



Adas Israel Congregation

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***L'Shana Tova* from your Adas Israel Family!**

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From the President

By Ricki Gerger



Does your family have a “special holiday”? One that holds the most meaning? One that anchors the Jewish year for you? You know, the one packed with the fondest memories and the most emotion. For my family, like many others, that holiday has been *Pesach*. But for my mother (z’l) and me, *Pesach* was a distant second place; our holiday was *Yom Kippur*. I don’t know why we loved this holiday best. Perhaps it’s because of the mix of joy and sadness that gratitude brings.

I’m indeed filled with gratitude for the opportunity *Yom Kippur* gives us. If we do it right, we’ll spend the month of *Elul* waking up, peeling away the layers that protect us from knowing who we really are. We’ll spend the 10 days before *Yom Kippur* seeking forgiveness and giving it, to ourselves as well as to others. We’ll read (reread?) books that guide our hearts and our heads.* We’ll have a heart-to-heart with our soul, imagining how we want to feel one year from now: filled with gratitude, and having experienced personal and spiritual growth, inner peace, and few regrets. Holding onto that feeling, we’ll begin taking the steps that can get us there. Some of us will make resolutions, knowing full well what God thinks of our ability to keep them.

We derive great comfort and strength from our clergy who work tirelessly to make our High Holy Day experience so rewarding. We chant the prayers that envelop us so lovingly. We’re enlightened by our rabbis’ uplifting sermons. The *shofar* blasts touch

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clergy corner



Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt



Rabbi Aaron Alexander

As we see it, there are two types of people in the world: those who return from a trip and unpack immediately and those who leave the bags packed (with dirty clothes, likely!) for several days/months/years. It’s funny . . . because we all know it’s true. What’s less humorous is when one multiple-person household has both kinds of people trying to live harmoniously together. Some of us can’t restart until we’ve quickly discarded and reshelfed, and the rest of us tread ahead unencumbered by an unfinished task, maybe even using the unpacked bag as a memory chip to the vacation that was.

One of the advantages of the Jewish calendar is that it actually forces us to unpack. Throughout the year, but especially during this month of *Elul* and the upcoming High Holy Days, we are urged to confront what was, unzip, take a deep breath, and slowly engage with the “items” of our lives.

But unlike our luggage, unpacking the heart is less tactile and rarely straightforward. The heart hides what is inside—to protect against the pain and struggle of life, but also because time is required to become aware of what it is holding.

Poet David Whyte writes about the necessity of the heart to hide, and why it isn’t in and of itself an obstacle to moving forward: “What is real is almost always to begin with, hidden, and does not want to be understood by the part of our mind that mistakenly thinks it knows what is happening. What is precious inside us does not care to be known by the mind in ways that diminish its presence” (*Consolations*, 114).

Our sages were also keenly aware of the heart’s capacity for compartmentalization. “Make yourself a heart of many rooms and bring into it the words of the House of Shammai and the words of the House of Hillel, the words of those who declare impure and the words of those who declare impure.” (Tosefta, *Sotah*, 7:12) We were created fully able to ingest so much of life—that which contradicts and that which complicates: joy and pain, success and failure, love and hate, humility and hubris, and faith and doubt. Life enters us as often as we take in a breath, a sight, or a sound. And we (mostly) unwittingly store it all away until it emerges, often by surprise.

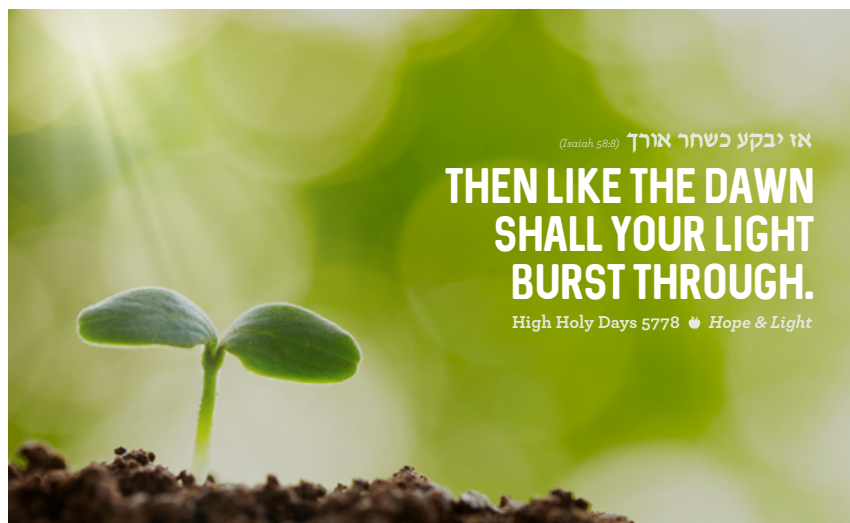
Imagine cleaning out your wallet, purse, or briefcase. The goal is to reclaim the space in the wallet/bag—to retain its form and potential—but with enough space for what might be next. We find things that we have forgotten about and try to remember why we have saved some object and why we thought we might need it one day. Some of these things we know we will never use, but they are hard to let go of—that old ID card, the receipt from an important lunch, or a long-expired gift card. We may find old pictures or a business card of someone to whom we meant to reach out. Each item is a memory chip, an emotional entrance to revisiting a sliver of life that’s been hidden away.

This is the work of *Elul* and the *Yamim Nora'im*, but with our hearts. To peel away the layers and crack them open—not simply to rid them of their

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L'Shana Tova from Your Adas Israel Family!

Adas Israel High Holy Days 2017/5778



With warmth, sincerity, gratitude, and faith, we invite you to share the holiday season with the entire Adas Israel family. May you be inscribed in the book of life for another wonderful year. And may you find much meaning, warmth, and personal renewal throughout this year's High Holy Day services at Adas Israel. Please turn to page 6 for a complete High Holy Day Schedule and Guide. Packets of High Holy Day information have also arrived at your homes. Feel free to contact the synagogue office for any ticket and service needs.



Sandra Eskin



Ron Lapping



Alvin Dunn



Lois Fingerhut

Simchat Torah Honorees 5778

Simchat Torah is one of the most joyous days of the Hebrew calendar. On this day, the annual cycle of reading the Torah is begun again. Each year, several congregants who have served with unusual dedication are selected to receive special honors on *Simchat Torah*. Adas Israel is deeply entwined in each of their lives and those of their families. Please join us on the morning of *Simchat Torah* on Friday, October 13, when we will honor this year's worthy individuals.

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contents, but to carefully and thoughtfully unpack what is present from the past and determine how to move forward with the critical elements of our souls, our truest selves, intact.

As clergy and service leaders, we'll guide you through the journey. The eternal tools—prayer books (*mahzorim*), haunting and energizing music, words of Torah, intergenerational voices of laughter and tears, family and friends—all provide potent blueprints for discovery, reflection, and community.

We're truly looking forward to spending these moments together with each of you. ✿

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something deep inside us, at the DNA level. We love connecting with friends we don't see too often. And at the end of the holiest day of the year, we are renewed. We've come closer to God than we have on any other day of the year. Yes, I'm truly filled with gratitude for *Yom Kippur*.

This *kehillah*, this community, offers a path to wholeness to all who seek it. Our multiple services, the myriad ways we have to give back to each other and to the less fortunate in our community, the opportunities we have to learn from our brilliant rabbis and from each other, the spiritual heights to which our cantor takes us, all combine to enrich and give meaning to our lives. And for all this, we experience true gratitude.

Special thanks to our Religious Practices Committee and other members of the congregation who volunteer their time and expertise during the *haggim*. Because I've had the honor to chair that committee, and had the privilege of serving the congregation as vice president for ritual, I'm aware of the work the members of the committee and other volunteers do to ensure a holy experience during the High Holy Days. Service coordinators, ushers, floor *gabbaim*, Torah *gabbaim*, Torah readers, *davening* leaders, and so many others are the unsung heroes of these special days. And we're indebted to every single member of the Adas Israel staff and our security personnel, whose dedication to our congregation means we can concentrate on our inner work, in an environment that asks only that we bring our best and most grateful selves.

The officers of the synagogue and the Board of Directors join me in wishing you and every member of your family a 5778 filled with good

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The Adas Fund 2017

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



The Adas Fund Campaign Off to a Great Start!

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

Annabelle Friedman, age 16, Isaac Frumkin, age 17, 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, adasisrael.org/theadasfund.

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 thrilled to present 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.



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." ❁

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 Have Arrived!

Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday Evening, September 20

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.

A schedule of the youth services can be found on page 10.

High Holy Day Livestreaming at Adas Israel

In keeping with our ongoing efforts to provide accessible and inclusive community offerings at Adas Israel, we are excited to announce that livestreaming will be available for High Holy Day Services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. This means that if you or a loved one will face difficulties in physically coming to the synagogue for the holidays, you will still be able to watch and hear our services from a computer, tablet or mobile device. Access to this service is strictly password protected for privacy purposes, but if you are a member of the synagogue, and would like to ensure access to our password protected livestreaming webpage, please call the synagogue front desk at 202-362-4433, and the password will be provided to you. L'Shana Tova!

High Holy Days Tickets & Security

For the comfort and safety of our community, tickets will be required to enter the parking lot and building for everyone over the age of one. Please check and separate your tickets before coming to services, and bring the appropriate ticket to each service. If you forget your tickets, please come to the Quebec Street entrance where your name will be checked on a ticket list. We apologize in advance for any delays. No one will be admitted to the building without a ticket, and without going through security. All bags will be checked by security personnel upon arriving. Please note, there will be heightened security on

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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

II 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

Kol Nidre for the outdoor Return Again service. All attendees will enter the parking lot through a security checkpoint, and there will be limited seating available. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we attempt to ensure a safe, peaceful and meaningful High Holy Day season.



Rosh Hashanah Gift Bag 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 on Sunday, September 10th. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement, at 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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ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

All Services @ 10:30am

Family Torah Study with Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum

Library @ 9:45-10:15am: An opportunity to engage the Torah reading as a family before services.

Family Service with Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum

Cohen Hall: For families who want to share the experience with their elementary school age children (grades K-6).

Torah & Tefillah for Tots through K

Youth Lounge: For families with young children to celebrate together, led by Menuhah Peters.

Children's Services

Funger Hall: Grades 1-3. Parents welcome (not required) to attend, led by Danny Weininger.

Sisterhood Hall: Grades 4-6. Children-only service, led by Yoni Buckman.

Family Tashlich

Families should meet on the **Connecticut Avenue Patio after services at 12:15pm**. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Youth@AI Tashlich

Students in grades 7-12 meet Yoni and Danny in the **Quebec Street Lobby at 12:30pm**.



ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Please Note Times

Preschool Children & Family Service

Cohen Hall @ 9:30-10:30am: With Robyn Helzner.

Teen Service

Biran Beit Midrash @ 9:45-10:45am: For post B'nai Mitzvah students grades 7-12 with Yoni Buckman, including teen-led Torah service.

Torah & Tefillah for Tots through K

Youth Lounge @ 10:30am: For families with young children to celebrate together, led by Menuhah Peters.

Children's Services

Funger Hall @ 10:30am: For students in grades 1-6. Parents welcome (not required) to attend, led by Danny Weininger.



We are blessed to have so many families in our community. Children, like adults, can feel drawn toward different modalities of prayer. We have a variety of service options to allow our children and their grown-ups to engage in meaningful, communal experiences over the holidays.

HIGH HOLY DAY LEARNING
Presented by MakomDC in the Biran Beit Midrash

SPIRITED PREPARATIONS
The Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas

MakomDC/JMCW HHD Mash Up

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 @ 7:00 PM

Join Rabbis Alexander and Holtzblatt for an evening of preparation that will cater to all of our senses. Gather at 7:00 pm for some noshing and shmoozing. Rabbis Holtzblatt and Alexander will open the evening together with a textual introduction to our theme, before offering an Open *Beit Midrash* session (text study) in the *Biran Beit Midrash* and meditation in the Gewirz, concurrently. We'll reunite for some chanting of Return Again tunes and some final words of inspiration.

Seating Reminder

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



Lulav and Etrog Orders Due by Tuesday, Sep.19

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

We encourage you to order your lulav and etrog (\$40 each) in preparation for the festive observance of Sukkot. This year you may order your lulav and etrog online at adasisrael.org/sukkot or by sending a check and order form to the attention of Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith at the synagogue*, 2850 Quebec Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20008.

Lulavim and *etrogim* may be picked up on Tuesday, October 3; Wednesday, October 4, or Thursday October 5.

Lulav and etrog orders are due by Tuesday, September 19.

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

Print Name _____

Phone _____

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

Home Observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, 5778

Rosh Hashanah at Home

The celebration of *Rosh Hashanah*, like all Jewish holidays, takes place both in the synagogue and at home. The mood of the holiday combines solemnity and joy. The commemoration of *Rosh Hashanah* at home can be enhanced by the following preparation and ceremonies: the table should be set in a festive manner, with a white cloth (symbolic of purity and joy), candlesticks, wine, apples and honey, and *challot* (usually round to symbolize a full, complete year). The family gathers for the lighting of the candles.

1. *Rosh Hashanah* begins on Wednesday evening, September 20, candles are lit and the blessing is followed by the *She-hecheyanu*:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של יום טוב.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzeevanu l'hadleek ner shel Yom Tov. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to light the festival candles.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'hecheyanu, v'kee'manu, v'heegee anu lazman hazeh. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

2. Blessing of the children: It is a beautiful tradition for parents to bless their children before reciting *kiddush*. Parents place their hands on each child's head and say the appropriate blessing.

For sons:

ישמך אלהים כשירה רבקה רחל ולאה.
Y'simcha Eloheem k' Efrayim v'chi Menashe. Y'simech Eloheem k' Sarah, Rivka, Rachel, v' Leah. May God make you as Ephraim and Menashe as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

For daughters:

ישמך אלהים כשירה רבקה רחל ולאה.
Y'simcha Eloheem k' Efrayim v'chi Menashe. Y'simech Eloheem k' Sarah, Rivka, Rachel, v' Leah. May God make you as Ephraim and Menashe as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

For all children, continue with the Priestly Blessing:

Y'va-rekh'kha Adonai v'yish-m'-rekha. May the Lord bless you and keep you;
Ya-er Adonai panav ele-kha vi-hu-neka. May the Lord's goodness shine on you and be gracious to you;
Yisa Adonai panav ele-kha v'ya-sem l'kha shalom. May the Lord turn with favor to you and give you peace. Amen.

3. On the first night of *Rosh Hashanah*, it is traditional to dip apples in honey and recite the following prayer:

יהי רצון מלפניך, יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו, שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה.

Y'hee ratzon milfanecha, Adonai, Elohaynu v'elohay avotaynu, she'ti-chadesh aleynu shana tovah u'metukah. May it be Your will, Lord our God, and God of our ancestors, that the New Year be both good and sweet.

4. *Kiddush* for Yom Tov

5. *Motzi*

6. On the second night of *Rosh Hashanah*, it is customary to eat a new fruit (mango, pomegranate, etc.) so that the *She-hecheyanu* may be recited. However, the *She-hecheyanu* may be recited even without eating a new fruit.

7. The traditional greeting for *Rosh Hashanah* is: לשנה טובה תכתבו
L'Shanah Tova Tikatevu.... May you be inscribed for a good year.



Volunteers Needed for High Holy Days!

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 security and the dignity of our services. We direct worshippers to their seats, answer general questions, and distribute books, *kipot*, *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 one 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 or 301-294-9018. We have also scheduled an orientation on **Sunday, September 10, at 2:00 pm**. Thank you in advance for your assistance. ✨

Yom Kippur Afternoon Discussion

Saturday, September 30 @ 3:15 pm, Kay Hall

A Discussion with Dana Bash & Frank Foer

Join us for an afternoon discussion with Dana Bash, Frank Foer, and other world affairs experts, as we explore key issues surrounding the modern-day intersections of media, national dialogue, and social justice.



Dana Bash is an award-winning journalist and anchorwoman for CNN, as well as CNN's chief congressional correspondent, responsible for covering the activities of both the U.S. House and Senate.



Frank Foer is a writer of features and essays for the *Atlantic*. He served as editor of the *New Republic* magazine for seven years and wrote the international bestseller, *How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization* (2010), named one of the most influential books of the decade. ✨

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Yom Kippur at Home

1. Memorial Candle: It is customary to light a memorial candle for departed members of the family before lighting the holy day candles.

In the Jewish tradition, there is no official blessing recited upon lighting a *yahrzeit* candle. The reason for this is that the act of kindling the *yahrzeit* light is not the direct fulfillment of a specific *mitzvah*. The light reminds us of the *neshamot*, the souls of our beloved departed who brought light to our lives. There is a power in having nothing to say at all upon kindling the *yahrzeit* candle. As Jews, we are used to having something to say at a special moment—a blessing or a prayer. At this moment, however, when the memory of a whole life is before us, there are no words. There is only silence. When Aharon the High Priest witnessed the death of his two sons, the Torah says “Vayidom Aharon,” “And Aharon was silent” (*Leviticus* 10:3). Silence does not necessarily represent the lack of pathos and love. It can also be the fullness of those feelings, so full in fact, that no words can capture them adequately. As we light the *yahrzeit* lights, we can notice this silence, and feel the depth of love for those whom we have lost.

2. Blessing of the candles on Friday, September 29

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת ושל יום הכיפורים.

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzeevanu l'hadleek ner shel Shabbat vshel Yom HaKippureem. Praised are You, Lord our God, Master the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle lights for *Shabbat* & *Yom Kippur*.

3. Blessing the children on the Eve of *Yom Kippur* (*Kol Nidre*): It is traditional for parents to bless their children as the candles are lit on the eve of festivals. This is a special additional prayer for the Eve of *Yom Kippur* (*Kol Nidre*): May it be God's will to sustain you in life and health. May your eyes not lead you astray, may your mouths speak with wisdom, may your hearts meditate with reverence, may your hands be engaged in commandments, and may your feet hasten to do God's will. May the Almighty grant you children who will grow up to be righteous, occupying themselves with Torah and commandments all their days. May the Almighty enable me to meet the obligations of parenthood, to provide amply for your needs, and to guide you toward good and upright character. May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Good and Long Life, together with all of the righteous. *Amen*.

4. A traditional greeting for *Yom Kippur* is: גמר חתימה טובה. *G'mar Hatimah Tovah*, May you be sealed in the Book of Life. ✨

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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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Community Events in the Sukkah!

Community-Wide Sukkah Building and Decorating

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 @ 11:00 AM

We have so many community events already planned to take place in the *sukkah*: the Gan "Snack in the Shack," Religious School *Shacharit* Live, New Member Reception, *Kiddush* in the *Sukkah*, etc. Now we need a community to help build and decorate the famous Adas Israel *sukkah* on the Connecticut Avenue patio. Please join us in this *mitzvah* on Sunday, October 1, at 11:00 am, for our community *sukkah* building and decorating.



For more information please contact Director of Programmatic Engagement Courtney Tisch, at Courtney.tisch@adasisrael.org or 202-362-4433.

Community Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 @ 7:30 PM

Join us for a community *Shabbat* dinner as we celebrate the holiday of *Sukkot*. *Sukkot* and *Shabbat* are times to come together with family and friends and sit in the *sukkah*, connecting with nature and each other as we express gratitude for the good things in our lives. What a wonderful way to welcome *Shabbat* at Adas! Register online at adasisrael.org/sukkot.

6:00 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service led by Rabbis Holtzblatt and Alexander
7:30 pm: *Shabbat* Dinner in the *Sukkah*

New Member Reception in the Sukkah

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 @ 6:30 PM

Please join us in the *sukkah* on Tuesday, October 10, for a new member reception. We invite all of our wonderful new members at Adas Israel to join us for a relaxed "meet & greet" with the Adas Israel clergy, lay leaders, and community members! Long-standing members of the community are also encouraged to attend to welcome our new friends to Adas Israel!

For a full *Sukkot* schedule and more information, please visit adasisrael.org/sukkot. ❀

Office Closing

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

Schools/Offices Closed

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Thursday, September 21

Schools/Offices Closed

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Friday, September 22

Schools/Offices Closed

Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 30

Schools/Offices Closed



Kever Avot Memorial Services & Cemetery Hours

Jews worldwide mark the approaching High Holy Days with annual visits to the graves of departed loved ones. An ancient custom, *Kever Avot*, literally "graves of the fathers," dates almost as far back as Jews themselves. Gathering at the grave facilitates healing within families by creating an opportunity to grant forgiveness to one another. Others visit graves to connect with their past and to contemplate the life they want to live. The *Kever Avot* schedule is as follows:

Kever Avot Memorial Cemetery Service,

Sunday, September 24, at 10:30 am

Adas Israel Cemetery, 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC

With Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

Bus leaves from the congregation at 9:30 am. Call Carol Ansell at the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, to reserve a seat. Space is limited.

Judean Memorial Gardens Kever Avot Service,

Sunday, September 24, at 10:30 am

With Rabbi Aaron Alexander

The Adas Israel Cemetery on Alabama Avenue will be open on Sunday, September 24, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. If you wish to visit at any other time, please call David Polonsky or Carole Klein at 202-362-4433 to set up a time.

May the memory of your loved ones forever be a blessing and inspiration. ❀

MakomDC

Learning, Living, and Exploring in Adas Israel's Biran Beit Midrash

MakomDC 2017-2018 Jewish Community: Borders, Boundaries, and Permeability

A Preview of Our Exciting Upcoming Year!

MakomDC 2017-2018 Scholars Schedule



Scholar: Rabbi Sharon Brous

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 @ 7:30 PM

Rabbi Sharon Brous, the senior and founding rabbi of IKAR, based in Los Angeles, is a leading voice in reanimating religious life in America and has previously been named #1 on *Newsweek's* list of the most influential rabbis in America.



Scholar: Rabbi Gordon Tucker

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 @ 7:30 PM

Rabbi Gordon Tucker is a renowned Jewish philosopher and published writer currently serving as Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel Center in White Plains, NY.



Scholar: Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 @ 7:30 PM

Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, dean of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College, is a prominent professor and editor who has frequently been listed as one of the country's top 50 most influential rabbis.



Scholar: Rabbi Elie Kaunfer

TUESDAY, MAY 8 @ 7:30 PM

Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, president and CEO of Mechon Hadar, is a distinguished theologian and author who is also the co-founder of the independent *minyan*, Kehilat Hadar.

MakomDC 2017-2018 Mendelson Shabbat Scholars



Mendelson Shabbat Scholar:

Rabbi Dr. Reuven Hammer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 @ 1:00 PM

Rabbi Reuven Hammer is a world-renowned Jewish scholar, author, and lecturer who is one of the founders of the Masorti movement in Israel and a past president of the International Rabbinical Assembly.



Mendelson Shabbat Scholar:

Rabbi Dr. Judith Hauptman

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 1:00 PM

Rabbi Judith Hauptman, the E. Billi Ivry Professor Emerita of Talmud and Rabbinic Culture at the Jewish Theological Seminary, is an author and scholar who primarily researches the history of the Talmud and women's roles in Judaic thought.



Mendelson Shabbat Scholar:

Dr. Tayla Fishman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 1:00 PM

Dr. Tayla Fishman is a professor of religious studies and modern intellectual history at the University of Pennsylvania whose work focuses on Judaism in the medieval and early modern periods.



Mendelson Shabbat Scholar:

Rabbi Dr. Noah Bickart

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 @ 1:00 PM

Rabbi Noah Bickart is an accomplished theologian and author currently working at Yale University as a Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Postdoctoral Fellow in the Program of Judaic Studies.

NOTE: All MakomDC Scholar and Mendelson Shabbat Scholar presentations will take place in the Biran Beit Midrash. ♣

Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW)

A wrong done, a fear, a loss is a crack---and a crack is always potential to let the light in and to be transformed by the holy power of human connection and Divine energy.

—Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt

As we begin the month of *Elul* and our preparation for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, we engage in a soul-searching process that asks us for an honest and sometimes difficult self-examination of the past year. At the same time, we are challenged to create a positive vision for personal change in the year ahead. This process is filled with humility, as we face the reality of our powerlessness over many of the circumstances and conditions of our lives. The mindfulness practices offered through JMCW cultivate a way of perceiving and relating to life that is focused on the present moment, helping to expand our emotional space so that we can strive to be our best selves as we face challenges and vulnerabilities.

In Judaism, this process is known as going to *Mochin de Gadlut* (Big-Mind), where we can look inward with honesty and compassion in order to perceive the eternal space that exists between limitations in our lives and our essential freedom to choose our attitude and response. As psychiatrist, author, and Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl wrote, “[E]verything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given circumstances, to choose one’s way.” We hope you can join JMCW for the High Holy Day programs listed below, as we come together to deepen our process of reflection and our ability to accept the joys and sorrows of each year with a sense of renewed potential and deeper peace. Wishing all of you a *Shana Tova*.

Upcoming JMCW Services, Programs, and Workshops

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

Learn techniques of *shofar* blowing and its significance for spiritual connection in this hands-on workshop with Jennie Litvack. Please bring a *shofar* if you can.

Yoga with Rabbi Sarah Tasman: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 pm

Softening toward *teshuvah*, we will join as a community in moving yoga.

Rock Creek Sh'ma—A Mindful Nature Walk: Sunday, Sept. 17, 2:00 pm

A few days before *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, set your *kavanah* for the new year with a relaxing mindfulness walk in Rock Creek Park with Judd Holtzman.

‘Return Again’ High Holy Day Worship Experiences

Join JMCW for the reflective, soulful sounds of community worship with the Return Again band during *Rosh Hashanah*, *Kol Nidre*, and *Yom Kippur*. Look for 🌿 in the program of services for the full schedule.

Preparing Body and Soul with Meditation and Song: Yom Kippur, 4:45 pm

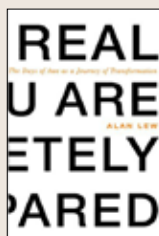
Calm your mind and awaken your spirit. Susan Barocas and Michelle Buzgon will lead us as we concentrate on the sounds and rhythms of our breathing, singing, and guided meditation. Open to all levels of practice.



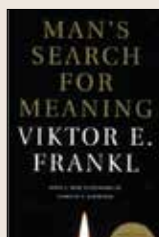
Immersing in Holiness: The Adas Israel Community Mikvah

Schedule a time to enter the holidays physically and mindfully: to acknowledge challenges of the previous year, to center yourself before the holidays, and to set your intentions for the new year. E-mail mikvah@adasisrael.org or call Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776, to schedule appointments. For further information, please visit the Adas JMCW web page, www.adasisrael.org/jmcw/.

JMCW Recommends . . .



***This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey or Transformation* by Alan Lew.** An engaging exploration of spiritual renewal during the High Holy Day season by one of the leading voices in Jewish Mindfulness practice.



***Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl.** From 1942 to 1945, Jewish psychiatrist Viktor Frankl labored in four different concentration camps. He used his experiences as a living laboratory for his theory, known as logotherapy—that man's primary drive in life is the pursuit of meaning. Published in 1959, *Man's Search for Meaning* has become a classic, inspiring

readers to embrace their freedom to choose their attitude and response toward restricting conditions in their lives.

These selections are available in the Adas Library, along with other books on Jewish spirituality, meditation, and mindfulness. You can find some of these under call number 175.01 or speak with Adas Librarian Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org) for more information.

The Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington @ Adas (JMCW) offers services, programs, and workshops that help deepen contemplative practices as part of our individual and communal religious and spiritual lives. Watch this space each month to follow these JMCW offerings. Visit our Adas web page at www.adasisrael.org/jmcw/, where you can also subscribe to our e-newsletter, and find us on Facebook: JMCW @ Adas Israel.

The purely righteous do not complain of the dark, but increase the light; they do not complain of evil, but increase justice; they do not complain of heresy, but increase faith; they do not complain of ignorance, but increase wisdom.

—Rav Abraham Isaac Kook

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health, joy, learning, prosperity, and fulfillment. *K'tivah v'Chatima Tova*. May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.'

I'm very grateful to be your president.

*A few of the books that enlighten me about the High Holy Days are: *Entering the High Holidays* (Rabbi Reuven Hammer); *Return: Daily Inspiration for the Days of Awe* (Dr. Erica Brown); and *Time for My Soul: A Treasury of Jewish Stories for Our Holy Days* (Annette and Eugene Labovitz; this book contains a little commentary and several Hasidic stories for each holiday). ❀



Gan HaYeled

As the Gan begins its 45th year, we are pleased to be adding another five-morning class.

We start the year with fewer vacancies than we've had in recent years, and our teaching team continues to expand. We're proud of the caliber and enthusiasm that the Gan staff demonstrates each day.

We are particularly excited to welcome Darci Lewis to our administrative team as assistant director and curriculum specialist. She will work to expand and improve the already excellent skills of our amazing Gan staff.

Darci's extensive background in pedagogical functions has already proven to be an asset as we prepared this summer to start the new school year. We have new internal reporting systems, new team meeting schedules, and some new ways to work on professional goals. This, of course, translates into better experiences for our students and families and aligns with the Gan's goal of providing the best early childhood program possible. ❀

educationupdate



From the Director of Education

By Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum

Welcoming New Faces

As we begin another year here, we are excited to welcome new faces to our Education Team. Please make sure you have a chance to say hello to Danny and Kristine, who joined our department over the summer. They both have rich experiences to share, and we are fortunate to have them with us. But they are not our only new faces. We are proud to still

be welcoming new families and students to our community. Many of them told us that they were drawn to Adas Israel because of our warmth and welcoming spirit, so let's make sure they feel the love now that they're here. As you come back to school take an extra moment to reach out to them, welcome them, and help them to feel at home here.

At the same time, even those of us who are returning (some after many, many years here) bring with them a "new face." We have all had experiences and interactions over the course of the summer that have affected us. We have grown inches, read fascinating books, and traveled to new places. And as we return, we carry all of this with us, presenting a new face ready for new opportunities as we begin the school year together. May this be a beautiful year full of learning, relationships, and celebrating newness.



Kristine Hyland Studied History and Jewish Studies at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL. During college, Kristine was actively involved in Jewish life on campus. Whether it was working as a receptionist for Hillel, or dedicating her time to Jewish Student Union as Vice President and Secretary, Kristine positively engaged students from all backgrounds and cultures promoting Jewish life on Campus. Kristine moved to

Washington, DC in 2014 to pursue a career in the non-profit sector. Before coming to Adas Israel, Kristine worked in the non-profit banking and real estate industries in DC. On her free time, Kristine enjoys attending Shabbat morning services, traveling, playing the guitar, and spending time with friends, family, and her dog Keebler.



Danny Weininger grew up in a Conservative and Zionist home in New York, with his parents, older brother, and younger sister. After graduating the University of Maryland - College Park in 2011, he made aliyah to Regba, a moshav in northern Israel. Danny served for two and a half years in a Special Forces unit in the IDF and after his release, spent time studying and hiking the Israel National Trail. He has 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. Danny is incredibly excited to join the Adas Israel community and very much looks forward to working, learning, and praying together.

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The Shalom Learning Value for September is: *Teshuvah*

By Pam Gorin, Assistant Director of Education

Words are extremely powerful, especially the words, “I’m sorry.” In a world culture where “talk is cheap,” where chatting with someone usually takes place in a digital room, and where “I’m sorry” becomes a meaningless line, the idea of genuine, sincere repentance initiated by self-analysis and reflection is a critical life skill for children to learn. The High Holy Days give us a timeframe, boundaries, and a method for practicing teshuvah (“returning” or “repentance”). With enough mindful practice during the New Year, we can become comfortable with the steps, master them, and use them consistently throughout the year to build and maintain healthy friendships and relationships.

From Israel to Adas Israel

By Yoni Buckman, Youth & Family Educator

Our rising 11th-grade students are back from an amazing two-week trip on the Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience. We shared transformative moments standing atop the ancient fortress of Masada at sunrise, reciting the *Mincha*



prayer at the Western Wall, and gazing at the night sky in the quiet darkness of the Negev desert. But the connections we made with our shared Jewish heritage, culture, and family were not left on the shores of Israel.

Throughout the trip, we saw clear parallels to our Adas Israel community—enjoying musical *Kabbalat Shabbat* services like Return Again, joining Israeli teens in activities similar to USY, and discussing the Adas Israel Community *Mikvah* as we visited ancient archaeological *mikvah* sites. Our students experienced the embodiment of their education at Adas Israel, breathing in and witnessing the content of our classrooms. As our students return to religious school, invigorated, rejuvenated, and ready for another school year, our Israel trip acts as a bridge into the 11 grade and a continued role in the Adas Israel community. See page 20 for more photos of our Maalot students in Israel!

Adas After School: An Immersive Hebrew Environment for Kindergarten–Second Graders Monday–Thursday, 3:30–6:30 pm

After a successful pilot, we are excited to open registration for the second year of the Adas After School program. In our immersive Hebrew environment, students will build community through a mix of games, field trips, art activities, cooking, and more, all while learning about the rhythms of Jewish life.

This program for kindergarten, first, and second graders, will run Monday through Thursday, 3:30–6:00 pm, with the option to sign up for one to four days per week. Please note that each child must be registered separately. For questions and a full calendar (which runs in accordance with both Jewish holidays and the DC public school calendar), e-mail Pam Gorin, Pamela.Gorin@adasisrael.org, or call 202-362-4433. 🌟

September Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 10: First day of religious school

Sunday, Sept. 17: Parent Open House

Sunday, Sept. 24–Sunday, Oct. 8:
School closed



Return Again to Shabbat with Rabbi Holtzblatt, Elie Greenberg, and the Return Again Band

September 8 @ 6:30 pm

Please join us for the first Return Again to *Shabbat* of our new programming year on Friday, September 8. The *Shabbat* experience you cannot miss . . . in the style of our innovative outdoor *Kol Nidre* Service. Join us for a reflective journey into the power of *Shabbat*, featuring seasoned musicians and a spiritual, personal excursion into prayer and song. In addition, a Traditional Lay-Led Service begins at 6:30 pm. Both services are followed by a community *Shabbat* dinner for all. To register, visit www.adasisrael.org or call Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433.

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

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

Traditional Egalitarian Minyan (TEM): Every *Shabbat* morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around

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

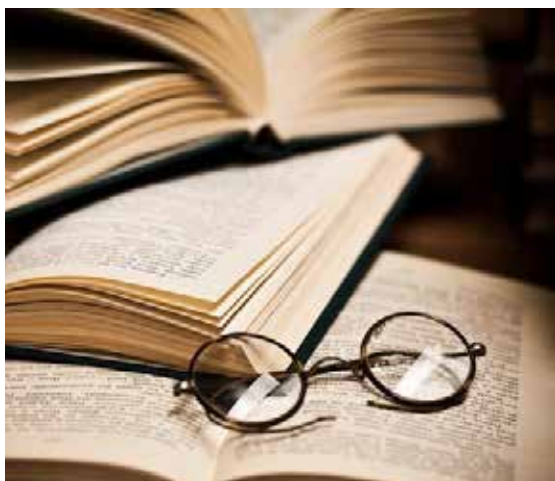
Havurah Service: Lay-led, participatory service at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. A *kiddush* follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.

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

or Rabbi Ben Shalva. *Netivot*, for students in grades K–3, is led by Linda Yitzchak or Allison Redisch. Junior Congregation, for grades 4–6, is led by Yoni Buckman and teenage *madrichim*.

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

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



Downtown Study Group

A Long-Standing Adas Tradition

Join a highly motivated group of fellow Adas members who gather once a month at a conveniently located downtown conference room to take a break from their busy lives to study texts and grapple with powerful Jewish issues.

The Downtown Study Group has been meeting monthly for almost three decades. The intellectual level of the group ensures that every session is challenging, intellectually satisfying, and horizon-broadening. This cohesive group welcomes new members, and this class is open to the community.

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

The group meets Tuesdays at noon on the following dates: Sept. 12—Rabbi Alexander, Nov. 14—Rabbi Holtzblatt, Dec. 12—Rabbi Herb Schwartz, Jan. 9, 2018—Rabbi Alexander, Feb. 13—Rabbi Holtzblatt, March 13—Rabbi Elianna Yolkut, April 17—Rabbi Alexander, May 8—Rabbi Holtzblatt, and June 12—Rabbi Yolkut. ❀

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Kol HaMayim



Mikvah Guides support people through profound moments of personal and spiritual transitions and facilitate a connection to the Holy through Jewish ritual. They offer

themselves as witnesses to both quiet moments and joyous celebrations. *Mikvah* Guides can attest to the beauty of Jewish tradition in addressing the sanctity of the body.

This fall, the Adas Israel Community *Mikvah* is looking to train a fifth cadre of volunteers. This opportunity is open to women and men of all ages, from all levels of Jewish observance. No experience is necessary. A background in social work, therapy, or health care may be useful, but anyone with the right amount of sensitivity to others can be a good guide. This is a great opportunity for learning, growth and connection!

Mikvah Guide Training Dates:

Wednesday October 18, 6:30–8:30 pm (dinner will be served), or Thursday October 19, 12:30–2:30 pm (lunch will be served).

Occasions when your guidance might be called upon include life-cycle events, infertility, healing, aging, conversions, and monthly cycles

Again, you don't have to be a *mikvah* user to become a *Mikvah* Guide, and no minimum time commitment is required. There will be an orientation on October 18 or 19 and ongoing informal training on your schedule. For questions or more information, or to express interest, even if you can't attend a training, please contact Naomi Malka at 202-841-8776 or Mikvah@adasisrael.org. ❀

Jewish Study Center

Pre-High Holy Day Session

Wednesday, September 13

The Jewish Study Center (www.jewishstudycenter.org) will offer two classes in a Pre-High Holy Day session on Wed., Sept 13, at Adas Israel Congregation:

7:00–8:15 pm: *Different Views on the Binding of Isaac* by Steve Braun, former board member of JSC, Director Econometric Forecasting Council of Economic Advisors.

8:15–9:25 pm: Discussion of *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared* by Rabbi Alan Lew. This class will explore Rabbi Alan Lew's *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared*, a modern work, influenced by Buddhism, about the spiritual practice of *Teshuvah*. Instructor Darius Sivin is a board member of the National Havurah Committee and of MoEd, an afterschool Jewish community. He has taught at Fabrangen Cheder and at the NHC Institute.

\$15 Adas, JSC members / \$20 per session for others. For information and to register, visit www.jewishstudycenter.org ❀

life cycle

Milestones

Births

Leah Cahill, daughter of Rebecca & Tim Cahill, was born May 13.
Yael Sarah Smitz, daughter of Kyle & Elle Smitz, was born June 27.
Solomon Swern, son of Stephen Swern & Marisa Goldstein, was born July 3.
Daniel Brooks, son of Emilie Hyams & Jon Brooks, was born July 14.
Jacob Brett Friedman, son of Ashley & Elliot Friedman, was born July 19.
Rebecca Mary Huffman, daughter of Stephanie & Wesley Huffman and granddaughter of Harriet Lipkin & Chris Sautter, was born July 19.
Simon Frank Yavinsky, son of Rachel & William Yavinsky, was born July 19.
Rose Gabrielle Stryker, daughter of Rachel & Brian Stryker and granddaughter of Rae & Ron Brooks, was born July 22.

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

Weddings

Arielle Winnik & Jerrold Bennett were married Sunday, May 28.
Benjamin H. Kean & Miriam Chava Kramer were married Sunday, July 2.
We wish the newlyweds and their families a hearty mazal tov.

Member Achievements



Alana Herbst, daughter of Sharon Polansky and Jeffrey Herbst, recently received her beret upon completion of basic training in the IDF's combat intelligence unit (*Isuf Kravi*). Alana made *aliyah* in August 2016. *Mazal tov.*



Isaac Frumkin participated in this year's 2017 Maccabiah Games at Hebrew U in Jerusalem. He had a successful race and was awarded the silver medal in the 800 meter run.

B'nai Mitzvah



Jonah Frumkin, September 2

Jonah, son of Susan Kay and Sam Frumkin, is an eighth grader at Alice Deal Middle School. He began his religious education at Gan HaYeled, attends the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School, and spends part of his summers at Camp Avoda in Middleboro, MA. For his *mitzvah* project, Jonah and his friend, Josh Solomon (Temple Sinai), raised money for Sinai House, which

provides transitional housing and social services for homeless families. Jonah looks forward to sharing this *simcha* with his brother and the rest of his extended family.



Ana Preuss Susskind, September 2 (TEM)

Ana, the daughter of Ilana Preuss and Hadar Susskind, is a seventh grader at Takoma Park Middle School. A graduate of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, Ana is joined in celebration by her older brother, Yoav; her grandparents, Ruth and Peter Preuss and Yisroel and Nava Susskind; and other extended family. For her *mitzvah* project Ana is

volunteering with Girls Inc. (girlsinc.org), an organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through direct service and advocacy. Ana volunteers at its summer camp and fundraising for its year-round programming.



Shoshana Isabel Berman, September 9

Shoshana, daughter of Elisa Rosen and Jonathan Berman, is a seventh grader at Silver Creek Middle School. She began her Jewish

education at Gan HaYeled, and then attended the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital through fifth grade. She celebrates her *bat mitzvah* with her parents; her grandparents, Ruth Berman and Linda and Allen Rosen; and the rest of her extended family and friends. At this special time, she also remembers her grandfather, Barry Berman, of blessed memory. For her *mitzvah* project, Shoshana is volunteering at Bethesda Cares, helping to set up and serve meals to the homeless.



Harper Dunn, September 9 (TEM)

Harper, daughter of Lisa and Alvin Dunn, is an eighth grader at Alice Deal Middle School and attends the Ma'alot program at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious

School. She has also attended Camp Ramah New England for five summers. Harper looks forward to celebrating her *simcha* in the Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* with sisters Avery & Maren, brother Wyatt, grandparents Fred & Naomi Dunn, and grandfathers Michael Zifcak and Ron Nicholas. And at this special time, Harper remembers her grandmother, Inga Freyer Nicholas, of blessed memory.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Sally Moskowitz

Donald Wolpe

Dr. Martin Wolfe Phyllis Zweig

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Ruth Friss, mother of Lynn Feinberg

Philip Gossett, father of David Gossett

Warren H. Kincaid, father of William Kincaid

Eduardo Moss, father of Diana Moss

Dorothy Reich Joseph, mother of Mark Joseph

Sharyn Rubin Schlesinger, sister-in-law of Ronald Schlesinger ❀



Adas Journeys to Israel, Summer 2017

Ma'alot High School Trip

Led by Yoni Buckman, youth & family educator, and Marcy Spiro, director of membership engagement, the Abe & Minnie Kay Israel Experience is a two-week trip to Israel with the 10th-grade class. All 18 of our 10th-grade students participated in this year's trip that toured Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Negev Desert, and the Golan Heights.



Young Families Trip

Earlier this summer, a group of young families joined Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum, director of education, on the Family Israel Experience 2017. Designed with families in mind, the trip focused on discovering first-hand the unique culture and history of the land through lots of activities. The group took Israel by storm: they ate, rafted, hiked, sang, drummed, and toured their way through the country. They even had some “celebrity” sightings along the way (see if you can find Robyn Helzner)! The families look forward to sharing more of their experiences with you over the course of the year.



Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

Are you ready for the High Holy Days and the rest of this holiday season?

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



Regular Gift Shop Hours Resume Tuesday, Sept. 5

Sunday–Monday, Wednesday–Friday

9:30 am–12:30 pm

Tuesday, Special Extended Hours

9:30 am–3:00 pm, 6:00–8:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the High Holy Days, the Gift Shop will be closed on September 21 and 22.

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

202-364-2888

adasgiftshop@gmail.com

sisterhoodnews

New Year's Greeting from Sisterhood President Miriam Rosenthal



Shanah Tovah! May your year 5778 be filled with laughter and fulfillment. Look for your Sisterhood membership letter in the mail, or go to our web page, <http://adasisrael.org/sisterhood/> and please join us in the coming year.

Sisterhood's Autumn Events

New Sisterhood Sewing Circle Starts Sept. 10, 12:30 pm, Fungur Hall

We've come full circle. Inspired by our Sisters who created the beautiful



Quilt by Lesley Frost in honor of her first grandchild.

needlepoint tapestry and *chuppah* featured on Shavuot, we are happy to announce our inaugural meeting of the *Sisterhood Sewing Circle* on Sunday, September 10, at 12:30 pm, in Fungur Hall. We'll talk about possible group and individual projects—*tallit* bags, *tallitot*, *kippot*, *chuppah*, naming quilts and other children's quilts, etc. Experienced and beginning sewers are welcome.

For more information and to express interest, contact Lesley Frost, lesleyfrost0@gmail.com. The Circle will also meet on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 10:00

am, with future dates to be determined.

HOLD THE DATE:

Nov. 12, Sisterhood-Wide Opening Event for 5778

Joan Nathan discusses her new cookbook, *King Solomon's Table*

Following the holidays, please join us for our first Sisterhood-wide event of the new year. Well-known author Joan Nathan is coming to Adas on Sunday, Nov. 12, 10:00–11:15 am, to discuss her new cookbook, *King Solomon's Table*. The book chat is expected to take place in the Rose Ruth Freudberg Memorial Sisterhood Library, with a reception in the Kay Hall.

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood

What's in a name? Norman Shore teaches Weekday Torah with Sisterhood



Sisterhood

Next session Tuesday, Sept. 12, 10:00 am, in Biran Beit Midrash

M'shaneh shem—m'shaneh mazal (changing your name changes your fate). A passage from the Talmud read on *Rosh Hashanah* teaches that four things can transform your

life: *teshuvah* (repentance), *tefilah* (prayer), *tzedakah* (charity), and changing your name. Please join Weekday Torah with Sisterhood at 10:00 am on September 12, in the Biran Beit Midrash when community leader and scholar Norman Shore will lead a discussion on texts and rituals about the power of names and naming, their role in religious identity, assimilation, and binding the family together.

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood is an engaging approach to traditional Hebrew text study that offers participants the opportunity to delve into and discuss challenging texts and ideas. These sessions are open to the entire Adas Israel community. Classes are monthly, except in the summer, and

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usually meet on the second or third Tuesday of the month. Students of all levels and backgrounds are welcome.

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

Weekday Torah meets on September 12, October 17, November 14, December 12, January 23, 2018, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 8, and June 12.



Mah Jongg Group Open to All Adas Members

Mah Jongg will resume Thursday, Oct. 19, at 1:00 pm, in Sisterhood Hall. To express interest and to RSVP for the group, contact Barbara Friedell, 702-630-5106 (C); 202-813-3781 (H); or bhfriedell@yahoo.com.

Thank You for 2016–2017 Adas Sisterhood

At the Sisterhood closing event June 11, co-president Miriam Rosenthal toasted the many members who contributed to the year of success we all enjoyed. Here are her remarks:

"Thank you, thank you, thank you all for a memorable year. I want to take this opportunity to recap the year and acknowledge individual contributions.

Todah rabah—thank you very much—to everyone involved with Sisterhood *Shabbat*. Julie Weisman was the brains and driving force behind the Friday night program, "Miriam's Appeal," featuring local judges and the Adas Israel *Ma'alot* high school students. Miriam's Appeal was the crown jewel of Sisterhood events *ever*. And let me recognize Marcy Feuerstein, April Rubin, Betsy Strauss, and Kinney Zalesne, as well as June Kress, who was instrumental in involving our Judges; Leah Hadad for organizing the delicious Sisterhood *Shabbat* luncheon; Rabbi Gilah Langer for hosting our scholar; Sarah Brooks for playing chauffeur; and our volunteer teachers Norman Shore, Debra Benator, Shalom Flank, Ian Gershengorn, Kurt Jacobs, Sheldon Kimmel, and Betsy Strauss.

Todah rabah to Donald Saltz, our *chaver extraordinaire*, who, among other things underwrites Sisterhood *Shabbat*. And to Lucy Hassell for organizing our appreciation luncheon for him, which doubled as a wonderful excuse to enjoy each others' company. And also thank you to Lucy and her volunteers for taking on the joint Sisterhood-Hesed Committee distribution of bags with *Shabbat* supplies to families of the recently bereaved.

Todah rabah to June Kress, who organized the membership mailing and chaired *both* Sisterhood *Shabbat* and the Nominating Committee, which worked tirelessly to put together a strong slate with whom I'm looking forward to working this coming year. Her dedicated committee included Dena Bauman, Marilyn Cooper, Jill Jacob, and Joyce Stern.

Todah rabah to Susan Winberg, who is instrumental in all of our programming. She ensures that an event like the one featuring Arlette Jassel's coloring book happens and that each one is pulled off with elegance and grace. And thank you to Arlette for sharing your singular artistic talents with us.

Todah rabah to Nechama Masliansky, who has streamlined the communication process, creates great copy for the Sisterhood page in the Adas Israel *Chronicle*, and sees to it that Sisterhood programs are featured in all synagogue communications.

Todah rabah to Dava Berkman, our treasurer, who takes care of our books. I'm happy to announce we got a clean audit.

Todah rabah to Joyce Stern, the "face" of Sisterhood. During her tenure as corresponding secretary, she's written over 100 cards to Sisterhood members and their families, whether they be one of condolence, *refuah shelaymah* (a speedy recovery), or a *mazal tov*.



Vladimir Fridman and Miriam Isaacs entertain Sisterhood, June 2017.

Todah rabah to Alisa Abrams, our Torah Fund Chair. I'm so proud that we encourage *tzedakah* for such a worthy cause—supporting Jewish seminary education.

Todah rabah to Marilyn Cooper for spearheading *Weekday Torah with Sisterhood* each month. She's put together an impressive lineup of volunteer teachers.

Todah rabah to Barbara Friedell, fresh from Chicago, who formed a Sisterhood weekly mah jongg group.

Todah rabah to past president Lisa Kleine—for her invaluable wisdom; to Helen Kramer for chairing "Sisterhood Goes to the Movies"—it was *exceptional*; to Judy Melamed for organizing our sizable contingent to Seaboard Region's Vashti's Banquet; to Carol Ansell for the Sisterhood holiday gift wrap at Politics and Prose; to Dena Bauman for writing *Chronicle* articles about some Sisterhood Miriams—myself and Miriam Gusevich, and to the volunteers who check us in at events and hand out programs.

Todah rabah to Susan Barocas for catering our Sisterhood events and sharing her knowledge of Sephardic *Rosh Hashanah* food at the opening event, which Helen Kramer beautifully described in her *Chronicle* article. And to Miriam Isaacs, our gratitude for her Russian-themed closing event—interweaving poignant memoirs, poetry, and song.

Todah rabah to Linda Yitzchak, our programming co-chair, who has opened our programming to the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes and opens our hearts with her *davening*. We wish all the best to her in her next chapter of life as she and Razi make *aliyah* to be close to their son and family in Israel.

L'dor va dor—From generation to generation. *Mazal tov* to Rita Segerman on organizing the lobby display of the Sisterhood family *chuppah*, embroidered with the names of those who have stood under it. A *Shavuot aliyah* honored her and the Sisterhood members who made the *chuppah* and the beautiful needlepoint tapestry that was also featured in the lobby.

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Hesed Refresher Course



With the High Holy Days right around the corner, there will be lots of time for contemplation about how you want to spend your time and talents this year. The Hesed Committee

hopes you will think about turning your attention to the many Hesed activities available to you. Below is a quick refresher about all the ways you can become active in Hesed. What could be a better way to start the new year than to think of ways you can do deeds of lovingkindness?

Hesed Visits Team (team leaders: Betsy Strauss & Ari Strauss): provides short- and long-term visits to Adas members who could benefit from a little extra companionship or assistance with driving to doctor appointments, etc.

Hesed Phone Team (team leaders: Kathie Hoppe [Shabbat] & Harriet Isack [Mesheberach]): contacts Adas members on *erev Shabbat* to wish them a *Shabbat shalom* or to check in on them when they're sick.

Hesed Meals Team (team leaders: Edna Povich, Janet Scribner, & Mary Hammer): using the handy Meal Train Internet link, a system is set up to provide meals to those who are experiencing illness, have had a new baby, or just need a little extra sustenance.

Hesed Baskets Team (team leaders: Michael Fingerhut & Sharon Polansky): sends fun and plentiful baskets of goodies to new members and members who have a new baby in the family.

Hesed Young Families Team (team leaders: Susan Klein & Julia Schulman): offers assistance to families with young children, in particular connecting them with Adas opportunities.

Hesed Cooking Team (team leaders: Susan Barocas & Kristen Carvalho): organizes cooking events to stock the Hesed freezer with food for those who are ill or need a meal for whatever reason.

Hesed Sisterhood/Bereavement Partnership (team leader: Lucy Hassell): provides a Hesed basket with wine, *Shabbat* candles, and a *challah* to those who have recently experienced a loss.

Hesed Notecards (team leader: Rae Grad): greetings are sent for condolences, *mazal tov*, and other special occasions.

Lev b'lev: Heart to Heart (team leaders: Rae Grad & Jamie Butler): a joint effort of our Hesed

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**EZRA
PANTRY
FOOD
DRIVE**

Yom Kippur, 5778/2017

Yom Kippur Food Drive to Benefit So Others Might Eat (SOME)

"The Torah begins and ends with acts of caring, loving kindness" (*Talmud: Sotah 14a*). During this *Yom Kippur*, join us in performing acts of caring and lovingkindness by donating nonperishable food items to benefit SOME (So Others Might Eat), an interfaith, community-based organization that meets the immediate daily needs of the poor and homeless in our nation's capital by providing food, clothing, and health care. And SOME also helps break the cycle of homelessness through services such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling.

In 2016, thanks to supporters like Adas, SOME served 388,213 meals in its dining rooms and residential programs. SOME's food wish list includes canned fruit (unsweetened), canned vegetables (low- or no-sodium-added), whole grains, whole wheat pastas and couscous, low-sugar cereal and oatmeal, nuts, oils and vinegars, and healthy snacks. Let's strengthen our resolve to commit to sacred acts of kindness for people who are marginalized in our broader community. Pick up extra goods every time you go to the grocery store, or grab something from your kitchen cabinet, and bring them to the Adas Israel coatroom. We will also provide bins at the Quebec Street entrance on *Kol Nidre* and *Yom Kippur*. Nechama Masliansky (nmasliansky@some.org) is our liaison with SOME. Feel free to contact her with any questions. To volunteer, contact Jamie Butler (jgb3611@gmail.com)

Social Action Team News

Our teams have had a very productive year working with our community partners and forging new relationships with activists in Wards 7 and 8. We've added a new team whose charge is to respond to acts of hatred, and we've expanded the work of several of our teams. We encourage you to read what we've been up to, and if our work speaks to your passions and your desire to be part of a committed corps of volunteers who seek to make a difference, contact our team chairs or Jamie Butler, Social Action Chair (jgb3611@gmail.com).



Refugee Response

Team This team of Adas members, in partnership with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC), is supporting refugees through the lens of Jewish ethics and values. With LSS, we have furnished two apartments for newly settled

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refugees from Iraq and Afghanistan, and we are now co-sponsoring the resettlement of a wonderful Syrian family of five. With IRC, we are piloting a family mentorship program through which we provide friendship and support in job development, financial literacy, building English conversation skills, tutoring children, and navigating daily life. We are also helping refugees with similar needs at IRC's Silver Spring, MD, office. For more information or to get involved with our work, please contact Dan Aladjem (dan.aladjem@gmail.com).



teaching to help us understand how individual food choices can affect others, and we learned about a local firm that recycles fresh fruit.

In the spring, we hosted an expert panel discussion following *Shabbat* services to examine the Torah basis for climate action. Of course, learning is transformed into action. Our group is also involved with the Adas facility team to explore measures to improve facility energy use. For more information or to get involved, please contact Philip Henderson (philiphdc@gmail.com).



Climate Action Team At Adas, social action is grounded in learning. The Climate Action Team has focused primarily on exploring how Jewish tradition informs our personal and collective activities related to pollution and environmental matters. Our February *Tu b'Shevat* event used Torah

Gun Violence Prevention Team The GVP team is partnering with the Washington Interfaith Network to reduce the level of gun violence in our city, in particular in Wards 7 and 8. The team is listening to city residents who have been victimized and is looking at

effective means of community-based policing. In addition, the GVP team focuses on gun safety and parental decision-making issues within the Adas Israel community. On Sunday, July 13, Rabbi Alexander and several members of both the GVP team and Racial Justice Working Group met with Ryane Nickens and Jimmie Jenkins, Councilman Trayon White's Constituent Services Specialist, to talk about ways Ward 3 residents can build relationships and partner with residents in Ward 8. To get involved, contact Lois Fingerhut (loisafingerhut@gmail.com).



Poverty/Homelessness/Housing Team This team is addressing the broader causes of homelessness, poverty, and illiteracy and is fostering equal opportunity for all DC residents. We are a member of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), and we

played a key role in the successful Ward 3 for All campaign to bring a short-term housing facility for families experiencing homelessness to the Ward 3 community. Our direct service projects with community partner organizations serving DC's most vulnerable residents include So Others Might Eat (SOME), N Street Village, Reading Partners, One Congregation One Family, Yachad, and Anne Frank House. To get involved, contact Jamie Butler (jgb3611@gmail.com).



Racial Justice Working Group The Racial Justice Working Group (RJWG) seeks to encourage deeper understanding of contemporary racism to enhance our ability to counter residual racial bias in our everyday lives, our synagogue, and society as a whole. We have begun to examine internal and external feelings and attitudes toward race and racism within American society and within the context of the larger Jewish community. We will explore the history of racism and how it is internalized in each one of us. We are also looking at strategic justice-seeking opportunities and training, including a racial justice book club, allyship and privilege trainings, small-group study sessions, special guest speaker series, and continuing to strengthen our network and furthering our mission by partnering with larger Jewish organizations, as well as nonprofit and other faith-based organizations within the greater Washington, DC, area. To get involved, contact Salina Greene (sierrayen@aol.com).



Lev b'Lev Team (Heart to Heart)

This team is a newly formed joint effort of our Hesed and Social Action committees. Created in response to the alarming increase in acts of hatred in our society, Lev b'Lev's

rapid response teams bring a loving presence and support to people and places that have been targeted with hate. For more information or to get involved, contact Rae Grad (rgrad@comcast.net) or Jamie Butler (jgb3611@gmail.com).

Ma Tovu: Rabbi Elianna Yolkut, Rabbi Herb Schwartz & Michael Leifman

HONORING OUR LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement

We are excited to have three of our own community members join us for the High Holy Days—Rabbi Elianna Yolkut, Rabbi Herb Schwartz, and Michael Leifman. You have seen them in services, teaching in our adult lifelong learning programs, picking up their children from the Gan or Religious School, etc. This High Holy Day season we have the pleasure of being led by them from the pulpit.



Rabbi Elianna Yolkut

Elianna Yolkut is a Rabbi Without Borders who strives through challenging questions, innovative study, and meaningful connection to help people at all life stages reach a deep understanding of and connection to the wisdom of Judaism. Elianna is a thinker,

writer, and educator who seeks innovative models for religious community-building and dynamic ways to teach Torah.

Ordained in 2006 by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, Elianna was later an adjunct faculty member while serving as assistant rabbi at the Conservative synagogue Adat Ari El. Elly, who earned a BA in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and sociology from Brandeis University, now lives with her partner and their three young children in Washington DC, where she serves as a community rabbi teaching, speaking, and writing. Beginning in the summer of 2016, Elianna is a fellow in Shalom Hartman Institute's Rabbinic Leadership Institute.

What makes leading High Holy Day services at Adas Israel meaningful to you?

When our family joined Adas in the summer of 2013, we were excited to be joining a dynamic and diverse Jewish community. What we have found is much more—a home away from home, what the *Tanach* (the Hebrew Bible) and the Rabbis call *Mikdash Ma'at*—our own little holy temple. At Adas our children fell in love with school in the Gan. As a family we celebrate *Shabbat* and holidays, have found our *chevrah* (our group of dear friends), and welcomed our newest addition into the covenant of the Jewish people on his eighth day of life, all in our beloved *shul* community.

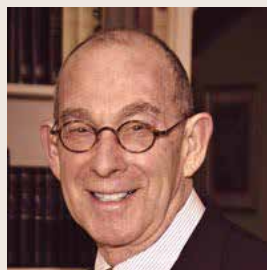
For me personally I have had many inspiring opportunities to serve as a rabbi: to teach and study Torah through my work with Rabbis Holtzblatt and Alexander at MakomDC, engaging in dialogue and debate in the Biran *Beit Midrash*, working with conversion students in the Introduction to Judaism class, and sharing in sacred life-cycle moments. To have the opportunity to spend the High Holy Day services this year in service to my family's Adas community, graced with the davening of Michael Leifman, and tasked with guiding us along an elevating personal, sacred reflection, is truly a *kavod* (honor) and gift

without measure.

The theme for our High Holy Days this year is “Then Like the Dawn Shall Your Light Burst Through” (Isaiah 58:8). Where in the past year have you uncovered a ray of light? And for the coming year of 5778, how do you hope to live in the light that was created for us?

The first thing that comes to mind when I think of light this year is the birth of our third child, Ezekiel, who arrived just as autumn began and the days were darker. However, he is a light brighter than I could have imagined, and he is a reminder each day to focus on the simple joys in life, even during the darkest hours. This isn't only a personal teaching but one the liturgy reminds us of as well. Just before we go to sleep at night there is a *mitzvah* to recite a special elongated *shema* prayer, which not only includes the *shema* but several other paragraphs as well. One of those ends with the blessing, “Blessed are You Adonai whose light illumines the world with your essence.”

The choice is intentional. At the darkest moment of the day, just before bed, the one which might bring us uncertainty or worry about the day ahead the liturgy reminds us that the Divine light is still there, God is present even in the darkness and, of course, encouraging us to remember to bring our godly light into the world. No matter what happened in the day past, or what lies ahead, we can hold God's light close and help to illumine the world with our brightest lights. I will be thinking of this message throughout the year ahead—to remember God's enduring light and our ability to be reflections of that light to brighten our world—with Torah, with service to God and the Jewish people, and with acts of deep loyalty and love.



Rabbi Herb Schwartz

Herb Schwartz is a retired rabbi who is married to Sharon and is old enough to be called *Zayde* by his children, his in-laws, his grandchildren, and even his daughter's suitor and his children.

What makes leading High Holy Day services at Adas Israel

meaningful to you?

Who wouldn't want to be here?!!

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I come to *shul* each day to hear “God has faith in me”; “Every day God re-creates the world”; and “In his goodness, day after day, God creates the world anew.”

On *Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur*, I gather together all the moments in the past year “when a light went on,” and, to my surprise, I see a bright light brighter than I expected—enhanced by hundreds and thousands of others who are as surprised as I. And we say (almost in chorus), “*Ma godlu Maasekha Adonai*—How marvelous is all that God has made!!!”



Michael Leifman

Michael and his wife, Sharon Samber, have lived in DC and been members of Adas since 1995. They have two sons—Ethan, a 10th grader at Wilson High School, and Gil, a fifth grader at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School. In his “day job,” Michael is a senior strategist for General Electric, with

expertise in environment, energy, and business innovation. When he’s not *davening* or doing business strategy, Michael is happiest throwing a frisbee.

What makes leading High Holy Day services at Adas Israel meaningful to you?

I’ve been a *shaliach tzibbur* in some capacity or another for the high holidays since I was in college. I’ve led in many kinds of settings, from a tiny vacation community in Lake Peekskill, NY, to the JTS auditorium, the Jersey shore, AU Hillel, and Ohr Kodesh. None has been as meaningful as leading at Adas. Adas has been my home for over 20 years; *davening* with friends and family, in services with a great *Kol Tefila*, with insightful sermons, and in a building teeming with people from the many walks of Adas life, is an unmatched experience.

The theme for our High Holy Days this year is “Then Like the Dawn Shall Your Light Burst Through” (Isaiah 58:8). Where in the past year have you uncovered a ray of light? And for the coming year of 5778, how do you hope to live in the light that was created for us?

This was a hard year and a half for me personally. But the ray of light was the enormous emotional support I received from the Adas community. The intense friendship bonds that my family has within this community are a constant in our lives, and during dark times they have strengthened and brightened. ✨

The Annual Community CPR Program

Sunday, Sept. 10, 4:00–6:00 pm



Join us for our annual Community CPR program on Sunday, September 10, 4:00–6:00 pm (immediately after our High Holy Day volunteer orientation).

This training gives members of our community the opportunity to learn or brush up on their CPR skills. Refreshments will be provided.

To register, contact Steven Miller at smiller173@aol.com or 703-408-5237. Registration is limited. There is no charge for synagogue members; for non-members, the cost is \$5. ✨



Kolot Choir Do You Like To Sing?

Then come and be a part of *Kolot*, the young voices of Adas Israel with Cantor Arianne Brown!

For third to sixth graders, *Kolot* meets on Sundays twice a month, from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, beginning October 22. To register, please e-mail your name and grade to cantor.brown@adasisrael.org. ✨



Morning Workout @ Adas Israel Wednesdays, 9:15–10:15 am in Kay Hall

Start your Morning with Intention

Did you know that we offer a free morning workout class every Wednesday morning? Join Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum and Director of Membership Engagement Marcy Spiro for a physical and communal exercise. Drawing on elements of dance and aerobics, we prepare ourselves for the day ahead and have a ton of fun! We offer different levels of intensity and guarantee a good time!

For more information or to be added to the group listserv, e-mail Marcy at marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org. ✨

The Refugees at Rick's: *Casablanca* Turns 75

By Robin Jacobson, Library & Literary Programs Director



Seventy-five years ago this fall, the beloved Hollywood classic, *Casablanca*, first lit up American movie screens. *Casablanca* has enthralled generations of viewers with its stellar performances (by Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains); iconic lines (“Round up the usual suspects”; “Here’s looking at you, kid”; “We’ll always have Paris”); glamorous Moroccan setting at Rick’s Café Américain, and suspenseful love triangle (will Ilsa stay with soul-mate Rick or leave *Casablanca* with husband Victor?).

Beneath the romance and intrigue, *Casablanca* is a story about frightened refugees. Sadly, that

story feels especially relevant in 2017, as countless Syrians and others search for safe havens. Refugees are the focus of a new, fascinating film history, *We’ll Always Have Casablanca* by Noah Isenberg, director of screen studies and professor of culture and media at the New School. Moreover, the book is a treasure trove of *Casablanca* lore, perfect for film fans.

The Inspiration for *Casablanca*

As Isenberg recounts, *Casablanca* was rooted in the perils faced by Jews in Nazi-occupied countries. In the summer of 1938, a young American Jewish couple, Murray and Frances Burnett, visited relatives in Belgium. Murray, a high school teacher, was also an aspiring playwright. The couple’s pleasure trip transformed into a risky mission when their relatives asked them to smuggle family money and precious items out of Austria, which had been annexed by the Nazis earlier that year.

Protected only by an American flag in Murray’s lapel, the Burnetts went to Vienna and collected the valuables. Flagrantly violating Nazi prohibitions against removing Jewish property, the couple departed Austria with Murray wearing diamond rings on every finger and Frances wrapped in a fur coat in August. After safely reaching the South of France, the Burnetts celebrated their derring-do at a nightclub near Nice. The patrons, a mix of refugees and military officers, spoke in a babble of foreign languages while an African American piano player from Chicago crooned jazz tunes. Taking in the exotic scene, Murray turned to Frances and exclaimed, “What a setting for a play!”

Two years later, Murray Burnett and co-author Joan Alison wrote *Everybody Comes to Rick’s*. The play was about a cynical American who owns a nightclub in *Casablanca* populated by refugees fleeing the Nazis. Unable to find a producer for the play, the writers’ agent sent it to Hollywood. With perfect timing, the play arrived at Warner Brothers on December 8, 1941, the day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Recognizing the play’s potential as a war picture, the studio bought it, retitling it *Casablanca*.

The Émigré Movie Team

Although inspired by the plight of European Jews, *Casablanca* did not address Jewish persecution directly. Says Isenberg, “[O]n the Hollywood screen in 1942... refugees would have to be stripped of any obvious ethnic or religious affiliations.” Nonetheless, the film was infused with the real-life experiences of director Michael Curtiz, a Hungarian Jew who had relatives stranded in Europe, and the large émigré cast, including Jews and others who had personally experienced Nazi horrors.

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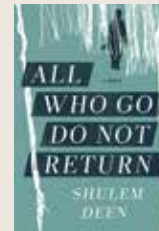
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During the famous scene in which freedom fighter Victor Lazlo leads the café patrons in a rousing rendition of *La Marseillaise*, the French national anthem, to drown out the German song of the Nazi officers, one American bit actor noticed tears streaming down the faces of the other actors. He recalled later, “I suddenly realized that they were all real refugees.” They brought a raw emotion and urgency to *Casablanca* that still feels like a call to action 75 years later.

Adas Israel sponsors a refugee family. To learn more, go to our website and click on the Tikkun Olam tab. ✨

First Book Chat of the New Year

Sunday, October 29,
10:15-11:15 am in the Library



Join the discussion of *All Who Go Do Not Return* by Shulem Deen, an award-winning memoir of Hasidic life. Questions? Please contact Robin Jacobson, librarian@adasisrael.org. ✨

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Your Spare SmarTrip Card Can Help DC’s Refugees Start Anew



Do you have SmarTrip cards with remaining value that you’re not using? Adas Israel is collecting spare and new SmarTrip cards for refugees in need. All donated cards will be given to the International Rescue Committee to help struggling refugees access this city’s resources and get settled. With a SmarTrip card with as little as \$25 on it, a refugee will be able to attend a cultural orientation class, enroll children in school, travel to a job interview, and go to an initial health screening. For more information please contact Beth Simon, bethanasimon@gmail.com.

Please drop off your SmarTrip cards, cash, or checks in the Adas coatroom or mail them to: Adas Israel Congregation, c/o Marcy Spiro, 2850 Quebec Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008. Thank you for your support. ✨

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And a big thank-you to our Adas Israel clergy and professional and custodial staff upon whom we always rely.

And last but not least, I wish to thank co-president Marcy Feuerstein, my mentor, friend, and sounding board. *Todah rabah* for all of your hard work and *mazal tov* on your successful tenure as Sisterhood president for two years and co-president with me this past year. To show our appreciation, we'd like to present you with a gift, *Designing Home: Jews and Mid-century Modernism*, wrapped by Carol Ansell. Thank you, everyone!" 🌸

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and Social Action committees, created in response to the alarming increase in acts of hatred in our society, *Lev b'lev's* rapid response teams bring a loving presence and support to people and places that have been targeted with hate.

Special Hesed Request: On September 10, 2017, we are seeking drivers to deliver *Rosh Hashanah* bags to our special senior Adas members; please contact Marcy Spiro, Marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org, if you'd like to help. If you have a need for Hesed—a meal, a call, a friendly visit—please contact us at hersed@adasisrael.org. We are here for you.

If you have any questions about Hesed or to learn more about how YOU can volunteer, please contact hersed@adasisrael.org or check in with Rabbi Holtzblatt (rabbi.holtzblatt@adasisrael.org) or Rae Grad (rgrad@comcast.net). We look forward to your engaging with Hesed this year! 🌸



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