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The month of *Elul* arrives at Adas Israel

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From the President

By Debby Joseph



It is hard to believe that the summer is gone. As our schools begin and holidays draw near, I look forward to the year with anticipation, possibly this year even more so than in the past. Personally, this summer was a trying time for my family, having lost our dear nephew at the prime of his life. The local and world news was also disturbing with hardly a week passing without reports of senseless violence and threats of more. Perhaps because of my own loss, I am more acutely frustrated by the horrors people are capable of given that there are enough natural causes of death, loss, and destruction beyond our control.

At times like these, our synagogue community is particularly important to us. Our members are a continual source of love, caring, and support. They provide welcome baskets, meals, and phone calls to appreciative congregants. Social Action Committee members are training to become community advocates while they gear up to address chronic poverty and homelessness, gun violence, and environmental sustainability. Its members also attend to the needs of individuals who suffer from mental illness and homelessness.

Our work on governance issues has continued through the summer. During the year ahead, we will be completing the review and revision of the bylaws. We will be reaching out to members for your feedback with a plan

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clergycorner



Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

Every year before the Days of Awe, the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Hasidic Judaism, held a competition to see who would blow the *shofar* for him on *Rosh Hashanah*. Now if you wanted to blow the *shofar* you had to learn an elaborate system of *kavanot*—secret prayers that were said just before you blew the *shofar* to direct the *shofar* blasts and to see that they had the proper effect in the supernal realms. All the prospective *shofar* blowers practiced these *kavanot* for months. They were difficult and complex. There was one fellow who wanted to blow the *shofar* for the Baal Shem Tov so badly that he had been practicing these *kavanot* for years. But when his time came to audition he realized that nothing he had done had prepared him adequately for the experience of standing before this great and holy man, and he fell apart. He choked. His mind froze completely. He couldn't remember one of the *kavanot* he had practiced for all of those years. He couldn't even remember what he was supposed to be doing at all. He just stood before the Baal Shem Tov in utter silence, and then, when he realized how egregiously—how utterly—he had failed this great test, his heart just broke in two and he began to weep, sobbing loudly, his shoulders heaving and his whole body wracking as he wept.

All right, you're hired, the Baal Shem Tov said.

—From *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared* by Alan Lew

I love this story. I have heard it and read it so many times, but every time I read it, I connect to it again. We are in the midst of the month of *Elul* in the Jewish calendar. *Elul* is a month before *Tishrei* and *Rosh Hashanah*. *Elul* is a time to reflect, to prepare for the new year, to take stock of our lives: where have we been this year? What feels right in our lives? What feels off? Which relationships need repair or attention?

Elul is the month when we begin to hear the *shofar* blown every morning as we lead ourselves to *Rosh Hashanah*. *Elul* is preparation so that we do not walk into the doors of Adas on *Rosh Hashanah* without having reflected on and engaged in the real work of our relationships and into the depths of ourselves. But even with all of the preparation we do, the beauty of the High Holy Day season is that—God willing—something happens for us internally that we did not expect, something that we could not have prepared for.

The preparation of the month of *Elul*, I believe, also allows us to be open to and ready for the unexpected. For the moments throughout the High Holy Days that remind us of what is truly important, of how we might want to shift some of the relationships in our lives, some of our priorities and to be present for the true awesomeness of being alive.

When I read the story above, Rabbi Lew's words reminded me of a moment of preparation and presence in my own life. The year that I was

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The Adas Fund Campaign Off to a Great Start!



As you've all seen by now, Ryna Cohen and Rita Segerman, longtime champions of the Adas community are chairing this year's Adas Fund High Holy Day campaign. We are also proud to announce that the following group of Adas Fund champions are partnering with Ryna and Rita as we seek 100% participation in the congregation's only annual campaign. We hope you will join with them as we all demonstrate our gratitude for the many personal and family journeys Adas Israel's members, clergy, and staff inspire. Adas Israel cannot function in the wonderful way we have come to count on without this critical support, so we are appreciative of all contributions; truly, no amount is too small. Please share Ryna, Rita and the Champion's good example as we support this campaign, and together, build our spiritual home at Adas Israel.



Nancy Weiss, joined 1993 — "There are way too many things I could say as to why Adas Israel is my home! When I first moved to the DC area from a close-knit Jewish community in Montreal, I didn't know how I'd find that supportive, close community feeling again. Before long, I found it at Adas! The community

embraced us, my daughter joined the Gan, and the rest is history. Adas is the focal point of my spiritual and communal life and I couldn't imagine the last 22 years without it."



Laurie Aladjem, joined 2001 — "Adas is home to all of us. It started with our children. They went to the Gan and had their first taste of having a home away from home. But over the years we have all grown closer to Adas, and to our Judaism, in ways we never would have imagined when we first walked through the doors."



Jennie Litvack, joined 1998 — "Through 20 years of navigating our hectic DC lives, Adas Israel—from Gan through *b'nai mitzvah* to confirmation trips to Israel—has been a warm and welcoming home for me, my husband,

Rob Satloff, and our three boys, Benji, William, and David. Each one of us has had our own meaningful channels at Adas that bring us into community and our Judaism. For me, the founding of the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington opened a whole new dimension of Judaism—spirituality—and synagogue life transformed from a family affair to include a profoundly personal experience of connection to God and community. That experience is most intense for me when I have the honor of blowing *shofar*. And Adas's remarkable clergy have become like extended family as they have accompanied me through life's joys and challenges."



Rachel Rosenthal, joined 2008 — "I feel very welcomed at Adas, and I want to help everyone else feel like Adas is a welcoming home, too—with vibrant community, spiritual growth, caring support throughout life's ups and downs, and more."



Erin Claxton, joined 2008 — "My family was once asked to describe Adas Israel in six words. We chose: Tradition. Sanctity. Community. Belonging. Love. Home. This says it all. Our family continues to grow and learn together in the wonderful, peaceful, and engaging environment that is Adas."



David Waskow, Ketura Persellin & Family, joined 2000 — "Adas is our family's second home, the *shul* where our kids have grown up and learned to read Torah, lead services, and—most important—be part of a close community. Since the week we moved to DC, we've been steadfast members of

the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*. Our Adas family extends far beyond the *minyan*—to the inspiring and thoughtful clergy; to the brilliant and welcoming administrative staff; and, never to be forgotten, to the maintenance and security staff who organize our prayer spaces, prepare prayer books and Torahs for *shiva minyanim* and happy occasions, and have brought smiles to our kids' faces during all our years at Adas."



Dennis Yedwab, joined 2011 — "Adas Israel is the place our family comes to be with its community. Adas Israel has been a touchstone for our family to celebrate important events and to solidify our connection to the larger community, whether at Tot *Shabbat*, the Gan, High Holiday Services, or the Purim *Shpiel*."



Adina Mendelson, joined 1971 — "Adas is the place where we have *davened* with family and friends, where we have learned and grown Jewishly, and where we have led and participated fully in this community. Our connections to Adas—our spiritual home—are deep and broad, totally intertwined with our lives."



EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, October 2

COMMUNITY SUNSET SERVICE 7:15-8:15pm

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



FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, October 3

SHACHARIT 8:15am

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

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am (begins 8:45am)

TORAH SERVICE 9:30am

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

Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander • Kay Hall 🎸

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am

Led by Rabbi Sam Rotenberg • Biran Beit Midrash

FAMILY SERVICE 10:30am

Family Experience w/ Rabbi Rosenbaum • Cohen Hall (Gan Space)

SERMON & MUSAF 10:45am (Sermon ~11:45am)

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

Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander • Kay Hall 🎸

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am

Led by Rabbi Sam Rotenberg • Biran Beit Midrash

COMMUNITY TASHLICH 5:30pm

Led by Hazzan Goldsmith • Meet at Quebec St. Entrance

MINCHA/MAARIV 6:45pm

Community Services w/ Hazzan Goldsmith • Biran Beit Midrash



SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, October 4

SHACHARIT 8:15am

Community Service w/ Hazzan Goldsmith • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

TORAH SERVICE 9:15am

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

SERMON & MUSAF 10:45am

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

Led by Rabbi Steinlauf & Michael Leifman • Kay Hall

MINCHA/MAARIV 6:45pm

Community Services w/ Michael Leifman • Biran Beit Midrash

High Holy Days @ Adas, Around the Corner! “Connecting the Threads: Our Home, Our Heart, Our World”

Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday Evening, October 2, 2016



Join us for an inspiring High Holy Day experience at Adas Israel. Whether you are new to the community, or a member of many years, we invite you to step out of your daily routines, to join together with the *kehilla*, to reflect deeply on what matters to you, and to embrace the pinnacle of our Jewish prayer experience. The theme of this year's High Holy Days is derived from a passage in the *Ahavah Rabbah* prayer, said daily in the morning service. It will serve as the connecting thread throughout this year's service experiences. It is an expression of our sacred longings as a religious community: to be woven together by a shared dream, in a shared home, which then drives us to realize our potential beyond the walls of Adas Israel.

We're very excited about our High Holy Day lineup! Each of our various services has a style, a focus, and a *ruach* (spirit) all its own. The Adas Israel clergy will be joined during the holidays by Rabbi Sam Rotenberg (learn about Rabbi Rotenberg on page 6) and Michael Leifman. We also look forward to our wonderful High Holy Day family services with Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum. Full schedule of Youth Services available at adasisrael.org

MINCHA 5:45pm

Community Service w/ Hazzan Goldsmith • Biran Beit Midrash

KOL NIDRE 6:30pm

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

Led by Rabbis Alexander & Rotenberg • Kay Hall

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Minyan • Gewirz Beit Am

"RETURN AGAIN" KOL NIDRE 7:45pm

 Led by Rabbi Holtzblatt & Elie Greenberg • Adas Israel Parking Area 
SHACHARIT 8:15am

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

FAMILY SERVICE 10:30am

Family Experience w/ Rabbi Rosenbaum • Cohen Hall (Gan Space)

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

 Led by R's Holtzblatt, Alexander & Cantor Brown • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 

Led by Rabbis Steinlauf & Rotenberg • Kay Hall

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am

SERMON, MUSAF & MARTYROLOGY 12:45pm

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

Led by Rabbi Steinlauf & Cantor Brown • Kay Hall

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Minyan • Gewirz Beit Am

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION 3:15pm

The Roots Project • Kay Hall


MINCHA 4:30pm

Community Service w/ Michael Leifman • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

LATE YIZKOR 5:00pm

Community Service w/ Rabbi Rotenberg • Biran Beit Midrash

N'EELAH 5:45pm (Shofar ~7:25pm)

 Community Service w/ Full Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 
TRADITIONAL N'EELAH 6:00pm

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am


 With Instruments: *Reflective, Soulful Sounds*

 With Instruments: *Traditional, Cantorial Melodies*

HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET INFORMATION

Your membership includes two different ticket options. The first option is for open seating for services taking place in Kay Hall, Biran Beit Midrash, Gewirz and Cohen Hall. Each member of your household and children up to age 29 will automatically receive a ticket for these open seating services. If you need to order additional tickets you may do so on the High Holy Day ticket request form. The second option is for reserved seating in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. Each household can reserve up to two Charles E. Smith Sanctuary seats free of charge. Single member households can receive one seat free of charge. To reserve these seats, and/ or to purchase additional seats in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, you may do so on the High Holy Day ticket request form. For those with dedicated seats in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, please complete the ticket request form. Please call or e-mail Melissa Adler (Melissa.adler@adasisrael.org) at the synagogue office with any questions.

SEATING REMINDER

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

High Holy Days Guest Service Leader: Welcome Rabbi Sam Rotenberg!



A senior rabbinical student at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Sam Rotenberg is a long-standing member of the Ikar *davening* team in Los Angeles, Craig Taubman's "Friday Night Live," and Nava Tehila in Jerusalem. An experienced leader of traditional *davening*, Sam is also a musician—a pianist, percussionist, and guitarist—and recently returned from a year of study in Jerusalem where he was also certified as a *shochet*.

In 2012 Sam co-produced a real-time documentary of American Jewish Music, called *Rock Shabbat*, and over the course of the project led *davening* for communities in Montana, South Dakota, Georgia, Utah, New York, among many other states. Sam seeks, through thoughtful use of melody and accompaniment, to evoke the emotion and intensity of traditional Jewish prayer within a 21st-century Jewish community. ❀

Selichot, Saturday, September 24 @ 9:00 pm

Avinu Malkenu...

Be gentle with us,
Be in relationship with us,
Bring us to our full potential.
Even though we have limitations.

Several days before *Rosh Hashanah*, Jews around the world begin to recite the *Selichot*, a beautiful series of penitential prayers and meaningful liturgy. The tradition invites us to open ourselves to the essential work of the Days of Awe: the process of repair and return, of acknowledgement and longing. It allows us to chant in unison and begin to come to terms with where we have erred in relation to ourselves, to others, and to the holy one. Our *Selichot* service includes highlights of the High Holy Day liturgy, coupled with the hauntingly beautiful sounds of the Days of Awe melodies. Please join the community for a warm evening of personal reflection through song, text, and sharing our own stories.



Lulav and Etrog Orders Due by Friday, October 7

"...and you shall take the fruit of goodly trees...
and rejoice before the Lord your God."

We encourage you to order your *lulav* and *etrog* in preparation for the festive observance of *Sukkot*. Please send check and order form to the attention of Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith at the synagogue, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington DC 20008.

Lulavim and *etrogim* may be picked up on Friday, October 14, between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Enclosed is my check, payable to Adas Israel, for \$40 for a *lulav* and *etrog* set.

Print Name _____

Phone Number _____

*if you prefer, we can bill your synagogue account directly. Contact Rachel Goldsmith at 202-362-4433 or Hazzan.Goldsmith@adasisrael.org to make those arrangements.



High Holy Day Ushering

Please visit adasisrael.org/hhdushering to sign up to be an usher or a greeter!

Volunteers for High Holidays Needed!

We have an amazing array of services, discussions, and special events planned for High Holy Days this year. In addition to our clergy and staff members, we look to our members to help us make *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* a spiritual, enjoyable, meaningful, stress-free experience for our 5,000 members.

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

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

So please take two minutes and sign up to volunteer for the High Holy Days this fall. We've made it very easy for you. Simply go to the Adas Israel website (www.adasisrael.org/hhdushering), and sign up today, or contact Mark Berlin, HHD Volunteer Coordinator at berlin.potomac@gmail.com or 301-294-9018. We have also scheduled an orientation on **September 20, at 6:30 pm**; please go online to register for that. Thank you!

Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW)

It is time for us to make room for each other. Right here, right now.

—Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Yom Kippur 2015

As we enter the time of *Elul*—a month of reflection before the High Holy Days—we invite you to take some time to reflect on where you are right now. What feels full in life, what needs time and nurture? How are your relationships in your inner circle? What might need some work? As you embark on this journey, we invite you to join the JMCW for some reflective time in meditation or yoga and to check out the many offerings leading up to the holidays. Wishing you and yours a sweet and healthy new year.

JMCW *Elul* and High Holiday Programs for Body and Soul

High Holy Day Musical Services

Join the JMCW for reflective, soulful musical services on *Rosh Hashanah*, Return Again *Kol Nidre*, and *Yom Kippur*. Look for 🎵 in the program of services for full schedule.

Weekly Meditation and Yoga

JMCW weekly mediation (Tuesday nights) and yoga (Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights) will support *Elul* reflections throughout September.

Spiritual *Shofar* Blowing: Sunday, Sept. 25, 10:00 am

Jennie Litvack leads this hands-on workshop on the *shofar* and its significance as a channel for spiritual connection. Along with learning techniques of *shofar* blowing, we will experience how an essential element of the *shofar* sound is produced by *kavanah* (intention). The class ends in a group *shofar* blow. Please bring a *shofar* if you can.

Rock Creek *Sh'ma*: A Mindful Nature Walk

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2:00–4:00 pm

SHABBAT AFTERNOON (MEET ON THE QUEBEC STREET STEPS)

On the *Shabbat* before *Rosh Hashanah*, set your *kavanah* for the new year with a relaxing mindfulness walk in Rock Creek Park with Judd Holtzman. Open to anyone age 15 and up.

Immersing in Holiness

APPOINTMENTS AT THE ADAS ISRAEL COMMUNITY MIKVAH

Schedule a time to enter the holidays physically and mindfully to acknowledge challenges of the previous year, to center yourself before the holidays, and to set your intentions for the new year. E-mail mikvah@adasisrael.org or call Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776 to schedule an appointment.

Preparing Body and Soul with Meditation and Song

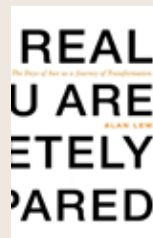
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4:30–5:30 pm

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON IN THE LIBRARY

Calm your mind and awaken your spirit. Susan Barocas and Michelle Buzgon will lead us as we concentrate on the sounds and rhythms of our breathing, singing, and guided meditation. Open to all, whether new to mindful practice or experienced. 🌸

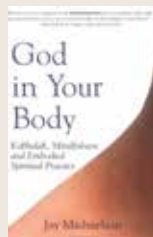


JMCW Recommends . . .



This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey or Transformation
by Alan Lew

An engaging exploration of spiritual renewal during the High Holy Day season by one of the leading voices in Jewish mindfulness practice.



God in Your Body: Kabbalah, Mindfulness and Embodied Spiritual Practice
by Jay Michaelson

This beautiful book uses meditation techniques, Jewish liturgy, Torah, Talmud, and wisdom from rabbinic masters as a guide to integrating spiritual practice with our physical selves.

These books are available in the Adas Israel library, along with others on Jewish mindfulness and spiritual practice. Browse the shelves—many are under call number 175.01—or speak with Adas Librarian Robin Jacobson.

The Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW) has been offering programs that help deepen contemplative practices as part of our individual and communal religious and spiritual lives. Along with our joyous monthly Return Again Services, the JMCW offers weekly meditation, yoga, *Shacharit*, and *Shabbat* Awakening services. Watch this space each month to follow these JMCW offerings, along with additional special programming. You can also visit our Adas page, www.adasisrael.org/jmcw/, where you can subscribe to our e-newsletter.

When all we see and feel is negativity, we must search within ourselves for an aspect of goodness, a white dot within the black, and then find another and another until these dots form musical notes. Our task is to find enough notes to form a melody—a melody that will define our core and affirm our fundamental goodness.

—Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

lifecycle

Milestones

Births

Grandson Levi Robert Romick born to Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg on June 9. Parents are Hannah & Brian Romick.

Arielle Chloe Levine, daughter of Alexia and Josh Levine, granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth & Arrigo Sadun was born June 10. Oren Asher, son of Keith and Jessica Trisko Darden, was born June 17.

Amy Mates & Billy Mencow are thrilled to share the news of the birth of grandson to Deena & Sean on June 19.

Dena Brooke Yellin, daughter of Gary Yellin & Pam Kesner, was born July 1.

Eliana Hazel, daughter of Megan & Brian Yellin, was born July 22. *We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.*

B'nai Mitzvah



Samuel Davis, September 3

Samuel Nessonbaum, son of Stacey Davis and Andrew Davis, attends Oyster-Adams Bilingual School in Washington, DC. Sammy has studied at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since kindergarten and participated in Torah Club. He enjoys summers at Camp Airy and Home Run Baseball Camp. An avid baseball player and Washington Nationals fan, Sammy has chosen as his *mitzvah* project to collect used baseball equipment for *Leveling the Playing Field*, which supplies sports equipment to disadvantaged children. He celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with brother Eddie, grandparents Betsy and Stephen Davis and Teri and Tom Davis, extended family, and friends.



Yael Nemeth, September 3 (TEM)

Yael Vera, daughter of David and Jessica Nemeth, graduated from the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital in June and will attend the Edmund Burke School in the fall. She began her Jewish education as a Butterfly in Gan

HaYeled and, along with her family, is a devoted and enthusiastic participant in the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*. For her *mitzvah* project, she will continue to support the Washington Animal Rescue League. Yael shares this *simcha* with her sister, Aviva, and her community and extended family.



Shira Neufeld, September 4

Shira, daughter of Gayle and Steven Neufeld, is a seventh grader at the Edmund Burke School. She began her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and now attends the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. She is working with a

local animal shelter as her *mitzvah* project, and looks forward to celebrating her *bat mitzvah* on the Eastern Shore with her brother and sister and the rest of her extended family and friends.



Sean Rich, September 10

Sean, the son of Norm Rich and Sara Cohen, is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Sean began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled. He shares this milestone with his three sisters, three great-grandparents, two sets of grandparents, and a host of extended family. For his *mitzvah* project, Sean commissioned a custom wristband, profits from which will benefit Hope for Henry Foundation. Book signings with children's authors, spa days, visits from celebrities, carnivals, and personalized birthday parties ensure that kids enduring long hospital stays don't miss out on feeling like kids.



Robert, Rachel, and Jacob Zuckerman, September 17

Robert, Jacob, and Rachel are the children of Stuart Zuckerman and Patricia Levy-Zuckerman. They began their Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and continued at JPDS, from which they graduated in June.

Robert is now a seventh grader at the Lowell School, and Rachel and Jacob are seventh graders at Edmund Burke School. They will continue their Jewish education this fall in the Ma'alot program at Adas. The siblings are excited to share their *b'nai mitzvah* with their grandparents, Ellen Levy, Evelyn Pascal, and Shelton and Rory Zuckerman, and many other family members and friends. At this special time, Robert, Jacob, and Rachel remember with love their grandfather Robert Levy and their Aunt Joanne Levy, both of blessed memory.



Matthew Winter, September 24

Matthew, son of Ellen and David Winter, is a seventh grader at Pyle Middle School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and attends the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He has been blessed with three trips to Israel for family reunions. Matthew celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his grandparents, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Community Honors

Congratulations to **Mary Hammer**, named as volunteer of the year for the Foundation for Jewish Studies in connection with her work on a tribute to Rabbi Joshua Haberman, Rabbi emeritus of Washington Hebrew Congregation and founder of the Foundation.

Congratulations to **Deborah Russak** on her 35 years as an usher for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue member:

Sandra Ashkenazi

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Julie Berger, mother of Peter Bass

Shirley Bowers, mother of Connie Bowers

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September: Faith & Doubt

Believing is more than seeing, and it is hard to believe in a world where we do not witness miracles every day. But having faith in each other, our community, and our world is part of the blueprint for living given to us by the Torah. Doubt is also a part of that blueprint. Doubt causes us to be more critical thinkers and co-creators in this world. It is the dance between the two where we catch a glimpse of holiness. Learn more about the full season at adasisrael.org/makomdc

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

MakomDC Learning:



"Open Beit Midrash Night"
with Rabbis Aaron Alexander, Lauren Holtzblatt,
and Guest Teacher Elianna Yolkut

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 @ 7:30 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.



Scholar: Rabbi Ed Feld

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13 @ 7:30 PM

Join us as we embark on a journey through faith and doubt in the words of medieval Jewish poets and find our way back to modernity through the words of modern secular Israeli poetry.



Post-Kiddush Torah Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 1:00 PM

Post-Kiddush Halakah class with Rabbi Alexander



Intro to Judaism Course

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 14 UNTIL
APRIL 5 @ 7:30PM

Are you interested in exploring the Jewish tradition from the ground up, with master Jewish teachers? This 22-week course is designed to give you the raw materials with which to appreciate and access the Jewish tradition. Whatever it is you may be seeking, be it conversion or deeper understanding of the

fundamental principles and practices that animate Jewish life and thought, we offer a safe space for acquiring the experiential and intellectual knowledge that allow you to strengthen your own religious life. To Register email Marcia. Miller@adasisrael.org or call 202-362-4433 ext. 112. ✿

ongoing education



Downtown Study Group— A Long-Standing Adas Tradition

Join a highly motivated group of fellow Adas members who gather once a month at a conveniently located downtown conference room to take a break from their busy lives and study texts and grapple with powerful Jewish issues. The schedule for this year's Downtown Study Group is Tuesdays at noon on the following dates: Sept. 13, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14, April 4, May 9, and June 13.

Taught by Rabbis Steinlauf, Alexander and Holtzblatt, the Downtown Study Group has been meeting in a downtown conference room for almost three decades. The intellectual level of the group ensures that every session is challenging, intellectually satisfying, and horizon-broadening. This cohesive group welcomes new members. This class is open to the community.

There is no charge for the class, but there is a fee for lunch. For more information, please contact Beryl Saltman, Beryl.Saltman@adasisrael.org, or Joel Fischman, fischman@comcast.net. ✿



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. ✿



From Israel to Adas Israel

Our 10th-grade students are back from an amazing two-week trip on the Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience. We shared transformative moments standing atop the ancient fortress of Masada at sunrise, reciting the *Mincha* prayer before the Western Wall, and gazing at the night sky in the quiet darkness of the Negev desert.



But the connection that we made with our shared Jewish heritage, culture, and family were not left on the shores of Israel. Throughout the trip, we saw clear parallels to our Adas Israel community—enjoying musical *Kabbalat Shabbat* services like Return Again, participating in social action projects similar to USY programs, and discussing the Adas Israel Community *Mikvah* as we visited archaeological sites with a *mikvah*.

Our students experienced the embodiment of their education at Adas Israel, breathing in and witnessing the content of our classrooms. And as these students return to religious school, invigorated and rejuvenated and ready for another school year, our Israel trip acts as a bridge into the 11th grade and a continuing role in the Adas Israel community.

—Yoni Buckman, Youth & Family Educator

educationupdate



From the Director of Education

By Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum

New year, new faces and new opportunities to be a welcoming community.

As August ends and we move toward fall, we begin to say goodbye to the rhythms and sounds of summer. And as we say farewell to camp, vacation, and the heat, we also get to greet new people, new experiences, and our new year.

When we return to fill the halls with laughter and learning, we will have new friends, new teachers, and new staff to accompany us on our journey.

This is a good opportunity to take the time to greet people we encounter in the building, share things we love about our community, and make this an easy transition back into the year. Below, two of our new Education Team staff share their thoughts as we get ready to welcome our students back. Looking forward to seeing you all!



Pamela Gorin, Religious School Assistant Director

As I write this, summer is rapidly rushing by and the halls are very quiet. I'm glad for this quiet time to acquaint myself with the Religious School curriculum and to build relationships with the staff at Adas Israel. I am so happy to be here. However, I'm missing the students and teachers and am eagerly looking forward to the beginning of school. I can't wait to spend time in

the classrooms and getting to know both the students and the teachers.



Jordan Rothenberg, Youth & Family Program Coordinator

I am so excited to combine my passions for Judaism, music, and helping others here at Adas Israel; I don't think I could imagine a better homecoming to the DC area! Although I've only been here a few days, I'm already anxiously awaiting the dawn of the school year and the arrival of students. I have every hope that it will yield plenty of professional and personal growth. So

with that, here's to a new year and beginning! 🌸

September Religious School Dates

- 11:** First Day of Religious School
- 13:** First Day of Tuesday Religious School, First Day of Ma'alot, First Day of Torah Club
- 14:** First Day of Wednesday Religious School
- 17:** First Day of *Parshat HaShavua*
- 27:** 10th-Grade Israel Trip Meeting

September Youth Services

- 10:** Tot Shabbat, *Netivot*
- 16:** Young Family *Shabbat*
- 17:** Family *Shabbat* Service
- 24:** Tot *Shabbat*, *Netivot*, Junior Congregation

Gan HaYeled

We at the Gan are excited to begin our 44th year. We have added an additional year-round, full-day class and have hired a few fabulous new staff members.

The teachers have spent countless hours preparing to provide the best possible learning environment for each child. In addition, our second-floor rooms have been newly carpeted, painted, and had the flooring replaced.



We are also in the final stages of our application to renew our accreditation with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Needless to say, the exacting standards set by the NAEYC are part of the normal rhythm of Gan life. But this year, as part of the accreditation process, we need to provide tangible evidence of meeting them. For example, one standard (3.G.10.b) says, "Teaching staff join children in learning centers to extend and deepen children's learning. They engage children in conversations." Showing this in a portfolio involves taking a picture or video of the interaction and explaining it. With hundreds of standards to document, it's easy to see why so few programs are accredited.

Perhaps the most exciting thing this fall is the new Outdoor Learning Environment. Adas families have banded together to provide a state-of-the-art play space that combines natural elements, appropriate challenges, and creative opportunities to learn through physical experiences for all who use the facility. The Adas Israel board wisely chose to combine the needs of the Gan with the needs of the wider Adas community by creating a space that can be used by Adas children of all ages. ✨

Welcome, Ron Schwartz, New Controller



Ron Schwartz, longtime controller and CFO for several large nonprofit and for-profit organizations, recently joined the team at Adas as our new controller and head of accounting. We were very fortunate to be introduced to Ron through the congregation's longtime auditing and accounting firm, Cherry Bekaert LLP.

Ron is a seasoned finance professional with more than 20 years in senior-level accounting, finance planning and reporting, organizational strategic planning, and human resources. He comes to us having just served more than a decade directing and supporting financial operations and fiscal planning for the NERE/NRX Logistics Corporation in Boston, MA. He also served as CFO for the Lifeworks Social Services Organization and the Burrows Real Estate & Property Management Company.

Ron and his wife Susan recently moved to DC to be closer their two adult children and three grandchildren. They are thrilled to join the Adas Israel community, and we look forward to Ron's stewardship as we create and implement new accounting systems and long-term fiscal strategies for the congregation. Feel free to stop by the synagogue's accounting office to welcome Ron to the Adas family. He can also be reached Ronald.Schwartz@adasisrael.org. Welcome to the team, Ron! ✨

For Our Families with Young Children:
Come enjoy time with your children and your Adas family!
Connect with old friends and make new ones.

Shabbat Dinner for Families with Young Children, Friday, Sept. 16:



Join us once a month for a Friday night "Happy Half-Hour" (light snacks to tide you over: wine and cheese for the adults, cheese and crackers for the children)

at 5:00 pm, *Kabbalat Shabbat* Services for young children and their families at 5:30 pm, and a delicious dinner at 6:15 pm. To register please visit adasisrael.org/shabbat-and-daily-minyan/

Tot Shabbat, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24: Weekly Shabbat morning services at 11:00 am for young children and their families



"Shir a Song": Music with Miss Ellie, Tuesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27: Music and movement classes for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and the

adults who love them. Tuesday mornings in the library at 9:30 and 10:30. To register, go to www.mselliemusic.com/register; \$185 for 1st child, \$100 for 1st sibling.



'Coffee Club' for Babies and Their Adults, Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28: Stop by the Beit Midrash Wednesday mornings between 10:30

and 11:30 am to visit with and meet other parents with babies.

Play Date in the Gan, Thursdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29: The Gan is the place to be on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am if your little one is too young to attend the Gan. Join us. The kids will play, you will schmooze!

Story Time with Robin, Thursdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29: Join us in the upstairs library, Thursday mornings at 10:00 am, for stories and songs with your little one, followed by time to chat with your friends—or to make new ones—while your children play. ✨

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<div>2824 Av</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amGrand Slam at National Park</div> <div>11:30 amSisterhood Orientation</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>2925 Av</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>3026 Av</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:15 amMorning Awakening w/Rabbi Lauren</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>3127 Av</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>128 Av</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>229 Av</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amParsha with Hassidut</div> <div>6:00 pmTraditional Lay-Led Shabbat Service with Rabbi Steinlauf</div> <div>7:18 pm</div>	<div>3 PARSHAT RE'EH/ ROSH CHODESH ELUL30 Av</div> <div>9:15 amShabbat Morning Service;</div> <div>8:18 pmBar Mitzvah: Samuel Davis;</div> <div>Havdalah</div> <div>Sermon by Rabbi Alexander</div> <div>9:15 amTraditional Egalitarian Minyan with Rabbi Holtzblatt;</div> <div>Bat Mitzvah: Yael Nemeth</div> <div>9:45 amHavurah Shabbat Service</div> <div>12:00 pmCongregational Kiddush</div> <div>12:30 pmHavurah Shabbat Kiddush</div> <div>1:00 pmShabbat Mincha Services</div>
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<div>1815 Elul</div> <div>9:00 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amTikkun Olam Restorative Yoga</div> <div>10:00 amAdas Book Chat</div> <div>10:30 amYP Hike</div> <div>10:30 amJMCW Class: Wise Aging</div> <div>11:00 amSisterhood Opening Event</div> <div>11:00 amMoving Meditation Yogic Flow</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>1916 Elul</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>2017 Elul</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amWeekday Torah with Sisterhood</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>7:30 pmJMCW Meditation Session</div>	<div>2118 Elul</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>9:15 amMorning Workout</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div> <div>7:30 pmJMCW Moving Meditation</div> <div>Vinyasa Flow</div> <div>7:00 pmJSC Classes</div> <div>7:30 pmIntro to Judaism</div> <div>8:15 pmJSC Classes</div>	<div>2219 Elul</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>6:00 pmEvening Minyan</div>	<div>2320 Elul</div> <div>7:30 amMorning Minyan</div> <div>10:00 amParsha with Talmudic Commentary</div> <div>6:00 pmKabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Brown</div> <div>6:44 pm</div>	<div>24 PARSHAT KITAVO21 Elul</div> <div>8:30 amBoker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class</div> <div>12:00 pmCongregational Kiddush</div> <div>9:30 amShabbat Morning Service;</div> <div>6:00 pmShabbat Mincha/Maariv Services</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Winter;</div> <div>7:44 pmHavdalah</div> <div>Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf</div> <div>9:00 pmSelichot Program and Service</div> <div>9:30 amTraditional Egalitarian Minyan</div> <div>10:00 pmSelichot Dessert Reception</div> <div>Shabbat Awakening</div> <div>11:00 amNetivot</div> <div>11:00 amTot Shabbat</div> <div>11:00 amJunior Congregation</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 (librarian@adasisrael.org).

Office Closing

Labor Day
Monday, September 5
Schools/Offices Closed

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

Are you ready for the
High Holy Days and the
other October holidays?

Come in and browse our honey dishes,
Sukkot decorations, Shabbat candles,
shofarot, and children's holiday books,
among other items.



Regular Gift Shop Hours

Resume Sunday, Sept. 11:

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.

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sisterhoodnews

Sisterhood Opening Event: September 18 A Sephardic Seder to Welcome the New Year!

Are you looking for an out-of-the-ordinary, tasty, and sweet way to welcome the New Year and to make new friends? Experience Sisterhood's opening event of the 2016–17 year, "A Sephardic Seder to Welcome the New Year." Men and women are welcome!

For over 2,000 years, Sephardic Jews have gathered around the *Rosh Hashanah* eve dinner table for a special ceremony, a *seder* to welcome the New Year. The seven traditional blessings for this *seder* and the related symbolic foods eaten during the meal express hopes for the coming year and add meaning to the holiday gathering.

Enjoy a talk and cooking demonstration and catered luncheon by Susan Barocas featuring Sephardic *Rosh Hashanah* dishes. At the end of the program, everyone will take home a copy of the *seder* blessings and explanations as well as recipes so you can create your own *Rosh Hashanah seder* complete with Sephardic flavors.

A member of Adas Israel, Susan Barocas is a well-known writer, teacher, and caterer who was the founding director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's Jewish Food Experience (www.jewishfoodexperience.com). She is a member of the culinary society Les Dames d'Escoffier and served as the guest chef at the 2014, 2015, and 2016 White House Passover *sederim*.

The date is **Sunday, September 18, 11:30 am–1:30 pm**, at Adas. The cost is \$10 per person or \$8 with paid-up Sisterhood membership. RSVP to Carol Ansell by September 13 at carol.ansell@adasisrael.org or/202-362-4433.

We thank Susan Winberg, Sisterhood's Co-VP for Education and Programming, for organizing this event!

Donald Saltz to Leave a Living Legacy to Adas Sisterhood

By Lucy Hassell



Sisterhood President Marcy Feuerstein and Lucy Hassell, past president, watch Debby Joseph, president of Adas Israel, and Donald Saltz sign the Letter of Understanding.

through Donald's generosity, Sisterhood and the congregation have hosted such diverse scholars as **Dr. Jane Gerber**, an expert in Sephardic history and



Susan Barocas prepares the 2016 Passover seder at the White House.



Salad with roast squash and pomegranate for Sephardic Rosh Hashanah seder.

Shortly after Donald Saltz's beloved Mozelle (z"l) passed away in 2005, Sisterhood celebrated her memory with a special *Shabbat* weekend commemorating her Indian and Baghdadi roots and her love of Judaism and learning. A tradition was born. For most years since, the Sisterhood has celebrated its annual *Shabbat* by bringing a noted Jewish woman scholar to Adas Israel.

Donald created a fund to underwrite this endeavor—the Mozelle Saltz Fund for Sisterhood Speakers. Over the years,

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Islam; **Professor Amy Kalmanofsky**, whose research is in issues of power and fear in Biblical rhetoric; **Dr. Marjorie Lehman**, acclaimed Talmudic scholar in the area of feminism; and **Rahel Musleah**, a seventh-generation Calcutta Jewish journalist, author, singer, and educator, among others.

In his desire to ensure that Mozelle's legacy continues, Donald has bequeathed \$300,000 to Adas Israel Sisterhood. To be named **The Donald and Mozelle Saltz Fund for Sisterhood Scholars**, this fund will enable Sisterhood to continue to bring renowned Jewish women scholars, educators, or teachers to Adas Israel each year.

Mozelle Saltz is best remembered for her modest style, the richness of her Jewish values of learning and observance, and a heavenly *davening* voice. Through her memory and Donald's generosity, may Sisterhood continue to be inspired by and to live by these guiding ideals.

Sisterhood and Adas Hesed Committee— A New, Perfect Partnership

By Lucy Hassell

When I joined Sisterhood in 2001, besides lasting friendships and enriching programs, I found an inspiring group of matriarchs, any one of whom constituted a *Hesed* (Lovingkindness) Committee of her own. Those women ensured that every ill or isolated congregant received regular, friendly, caring phone calls, and that *shiva* homes were visited, often by women who did not drive but thought nothing of taking a bus. They also performed *shmira* (ritually guarding the dead before the funeral), and they provided meals for the bereaved and special *Shabbat* bags on the first *Shabbat* following a death.

Other programs at Adas, such as the video library and the call-in phone line to hear services, arose from this generation of Sisterhood women whose members did not see themselves as special. Rather, they were performing *tzedakah* out of a quiet generosity of spirit, without seeking recognition. This was the nature of the women who made up Sisterhood. Perhaps I am not naming them here because they were true to the highest form of *tzedakah* by being anonymous. Also, I do not wish to omit anyone unintentionally.

Fast forward to the times during which women were working outside of the home, managing/co-managing households, and still holding dear the values of *hesed* and volunteerism. We just needed to work smarter, through committees and delegation of tasks. In 2006, **Sisterhood Cares** was established to carry on these acts of lovingkindness in a systematic way by and for the women of Sisterhood.

A few years later, the Adas Israel Congregation established the **Hesed Committee** to reach out to the entire congregation, starting with services to our elderly. The latest version of the committee, now affectionately known as Hesed 2.0, aspires to serve the broadest needs of honoring our elderly, caring for our sick, celebrating our newborns and responding to (and anticipating) the needs that arise in our thriving community.

I am honored to serve as a link to our Sisterhood's heritage and the

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Special Shabbat bag for the bereaved.

new era of smart, loving, and talented volunteers who constitute the Hesed Committee. Our first joint project will be to reestablish the bereavement bags that will be delivered to every congregant on the first *Erev Shabbat* following a loved one's death.

The goal of the Hesed Committee is to have many more programs, integrating work by the committee, the **Bereavement Committee**, and Sisterhood as our community flourishes with deeds of lovingkindness. In the planning stages now are other outreach programs to help bereaved members during the grieving period.

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering, please contact Lucy Hassell at 202-629-1574 or Lucy.Hassell@LNF.com.

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood



Norman Shore

Please join *Weekday Torah with Sisterhood* (formerly named *Taste of Tanach*) at **10:00 am on Tuesday, September 20**, in the Biran *Beit Midrash*. Community leader and teacher Norman Shore will lead a discussion on texts, traditions, and stories about the Jewish High Holy Days.

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood is an engaging approach to traditional Hebrew text study that offers participants the opportunity to study and discuss challenging texts and ideas. These classes are open to the entire Adas Israel community. Classes are monthly, except in the summer, and usually meet on the second or third Tuesday of the month. Students of all levels and backgrounds are welcome.

To RSVP and for more information, contact Marilyn Cooper at MarilynCCooper70@gmail.com.

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood will meet on the following dates: Sept. 20, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17 (2017), Feb.; 21, March 21, April 25, May 16, and June 20. ❀

Anne Frank House Update



From Anne Frank House to the entire Adas Israel family, best wishes for a sweet and healthy new year.

Anne Frank House (AFH) has much to be grateful for this year. Thanks in part to your support, we continue to have the resources to take care of our 12 residents. As is the case with most of our apartments, the furniture and furnishings come largely from donations from members of this congregation.

Also watch this space or the Adas website for details about how to register for this year's mini-walk, which takes place on Sunday, October 23. If you would like to become one of the walk's corporate sponsors, let us know. Your corporate logo will be proudly displayed on the walk T-shirts.

If you have questions about AFH, or want to get more involved in our work, please contact Sue Ducat (stansue@verizon.net).

To learn more about Anne Frank House, or to make an online contribution, visit our website: <http://www.theannefrankhouse.org/> or send your check to Anne Frank House, Inc., c/o Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Thank you. ✿

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Poverty/Homelessness/Housing Team



We have an ambitious goal: To harness the power of Adas Israel to address the broader causes of homelessness, poverty, and illiteracy and to foster equal opportunity for all DC residents. To reach this goal, our team has been developing the community organizing skills necessary to become effective advocates. We will continue to identify and recruit interested congregants who will be trained in organizing practice.

As a new member of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), we are now part of a large interfaith network of DC area churches, synagogues, and mosques. We will partner with WIN to support and advocate for various campaigns, including the Mayor's plan to replace DC General Emergency Family Shelter with smaller, dignified, short-term housing in all eight wards of the District of Columbia.

We also remain committed to projects that provide direct service to those in need—the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the vulnerable in our society. These projects support the needs of our community partners and are important to many of our congregants. We are reviewing these projects, deepening and invigorating our efforts, and reaching out to congregants who are interested in direct service volunteerism. Direct service and advocacy efforts will partner as needed, both essential aspects of the work we do together.

Gun Violence Prevention Team



The vision for the Gun Violence Prevention Team (GVP) is to unite communities within Adas Israel to make a difference in the epidemic of gun violence that is affecting our communities, our city, and our country. Toward these ends, the Adas Israel GVP will begin working with the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) and its member faith-based communities in DC that are engaged in GVP efforts to prepare for WIN

actions, including meetings with the mayor and the chief of police.

We will work to build relationships and educate our members about gun violence prevention efforts that make sense for them and help them keep their homes, families, and communities safe. We will also reach out to local/national elected officials/staff to gather more information about current gun violence prevention legislation for future action or support and monitoring of legislative action. Each component of our work will include appropriate educational programming such as films and speakers.

Climate Action Team



Climate change and the air pollution causing it are a threat to the health of our families and community, as well as to families and communities around the world. The Climate Action group at Adas Israel strives to help our community to take real action on this subject in three ways.

First, we plan to foster collective learning about what Torah and Jewish tradition have to say about environmental matters. Second, we plan to highlight how the Adas community can take action in our synagogue and in our homes and communities to reduce the pollution causing climate change. And, third,

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we plan to engage in advocacy campaigns for climate action in the Metro Washington, DC, area. The goal of this effort is for Adas Israel to build a collective effort to help congregants grapple with the tough questions involved and find ways to take action together.

Racial Justice Working Group



The Racial Justice Working Group (RJWG) seeks to encourage deeper understanding of contemporary racism to enhance our ability to counter residual racial bias in our everyday lives, our synagogue, and society as a whole. In this effort, we are following the lead of our clergy, who have eloquently expressed the urgent need to address the continuing struggle for justice and freedom here in the United States.

Over the summer, we initiated a monthly racial justice book/movie club and have planned a kick-off panel examining the Jewish underpinnings of anti-racism work for September. We welcome interested congregants to join us in this extremely important work as we develop additional opportunities for learning, self-reflection, and action in the coming year.

Coat Room/Tzedakah Collection Reorganization

Our Coat Room fulfills many functions. Besides keeping our coats and our strollers, it is also the site of our various *tzedakah* collections, from food for SOME to our various *b'nai mitzvah* projects. These collections enhance our ongoing efforts with our community organization partners, and they give our congregation a gateway to join our social action community.

Look for a more user-friendly and organized area with new shelving, collection bins, and signage with guidelines about drop-off items.

Opportunities to Support Refugees with HIAS-Sponsored Activities



Join other members of Adas Israel to support refugees by participating in one of three activities sponsored by HIAS. Contact Dan Aladjem, dan.aladjem@gmail.com, or

202-258-9339 for more information or to participate.

- **Provide pro bono legal assistance to HIAS clients seeking asylum and other humanitarian protections in the U.S.**
- **Provide volunteer translation or interpretation for HIAS legal clients.**
- **Write letters to asylum seekers in immigration detention. ✿**

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pregnant with Noa, I prepared for a whole nine months to birth a child. I watched the food I ate, I limited exercise or certain physical activities that were dangerous, Ari and I prepared by taking birthing classes and talking about the kind of parents we wanted to be. It was wonderful preparation and necessary, but nothing could have prepared me for the first moment I heard her cry. The first moment I saw her 10 little fingers and 10 little toes and brought her close to my chest. It was breathtaking. Though I prepared and prepared, there was nothing that could have prepared me for that moment other than just being present.

In this season of *Elul*, I want to wish us the strength to do the hard work of self-introspection, of turning to talk to our loved ones about the state of our relationships, of thinking about who we want to be in this world, and I also want to wish us presence for the unexpected. May this season of preparation lead us into *Rosh Hashanah* prepared and completely ready for the unexpected holiness that looms. *Shanah Tovah.* ✿

Hesed: What Exactly Is It?



Our chefs working hard at the June 7th Hesed Cooking Team event.

Hesed is difficult to translate; no single word in English captures its meanings. Translators use words like "kindness," "loving-kindness," "mercy," or "loyalty." Perhaps "loyal love" is close. Yet, *hesed* is one of the richest, most powerful words in the Torah.

Hesed is not primarily something people "feel"; it is not a "mood." It is something people **do** for other people. It is a facet of love displayed through actions.

Since *Hesed 2.0* launched last January, much love has been in evidence in the Adas community. Scrumptious food has been cooked and nourishing meals for the sick have been delivered. Visits to those who cannot get out and about have taken place. Beautiful baskets filled with Jewish items have welcomed new babies and new members. Calls have been placed to homebound members to wish them a good *Shabbat*. Families with newborns have been supported and assisted. In less than a year, the *Hesed* committee has involved nearly 150 Adas members.

At this holiest time of the Jewish year, when we are asking ourselves what we can do to better the world, to better our community, to better ourselves, the *Hesed* Committee awaits you. Do you want to feel the exquisite sense of joy that comes from helping someone in need? Do you need a helping hand? Please contact Rabbi Lauren (Rabbi.Holtzblatt@adasisrael.org) or *Hesed* chair Rae Grad (rgrad@comcast.net) to plug into the experience of loyal love.

Sign up! Join the *Hesed* Committee on Sunday November 20, for the next *Hesed* Cooking Committee event in the Kay kitchen. Cook with *kavanah*, enjoy meeting new friends, learn Torah. Registration is free and limited to 25 people. Visit the *Hesed* committee page

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Ma Tovv: Operations Staff at Adas Israel

HONORING OUR LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Charles Mallory, Calvin Casey, Phil Thomas, Steve Claar, Marc Holderman, Mike Freeman, and Geno Nicholls

We know these men and love them. They are the first to arrive here each day and the last to leave. They have watched some of us grow up from being a Gan student to a Gan parent; have celebrated every holiday with us; and have been a source of comfort and stability for every life-cycle event, *Shabbat* dinner, meeting, etc. They are the operations staff at Adas Israel. They are our family.



Charles Mallory

When did you start at Adas Israel?

September 1990

What is your favorite part about working at Adas? The community involvement and the longevity of my career here.

What is one of your craziest memories working here? *Kol Nidre*, when the lights went out. Glenn said, "We have to make something happen. *Kol Nidre* has got to happen."

I prayed to G-d that they'd find enough batteries. I remember thinking, "G-d grant me the wisdom to help me get through this." Everything I knew about Adas had to come out that day. Required a very willing spirit for Jews and non-Jews. Congregants said they felt like they were praying thousands of years ago, only using candles to see.

When you're not at work, how do you spend your time? Making a home away from home (because Adas is my home). I've learned a lot and have brought that home with me, spiritually, community-wise. It's hard to leave Adas behind when you walk out the door. There's a spirit of Adas that you can't leave behind. Family time day is Monday for us because that is my day off, and my wife has a different schedule than I do. I'm always working on something, a lot of little projects. My wife says I never finish anything; I just move the mess from one room to another room. Right now I'm working on a sunroom. I want to create a frame for a new bay window. I've asked Steve to help me with this project.



Calvin Casey

When did you start at Adas Israel?

September 1979

What is your favorite part about working at Adas? I have a lot of friends here. I've watched a lot of kids grow up into adulthood. I actually know Mike Freeman from way when he was a little kid. He used to come to my house for Bible study. We reconnected when he started here last year.

What is one of your craziest memories working here? Power outage during *Kol Nidre*. The services were held in the dark; everyone was using flashlights to read the words; we

placed candles in the bathrooms.

Another crazy memory was when there was a fire at my home and my family was separated. Sisterhood helped refurnish my house.

When you're not at work, how do you spend your time?

Every Sunday we have a family gathering at my house. About 20 people come each week for dinner. We also have a lot of BBQs and family celebrations.



Phil Thomas

When did you start at Adas Israel?

December 1996

What is your favorite part about working at Adas? I like having a job J. I also like all of the people I work with and that I get to work a lot of hours. I had a number of jobs before finding Adas. I was in Vietnam, 1968–1970, then worked as a federal protective officer after I came out of the service. I guarded the Justice

Department, Federal Trade Commission, and Internal Revenue and then went to CIA in Langley. I was at Langley for five years and then worked in construction for eight years before starting at Adas.

What is one of your craziest memories working here? Me, Calvin, and Charles were on the third floor. There was a loud boom. Me and Calvin were getting ready to run, and Charles said, "You all gonna leave me?" An air conditioner at Quebec House had blown and sounded like a bomb. It freaked us all out. Charles tried to be brave; Calvin and me ran out of there.

When you're not at work, how do you spend your time?

Landscaping other people's yards; I have about five customers. I love to bowl; I used to be in a league. I have a 180 average and my own orange/gray bowling ball. I also like to go out with my family and walking in the park.



Steve Claar

When did you start at Adas Israel?

July 1998

What is your favorite part about working at Adas? Like working at the cemetery; it's a neat environment.

What is one of your craziest memories working here? The power going out during *Kol Nidre* and everybody using candles for lights. I spent most of the day/night

wandering around with Pepco trying to fix the transformer. The AC and lights went out in the afternoon, stayed out all night, and finally came on in the early morning in time for *Yom Kippur* services.

When you're not at work, how do you spend your time? I go back to Pennsylvania (Windber) each weekend to hang out with family, fix up the house, and watch Pittsburgh sports when they are on.



Marc Holderman

When did you start at Adas Israel?

February 2013

What is your favorite part about working at Adas? Any day I get to interact with the Gan children and their families [I like] the most.

What is one of your craziest memories working here? The Purim Carnival . . . every year. There is a lot of craziness going on, all controlled chaos, but still chaos. There are tons of people, food, children are everywhere, and it's very loud.

When you're not at work, how do you spend your time? Relaxing (cooking, reading, watching TV), exercising (running), spending time with family.



Mike Freeman

When did you start at Adas Israel?

January 2014

What is your favorite part about working at Adas? Experiencing new things like going to the cemetery for the first time. There are certain things that have prepared me for things that happen in my life outside of Adas. I've helped out at several funerals for congregants. When a friend of mine passed away and I was asked to be a pallbearer, I was able to use my experience from Adas to participate in that meaningful moment for my friend. I also love all of the different characters here at Adas.

What is one of your craziest memories working here? My first High Holy Days here, especially the *Kol Nidre* Return Again when it rained in the middle of the service. Hundreds of people were going into the building to move the service, and we had to rush to take down all of the sound equipment and chairs in the pouring rain.

When you're not at work, how do you spend your time? I like to play basketball, swim, hang out with my daughter Shamyra (8), play and watch football (Go Cowboys!), and hang out with friends and family.



Geno Nicholls

When did you start at Adas Israel? May 2015

What is your favorite part about working at Adas? I get to work in my field of electronics, AV, CCTV, and access control. I love that it's one big happy family.

What is one of your craziest memories working here? My mom (Rita) worked here when I was little so I would come after school and get chips, sodas, and cookies from Mr. Jimmy's store. And now I work here too. It's crazy how things change. Another crazy and

awesome moment was when President Obama was here in my first month.

When you're not at work, how do you spend your time? Try to be productive and spend time wisely. I love to hang out with my three dogs. 🐾

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to complete this task by our next annual meeting.

The Israel Committee is developing programming for this year that will enable us to look at the role and meaning of Israel through the lens of our Rabbinic and historic literature. We are looking to educate, inform, and provide discussions on these topics as an alternative to the politics that surrounds us, particularly here in Washington, DC.

Our new Early Childhood and Family Engagement Director, Alexis Tinsley, will be working with Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum to create innovative and engaging programming based on the priorities and values developed by the Early Childhood Strategic Planning Task Force. The beautiful outdoor space will be complete and ready for use with the beginning of our new school year. It will offer not only improved learning opportunities for our children, but also enhancements to myriad events and experiences for the entire congregation.

As you know, this year we took a new approach to the Adas Fund. With Rita Segerman and Ryna Cohen as our chairs, we have gathered a dedicated and loyal group of Adas Israel Champions who are reaching out to all to assist in ensuring that we have the funds necessary to support the many programs and activities that fill our synagogue. All of us have an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to this wonderful Adas Israel community by giving what we can. We are looking for broad involvement, which is why our Champions represent a range of groups within our congregation. We are very grateful for each contribution at whatever level you are able to give.

Adas Israel is a generous and caring community. Thank you for being part of it and for participating. 🌟

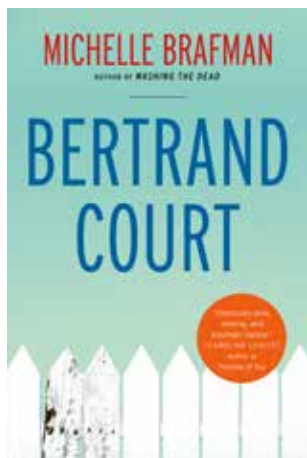
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Connecting the Threads

By Robin Jacobson, Library & Literary Programs Director

"Connecting the threads—our home, our heart, our world" is the High Holy Day theme at Adas Israel this fall. It could also describe two new perceptive works of fiction, *Bertrand Court*, by local author Michelle Brafman, and *As Close to Us as Breathing*, by Elizabeth Poliner. Both books are about connections – between family members and friends, between the past and the present. And both authors are close observers and sensitive chroniclers of the nuances of human relationships. Their books are a pleasure to read.



Bertrand Court

Part of the fun of *Bertrand Court* is that the action is set in familiar territory. The book is a set of interlinked short stories about a group of mostly Jewish friends and relatives; many of the characters live on a cul-de-sac (Bertrand Court) in the Washington, DC, suburbs. The characters eat Asian food at Spices, shop at Montgomery Mall, stroll along the canal in Georgetown, read the *Washington Post*, and attend Yom Kippur services at a synagogue that looks like Adas Israel.

Brafman skillfully transitions from story to story, showing us the characters from different

perspectives—the narrator in one story is a bystander in another. The characters face a variety of challenges, some humorous, some wrenching: a bratty five-year-old, multiple miscarriages, the failure of a family business, the death of a parent.

The most exuberant inhabitant of *Bertrand Court* is Becca Coopersmith, who eagerly embraces hot yoga, pole dancing, *Kabbalah*, and a women's drum circle. Around her backyard fire pit, she gathers her girlfriends to spill their souls. And on *Shabbat* Becca lights candles, "blessing the hell out of life." She is irresistible, as is this book.



As Close to Us as Breathing

Like *Bertrand Court*, this novel presents a slice of Jewish life, but it is a darker work about family and obligation and guilt. The novel opens with Molly, the narrator, stunningly disclosing that her younger brother died when she was 12: *The summer of 1948 my brother Davy was killed in an accident with a man who would have given his own life rather than have it happen.*

As the novel progresses, we learn the family history that preceded and followed Davy's tragic accident in a Jewish beach community ("Bagel Beach") in Connecticut.

At the story's center are three sisters: Vivie, Ada, and Bec. During the summers, they relax at the family beach cottage with the kids, and their husbands arrive each Friday in time for *Shabbat* dinner. The middle sister, Ada, is married to Mort, who was once Vivie's beau. The sisters are reconciled, but the fact that Ada stole Mort from Vivie leaves a residue of bad feeling. Bec, the youngest sister, a talented dress designer, is single and torn between her family and a secret love affair with her married, Catholic boss.

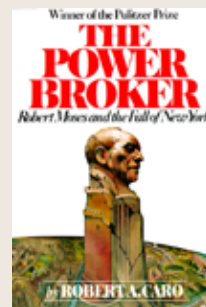
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As Close to Us as Breathing is a coming-of-age story for Molly and two other teenagers in the extended family. But it is also social history; the lives of the three sisters illustrate the constraints on American women in the 1940s surrounding education, employment, and even mobility (the sisters depend on men who drive). Most memorably, the novel vividly portrays the knotty dynamics within a family. It takes a new, insightful look at the old question of what we owe to family versus what we owe to ourselves. Something worth pondering as the High Holy Days approach—or whenever we examine the warp and woof in the fabric of our lives. ✨

All-Adas Book Chat led by Religious School Parents Sisterhood is a co-sponsor of the Adas Book Chat series.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 @ 10:00 AM
IN THE LIBRARY**

Join a dynamic group of religious school parents to discuss an excerpt from Robert Caro's Pulitzer Prize-winner, *The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York*. **Pick up a packet containing the excerpt at the front desk in the Adas lobby.** A special invitation goes to New Yorkers, urban planners, activists, and enthusiasts of historic Jewish neighborhoods! Questions? Please contact Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).



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adasisrael.org/hesed to learn more and sign up. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. For questions, contact Kristen Karvalho (kristencarvalho@gmail.com).

Do hesed!



Ten lasagnas are out of the oven and ready to freeze and deliver.

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