The opportunity to come together as an entire Jewish ECE community once or twice a year is an invaluable experience for our teachers, which provides us an unparalleled opportunity to learn from world-class speakers.

Participating in the Federation's day of learning enables our full staff to learn from and with colleagues, to network, and to boost morale as they see how they are part of a larger network of committed ECE professionals in the Jewish community. Please enjoy some of these highlights of our day. ✿



*Morah Rae Brooks presented, as did Developmental Support Coordinator Stephanie Slater and Gan Assistant Director Rabbi Sarah Meytin.*



*The theme of the conference was Point of View.*

## Upcoming Youth Events:

**Friday, Feb. 12–Sunday, Feb. 14:** Winter *Kadima Kallah*

**Saturday, Feb. 27:** USY Formal, Tifereth Israel, Washington, DC

**Sunday, Feb. 28:** *Kadima* Ice Skating, (Georgetown)



## Youth Update

By Rich Dinetz, Youth Director

*Shalom, Chevre*, Youth@AI keeps the New Year rolling into February with more exciting events to keep us busy. Here's what we've got ahead of us:

Friday, February 12–Sunday, February 14, Seaboard USY is hosting *Kadima Kallah* for all sixth–eighth graders at Capital Camps in Waynesboro, PA. While more information will be sent out through the Seaboard office, *Kadimaniks* can look forward to a weekend filled with *ruach*, making new friends, and, of course, lots and lots of fun!

On Saturday, February 27, Seaboard again is throwing our annual *Seaboard USY Winter Formal*, hosted by our neighbors at Tifereth Israel on 16th St! Expect more information from the Seaboard office, but look forward to a classy night that includes a limo ride and the best-dressed teens on this side of the Potomac.

To close out the month of February, *Kadima* will hit the ice down in Georgetown for an afternoon of skating along the Potomac River. We'll enjoy a pizza lunch and snacks (provided) before we board the bus to Georgetown. Transportation to ice skating will be provided; parents must pick up their *Kadimaniks* in Georgetown at 2:45 pm. To register for this event, visit [www.adasisrael.org/youth](http://www.adasisrael.org/youth) and click on the registration link.

Remember to check out our website, [adasisrael.org/youth](http://adasisrael.org/youth), to stay up to date on current events, check out pictures from previous events, and view our 2015–2016 Youth@AI Calendar. Always feel free to reach out to me for any questions at [Rich.Dinetz@adasisrael.org](mailto:Rich.Dinetz@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-6295. *L'Shalom!*

## The Gift of an Extra Month

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel once described Judaism as a religion revolving around sacred time. Rather than spaces or people, Heschel argued, Judaism preeminently sanctifies moments, holidays, and seasons. The Jewish calendar, therefore, stands as one of the most essential elements of Jewish life.

Practically, the Jewish calendar has overcome remarkable challenges in the keeping of time. As a lunisolar calendar (a calendar that relies on moon phases as well as the solar year), the Jewish calendar must synchronize three independent astronomical events: the Earth's rotation to establish the day, the orbit of the moon around the Earth to establish the month, and the Earth's orbit around the sun to establish the year. To ensure that every Jewish community celebrates holidays not only at the same time but in the proper season has been no easy task. For centuries, the Jewish calendar was not set, but was entrusted to the highest Jewish authorities to regulate. Only after hundreds of years of evolution did the Jewish calendar follow fixed mathematical principles to establish a set calendar for all Jews to follow.

This month welcomes the intercalary *Adar Aleph*, an extra month added every two to three years to the Jewish calendar to harmonize the cycle of holidays with their appropriate seasons. *Adar Aleph* does not enjoy the celebration of *Purim* and is often overlooked. But *Adar Aleph* is a fantastically joyous month for, without it, the beautiful symphony of Jewish ritual would be out of tune. As we enter this unique month, we are invited to be mindful of the moments in our lives that intrinsically seem insignificant, though their impact on us is immeasurable. We are invited to appreciate the holiness of that which is understated, overlooked, or imperceptible. We are invited to celebrate each experience in our lives as a sacred occurrence in its appropriate time.

*Chodesh Tov!*

—Yoni Buckman, Youth & Family Educator. ✱

## Kabbalat Parsha B'nai Mitzvah Program

Our *b'nai mitzvah* program celebrated its first ever *Kabbalat Parsha* event. Our 5778 *b'nai mitzvah* and their families joined in a special new ritual. We unrolled the *Torah* and called our students up to their individual *parshiyot*. It was a beautiful beginning to a feeling of connection to our *parshiyot* and our upcoming *b'nai mitzvah* community, as well as a unique way of “finding our place” in the *Torah*. We look forward to continuing this ritual for many years to come.



Photos by Betty Adler.



# Ma Tovv: The Kirschenbaum/Buzgon Family

## HONORING OUR LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement



**Michelle and Jay, you two have been members of Adas for over 20 years. What are some of your first memories of life at Adas?**

**Michelle Buzgon:** Well, I was actually the *Shabbat* morning regular back

before I'd ever met Jay. When I moved to DC in 1995, I didn't know a soul, was working nights as a news editor, and had no idea how I would meet people. I connected with someone who told me that the *minyan* at Adas Israel was the place to be on Saturday mornings, so I decided to check it out. The spirit of the *davening* and the beautiful harmonies reminded me of camp, some of the many people I met are still among our dearest friends, and the *minyan* felt like the place I could come back to each week to connect and reset.

When Jay entered the picture, he easily became part of the crowd, too. I'll never forget our *aufruf*—with an energetic full house in the old Kogod Chapel, we turned around after our *aliyot* to find hundreds of Hershey's Kisses flying our way.

**Jay Kirschenbaum:** My first memory of Adas is actually of my uncle's wedding in the Kogod Chapel when I was about six. My grandparents, Cy and Maggie Schulman, joined Adas when they moved to the neighborhood in the early 1950s. My mother, Susan, was confirmed here, and my parents were married here as well. I joined when I moved to DC, even though I lived in Virginia. Until I met Michelle, I mostly came for various holidays, but I also came for other events, including the memorial service for Yitzhak Rabin.

**The two of you are at Adas enough that it seems like you work here, but you have very successful careers. What are your jobs besides being dedicated members and volunteers at Adas Israel?**

**Jay:** I'm a dedicated civil servant, working for the Navy. By training, I'm a mechanical engineer, and I now spend my days in program management for submarine tactical control systems. I'm proud to be able to help the sailors of the submarine force accomplish their missions.

**Michelle:** I left the journalism world long ago to become a life coach. My busy practice focuses mainly on teens, college students, and adults with ADHD. I also love working with parents whose kids aren't in a place to be coached, either because they're too young or too resistant. I find so much meaning in helping individuals and families tap into their strengths and ease their struggle with all the chaos that comes with ADHD. It's thrilling to see clients start to focus on what they *can* do rather than on what they've always thought they can't.

As a fun side gig, I do children's literacy outreach work for WETA Kids. Each year, I do about a dozen workshops for parents or child-care providers in underserved neighborhoods in DC and Virginia

**Speaking of volunteering, can you tell us about the different committees you work with and why you think it's important to give back to your synagogue community?**

Yep, between *Shabbat*, religious school and meetings, we are here quite a bit!

**Michelle:** My main volunteer role at the moment is chairing the Membership & Engagement Committee. We have been working for the past couple of years to refocus the committee's work to support the vision that the synagogue as a whole is moving toward. The main goal is to figure out ways to make Adas an even warmer and more welcoming community. I wear my "Membership hat" on every committee I serve on.

Serving on a committee has introduced me to a whole range of people I might never have spoken to, which has made me feel even more comfortable every time I walk into the building. Being involved makes me more committed to and excited about all the great things happening here. There really is a renewal happening here, and I want to do what I can do contribute to that. It deepens my own sense of connection to Judaism in general and to this community in specific.

**Jay:** I'm not here as often as Michelle is, but I do try to help out a bit. I was on the design committee for the Vision of Renewal renovation and enjoyed helping with the decisions that went into the renovation of Adas's sacred spaces. I'm thrilled with the way they turned out. More recently, I have been one of the team of people who stepped into David Bickart's shoes when he retired as floor *gabbai* in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary on *Shabbat* mornings. It's fun to hand out *aliyot* and to help the *bar* and *bat mitzvah* families enjoy their special day. I think having other people see "regular folks" like me involved helps them see that they can get involved, too. It's great when people step up and volunteer.

**Your two boys, Judah and Simon, have grown up at Adas. What do they love most about this community?**

It's funny you ask that . . . a couple of weeks ago, Simon was lying on the floor in the Wasserman after religious school and telling us that he feels like Adas is his second home. Both boys feel really comfortable here. They say they like how friendly everyone is and how they make kids feel welcome. They both take advantage of a lot of opportunities to learn and lead and grow here. And we can't forget to mention that Simon's a huge Ga-Ga fan.

**What is your favorite way to spend Shabbat with your family? What are some of your other favorite Jewish holidays?**

We almost always celebrate *Shabbat* by having dinner with friends. More and more often, with the newer Friday night

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## A Jewish Gal at the O.K. Corral

By Robin Jacobson, Library & Literary Programs Director



The legendary "Shootout at the O.K. Corral" looms large in tales of the American West. On October 26, 1881, in Tombstone, Arizona, lawmen Wyatt, Virgil, and Morgan Earp, together with their friend Doc Holliday, faced down some shady local ranchers near the O.K. Corral. Thirty seconds later, only Wyatt Earp was still standing—the others were dead, wounded, or had run away. The bloodshed didn't end there; multiple revenge killings followed the gunfight.

Miraculously, Wyatt Earp (1848–1929) managed to die a senior citizen and, curiously, is buried in a Jewish cemetery in California. Credit for that belongs to his common-law Jewish wife of nearly a half-century, Josephine Sarah Marcus, who decided Wyatt should rest eternally next to her parents, brother, and (someday) herself. This strong-minded woman, a pivotal player in the Tombstone episode, is the subject of the biography, *Lady at the O.K. Corral*, by Ann Kirschner (2013), and a primary character in the fact-based novel, *Epitaph*, by Mary Doria Russell (2015). Both are good reads, especially *Epitaph*, a companion to the author's 2011 hit, *Doc*, about Doc Holliday. Here is some background, drawn from these books and other sources.

### Tombstone, Arizona

The town of Tombstone got its name, not from the shootout, but from an intrepid prospector who staked his first silver claim in the area in 1877. The prospector couldn't resist naming his claim "the Tombstone," as a retort to doomsayers who had predicted that he would find only his tombstone in the dangerous wilderness. Rich in silver deposits, Tombstone rapidly grew into a boomtown that attracted both miners and business entrepreneurs. A newspaper, the *Epitaph*, was founded in 1880 with the wry motto, "Every Tombstone needs an Epitaph."

The Earp brothers came to Tombstone to make their fortunes, but wound up working in law enforcement. This put them into conflict with a raucous band of cattle rustlers, called "cowboys" (an insulting name then), and local ranchers who conspired together to steal cattle from Mexico and sell it in Tombstone for beef. Moreover, the Earps suspected the cowboys were also to blame for some daring stagecoach robberies.

### Josephine Sarah Marcus

Josephine Sarah Marcus (c. 1860–1944) was the daughter of immigrant Jews from Prussia. As a teenager, Sadie (as she was called) ran away from her San Francisco home. She joined a traveling acting troupe that performed Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, a wildly popular show at the time. While on tour, Sadie fatefully met Johnny Behan, an Arizona businessman and aspiring politician. In 1880, she moved to Tombstone as Johnny's fiancée.

Sadie soon transferred her affections from Johnny to Wyatt Earp. The two men were political rivals, both vying for the position of county sheriff. The ranchers and cowboys backed Johnny, who was willing to turn a blind eye to rustling and other thievery; the town leaders supported Wyatt, hoping he could rein in the lawless cowboys. Because of Sadie, the rivalry between Johnny and Wyatt became personal. Their mutual animosity exacerbated conflicts that led to the storied gunfight and its bloody aftermath. Indeed, an Earp biographer called the love triangle the "key to the whole yarn of Tombstone."

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Wyatt and Sadie left Tombstone soon after the gunfight. They led a nomadic life, running saloons, gambling, and speculating in land deals. But in later years, Sadie collaborated with authors on books that cleaned up Wyatt's life, successfully shaping his legacy as a heroic lawman. Wild West movies and television shows followed—all glorifying Wyatt Earp and bygone days on the American frontier. ✨

## Meet the Author Book Chat Next Book Chat

Co-sponsored by the sisterhood.

**The Seven Good Years by Etgar Keret**

**Sunday, February 7 @ 10:00 am:**

Join us to discuss this humorous and poignant memoir of life in Israel by an acclaimed Israeli novelist. Questions? Contact Robin Jacobson ([librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org)).



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offerings at Adas, especially the Return Again service, you can find us here.

We think that all of the Jewish holidays are great, especially when it means celebrating with our friends and our community, whether it's *sukkah*-hopping, overindulging on *latkes* or *hamantaschen*, or having a meaningful *seder*. We especially enjoy *Rosh Hashanah* at Adas because we love hearing the *shofar* and the rabbis' meaningful sermons. It's also great to *daven* when the building is full and there is such energy and *kavanah*.

**Much of your work here is about building a *kehilah kedosha* (holy community). What can each member do to help create this?**

Smile. Say hello. Be curious. Connect with others, and help others connect.

Adas is such a big place, and we're always trying to find ways to make it feel more intimate. We obviously think that getting involved is a great way to do that, so we'd invite others to get involved in whatever way feels meaningful for them. ✨



## Anne Frank House Update



*On December 2, the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) held a dance-a-thon to benefit Anne Frank House. A good time was had by all, and JPDS-NC students and families raised more than \$3,000! Anne Frank House thanks the JPDS-NC community for its hard work on our behalf.*



**At Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ, volunteers from Adas Israel helped to pack bags of Christmas food for families in need.**

## tikkunolam

Dear Adas Israel Community,



Barry and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Adas Israel community for permitting us to hold a bone marrow drive at the synagogue on December 9. The 25 Young Professionals who took time out from their *Hanukkah* celebration to swab their cheeks and potentially save a life demonstrated how fortunate we are to live in such a caring community. Our hope is that through these precious gifts our four-year-old cousin and others who suffer life-threatening diseases will be able to lead fulfilling lives. In

particular, we want to thank the Adas clergy and staff, including Rabbi Alexander, Melissa Adler, Marcy Spiro, and Brenah Sroure; Adas board and committee members, including Rae Grad; and, of course, our wonderful drive volunteers: Lois and Michael Fingerhut, Stephanie Lynn, Debra Rubin, Rennie Sherman, and Pamela Wexler.

Let us hope that "a great miracle happened here" at Adas this Hanukkah and that some lives will be saved.

—Ilene Ringel Heller

## Winter Coat Drive to Benefit SOME continues with help from our Gan Families

The Gan Parent Association is partnering with the Social Action Council to collect clean, gently used outer garments for community members in need. The clothing will help clients of SOME (So Others Might Eat). Collection boxes will be outside the Gan Office and in the coat closet off the synagogue lobby. We thank everyone for thinking of others as you go through your closets and share with those in need.



## Lawyer Call Out: Partner with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Are you a lawyer? Consider using the law to make justice a reality for our neighbors who struggle with homelessness and poverty. Combining community lawyering and advocacy to achieve their clients' goals, the expert staff of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless—with the help of a network of volunteer attorneys—provides low-barrier, comprehensive legal services at intake sites across the District. The Clinic helps clients to access housing, shelter, and life-saving services, aiming to break down any barriers that may exist between potential clients and their access to legal services. For more information, contact Adas member and a founder of the Clinic, Laurie Davis, [lauriebdavis@gmail.com](mailto:lauriebdavis@gmail.com); or Social Action Council Chair Jamie Butler, [butler364@aol.com](mailto:butler364@aol.com).

## Thanks to Adas Israel's book drive this year, Reading Partners is able to give hundreds of books to our students to take home.

At Reading Partners, we know how important reading at home is, but average students from low-income families only have only two age-appropriate books available to them. This is why at the end of each tutoring session, our students have the opportunity to pick a book from our Take Reading Home library and to add to their collection.

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The books in our Take Reading Home libraries are provided via donations like yours. Thanks to your generosity, we can ensure that our students are building home libraries and reading at home.



Reading Partners changes life trajectories for 850 students in 18 schools across Washington by building literacy skills, inspiring volunteerism, and unlocking opportunities. For more information about the program, visit [Readingpartners.org](http://Readingpartners.org).

### ***Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis***

Robert Putnam's new book, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, was the focus of discussion for more than 60 Adas Israel members at a recent *Shabbat* afternoon study session. Convened by Social Action Chair Jamie Butler and Rabbi Aaron Alexander, the conversation was meant to begin an assessment of Adas Israel's relationship with the broader Washington DC community and explore a new course of action.

Putnam is best known for his 2000 book, *Bowling Alone*, in which he describes how Americans have become increasingly disconnected from family, friends, neighbors, and our democratic structure. Putnam warned that our stock of social capital—the very fabric of our connections with each other—has plummeted, impoverishing our lives and communities.

In *Our Kids*, Putnam argues that the central tenet of the American dream—that all children, regardless of their family and social background, should have a decent chance to improve their lot in life—is no longer self-evident. He highlights a growing opportunity gap in our country that some analysts argue is more significant than the achievement gap.

Here are a few of Putnam's key points:

- In 2007, high-income households spent about \$6,600 annually on enrichment for their children, nine times the \$750 spent by the bottom tenth of the income hierarchy.
- Incarceration rates have soared across the board, with more than 50% of all Black children born to less-educated parents experiencing parental incarceration in 1990.
- From 1997 to 2012, the extracurricular gap between poor and nonpoor kids ages 6–11 nearly doubled, from 17% to 27%, and the high school gap grew from 19% to 29%.

Despite these challenges, Kavitha Kasargod-Staub, an Adas member and former social studies teacher at DC Prep, told participants that her students wanted to be seen as individuals with dreams and aspirations and the strength to lead successful lives. They are looking for more opportunity and more support.

It is not surprising that the focus on *Our Kids* elicited a robust discussion among Adas Israel members. Race, personal responsibility, discrimination, poverty, and family, among others, were subjects of discussion. Some participants wanted to act immediately; others argued for a more deliberative process that would allow Adas to find its unique potential to contribute.

The turnout suggests a strong appetite within the congregation for playing a more active role in helping all children living in Washington DC to become productive citizens. Stay tuned for next steps from Jamie Butter and Rabbi Alexander. To get updates, e-mail [butler364@aol.com](mailto:butler364@aol.com). ✿

**Adas volunteers helped to prepare and serve women at N Street Village on Christmas Day.**





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