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ADAS ISRAEL CONGREGATION

**A Summer of sun arrives at Adas Israel!**

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## From the President

By Ricki Gerger



When I think of Rabbi Steinlauf's tenure with us, I'm struck by the impact he's had on each of us, and in different ways. My memories are different from yours; yours are different from those of someone with whom you sat in a class or a meeting or during a sermon. Such is the wonder of memory. But this fact will not change: it is Gil Steinlauf who's helped teach us how to be Jews in the 21st century. It is he who assembled the team and initiated the process that's empowering us to find religious and spiritual fulfillment in lives filled with non-stop and ever-expanding technology, competing demands of work and family, pre-occupation with legacy-building, and the myriad other "stuff" that overfills our time and drains our energy. Rabbi, as you leave to transform the entire Conservative movement the way you've transformed us, know that you take with you our appreciation and best wishes.

I'm grateful for and respectful of the trust the congregation has placed in me, our officers, and our Board of Directors to lead us into the next chapter of our story. I'll share with you a few areas we'll focus on, but the first step is to know where we are. Thanks to the vision of past president Debby Joseph, who saw the benefit of empowering our committees to do the real work of the congregation, we have more members involved in committee work than ever before. Hesed and Social Action in particular are gateways into this involvement for both longtime and new members. Membership

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*Our Sages taught: Gemilut chasadim (an act of lovingkindness) is greater than tzedakah (charity) in three ways: Acts of tzedakah involve only one's money—gemilut chasadim can involve both money or one's personal service. Tzedakah can be given only to the poor—gemilut chasadim can be done both for the rich and for the poor. Tzedakah can be given only to the living—gemilut chasadim can be done both for the living and the dead.*

—Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Sukkot, 49b

I'm somewhat hesitant to articulate this, but I'm always a bit suspicious of dogmatic claims that elevate one particular obligation of love over another. Each of us lives with multiple and sometimes overwhelmingly complex obligations, and we manage the best we can, finding ways to give that blend with the rhythms of our lives. Any text that suggests charity can be "only this or that" strikes me as unnecessarily reductive.

But after my initial discomfort, I challenge myself to come back to the text and attempt a reconciliation between my potential feeling of "obligation underachiever" and the aspirational demands of our tradition. So here's what our wise Sages may have been doing by creating this mini-competition of good deeds:

First, we each bring something entirely unique to the table of giving. And those differences include capacity and resources. Which is to say, on a very basic level, the goal here was to even the playing field such that any person—regardless of status or net worth—could contribute wholeheartedly and equally.

I'm reminded of the potent line from Marilynne Robinson's novel, *Gilead*: "It has been my experience that guilt can burst through the smallest breach and cover the landscape, and abide in it in pools and darkness, just as native as water." This text seems to be a fine antidote to, maybe even a vaccine for, that reality.

Second, none of us is above or beyond the need for support, love, and help from others. In our best moments, and in our less-than-best moments, an extra gust of unexpected love and/or kindness can transform darkness to light, or light to glowing. An act of kindness—small or large—knows no specific moment from which to emerge. It is welcome by the whole and broken alike.

Third, perhaps the rabbis simply wanted to remind us that reciprocity, while a natural and often neutral part of life, is not the goal of giving. Giving itself is the end in and of itself. To be on the receiving end of love and kindness is a universal human right, and ought to be a Jewish expectation. This then confers upon each of us the responsibility to ensure that every

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# The Daily Minyan @ Adas Israel



## When was the last time you made it to the Minyan?

Twice daily, we have the opportunity to strengthen our community by participating and sharing in the joy and responsibility of making a *minyan*. Attending the daily *minyan*, in one respect, serves a charitable purpose. It allows others to pray and recite *Kaddish* for their loved ones. Just as significant, however, are the spiritual gifts you receive from the service itself. It is diverse in its attendees and filled with beautiful melodies, a special *ruach*, Torah readings on Monday and Thursdays, many opportunities for an *aliyah*, and the chance to take a meaningful pause in your day and connect with friends. As members of a synagogue community, we owe it to each other and to ourselves to participate regularly in the daily *minyan*.

## Please Join Us

### Daily Minyan Schedule:

**Morning:** Monday–Friday: 7:30 am; Sundays & Legal Holidays: 9:00 am

**Evening:** Sunday–Thursday: 6:00 pm

## A Brief Background

In Judaism, there are three daily prayer services: morning (*Shacharit*), afternoon (*Mincha*), and evening (*Maariv*). The tradition of three services is attributed to the prayers of our forefathers. The morning prayer was learned from Abraham, the afternoon prayer from Isaac, and the evening prayer from Jacob. It is also structured in this way to recall the three daily sacrifices offered up in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

The morning service is divided into several sections, which include the *Amidah* (the standing prayer of 19 key blessings); the afternoon prayer consists of the *Amidah* and supplications; and the evening service consists of the *Shema* and the *Amidah*. Morning prayer is often recited wearing *tefillin* (phylacteries) and *tallit*. You, too, can learn how to wrap *tefillin* by coming to the morning *minyan* and learning from our helpful community members. Each service is unique in its way and offers different opportunities for connection and introspection.

Individual prayer is encouraged, but prayer with a quorum of 10 adults—a *minyan*—is the most highly recommended form of prayer and is required for some prayers. An adult in this context means over the age of 13 (*b'nai mitzvah*). Prayer is the service of the heart and is one of the many ways that love of God and community is expressed. Although one may obviously pray in private, praying with a congregation provides the opportunity to come together in a most beautiful and meaningful way. Come and experience it for yourself at the Daily Minyan and on *Shabbat* and holidays at Adas. ✿

# Office Closing

Independence Day  
Tuesday, July 4  
Schools/Offices Closed

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so often (or more) we actively seek paths for offering such precious gifts.

As the summer journeys onward, with potentially a sliver of extra time to think forward about our particular capacities for giving—from whatever we may have—let's include this text in our menu of motivators.

Who in our orbit needs an act of kindness? Who might benefit from a small burst of love? The answer is, of course, each of us. Now let's go find each other. ✿

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Engagement, Sisterhood, Lifelong Learning, House & Grounds, Ritual, Musical Moments, Budget, Investment, Audit, Bereavement, Catering, Personnel, Inclusion, Mikvah, Garden of the Righteous, JMCW, Israel Engagement, Pre-school and Religious School—these committees and groups are engaging our members in the tasks of running Adas Israel. We're fortunate that Rabbis Holtzblatt and Alexander have expanded their duties and, along with Cantor Brown, are ensuring that our synagogue functions as it should during our transition. Rabbis Herb Schwartz and Elianna Yolkut are valuable team members at this time. And under the able leadership of Executive Director David Polonsky, our outstanding staff continues showing its dedication to our well-being and success.

Where do we go from here? We have a sacred responsibility to define our future. I know the hiring of a new rabbi is on your mind. Mine, too! Our Rabbinic Study Task Force, skillfully led by Johanna Chanin, has been surveying the membership to gather input about what we need in new rabbinic leadership. This group will define the process for choosing a rabbi and make a recommendation to the Board. Relatedly, I'll be asking every committee, task force, working group, auxiliary, etc., to engage in evaluating our strengths and challenges and answering questions

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# The Adas Fund 2017

*Chaired by Alumni of the Ma'alot High School Israel Trip*



## Proudly Announcing our Adas Fund 2017 Chairs!

**Alumni of the Ma'alot High School Israel Trip**

**Annabelle Friedman, age 16, Isaac Frumkin, age 16, Kalia Hoechstetter, age 18, Julia Kagan, age 18, William Satloff, age 17, and Ethan Sorcher, age 18**

This year, we are particularly proud to announce that six incredible alumni of Adas Israel's annual Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience have volunteered to Chair the Adas Fund. They are Annabelle Friedman, Ethan Sorcher, Isaac Frumkin, Julia Kagan, Kalia Hoechstetter and William Satloff. These six remarkable "Adas Israel-ites" grew up in our community and are now working to ensure that future generations will have the same opportunities to grow and thrive within our remarkable congregation. The Adas Fund campaign is the congregation's only annual fundraising effort and is essential in ensuring that our congregation can function and thrive in the way so many of us have come to count on and deserve. We are honored and humbled by their incredible commitment, and we hope you will make every effort possible to help them achieve their goals for another successful campaign. We seek 100% participation, at any level of giving.

The Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience is a heavily subsidized two-week Israel trip for rising 11th graders in the Ma'alot High School program at Adas Israel. The students spend their 10th grade year studying and preparing for their journey to Israel, which for many, is truly a life-changing experience. We are eternally grateful for the leadership, support, and vision of the Kay family, who shared our belief that experiencing Israel with peers as the culmination of a lifelong Jewish education is the most meaningful way for our students to appreciate the Land of Israel and to foster a lasting Jewish identity. Annabelle, Ethan, Isaac, Julia, Kalia, and William were fortunate enough to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime journey, and are now proudly coming together to lead the next generation and beyond. They will need your support as they work to ensure the success of their congregational home. They know we cannot fulfill our obligations to our students, our elderly, and every Jewish person who seeks comfort and community within

our walls if we do not raise the funds necessary to keep our congregation alive.

We look forward to hearing their stories as the year progresses, and to celebrating their achievements over the High Holy Days. We hope you will join with them as we demonstrate our gratitude for the many personal and family journeys Adas Israel's members, clergy, and staff inspire.

The campaign will also be supported by a dedicated group of Adas Fund Champions, who will partner with these remarkable students to harness our congregation's vitality, growth, and strength through the campaign. We are appreciative of all contributions, no amount is too small, and we ask that everyone contribute something. These students, and the amazing synagogue they have grown up to love and now help lead, deserve everyone's support, at any level possible. Please share these incredible students' good example as we support this campaign, and together, build our spiritual home at Adas Israel. [www.adasisrael.org/the-adas-fund](http://www.adasisrael.org/the-adas-fund).

**Annabelle Friedman** is a senior at the Washington International School. She was a participant on the 2016 Ma'alot trip to Israel, and continues to be an active member of the Ma'alot Tuesday learning community. She enjoys hiking, reading, and spending time with her siblings.

**Isaac Frumkin** is a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School. He enjoys running track for his High School team. Isaac traveled to Israel last year with the 2016 Ma'alot class and will be returning to Israel this summer to compete in the Maccabiah Games for the Junior USA team.

**Kalia Hoechstetter** recently graduated from Woodrow Wilson High school in Washington DC. This fall she plans to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst where she will double-major in Political Science & Legal Studies, and Spanish Language. Kalia has been an active member of Adas her entire life, most recently serving as USY chapter president for the 2016-2017 school year. In her free time, she enjoys practicing yoga, participating in Model United Nations, spending time outdoors, and drinking copious amounts of tea.

**Julia Kagan** recently graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. She is an activist for women's health, education, and disability rights, and she enjoys embroidering and painting. This fall,

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# Meet the Champions of the Adas Fund 2017

We're also thrilled to announce that the following group of Adas Fund Champions will be partnering with the alumni of the Ma'alot High School Israel Trip this year as we seek 100% participation in the congregation's only annual campaign! These extraordinary community members have all found a unique home for themselves at Adas Israel, and believe wholeheartedly in its continued success. We are thrilled with and grateful to the alumni students and this incredible group of Champions for dedicating themselves so willingly to ensuring our congregation's continued vitality.

As you are all aware by now Annabelle Friedman, Isaac Frumkin, Kalia Hoechstetter, Julia Kagan, William Satloff, and Ethan Sorcher, six incredible alumni of Adas Israel's annual Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience, have volunteered to chair this year's Adas Fund High Holy Day campaign. We are also proud to announce that the following group of Adas Fund champions will be partnering with the alumni of the Ma'alot High School Israel Trip as we seek 100% participation in the congregation's only annual campaign.



**Rita Segerman, joined 1965, & Ryna Cohen, joined 1959 —**

"Adas Israel is our spiritual home. It is where we came to find community, to watch our children grow, to see our old friends and make new ones, to mark milestones, and to connect our lives daily with the joy and meaning of Jewish tradition."



**Nancy Weiss, joined 1993 —**

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

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



**Rachel Rosenthal, joined 2008 —**

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



**Scott Levine and Melissa Blume & Family, joined 1999 —**

Adas Israel has become the center of both our family's spiritual and social lives. In addition to educating our children at the Gan and now the Religious School, we frequently attend many of Adas's truly transcendent services from Rabbi Lauren's

Return Again Shabbats to the occasional Friday parsha study with Rabbi Alexander. On the social front, as so many of our closest

friends are affiliated with the synagogue, we regularly attend family Shabbat dinners at Adas and are traveling this summer with Adas on the Family Israel Experience. With all that Adas has given us, it is only natural to want to give back. As the synagogue supports so many worthwhile causes—from the Gan to the Syrian refugee project to the Anne Frank House—our only challenge is to figure out which causes to support. Further, we enjoy volunteering at Adas in any way we can including Scott's upcoming tenure as Adas's Treasurer and Melissa's many roles with the GPA.



**David Waskow, Ketura Persellin & Family, joined 2000 —**

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

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



**Laurie and Dan Aladjem & Family, joined 2001 —**

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

when we first walked through the doors."



**Adina and Sandy Mendelson, joined 1971 —**

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

totally intertwined with our lives."



**Brian and Mickie Schwalb & Family, joined 1999 —**

"Since our girls started at the Gan nearly 18 years ago, Adas has been a source of community, connection and spirituality. We take pride in being members of a synagogue that continues to change and evolve to meet the needs and desires

of a diverse Jewish community in the city. Being involved for many years on the executive committee, helping to launch and grow the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington and having our girls work as *madrachim* have been experiences that have enriched our family and have deepened our commitment. We look forward to participating in the ongoing growth, renewal and strength of the vibrant Adas family." ❖

THE DAYS OF AWE

# Service Schedule

HIGH HOLY DAYS AT ADAS ISRAEL

## 🍏 EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, Sept. 20

**COMMUNITY SUNSET SERVICE** 6:45-7:45 pm

Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

## 🕒 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Thursday, Sept. 21

**SHACHARIT** 8:15 am

Community Service • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

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

**TORAH SERVICE** 9:15 am

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

🔑 Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander • Kay Hall

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am

Led by Rabbi Elianna Yolkut & Michael Leifman • Biran Beit Midrash

**FAMILY SERVICE** 10:30 am

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

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

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

🔑 Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander • Kay Hall

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am

Led by Rabbi Elianna Yolkut & Michael Leifman • Biran Beit Midrash

**COMMUNITY TASHLICH** 5:30 pm

Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander • Meet at Quebec St. Entrance

**MINCHA/MAARIV** 6:45 pm

Led by Hazzan Goldsmith • Biran Beit Midrash

## High Holy Days @ Adas Around the Corner!

**Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday Evening, September 20**

Planning for the 2017 High Holy Days is well underway!

Join us for an inspirational High Holy Day experience at Adas Israel. Whether you are new to the community or a member of many years, we invite you to step out of your daily routines, to join together with the *kehilla*, to reflect deeply on what matters to you and to embrace the pinnacle of our Jewish prayer experience. This year's theme is derived from a passage in *Isaiah*, found in the High Holy Day *machzor*. It will connect and elevate this year's service experiences and serve as an expression of our sacred longings as a religious community: to live in, and create, hope and light.

The work that we do internally throughout these days will affect each of us and will spill over into a world so desperately in need of hope and light.

Adas Israel clergy will be joined during the holidays by Rabbi Elianna Yolkut and Michael Leifman. Rabbi Holtzblatt and Elie Greenberg are leading our "Return Again" service on *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, and outdoors on *Kol Nidre*. We also look forward to our

High Holy Day family services with Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum.

Please remember, to simplify the holiday ticket process, if you only want tickets for the people in your household in the Kay Hall, Gewirz Beit Am (Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*), Family Service, or Biran Beit Midrash, they will be sent to you automatically. No ticket request form is required.

**You only need to return the ticket request form if** you are requesting seating in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary or if you want to order extra seats for family and guests. If you are a dedicated seat holder in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, you will need to request the number of your seats you intend to use for the coming holidays. (Two seats are included in membership; additional seats will be charged to your account.) Members will also be able to reserve non-dedicated seats (with limited availability) in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. These seats can be requested on your seat request forms in the High Holy Day booklet. Please call or e-mail Melissa Adler, [Melissa.Adler@adasisrael.org](mailto:Melissa.Adler@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4433, at the synagogue office with any questions.

### Seating Reminder

Please note that, again this year, after the sermons in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, a seat that has not been occupied will be considered available for seating. This applies to both dedicated and reserved seats. We thank our committee members and

## 2 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Friday, Sept. 22

### SHACHARIT 8:15 am

Led by Hazzan Goldsmith • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

### TORAH SERVICE 9:15 am

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

### SERMON & MUSAF 10:45 am

- Led by Rabbi Alexander & Cantor Brown • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
- Led by Rabbi Holtzblatt & Michael Leifman • Kay Hall

### MINCHA/MAARIV 6:00 pm

Led by Hazzan Goldsmith • Biran Beit Midrash

## KOL NIDRE

Friday, Sept. 29

### MINCHA 5:45 pm

Led by Hazzan Goldsmith • Biran Beit Midrash

### KOL NIDRE 6:30 pm

- Led by Rabbi Alexander & Cantor Brown • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
- Led by Rabbi Steinlauf & Michael Leifman • Kay Hall
- Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Minyan • Gewirz Beit Am

### “RETURN AGAIN” KOL NIDRE 7:30 pm

Led by Rabbi Holtzblatt & Elie Greenberg • Adas Israel Parking Area

- With Instruments: *Reflective, Soulful Sounds*
- With Instruments: *Traditional, Cantorial Melodies*

## YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

### SHACHARIT 8:45 am

Led by Hazzan Goldsmith • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

### FAMILY SERVICE 10:30 am

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

### TORAH SERVICE & YIZKOR 10:30 am (Yizkor ~11:10 am)

- Led by Rabbi Holtzblatt & Cantor Brown • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
- Led by Rabbi Alexander & Michael Leifman • Kay Hall
- Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am

### SERMON, MUSAF & MARTYROLOGY 12:45 pm

- Led by Rabbis Holtzblatt & Alexander • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
- Led by Rabbi Steinlauf & Cantor Brown • Kay Hall
- Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian Minyan • Gewirz Beit Am

### AFTERNOON DISCUSSION 3:15 pm

With Dana Bash & Frank Foer • Kay Hall

### MINCHA 4:30 pm

Led by Michael Leifman • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

### LATE YIZKOR 5:00 pm

Led by Rabbi Herb Schwartz • Biran Beit Midrash

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

- Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

### TRADITIONAL N'EELAH 6:45 pm

Lay-Led, Traditional Egalitarian • Gewirz Beit Am

coordinators for sharing their time and their holidays so others can have a meaningful High Holy Day season. Watch your mail for the High Holy Day packet. We look forward to celebrating the most exciting time of the year with you, our Adas family.



### Rosh Hashanah Gift Bag Project

Keep an eye out for updates about our yearly RH Hesed Project! Each year we join together to spread the sweetness of the New Year! The Hesed Committee is baking goodies and organizing the

assembly and delivery of *Rosh Hashanah* bags. The committee has been working on this project for the past five years, and we hope you will help us again this year. We haven't finalized the date yet, so please keep an eye out for updates in @Adas. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement, at [marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org](mailto:marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org) or 202-362-4433, ext. 113.

### Selichot Saturday, Sept. 16 @ 9:00 pm Connecticut Ave. Plaza

*Avinu Malkenu*...

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



Several days before *Rosh Hashanah*, Jews around the world gather together to recite the *Selichot*, a beautiful series of penitential prayers and meaningful liturgy. This tradition invites us to open ourselves up to the essential work of the Days of Awe: the process of repair and return, of acknowledgement and longing. It allows us to chant in unison and begin to come to terms with where we have erred in relation to ourselves, to others, and to the Holy One.

Our *Selichot* service includes highlights of the High Holy Day liturgy, coupled with the hauntingly beautiful sounds of the Days of Awe melodies. Please join the community for a warm evening of personal reflection through song, text, and sharing our own stories. The evening is generously sponsored by the **Mollie & Joseph Muchnick Selichot Fund**.

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## Volunteers Needed for High Holy Days!

Yes, you read that correctly. The High Holy Days are not that far away! In addition to our clergy and staff members, we look to our community members to help us make *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* a spiritual, enjoyable, meaningful, stress-free experience for our 5,000 members.

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

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

If you're interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact Mark Berlin, HHD Usher Coordinator at [berlin.potomac@gmail.com](mailto:berlin.potomac@gmail.com) or 301-294-9018. We have also scheduled an orientation on Sunday, September 10, at 2:00 pm. More information about volunteers will come later this summer. Thank you in advance for your assistance. 🌸

## holidays@adas



For 20 centuries, *Tisha b'Av*, the ninth of Av, has been the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. *Yom Kippur* is known as the White Fast; *Tisha b'Av* is called the Black Fast. It

commemorates the destructions of both Temples in Jerusalem, the death of Bar Kochba, and the last rebellion against Rome in 135 CE, as well as the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492.

When they could, Jews would come to the area near the *Kotel* (the Western Wall) in order to read *Eicha* (the *Book of Lamentations*) and to weep. Most Jews, of course, could not come to Jerusalem, and during many periods, the *Kotel* area was off-limits to Jews.

In modern times, the establishment of the State of Israel caused some to question whether *Tisha b'Av* was necessary any longer. This debate continues, although those who observe the day recognize its symbolic power and emphasize that we still lament the destruction of the Temples, which ruptured the sense of connectedness to God.

Our observance of *Tisha b'Av* at Adas Israel is exceedingly touching, a moving experience in which we gather as the sun sets to chant the *Book of Lamentations* quietly in a subdued atmosphere, by candlelight, using the traditional melody. The evening service on Monday, July 31, begins with *Maariv* and *Eicha* at 8:30 pm.

Join us in this annual beautiful experience as we connect with tradition and history. 🌸

### EREV TISHA B'AV

Monday, July 31

8:30 pm

*Maariv* and *Eicha*

### TISHA B'AV

Tuesday, August 1

7:15 am

*Shacharit*



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### Sukkot/Simchat Torah

*Sukkot* begins on the 15th day of the month of *Tishrei* (*Erev Sukkot* is on Wednesday evening, October 4, and continues for seven days). We encourage you to order your *lulav* and *etrog* (\$40 each) in preparation for the festive observance of the *Sukkot* holiday. This year you may order your *Lulav* and *Eetrog* online at [adasisrael.org/highholydays](http://adasisrael.org/highholydays) or by sending a check and order form to the attention of Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith ([Hazzan.Goldsmith@adasisrael.org](mailto:Hazzan.Goldsmith@adasisrael.org)) at the synagogue.

*Sukkot* is known by several names, none more descriptive than *Z'man Simchataynu*, Day of Our Rejoicing. *Hag HaSukkot*, the Feast of Tabernacles, reminds us of the huts (*sukkot*) in which our ancestors dwelt in the desert for 40 years on their way to the Promised Land. 🌸

## Scenes from DC Pride 2017



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she will be a freshman at Dickinson College, where she will be majoring in Health Studies.

**William Satloff**, a Gan graduate, is a rising senior at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and president of its Class of 2018. A professional potter and captain of the BCC Mock Trial Team, William also serves as the Tikkun Olam/Social Action Chair of Adas Israel's USY Chapter. He traveled to Israel in June 2016 with his Ma'alot class and loved learning about the diversity and richness of the country.

**Ethan Sorcher** is a fourth-generation Adas member who attended Gan HaYeled all the way through the Ma'alot High School Program. He is finishing his freshman year at Boston University and is double-majoring in International Relations & Middle Eastern and North African Studies. Ethan currently serves as the Political Liaison for Boston University Students for Israel, working closely with AIPAC to promote Israel on campus. 🇮🇱

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like: How do we deepen the connection of our members to our congregation? How do we help people reach higher levels of fulfillment here? How do we maintain momentum and exceed our own expectations? You see, I want to ensure that we're never complacent. I hear many people say it just feels so good to be in our building, to pray here, to learn here, to share here. We must protect that environment by working together to ensure the expansion of our achievements and to sustain the extraordinary environment they have produced. Every staff member, the lay leadership, the clergy, every teacher and aide and administrator, and, yes, each member of Adas Israel, can never be satisfied. Where we're good, let's become great. Where we're great, become excellent. Where we're excellent, be more excellent.

Earlier this year, the presidents of the member congregations of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ, our "trade association") voted overwhelmingly to allow each congregation to define its membership criteria. While our congregation is light-years ahead of many others with regard to participation of our interfaith families, we'll study the question of who can be a member of Adas Israel.

Debby Joseph appointed a task force to study our bylaws. The group found we should make some changes to reflect operational realities and to better meet the needs of our evolving community. Rest assured we'll be seeking your feedback so we can all make an informed decision at a future annual meeting.

We've had the honor of welcoming and supporting a Syrian refugee family of five who arrived in this country on the second day of *Pesach* after having spent four years waiting in Jordan for permission to be here. Our Refugee Response Team is ensuring they have a safe place to live, the school-aged children are happy in their schools, the parents learn English, and the transition to life in their new and wonderful country is as easy as possible.

These are just a few of the initiatives we'll study together. I'll update you on these and other issues we'll be working on. I welcome your feedback and would love your participation. You can always contact me at [rickigerger@gmail.com](mailto:rickigerger@gmail.com).

Thank you for allowing me to be your president. 🌸

## educationupdate



### How I Spent My Summer Vacation

School might be out, but we are still hard at work here at Adas. We have been reviewing the year past, setting goals for the year to come, and are continuing to work on our own learning and professional development. Along with our two Israel trips, one for the 10th graders and one for families with young children, we have been traveling, learning and meeting new people.

Rabbi Kerrith is honored to be part of the second Senior Educators Cohort through M<sup>2</sup>: The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education. She is joining leaders in education from across the world for a year of learning geared toward articulating, refining, and sharpening their practice by exposing them to theories and methods that serve as the foundations of experiential Jewish education.

Pam is so pleased to be participating in the Matan Institute for Education and Youth Directors, which educates Jewish leaders, educators, and communities, empowering them to create learning environments supportive of children with special needs. This is a year-long program during which Pam will attend multiple intensive trainings, receive one-on-one mentoring from an expert in inclusion, and create professional development trainings for our staff here at Adas.

Yoni, courtesy of the Israel trip with the 10th graders, has new skills to boast about, including surfing! He is gearing up to teach some new classes this year, and, as is his way, is deep in his own learning and preparation for these exciting opportunities. Students, get psyched!

After spending some time communing with nature in Colorado, Andy is excited to organize for the year ahead and to be ready to start the year familiar with our students and families. His friendly face will greet you all when we return in the fall.

### Shalom Learning: It's the Parents' Turn!

Parents, do you want to hear more about the Shalom Learning Curriculum and get a chance to see it in action? If so, great news! This year we will be hosting a series of Shalom Learning Parent Programs that will give you an opportunity to learn together with Rabbi Kerrith and other parents through the shared lens of our values-based curriculum.

Stay tuned for more information, and in the meantime save the following dates: October 22, November 19, January 21, 2018, February 11, and March 18.

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## Have You Met Danny?



The Education Team is excited to welcome Danny Weininger on board as our new Youth and Family Program Coordinator. He will be working with our students of all ages in many different ways, including through youth groups, on *Shabbat*, and in the religious school. From Hebrew to *tefillah* and Israel, we look forward to weaving his passions into our shared goals. And here, a little bit about him in his own words:

"Hi! I'm Danny Weininger. I grew up in a Conservative and Zionist home in New York, with my parents,

older brother, and younger sister. After graduating the University of Maryland, College Park, in 2011, I made *aliyah* to Regba, a *moshav* in northern Israel. I served for two and a half years in a special forces unit in the IDF, and after my release I divided my time between study and the Israel National Trail. I have since moved to Jerusalem to earn a master's degree in Jewish philosophy at the Schechter Institute while also working at the Shalom Hartman Institute and Kehilat Zion. I am incredibly excited to join the Adas Israel community and very much look forward to working, learning, and praying together. See you soon!"

## Gan HaYeled

This spring we celebrated our Gan scholars, 13 Gan staff members who took advanced courses in early childhood education through either the Federation of Greater Washington or Trinity University in DC. These teachers spent up to 90 hours in the classroom on their own time, and we are proud of their accomplishments.

As the Gan enjoys its first summer in the new Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE), we appreciate the shade and plentiful water for fun and gardening. The seeds that were sown in spring are flourishing this summer in our new plant beds. The OLE is truly a Gan HaYeled (Child's Garden).

Many of our programs are full as of publication, but please know that families move and changes happen, so if you're interested in camp or school, don't hesitate to give us a call.

As we get ready to welcome Darci Lewis to the Gan staff, I'd like to tell you more about her and how she will add incredible value to our program. Darci is passionate about progressive, authentic, experiential, early childhood education. She has travelled to Reggio Emilia, Italy, several times, to study early childhood philosophy, attend study institutes and visit the schools. She believes all children deserve to be treated as competent, capable, creative, inspirational, curious individuals. Darci feels fortunate to have had the opportunity to work within the Greater DC Jewish early childhood community—with teachers, children, and parents. She has held various roles within the community, including co-director, assistant director, curriculum and education specialist, art studio teacher, and professional development trainer. 🌸



## Summer Calendar

### Youth Shabbat Services

**July 1:** No services 4th of July weekend

**July 8:** Tot *Shabbat* (Ari Jacobson) and *Netivot*

**July 15:** Tot *Shabbat* (Menuhah) and *Netivot*

**July 22:** Tot *Shabbat* (Menuhah)

**July 29:** Tot *Shabbat* (Menuhah) and *Netivot*

**August 5:** Tot *Shabbat* (Menuhah) and *Netivot*

**August 12:** Tot *Shabbat* (Menuhah) and *Netivot*

**August 19:** Tot *Shabbat* (Menuhah) and *Netivot*

**August 26:** Tot *Shabbat* (Menuhah)

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## Calling All Seniors!

**Moment Magazine Senior Salons invites you to join Susan Barocas in discussion about...Tasting Memories from Brisket to Borekas**

**July 18, 11:15 am**

Can you close your eyes and still smell your mother's chicken soup or the *Shabbat challah* baking? Were *kreplach* and *knishes* some of your favorite foods growing up? Or maybe it was *borekas* and *bumuelos*? What were special holiday foods in your home? What are your earliest memories of Jewish food? What Jewish foods from your childhood and family did you make for your family?



Susan Barocas cooking at the White House.

Join chef, teacher, and writer Susan Barocas at our senior lunch in the Youth Lounge on Tuesday, July 18, for a journey through our memories of Jewish food and the role it played in our lives growing up and still does today. We'll enjoy a talk about some of the history of Jewish food in the U.S. and then a lively discussion during which we'll share our tastiest memories. Then program begins at 11:15 am, and lunch follows at 12:15 pm.

Susan was the founding director of the Federation's innovative project, the Jewish Food Experience, and served as guest chef at the 2014, 2015, and 2016 White House *sederim* hosted by the Obamas. Her stories and recipes have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Lilith*, *Moment*, *Washington Jewish Week*, and *Tablet*, among other places.

*Moment* will provide lunch for new program attendees. RSVP to Kim at [Seniors@washingtondcjc.org](mailto:Seniors@washingtondcjc.org) by Thursday, July 13. 🌸

# Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW)

*Our task then is to try to relate to our life as a gift, to see our deep connection with all others, and to attempt to bring awareness to all that which arises. By doing so, we see the monstrosity and wonder of humanity within us, and we develop the wisdom and clarity to bring forth the wonder and give loving care to the monstrosity. Then perhaps we can start to see out words, our love, and our belovedness not as ours, but as divine gifts flowing through us.*

—Rabbi James Jacobson-Maisels



## JMCW Summer Yoga Schedule

**Tuesdays, June 27 – August 15, 6:30pm – 7:45pm.**

\* **Moving Meditation, Vinyasa Flow** will resume on Tuesday, October 17, 6:30pm – 7:20pm.

\* **Moving Meditation, Yogic Flow** will resume on Sunday, September 10, 11:00–12:15 pm.

\* And stay tuned for JMCW High Holy Day programming on the JMCW Adas web page, our newsletter, the August Adas High Holy Day mailing, and the September *Chronicle*.

Wishing all of you restorative, expansive experiences and much joy during the light-filled days of summer.

## Spreading Jewish Mindfulness in Israel

When we created the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW) in 2012, our goal was to introduce new programs to enhance spiritual access for Adas members and other DC-area Jews. Our experience since then has demonstrated that Jewish Mindfulness—through meditation, yoga, soulful musical services, etc.—can be transformative to individuals, communities, and congregations. (Indeed, JMCW has won two national Slingshot awards for demonstrating a new model for spiritual and Jewish engagement.)

A couple of years ago, after a long talk with an Israeli spending a year in America, we wondered together why Jewish mindfulness couldn't also be transformative in Israel. Most Israelis are nationally and culturally Jewish, but shy away from their religion for various reasons, including its political divisiveness. Many yearn for a greater sense of the spiritual and find ways outside religion to access it: yoga, Buddhist meditation, and trips to Nepal, to name just a few. Why shouldn't they be able to access a more meaningful Judaism, as we have experienced here, and why shouldn't Americans and Israelis be able to share it?

In the past year, I have participated in a Wexner Foundation program called The Summit, to improve Israeli-North American communal relations. My idea was to address the need for greater pluralism in Israel by expanding the nascent practice of Jewish mindfulness there. This would help Israelis of all religious stripes, from totally secular to Orthodox, to access a more meaningful Jewish spiritual practice and create more common ground for visiting North Americans to experience their religion alongside Israelis. I had the idea and I needed a partner.

I connected with Rabbi James Jacobson-Maisels, who had twice been a visiting rabbi at Adas. Rabbi James is the founder and spiritual director of Or HaLev: Center for Jewish Spirituality and Meditation in Israel. Together with Executive Director Rabbi Sara Brandes, they run spiritual retreats in Israel that are truly rare experiences in pluralistic Jewish practice in Israel. What they have been doing is extraordinary, and my goal was to help them scale up their efforts.

We designed a pilot project to expand their work. The pilot supports a four-day silent retreat for 60 Israelis of all religious backgrounds, and a special focus on a cohort of 10–15 Fellows, drawn from rabbis who recently graduated from a new pluralistic rabbinic training program. These fellows can receive micro grants to bring mindfulness tools back to their communities while continuing to receive mentorship from Or HaLev. The pilot will be followed by a thorough evaluation before proceeding with a much larger project to expand mindfulness training and host spiritual retreats for North Americans and Israelis together. I am delighted to report that we raised the \$48,000 budget for the pilot, thanks to a handful of generous donors and a matching grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

Our vision is that many more Israelis will, over time, find spiritual meaning in their Judaism and have the opportunity to share their experiences with American Jews, like the spiritual-seekers in JMCW as well as federations, congregations, and meditation groups around the country. For blog posts, podcasts, retreats, and other wisdom from Or HaLev, visit [www.orhalev.org](http://www.orhalev.org).

—Jennie Litvack

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/](http://www.adasisrael.org/jmcw/), where you can also subscribe to our e-newsletter. Find us on Facebook: *JMCW @ Adas Israel!*

*There is truly, in every Jew in all aspects of her life a portion of divinity. It is only that a person conceals it (the divinity) through his thoughts, desires, and all everything happening in his life. . . . And if a person were to pause and cease for an hour the flow of his thoughts and desires, the portion of divinity would be revealed to him unclothed.*

—Rabbi Kalonymus Qualmish Shapira, *The Piaseczner Rabbi*

## lifecycle

### Milestones

#### Births

Rebecca Zekri, daughter of Sarah Zekri, born April 15.

Anna Cary Katz, daughter of Colleen & Josh Katz, born April 26.

Bea Asya Foer, daughter of Dinah & Josh Foer, born April 29.

David Judah Peters, son of Adam Unikowsky & Andrew Peters, born April 29.

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

### B'nai Mitzvah



#### John Speaks IV, August 5 (Mincha)

John, son of John Speaks III and Susan Shirley, is a seventh grader at Swanson Middle School in Arlington, VA. This is a transition year for John and his family, and he has spent the year learning what it means to be part of a community. He chose to volunteer with the local public library, volunteered to teach coding at his local community center,

and marched to support science and civil rights in his first opportunity to participate in civic activities in his home country. John has spent his life abroad in places with limited access to Jewish learning. This year, he has studied Hebrew and Torah with a tutor and the support of Adas Israel as he prepares for his *bar mitzvah*. He celebrates and shares his learning with his parents and his sister and other relatives and friends.



#### Daniel Molyneux, August 19

Daniel, son of Guy and Lisa Molyneux, is a seventh grader at Westland Middle School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled and is a student at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He celebrates his *bar mitzvah* with his sister, Madeline; his grandparents David and Tedi Osias, Mark Zweig, and Carol Kranowitz; and the rest of his extended

family. For his *bar mitzvah* project, Danny is collecting new and gently used baseball equipment to share with under-resourced kids nationwide.

#### Willow Lehigh, August 26 (Mincha)

Willow will be called to the Torah for her *bat mitzvah* during a *Mincha* service in the Biran Beit Midrash. She began her Hebrew education at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School in first grade. This fall, she is attending 8th grade at Westland Middle School. In keeping with her passion for environmentalism and the importance of nature

and animals in the Torah, she is supporting and volunteering at the Nature Conservancy in DC and Maryland. Willow thanks the entire clergy staff, especially Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith and Yoni Buckman, for providing an understanding of the Torah, prayer, and Judaism. Her mother, Iris Lehigh, and her grandparents join her in celebrating this occasion.

### In Memoriam

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

Flora Atkin

Jared Jacobs

**We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:**

Fern Damien Baguidy Sr., father of Maryese Horblitt

Edward Burka, uncle of Sharon Burka

Irene Laserson, mother of Nina Dunn

Morton Rabinowitz, father of Judith Rabinowitz

Esther Raviv, mother of Dan Raviv

## 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.

### 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 [hesed@adasisrael.org](mailto:hesed@adasisrael.org) or [rabbi.holtzblatt@adasisrael.org](mailto: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](mailto:mikvah@adasisrael.org). For more information, visit [adasisrael.org/mikvah](http://adasisrael.org/mikvah). ❀

**Special**  
July-August pull-out Friday  
and Shabbat calendar



Friday		Saturday	
<b>30</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Holtzblatt	<b>6 Tammuz</b> 8:19 pm 	<b>1 PARSHAT CHUKAT</b> 9:30 am Combined Smith/TEM Shabbat Service; D'var Torah by Rabbi Holtzblatt 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha 9:19 pm Havdalah	<b>7 Tammuz</b>
<b>7</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Alexander	<b>13 Tammuz</b> 8:18 pm 	<b>8 PARSHAT BALAK</b> 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Alexander 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha 9:18 pm Havdalah	<b>14 Tammuz</b>
<b>14</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Brown	<b>20 Tammuz</b> 8:15 pm 	<b>15 PARSHAT PINCHAS</b> 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Brown 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha 9:15 pm Havdalah	<b>21 Tammuz</b>
<b>21</b> 7:30 am Morning Minyan 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Holtzblatt	<b>27 Tammuz</b> 8:10 pm 	<b>22 PARSHAT MATOT - MASEI</b> 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Alexander 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha 9:10 pm Havdalah	<b>28 Tammuz</b>



**Tisha B'Av**  
Destruction & Renewal

**EREV TISHA B'AV**  
Monday, July 31, 8:30 pm  
Maariv and Eicha

**TISHA B'AV**  
Tuesday, August 1, 7:15 am  
Shacharit

9:10 pm Havaaan		
<b>28</b> 7:30 am 6:00 pm Morning Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Goldsmith	<b>5 Av</b> 8:05 pm 	<b>29 PARSHAT DEVARIM/SHABBAT CHAZON</b> 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha 9:05 pm Havdalah
<b>4</b> 7:30 am 6:00 pm Morning Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Holtzblatt	<b>12 Av</b> 7:57 pm 	<b>5 PARSHAT VA'ETCHANAN/SHABBAT NACHAMU</b> 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha: Bar Mitzvah: John Speaks, with Rabbi Alexander & Cantor Brown 8:57 pm Havdalah
<b>11</b> 7:30 am 6:00 pm Morning Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Alexander	<b>19 Av</b> 7:49 pm 	<b>12 PARSHAT EKEV</b> 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Alexander 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha 8:49 pm Havdalah
<b>18</b> 7:30 am 6:00 pm Morning Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Goldsmith	<b>26 Av</b> 7:40 pm 	<b>19 PARSHAT RE'EH</b> 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Holtzblatt; Bar Mitzvah: Daniel Molyneux 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha 8:40 pm Havdalah
<b>25</b> 7:30 am 6:00 pm Morning Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Brown	<b>3 Elul</b> 7:30 pm 	<b>26 PARSHAT SHOFTIM</b> 8:30 am Boker Or Parashat Hashavuah Class 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Alexander 9:30 am Traditional Egalitarian Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am Netivot 12:00 pm Congregational Kiddush 1:00 pm Shabbat Mincha: Bar Mitzvah: Willow Lehigh, with Rabbi Rosenbaum and Cantor Brown 8:30 pm Havdalah
		<b>6 Av</b>
		<b>13 Av</b>
		<b>20 Av</b>
		<b>27 Av</b>
		<b>4 Elul</b>

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES:**  
Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.

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

**Traditional Egalitarian Minyan (TEM):** Every *Shabbat* morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around 10:30 am. Led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of Adas clergy, the TEM is a participatory service with a full *P'sukei D'Zimrah* (introductory Psalms), *Shacharit*, and *Musaf*, a complete reading of the weekly Torah portion, and a *d'var Torah*. For more information, e-mail [traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org](mailto:traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org).

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

**Youth Shabbat Services:** Starting with Tot *Shabbat* for children ages 5 and under led by Menuhah Peters or Rabbi Ben Shalva. *Netivot*, for students in grades K-3, is led by Linda Yitzchak or Allison Redisch. Junior Congregation, for grades 4-6, is led by Yoni Buckman and teenage *madrichim*.

**'Dial-in' for Programs & Services:** If you are unable to attend programs, lectures, or services, dial in to hear them. Call 202-686-8405.

**Library Open on Shabbat:** Our third-floor library is open on *Shabbat* following services. You may sign out materials using our "no-writing *Shabbat* method," explained in signs on the check-out desks. For assistance during the week, contact our Director of Library Services, Robin Jacobson ([librarian@adasisrael.org](mailto:librarian@adasisrael.org)).

AUGUST

## Sign up Now For Nationals vs. NY Mets at Nationals Park with Adas Israel Members

**Sunday, August 27; Game Begins at  
1:35 pm**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington is hosting the third annual Grand Slam Sunday: Jewish Community Day at Nationals Park. On August 27, the Washington Nationals are taking on the New York Mets at 1:35 pm. Join us two hours before the game for activities and fun for all ages! Don't miss out; purchase your tickets today for Adas Israel's ticket block: [www.shalomdc.org/gss2017adasisrael](http://www.shalomdc.org/gss2017adasisrael).

See you at the ballpark! 🌟



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Visit our Adas Israel Facebook Page at [facebook.com/adasisrael](https://facebook.com/adasisrael) to get up-to-the-minute information in your community. Just "like" our page!



yp@ai



YP@AI had an amazing year filled with services, social action projects, learning, social gatherings, and creating community. We thank everyone who joined us throughout the year. Don't worry; we're going to keep your summer calendar booked as well. Here are a few events that are happening in July and August. And we'll be adding more throughout the summer. Be sure to keep checking [adasisrael.org/YP](http://adasisrael.org/YP) for the most up-to-date information!

## YP Happenings This Summer

### Hike in Rock Creek Park

**Sunday, July 9, 10:00 am**

Join YP@AI for a hike in the urban wilds of Rock Creek Park! Meet at Adas at 10:00 am. Hike is about five miles roundtrip and a little more strenuous than previous hikes. We will return to Adas around 12:30 pm for refreshments. And just as you remember from summer camp: "Wear closed-toed shoes and a hat and bring a filled water bottle!" Register online at [www.adasisrael.org/YP](http://www.adasisrael.org/YP).

### Pilates

**Sunday, July 30, 2:00 pm**

Help a fellow YPer earn her Pilates certification by taking a free class from her! Register online at [www.adasisrael.org/YP](http://www.adasisrael.org/YP).

### Capital Riverfront Outdoor Movies: *La La Land*

**Thursday, August 3, 7:00 pm**

Capitol Riverfront will host family-friendly outdoor movies throughout the summer. This vibrant, mixed-use community and riverfront destination, located near the Washington Navy Yard and Nationals Park, is a great place to hang out with family and friends on a summer evening to watch a movie under the stars. Bring blankets, chairs, and a picnic. Arrive early to participate in games such as Wii on the big screen, trivia, and hula hooping. Register online at [www.adasisrael.org/YP](http://www.adasisrael.org/YP).

### YP@AI at DC United Game

**Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 pm**

Join YP@AI as we cheer on DC United! We will have a reserved tent in the parking lot for tailgating before the game so bring your dairy treats and drinks to share! YP@AI will also provide some snacks and beverages. Register online at [www.adasisrael.org/YP](http://www.adasisrael.org/YP).

### Volunteer at Patricia Handy Place for Women

**Every 3rd Sunday**

Join YP@AI as we give back to the DC community! Every third Sunday, 8–10 volunteers will serve dinner at The Patricia Handy Place for Women, run by N Street Village, one of the foremost organizations in the District that works with women who have been homeless. Oprah Winfrey recently gave a surprise \$1 million to the organization. Register online at [www.adasisrael.org/YP](http://www.adasisrael.org/YP). 🌟

## Scenes from the Adas Israel's Spring Cantorial Concert

A hearty thank you and *yasher koach* to Cantor Arianne Brown and guest Argen-Cantors Gastón Bogomolni, Ari Litvak, and Elías Rosenberg for producing our Spring Annual Cantorial Concert! We especially want to thank our generous sponsors: David & Toni Bickart, Frances Burka, Sharon Burka, Richard L. Kramer, Harry & Judie Linowes, Herlene & Yacov Nagler, Janet Scribner, Nancy & Mark Silverman, and Melanie & Larry Nussdorf.

"When we sing together we express emotion, connect to our roots and build deeper relationships. We expose the audience to our Latin American identity, to our love of Israel, and to our rich musical and cultural Jewish heritage." — The Argen-Cantors



## Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop



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## sisterhoodnews

### Women's League Biennial Convention and Installation of Myra Promisel as



*Myra Promisel to  
be installed as  
International Women's  
League's Finance Chair  
July 23.*

### Finance Committee Chair of International Women's League July 23–26, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

Adas Israel Sisterhood is proud to announce that our own **Myra Promisel** is scheduled to be installed for a three-year term as chair of the Finance Committee on the International Women's League for Conservative Judaism's Executive Committee. She will be installed on Sunday, July 23, at the Women's League Convention in Arlington, VA.

Myra has served on the Executive Committee before, as financial secretary in 2012–2014, and was Seaboard Region President from 2002 to 2004.

At Adas, she has served on the Sisterhood Board of Directors in different capacities over the years and has been a longtime volunteer in the Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop.

We hope you can join us at the WLCJ Convention, July 23–26 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, where we will celebrate Women's League's centennial, *davening*, studying with JTS Chancellor Dr. Arnold Eisen, shopping at the Sunday Judaica/Crafts Fair, attending the Torah Fund Luncheon, and catching up with old friends and making new ones. Please register before July 3 at [wlcj.org/womens-league-convention-2017/](http://wlcj.org/womens-league-convention-2017/) or [wlcjmembers.org/member\\_login.php](http://wlcjmembers.org/member_login.php).

Women's League, founded over 100 years ago by Mathilde Schechter, is the umbrella organization of women's groups and individual members in Conservative/Masorti congregations across North America. With over 40,000 members, its mission is to strengthen and unite synagogue women's groups and individual members; support their efforts to perpetuate Conservative/Masorti Judaism in the home, synagogue, and community; and reinforce their bonds with Israel and Jews worldwide.

### Adas Israel Sisterhood Board Slate 2017-2019

Elections and installation took place at the Sisterhood closing event on June 11.

#### Executive Committee/Officers:

The following members continue in office for the 2017–2018 term:

Miriam Rosenthal, President

Nechama Masliansky, VP for Communications

Dava Berkman, Treasurer

Susan Winberg, Co-VP for Education/Programming

June Kress, VP for Membership

The following members were nominated and elected to office for the 2017–2019 term:

Jill Jacob, Corresponding Secretary

Jody Ochstein, Co-VP for Education/Programming

Joyce Stern, Recording Secretary

Helen Kramer, Parliamentarian

**Additional officers:** Jean Bernard, Diane Keller, & Susan Winberg, Gift Shop Co-Managers; Marcia (Marcy) Feuerstein, Immediate Past President

**General Board:** The following members serve a two-year term on the General Board for 2017–2019:

Carol Ansell, Sarah Brooks, Carmel Chiswick, Marian Fox, Barbara Friedell,

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Arlette Jassell, Deborah Joseph, Rhoda Ritzenberg, and Pamela Sislen.

The following members continue on the General Board in the second year of a two-year term ending 2018: Dena Bauman, Leah Hadad, Judy Heumann, Susan Klein, Myra Promisel, April Rubin, Elinor Tattar, and Nancy Weiss.

For 2017–18, Alisa Abrams will serve as Torah Fund Chair.

The Nominating Committee proposing this slate consisted of: June Kress (chair), Dena Bauman, Marilyn Cooper, Jill Jacob, and Joyce Stern. *The Sisterhood Board Orientation meeting takes place on Sunday, July 30, at 10:00 am.*

## Mah Jongg Group Continues through the Summer



Mah jongg continues on Thursdays through the summer at 1:00 pm (through September 14, when it takes a break for the holidays). Bring your National Mah Jongg League card (\$8, [nationalmahjonggleague.org](http://nationalmahjonggleague.org)). The cards come in large print for \$1 more.

For those new to the game, we'll teach you. This activity is not restricted to Sisterhood members. To express interest and to RSVP for the mah jongg group, contact Barbara Friedell, 702-630-5106 (C); 202-813-3781 (H); or [bhfriedell@yahoo.com](mailto:bhfriedell@yahoo.com).

## Sisterhood's Spring Activities



and Joyce Stern.

Judy Melamed helped to plan the program, which featured a *Purim* education trivia quiz, a craft project to make Vashti bead bracelets, a belly dancing lesson, henna hand painting, and Middle Eastern food and music. Attire was "harem casual" with an abundance of scarves and jewelry. The smiles on the faces of our revelers tell it all!



### Purim Revels

Joining others from the Seaboard Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Adas Israel Sisterhood members got an early start on *Purim* festivities at "Vashti's Banquet" on Feb. 26. They are (from left to right) Myra Promisel, Carol Ansell (with henna on hand), Miriam Rosenthal, Gail Roache, Judy Melamed,

### Daily Dance with Artist Arlette Jassell

On April 30, several Sisterhood members enjoyed *An afternoon with Arlette Jassell*, artist and Sisterhood member. Arlette presented *Daily Dance*, her newly published adult coloring book, and taught several art techniques. The group also enjoyed wine, fruit and cheese, courtesy of Susan Winberg.

### Luncheon with Donald Saltz

*On May 7, many Sisterhood members honored our chaver extraordinaire Donald Saltz at a luncheon. We continue to be indebted to Donald and to Mozelle Saltz (z"l) for their generosity, devotion to Adas Israel, and ongoing support of Sisterhood.*

*Attending were (seated) Julie Weisman, Debby Joseph (Adas Israel president), Ron Schwarz, Marcia Feuerstein (Sisterhood co-president), Miriam Rosenthal*

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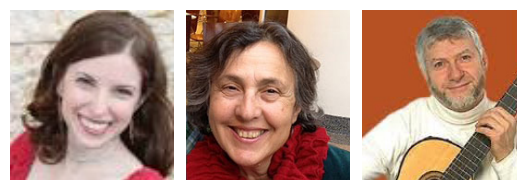
*(Sisterhood co-president), Donald Saltz (honoree), Gail Roache, Elinor Tattar, Annette Morchower (Sisterhood past president), Alisa Abrams (Sisterhood past president), (Standing) June Kress, Nechama Masliansky, Carmel Chiswick, Rhoda Ritzenberg, Mileve Phillips, Yetta Ceesay, Gladys Carter, Ricki Gerger (Adas Israel president-elect), Elaine Kremens, Sarah Brooks, Gail Schwartz, Carol Ansell, Renée Fendrich (Adas Israel and Sisterhood past president), and Lucy Hassell (Sisterhood past president). Present but not pictured were Ruth Ernst and Gail Eskill.*

## Sisterhood Went to the Movies

*By Helen Kramer*

Sisterhood's Movie Night at the Washington Jewish Film Festival May 20 was a sold-out success. Participants enjoyed the one-night screening of *The Exception*, a British film starring Christopher Plummer as Kaiser Wilhelm II released in the U.S. in June. Based on *The Kaiser's Last Kiss* by Alan Judd, the plot relates attempts by the Gestapo to catch a British spy operating in the Kaiser's residence-in-exile during the German invasion of the Netherlands. The Kaiser and his second wife live in delusional hopes of being restored to the throne until a fateful visit by Heinrich Himmler.

## Closing Event & Membership Meeting: with Cantor Ari, Miriam Isaacs and Vladimir Fridman



Sisterhood's closing event on June 11 featured *Yiddish Songs and Stories of World War II Russia with Miriam Isaacs and Vladimir Fridman*. Cantor Ari began the program with a selection of 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.

Vladimir Fridman and Miriam Isaacs traced the wartime journeys of two Polish Jews into the vast steppes of Russia. Drawing from memoirs, Miriam Isaacs read poems and stories she translated from Yiddish. In addition, Vladimir Fridman performed songs in Yiddish and Russian from this period.

Susan Barocas catered the luncheon, which continued the Russian-Jewish theme.

## Anne Frank House Update



*Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh (center) presents the resolution to Anne Frank House co-presidents Lisa Stand (left) and Ellen Ficklen (right) on May 19.*

Dear Adas Israel Community:  
We're celebrating our 30th anniversary! Some of you may even remember when we began. Adas Israel congregant Elaine



**ANNE FRANK HOUSE**

Kremens, one of our founders, recalls that it was the late Rev. John Steinbrook, then pastor of Luther Place Church, who provided the inspiration to start a home for homeless, mentally ill individuals. What began as a rented house for three women has grown to 12 single-person apartments, and we've touched many lives.

We are honored that Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh introduced a resolution in the DC Council, celebrating our milestone. The resolution states: "Anne Frank House's success and expansion of the number of supportive housing units they are able to provide is largely due to the dedication and passion of the all-volunteer board. Its strong network of volunteers build caring, one-on-one relationships with clients, thus providing them with a strong sense of security, self-reliance, and belonging in the community."

Councilmember Cheh presented us with a copy of the resolution in her office (see photo) and visited Adas Israel on June 17 to speak about us at *Shabbat* services.

By now you have also received Anne Frank House's annual fundraising letter. As always, Anne Frank House relies in so many ways on the Adas Israel community, and we're grateful for everyone's continued support of our work. It's in large part thanks to this support that we are moving ahead with our goal of 14 residents by 2020.

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## tikkunolam

### Social Action Team Updates

#### Refugee Response Team News

Due to the generosity of so many Adas Israel members, the Refugee Response Team has been able to help a remarkable Syrian family of five settle in the DC area. Refugee Response Team leaders have been working diligently and thoughtfully to help our "adopted" family adjust to a new life that offers both opportunities and challenges. The oldest daughter has just started school at Woodlin Elementary, and the almost five-year-old son will begin kindergarten there in the fall. Both parents are exploring employment opportunities and training, and they are learning the ins-and-outs of competitive grocery shopping in our expensive Washington, DC, area! All five are learning English and getting to know our area by visiting, for example, the National Zoo and the Kennedy Center's Musical Instrument Petting Zoo. They have been enjoying their time with Adas volunteers almost as much as we're enjoying our time with them.

The Torah in *Leviticus 19:33–34* offers unprecedented wisdom for its time, and ours. It teaches that we must not oppress the stranger, and adds to that prohibition the obligation to love the stranger. With your support, we are doing just that.

We are truly grateful for your sacred partnership as we welcome the stranger, make them family, and tangibly demonstrate the very best of Jewish values in our community.

#### Poverty, Homelessness, Housing Team



*Adas volunteers enjoy their time at SOME. Through the generosity of Adas Israel members, Adas funds the cost of the meals that we lovingly prepare and serve.*

#### Racial Justice Working Group

How do we begin our work as a community to repair the world? Through education, activism, and dialogue, the Racial Justice Working Group will begin to piece together the answer to this question over the course of the next year. Over the past few months, core members have actively engaged with the broader Jewish and non-Jewish communities to build bridges, reduce gaps, and find common ground in ensuring that we do our part to make the world a better place through strategic justice-seeking opportunities and trainings.

The group is creating short- and long-term comprehensive action plans to guide our future work. These plans include a racial justice book club, allyship and privilege trainings, small-group study sessions, and special guest speaker series. We will continue to strengthen our network and further our mission by partnering with larger Jewish organizations and nonprofit and other faith-based organizations within the greater DC area.

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To learn more about the work of the RJWG, please contact Salina Greene, [SierraYen@aol.com](mailto:SierraYen@aol.com).

### Gun Violence Prevention Team

In the coming year, our Social Action Committee organizing will concentrate significant energy to the challenge of violence right here in Washington, DC. The disparities in violence based solely on which "ward" one lives in are significant for many reasons, including but not limited to: resources for equality in education, community policing practices, and structural support for transforming one's immediate circumstances.

Our team, in partnership with the Washington Interfaith Network, which is led by a group that is diverse in its geographic distribution and background, will listen, research, listen more, and come up with concrete ideas and proposals to alleviate these challenges. We'll also be working closely with our Racial Justice Working Group, because moving this agenda forward relies on our understanding the extreme racial disparities right here in our city. We have scheduled summer house meetings where we will meet with parents of victims of gun violence and hear their stories.

Please mark your calendars for July 23 at 11:00 am, and August 13 at 11:00 am. Location will be finalized as we get closer. If you'd like to join this crucial work, please be in touch with Lois Fingerhut, [loisafingerhut@gmail.com](mailto:loisafingerhut@gmail.com).

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May 23, 2017

Jay Sher  
Ellen Winter

Dear Jay & Ellen,

A heartfelt thank you to you and all of the volunteers from your group for joining us for Sukkot in Spring 2017! What an amazing job your group did! You all tackled the work with incredible enthusiasm and focus. The Johnson family enjoyed meeting you, and they are extremely happy with the outcome.

We are grateful to have Adas Israel's continued partnership in preserving affordable housing. As you know when we work together, even in small ways, it adds up, and we can do something powerful together.

We are always striving to provide our volunteers with a quality experience. If you have any comments about your volunteer day, or have suggestions on how we can improve, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for sharing your time and energy with us. We look forward to working with Adas Israel next year.

In gratitude,

Lisa Hershey  
Program Director

### May Sukkot in Spring

On Sunday May 21, Adas volunteers partnered with Yachad staff to rehabilitate the home of a resident in SE Washington.



## Ma TOUV: Brad and Liana Brooks-Rubin

### HONORING OUR LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement

**We first connected in the spring of 2015 when you decided to switch synagogues and join Adas. What attracted you to Adas Israel?**

We had been hearing about changes and a new approach at Adas for a while but had our first meaningful encounter with the new direction at Adas when we attended the *bat mitzvah* of Sabrina Bramson and heard Rabbi Holtzblatt throughout the service. We both could tell this was different from the Adas we'd known before, and we were intrigued. Liana connected with Rabbi Holtzblatt a few weeks later, and we began attending Morning Awakening on Tuesdays together. Liana knew almost immediately this was the place for us, but it took Brad a little while to come around (which has been true of many big decisions in our lives). But since we made the decision, our only regret is that we didn't come back sooner.

**Liana, you are extremely involved in our Social Action Committee, specifically our Refugee Response Team.**

**Can you tell us more about this team and why you are so passionate about it?**

The decision to become involved in Adas's Refugee Response Team (RRT) was an easy one. My first career was in the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration where I was responsible for policy, programming, and oversight of a large humanitarian assistance budget for millions of refugees throughout the Middle East and Asia. Although I left this job in 2009, I have continued working with refugee communities and am especially excited about my ongoing work teaching mindfulness skills, yoga, meditation, and acupuncture to refugees from Syria and Iraq in partnership with a Jordan-based NGO, the Collateral Repair Project (CRP).

I was thrilled to learn in the fall of 2016 that Adas was interested in building a Refugee Response Team and I agreed to be a co-coordinator of this team. Our initiatives on the RRT are three-fold:

1. The RRT is partnering with one of the nine U.S.-based resettlement organizations, Lutheran Social Services (LSS), to sponsor a family of refugees from Syria that includes parents and three children.
2. The RRT also launched a new initiative with another of the resettlement agencies, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), called the Family Mentorship Program. This program matches Adas individuals or families with refugee families who have been in the country for between two and nine months and have been identified as particularly vulnerable and in need of extra support, assistance with acculturation, or friendship.
3. In partnership with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), the RRT is engaged in ongoing advocacy on behalf of refugees. This advocacy work highlights the need for the U.S. government and American institutions to address the largest refugee crisis faced by the world since World War II.



For more information about the Refugee Response Team, you can visit the Adas Israel website at [www.adasisrael.org/tikkunolam](http://www.adasisrael.org/tikkunolam).

**You are both involved in our Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington. What mindful programming do you participate in here? Why is mindfulness important to you? Do you have your own mindful practice outside of Adas?**

Over time, we have attended Morning Awakening, Return Again (as many as we can), and the Tuesday evening programs. Sadly our family's busy schedule makes it hard to get to as many programs as we would like, but we make a point to be there as often as we can. Liana practices Chinese medicine professionally, and she has been a yoga teacher since 2005, learning from many renowned practitioners for both as well as traveling to India for yoga. Mindfulness is woven into our everyday lives, and until we came back to Adas, we had never found a Jewish home that integrated mindfulness with Jewish practice and thought in a way that felt honest and true. Too often, the connections felt forced or superficial. With the clergy at Adas and the incredible programming, those feelings never come through. There is an integrity to, and respect for, the concept of mindfulness at Adas that comes from the core of the people leading the programs. We feel it, and so do our kids, and we want that to be a part of our Judaism. Outside of Adas, Liana is now participating in a Mussar Institute program and has a healthy home practice.

**Your oldest son, Eliav, celebrates his bar mitzvah this fall. What are you most excited about for this special life cycle event?**

It is impossible to sum up what we are most excited about for Eliav. When he was born, several people commented that his face reflected that he was "an old soul." And as he has grown,

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we have always felt that Eliav has a level of wisdom and calm beyond his years. For example, on the baseball field, his main passion, he has been playing first base since he was very young because it was a position where his steady hand and demeanor could help anchor his team. At the same time, he has a lovely and playful way with little kids and has even started babysitting. We are excited to watch him bring these two sides together for his *bar mitzvah*: wisdom and playfulness. We know he will work his way through his *parshat* and *davening* with precision. But more than that, we are excited to see him interpret the text, take it in his own way (guided, of course, by Rabbi Holtzblatt), and play with new ideas. He's also been spending a lot of time with the Syrian refugee family and sees that as part of his responsibilities as a member of the Jewish community. So, most of all, we are excited to stand with him as he begins the journey into his next phase of life.

**Your son, Adiv, competes in break dancing. How did he get into this and, besides his dance moves, has he broken any bones or furniture at home while practicing?**

Adiv got into breaking because he was mostly inspired by his dad's slick dance moves. (If only that were true.) He actually got into it through an after-school class at JPDS. A local studio focused on break dancing, called The Lab DC, offered a "PEP" class, and after we showed him a YouTube video, he decided to sign up. He came home hooked after the first class and has been at it for over 3½ years, taking two to three classes per week. He also found a partner, and the two of them have competed in several tournaments organized by the studio for teams from across the country. The studio owner has been a part of a successful effort to add break dancing to the Youth Olympics (starting in 2018), and perhaps the Olympics themselves after that. So who knows? So far, luckily, no broken bones or furniture, just some bruises on his shoulders from all the spinning. It's incredibly demanding physically, but he's taken to it because it also adds in creativity and arts (he's also a very good athlete and plays a lot of baseball and basketball) on top of the athleticism.

It's not something we ever imagined one of our boys becoming obsessed with, but it's been remarkable. Brad even wrote a blog post about it that reflected on some of the Jewish communal themes he was seeing, which you can find at <https://jewishschool.com/2015/03/36576/making-mca-proud-the-young-jewish-breakers-of-d-c/>.

**Although I'm interviewing you in May, when it's 50 degrees and rainy, people will be reading this in July/August, when we are experiencing typical hot and humid DC summer days. What are some of your favorite ways to escape the heat?**

More than anything else, we escape the heat by heading to one of our family's favorite places in the world: Truro, MA. Our boys spend close to six weeks there every summer, some with their grandparents and some all together, and we enjoy the incomparable beaches, ponds, and unique place that is the outer edge of Cape Cod. Even though it's a favorite vacation destination for many people, there is a sense of peace, quiet, and light that you can find there that is unlike anywhere else. Otherwise, it's baseball, swimming, and Brad gets a weekend at the Pitchfork Music Festival in Chicago (this year will be his 10th one) to take in all the punk, indie rock, and hip-hop his heart and ears can handle. 🌟



## Adas Israel Wine Tasting with Neighborhood Gem, Tony Quinn of Cleveland Park Wines Sunday, August 20 from 2–4 pm Taste, Learn, Schmooze, and Enjoy!

This wine class will be fun and educational.

Participants will learn how to taste and enjoy wine and to learn individual palate, trust their palate, and realize that the only thing that matters is what they think about the wine, everything else is someone else's opinion. Come taste with Tony, discover, learn, and have a blast!

Members: \$8; Non-Members: \$10. Admission price includes tasting, learning, and light refreshments. Feel free to bring your own dairy snacks to picnic afterward. 🌟

## The Annual Community CPR Program Sunday, September 10, 4–6 pm



Join us for our annual Community CPR program on Sunday, September

10, from 4–6 pm (immediately after our High Holy Day volunteer orientation). This training provides our community with an opportunity to learn or brush up on your CPR skills. Refreshments will be provided. To register, contact Steven Miller at [smiller173@aol.com](mailto:smiller173@aol.com) or call 703-981-1709. Registration is limited. There is no charge for synagogue members; for non-members, the cost is \$5.

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Here are a few “fast facts” about the work we do:

- AFH provides apartments in NW Washington to 12 formerly homeless people who suffer from mental illness.
- AFH makes the difference between a degrading, difficult existence on the streets and a secure, stable, dignified, and independent home life.
- AFH is an all-volunteer organization.
- Over 90 percent of our income goes directly to serving our clients.
- Through a partnership with Friendship Place, Anne Frank House pays for our clients to receive psychiatric, medical, and case management services.

There are several ways to contribute:

- On our website: <http://www.theannefrankhouse.org>
- On the Adas website (designate us by using the “social action and special needs” dropdown)
- Sending a check, payable to Anne Frank House, to Adas Israel
- Mailing a check to us directly at P.O. Box 73275, Washington, DC 20056-3275

Thanks again! Enjoy your summer.

—Lisa Stand and Ellen Ficklen  
Co-Presidents ❧

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### Climate Action Team

On April 28 Adas hosted Shabbat dinner and panel discussion on the subject of Climate Change and the connection to Jewish traditions. The event was attended by over 100 people. Professor Ed Maibach described the public health harms that occur as a result of pollution (which can be found in new report by the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health), Joelle Novey of IPL described actions taken by other congregations and such as examining energy use of facilities and reducing food waste, and Rob Bank CEO of American Jewish World Service described their activities to protect vulnerable populations from harm, including the harms of pollution and climate change. At the event, guest Yosef Abramowitz roused the audience with inspirational story of solar power development in Israel. The event followed Kabbalat Shabbat services with guest Rabbi Shoshana Friedman describing the Torah basis for her activism on matters of pollution and climate change.

Please contact Philip at [philiphdc@gmail.com](mailto:philiphdc@gmail.com) for more information about Climate Action team at Adas. ❧

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### Hesed: A Movement in the Making



*Hesed Committee members Rae Grad and Lois Fingerhut serve food at the District 2 Police Station to show appreciation to local police.*

We talk a lot about Hesed at Adas Israel. We know it means “Acts of Loving Kindness,” But what does Hesed **not** mean.

As Adas looks at Hesed, we do **not** see it as a project, a task, a program, or an assignment. We **do** see Hesed as a movement, a practice, a goal, or a way to build our *kahal* (community). **You** are Hesed. **You** are the community. **You** make Adas the special place it is.

If I had the chance to talk one-on-one with each person in our congregation—and I do hope that happens over time—I would look into your eyes and ask what Hesed means to you, how being part of a Jewish community enhances your life, what you hope to gain from/give to this congregation.

Over the summer, as we enjoy a break from our normal routines and slowly build toward the majesty of the High Holy Days, the Hesed Committee will be thinking of ways to imbue Hesed into every aspect of our congregation. We want to see Hesed permeating all that Adas offers.

Here are some of the ideas the Hesed Committee has identified to weave Hesed into our community, over and above what the committee is already doing:

- When you enter the building: mount a sign that declares that “Adas lives Hesed.”
- At services: add to the weekly bulletin a reminder that anyone who knows someone in need should let one of the rabbis know so we can care for him or her.
- Gift Shop: sell Hesed aprons, T-shirts or tote bags, or some other physical reminder of Hesed.
- Coat Room: add a bin for a Hesed project, such as collecting stuffed animals to donate to Hope for Henry.
- Makom: create a learning series around Hesed.
- *Minyan*: create a link between Hesed and *minyan* so those saying the Mourner’s *Kaddish* will always have enough people at *minyan* to do so.
- *B’nai Mitzvah* projects: tie appropriate *b’nai mitzvah* projects to Hesed to underscore the context for some of the wonderful activities our *b’nai mitzvah* students develop.
- Religious School: over the summer, Rabbi Rosenbaum will be exploring ways to imbue Hesed into the Religious School curriculum with age-appropriate activities.
- Library: select a book to discuss that focuses on the subject of Hesed.
- Adas website and Facebook page: feature materials that show the impact that Hesed has on our Adas community.
- Encourage everyone to do Hesed: find ways for all congregants to experience the joys of Hesed.

**What are your ideas?** We would love to hear from you. Please take time over the summer to e-mail or chat with me or Hesed Committee chair Rae Grad or send a note to [hersed@adasisrael.org](mailto:hersed@adasisrael.org). There are no limits to what Hesed can bring to our thriving congregation.

—Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

## Taking the *Daniel Deronda* Challenge

By Robin Jacobson, Library & Literary Programs Director



A few weeks ago, I impulsively signed up for an eight-part online course on *Daniel Deronda*, a 19th-century English novel by George Eliot. Why? I had never read the book, despite its fame as the Zionist novel that predated Zionism. But I remembered the movie fondly (English accents! Rolling green hills! Manor houses! Victorian costumes!). And certainly, the rave reviews for the *Deronda* course and its teacher, retired Harvard literature professor Ruth Wisse, were attention grabbing. Journalists described the series as a “must-see,” “a high-spirited intellectual *tour de force*,” and “as gripping as anything currently on Netflix ... [which] ought to be binged upon ...

ravenously.” Unable to resist, I borrowed the book, enrolled in the course, and started staying up late to savor Wisse’s insights. Below is my mini blog on the experience—highly recommended!



### Eliot, the Philosopher-Novelist

Ruth Wisse reminds me of my favorite college professors, eloquent and inspiring about the power and importance of literature. To Wisse, literature is like Torah: “turn it and turn it and everything is in it.” In George Eliot’s *Daniel Deronda*, Wisse finds debates over feminism, family responsibility, identity, and globalism that all remain relevant today.

To Wisse, *Daniel Deronda* is “one of the most inspiring Jewish books ever written,” even though George Eliot was not Jewish. The book made a case for Zionism two decades before the first Zionist Congress. Published in 1876, *Deronda* promoted a sovereign country for the Jewish people in the Land of Israel. Eliot was one of Israel’s “first visionaries,” wrote Abba Eban, the celebrated Israeli diplomat, in a tribute to the author. Streets in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa are named for George Eliot.

George Eliot (1819–1880) was the pen name of Mary Ann Evans. As Wisse recounts, Eliot was a most unlikely champion of Jews and Zionism. A lapsed Christian and self-taught philosopher (her formal education ended at age 16), she turned to novel writing as a way to communicate philosophical

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ideas more engagingly than in essays. The public adored her novels (even Queen Victoria was a fan). *Daniel Deronda*, her final novel, reflected her intense interest in Judaism and thorough study of Jewish texts.

### Eliot, the Zionist

*Daniel Deronda* tells the intersecting stories of Gwendolen Harleth, a spirited but selfish young Englishwoman, and Daniel Deronda, a kind but aimless young Englishman, the ward of an English nobleman. Both characters grow in self-awareness and find purpose over the course of the novel. Daniel is searching for information about his birth parents; by chance he is drawn into London’s Jewish world and the cause of Jewish nationalism, eventually discovering that he is himself Jewish. Wisse contends that Eliot interwove the two plot lines to demonstrate the interrelated fate of the English and the Jews.

Eliot believed, says Wisse, that England’s future as a civilized nation depended on its treatment of the Jews. Worried by rising anti-Jewish prejudice in Europe, Eliot wanted England to reject xenophobia and recognize that the Jews could retain their separateness without posing a threat to English society. Moreover, Eliot thought that Jews should aspire to regain their ancestral homeland—and that the English should help them. Just as the English drew strength from their roots in their island nation, even if they lived in other countries, so too, she believed, the Jews deserved roots in a national center. ✿

## Take the *Daniel Deronda* Challenge!

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