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From the President

By Debby Joseph



On Wednesday, March 29, Adas Israel hosted HIAS's Jews for Refugees Assembly. Almost 1,000 people were in attendance representing a broad segment of the greater Washington, DC, Jewish community. During the program, we learned that a refugee family, that Adas Israel would host, would be arriving in Washington, DC, in two weeks' time. Having previously volunteered to do so, our refugee committee sprung into action, raising funds and collecting items needed to assist a family in starting a new life in a very new and different place. Attention to detail was important. In spite of the timing during the first days of *Pesach*, or perhaps because of it, the sense of urgency was high, as was the anticipation and excitement of being able to make possible what so many of our families, parents, grandparents, and/or many generations before may have experienced when they first came to the United States.

One of the major challenges facing the committee was finding housing for this family. The committee has been raising funds to cover the costs of the first year's rent, but thereafter, the family will need to be able to pay for it themselves. Housing is one of the significant challenges with which the Social Action Committee group working on ending poverty and homelessness is also addressing. The need to look at both temporary and permanent housing is important for all of us who want to address the difficult problems of poverty, including for those new to our country.

As has happened in so many instances,

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I remember quite vividly the first time I experienced transformative revelation during Torah learning. I was in Israel, a year and a half into my two years of learning at the Conservative yeshiva. I had been fully immersed in the study of Talmud, Jewish law, liturgy, and Israeli culture. And then, one afternoon, Rabbi Brad Artson, dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, came to offer a 30-minute lunch and learn class for prospective rabbinical students. I went, to be brutally honest, because he offered free lunch along with the learning. I was expecting, more than anything else, a full stomach, which was not a small thing on my meager budget. What I wasn't expecting was to have my heart cracked open and soaking up textual wisdom poured into the crevices.

That moment changed my life's course. And it is certainly one of the many reasons I ended up here in this special community, albeit 15 years after that short study session. I've often asked myself: What was it about that particular moment and that particular teaching—about which I don't remember the actual content—that forever changed my interaction with Torah? The short answer is that it was the right time, in the right place, with the right (extremely gifted) teacher. But that's not all.

I was actually prepared for a moment of depth and transformation, even though I wasn't expecting it at all. I was prepared in that I grounded myself in Torah learning for months beforehand. That doesn't mean I was hunched over books 24/7, but I consciously kept the wisdom of our tradition close by, knowing that if the cosmos (i.e., God!) so shifted—in my favor—I might experience something bigger than myself, connected to something eternal. That combination, a) swimming with Torah, and b) without the particular expectation that every text would change my life, left me ready for the ingredients described above.

Recalling this story reminds me of a special rabbinic teaching that is often associated with the upcoming holiday, *Shavuot*.

Rabbi Yossi bar Hanina taught (at Mt Sinai):

God spoke to each and every person according to his or her own particular ability. And do not wonder at this! For when the manna came down for Israel, each and every person tasted it in his or her own way—infants in their way, the young in their way, the old in their way. And just as the manna was tasted by everybody according to their own way, so too each heard God's voice at Sinai according to his or her particular ability.

Therefore David (author of the book of Psalms) said: "The voice of God is in its strength" (*Psalms 29:4*). "That is, [the words were spoken] strongly enough to be heard and understood according to the ability of each and

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DC Pride @ Adas Equality, Justice and Inclusion for All

Contemporary Judaism is at a historic moment, in which inclusion, equality and celebration of the individual are becoming celebrated values in mainstream Jewish life. Be a part of that forward momentum and demonstrate Pride in our own community's achievements in fostering these essential human values: equality, justice, and inclusion for all. Join us for a weekend of dialogue, prayer, and action, as we participate in the LGBT Pride March, Saturday, June 10, and DC Pride Festival, Sunday, June 11. Hundreds of marchers and dozens of Jewish organizations will come together to represent the love, equality, and values for which the Jewish community stands.

"When we become judges of another person, we behave contrary to Torah law. When we foster dissonance between our insides and our outsides, we behave contrary to Torah law. When a member of our community is forced to the periphery, to the outskirts, we behave contrary to Torah law. Join and make the conversation."

Adas DC Pride Weekend Schedule

Friday, June 9

6:30 pm: Return Again *Shabbat* Service

8:00 pm: Community *Shabbat* Dinner

Saturday, June 10

9:30 am: *Shabbat* Morning Service March in the DC Pride Parade (meet at Dupont Circle; exact location and time TBD)

Sunday, June 11

11:00 am–6:00 pm: DC Pride Festival on Penn Avenue; stop by the Adas Booth!

To volunteer to help staff the Adas Pride booth, or to support any other part of this weekend, please contact Courtney Tisch at Courtney.Tisch@adasisrael.org. ✨



Save the Date The Argan—Cantors, Latin American Jewish Music Concert with Argentina's Most Talented Cantors

**Presented by Cantor Arianne Brown & the
Musical Moments Committee, June 5**

Plan to join us on Sunday, June 5, at 7:00 pm, for our big music event of the year! You won't be able to wipe the smile from your face as you listen to the energetic arrangements, the Latin rhythms, and the fantastic voices of Argentinian cantors Gastón Bogomolni, Ari Litvak, and Elias Rosemberg. They will be joined by our own Cantor Arianne Brown and Adas Israel's Flash Choir for an engaging musical experience, followed by an ice cream sundae reception! To order tickets, visit adasisrael.org/musicalmoments or call 202-362-4433. Cost: \$18 General Admission; \$36 Premier Seating; \$100 Sponsor (Premiere Seating & Formal Acknowledgment);

Children under *b'nai mitzvah* age are free! ✨



Developing a Jewish Approach to Courage Featuring Scholar Rabbi Dr. Shai Held

NEW DATE! Wednesday, March 10 @ 7:30pm

Courage is a virtue, and a rarity— but what does it actually look like? In this session, we'll explore three key issues in developing a Jewish approach to courage: 1) The obligation to protest injustice even when we might feel intimidated; 2) Our struggles with feeling daunted by those who are more powerful than we are— or by our social peers; and 3) Realizing that being courageous is decidedly not the same thing as being fearless. Rabbi Shai Held is an awarded theologian, scholar, and Jewish educator, named multiple times to Newsweek's list of the 50 most influential rabbis.

This event will be livestreamed! adasisrael.org/adaslive ✨



A Celebration of Doris Herman

Saying Thank You After Forty-Four Years

Sunday, May 21st 3:00 pm-5:00 pm, Kay Hall

Join us for an afternoon of thanks and celebration as we honor our beloved Doris Herman, teacher of the Puppies classroom of forty-four years! Featuring remarks from a generation of Gan HaYeled alumni, a lovely afternoon tea reception and an opportunity to thank Doris for her years of loving, nurturing guidance and dedication. Please register online at adasisrael.org/welovedoris. Please contact Marsha Pinson if you would like to volunteer to help organize at pinsonvine@verizon.net. **Contributions to the Doris Herman fund, which directly supports the Gan and its teachers, can be made online at adasisrael.org/welovedoris.**



In Doris' Own Words...

"Forty-four years ago, I walked through the doors of Adas Israel into a life of magic, laughter, love, and fulfillment. I did not know at the time that, by signing up to be a part of Gan HaYeled, literally over a thousand children would walk into my Puppy Room and into my arms.

"When I say 'magic,' I really do mean just that. It has been magical for me to see these children come into my class for the first time, not knowing if this would be a safe place when it is so hard to leave their parents and to learn to trust a stranger. It has been my privilege to earn that gift of trust, along with so much affection from the children and their parents. I know that my work has always been enhanced by

my amazing teams, especially Frances and Candy, who have been with me for so many years now. They, along with directors and colleagues, have shared the magic with me.

"Over the years, there have been many changes in the thinking about early childhood educational approaches, academic theories, and, especially, technology. When I am asked what changes I have observed in children over these many years, I reply, 'None.' None, because children are always children. While there have been vast changes in the lives of some of the parents and changes in caregiving responsibilities, the children have remained children. The developmental milestones are the same. The needs are the same. The excitement for learning is the same. The need remains the same for giving and receiving friendship and laughter and love. That is the beauty of children.

"Many years ago, when my own daughter shared her anxiety about choosing a preschool in New York for her children, and some of my Gan parents turned to me with similar early childhood concerns, I answered their requests by writing a simple how-to book, called *Doris Herman's Preschool Primer for Parents*. Helping parents proved exciting and fun! The process has come full circle now because my daughter's daughter, a junior at the University of Maryland, is interning in the Puppy Room! It is with great pride that I see her sharing the everyday delights and joys of teaching.

"As I imagine leaving the Puppy Room, I know that the magic will stay with me forever: the hugs, the smiles, the excitement of learning, the growth, the extemporaneous dances, and always the sound of the children's laughter. These were their gifts to me. Puppy magic."

—With love, Doris 🌸



An Evening of Jewish *Kirtan* with the *Kirtan* Rabbi, Andrew Hahn

The Art of Mystical Hebrew Call and Response Chant Brought to you by the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington (JMCW) @ Adas Israel



Join us for a deep, fully participatory call-and-response musical experience! Live *Kirtan* is at once ecstatic, contemplative, and, most of all, playfully improvised. Find your *kavanah* (spiritual intention) with a group energy experience that elevates the spirit, builds community, and actualizes interconnectedness. Cultivate a taste for *Kirtan* in a relaxed, welcoming environment, led by Rabbi Andrew Hahn.

Rabbi Hahn has pioneered *Kirtan* in the Jewish world, crisscrossing the globe to offer communal call-and-response chant concerts and meditation seminars. In his workshops, he seamlessly combines chant, movement, meditation, and text study into a positive, holistic experience. He is resident faculty at Clal: The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York, where he has founded the not-for-profit *Kirtan* Rabbi Prayer Initiative.

In addition to our exciting *Kirtan* concert experience, Rabbi Hahn is joining Adas for a series of special *Shabbat* programs. The weekend kicks off with a joint Return Again Friday Night Service, a reflective journey into the power of *Shabbat*, with an added *Kirtan* energy that revitalizes the soul. Then, join us for Saturday morning services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, where we will hear from featured speaker Rabbi Hahn. We look forward to sharing this exciting, uplifting, experience with you!

Kirtan Weekend Schedule:

Friday, May 12, 6:30 pm: "Return Again" Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt, Elie Greenberg, and Rabbi Andrew Hahn, the *Kirtan* Rabbi

Friday, May 12, 8:00 pm: Community *Shabbat* Dinner

Saturday, May 13, 9:30 am: Guest Speaker Rabbi Andrew Hahn joins the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Saturday Morning Service

Saturday, May 13, 8:00 pm: An Evening of Jewish *Kirtan* with the *Kirtan* Rabbi Andrew Hahn ✨

Office Closing

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29
Schools/Offices Closed

Erev Shavuot, Tuesday, May 30
Schools/Offices Close at 3:30 pm

Shavuot Day 1, Wednesday, May 31
Schools/Offices Closed

Shavuot Day 2, Thursday, June 1
Schools/Offices Closed

Save the Date Annual Congregational Meeting & Open Board Dinner, June 21 Featuring the *Yad Hakavod* Award Honoree

Please join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting and *Yad Hakavod* Award Ceremony at 7:30 pm.

The annual meeting is your chance to participate in the growth, health, and vibrancy of your synagogue and your community. Join family and friends as we plot a course for the next year of Jewish



communal life in our community. This concept is not new; Moses was once the sole judge in the desert, but his father-in-law advised him to delegate that work broadly. We learn from Moses's delegation that a community should be empowered to control its destiny and govern itself. Please take this opportunity to make your voice heard and join us as we usher our community forward into a renewed age of warmth, welcoming, and growth.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Financial and Budget Presentation
- Election of new Board Members and Synagogue Leaders for the new Fiscal year
- "State of the Synagogue" Address by outgoing President Debby Joseph
- Installation and remarks by incoming President Ricki Gerger
- *Yad Hakavod* Award Presentation
- Dessert Reception follows the meeting ✨



Lag B'Omer

Excerpted from the Jewish Federations of North America Web Site

This year *Lag B'Omer* is on Sunday, May 14 (or the 18th of Iyar), but even before the second Passover *seder* is over—while we're still at the table—we start to count the days until *Shavuot* in what has become known as *Sefirat HaOmer*—the counting of the *omer*. In Temple times, the *Sefirah* connected the seven weeks between the Passover barley harvest with the wheat harvest of *Shavuot*.

During the Exile, when the Jews were separated from their land, the rabbis shifted the emphasis of the *omer* from the agricultural to the allegorical and reasoned that, just as a bride eagerly counts the days between her engagement and her wedding, so will Israel continue to count the days between Passover and *Shavuot*, when we were finally united with God through our acceptance of the Torah. In this spirit, the ancient Israelites celebrated the *omer* period with joy. But after the destruction of the Second Temple, for some, the *Sefirah* turned into seven weeks of semi-mourning, during which some do not get haircuts, go to banquets, listen to music, or attend a wedding.

Lag B'Omer has no religious significance, and its origins are a mystery. Was it instituted simply as a joyous break in the seven solemn weeks? Or is it perhaps connected with the legendary mystic, Rabbi Shimeon bar Yohai, who—before his death on *Iyar* 18—instructed his disciples to observe his *yarzheit*—the anniversary of his death—in joy, not in sorrow? In many communities, dozens of weddings are performed on *Lag B'Omer*. People have parties and go to concerts, little boys get their first haircuts, and many celebrate *Lag B'Omer* with picnics in the woods. ✨

Shavuot @ Adas Israel



Recreating the Space Between Heaven and Earth—Grounding the Expanse of Torah

Beginning Tuesday Evening, May 30

Each year, in late spring or early summer, the Jewish calendar gives us the opportunity to ritualize and reenact the sacred obligation of receiving Torah.

Specifically at night, we cultivate the space to realize the constant and consistent flow of holiness—Torah—from heaven to earth, and earth back to heaven. In other words, Torah, in all its forms, fills the world, ready to be claimed by any of us, and then cradled, distilled, debated, and disseminated.

Through music, food, and inspiring words of Torah from DC-area clergy, prepare to be immersed in an evening that reimagines Mount Sinai, reclaims the space beneath its peak, and reasserts its wisdom for the ground on which we traverse.

Leading up to the Mountain, Counting the Omer

Shavuot literally means “weeks” as it occurs precisely seven weeks after the second day of Passover. The 49 days between Passover and *Shavuot* are known as *s'firat haomer* (the counting of the *omer*), reminiscent of the days when farmers brought a measure (*omer*) of their newly harvested grain to the Temple. Join us during *Maariv* each evening to count the *omer*, and ritualistically add a portion of wheat to the row of glass jars in the front lobby, as an expression of our experience of counting.

The Erev Learning

On the first night of *Shavuot* (this year, Tuesday evening, May 30), Jews throughout the world observe the centuries-old custom of conducting an all-night gathering dedicated to Torah learning and preparation for receiving the Torah anew the next morning. At Adas, learners of all ages will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and learn Torah. We will have multiple learning sessions to choose from with our dynamic clergy; see the full learning schedule below.

An Outdoor Shavuot Late-Night Experience at Adas

This *Shavuot*, we'll create a holy moment of capturing Torah in both thought and action, transforming our outdoor plaza into the bottom of the mountain—our eyes, ears, and hearts turned upward—open to rediscovering the Torah that hovers above us and all around us. ✨

Full Shavuot 2017 Schedule*

Erev Shavuot, Tuesday, May 30, Light Candles at 8:08 pm

7:00 pm: *Maariv*

7:30 pm: *Kiddush*

8:00 pm: Clergy-Led Torah Study

9:00 pm: Outside Learning Experience

Shavuot Day 1, Wednesday, May 31, Light Candles at 9:09 pm

9:15 am: Combined Charles E. Smith Sanctuary & Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Service; Sermon by Rabbi Alexander

11:00 am: Families with Young Children Shavuot Hike

6:00 pm: *Mincha/Maariv/Kabbalat Chag*

Shavuot Day 2, Thursday, June 1

9:15 am: All invited to the service in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Service; Sermon by Rabbi Steinlauf

11:00 am: *Yizkor*

1:00 pm: *Mincha*

*For an updated schedule please go to www.adasisrael.org/shavuot

Scenes from
an Upside
Down Purim
at Adas!



THE WORLD

UPSIDE DOWN

PURIM 5777

Thank you to our Purim volunteers:

Elena Altschuler and Max Parness, Rachel Case, Mary Ellen Friedman, David and Elizabeth Glidden, Mark Greenberg, Elaine Holton, Bonnie Roskes, Sharon Samberg, and Ron Schlesinger.

Yashar Koach to the Megillah readers in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary service:

Jonah Richmond, Hazzan Goldsmith, Rabbi Holtzblatt, Nechama Masliansky, Eric Fendler, Susan Kay, Rabbi Alexander, Miriam Loeb, Naomi Malka, Sammy Davis, Danny Kotelanski, Maia Kotelanski and Nina Lane.





From the Director of Education

By Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum

The end of the school year gives us an opportunity to celebrate our students, learn from them as they reflect on the year past, and send them off with love as they begin their next journeys for the summer and beyond.

We are so proud of the students in our Ma'alot program and hope that you will join us for this special evening.



The Shalom Learning Value of the Month *Shalom*—Peace

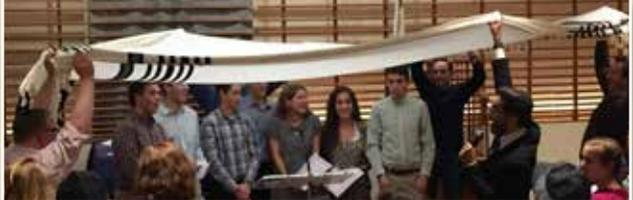
The Hebrew word *shalom* is both the most accessible Jewish word and the most elusive global value. The popular notion is that *shalom* can be translated as hello, goodbye, and peace. But the reason all three come together in one word is that the root of *shalom* is שלם, signifying wholeness and fulfillment.

From this root, we see a logical flow when we attribute the high priest Aaron as the ultimate pursuer of peace (*rodef shalom*). Since we are all supposed to be a “nation of priests,” our tradition asks us all to be pursuers of peace by proactively seeking times and places where we can bring wholeness and fulfillment to relationships. Our objective is not to praise the value of peace as an abstract construct, but rather to equip our learners to become peacemakers in all their social circles.

It is critical to note that the Jewish pursuit of *shalom* may require strength, courage, and force. Embracing peace is not to be a pacifist. After all, the only other value we are asked to actively pursue is justice—*tzedeq tzedeq tirdof* (Deuteronomy 16:20), and we must be willing to be strong in our pursuit and defense of justice and peace. While this does set up possible conflicts between values, the struggle to weigh and prioritize these values has the potential to bring us wisdom and maturity. This is the final unit of the year, and in many ways it incorporates all the other values as steps toward *shalom*. ❁



You are invited to the
Ma'alot Graduation & Awards Ceremony
on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:30pm



The evening's program will begin at 7:30pm in the Gewirtz Beit Am as we celebrate our Ma'alot award recipients, wish our 10th graders *Nesiyah Tovah* as they prepare for the Israel Trip, and honor our graduating 12th grade class. The program will be followed by a dessert reception in Kay Hall.

Event Program:

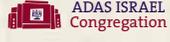
Passing the Torch:
Our graduating 12th grade students share their personal experiences as they symbolically pass the torch to the rising 12th grade class.

Ma'alot Awards:
The Ben Cooper Community Youth Service Leadership Award
The Herman and Jennie Robbin Middle School Award
The Herman and Jennie Robbin High School Award
The Nathan and Rosa Povich Award

Nesiyah Tovah:
We wish our 10th grade students *Nesiyah Tovah* (good travels) as they prepare to embark on the Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience, a two-week trip to Israel.

The 2017 Graduating Class:

Eliya Gelb	Esther Kimelman-Block	Natanya Schorr
Kalia Hoechstetter	Alexander Koenig	Ruby Schwat
Julia Kagan	Phillip Rosten	Natan Skolnik



May Calendar

Religious School Dates

Tuesday, May 16: Ma'alot Graduation and Awards Ceremony

Sunday, May 21: Last day of Religious School

Youth@AI Dates

Sunday, May 7: Kadima Laser Tag, 12:30–3:30 pm

Sunday, May 14: Machar Talent Show, 12:30–3:00 pm

Friday–Monday, May 26–29:

USY Spring Convention

Children's Shabbat Services

6: Tot Shabbat, Netivot, Junior Congregation

13: Tot Shabbat, Netivot

20: Tot Shabbat

May 2017 Programs for Families with Young Children



Class for Expectant Parents: May 3, 10, 17, 24

“Coffee Club” for Parents with Babies: Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24

Playdate in the Gan: Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25

Sing N’Play in the Library: Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25

Kangaroo Adult/Toddler Class: Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, 26

Tot Shabbat: Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20

Shabbat Dinner for Families with Young Children: May 19

Shavuot Hike: May 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. Contact Alexis.Tinsley@AdasIsrael.org with any questions about programs or registration.

“Coffee Club” for Parents with Babies: Stop by the *Beit Midrash* Wednesday mornings, from 9:30–11:30 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 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 am or 10:30 am–noon. Register @ the Gan website.

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

Shabbat Dinner for Families with Young Children: Join us once a month for a Friday night “Happy Half-Hour” (wine, cheese, and crackers to tide you over) at 5:00, *Kabbalat Shabbat* services for young children and their families at 5:30, and a delicious dinner at 6:15. *Registration deadline: May 12.*

Shavuot Hike: Join other families with young children for a spiritual hike followed by a congregational *kiddush*. This hike is designed for young children, but will not be stroller friendly. 🌻



Gan HaYeled

Truck Day: Beep! Beep! Honk! Honk! The 24th annual Gan HaYeled Truck Day is May 17, 9:00 am to noon, in our parking lot. The children get to climb in, on, and around all sorts of vehicles, from snow plows and dump trucks to fire trucks and motorcycles. ALL Adas community children are invited. The synagogue parking lot will be closed during that time; we apologize for any inconvenience.

Last chance to register: There are still spots left in Camp Sweet Summertime, the Gan’s summer camp. Sweet Summertime begins June 19 and runs through August 11 in two-week sessions. Throughout the eight weeks of Sweet Summertime you will see smiles and hear laughter from our campers and staff alike. With a broad variety of activities, there is something for everyone.

As a special bonus, our very special Gan teachers work in the summer and make Sweet Summertime a wonderful experience. This year’s theme is: MOTION. From Animal Motion (in a special reptile show) to Celestial Motion (planetarium) to Objects in Motion (a magic show), our campers will enjoy activities, water play in our newly renovated Outdoor Learning Environment, and friendships.

Join the Gan for the 2017–18 school year! We still have a few spaces left. For more information call the Gan office, 202-362-4491 or visit adasisrael.org/gan. 🌻



lifecycle

Milestones

Birth

Cecilia, daughter of Jeremy and Jana Kadden, born March 2.

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

B'nai Mitzvah



Eliza Leibovich, May 6

Eliza, daughter of Meri Kolbrener and Mark Leibovich is a seventh grader at Oyster Adams Bilingual School in Washington, DC. She began her Jewish education at Gan HaYeled, and has been a student at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School for almost eight years. She celebrates her *bat mitzvah* with her two sisters, Nell and Franny, and

myriad family and friends. Eliza loves to sing and play soccer and always has a smile for everyone.



Ethan Cohen, May 20

Ethan, son of Laurie and Gary Cohen, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. He began his Jewish education in the Kangaroo class at Gan HaYeled, and has been attending the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since third grade. For his *mitzvah* project, recognizing the impact sports has had on his life, Ethan has chosen to

work with Leveling the Playing Field, which provides sports equipment to underprivileged communities and children. Ethan looks forward to celebrating his *bar mitzvah* with his brother Devin, his parents, his grandparents—Judy and Richard Cohen and Beth and Leonard Sloan, and the rest of his extended family and friends.



Nathan Gershengorn, May 27 (TEM)

Nathan, son of Ian Gershengorn and Gail Levine, is a seventh grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. He shares this *simcha* with his brothers, Caleb and Ari; his grandparents, Ken and Wendie Gershengorn and Jules and Marcia Levine; and the rest of his family.

Member in the News

Ilan Cohen, a 10th grader at CESJDs who has grown up at Adas Israel, has been appointed to serve on USY's International General Board (IGB) for 2017 for a second term. He will serve as the International Chapter-Region Resource Chair, a new position created this year.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue member:

Barbara Chasen Miller

Mendelle Woodley

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

David Buring father of Benjamin Buring

Mildred "Millie" Hellerstein, mother of Judith Hellerstein

Dan Knoll, father of Jennifer Knoll

Lillian Kort, mother of Ann Kort

Paya Shvets, mother of Inna Lerner



Yom HaZikaron

On this Memorial Day, the fourth of *Iyar* in the Hebrew calendar, we commemorate the soldiers who have fallen fighting for Israel's independence and defending its security. In Israel, *Yom HaZikaron* is marked with sirens that alert people to stop all activity and honor the fallen.

This holiday's placement the day before Israel Independence Day is intentional: the soldiers who gave their lives were directly responsible for the existence of Israel as an independent state. In this way, a day of solemn commemoration can be followed by joyous celebration and song. This year *Yom HaZikaron* is observed on Monday, May 1.



Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day), 5777

The anniversary of the modern State of Israel is a wonderful milestone for the State and for the Jewish people. This modern miracle is unparalleled in history. Yom Ha'Atzmaut is celebrated this year on Tuesday, May 2.

In celebration of *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*, please attend our morning *minyan* at 7:15 am on Tuesday, May 2. Join us as we celebrate modern Israel's past, present, and future. ✨

Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW)

Now—after encountering kirtan—I have learned one needs to know when to be silent, when to listen, and then when to respond.
—Rabbi Andrew Hahn

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks said, “Words are the language of the mind. Music is the language of the soul. So when we seek to express or evoke emotion, we turn to melody.” *Niggun*, or melody, is intimately present in our stories and prayers and often manifests as the collective song of the Jewish people. Our individual voice is both a unique expression of who we are and an invitation to participate in a larger, ongoing conversation with God and all of humanity. This month at JMCW, we explore the work of Rabbi Andrew Hahn, PhD, lovingly known as Reb Drew and the Kirtan Rabbi. His musical narrations, or *kirtan*, bring energy, passion, and melodic flow to Jewish wisdom. Please join us for a weekend of musical movement and a month of rhythmic connections to spirituality through JMCW services and programs.

Return Again’ Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt, Elie Greenberg, and Special Guest, Rabbi Andrew Hahn, the Kirtan Rabbi, Friday, May 12, 6:30 pm

This monthly service is an intergenerational favorite 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 Community Shabbat dinner follows.

Shabbaton with Rabbi Andrew Hahn continues:

* **May 13, 9:30 am:** Rabbi Andrew Hahn will join the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Saturday morning service and offer a *Drash* sermon

* **May 13, 8:00 pm** Evening concert with full-band *kirtan*

See Adas web site and weekly newsletters for more details.

Weekly Tuesday Evening Meditation, 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!

Special Yoga Workshops; All Levels Welcome!

Online registration required: see the JMCW web page (www.adasisrael.org/jmcw/)

Embodied Devotion Workshop with Jess Lazar

Sunday, May 7, 9:30 am–12:00 noon

Judaism interweaves practice and contemplation, encouraging us to question, analyze, and embody our beliefs. Yoga combines these same elements of embodied devotion, as we strive to access the divine spirit, or *neshama*, in each one of us.

Pen & Pose Workshop with Yael Flusberg

Sunday, May 14, 10:30 am–12:00 noon

Yael is bringing back this innovative Mother’s Day workshop interspersing yoga with writing exercises. In this practice, participants will use mind and body to reach their innermost selves. Dress comfortably and bring your favorite notebook and pen!



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 music of Rabbi Andrew Hahn, the *Kirtan* Rabbi, has been called “pure joy.” You can listen to some selections and purchase or download his CDs at www.kirtanrabbi.com.

Explore the Adas Library for books on Jewish spirituality, meditation, and mindfulness. You can find some of these under call number 175.01 or speak with 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. Watch this space each month to follow these JMCW offerings. Visit our Adas web page at www.adasisrael.org/jmcw/, where you can also subscribe to our e-newsletter. Find us on Facebook—JMCW @ Adas Israel. ✨

In this material world, especially if we have sinned and are very far from God, the main way to attach ourselves to God is through melody and song. —Rebbe Nachman of Bratslov

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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).

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sisterhoodnews

Happy *Shavuot* from Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Sisterhood Co-Presidents, *Miriam Rosenthal and Marcy Feuerstein.*

Shavuot Greetings from Sisterhood

Hag Sameach. At this time of Matan Torah, the giving of the Torah, we invite you to support Torah Fund. The Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the dedicated philanthropy of the membership of affiliated sisterhoods in Conservative/

Masorti congregations. Torah Fund ensures the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism around the world by supporting scholarships for clergy and other Judaic professional candidates at the five Conservative/Masorti seminaries and institutions in the U.S., Israel, Latin America, and Europe.

As the Adas Israel 5777 Torah Fund campaign draws to a close on June 30, we encourage you to participate, and we thank those who have already given. Please send your gift to Torah Fund, c/o Adas Israel Sisterhood, 2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, DC 20008. *Todah*—thank you!

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood

'Downton Abbey in the Talmud'

**May 16 with Norman Shore at
10:00 am in the Beit Midrash**

Please join *Weekday Torah with Sisterhood* at 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 16, in the Biran *Beit Midrash*. Community leader and scholar Norman Shore will lead a tour of "**Downton Abbey in the Talmud**" during which we'll examine stories about two of the Talmud's most prominent slaves: the maidservant of Rabbi Judah Hanasi, and Tavi, the slave of Rabban Gamaliel. *What do stories about slaves reveal about power, caste, and gender in Talmudic Judaism?*

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

Sisterhood goes to the Movies in May!

Sisterhood Goes to the Movies during the Washington Jewish Film Festival, May 17–28. Lights, camera, action—please join us! As of press time, the movie schedule was not available. For movie selection, ticket prices, dates, times, and venues, contact Helen Kramer, hmk_dc@verizon.net or 202-483-1728.

Closing Event with Cantor Ari, Miriam Isaacs, and Vladimir Fridman, June 11

Yiddish Songs and Stories of World War II Russia with Miriam

Isaacs and Vladimir Fridman Sisterhood's closing event and membership meeting, **June 11 at 11 am, includes a light brunch.** Registration and cost TBA.

Please join Sisterhood and Cantor Ari Brown at our closing event and membership meeting. Cantor Ari will begin the program with a performance of selected Yiddish songs followed by an extraordinary program of Yiddish poetry and music, **Yiddish Songs and Stories of World War II Russia**, led by Sisterhood Board member and Yiddish scholar Miriam Isaacs and guitarist Vladimir Fridman.

This will be Sisterhood's final meeting of the year, and during this meeting we will vote for our new Board members. Please join us!

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Women's League Biennial Convention, July 23-26

A BOLD NEW OUTLOOK



WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR
CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
CONVENTION 2017

Get ready for four exciting days in July!

WLCJ Biennial Convention

Join us at the biennial Women's League of Conservative Judaism convention, July 23–26 in our own backyard at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington VA. Register for the early bird special by May 15 at www.wlcj.org. Meet up with old friends and make new ones who share

a love of Judaism, commitment to community, and concern for our world. Be informed, engaged, and energized. Gain sisterhood skills and enhance personal knowledge. *There is something for everyone, and everyone has something to add to the Women's League network!*

More Miriams in Our Midst! Meet Miriam Gusevich

By Dena Bauman

"I was born and grew up in Cuba, an island, so because many of my parent's friends were from other places, like Romania, the former Ottoman Empire, and elsewhere, I had a sense of a bigger world. I loved looking at maps." So reminisced Adas and Sisterhood member Miriam Gusevich, a professor in the School of Architecture and Planning at the Catholic University of America. In our recent conversation, we talked about her journey from Cuba to Washington DC and the connections among her family, work, and Jewish identity.



Sisterhood member, architect, and professor Miriam Gusevich.

Her family's journey began in Poland and Belarus, with her parents' immigration to Cuba. Miriam's mother, Rosa Buznicki, was five years old when she left Warsaw in the late 1920s and moved to Havana. In 1936, at age 18, her father, Abraham Gusevich, joined his older brother and sister there. Owners of a dry goods store, her parents lived behind it with their two daughters, Miriam and her older sister Eva Rebecca, named for her two grandmothers. Miriam was named for her paternal grandfather Mordechai, who perished with his wife and three daughters at Treblinka.

Miriam explained that Cuba had a robust Jewish community; many had been there for generations and others were recent refugees. Although her father grew up in an ultra-Orthodox household and studied to be a rabbi, in Cuba the family attended el Patronato, the Conservative *shul*, and she went to Centro Israelita, a Yiddish school. After Castro came to power in 1959, the family joined their relatives and moved to Brooklyn in 1968. "It was a violent year" with the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy. Miriam and her sister Eva, both teenagers by then, joined in the anti-war protests. She marveled at the ability to protest in the streets. "In Cuba, you would be thrown in jail."

Miriam became one of a few women in her architecture program at Cornell University. "I was the exotic student," she laughed, "a woman and Cuban." She was attracted to architecture because she loved math and drawing. After earning her degrees and becoming a professor at a young age, she lived a peripatetic life, working in St. Louis, Wisconsin, and Miami and practicing in Chicago for a long time before settling in Washington DC in 1998.

As an architect and designer, Miriam focuses on uniting architecture, landscape, and green infrastructure. Most recently, she has been able to incorporate her Jewish identity, as part of a team that designed a memorial

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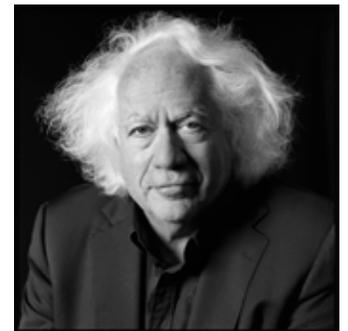
park at Babi Yar, the ravine northwest of Kiev where Nazis murdered more than 33,000 Jews in two days in September 1941. The design, which earned third place in the competition, imagines the site as a crime scene. After the war, Soviet authorities tampered with the site, taking out the Jewish cemetery and building a television station. Her team's design recalling the lost ravine would have had 100,000 *yahrzeit* candles, to transform the killing fields into a memorial. The team's Babi Yar project led to a new commission for a Jewish cemetery in Sambir, Ukraine.

Adas Israel came to be an important part of her and her family's life. Her parents moved to Washington in 2004, to be close to her. "My father loved being part of the Adas community, with younger people asking him about himself. He felt like he was a grandfather to many of them. He was the Old World," she explained. After their deaths, Adas, and the daily *minyán*, became of special importance. In lighting *yahrzeit* candles for her parents, she was stirred to create the Babi Yar project. "Yahrzeit candles inspired us to mark a space to honor and remember the innocent Jews" killed there, she wrote. ✨

Leon Wieseltier The Duty of a Lifetime: An Encounter with Syrian Refugees

Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 pm

The greatest evils of this dark time have been visited upon by the Syrian people. In a war that has now lasted more than six years, half a million people have been killed, 11 million



have been displaced, crimes against humanity have been committed, and millions of refugees rightfully make a claim on our consciences. In a wide-ranging conversation in which Syrian survivors and refugees speak for themselves, Leon Wieseltier will introduce some remarkable men and women who will discuss what has happened and what can be still done.

This will be a moving evening of memory and analysis. Leon Wieseltier, author of *Kaddish*, is the Isaiah Berlin Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. In recent years he has been active in the cause of justice for Syria and Syrian refugees. ✨

From Anne Frank House



ANNE FRANK HOUSE

Anne Frank House and its residents have much to be grateful for—particularly for the continuing support and generosity of Adas Israel congregants, clergy, and staff for their continuing special support for Anne Frank House. We also want to thank our 2016 mini-walk sponsors contributing \$1,000 or more: Aeroseal Windows & Storefront, Alan & Nancy Bubes, Avalere Health, Bethesda Magazine, CBRE, CG Electric, DMBC Design LLP, Ralph & Louie Dweck, GDL Law, The Greysteel Company, Himmelfarb Commercial Inc., Ingber Dental, McNulty Mechanical LLC, Moti's Market, Penan & Scott PC, Sandy Spring Bank, SpeedPro Printing, United Security & Communications, Urban Investment Partners, and West Financial Services, Inc.

Thank you all for helping us continue to be an important resource in combating homelessness in the Washington, DC, community.

To make a contribution to Anne Frank House by mail please send a check to: Anne Frank House, Inc., PO Box 73275, Washington, DC 20056-3275.

For online contributions, please visit our website: theannefrankhouse.org.

In the March issue of the *Chronicle*, Anne Frank House profiled longtime resident George Siletti. It is with much sadness that we tell you that George passed away on February 17. Originally referred to us by Friendship Place, George moved from the St. Luke's Shelter into our permanent housing program in June 2004. Knowing George over the past 13 years has been a joy. He contributed to Anne Frank House in many ways, speaking with businesses, schools, and funding organizations to educate them about homelessness. He had an impact on so many people and helped them understand what homelessness feels like and the hardships faced by those who are homeless. He was always available to "give back." ❁

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Social Action Team Updates

Poverty/Homelessness/Housing Team News



Sukkot in Spring, Sunday, May 21

"Your people will rebuild what has been in ruins, building again on the old foundations. You will be known as the people who rebuilt the walls, who restored the ruined houses." *Isaiah 58:9-12*.

Join us for this year's *Sukkot* in Spring Home Repair on Sunday, May 21. Working with Yachad, the nation's largest home/community repair program sponsored by the Jewish community, we will provide volunteers to work and help sponsor the cost of the repairs. Volunteers can commit

to the full day, approximately 8:00 am–5:00 pm, or for a four- to five-hour morning or afternoon shift. *Sukkot* in Spring volunteers tackle problems ranging from painting, yard work, broken windows, leaking roofs and rotting floors to inadequate bathrooms and faulty electrical systems. Special skills are not required, just a desire to join our Adas community and help others. There will be expert supervision on hand. If you do have some special home repair skills, please note that in any contact with our volunteer coordinator.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Jay Sher, jrsher89@gmail.com.

Patricia Handy Place for Women

YP@AI has a new social action opportunity. On the third Sunday of each month, members of the Adas Israel Young Professional community serve meals to the residents of the Patricia Handy Place for Women, run by N Street Village. Each month 8–10 young professionals serve meals and converse with the women at the center. In the future we plan to expand the number of meals served and become involved in other projects there as well.

For more information or to become involved please contact, Jay Sher, jrsher89@gmail.com or Sam Moss, sam.moss@outlook.com.

Adas @ SOME on Monday, May 15

Join other Adas members to prepare and serve breakfast and lunch at SOME on Monday, May 15. Visit the Adas Israel web site and the *Tikkun Olam* homepage for more information and to register.



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Refugee Team News

We Need Your Support!

Help us with our efforts to co-sponsor a refugee family by making a contribution now to our growing fund. Our Refugee Response Team has been gearing up for this work, having furnished two apartments for refugee families recently resettled by Lutheran Social Services and recruiting a cadre of volunteers to work with our own refugee family.



We are also developing an extensive volunteer program with the International Rescue Committee to work with refugee families in our community. Adas Israel is committed to a year-long sponsorship of an arriving refugee family that includes rental support. We expect the family to arrive within the next two to ten weeks. The congregation is doing its part to respond to the refugee crisis, and we hope we can count on you to help us realize our goal of \$50,000. To make a contribution, please send a check with Refugee in the memo section or visit the Tikkun Olam homepage of the Adas Israel web site, where you'll find a link to the "giving" tab. Thank you!

Climate Team News



Principled *Parve* Eating (Meatless Mondays, Adas Style) A Climate Action Team Challenge

On *Tu B'Shevat*, the Climate Action Team led Adas Israel in examining how our sages grappled with rules for personal responsibility for harms we cause, even if the harm is indirect or attenuated (a difficult matter in both religious and secular law), and we discussed how these principles relate to that most Jewish of activities: food choices. The pollution emitted in farming and transporting food to us translates like this: one day's worth of meat and dairy equals 3.2 kg in carbon pollution, while the same amount of vegetable protein is only 0.6 kg. (more info on life-cycle pollution of various foods is here).

More than 30 Adas Israel community members took the "*parve* pledge" on Sunday, February 12, committing to eat *parve* (no meat or dairy) one day a week for a year, which will save the amount of carbon that 180 trees would sequester in that time. We'd like to extend the Principled *Parve* Challenge to the entire community, thus multiplying our positive potential in the natural world.

If you'd like to join, please e-mail Elana Alschuler at e.alschuler@gmail.com. ✨

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every person who listens to God's word" (*Pesikta De-Rav Kahana*, 12).

In other words, the power of Torah is not that its message is totally absolute, universal, or uniform. We may all hear or read the same words, but we each understand them in radically different ways. That's what made Sinai so distinctive, claims this *midrash*. All those people, each one unique, each one hearing the same sounds and words, yet each integrating them into his or her consciousness as something particular to that individual's own experience. Torah bound them together, and left them—well—still themselves.

On that fateful afternoon with Rabbi Artson there were several people in the room. I'm pretty sure all were moved by his teaching, but I'm also sure none of us grasped it in precisely the same way. Each soul there heard his or her Torah refracted through the particular capacity brought into the room that day. For me, it was life changing. For another, maybe it was just another text to be integrated into life's cannon of wisdom. Or free lunch.

Each year, we mark revelation on the holiday of *Shavuot*. But *Shavuot* isn't celebrating a one-time revelatory moment. It is a paradigm, a reminder that, if we permit ourselves moments of Torah throughout the year, then, when we least expect it, something eternal may happen. For information on our exciting *Shavuot* plans, see page 6. ✨



**Adas Israel is proud to present
livestreaming of our keynote
weekday learning events in the
Biran Beit Midrash.**

What is livestreaming? If you can't make it to Adas, you'll still be able to connect to a live feed through any computer, laptop or mobile device! Visit adasisrael.org/adaslive to view upcoming broadcast times and recently archived videos.

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Adas Israel supported a social action project that led to the establishment of Anne Frank House, a DC model for ending homelessness. Currently an independent nonprofit, Anne Frank House has created supportive housing that has been addressing the needs of formerly homeless men and women suffering from chronic mental illness. AFH has purchased or rented housing, thus enabling its clients to establish permanent homes. In partnership with social services agencies, AFH is providing the supports required for assisting these men and women, among the most vulnerable in our area, to regain their dignity. Many of the volunteers and board members are Adas Israel congregants who give time and friendship.

One of the privileges of my presidency has been to get to know some of the many people who are making a difference in the lives of people in our community. It is a source of great pride to know that Adas Israel provides so many paths for Jewish expression. Please let me know if there is an area in which you are interested in becoming involved. We are delighted to include all who are interested. ✨

Creating a National Network of Progressive Mikvahs



What if *mikvahs* like ours existed in every Jewish community? What if everyone knew about the tradition of *mikvah* from a young age and no one had outdated notions about it? What if the biblical roots of *mikvah* were fully translated into a modern context? What if all

mikvahs were safe, sacred, welcoming, and pluralist spaces? That is the goal of a newly created national network of progressive *mikvahs*.

On March 29 and 30, I traveled to Newton, MA, with Maria Sloan, chair of the Mikvah Committee. Representatives from three other *mikvahs*, plus the staff of Mayyim Hayyim, met for training, development workshops, brainstorming sessions, case analysis studies, and focused discussions, both formal and informal. We were joined by Anita Diamant, founder of Mayyim Hayyim and author of *The Red Tent* and *The New Jewish Wedding*, among other great books. Supported by the Natan Fund, with a matching grant from the OnBoard foundation, we dreamt and detailed what this will look like.

The idea is for the Adas Israel Community Mikvah, along with Mayyim Hayyim, MaCom Mikvah of Greater Atlanta, and Libi Eir Mikvah of Raleigh, NC, to provide models for emerging or existing *mikvahs* and inspire them to create their own spaces, programs, and systems, all based on a common ethos. There are almost 100 communities around the country who are asking for this kind of support! Maria and I are extremely excited about engaging in this network and watching our grassroots efforts become a groundswell. Please feel free to chat with us about this anytime!

—Naomi Malka, Mikvah Director

Adas Israel to Resettle Syrian Refugee Family

As many of you know, Adas Israel, led by the Social Action Committee's Refugee Response Team, has been working to develop partnerships with organizations supporting refugees around the world and here in the DC area.

After nearly a year's worth of preparation and planning, we are delighted that our congregation has been co-sponsoring a Syrian refugee family under the auspices of Lutheran Social Services, our local resettlement agency. This family of five, which includes two young daughters and a young son, arrived on April 12, during the holiday of Passover.

Their successful integration into our country and the Greater Washington area has been facilitated directly by Adas Israel Congregation and its refugee response team, along with the wider community. This is a sacred obligation and opportunity for us to actualize our core Jewish values of compassion and justice. The timing of their arrival, though unplanned, was obviously especially noteworthy and poignant for us, as we prepared to immerse ourselves in the holiday of Passover, and recalled our own story of escaping degradation and journeying towards safety, freedom and dignity. We know that our collective story is this Syrian family's current personal reality. And their reality is now our responsibility.

In addition to resettling this family, and in partnership with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), ten Adas Israel families will pilot a family mentorship program with five refugee families in the DC area. The IRC welcomes thousands of displaced persons each year and helps them to rebuild their lives with the support of the local community. While this program has been employed successfully in other cities, Adas families are the pilot group for recently resettled refugee families in this region. Through mentorship, we will serve as their close allies, advocates, and guides as we assist them on their path to self-sufficiency.

Please help Adas Israel support this newly arrived Syrian family and support families already living here. The commitment of time, energy, love, in-kind contributions, and money is considerable. Our estimated budget for these critical initiatives is close to \$50,000. Since announcing our intention to co-sponsor a family last fall, we have raised nearly \$30,000. We now seek to close that \$20,000 gap. So please contribute whatever you can, either by sending a check to Adas Israel with "Refugee Fund" in the memo line, or, by donating online (adasisrael.org/tikkunolam). 100% of all dollars raised for this initiative will directly support refugee resettlement. Please visit www.adasisrael.org/tikkunolam to learn more about these refugee initiatives or to volunteer to get involved.

This community harnesses a tremendous amount of love, passion and compassion. We look forward now to this profound opportunity to share it with those who need it most. ✨

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Memorial Plaques

New Memorial Plaques Dedicated at Passover Yizkor



In loving remembrance, the following names have been recently inscribed on the Memorial Boards in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, and formally dedicated at Passover: Clement Carl Alpert, Roslyn Lavine, Frances Wertlieb Blacher, Bonnie Lewin, Louis Bressler, Irving Lewin, Rose Burka, Sylvia Lewin, Lillian Cardash, Estelle Ruth Mates, Sanford "Sandy" Cohen, Irving Isadore Mates, Dr. Joel Ganz, Mozelle Saltz, Leonard Horn, Alvin D. Sidell, Gary Jonas, Charlotte Silverstein, Betty Katz, Marvin Sugar, Irving Katz, Sandra Sugar, Dr. Joyce J. Kaufman, Lillie M. Wolloch, Stanley Kaufman, Jeannette Zupnik, Lillian R. Kramer, and Joseph Zupnik. **May their memory always be for a blessing.**

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Ma Touu: Bonnie & Sandy Roskes

HONORING OUR LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement

Why did you choose to move to Washington, DC? Why live in Cleveland Park?

Bonnie: We both grew up in Baltimore, and in 2001 were coming back to the US after five years in Israel. DC was a familiar place, close enough to family, and 16 years ago DC was more affordable than other East Coast cities (though not anymore!). We weren't aiming for Cleveland Park; we were looking at houses in some other neighborhoods as well. We happened to buy a house here and started coming to Adas and building our community. It couldn't have worked out better. CP is urban enough that our kids can get around independently, but with enough green space that it doesn't feel too crowded.

Sandy, after Shabbat morning services, we can find you and many others in the Biran Beit Midrash, huddled around the coffee bar. I'm told that this is where folks come to take a shot of scotch before going to the congregational kiddush. How did this tradition get started, and can you recommend some good scotch?

Truth be told, "Kiddush Club" was introduced to Adas around 15 years ago by a few Georgetown refugees seeking a cheaper (ha!) and more egalitarian life in Cleveland Park. We started off as a small group, huddled quietly in the old Miller Chapel. It wasn't exactly a secret, but it definitely wasn't widely known or officially sanctioned. And it had a cliquy feel to be sure. When plans were made for the Biran and the rest of the building renovation, I asked Rabbi Steinlauf what he thought about bringing Kiddush Club there, out in the open. I thought it would be a great meeting point for people before heading down to the Kay, and Rabbi Steinlauf enthusiastically agreed. It is still a bring-your-own, participant-supplied thing, but has vastly expanded, with many people coming and sharing their newly found boutique scotch, bourbon, and the occasional rye. I think it has become a great place where the Smith service, the Traditional Egalitarian Minyan, and the Havurah (and even Tot Shabbat parents!) come together. As for recommendations, what many people don't realize is that whiskey, like wine and beer, is incredibly complex and accommodates a vast array of tastes. Come to Kiddush Club and I'll help you find what you like!

Bonnie, you are one of the participants of our weekly Adas Morning Workout (Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am; come join us!). And when you're not dancing with us, you can be seen running around Cleveland Park. What do you like most about exercising? And for those who might be new to it, what advice can you give them?

The Wednesday class is really fun—once you get used to working out in the room where you're usually dressed up and eating fish balls. I used to run every day, but now I've cut back, substituting lower-impact workouts (I'm not as young as I thought, I guess). My job is pretty sedentary, so without regular



exercise I think I'd have taken on the shape of my chair. Luckily you [Marcy] have shown us all sorts of torturous exercises you can do at home. If you live close to Adas and like to run (or walk), you can't beat the trails in Rock Creek Park. My favorite run is through the zoo, before 9:00 am, when nobody is around. There's a sea lion who likes to play, so I get a nice break mid-run. **In addition to the two of you being around Adas all the time, your five children can also always be found here—in services, religious school, babysitting some of our younger members, etc. What do your kids love most about the Adas community?**

Bonnie: Our kids have been going to the Adas Traditional Egalitarian Minyan every Shabbat pretty much since birth, and they've built their own communities just like Sandy and I have. There's a nice number of current and former Jewish Primary Day School kids in the minyan, so there's always someone to sit (or run around) with. After kiddush, we often end up with a bunch of kids in our house, or our kids run to friends' houses, or we all end up at a park together. So Shabbat has taken on a relaxed, social, fun (and noisy) atmosphere for our family and friends.

Each of your children goes to a different school, which must make planning vacations extremely difficult. Where are your favorite places to go as a family? And if the two of you could escape together, where would you go?

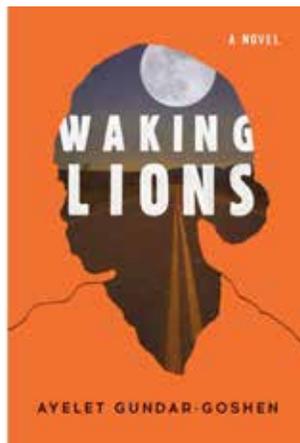
Bonnie: We have different spring breaks, but planning other vacations hasn't been difficult. Every year we spend Shavuot at a state park with some other families; it's one highlight of the year for our whole family. We often take summer road trips to visit family friends, every year we do a beach trip with cousins, and we've taken a few trips to Israel. The last few summers we've sent all five kids to camp (yay, Ramah in the Rockies!), so Sandy and I have been able to escape alone a few times. Our best trip so far was hiking in the incredible Rocky Mountains, just the two of us, before spending Shabbat with our kids at camp. And now that the kids are getting older, we manage to get a weekend away now and then.

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Questioning Justice: New Israeli Novels

By Robin Jacobson, Library & Literary Programs Director

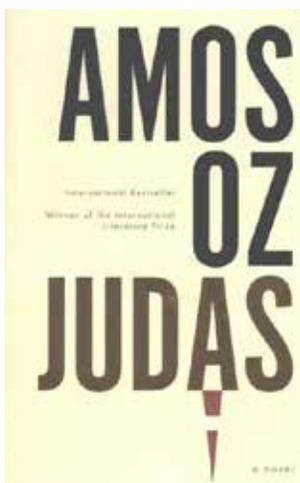
On his office wall, a lawyer friend has a striking contemporary art print of the classic biblical text, “Justice, justice, shall you pursue.” But is it always so clear what justice is? Some Israeli novels, newly translated into English, suggest not. For a deep dive into the wells of moral ambiguity, try *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, *Judas* by Amos Oz, and *Two She-Bears* by Meir Shalev (all available in our library). Here is a preview.



Waking Lions by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

This gripping novel is part moral drama, part crime thriller. In the opening scene, Dr. Eitan Green, exhausted from a night shift at a Beersheva hospital, releases stress by racing his SUV at top speed down a desert road. To his horror, he hits a man—an African immigrant, who is so gravely injured that Eitan concludes he is beyond medical help. In the next instant, Eitan considers the havoc this reckless accident could wreak on his career and family and decides to “save himself,” since he can’t save the victim. He drives away.

But Eitan doesn’t fully escape responsibility. The next morning, the widow of the dead man confronts him, holding the wallet Eitan inadvertently dropped by her husband’s body. Sirkit, the widow, offers a deal. She will remain silent about the hit-and-run if Eitan provides night-time medical care to illegal African immigrants who will meet him in an abandoned garage. Trapped, Eitan agrees, and begins a double life, lying to his wife, children, and employer about his evening activities. Sirkit has her own guilty secrets, as do many of the other characters. There are no heroes in this unusual and provocative book.



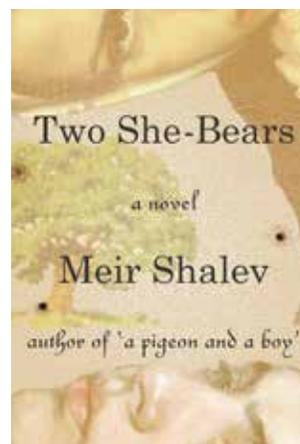
Judas by Amos Oz

Set in Jerusalem in the winter of 1959–60, this novel focuses on three characters of three generations who share a home for several months. Shmuel Ash is a graduate school dropout, hired by Atalia Abravanel, a 45-year-old widow, as a live-in companion for her elderly father-in-law, Gershon Wald.

There is ongoing tension within the household about Atalia’s late father, Shealtiel Abravanel. Wald and Abravanel had both been ardent Zionists, but in the 1940s, Abravanel opposed statehood, arguing that Jews and Arabs should live together under an international protectorate. For his idealistic

views, Abravanel was expelled from his positions of Zionist leadership and branded a traitor, a betrayer of his people. Shortly thereafter, Wald’s son (and Atalia’s husband) died in Israel’s War of Independence, which made the abstract disagreement tragically real.

To Shmuel, whose unfinished master’s thesis was on “Jewish Views of Jesus,” Abravanel is reminiscent of Jesus’s supposed betrayer, Judas. Shmuel contends that Judas was actually loyal to Jesus, but misjudged by history. Similarly, Abravanel and others like him were not traitors; their criticism of Israel sprang from deep loyalty to the Jewish people.



Two She-Bears by Meir Shalev

This is a tale of love, honor, and revenge over several generations of a family living on a *moshava*, an Israeli agricultural settlement. Ze’ev, the patriarch, came to the *moshava*, according to family lore, with “a rifle,

a cow, a tree, and a woman.” He married the woman and murdered her lover with the rifle. That was the first of Ze’ev’s two acts of terrible violence for which his wife never forgave him. Yet there is good in Ze’ev; he lovingly raises his grandchildren after their mother abandons them. In the next generation, when Ze’ev’s great-grandson dies of snakebite on a father-son camping trip, Ze’ev is the only one who understands and can help the guilt-ridden father, Eitan. Twelve years later, when Ze’ev dies, Eitan embarks on his own journey of revenge, bringing the story full circle.

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Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) is May 2. Your oldest daughter, Aviv, has been in Israel this semester studying with Tichon Ramah Yerushalyim. Why do you think it was important for her to travel to Israel? What is she enjoying most about this immersive experience?

Sandy: Aviv is spending her second semester of 10th grade in Israel, with TRY–Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim. They live in dorms, *daven* every day, attend high school classes, and enjoy the wonderful (not so much) cafeteria food. But the best part, and the reason the program exists, is the ICC–Israel Core Course. The kids go on *tiyulim* (excursions) all over the country, learning about ancient and modern history. They get to see it all come alive. We hope the program will open up avenues for her to spend more time there, maybe someday to live there. We figure if all of our kids do this program, maybe some will want to stay and eventually bring their parents with them. ✨

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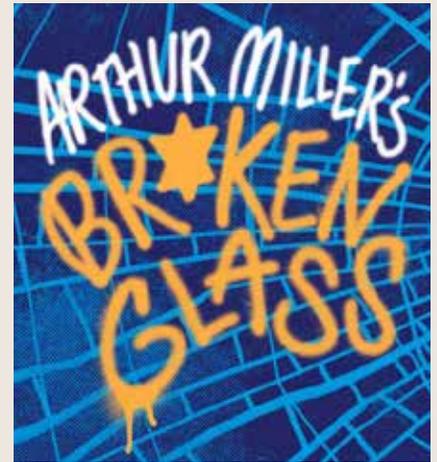
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