

Adas Israel Congregation CHRONICLE

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From the President

By Debby Joseph



On June 8, 2008, at least two-thirds of the members present at the Annual Meeting on that day approved amendments to Adas Israel's bylaws. The current version was first passed in 1992, and every one to three years following, amendments were approved . . . until June, 2008. Reflecting on the different issues we were concerned about then and now, about the status of the synagogue then and now, and about the needs of our congregation then and now, it seems fitting that we review our bylaws to ensure that they reflect who we are now and support the direction(s) in which we will choose to move in the coming years.

Commencing with the Sulam Leadership Initiative, which began during Arnie Podgorsky's presidency, the lay leadership identified opportunities for building skills and growing the partnership with the professional leaders. We have focused on the need for transparency, improved communication, and broader membership engagement and involvement in the governance of the congregation through participation on committees, both standing and ad hoc. While there is always more work to be done, we are making steady progress in these areas. Therefore, it was time for us to review our bylaws within this context.

Margie Siegel, chair, Herlene Nagler, and Andrew Herman are the Governance Task

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clergy **corner**



Senior Rabbi Gil Steinlauf

Now What Do We Do?

Last month, I attended a special White House briefing for interfaith leaders from across the country. In that meeting, we discussed what the Obama administration is doing in response to the increase in hate crimes and hate speech since the election in the waning days of the administration. It was a poignant meeting. It was the final work of those seeking to protect the most vulnerable as this presidential term is coming to an end. At that briefing, I mostly learned about all the work that is yet to be completed in this country. I learned about all the work that still needs to happen to improve our criminal justice system. I learned about the total lack of preparedness to collect data about hate crimes committed in this nation, and that we lack the proper channels to alert people when hatred is on the rise.

This month, a new chapter in this country officially begins. Much of the unfinished work to protect the most vulnerable in this society will have to be completed by us—each of us—in our states and cities and counties and, most important, in our own hyper-local communities. As we interfaith leaders listened to representatives of the administration, it became clear to us that we must learn from the leadership of this nation's faith communities from generations past: as people struggled for their civil and human rights, as people organized and protested for the sake of their dignity, the houses of worship played a central role, perhaps more than other institutions, in galvanizing people. The houses of worship must play that role again in the months and years ahead, serving as beacons of the values that lift up humanity and provide hope and inspiration for a better and more just society, and for real and substantive action.

So many people have come to me in recent weeks, feeling very frightened about an uncertain future. In various classes and gatherings, I have been teaching a lot about how we respond to the frightening headlines and unnerving experiences of anti-Semitism and bigotry that some of us have been experiencing. Time and again, I come back to an old humorous poster that came out several years ago with a title something like "Stuff Happens," and then a series of boxes with how various religions respond to that phrase. For example, for Catholics it said, "Stuff happens, and it's all your fault." For Buddhists, it said, "What is the sound of Stuff Happening?" And for the Jews, it said, "Why does this Stuff always happen to us?" In the years since I first saw that poster, I have come to understand that they got the Jewish box wrong. In truth, the Jewish response is "Stuff has happened. Now what do we do?" For literally thousands of years, our tradition has been all about this very practical ultimate question: what is the right thing to do now?

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Anfei Hayim—Branches of Life

A New *Haftarah* Supplement Produced and Published by Adas Israel



You may have noticed that a new purple book with a decorative cover has recently appeared in the Smith Sanctuary and in the Havurah service, alongside our prayer books and the *Etz Hayim humashim*. *Anfei Hayim* is a *haftarah* supplement to *Etz Hayim*, produced and published by Adas Israel.

The Conservative Movement, after considerable study and discussion, has approved an innovation in *haftarah* texts.

Why change the *haftarot*?

Many congregations, including Adas, read the Torah according to a triennial cycle; the traditional *haftarot* frequently fail to match the *parasha* of the day. Second, the prophetic section of our *Tanach* is full of lesser-known but wonderful stories and inspirational writings that never appear in our services. Third, some of our traditional *haftarot* seem lengthy, perhaps anticlimactic, after a prolonged Torah reading.

What's the change?

The Movement has approved a group of “new” prophetic selections to be read according to the triennial calendar, matching the Torah portions we actually read. These *haftarot* include beautiful and meaningful writings, new to many of us. Beyond these selections, many traditional *haftarot*, including

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend of *Tikkun Olam*

@ Adas Israel, January 13–15

Each year, Adas Israel dedicates the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend to current issues in the struggle for racial justice.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Friday night, January 13, at 6:30 pm for a Return Again *Shabbat* service, followed by dinner with our community partners. As is our tradition, on Sunday, January 15, we will join members of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ for their 11:00 am service, followed by a reception.



The church's guest speaker is Charles Cobb, former activist with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and currently a senior analyst at all *Africa.com* and a visiting professor at Brown University. His most recent book is *This Nonviolent Stuff'll Get You Killed: How Guns Made the Civil Rights Movement Possible*. Look for more information in the coming month in @Adas.

MLK Weekend Schedule

Friday, January 13

6:30 pm: Return Again *Shabbat* Service, *Maariv*, and speaker

7:00 pm: Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Service

7:45 pm: *Shabbat* Dinner with Community Partners

Saturday, January 14

9:30 am: *Shabbat* Service in the Charles E. Smith, featuring guest speaker

Sunday, January 15

11:00 am: Service in Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with guest speaker Charles Cobb, at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ at 4704 13th St NW, Washington, DC



Inauguration Weekend *Shabbat* Evening at Adas Israel

Friday Night, January 20

Clergy-Led *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service, 6:00 pm

Community *Shabbat* Dinner Follows

RSVP for Dinner online at adasisrael.org

The role of a Jewish community is to be a sacred vessel for the full range of human emotions and experiences. On this *Shabbat*, together we'll make space to harness our traditions, wisdom, and spirit to co-create that sacred vessel. Whether you find yourself at Adas regularly on Friday nights, or you are visiting the community for the weekend's events, please join us for an energetic and soulful, traditional Friday Evening Service, words of Torah from our Rabbis, and a delicious catered kosher *Shabbat* dinner among friends and new faces.

Kabbalat Shabbat and *Maariv* take place at 6:00 pm in the Gewirz *Beit Am*, with dinner following. Pre-registration for dinner required; RSVP online at www.adasisrael.org.

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Chaired by Ryna Cohen & Rita Segerman And Supported by the Adas Fund Champions!

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank all of you who supported our wonderful community during this year's Adas Fund drive. Adas Israel is our home, our community, and our neighborhood. For those of you who have not yet made your contribution, it is not too late. Your contribution of any size will make a big difference to this community. To make your important contribution, please contact the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, or visit www.adasisrael.org/the-adas-fund.



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Joy & Sorrow The Artistic Pull to an Embodied Religious Life.

"Weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes in the morning" (*Psalms 30:5*). The Psalmist is perhaps our first teacher of the emotional range of a religious life. From the seeds of sorrow we reap joy—not happiness, but joy. A connected joy that encompasses sorrow and loss. Our tradition asks us to feel fully and to ground ourselves in a joy that knows and is not afraid of sorrow. This month's learning will help us to open our hearts to the richness of the emotional range

of the Psalmist and to move us closer to a wholehearted religious life. Register online or by calling Melissa Adler, 202-362-4433, ext. 146

MakomDC January Learning:



'Open Beit Midrash' Night in the Biran Beit Midrash

TUESDAY, JAN. 3 @ 7:30 PM

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: Dr. Christine Hayes

TUESDAY, JAN. 10 @ 7:30 PM

Join us as our January scholar, Dr. Christine Hayes, teaches on this month's topic, Joy & Sorrow. Dr. Hayes is a distinguished professor of religious studies and a nationally awarded author. *This event will be livestreamed at adasisrael.org/adaslive.



The Text

TUESDAY, JAN. 17 @ 7:30 PM

Explore transformative Jewish texts in their original Aramaic and Hebrew. This means that we will break our teeth together and study with no translations but with lots of support from your peers and teachers.



Post-Kiddush Halakhah Class

SATURDAY, JAN. 21 @ 1:00 PM

Rabbi Alexander will give a text-based class, after *kiddush*, using *halakhah* (Jewish life and living) as a prism through which to access our monthly topic. We'll explore the unique intersection of Joy & Sorrow as it

appears in Jewish legal texts, with serious attention to how it has evolved over the centuries.

Ongoing Learning:



Jewish Values: Israel & Palestine
"iEngage" Series with Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, curriculum from the Shalom Hartman Institute
SUNDAYS @ 10:00 AM, BIRAN BEIT MIDRASH

Through careful study of Jewish narratives about Israel, and unpacking

the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, Rabbi Steinlauf invites you to encounter the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Brought to you by the Israel Engagement Committee at Adas Israel.



Boker Or Shabbat Study

SATURDAY MORNINGS @ 8:30 AM

JANUARY 7, Rabbi Alexander
JANUARY 14, Rabbi Alexander
JANUARY 21, Guest Rabbi Elianna Yolkut
JANUARY 28, Rabbi Steinlauf

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



Friday Parsha Study with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt or Rabbi Aaron Alexander

FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 10:00 AM

First and second Friday study a piece of the weekly *parsha* through the eyes of the Hasidic masters, guided by Rabbi Holtzblatt. Third and fourth Friday

explore a verse or two of the weekly *parsha* in its rabbinic context, with attention to modern messages and meanings, guided by Rabbi Alexander. ✨

From the President

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Force, which is leading the effort to revise the current bylaws. They are working toward ensuring we have a foundational set of guidelines and structures that will provide for efficient and effective governance of Adas Israel as an institution. Accompanying this document will be a Policy and Procedures Manual with current interpretation of the bylaws, which may be reviewed and changed as needed.

Amending the bylaws requires a two-thirds majority vote of members in good standing present at the time of the vote, which will occur at the Annual Meeting in June. Before this can be done, we will be holding a series of listening sessions in January during which members will be invited to review the proposed revisions, ask questions, and offer suggestions. Once the feedback is received, the Task Force members will make every effort to incorporate reasonable ideas into a draft that they will present to the Board. The Task Force will work closely with the Board to complete a draft document that it will recommend to the membership for ratification.

As members of Adas Israel, you play important roles in providing for its future. I look forward to your assistance with ensuring that the governing structure of our beloved institution is strong and enduring. ✿

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There will be a lot to do. In truth, there has always been a tremendous amount of work to do. And here at Adas Israel, as one of the leading congregations in America, we will continue to serve as a locus of getting the job done—of speaking out for the sake of those who may not have a voice, of organizing and acting for the sake of the vulnerable, to be a voice of moral inspiration in this country. We will remind this nation what the Torah teaches about a just society: the measure of a just society is the extent to which it actively cares for and protects the Stranger, the Orphan, the Widow—all those who are most at risk and vulnerable in our society. We will remember all those who are deemed as “strangers,” and we will stand together with them and protect them, for we were once strangers in Egypt.

We will join together with other congregations and communities. We will break bread with the vulnerable and listen to them to see what we can do. We will break bread, as well, with those Americans who see this country differently from how so many of us might here in Washington. We will not isolate ourselves from multiple opinions. We will have the courage to break through the forces that polarize us in this society so that we can begin the process of healing. We will fight against injustice wherever it arises, with all the strength we can muster. And at the same time, we will seek to heal the brokenness of our society with equal strength and perseverance.

Adas Israel has an important role to play in these new times. We have a responsibility, once again in our long history of national moral leadership, to be a center of civic action, responsibility, protection, and empowerment. We must be a locus of protecting our democracy. We will fight anti-Semitism, along with all the bigotry that has been emboldened by the recent turn in our history. And both our struggle and our efforts at healing this society will be deeply grounded in our Torah and in our tradition that has so much to teach us about what the right thing to do is in troubled times.

This issue of the *Chronicle* appears on the very last day of *Hanukkah*. That last day marks the culmination of lights, beginning with only one light on the first day and growing to its dazzling fullness on the final day. *Hanukkah* is a reminder that we have known very dark times in our history. But when we gather in the name of our Torah and all that it stands for, we can bring that light into the darkness. And when we have the courage to struggle for our values, no matter what the odds, no matter how overwhelming that darkness may seem, the light that we stand for can work miracles that we can't possibly imagine. At Adas Israel, we will begin to light those candles of hope and strength, of healing, and of courage. May we see the fullness of that light shining on a nation of justice and security for all its people speedily, and in our days. ✿



US Holocaust Memorial Museum: “Please Help Us with Research!”

History Unfolded, a new project at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, is asking “citizen historians” – teachers, students, lifelong learners and others – to help research the way the Holocaust was reported in local US newspapers from 1933 to 1945.

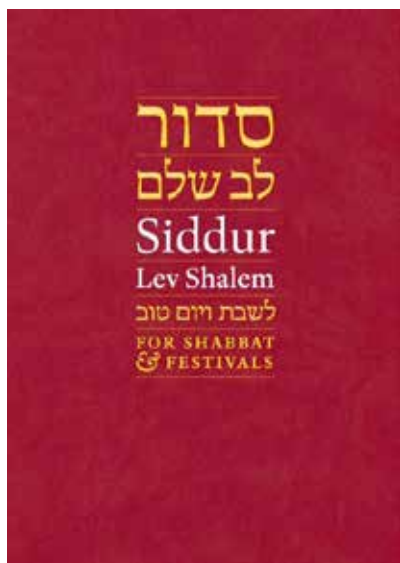
History Unfolded, which launched in February, runs through the 2017-2018 school year. While historians have examined the US media's reporting on the Holocaust, much of this work was done before the Internet and crowd-sourcing opened up new possibilities for a wider scope of investigation.

“Nobody has done this research before,” according to Elissa Frankle, the museum's digital projects coordinator. “We don't know what the

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Board of Directors Approves New *Siddur Lev Shalem* for Adas Israel Community Prayer

An Exciting New *Siddur* for Our Community



Siddur Lev Shalem for *Shabbat* and Festivals, published by the Conservative Movement Rabbinical Assembly, will soon join the successful High Holy Day *Mahzor Lev Shalem* in all of our prayer spaces and bookshelves at Adas Israel. Like our wonderful High Holy Day *mahzor*, it features a four-column format; new translations in contemporary language; commentary providing historical context; and a variety of *kavanot*, poetry, and prose that expand and enrich our relationship to the text.

The Adas Israel Religious Practices Committee (Steve Kleinrock, chair) worked tirelessly with clergy and community members to carefully review the selection, and Cantor Arianne Brown hosted a learning session to explore the new *siddur* over the summer. The committee recommended the selection, and the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve it. We are very excited about the selection. The adoption of a new *siddur*, a truly momentous occasion, will offer us an enriched and shared tool for accessing our Jewish prayer experience as community. A formal opportunity to introduce and celebrate our treasured new *siddurim* will take place during *Shabbat* services on April 22, 2017.

To acquire these magnificent new *siddurim*, we are seeking the support of the entire community. Members and friends are invited to dedicate one or more of these new books in honor or memory of a loved one or a special event in your life. With your contribution of \$36 per *siddur* (or 10 for \$350), you may select the wording for the dedication plate to be placed in the front of each book.

To dedicate a *siddur*, which will be a permanent part of our Adas community worship, please use the form on this page; contact the synagogue front desk at 202-362-4433; or visit our website at adasisrael.org/siddur. A list of all dedications will have an individual bookplate and will appear in a future *Chronicle*.

This *siddur* draws from the geographic and historical expanse of Jewish life. For use in both the home and the synagogue, it includes all the traditional prayers, psalms, and songs that are familiar from previous Conservative *siddurim*, but is also a treasured anthology, offering a wide array of readings that can be used to celebrate *Shabbat* as well as material for study about *Shabbat*: poems both ancient and modern, Hasidic wisdom, rabbinic *midrashim*, and commentary on the history and diversity of the liturgy. In addition to modern translations, most of the key blessings, psalms, and songs are transliterated to enable Jews from all backgrounds to participate fully in welcoming *Shabbat*, and the extensive commentary is geared to both the novice and the learned, offering historical insight and spiritual meaning. We look forward to sharing it with all of you. 🌟

Siddur Dedication Form

Please complete & clip this form and return it with payment to:

Adas Israel Congregation
2850 Quebec Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of books you are dedicating: _____ 1 at \$36 7 at \$250 18 at \$613 36 at \$1,018

Wording as you would like it to appear in the *siddur*. **Note: Please print neatly; space for wording is limited.**

In honor of

In memory of

Check enclosed \$ _____ (payable to Adas Israel Congregation)

Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW)

Our concern is not how to worship in the catacombs, but how to remain human in the skyscrapers.

—Abraham Joshua Heschel

The founder of Chabad, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, known as the *Ba'al Ha-Tanya*, was studying Torah when he heard a baby cry in a nearby room. As he went to soothe the baby, he saw his grandson too involved in his studies to notice the baby crying. When the *Ba'al Ha-Tanya* returned to the room, he told his grandson to stop learning, proclaiming, "If someone is studying Torah and fails to hear a baby's cry, there is something wrong with his learning."

Tikkun olam (healing the world) is a fundamental Jewish value central to our communal and spiritual life at Adas. This month, Adas Israel will join our country in honoring Martin Luther King Jr. with programming on social justice and community service. JMCW practices promoting *tikkun halev* (healing the heart toward calm and equanimity) are integrally connected to our congregation's *tikkun olam* mission. The more we develop an inward sense of awareness, appreciation, and compassion, the more available we are to helping others and effectively promote change.

As Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz stressed in his book, *The Soul of Jewish Social Justice*, "[t]he most important first step to healing our world is to tend to our spiritual lives and to our deepest inner spaces. When we are morally focused and spiritually healthy, we can transcend ourselves for the other in their moment of need."

We hope you can join us in January for yoga, Tuesday evening meditation (including a special social justice themed sit on January 17), and our special MLK weekend, "Return Again" service. With all the distractions and pressures in our world today, Jewish contemplative practices strengthen our ability to approach social justice with presence and an open heart.

'Return Again' Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt and Elie Greenberg

MLK Weekend: Friday, January 13, 6:30 pm

This monthly service is a favorite of all generations in our congregation. In the style of our innovative outdoor *Kol Nidre* Service, join our reflective journey into the power of *Shabbat* with seasoned musicians and a spiritual excursion into prayer and song. A festive Israeli tapas-style feast follows.

Weekly Evening Meditation

Tuesdays, 7:30–8:45 pm

Led by one of four rabbis, the sessions include a teaching, an exploration of Jewish meditation techniques, and a silent meditation sit. Beginners and experienced meditators alike are most welcome! **Our sit on January 17 will have a social justice focus in honor of MLK Day.**

Weekly Yoga:

Moving Meditation, Yogic Flow

Sundays, 11:00 am–12:15 pm

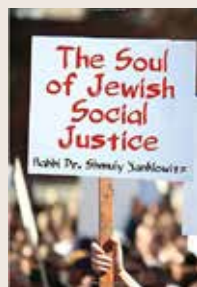
Moving Meditation, Vinyasa Flow

Wednesdays, 7:30–8:45 pm

Check for updates and additional information on yoga offerings at www.adasisrael.org/jmcw/.



JMCW Recommends . . .



The Soul of Jewish Social Justice by Dr. Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz (2014)

A comprehensive look at how Jewish wisdom is relevant to many of the most pressing moral issues of our time.

In honor of MLK weekend, listen to these two episodes from *On Being* with Krista Tippett (www.onbeing.org). They are

available to listen online or as podcasts.

- *Arnold Eisen on The Spiritual Audacity of Abraham Joshua Heschel*: This moving dialogue between Krista Tippett and the chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary includes an inspiring audio tape of Heschel.
- *Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks on the Dignity of Difference*: Rabbi Sacks, former Chief Rabbi of the UK, says, "God is sending us a big challenge, a really big challenge—we are living so close to difference."

Browse the shelves for many other books on Jewish meditation and mindfulness and look under call number 175.01, or speak to Adas Librarian Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org) for more information.

The Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW) offers services, programs, and workshops 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 and additional special programming. Visit our Adas web page at www.adasisrael.org/jmcw/, where you can also subscribe to our e-newsletter. ✨

Moses didn't see the presence of God at the burning bush right away, because he hadn't prepared his heart for prophecy.

—Maimonides



From the Director of Education

By Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum

From *Achrayut* to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., from a newly constituted *Kadima* student board to Coffee Club, these pages are filled with opportunities and messages for our children and families. They all share something important: creating space for our voices and being responsible with our words. Whether it is through the explicit value taught in the religious school

curriculum, in the messages from our religious and civil traditions, or in our programs to create dialogue and foster relationships, we are committed to being a place that honors questions and ideas, and lifts up hopes and dreams. You all are what make this place so beautiful and dynamic, and we are privileged to be here with you. ✨

Religious School Curriculum: *Achrayut*

By Pamela Gorin, Assistant Director of Education



The concept of *achrayut* (responsibility) implies action and not simply feeling. In line with the terminology of the ShalomLearning curriculum, Jews need to know/feel/do regarding their responsibilities toward individual people, society in general, and the environment. Through prescribed behavior (*mitzvot* and rituals), Jewish culture has tried to inculcate a healthy (not guilt-ridden) sense of responsibility to self and others. The minimum is “not to stand idly by” when something occurs that requires our attention. The real goal, however, is to train people to be proactive when looking at

human need or at problems in the natural world.

A Talmudic saying states: כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה—*kol yisrael areivim zeh bazeh*, “All of Israel is responsible for one another.” The basis for this seemingly legalistic statement is that every Israelite/Jew is bound together by the covenant with God and our shared mission of world repair and the sanctification of life and God’s Name. Therefore, a Jew is encouraged, even required, to rebuke another Jew who is behaving “inappropriately” and is thereby derailing the Jewish mission. Judaism recognizes that individuals have a natural sense of heightened responsibility toward themselves or toward those in their closest circle. However, an interpretation of sayings, like “All of Israel is responsible for one another,” that restricts our responsibility to other Jews alone is an untenable position in our time. That attitude reflects historical periods when Jews were powerless and without legal standing in the general society. Today we must even behave beyond the minimum motivation of מפני דרכי שלום—*mipnay darkay shalom*, being civil and keeping good relations with the non-Jewish world. We must encourage levels of *achrayut* that reflect the admonition of Hillel, וכשאני לעצמי מה אני

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JANUARY Religious School Dates

- 1: No School
 - 8: 5780 B’nai Mitzvah Meeting (9:30 am–12 noon in the Gewirz)
 - 15: No School
 - 22: ShalomLearning Parent Class (9:30–11:00 am in the Wasserman)
 - 27: 4th-Grade LDVD
- ### Children’s Services
- 7: Tot Shabbat, Netivot, Junior Congregation
 - 14: Tot Shabbat, Netivot
 - 21: Tot Shabbat, Netivot, Junior Congregation
 - 28: Tot Shabbat, Family Shabbat Service (10:30 am)

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—“But if I am for myself alone, what am I?”

Throughout its development, Judaism has delineated different levels of responsibility that correspond to a human being’s developmental stages of morality and growth. The role of an ongoing educational process is to help move a person’s consciousness from the self to the smaller groups that are extensions of the self (family and teams), and then to the broader groups in society. The overarching goal is to inspire students and their families to strive toward leading a Jewish life that embraces personal, community, and global responsibility. ✨

Youth@AI

By Jordan Rothenberg, Youth & Family Program Coordinator



Our new *Kadima* student board members are excited to kick off 2017 with their first event: A lock-in here at Adas Israel on Saturday, January 7! We’ll start the evening at the Regional *Kadima*

event in Bethesda, Saturday Night Live, featuring inflatables, laser tag, video games, gaga, and ice cream sundaes with over 250 of our *Kadima* friends from regional chapters. But the night doesn’t end there! We’ll then make our way back to Adas Israel to cap off the night with a movie and bedtime.

Sound like something you might be interested in doing? Please contact Jordan.Rothenberg@adasisrael.org for more details or how to register!

*This event is for 6th–8th graders only. ✨

Connecting Martin Luther King Jr. and Jewish Prophets

By Yoni Buckman, Youth & Family Educator

As we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and leadership in the American Civil Rights Movement this month, his iconic words echo in our collective memories. Dr. King often used Biblical passages in his speeches, and taking a moment to examine his use of these allusions sheds light on how our timeless Jewish texts can inspire action in the present day.

In his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, Dr. King directly quotes both Amos and Isaiah with brilliant juxtaposition, and these references go far beyond the simple beauty of their ancient words. As Dr. King highlights injustices that he observes in his society—housing discrimination, signs that read "For Whites Only," and restrictive voting laws—he quotes from the prophet Amos (5:24): "we will not be satisfied until 'justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.'" In its original context, this quote directly follows a list of similar injustices that Amos observes in his society. Additionally, at the end of Dr. King's speech, the modern-day prophet describes his dreams of a brighter future. In this famed chorus, Dr. King quotes from *Isaiah* (40:4-5), as the ancient prophet preaches comfort to a broken nation and the hope of a brighter future: "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

These Biblical allusions bridged racial barriers, connecting individuals to the larger whole through shared religious language. In doing this, Dr. King blended the lines of history, rooting his message in eternal truths of the Torah, and making ancient words relevant in the present day. In exploring the Biblical context from which Dr. King extracted these choice words and how he wove them into the fabric of his rhetoric, we discover a subtle, almost hidden level of meaning behind these selections. As we grow in our Torah learning, we hope that the truths of our tradition embolden our hearts and lead us to righteous action. ✨

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January 2017 Programs for Families with Young Children



PJ Havdalah: January 7

Winter Concert for Families with Young Children: January 8

Tot Shabbat: Saturdays, 7, 14, 21, 28

"Coffee Club" for Babies and their Adults: Wednesdays, 4, 11, 17, 25

Playdate in the Gan: Thursdays, 5, 12, 19, 26

Sing N'Play in the Library: Thursdays, 5, 12, 19, 26

Kangaroo Adult/Toddler Class: MWF

Miss Ellie's Shir a Song: Tuesdays, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

PJ Havdalah: Join us, in your pajamas, for *havdalah* with Rabbi Steinlauf and a sing- and dance-a-long with Sally Heckelman, followed by pizza. The fun starts @ 5:30 pm on January 7.

Winter Concert for Families with Young Children: Come rock out with the Gan Parents Association on January 8 @ 10:15 am (doors open at 9:45). No food will be served, BYO nut-free snacks if desired. All Families with Young Children welcome!

Tot Shabbat: Weekly *Shabbat* morning services at 11:00 am for young children and their families.

"Coffee Club" for Parents with Babies: Stop by the *Beit Midrash* Wednesday mornings, 9:30–11:30 am, to visit with and meet other parents with babies.

Playdate in the Gan: 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. They will play, you will schmooze! Parents, grandparents, and caregivers welcome!

Sing N'Play in the Library: 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. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers welcome!

Kangaroo Adult/Toddler Class: Is your child age 18–24 months? Come join us in the Kangaroo class! Your child will get to know the warmth and wonder of the Gan with your support. MWF 9:00–10:30 or 10:30–noon. Register @ the Gan website.

"Shir a Song": Music with Miss Ellie: 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 am. To register for the spring semester, go to www.mselliemusic.com/register; \$185 for first child, \$100 for first sibling.



Gan HaYeled

As the cold weather approaches, Gan students have opportunities to play outside (in the newly renovated Outdoor Learning Environment) and inside (in our Gan Space, classrooms, Wasserman, and playroom). Gross motor, or large muscle, activity is an essential element of deep learning for children. In fact, new studies show that there is a direct link between physical activity and learning. As you walk through Adas, notice the joyful sounds of our children moving actively and know that their experiences are crafted mindfully and intentionally.

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lifecycle

Milestones

Births

Noah Zachary Clark Byerly, son of Kate Clark & Dan Byerly, born November 23

Joshua Wachter, son of Eric & Miriam Wachter, born November 2

James Milford Kravitz, son of Margaret & Dr. Neal Kravitz, born October 28

We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

B'nai Mitzvah



Isaac Cymerman, January 7

Isaac, a graduate of Gan HaYeled, is currently a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. He is an active member of the Teen Board for Hope for Henry. His *mitzvah* project will focus on collecting superhero-themed toys and board games to support Hope for Henry's mission. He shares his *simcha* with his sister Ariella and his parents Meredith and Michael. He is the

grandson of Meri and Jonathan Wallace, Tzvi Cymerman and Deborah Aquila, Linda Weiner, and the late Irwin Robert Weiner (z"l), for whom he is named.

Guy Kenny, January 14



Guy, the son of Justin Kenny and Jennifer Knoll, is a seventh grader at the Sheridan School. He began his Jewish education in the Gan HaYeled and attends the Estelle and Melvin Gelman Religious School. For his *mitzvah* project, Guy is collecting diapers for infants and toddlers living in DC's homeless shelters in coordination with the Homeless Children's Playtime

Project, an organization that he has worked with in the past. He is sharing his *simcha* with his sisters, Maya and Amalia, and his grandparents Dan and Carol Knoll and Steve and Michele Kenny as well as members of his extended family.



Jacob Schwartz, January 28

Jacob, son of Sara Kropf and Adam Schwartz, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. He began his Jewish education in kindergarten at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He celebrates becoming a *bar mitzvah* with his younger brother, Ezra; his grandparents, Bonnie and Gil Schwartz and Gail

Kropf; and other family and friends. At this special time he thinks with love about his grandmother, Marcy Schwartz, and his grandfather, Tony Kropf, both of blessed memory. For his *mitzvah* project, Jacob is combining his love of food and interest in food insecurity issues to raise money and awareness to help fight hunger.



Lilah Genachowski, January 28 (TEM)

Lilah, daughter of Julius Genachowski and Rachel Goslins, is a seventh grader at Maret. She started her education at the Gan, and then attended John Eaton. Lilah has always loved animals, and for her service project, she is doing hands-on volunteering at the Washington Humane Society with a focus on helping

abandoned animals. She shares her *simcha* with her brothers Jake (Adas Israel *bar mitzvah* 2001) and Aaron (planning for 2019)



Yael Wellisch, February 4

Yael, daughter of Jessika and David Wellisch, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. She started her Jewish educational journey at the Gan HaYeled and has

attended the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since kindergarten. She celebrates her *bat mitzvah* with her sister, Talya; her brother, Alex; her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins; and the rest of her extended family. For her *mitzvah* project, Yael is organizing a toy drive and raising money for the Homeless Children's Playtime Project, an organization that nurtures healthy child development and reduces trauma among children living in temporary housing programs in Washington, DC.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Robert Holtzman

Arthur Lerner

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Dorothy Cohen, grandmother of Sara Cohen

Arthur W. ("Irving") Lerner, father of Mark Lerner

Eliahu (Eli) Rosin, father of Hanna Rosin

Phyllis L. Sherman, mother of Randall Sherman

and Eric Sherman

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.

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8 9:00 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Adas Book Chat: Debra Band, Judaic artist 10:30 am JMCW Class: Wise Aging 10:30 am Beginner Hebrew 11:00 am Moving Meditation Yogic Flow 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 10 Tevet	9 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 11 Tevet	10 7:30 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am Morning Awakening w/ Rabbi Lauren 12:00 pm Downtown Study Group (off-site) 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm JMCW Meditation Session 7:30 pm MakomDC: Dr. Christine Hayes 12 Tevet	11 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm JMCW Moving Meditation Vinyasa Flow 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism: Kashrut 13 Tevet	12 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Evening Minyan 14 Tevet	13 7:30 am Morning Minyan 10:00 am Parsha with Talmudic Commentary 6:30 pm MLK Return Again Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt 7:45 pm MLK Shabbat Community Dinner 15 Tevet 4:50 pm  	14 PARSHAT VAYECHI 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbis Steinlauf & Alexander; Bar Mitzvah: Guy Kenny 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 4:45 pm Shabbat Mincha/Maariv Services 5:50 pm Havdalah 16 Tevet
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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 Closings

New Year's Day Observed
Monday, January 2
Schools/Offices Closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 16
Schools/Offices Closed

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sisterhoodnews

Sisterhood Shabbat February 10–11



JTS Associate Professor of Bible
Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, our guest
Mozelle Saltz Sisterhood Shabbat
Scholar Feb. 10–11.

Oyez! Oyez! Sisterhood Shabbat is coming February 10–11.

Friday night, Feb. 10. Legal Appeal by Miriam the Prophet!



In the matter of Biblical Miriam's appeal of her sentence after she and

Aaron were accused of *lashon hara* against Moses and his wife: A special hearing panel of judges has been convened that includes the **Honorable**

David S. Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; the **Honorable Beryl A. Howell**, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; the **Honorable Judith Bartnoff**, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; and **Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky** of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the **Mozelle Saltz Sisterhood Shabbat Scholar**.

Both sides will be represented by the 11th and 12th graders from Adas Israel's Ma'alot program who will serve as attorneys.

Saturday morning, Feb. 11: Dancing with Miriam and Learning with Dr. Kalmanofsky

"Then Miriam, the prophet, took a timbrel in her hands and all the women followed her with timbrels and dancing . . ." In the Torah portion, we will leave Egypt, cross the Sea of Reeds, and express deep gratitude and joy on the other side with Miriam and her musicians and dancers. And we will learn from Rabbi and Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky of the JTS Department of Bible, Jewish Gender, and Women's Studies and author of *Dangerous Sisters of the Hebrew Bible*.

We welcome your participation. The women singing and dancing with the Biblical Miriam were young, middle-aged, and old. Some were very learned, others not. We want to gather a similar group: young, not so young, old, experienced, and less experienced. Would you like to read Torah or chant *haftarah*? Lift or dress or carry the Torah? Lead the Torah service? Serve as *gabbai*? Receive an *aliyah* to the Torah? Lead *P'sukei d'zimra*, *Shacharit*, or *Musaf*? Usher?

Please let us know how you'd like to participate by contacting April Rubin, aprilrubin@aol.com (Torah service); Betsy Strauss, betsy.strauss@gmail.com (Torah service); or Kinney Zalesne, kzalesne@outlook.com (prayer service).

Saturday midday: Congregational *Kiddush* will be sponsored by Donald Saltz in memory of Mozelle Saltz, z"l.

Saturday, 1:00 pm: Join Dr. Kalmanofsky in the Biran *Beit Midrash* as she leads a further discussion.



Weekday Torah with Sisterhood 'Miriam the Prophet,' Jan. 17, with Norman Shore

Please join Weekday Torah with

Sisterhood (formerly Taste of Tanach) at 10:00 am on Tuesday January 17, in the Biran *Bet Midrash*. Community leader and scholar Norman Shore will lead a discussion on the role of the prophet Miriam in the Tanach (Bible), rabbinic

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texts, and modern ritual. The class will focus on the story in which Miriam is punished by God for rebuking Moses. For more on Miriam, please also attend Friday night (February 10) of Sisterhood *Shabbat* when Adas Israel's Ma'alot high school students will try the case of Miriam v. God.

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. This class is 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, please contact Marilyn Cooper, MarilynCCooper70@gmail.com

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood meets at Adas on Tuesdays, 10:00 am, on the following dates: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, April 25, May 16, and June 20.

Friendly Reminder: Sisterhood Wants You!

Please renew your Sisterhood membership. Click on the right side of the web page <http://adasisrael.org/sisterhood/>. Thank you! We'll be glad to have you as our sister!

Sisterhood/Library Event

Meet Scholar-Artist Debra Band

Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:00 am

Debra Band, a distinguished Hebrew manuscript artist, will take us behind the scenes of the creative process that led to her latest book, *Kabbalat Shabbat: The Grand Unification*, featuring illuminated paintings of the blessings, prayers, and songs that welcome *Shabbat* on Friday evening in the synagogue and at home. A book-signing will follow the program. Book purchases by cash or check.



Meet scholar and artist
Debra Band on Jan. 8.



New Mahjongg group for Sisterhood members!

Starting Wed., Jan. 25, 1:00 pm

Sisterhood is pleased to announce that we're forming a mahjongg group for Sisterhood members. The mahjongg group will meet every Wednesday at 1:00 pm at Adas Israel, beginning Wednesday, January 25.

The first meeting will teach the game. Bring your Mahjongg New York City card (\$8, nationalmahjonggleague.org), so we can get started.

If there's enough interest, we can also form a weekend and/or evening group. (To become a Sisterhood member, go to the Sisterhood page of the Adas Israel website and click on membership.) To express interest and to RSVP for the mahjongg group, contact Barbara Friedell, 702-630-5106 (C); 202-813-3718 (H); or bhfriedell@yahoo.com.

We have more programs in the works!

Sisterhood Bakes for Hesed with Susan Barocas (date to be announced).

Sisterhood Goes to the Movies: An occasional event during the Washington Jewish Film Festival. This international showcase of Jewish cinema IS one of the largest Jewish film festivals in the country. Films celebrate Jewish history and culture as well as the diversity of the Jewish experience. If you want to help organize, please contact Marcy Feuerstein, mfeuerst@hotmail.com.

An Evening with Arlette Jassel, artist and Sisterhood member, who will present *Daily Dance*, her newly published adult coloring book. Wine, cheese, and coloring together (date to be announced) 🌸



Life Cycle Information

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Hesed Committee

The Adas Israel Hesed Committee is committed to fostering a caring, compassionate, and giving community. Our sacred obligation is to help identify, reach out to, and lovingly support community members in moments of joy, pain, and/or grief. If you are experiencing an illness, or have surgery or medical treatments planned, or if someone in your family has had a new baby, please let the Hesed Committee know. We want to reach out to you. Contact hessed@adasisrael.org or rabbi.holtzblatt@adasisrael.org.

Adas Israel Community Mikvah

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



Save the Date Kol HaOlam 2017

**7th Annual National Collegiate Jewish
A Cappella Championship Competition
Saturday, Feb. 25, at 8:00 pm**

Register at www.kolhaolam.org

Join us for one of the most exciting Adas musical traditions of the year!

Come and witness incredible collegiate Jewish A Cappella groups from around the country sing their hearts out as they compete to be Number 1 in the USA! Who will be crowned champion in 2017?!

Join us and find out!

Scenes From This Year's Hanukkah Celebration at the Somerset House



tikkunolam Social Action Team Updates



Refugee Response Team

Adas Prepares to Sponsor a Refugee
The Refugee Response Team is moving rapidly to co-sponsor a refugee family with Lutheran Social Services. (See last month's *Chronicle* for more about the organization and its Good Neighbor Program.) We hope to be matched with a family by the middle of January; it all depends

on the flow of refugees into the United States and how they are distributed around the country. Our efforts will be vital to helping a newly arrived family become self-sufficient and acclimated to its new home. We will be assisting with leasing an apartment, subsidizing rent, furnishing the apartment and stocking the pantry prior to the families' arrival, picking up the family from the airport and welcoming them to their new home and community, providing a culturally appropriate meal upon arrival, mentoring in developing English-language skills, employment preparation, transportation assistance, and education and health care advocacy, to name just a few.

We very much need your help! Please volunteer to help with one or more of these activities by e-mailing Liana Brooks-Rubin (liana@eventidewellness.com) or Amy Golen (agolen@verizon.net): job development, financial literacy, housing/furniture, food/clothing, transportation, education, medical/health. (Look for an online volunteer sign up available very soon.)

For those who have made a contribution to support this work, thank you! If you'd like to contribute, you can send a check to Adas Israel with "Refugee Fund" in the memo line or, use the Adas website. When asked to choose to which fund you wish to contribute, write in "Refugee Fund" in the space for "Other Fund Not Listed."

We will be undertaking additional projects related to supporting refugees in our community and around the world. Look for more information on the Adas Israel Tikkun Olam homepage, in @Adas announcements, or contact Dan Aladjem, chair of the Refugee Response Team at dan.aladjem@gmail.com.

Climate Action Team

Save the Date:

Tu B'Shevat

Sunday Feb. 12,

10:00 am–12:00 noon at Adas Israel

The Talmud describes a holiday blessing on *Tu B'Shevat* as the new year of trees. Surely the Sages



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were not thinking about how individual actions could contribute to climate change, poisoning the air and water, and drought. Or were they? Learn with Rabbi Alexander, enjoy fruits, and explore with the Adas community, through a re-imagined *seder*, how Torah values and traditions guide our behavior in the modern world.

Racial Justice Working Group

Adas's Journey to Pursue Racial Justice Continues

Racial justice . . . you may ask, "How do I make a difference in pursuit of this mission?" Many do not know how to start this work or whom to turn for support. Unfamiliarity or fear of acceptance may also hinder those who wish to pursue this social action. A safe space is one of the most important factors in pursuing justice work. On November 13, just five days after Election Day, the Social Action Committee hosted a challenging panel discussion entitled, "Pursuing Racial Justice." Participants engaged with Yavilah McCoy, Jewish advocate and diversity consultant, and Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block, director of Bend the Arc Jewish Action. Together, we began to explore the dimensions of racial justice work within the Jewish community.



As we moved through panelists' personal experiences with racial justice work, the mood in the room transcended preconceived emotions, thoughts, and feelings. Preconceptions are not inherent; they are shaped by learned behavior, familial influences, and personal experiences. It is said, "Old habits die hard." But every advocate in training must learn in order to dismantle oppression in all forms. Our panelists could not stress this enough when attempting to explain how deep-seated racism is in our society, and how we as Jews must contribute to combating this age-old issue. Panelists reminded us that our tradition teaches us the importance of the concept of *tikkun olam*, or repairing the world. It is our duty to safeguard those who may be at a disadvantage, regardless of whether they are a part of our community. Equality is for all.

The discussion also encompassed the notion of stepping out of our comfort. Racial justice is not an easy task to undertake; it is fraught with difficulties and is uncomfortable and dangerous at times. We need more training and discussions among affected groups, including Jews of all races, to gain an understanding on both sides of why we want to be involved in this work. Justice workers often experience hurt feelings and rejection by opposition groups as well as by those they are fighting for. This can breed resentment and bitterness. Only through sincere dialogue, asking hard questions, and being uncomfortable can we all begin to break down barriers, and repair them, at the same time. We must support and nurture one another. Our panelists wholeheartedly acknowledged this reality and lovingly reflected on another essential element in winning the justice fight—self-care for self-preservation. Without it, we can become despondent and lose sight of what we were fighting for in the first place.

The overall takeaway our panelists' wanted to give us is a sense of empowerment and hope—a drive for activism and social change in the

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Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month

February 2017



Inclusion Shabbat, Feb. 4

This February will mark the third year that the Adas community is actively participating in National Jewish Disability Awareness Month. This day is an opportunity to continue to learn from members at Adas and others from the DC Jewish community about why inclusion is important to us, and what more we can do to remove physical and attitudinal barriers. This program, presented by the Inclusion Task Force, is assembling 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 to learn about what other congregations are doing.

We welcome your active participation in the following events from Thursday, Feb. 2, through Sunday, Feb. 5:

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Jewish Disability Advocacy Day on the Hill
9:00 am–5:00 pm, Rayburn Office Building
 To get involved, please e-mail Naomi.Malka@adasisrael.org

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Shabbat Dinner honoring Inclusion Task Force Members & Families. All are welcome!
 3rd Floor, Sisterhood Hall
 RSVP to Naomi.Malka@adasisrael.org

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

Shabbat Services & D'var Torah by Rabbi Dahlia Kronish in Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
 Post-Kiddush Discussion with Rabbi Dahlia Kronish in Biran Beit Midrash

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

"How Do I Talk to My Children About Respect for Diversity?"

10:00–11:00 am, Adas Israel Library
 Coffee & Discussion Led by Stephanie Slater, Adas Israel's Early Childhood Developmental Support Coordinator 🌸

face of uncertain times. The last statement that resonated with all of us in this groundbreaking session was, "Be there for one another. Be of service to the world." Everyone appeared hopeful that those in attendance left with a greater sense of self and a better understanding of what it means to "repair the world" and how we can all play a role in pursuing racial justice advocacy.

Poverty, Homelessness, and Housing Team Winter Warmth Another Pop-Up Success Thanks to Adas Contributors

When the Social Action Committee announced a late November pop-up drive for new and gently used winter essentials, Adas members responded generously to fill several bins in the coat room with scarves, hats, gloves, and warm socks. The winter clothing was distributed to men, women, and children



experiencing homelessness at Friendship Place's December 4 Winter Warmth drive at Washington Hebrew Congregation. Friendship Place has been providing solutions to homelessness in our community since its inception 25 years ago. Adas Israel has worked with Friendship Place and has had a seat on the Friendship Place Board for many years. Rabbi Aaron Alexander and Friendship Place President Jean-Michel Giraud are close partners in the Ward 3 for All campaign in support of a District facility for temporary housing in Ward 3.

Adas Israel continues to be very involved in the plan to open short-term housing facilities in each ward of the city for families experiencing homelessness. Monthly meetings of community partners take place here at Adas Israel, and Rabbi Alexander sits on the Deputy Mayor's Ward 3 Advisory Council on behalf of the faith-based community. We have also organized a strong cadre people to help keep the project moving along. If you live in Ward 3 and would like to contribute, please be in e-mail contact with Rabbi Alexander, rabbi.alexander@adasisrael.org. (For more information, visit <http://www.ward3forall.com>.)



N Street Village Engagement Opportunity

Our Young Professionals are exploring an opportunity to serve Sunday night meals delivered by DC Central Kitchen to N Street

Village's auxiliary facility, the Patricia Handy Place for Women, located very close to the Gallery Place Metro. N Street Village is one of the top organizations in the District that works with women who have been homeless. Oprah Winfrey recently gave a surprise \$1 million to the organization. For more information or to become involved, contact Jay Sher

at jrsher89@gmail.com.



Reading Partners Seeking Volunteers

Reading Partners would love to increase the number of tutor volunteers from Adas Israel! By becoming a reading partner and volunteering

as little as one hour a week, you can help a child learn to read. We provide an easy-to-use curriculum and on-site staff support to enable volunteers to be effective tutors. You bring your commitment, and we'll help you with everything else.

To sign up to be a reading partner, please fill out the form found at wdcvol.my-trs.com. For questions, call 202-701-9110 or e-mail volunteerDC@readingpartners.org. Adas member Lois Fingerhut (loisafingerhut@gmail.com) is also happy to answer any questions.

Adas Returns to SOME

Monday, Feb. 20—President's Day—is another volunteer opportunity to serve breakfast and lunch at SOME (So Others Might Eat). For more information or to volunteer, visit our website or contact Sharon Burka at slburka@aol.com. 🌸



Adas members return to Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ to help pack Thanksgiving food bags for low-income DC residents.

Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School Graduates to Be Honored on Shabbat, Feb. 11

On Saturday, February 11, we will honor the graduating Adas Israel seniors of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. A hearty *mazal tov* to Bennett Bramson, Maya Fontheim, Caleb Gershengorn, Jared Horwitz, and Bryan Knapp.

Please join us as we honor them with an *aliyah* and a gift from the congregation. We are happy to participate in their celebration in this way, and we extend our sincere good wishes to them and to their families. 🌸

The Story of Hesed 2.0

by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt



Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt and Rae Grad at an inspirational Hesed cooking event.

"Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai and Rabbi Yehoshua were on their way out of Jerusalem. Seeing the destroyed Temple, Rabbi Yehoshua exclaimed, "How awful for us—the place where the sins of Israel could be forgiven lies in ruins." Rabbi Yochanan replied, "My son, do not grieve. We have another, equally effective form of atonement. What is it? Acts of kindness, for it is written: 'I desire kindness not sacrifice,' Avot d'Rabbi Natan.

It was only one year ago when we launched Hesed 2.0 at Adas. For many years Adas served its congregants through a team headed by Harriet Isaak in conjunction with Rabbi Feinberg. The team did remarkable work

visiting those who were homebound and gathering to learn about the roots of *hesed* in our tradition.

When Rabbi Feinberg left Adas, I knew that *hesed* was a place I wanted to land. Loving people, taking care of those who are ill, in transition, need of extra care is something I wanted to see grow within the Adas community. I felt strongly that if we preach from the *bimah* that it is important to do acts of *hesed* in the world, to take care of each other and those outside of our doors, then we ought to have many ways that the community can give and receive this kind of love.

Around this time the incredible Rae Grad stepped forward and let me know that she would be interested in chairing this committee. I knew then that we would be able to accomplish great things, but I never imagined the success we have seen over the course of this year.

Rae and I dreamed of a *hesed* team that would feed, visit, call, and care for this community, and what we found after a few initial community meetings, was that there were many others with the same dream. We began with four teams: meals, calls on *erev Shabbat* to our most beloved seniors, visits to members who are homebound, and goody bag deliveries to new members and families with new babies. We quickly expanded to include calls to those who are ill as well as a cooking team. The cooking team now meets several times a year to cook meals in the Adas kitchen that are stored in our freezer to be delivered at a minute's notice to those in need of a meal.

A week's work from our brigade of volunteers looks something like this:

- Meals arranged for three families with new babies
- Two hospital visits
- Meals arranged for two post-hospital discharges
- Toilet seat picked up and installed
- Three *Shabbat* meals arranged
- One condolence basket delivered
- Two *Misheberach* calls
- *Erev Shabbat* calls to 25 seniors
- New visitor arranged for an Adas member in an assisted-living facility
- Torah study done with an Adas member in assisted-living facility
- Baskets organized for 11 new members and four new babies
- Delivery organized for 12 dozen apples to N Street Village (leftover *bar mitzvah* centerpiece)
- Eight note cards sent (condolence and congratulations)
- Plans discussed for *challah* SWAT team to make extra *challahs* for the freezer

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Acts of Loving Kindness

NEXT HESED COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, January 8, at 7:30 pm in the Beit Midrash

Please join us to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the launch of Hesed 2.0! We hope to see you whether you are already a member of the Hesed Committee or interested in becoming more active in the committee's varied and rewarding activities. If you have been on the giving or receiving end of a good deed this year, we especially hope you will attend. Register online at adasisrael.org/hesed.

Special Guest Speaker: Laurie Strongin, founder of Hope for Henry and the author of the acclaimed book "Saving Henry." Featured on national television and honored with many accolades including being named Heroes Among Us by People Magazine in 2016, Laurie will provide a real-life view into the world of Hesed in a personal and touching way. www.hopeforhenry.org ❧

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- Plans discussed for possible cake-pop party to add items for the basket deliveries
- Plans discussed to purchase small containers of soup from SouperGirl to take to visits to the sick
- Donation inquiry for appreciation for food being delivered
- Donation received for 250 additional *hesed* note cards

This list brings makes me enormously grateful to live in a community where acts of *hesed* have become the norm of what we do. This work takes a willingness, diligence, and, most of all, love. Rae and I are now in talks to discuss how else we might expand, though it is hard to think of how this might be better than it already is. We are both tremendously grateful for this community.

Please join us on Sunday, January 8, at 7:30 pm for the next Hesed Committee Meeting. You will learn what Hesed is doing, what Hesed hopes to do, and—most important—where you can join in. ❧

Ma Tovv: Robert and Barbara Cline

HONORING OUR LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement

You joined Adas last year but you've been in DC much longer. What is your history in DC?

Barbara is from South River, NJ, and came to DC to attend George Washington University, where she graduated with a BA in psychology in 1974. Robert is from Syosset, NY, and was detailed here from the New York office of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in 1978.

We met in a singles disco dance class at Vic Daumit's Studio in Cleveland Park, and we were married at Temple Micah in 1979 by Rabbi Robert K. Baruch. Years later Rabbi Baruch entered movie history when he performed another wedding—marrying Robin Williams and Nathan Lane—in *The Birdcage* (1996)—one of the first films to feature openly gay lead characters.

What made you decide to join the Adas community?

We were members of Temple Micah, then located in Southwest DC, until 1985. We took our time researching other options because we both tend to analyze everything. Barbara is a CPA and former auditor/chief financial officer; Robert is an IRS Enrolled Agent and former federal banking regulator.

After 30 years of wandering in DC, we finally completed our decision-making process and joined Adas in 2015. We chose Adas because we wanted a congregation located near our Connecticut Avenue home, liked the diverse rabbinic team, and enjoyed Adas's rich programming offerings, such as MakomDC's drumming circle. We also have a personal connection to the Adas community—Ada, Terry, Maya, and Avi Leach are our neighbors. Here is our picture [above] with Maya at Avi's *bris*, held at Adas four years ago this month.

Before even officially joining you were active in different learning programs, committee, etc. For all of our new and potential members, what advice would you give to them to get involved at Adas?

- Speak up . . . Robert is physically challenged and walks with a cane. We attended an Inclusion/Accessibility Committee meeting with our suggestions for the Saturday morning *kiddish*. Now there is more table seating and assistance for attendees who need help with the buffet lunch. But beware—Barbara was recruited to become the new co-chair of the Inclusion/Accessibility Task Force!!

- Become a regular . . . Robert suggests becoming a participant at an Adas class or event. He attends the Friday *Parsha* study classes, where he has become a familiar face in the Adas community.

You introduced me to Bread Furst; what do you recommend people order there?

Barbara likes their bagels and colorful fennel salad with pomegranate, sumac, tarragon, lemon, and radishes. Robert is a chocolate chip cookie fan.

What other volunteer work do you do outside of Adas? How do others get involved?

Barbara is a member of IONA Senior Services' Citizens Advisory Group, and she writes for "High-Rise Life," a column in the Northwest DC *Forest Hills Connection* e-magazine. In 2016 Mayor Bowser appointed Barbara to the Commission for National and Community Service (SERVE DC), the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism.

Robert is the former chair of our DC Advisory Neighborhood Commission and served on Temple Micah's Board. He attends Adas' Accessibility/Inclusion Committee meetings.

Our advice to get involved: you must first "show up" at an activity or program and then "jump in" and volunteer for a specific project.

We're at the start of 2017. What are your hopes for this next year?

Barbara plans to build upon her first accessibility project, replacing the Adas sidewalk. She encourages Adas members to contact Naomi Malka, the Adas staff liaison to the Accessibility/Inclusion Task Force, with their suggestions. Barbara is also looking forward to taking Adas yoga and meditation classes as well as exploring free form crochet.

Robert wants to "get the band back together"; he plays guitar and would like to find Adas members to jam with him. Perhaps an Adas synagogue band is in the future. He also has a new lapidary/silversmithing hobby and plans to make more jewelry pieces.

Robert and Barbara are in current negotiations about purchasing a faceting machine; they hope it will not take another 30 years to make this decision.

What's your favorite thing to do on a snow day, and how many do you think we will have this winter?

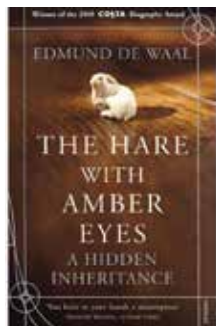
Barbara likes to light candles, and enjoy the "nature" show from her high-rise windows, and Robert's likes "to drink and think" like his favorite character on the television show, *Game of Thrones*.

Barbara believes that despite the heavy snow predictions, we will only have two or three snow days. Robert is not as precise; he says that the number of snow days will depend on the weather. ❄



Tracing History in Family Treasures

By Robin Jacobson, Library & Literary Programs Director



Two painted Japanese vases rest atop bookcases in my living room. According to family lore, my great-grandmother carried these vases with her when she fled Odessa with two small children around 1900. Why? The vases are large, fragile, and impractical. To take them, she must have left many other things behind. Why were the vases so important? Were they a gift? A legacy?

Like me, Edmund de Waal, author of *The Hare with Amber Eyes*, had questions about a family inheritance of Japanese objects—264 miniature sculptures carved from ivory and wood, called netsuke. Eager to understand the significance of this collection for generations of his family, de Waal embarked on a quest to trace its history, as lyrically described in *The Hare*:

I want to walk into each room where this [collection] has lived, to feel the volume of the space, to know what pictures were on the walls, how the light fell from the windows. And I want to know whose hands it has been in, and what they felt about it and thought about it . . . I want to know what it has witnessed.

His lovely memoir interweaves family history with European Jewish history and art history. Above all, de Waal salutes the power of inanimate objects to convey family memories and stories.

The Ephrussi Family

Edmund de Waal is a world-famous British ceramicist whose work is displayed in museums. He is also a descendant of the Ephrussi family, an illustrious Jewish banking family like the Rothschilds.

As recounted in *The Hare*, the Ephrussi family first built its fortune in Odessa as grain exporters. Seeking expansion, the family patriarch sent one son to Paris and another son to Vienna to establish themselves as international financiers. The sons' success made the family fabulously wealthy.

In the next generation, Charles Ephrussi was a prominent Parisian art patron and collector; he is even pictured in Renoir's famous painting, *Luncheon of the Boating Party*. Caught up in the craze for Japanese art following the opening of Japanese seaports to the West, Charles purchased the netsuke collection in the 1870s. In 1899, he sent the collection, in an elegant glass-fronted vitrine, to Edmund de Waal's great grandparents in Vienna as a wedding gift.

Edmund's great-grandmother Emmy kept the vitrine in her dressing room. To her children's delight, she allowed them to play with the netsuke while she dressed for the opera or a society ball.

The Netsuke in Wartime

In 1938, the Nazis stormed the Ephrussi mansion in Vienna, confiscating the family's precious art, silver, porcelain, and jewelry. They ordered Emmy's devoted maid, Anna, to help pack these valuables for the Reich. At great risk, Anna surreptitiously removed the netsuke from the vitrine, a few figures at a time over a two-week period, hiding them initially in her apron pocket and then in her mattress for the duration of the war. In 1945, Anna returned the complete collection to Edmund's grandmother, Elisabeth, saying she was glad to have saved something for the family.

When Elisabeth's brother Iggy moved to Japan in 1947, he brought the Japanese netsuke collection back to its land of origin. Proudly displaying the collection in his Tokyo apartment, Iggy introduced each piece individually to his

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Meet Artist-Scholar Debra Band

Sunday, January 8 @ 10:00 am



Debra Band, a distinguished Hebrew manuscript artist, will present her latest book, *Kabbalat Shabbat: The Grand Unification*, featuring illuminated paintings of the blessings, prayers, and songs that welcome *Shabbat* on Friday evening. A book-signing will follow the program. ✨

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beloved great-nephew Edmund. Edmund's favorite was a small hare with amber eyes.

Today, the netsuke collection is in Edmund's home in London. The vitrine that holds the collection is kept unlocked, beckoning Edmund's children to touch, hold, and imagine stories for each figurine. And so, what Edmund poetically calls "the sensuous, sinuous intertwining of things with memories" continues into another generation. ✨

Parking Decals

As part of our security precautions and procedures, we ask all congregants and school parents to register their automobile information. The permits are numbered and tracked. The Parking Permit Stickers speed up the flow of traffic into our lot, aid us in our parking lot management, provide a level of security, and assist us in case of an emergency or blocked car.

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The Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop is looking for new volunteers. We particularly need women who are interested in learning how to work in the shop to fill in as substitutes at various times during the week and on occasional Sundays. These volunteers will *not* work every week.

In addition to getting to know our congregants, all volunteers will receive a 10% discount on most items in the shop. If this work sounds interesting to you, please email us at adasgiftshop@gmail.com or call Jean Bernard, Co-Manager, 301-654-8914. ❀



Up Close and Personal

Share Your Special Family Collections in Our Biran Beit Midrash

The Biran Beit Midrash, at the heart of our synagogue, is a place of community, learning, and conversation. Following this theme, over the next year we would like to share your special family collections in our ever-changing Biran Beit Midrash window. Throughout December we are highlighting Margie Siegel's beautiful silver collection from Djerba, an Island off Tunisia, as well as personal kiddush cups that have meaning in her family. Our next display will be "all about shofars" from Jennie Litvak's collection, including her photographs from the process of creating shofars. What can you share for six weeks? Contact Carole Klein at Carole.Klein@adasisrael.org to display something special and for more information. ❀

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average American citizen would have been reading in the 30's and 40's. The museum doesn't have the resources to scour newspapers all across America so we are asking for help."

Though the project has just begun, teachers report that initial findings of their students have been surprising in many cases and have served as a good jumping-off point for classroom discussions. Some classes have been stunned to find that a German POW camp operated a few miles from their school. Others have discovered a robust local debate occurred at the time about the appropriate US response to the crisis. Still others found misleading headlines minimizing the threat Jews faced. A detailed lesson plan and supporting materials for 9th-12th grade teachers are available.

Learn more and participate at ushmm.org/history-unfolded. For more information please contact David Klevan at dklevan@ushmm.org or HistoryUnfoldedOutreach@gmail.com.

To learn more about the US Holocaust Memorial Museum go to www.USHMM.org ❀

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most holiday readings, have been retained. Other traditional *haftarot* have been shortened.

Under the leadership of Rabbi Steinlauf, our Religious Practices Committee, and our Board of Directors, Adas Israel has studied, discussed, and implemented this new practice. While we will always honor our traditions, the congregation wants to remain conversant with acceptable modern-day innovations. We especially love the idea of presenting *haftarot* from across the prophetic tradition.

What's Anfei Hayim?

As national pioneers in this new system, we realized that we needed to produce a Hebrew-English version of these 77 new *haftarot*, along with brief introductions, for congregational use. Under the leadership of Cantor Arianne Brown, an Adas Israel committee has recently published this book, *Anfei Hayim*.

Interested in learning more?

Look at the introductions and consult the appendix of *Anfei Hayim* ("Branches of Life") for a further explanation of the system and the *haftarot* for the entire cycle.

We also suggest browsing the new volume at your leisure to become familiar with these engaging Biblical texts, which are probably not familiar to you. Use these brief selections—the *haftarot*—as your introduction to further personal text study, using, for example, *The Jewish Study Bible*.

It should be understood that *bar* and *bat mitzvah* celebrants, as well as others chanting *haftarot*, who prefer to use traditional longer readings will be able to do so. Please discuss the options with the cantor or ritual director. For those wishing to purchase a copy of *Anfei Hayim*, they are available in the Ruth and Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop for a suggested donation of \$18 each, cash or check only. ✿

How Does the Triennial System Work?

Some examples:

Jan. 7, 2017, Vayigash

Traditional *haftarah*: Ezekiel 37:15–28

Triennial *haftarah*: Unchanged

Jan. 14, 2017, Vay'chi

Traditional *haftarah*: I Kings 2:1–12

Triennial *haftarah*: (new) Amos 5:4–15 (See *Anfei Hayim*, p. 73)

Jan. 21, 2017, Sh'mot

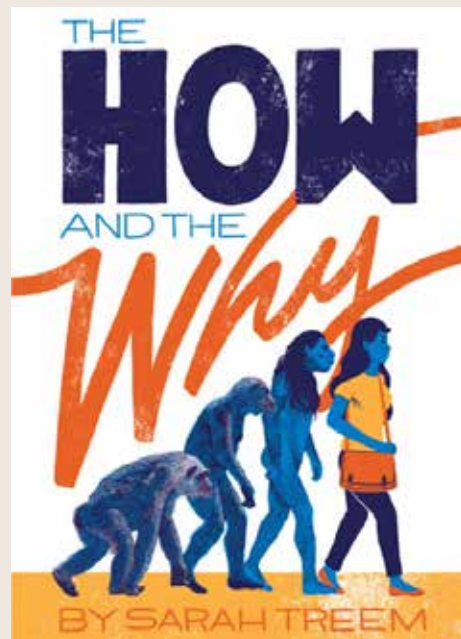
Traditional *haftarah*: Isaiah 27:6–28:13, 29:22–23 (23 verses)

Triennial *haftarah*: Isaiah 27:6–13, 29:22–23 (10 verses)

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It's January and already time to register for the 2017–2018 school year. If you or someone you know is looking for an exceptional early childhood school experience, please be sure to check out Adas Israel's own Gan HaYeled. With both traditional school year programs and year-round schedules, the Gan has programs to fit most families' needs.

Please go to our website, adasisrael.org/Gan, for more information or call the Gan office, 202-362-4491, to sign up for one of our remaining Open Houses (Jan. 11 at 9:30 am or Jan. 27 at 10 am). Abby Koplow (Abby.Koplow@adasisrael.org), Gan Office Manager, will also be happy to help you with reservations or other questions. ✿



Adas Night Out at Theater J!

The How and the Why by Sarah Treem

Directed by Shirley Serotsky
Thursday, March 2

Join other Adas theater lovers for a night out at Theater J! Emotion and evolution collide in Sarah Treem's thought-provoking play about science, family, and survival of the fittest. On the eve of a prestigious conference, an up-and-coming evolutionary biologist wrestles for the truth with an established leader in the field. The air crackles between the eminent professor and the maverick graduate student, whose theories might just change the way we regard sex itself.

This exhilarating and keenly perceptive play, by the writer of hit TV shows *In Treatment* and *The Affair*, grapples with difficult choices faced by women of every generation.

To purchase tickets, go to washingtondcjcc.org. Use the coupon code ADAS to receive a \$5 discount. For Theater J subscribers who would like to move dates to attend with other Adas members on March 2, please call the Theater J Box Office, 202-777-3210.

Plan for the rest of the season; other Adas Night Out dates are: *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, Thursday, April 20, and *Broken Glass*, Thursday, June 29. ✿



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