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At Pesach, I’m particularly drawn to Nahshon. Maybe you’ve heard the midrash about him. When the Israelites were escaping Egypt and reached the Red Sea, the waters didn’t part as easily as we’re told in the Torah . . . In fact, the Israelites stood there, panicking, waiting for something to happen. But nothing did until Nahshon just walked in. Actually, the waters didn’t part until Nahshon had reached the point of no return: he was practically under water before God acted. There’d be no Jewish people without this guy.

Yet, where in the Torah do we read about Nahshon’s role in this story? He’s not there! And although it’s been a while since I’ve seen The Ten Commandments, I don’t remember him in the movie, either. So what’s going on?

One of the functions of midrash is to fill in the details in the Biblical narrative. And at the time such midrashim were constructed, the sages were defining our relationship with God. Through this midrash, we learn that it’s not enough for us to believe that God will take care of us. It’s not enough to trust God. We have to exhibit our faith by taking action, thereby forging a partnership with God. Nahshon literally took the first step, meeting God halfway. It’s Nahshon’s action, that first step into the sea, that sets us free.

This lesson of course is pertinent to many aspects of our lives. We are constantly choosing our level of participation in the activities that make up our lives, big ones and little ones, meaningful ones and peripheral ones. Will I engage, or will I sit this one out? When will I exhibit leadership, and how? Do I simply react (Do I chase down that car that just cut me off?), or do I let it go? Some of these decisions are unconscious and we make them so rapidly that we’re usually not even aware of having made them. At the most basic level, we don’t always realize we have a choice of how we act. I think this is what happened with Nahshon.

This lesson affects our congregation, too. (You knew that was coming, right??) One reason our synagogue community thrives is that people step up without waiting to be asked. We have many, many volunteers who make our lives better at Adas Israel. I’m not talking about huge investments of time; an hour or two here or there, once a month or once a year, can make a world of difference. Baking challah with the Hesed Committee, attending a MakomDC lecture, being an usher when you’re going to be at Shabbat services anyway, being part of a b’nai mitzvah project— all are ways to contribute to the success of this kehillah that has meaning in your life. Look through this issue of the Chronicle and you’ll see numerous ways you and the children in our congregation can participate.

And yes, I do know that for many of us, the resource in shortest supply is time, and the thought of adding one more thing is out of the question. Your presence is no less appreciated and no less meaningful, I assure you. And don’t worry; the opportunities I’ve mentioned and others will be there, in improved fashion I’m sure, when you’re ready. I ask only that when you’re making the choice to be involved in a worthy cause, Adas Israel is near the top of your list, and that you take the first step without waiting to be asked. Be Nahshon.

I’m grateful to you for being a part of Adas. You have my best wishes for a liberating and joyful Pesach.
On Shabbat HaGadol, the Great Shabbat that precedes Passover, we chant these words of the prophet Malachi as the ending of our haftarah. Our tradition, so careful about text and context, includes both of these verses in the traditional haftarah, yet it refuses to let us end on a negative note. So what do we do? We repeat the second to last verse, concluding our haftarah with visions of the prophet Elijah returning to us, foreshadowing our upcoming Pesach seder, when we welcome Elijah the prophet into our homes. For children, opening the door for Eliyahu hanavi is very exciting!

As for the adults at the table—who hasn’t seen, or been, the eager trickster who finds a way to pour liquid out of Elijah’s wine cup, delighting the kids by showing that he really drank it?! Our ritual is entertaining, interesting, and perhaps uncomfortable for some who aren’t acclimated to inviting spirits into their home for wine.

When I lived in New York, I conducted the Workmen’s Circle Chorus. We spent much of our time preparing for the Workmen’s Circle Seder. This major event, held in a Lower East Side hotel, drew hundreds of devotees on the Sunday prior to Passover. It was a direct descendant of the “Third Seder,” a custom that originated in the 1920s as a Yiddish cultural, socialist alternative Pesach celebration. The hagode is a mixture of Yiddish and English. Some seder songs are chanted in Yiddish translation; and others were created for these occasions and adopted as traditional Yiddish seder songs.

One of these songs, Tayere Malke, is sung after the meal, as an introduction to the cups of wine that we drink in the second half of the seder. The Passover Queen is called on to fill the goblets, including that of Elijah.

Who is this Passover Queen, and where did she come from? Perhaps just one poet’s imagination, and yet, I read something into her presence in the cultural seder as one who connects the generations, who “turns the hearts of children to their parents.”

My dear queen, may you remain healthy. Fill the goblet with wine! This goblet, glowing so beautifully—My own grandfather drank from it. Despite difficult times, I kept the goblet steadfastly, with pride. Dear queen, may you be blessed. To whom should I drink this wine?

Excerpted from Tayere Malke by Mark Warshawsky.

As we prepare ourselves for Pesach on the Shabbat prior, I find a clue to the meaning of our Elijah ritual in the quote from Malachi. What does the coming of Elijah mean? Redemption, the coming of the Messiah, God’s rule on earth, all are traditional answers. In this text, however, we also find something sweeter and less grandiose.

As the door opens and the cool night air enters our homes, we turn our hearts to our children, our future. We turn our hearts to our parents, our ancestors, our connections to the past. We see ourselves not as the center of the universe here and now, but as connecting links in the continuum of time and space.
A cappella music is sweeping the country, and colleges and universities are a big reason for that. There is an ever-increasing number of a cappella groups on college campuses, and the number of Jewish collegiate a cappella groups (that we know of) is approaching 50! Add to that popular TV shows like *The Sing-Off*, and anyone who’s anyone now realizes how cool it is to be a singer without accompanying instruments.

There are competitions for a cappella groups out there, such as the Harmony Sweepstakes and ICCA, but there was a void in the Jewish a cappella world—at least until 2011! The inaugural Kol HaOlam National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella Competition held in Washington, DC, saw Tizmoret (Queens College) crowned as the first official National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella champion. After Tizmoret repeated in 2012, Hooshir (Indiana University) claimed the title in 2013 and 2014, Tizmoret again in 2015, Jewop in 2016, and Rak Shalom in 2017! Who will be crowned the next champion? And who will win the coveted Audience Favorite prize?

Ticket prices are $36 for premium seats, $20 for regular admission, and $10 for college students and others under age 18.

The contenders are:

- Ani V’Ata (NYU)
- Chai Notes (Hofstra)
- ChaiTunes (Emory)
- Hooshir (Indiana)
- Kaskeset (Binghamton)
- Ketzev (Johns Hopkins)
- Kol Sasson (Maryland)
- Mezumenet (Maryland)
- ShireiNU (Northwestern)
- Plus performances by Rak Shalom & Tizmoret!

**DC Klezmer Workshop**

Are you a musician who always wanted to play klezmer music? Does your foot start tapping every time you hear Yiddish songs? Do you want to learn the differences among a Bulgar, a Sher, a Zhok, and a Khosidl?

Then you will want to join us for the first-ever DC Klezmer Workshop at Adas Israel. We will meet from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 11, for a workshop and jam session. The workshop is open to all levels of musicians, whether you read music or not.

Questions?

Contact howard.ungar@hotmail.com
UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden of the Righteous

Save The Date
Sunday, April 15, at 10:30 am
Honoring the Memory of
Captain Gustav Schroeder of Germany

On Sunday April 15, Adas Israel Congregation will honor the memory of Captain Gustav Schroeder of Germany. Gustav Schroeder was captain on the fateful voyage of the St. Louis, which, in May 1939, set sail from Hamburg to the Americas with more than 900 Jewish passengers aboard. After crossing the Atlantic, the fugitives from Nazi Germany—many of whom already had been arrested once in the wake of Kristallnacht in November 1938—were denied entry by both the Cuban and the American authorities. The pariah ship was forced to turn back to Europe. However, instead of heading straight back to a German harbor, Captain Schroeder stalled on the voyage back, refusing to return to Germany until he had found a safe haven for his Jewish passengers. He even went so far as to develop a contingency plan by which the St. Louis was to be spectacularly shipwrecked near the English coast to force the British authorities to take some action.

A solution was found, finally, and the passengers were allowed to disembark in Antwerp, after Belgium, Great Britain, and France had come to an agreement with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to each take in a certain number of people. Had the St. Louis headed straight back to a German harbor, all of its Jewish passengers would have certainly ended up in Nazi concentration camps. It was primarily thanks to Captain Schroeder’s courage and determination not to abandon his Jewish passengers to their fate that many of them were able to escape the Nazi death trap. On March 11, 1993, Yad Vashem posthumously recognized Captain Gustav Schroeder as Righteous Among the Nations (www.yadvashem.org).

The Adas Israel Garden of the Righteous is a beautiful reminder of numerous acts of decency and daring performed by many non-Jews in the midst of one of the most tragic moments in human history. This program, initiated in 1992 by Rabbi Jeffrey A. Wohlberg to honor non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust, is supported in part by the Peter Dreyer Memorial Fund, the Scott Dreyer Fund, and the Ryna & Melvin Cohen Senior Rabbi Program Fund. The entire community is cordially invited for this moving event. We look forward to seeing you there.
PASSOVER @ ADAS
FRIDAY, MARCH 30—SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Chag Sameach! The eight-day festival of Passover commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. It is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus. Please join us at Adas as we celebrate the holiday of freedom!
You are invited to... PASSOVER 2018/5778

The Second Night Community Seder

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 @ 7:30PM
WITH RABBI HOLTZBLATT

Join us for our annual, festive community Passover seder at Adas Israel with delicious food, thought-provoking discussion, and joyful song. The Passover seder is one of the Jewish peoples’ most treasured traditions. Few rituals have survived so long and remained so true to their original form. Using rich symbolism, role-playing, and all of the senses, the seder has warmly transmitted the values of human dignity, liberty, and the search for higher meaning to every society it has reached.

To this day, in every corner of the world, Jewish families come together to reconstruct that original Passover seder, again and again, year after year. And every year, there is more to learn. We look forward to sharing this beautiful and meaningful tradition with you and your family this year at Adas.

Co-Sponsored by the Adas Sisterhood
Join Sisterhood and the Adas community in its celebration of the second night Passover seder. Although the traditional haggadah will be used, at certain important junctures participants will hear the voices of the heroic women of the Exodus. We will learn how the women gained God’s favor through the use of their copper mirrors, which later were used to make the laver in the Mishkan.

In addition to Elijah, there will be a special mystery guest who, according to midrash, played an important role in the Israelites’ departure from Egypt. (Hint: She helped Moses expeditiously find the bones of Joseph so that the people could make a hasty retreat.) It will be a traditional, inclusive seder filled with new information and joy!

Register online today at adasisrael.org/Passover!
Passover Guide
2018 / 5778

Passover is celebrated this year from Friday evening, March 30, through Saturday, April 7. The sedarim are held on Friday and Saturday nights, March 30 and 31. All cleaning and preparations to make the house pesachlik (kosher for Passover) must be completed by 10:00 am on Friday, March 30. If you have any questions, please consult with the rabbis.

The rule against hametz on Pesach applies not only to eating but to enjoyment (hanaah) and also involves removing all of the hametz from one’s home. No hametz is even allowed to be in a Jew’s possession during Passover. To facilitate this cleaning, certain rituals are part of Passover preparations (the text for the ceremonies can be found in most haggadot).

bedikat hametz—searching for crumbs of hametz
bittul hametz—a formula for renouncing hametz inadvertantly missed
be’ur hametz—burning hametz
mehirat hametz—the sale of hametz

Mehirat Hametz
We are not always able to destroy or remove all of our hametz, because doing so could be economically disastrous. So the rabbis ordained that a symbolic sale is made of all the hametz to a non-Jew in the community, who then sells it back to us after Pesach. The hametz is then no longer “in our possession.”

This is normally done through the synagogue for the entire congregation. Please fill out the form in this Chronicle and send it to Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith by March 26. It is only necessary to sell or destroy food; dishes and utensils are simply locked away in storage for the duration of the festival.

Bedikat Hametz, Thursday Evening, March 29
The search for leaven, a lovely home ceremony of searching for the leaven with a candle, feather, and wooden spoon, is an indication that all other preparations are complete. It is customarily done at nightfall (immediately after sunset) on the night before Passover when we search for and symbolically eliminate all remaining leavening from the house. This is an especially enjoyable ceremony for your children. The Kol Hamira formula for nullifying unseen hametz, which can be found at the beginning of many haggadot, should be recited at this time and in the morning when the hametz is disposed of.

The search is performed in the following manner:

a. Place 10 pieces of (visible size) bread in various locations throughout the house.
b. Recite the following blessing: Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam asher kid-shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivonu al biur hametz, and then proceed (traditionally with a lighted candle, a feather, and a wooden spoon) to look for any leaven that can be found.
c. The pieces of bread should be gathered in a container, such as a small cardboard box.
d. After the 10 pieces of bread, and whatever other leavened food is gathered, make the following declaration: “All manner of leaven that is in my possession which I have not seen or have not removed, or have no knowledge of, shall be null and disowned as the dust of the earth.”

Siyyum Bechorim, Friday Morning, March 30
The fast of the firstborn is a time-honored custom that recognizes God’s role in history. On the day before Passover, it is customary for those who are firstborn to fast as an expression of gratitude that they, unlike the Egyptians’ firstborn, were saved. However if they attend a siyyum (a public completion of the study of a tractate of the Talmud) on the morning before Passover, they are exempted from fasting and may eat. Thus any firstborn who participates in the ceremony may eat. This is known as the Siyyum Bechorim. As do many congregations, we hold a siyyum (the celebration of concluding a section of the Mishna). Our siyyum will take place as part of the morning minyan on Friday morning, March 30, at 7:15 am.

Seudat Mitzvah, this small meal follows and a firstborn who is present may eat, and need not fast that day (following the Siyyum Bechorim).

Biyor Hametz, Friday Morning, March 30
This day should be treated as an ordinary Erev Pesach with regard to biur hametz (removal of hametz). Burning of the hametz should be completed by about 10:00 am. The stove should be koshered for Pesach. All cooking should be done in Pesach pots using only Pesach utensils. Food required for the first seder should be cooked at this time. Burn your chametz at Adas Israel on Friday, March 30, at 9:00 am in the parking lot.

First Seder, Friday Night, March 30
Tradition encourages that the seder not begin until after sundown.

Candlelighting Times:
Friday, March 30, Light candles at 7:11 pm
Saturday, March 31, Light candles after 8:12 pm
Thursday, April 5, Light candles at 7:17 pm
Friday, April 6, Light candles at 7:18 pm

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

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam asher kid-shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivonu al biur hametz, and then proceed (traditionally with a lighted candle, a feather, and a wooden spoon) to look for any leaven that can be found.
The Sale of Hametz

During Passover, it is technically forbidden to have any hametz in our possession. Because we cannot finish it all, and it is improper to destroy usable food, the rabbis provided for a symbolic sale of all the hametz to a non-Jew who then “sells” it back to us after Pesach. The hametz is then no longer “in our possession.” This includes food, dishes, and utensils, which are locked away in storage for the duration of the festival.

Funds collected through donations and through the "sale" of hametz are used for charitable purposes and to help provide Passover food for those who otherwise might have none. This legal procedure technically transfers ownership of hametz that remains in our pantry during the festival. Technical ownership reverts to us when the festival is over.

Please use this form and send it to Hazzan Rachel Goldsmith (Hazzan.Goldsmith@adasisrael.org) by March 26.

Dear Hazzan Goldsmith:

Please sell our hametz so that we have fulfilled our obligation of religious ownership and accept this contribution so that others are assured of a seder.

Please print:

Name:

Home Address:

Business Address:

PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE 2018/5778

Erev Pesach, Friday, March 30
7:15 am • Morning Minyan & Pesach Siyyum Service
8:00 am • Pesach Siyyum Breakfast
9:00 am • Biur Hametz
6:00 pm • Ma’ariv/Erev Pesach (If you are interested in attending Kabbalat Chag on the first night of Pesach you must contact Hazzan Goldsmith, Hazzan.Goldsmith@adasisrael.org. If there is insufficient interest, there will be no service.)

Day 1, Saturday, March 31
9:30 am • Traditional Egalitarian Minyan Pesach/Shabbat Service; joined by the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
12:00 pm • Congregational Pesach Kiddush
1:00 pm • Mincha Service
7:30 pm • Adas Community Passover Seder

Day 2, Sunday, April 1
9:30 am • Combined Smith and TEM Pesach Service
12:00 pm • Congregational Pesach Kiddush
12:45 pm • Mincha Service

Day 3, Monday, April 2
7:15 am • Morning Minyan
6:00 pm • Evening Minyan

Day 4, Tuesday, April 3
7:15 am • Morning Minyan
6:00 pm • Evening Minyan

Day 5, Wednesday, April 4
7:15 am • Morning Minyan
6:00 pm • Evening Minyan

Day 6, Thursday, April 5
7:15 am • Morning Minyan
6:00 pm • Evening Minyan/Kabbalat Chag

Day 7, Friday, April 6
9:15 am • Combined Smith/TEM Pesach Service
12:00 pm • Pesach Kiddush
6:00 pm • Kabbalat Chag

Day 8, Saturday, April 7
9:15 am • Pesach/Shabbat Morning Service; Yizkor at 11 am
9:15 am • TEM Pesach/Shabbat Service; Yizkor
9:30 am • Havurah Shabbat Service
12:00 pm • Congregational Pesach Kiddush
1:00 pm • Mincha

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

Over the course of the year, our rabbis and distinguished scholars will lead us in guided text study, conversations, and presentations that explore the Jewish tradition’s essential teachings on defining holy community. Together we’ll navigate the particular values that bind us and the universal ideas that inspire us, and then think together about where they do and don’t intersect. To learn more visit adasisrael.org/makomdc. Register for lectures or classes online or by calling Courtney Tisch, 202-362-4433, ext. 125.

MARCH MAKO MD SCHOLAR:

Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 @ 7:30PM

Join us as our March scholar, Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, expands on the theme of Bridges and Boundaries. Rabbi Anisfeld is the future president of Hebrew College and served as dean of the Rabbinical School from 2006 to 2017. She is also a prominent professor and editor who has frequently been listed as one of the top 50 most influential U.S. rabbis. This program is funded by the Annie Bass Yellen Scholar Fund.

*This event will be livestreamed at adasisrael.org/adaslive.

‘Open Beit Midrash’ Night with Rabbis Alexander and Holtzblatt

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 @ 7:30 PM

A place to sit across the table from fellow seekers and explore the rich, sophisticated, and sacred texts that have animated our people for so many years. We’ll question together, grapple together, and passionately discuss the uplifting and challenging ideas these ancient and modern texts provide. Jewish learning has the potential to create an unmatched soulful energy; the “Open Beit Midrash” is where that energy is found.
The Text
with Rabbi Elianna Yolkut
TUESDAY, MARCH 20 @ 7:30 PM
Explore transformative Jewish texts in their original Aramaic and Hebrew with Rabbi Elianna Yolkut. This means that we will break our teeth together and study with no translations but with lots of support from your peers and teachers.

Post-Kiddush Halakhah Class
with Rabbi Aaron Alexander
SATURDAY, MARCH 17 @ 1:00 PM
Join us as Rabbi Alexander teaches this month’s text-based class, after Kiddush, using halakhah (Jewish life and living) as a prism through which to access our monthly topic.

ONGOING LEARNING:

The Text 2.0: In-Depth Halakhah (Jewish Law)
with Rabbi Aaron Alexander
TUESDAY, APRIL 10 @ 7:30 PM
Rabbi Alexander will lead learners in a textual exploration of a topic in Jewish law, using original sources without translation. This series is designed primarily for those with previous experience studying classical rabbinic texts in Hebrew/Aramaic.

Beginner’s Hebrew
SUNDAYS @ 10:30 AM
Give yourself the gift of learning to read Hebrew. Whether you’ve never seen a Hebrew letter before, or you’re a little more advanced, these classes will help you reach your next skill level. Contact Marcia Miller at 202-362-4433, ext. 112, for more information.

Boker Or Shabbat Study
SATURDAY MORNINGS @ 8:30AM
MARCH 3, Rabbi Herb Schwartz. MARCH 10, Rabbi Aaron Alexander. MARCH 17, Rabbi Elianna Yolkut. MARCH 24, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt. MARCH 31, No Boker Or due to Passover. Boker Or meets Saturday mornings in the Biran Beit Midrash with the weekly portion as its focus.

Friday Parsha Study
with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt or Rabbi Aaron Alexander
FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 10AM
Please join us Friday mornings in the Biran Beit Midrash for an exclusive look at the weekly parsha. On the first and second Friday of the month Rabbi Holtzblatt will explore the parsha through the lens of Hassidut and mysticism, and on the third and fourth Fridays, Rabbi Alexander will use the Talmud as the prism for the weekly reading.
"The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also."

HARRIET ANN JACOBS, WRITER, ABOLITIONIST, FORMER SLAVE

The winter months pass leaving only remnants. Trees lose their leaves, grass’ vitality is bleached, and flowers hibernate. And then, almost magically, begins the transition towards consistently longer and warmer days as nature wakes up from its seasonal slumber. Internally, we also begin to notice a stirring of potential within. Longer days of spring call on us to reawaken and observe. What new growth is budding within us? What is ready to emerge and blossom this year? How will we welcome and nurture this growth? We invite you to ask those questions with us at JMCW’s many growth focused, March offerings including Return Again to Shabbat, weekly meditations and yoga classes and our Rosh Chodesh New Moon special workshop.

JMCW RECOMMENDS . . .

Mindful Jewish Living: Compassionate Practice
by Rabbi Jonathan Slater

This is an engaging exploration of how Jewish wisdom, tradition, and text can guide us as we seek to live with compassion and meaning. For those new to Jewish mindfulness, as well as seasoned practitioners, this is a useful and approachable guide to contemporary Jewish mindfulness rich with Hasidic texts, traditional liturgy, and Talmudic and midrashic sources.

Mindful Jewish Living is available in the Adas Library, as are many other books on Jewish spirituality, meditation, and mindfulness. Some of these can be found under call number 175.01 or speak with Adas Librarian Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org) for more information.

adasisrael.org/jmcw
UPCOMING JMCW SERVICES, PROGRAMS, & WORKSHOPS

Return Again to Shabbat
with Rabbis Holtzbllt, Alexander & The Return Again Band
FRIDAY, MARCH 9 @ 6:30 PM
This monthly service is an intergenerational favorite in our congregation! Join us for a reflective journey into the power of Shabbat. The evening features seasoned musicians and a spiritual, personal excursion into prayer and song. A festive Israeli tapas-style feast follows. Please register for dinner on the Adas JMCW web page.

Special Workshop:
Rosh Chodesh—Celebrating the New Moon
TUESDAY, MARCH 20 @ 7:00 PM
Women of all ages are invited to come together for a nourishing evening of Jewish yoga and mindfulness practice. Jewish tradition teaches that our bodies are deeply in sync with the lunar cycle, and Rosh Chodesh calls us to listen to these timeless, embodied rhythms. Following the asana practice, those who wish may stay for Well Circles or guided mikvah immersions. This ongoing monthly offering is co-sponsored by the Adas Mikvah and At the Well.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Meditation
WEDNESDAYS @ 7:30–8:30 PM
Each week, we gather for this community sit. Our time together is marked by explorations of meditation techniques, guided teachings, and silent sits. No experience necessary, all are welcome!

JEWISH YOGA

Our weekly classes offer a home to those who wish to explore embodied spirituality. These practices seek to awaken and stimulate the senses through a full mind/body exploration and draw inspiration from Mussar, Kabbalah, and the wisdom of Jewish thinkers.

NEW: Pop-Up!
Morning Awakening Restorative Yoga
SELECT TUESDAYS @ 10:00–11:15 AM
This is a yin yoga practice for all levels. (Check JMCW website and newsletters for March dates)

Vinyasa Lunar Flow
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30–7:20 PM
A slow-paced asana practice for all levels.

Vinyasa Solar Flow
SUNDAYS, 11:0 AM--12:15 PM
A fast-paced, heat-building practice for all levels.

For registrations, updates, and additional information and offerings, please visit the JMCW web page adasisrael.org/jmcw or the JMCW Facebook Group. Please direct any questions to: Alesandra.Zsiba@adasisrael.org.
This month I am completing my year-long fellowship in the Senior Educators Cohort of M²: The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education. The group is filled with amazing and diverse educators. We work in many different settings from day school to camp, from agencies to synagogues and beyond. We come from all over the world and bring with us the rich and exciting experiences that have helped shape our own educational vision. But we are united by the commitment to furthering our learning, pushing the limits of our own practice, and using our many tools to invest in the communities we serve.

The vision of M² is the belief “that captivating experiences infused with Jewish values serve as evolving foundations for Jewish growth, and that the creation of such experiences requires intentional, knowledgeable, and trained educators.” Its mission is “to guide educators throughout their careers by offering an arc of services that feature academic theories grounded in Jewish thought, customized educational approaches, and cutting-edge methodologies.”

It has been a privilege to learn from and with the staff, faculty, and fellow participants and, in turn, to translate the experiences for our students and families here at Adas. I look forward to my continued steps as a learner and appreciate the support the community continues to invest in our staff as lifelong learners. Thank you!

**SPOTLIGHT: FOURTH GRADE**

Our fourth-grade teaching team, Shira Glushakow-Smith, Cameron Wheeler, and Miriam Young, provide the students a wealth of opportunities to explore Judaism. In the Shalom Learning curriculum, the values curriculum is seen through the lens of “self,” as the students grapple with how each of the seven values applies to them. Recently Rabbi Kerrith worked with the students to reflect in letter form on their responsibility to themselves and our world. The letters will be returned to them during the same unit of Achrayut (responsibility) when they are in fifth grade so they can see how they have grown.

For Tu B’Shevat, where the students looked at their individual responsibility for taking care of the world, the students participated in a Tu B’Shevat seder, created by Cameron Wheeler. The students also took on the responsibility for preparing for the fourth grade L’Dor vaDor service and dinner, learning new melodies to Tefilot and finding personal meaning in the prayers for Kabbalat Shabbat.
YOUTH GROUP & PROGRAMS

Among the many projects the Education Team works on, the youth group work with grades 6–12 is exciting and dynamic. These programs, peer-envisioned and teen-planned, are oriented toward organizing and executing events that are not only fun and educational, but also provide leadership and team-building opportunities. On the local level, our *madrichim* program works with Adas’s youngest religious school students, teaching them basic Hebrew skills, participating in *chugim* (electives), and learning to manage classrooms.

Our other groups, Kadima and USY, are working with the Hesed Committee, the *Purim* carnival, and their own intra-chapter events. As these programs expand, we are excited to see Adas Israel’s younger members branch out into the larger community—from regional basketball leagues to the USY International Board. With these investments and undertakings, we are excited about the places we are going.

*Sarah Attermann & Danny Weininger*

GAN HAYELED

Now that it’s March, the Gan begins its preparation for *Pesach*. Children explore both our traditions and stories of this joyous holiday. As learning for young children is experiential, our days in preschool are spent singing, constructing, cooking, reading, acting (and reenacting), and creating art to support our discoveries about Passover. If you’re at Adas during the school day, you’re sure to smell *matzah* ball soup simmering. You might even see students baking *matzah* in the parking lot! Our teaching teams introduce all holidays in developmentally appropriate ways via play and the work of children. Stop by the Gan and take a peek; we’re happy to welcome you into our “home.”

**Please note:** While the Gan is almost full, we have a few spots in some classes. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to the Gan for information about a possible spot for your favorite child or grandchild.
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**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, led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of a full P’sukei D’Zimrah (introductory Psalms), Shacharit, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly 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, and a d’var Torah. For more information, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.

**Additional Information and Participation**: E-mail havurah@adasisrael.org to participate, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.

**Adas Classes**: In Conflict: A d’var Torah, social justice discussion, and action steps led by Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt and Adas clergy. For more information, e-mail socialjustice@adasisrael.org.

**SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES**:

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**Shabbat Eve Minyan**: Evening prayer service at 6:00 pm. For more information, e-mail eveningminyan@adasisrael.org.

**Sisterhood: Mah Jongg**: For more information, e-mail sisterhood@adasisrael.org.

**JSC Class**: For more information, e-mail jsc@adasisrael.org.

**JMCW Classes**: For more information, e-mail jmcw@adasisrael.org.

**Jungle Party**: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. For more information, e-mail events@adasisrael.org.

**Shabbat Eve Tem**: sundown service at 7:30 pm.

**Tem Mah Top**: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. For more information, e-mail temmah@adasisrael.org.

**JSC Class: Untangling the Psalms**: 8:15 pm - 10:00 pm. For more information, e-mail jsc@adasisrael.org.

**Purim Carnival**: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. For more information, e-mail events@adasisrael.org.

**Introduction to Judaism: Israel**: 9:00 am - 10:00 am. For more information, e-mail intro2israel@adasisrael.org.

**MakomDC**: The Text: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. For more information, e-mail makomdc@adasisrael.org.
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Youth Shabbat Services: Starting with Tot Shabbat for children ages 5 and under led by Menuchah Peters. Netivot, for students in grades K–S, is led by Sarah Attermann or Jeremy Kadden.

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).

Dr. Robert R. Holtzblatt is a professor in the Jewish Studies Department at the University of Maryland, College Park, and a member of the Rabbis for Progressive Judaism. Dr. Bertram Holtzblatt is a professor in the Department of History at the University of Maryland, College Park. They are the authors of many books, including The Jewish (Re)Branding: A History of American Jewry in the U.S. (2016) and The Changing American Jewish Community: The Social Science of Jewish Life in America (2018).
ADAS ISRAEL IRC REFUGEE TEAM SEEKS NEW FAMILY MENTORS

The Adas Israel Refugee Response Team has opportunities to mentor newly arrived refugees. Partnering with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Silver Spring, a new group of Adas members are being trained to mentor recently arrived refugee families. Moving to a new place is always challenging and language/cultural barriers, along with no or minimal family support, make this transition even more difficult. Mentors help ease this transition by offering friendship, tutoring, help with job searches, transportation support, and other services as they come up. This is an incredible opportunity to work with other Adas members to make a genuine impact on refugees’ lives. So far, Adas has mentored five refugee families from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Congo, and we are forming new teams to assist even more newly settled families. To create a dependable support system for these families, the IRC model asks volunteers to commit to six months of mentorship. Working in teams of two to five people, someone from the team is expected to visit the family every week (which means one or two individual visits per month, depending on how large the team is).

If you’re interested in being a part of this rewarding and important work or would like more information, please contact Alex Levy, aglevy13@gmail.com.

This is what Samantha Musson, IRC’s Family Mentor Coordinator, had to say about our IRC Family Mentor Volunteers:

“Adas volunteers have best understood the role of mentoring refugee families. They recognize a resettled family’s true struggle in adjusting to the U.S., and they serve them with compassion and positivity. They praise a family’s accomplishment, and encourage self-sufficiency. It has been an honor working with Adas family mentors, and family feedback has reflected the same. One Afghan father said, ‘Adas mentors helped explain American culture and customs, especially with socialization. For example, I did not know about parent-teacher conferences before coming to the U.S., but the family mentors attended one with us and we were able to know more about how my kids are doing in school. My wife used to feel very uncomfortable talking in English and was afraid to make mistakes. Since meeting with the mentors, she is much more comfortable and confident speaking.’”

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WEEKEND

Each year, Adas Israel celebrates Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. This year, beginning on Friday night, prayers and songs from our Return Again service filled the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary. Following the service, Adas members, our community partners, and special guests enjoyed a communal dinner. This year, we welcomed representatives from 12 organizations with which our social action teams work throughout the year and whose work is felt across Washington, DC, in all its wards. In addition, we heard from two passionate and smart women: Lashonia Thompson-El and Ryane Nickens, who spoke with us following our meal.

Shabbat morning services with Cantor Brown and Rabbi Alexander included a guest appearance by the talented Howard University Gospel Choir and Angela King, a reformed neo-Nazi skinhead who co-founded Life After Hate. King spoke briefly during the service and then again after kiddush. On Sunday morning, as is our tradition, Adas members joined Peoples Congregational Church of Christ for its morning service. Rabbi Alexander spoke a few words and we listened to three members of a poetry group, Split This Rock. The chairs of our Gun Violence Prevention and Lev B’Lev teams share their reflections below:

Lois Fingerhut introduced Lashonia and Ryane and offers her reflections on their conversations: Lashonia and Ryane both grew up in DC. Their early years had them on two very different...
life paths, and both are now focused on actions needed to bring healing to our city. Lashonia currently works with the DC Office of the Attorney General where she serves as a Restorative Justice Facilitator. She is also the executive director of The W.I.R.E.—Women Involved in Reentry Efforts and a member of the National Council of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls. Ryane, last year’s speaker, recently graduated from the Howard University School of Divinity and has embarked on the next phase of her life as the founder and President of the TraRon Center, an organization that provides support, counseling, and empowerment to victims of gun violence and their family members through group sessions, community education, advocacy, and creative arts.

During our conversation, they shared some of their pivotal life experiences—about the role that poverty and education had in their upbringing, how their lives led them on their current paths, and what role they see for our Adas community in helping to unify and heal our city. When I asked Ryane to expand on the role she sees for us she recently told me:

The issues facing residents “East of the River” are many, from gun violence, unemployment, and educational inequality to lack of affordable housing. Adas Israel is a congregation rich in many ways; one is in leadership. Rabbis Alexander and Holtzblatt understand the inequality of our city and the ways that the marginalized are impacted by evil policies and greed. The willingness of Adas leaders to try to understand the issues from the viewpoint of those in the margins is a great first step in becoming a good ally. We have to build relationships to understand one another. In building relationships we become better allies to those in the margins, making for better advocates. There also has to be a willingness to use the power connections members of Adas have to dismantle many of the evil policies that contribute and keep people in impacted communities in bondage. We can make this city “One DC” for all residents and even the playing field across all eight wards by showing up for each other and by allowing God to light our way.

Ryane and Lashonia are authors of their stories. From the Gutters to a Mansion: My Journey to My Heavenly Father by Ryane Nickens and Through the W.I.R.E. by Lashonia Thompson-El. Lev B’Lev chair Bruce Charendoff offers his thoughts on Angela King’s journey from hate to love and of her visit with us:

Hatred. Reconciliation. Forgiveness. Redemption. These were among the themes shared during Angela King’s stirring Lev B’Lev talk on MLK weekend. Angela is a former neo-Nazi skinhead who was sentenced to six years in prison for her part in a robbery of a Jewish-owned business in Florida; she ultimately transformed her life and is now rescuing others from hate. A packed room of Adas congregants and people of all faiths from our community heard Angela recount her journey growing up with hate and racism in her family and church, then becoming the victim of merciless bullying in school and in time turning the tables and becoming a bully herself.

She explained how she found acceptance and belonging in the wrong place, with a violent far-right extremist group. And finally she recounted ending up in prison where she (remarkably) found compassion and love, and ultimately an early release. This led to her co-founding a nonprofit, called Life After Hate, which has now become her life’s work.

Angela’s story provided yet another window into what creates a hater, including all the cracks people can fall through to make them easy prey for hate groups who seek angry, disconnected people ready to pin blame for their plight on others. Sadly, these groups are finding many targets and converts in modern-day America. And yet, Angela also catalyzed our understanding of how a hater can be transformed. Those who spout hateful slogans, preach and engage in violence, and even those who may simply harbor ignorant prejudices and mistrust of “others” can, in the right circumstances, be brought around to a different way of thinking and living. Demonstrating compassion and empathy, and connecting haters to “others” are among the potentially effective ways to transform the human heart. Lev B’Lev will continue to examine hate and strategies for eradicating it and replacing it with love and kindness as our speaker series continues throughout the year. This is the 14th year that Adas and Peoples have joined hands across the park to celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. To join us or for more information, contact brucecharendoff@yahoo.com.

**GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TEAM ACTIVITIES**

Toward the end of January, Lois Fingerhut joined a small group under the leadership of WIN for a meeting with the executive director and leadership staff of the recently (October 2017) created Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE). The mission of this office, established under the NEAR (Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results) Act, is to lower the level of violence in DC. Director McFadden and his key staff are all native Washingtonians, having grown up in the parts of the city that are in most need of help. In his introductory words to us he spoke of the “wonders of finding potential in young people.” He sees violence prevention as being a multi-pronged effort, focusing on young people and on all aspects of their lives, including mental health, education, and job opportunities. “The cure is in the community,” he said. His team is beginning the contracting process to work with organizations across the city, with emphases in those neighborhoods where violence is most pronounced. The ONSE office team knows and respects the inequality of our city and the ways it and replacing it with love and kindness as our speaker series continues throughout the year. This is the 14th year that Adas and Peoples have joined hands across the park to celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. To join us or for more information, contact brucecharendoff@yahoo.com.

In addition, January 25 was a day of action in our city. Do Not Stand Idly By is a national campaign led by the Metro Industrial Areas Foundation network, of which the Washington Interfaith Network is a member. The campaign is directed at mayors

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across the country to pressure gun manufacturers to put safety first by investing in smart gun technology. Officials from 122 jurisdictions in 18 states have joined the Request for Information directed at major gun manufacturers, asking for specific information on companies’ safety technologies and distribution practices. Over 100 people met at Metropolitan AME Church in downtown DC to demand that no mayor sit idly by. To date, there is no firm commitment from Mayor Bowser, but we are continuing to educate key city officials on the importance of this effort.

To join in this effort or for more information, contact Lois Fingerhut, lafingerhut@gmail.com.

FROM ANNE FRANK HOUSE

Anne Frank House and its residents wish the entire Adas Israel community a Chag Pesach Sameach.

As we all celebrate this special season, Anne Frank House—its residents, board members, and other friends—recognize that we have much to be grateful for, particularly the continuing support and generosity of Adas Israel congregants. We also appreciate members of the clergy and staff of Adas Israel for their continuing special support of Anne Frank House as well as the Religious School community for making our miniwalks such great successes year after year.


Anne Frank House welcomes new Adas Israel contributors in our efforts to support our current residents and to respond to the many requests we receive from area agencies to take in new residents. Thank you for helping us continue to be an important resource in combating homelessness in the Washington, DC, community.

To make a contribution to Anne Frank House, please send your check to: Anne Frank House, Inc., PO Box 73275, Washington, DC 20056-3275. For online contributions, please visit our website: theannefrankhouse.org.

Thank you!

INCLUSION UPDATE

We thank everyone who helped to make February 2018’s Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month a success!

We were honored to welcome these guest speakers:

- Joe Shapiro of NPR, who spoke about the history of the civil rights struggle of people with disabilities
- Sara Vogler, who spoke about inclusion as a Jewish value
- Rebecca Tanen of the DC Public Library, who introduced our Religious School students to a variety of assistive technologies

We appreciate the amazing members of Adas Israel’s Inclusion Task Force who work on inclusion issues all year round: Cantor Arianne Brown, Michelle Buzgon, Barbara & Robert Cline, Ross Eisenman, Pamela Ehrenman, Joel Fischman, Marcie Goldstein, Zoe Gross, Judy Heumann, Steve Himmelfarb, Debby Joseph, Sherry Kaiman, Anita Kinney, Melissa Kopolow, Amanda Maisels, Maia Magder, Naomi Malka, Matt McCall, Aurora Reyes, Tamar Shuldiner, Jaime Veracka, and Sara Vogler.

And, finally, special thanks for excellent leadership go to: Ricki Gerger, Robin Jacobson, David Polonsky, Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum, and Stephanie Slater.

For more information about inclusion at Adas and to get involved, visit www.adasisrael.org/inclusion or contact Naomi Malka at 202-362-4433, ext. 142.

Learn about our Social Action Jewish Study Center Class “Pollution, Climate Change, and Us: What Is Our Responsibility?” in the Ongoing Education Section!
HESED PARTNERSHIPS

The Hesed Committee partners with many groups at Adas Israel to extend the reach of its mission to create community by doing acts of lovingkindness and good deeds. By showing kindness to one another, we are building a strong, caring community. If you are not yet participating in Hesed Committee activities, there is a role waiting for you. Please contact Hesed@adasisrael.org to find out what acts of loving kindness you can do for the Adas community.

Here are a few of the special Hesed partnerships:

**Hesed and Social Action Committee:** Hesed and Social Action have combined forces to create *Lev B’Lev* (Heart to Heart) to stand up to injustice and respond to hatred. *Lev B’Lev* offers several ways for Adas members to get involved: attending the LBL speaker series, writing letters to those who have experienced injustice, participating in rallies and vigils, and more. For more information, contact Bruce Charendoff at brucecharendoff@yahoo.com. Hesed also partners with the vibrant Social Action Committee to conduct special events, such as a bone marrow donor identification sign-up or providing healthy meals to homeless families.

**Hesed and Sisterhood:** Hesed has created a very special activity in partnership with Sisterhood and the Bereavement Committee. Volunteers take turns delivering special Shabbat bags to families that have experienced a loss on one of the first Shabbatot after the end of the shiva. The bag includes Shabbat candles, a challah, wine, and a condolence card in a Hesed gift bag. Families are quite moved by this thoughtful gesture from the Adas community. We are happy to welcome more volunteers, so if you are interested, please call Pamela Sislen, 301-332-9066, or Anat Bar-Cohen, 612-578-7779.

**Hesed and Bereavement Committee:** Everything that the Bereavement Committee does is an act of hesed. The Bereavement Committee *chaverim* help make funeral arrangements during a family’s first, most vulnerable time of grief. Our volunteer *shomrim* sit in two-hour shifts at the funeral home to honor the deceased. The *tahara* teams lovingly and respectfully perform a ritual washing of the body. As the two committees work together to meet the needs of grieving families, we discover new ideas such as delivering food cooked by the Hesed cooking team during the holidays in the first year after a loss. If a need is identified, we work with the Hesed Committee to find a way to meet it. For more information, please contact Edie Hessel, edith.hessel@yahoo.com.

**Hesed and the Religious School:** Rabbi Kerrith Rosenbaum has enthusiastically embraced introducing hesed in a number of ways to the Religious School. It is never too early to experience the joy of giving and receiving hesed. Religious School students have already embarked on their path to hesed by writing letters, depending on their age and grade level. The activity was a huge success, and the Religious School will continue to integrate hesed concepts into its exciting curriculum. Parents, you can also show your children how to engage with hesed in the acts of loving kindness that you do.

**Hesed and Member Connector Committee:** Hesed is delighted to work with the newly configured Member Connector Committee. The Hesed Committee provides bountiful gift bags to new members as well as encouraging all—new and old—to participate in Hesed activities. The committee also assists with phone calls and notes to keep in touch with Adas members. Hesed is all about building community and Adas members are the community. For more information, please contact Brett Gotlib, brett.gotlib@gmail.com.

**Hesed and the Daily Minyan:** The Hesed Committee supports all aspects of the Adas community, the Daily Minyan being an important one. The committee cooking team periodically provides yummy treats to say thank you to the morning minyan attendees.
At the turn from the 19th to the 20th century, two groups of Jewish women lived in America: those who proudly called themselves American Jewesses, and their distant cousins, recent immigrants from Poland and Russia. In cities such as New York and Cleveland, their homes may have been just miles apart, but they inhabited two different worlds. Who they were, why their worlds diverged, and where they met are the themes for our Women’s Shabbat.

Dr. Nadell will speak as follows: at dinner on Friday night, March 9 (sign up for community dinner by Monday, March 5, at wizevents.com/register/5759), her topic is Meet the American Jewesses. In the mid-19th century, tens of thousands of Jews from Germany and elsewhere came to America. The women of this group invented venerable Jewish women’s organizations that still exist today. On Friday evening, we will meet the women who called themselves “American Jewesses” and learn about their lives and the organizations, such as Hadassah and Women’s League for Conservative Judaism, they founded.

During Shabbat services Saturday morning, March 10, Dr. Nadell will focus on A New Kind of Jewess: Meet the Russian Immigrants. Included in this discussion will be Russian Jewish immigrants fleeing poverty and violent pogroms who began coming to America en masse at the end of the 19th century. Speaking Yiddish, immigrant wives, mothers, and daughters made homes in tenement flats in crowded ghettoes, sewed in firetrap factories until their aching fingers bled, and determined that their children would have better lives. On Shabbat morning, we will peer into their world.

After kiddush (about 1:15 pm) in the Biran Beit Midrash, we will see, how, once America slammed shut the gates to Jewish immigration in the 1920s, our two groups of Jewish women, the American Jewesses and the East European Jewish immigrant women, and the daughters of both, saw their two worlds converge. This session, titled Two Worlds Converge, will include a question-and-answer period.

Pamela S. Nadell holds the Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women’s and Gender History and is director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University. A specialist in American Jewish history and women’s history, she teaches a variety of courses in Jewish civilization. She has received numerous awards, and her publications include Women Who Would Be Rabbis: A History of Women’s Ordination, 1889–1985 (Beacon Press, 1998), which was a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award. Her most recent book, co-edited with AU Professor Kate Haulman, is Making Women’s Histories: Beyond National Perspectives (New York University Press, 2013).

Past chair of the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society, Dr. Nadell was deeply involved in the activities commemorating 350 years of Jewish life in America. She has consulted with the Library of Congress and the National Museum of American Jewish History on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall. She is also past president of the Association for Jewish Studies.

Sisterhood will help lead the Saturday morning service.
Weekday Torah with Sisterhood
TUESDAY, MARCH 20 @ 10AM

Have you ever wondered where the prophet Elijah hangs out between Passover sedernim? Never having died, Elijah roamsthe world, checks in with God, teaches mysticism to the rabbis, attends each and every bris, and plays an important role in the New Testament.

Please join Weekday Torah with Sisterhood at 10:00 am on Tuesday March 20, in Funger Hall, as community leader and scholar Norman Shore examines stories of Elijah the prophet, the most popular figure in the Jewish folk tradition.

Weekday Torah with Sisterhood is an engaging approach to traditional Hebrew text study that offers participants the opportunity to study and discuss challenging texts and ideas. This class is open to the entire Adas Israel community. Classes are monthly, except in the summer, and usually meet on the second or third Tuesday of the month. Students of all levels and backgrounds are welcome. Future dates are April 17, May 8, and June 12.

For more information, contact Marilyn Cooper, MarilynCCooper70@gmail.com.

Sisterhood Knitting, Sewing, & Craft Circle
NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 @ 7:30PM
YOUTH LOUNGE

Under the guidance of co chairs Rita Segerman and Lea Stern, the Sisterhood knitting group has already completed a number of hats and scarves. The Edlavitch JCC in Washington made a generous donation of wool to the group, and Rita is taking the completed items to the JCC for its “Handmade for the Homeless” project. Shirley Cohen, Julie Hoffman, Helen Marshall, Lotta Brafman, and Elinor Tattar knitted the items.

The knitting group continues to work on more hats and scarves, and your donations of 100% wool or wool blend yarns are greatly appreciated. The Hesed Committee has given Sisterhood two bins in the cloakroom where donations of wool and completed projects can be left. If you leave items in the bins, please include your name and phone or e-mail so we can recognize your contribution.

Arlette Jassel’s vibrant design for the first Torah mantle is an interpretation of the “seven species.” The patterns and fabrics are now in the hands of the Sisterhood sewing group, which is transforming the design into fabric art by making appliqués. Making these appliqués, which requires no sewing, are Sue Greenberg, Anat Bar-Cohen, Adina Mendelsohn, and Arlette Jassel. Once the appliqués are completed, they are sewn onto fabric for the mantle, after which we hope to begin work on the second Torah mantle.

As we learn and work together, we are acquiring new skills and enjoying evenings with friends. We welcome new and experienced knitters, seamstresses, embroiderers, and crafters to join us at any time.

We meet at Adas on the third Wednesday evening of the month, at 7:30 pm in the Youth Lounge, and everyone is welcome to join us or contact Lesley Frost, lesleyfrost0@gmail.com, for more information. Upcoming meeting dates are April 18, May 16, and June 20.

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sisterhood gift shop

The First Passover seder is Friday night, March 30. Please visit us to choose a beautiful seder plate, matzah cover or basket, or Elijah cup.

We also have wonderful children’s items, including Passover books, to give as afikomen prizes or to distract the little ones during your seder.

Shop Hours
Sunday-Monday, Weds.-Friday
9:30am - 12:30pm

Shop Hours
Tuesday, Special Extended Hours
9:30am-3:00pm & 6:00-8:00pm

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation
Two beguiling books—Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality by Jonah Winter and I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy—tell the story of Justice Ginsburg’s struggle to become a lawyer despite discrimination against Jews and women. Although sexual harassment persists, it is still hard to imagine that Ginsburg had to study in the bathroom at Cornell University to avoid the social stigma attached to girls who studied openly. Even as a student at Harvard Law School, Ginsburg could not enter the Law Library periodical room, which was open only to men.

While a law school professor in the 1970s, Ginsburg directed the influential ACLU Women’s Rights Project, overseeing and arguing Supreme Court cases protesting the unequal treatment of women and men. Recognized as one of the nation’s leading lawyers, she became a court of appeals judge and then a Supreme Court Justice.
Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909 by Michelle Markle presents the inspiring tale of Clara Lemlich, a young Jewish immigrant sweatshop worker in New York City's garment industry. Infuriated by filthy working conditions and draconian rules (pricking your finger and bleeding on cloth could cost you your job), Lemlich led what was then the largest walkout of women workers in U.S. history. By the time the strike ended, hundreds of bosses agreed to shorter workweeks and higher salaries and allowed their employees to form unions. Emboldened, workers across the country began to strike, too, leading to improved conditions in American workplaces.

Goldie Takes a Stand: Golda Meir's First Crusade by Barbara Krasner is a fun introduction to Israel's fourth Prime Minister, focusing on Golda Meir's childhood in Milwaukee after her family emigrated from Kiev. Nine-year-old Goldie organized her school friends into the American Young Sisters Society to raise money to buy textbooks for classmates who couldn't afford them. When the girls' pennies proved insufficient, Goldie decided to "think bigger"; she persuaded the owner of a large hall to donate his space for a fundraising gala.

Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty by Linda Glaser and The Story of Emma Lazarus: Liberty's Voice by Erica Silverman—celebrate an early advocate for American immigrants. Born into a privileged, wealthy Jewish family in New York City, Emma Lazarus nonetheless dedicated herself to Russian Jewish immigrants housed in miserable conditions on Manhattan's Ward's Island, teaching classes and advocating for better housing, food, and sanitation. The experience inspired her to pen the immortal poem imagining the Statue of Liberty as the "Mother of Exiles" welcoming refugees to America.

NEXT ADAS BOOK CHAT:
Waking Lions by Ayelet Gunder-Goshen
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 10:00–11:00 AM IN THE LIBRARY
Join us to discuss this fast-paced Israeli novel about moral choices, blackmail, and African immigrants in Israel. Book chats are co-sponsored by Sisterhood, but participation is not limited to women; the entire community is welcome. For more information, please contact Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).
Living in Israel Today: What’s Happening at the Kotel?
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 7:00 PM
Instructor: Michele Sumka
The Kotel, or Western Wall, once represented common ground for all Jews, or so it seemed. But political disagreements have torn apart that onetime consensus. Many American Jews were outraged when a promised compromise fell apart that would have guaranteed pluralist, mixed-gender prayer at the Wall. Instead, the debate continues—and occasionally erupts.
Michele Sumka, a founder and longtime member of Washington Friends of Women of the Wall, discusses recent developments and the outlook for resolution, if any. She has been a participant in the Rosh Chodesh services at the Kotel a number of times, starting in December 1990.
Single session: JSC, Adas members $15, others $20
(All three sessions of Living in Israel Today: JSC, Adas members $40, others $55)

Pollution, Climate Change, and Us: What Is Our Responsibility?
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 7:00 PM
Instructor: Rabbi Aaron Alexander
Scientists tell us that power plant pollution and car exhaust contain toxic chemicals such as mercury, fine particulates, and gases that cause illnesses around the world, including lung cancer, birth defects, and more—not to mention carbon pollution and climate change. As Jews, how should we respond to these facts? What do the Sages say about responsibility for actions that may cause harm to others? On the other hand, using electricity in our homes and shuls or driving our cars delivers great value; how does that factor into the equation?
Rabbi Aaron Alexander will lead the class through sources that put these questions in context and help us find our own informed answers. Adas Israel recently created a “climate team” of congregants with relevant expertise who may join the class and provide background.
JSC, Adas members $15, others $20

Untangling the Psalms
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 7 AND 14, 8:15 PM
Instructor: Amy Schwartz
The 150 religious poems that make up the Book of Psalms are both strange and familiar, forming the backbone of our liturgy and of Christian liturgy as well. The metaphors are tangled, but the emotional states they express are as immediate now as when they were written. We will read, discuss, and savor these texts and compare the versions that have come down through the centuries. Readings in English.
Amy Schwartz is opinion editor of Moment Magazine and president of the Jewish Study Center.
JSC, Adas members $25, others $35

Book Talk: The Blessings in Conflict by Betsy Strauss.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 7:00 PM
Speaker: Betsy Strauss
Why does the Torah—a path to peace, a tree of life—begin with stories of violence and family conflict? Why does the Talmud preserve the arguments about the law that were rejected as well as those that prevailed? What does Judaism add to resolving or living with our everyday conflicts? The book reviews stories from the Torah and Talmud and suggests answers.
Betsy Strauss is an attorney and mediator. Her interest in resolving conflict led to her certification as a professional mediator. This book grew out of the thesis she wrote at Hebrew College as part of her master’s degree in Jewish Studies. Betsy is a mother, grandmother, and active member of Adas Israel.
JSC, Adas members $15, others $20

A Taste of Wine and Text, Part II: Passover
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 8:15 PM
Instructor: Norman Shore
As spring arrives, so does the Passover seder—with its four cups of wine. Of all the symbols at the seder table, none has attracted more commentary or more conflicting explanations than those four cups (not to mention the one for Elijah, if there’s anyone left at the table by then). How much should you drink at the seder before Elijah shows up? Does the wine offer a key to otherwise locked passages of the haggadah?
Norman Shore is a beloved teacher in the Washington-area Jewish community and a former Jewish Study Center president.
Single session: JSC, Adas members $15, others $20; with Part I (Purim, Feb. 14): JSC, Adas members $25, others $35
Ma Tovu

Yael Krigman

Interviewed by Marcy Spiro, Director of Membership Engagement

Yael, we met within my first couple of months working at Adas (almost five years ago). We were looking to sell coffee and baked goods at our new bar in the Biran Beit Midrash. You brought us samples of your cakepops and black and white cookies and Adas hasn’t been the same since. You now own DC’s first (and only) Cakepoppery®. To those who might not know, what is a cakepop? And why did you choose to focus on this delicious treat?

I'll get back to the cakepops, but it actually all started with bagels. I couldn't find a good one around here, so I decided to make them myself. During law school, I started baking for fun, and brought baked goods to the coworkers at my law firm in what became a weekly tradition called “Monday Treat.” At some point I realized that making people happy with delicious treats was much more satisfying that filing legal briefs. After starting Baked by Yael on the side, I eventually left my job as a law firm associate to pursue my new business full-time. Along the way, I discovered cakepops and perfected just the right size, texture, and flavor for an anytime indulgence. I make fresh cake from scratch, mix it with fresh frosting, roll it in a ball, dip it in candy coating, and decorate it with drizzle. Now my cakepops compete with my hand-rolled and boiled bagels as our most popular products.

Your cakepops have been all over the city and can be shipped all over the country. What location or event are you most proud of?

I've had the honor of sending cakepops to the White House over the past several years, as well as to many embassies, major companies, and Washington power players. But in a way, the order I'm most proud of is a customer's second one. Every time someone tries my products and wants more, I know I'm doing something right.

Your generosity and tzedekah continue to amaze us. Not only do you donate your kitchen and ingredients and supplies to our Hesed Committee, but you also donate to many other nonprofit organizations and mentor a middle school student. Why is giving back to your community so important?

I was raised with the Jewish values of community and helping others, and my family continues to support me and Baked by Yael in many ways. Making time for nonprofit activities isn't always easy, but I do. One of the ways Baked by Yael gives back is by donating unsold bagels to the Bread for the City food bank. I'm also proud to give a 10% discount to all Adas members, to say thanks for all the amazing support my friends and neighbors have given me, and it's been a pleasure to host cakepop parties at the store for the Hesed Committee to make welcome packages for new members and babies.

Your bakery offers options for a variety of dietary needs. Why is this important to you?

One of the ways I try to offer my customers an amazing experience is to make sure there's something for everyone. We have gluten-free and vegan options and we're completely vegetarian (except for lox). We're also completely nut-free, which has led to many “magic moments” in the store when children with severe nut allergies are able to visit a bakery for the first time in their life. We now also distribute Rabbi Kestenbaum's very strictly kosher and gluten-free oat matzah, so even those with gluten sensitivities can fulfill the Passover commandment to eat matzah. Our own products are certified kosher by Adas's own Rabbi Alexander, and let's just say he seems to inspect our operation quite often.

Baked by Yael is somewhat of a family affair. I've had the pleasure of meeting both of your parents at the Del Ray Farmers' Market selling your baked goods, and Adas owns one of the cakepop menorahs that your dad built. How did your parents get involved, and were they naturals at selling cakepops?

My parents and my sister have been my biggest fans, and I'm so grateful for their love and support. My father built the front counters and displays at the store, and my mother keeps track of orders on the master schedule. They also help with our four weekend farmers' markets and a million other things. Just like me, they've learned a lot about retail sales over the past seven years. Now they're my secret sales weapon and we like to compete to see who can sell more bags at each farmer's market. One of my favorite times each year is when my parents and my boyfriend help me run the store on Christmas so my regular staff can spend the day with their families. We bake, bag, and sell hundreds and hundreds of bagels to grateful customers who need their holiday bagel fix.

Owning a business is a 24/7 job. But when you do have a few spare minutes, what are your favorite ways of spending your free time?

Free time is definitely a luxury, but when I get a chance I enjoy reading, playing piano, and hanging out with the amazing 12-year-old I mentor. I also love to travel, especially to visit my family in Tel Aviv and Kibbutz Yotvata, near Eilat. Yotvata makes the most amazing chocolate milk in the world, and I always look forward to visiting the chocolate cows.
BIRTHS

Jacob William Ugelow, son of Emily & Phillip Ugelow, was born January 4.
Noa Elsa Levental, daughter of Laura Robbins & Simcha Levental, was born January 7.
Philip Alexander Lama, son of Irina Klytchnikova & Ruy Lama, was born January 12.
Frankie Devorah Jacobs, daughter of Aviva Jacobs, was born January 27.
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

B’NAI MITZVAH

Ruby Luzzatto, March 3
Ruby, a seventh grader at the Sheridan school, enjoys music and sports, especially basketball. For her mitzvah and tzedakah projects, Ruby is organizing a group of students to volunteer with her at the Center for Community Service at A Wider Circle, an organization that works toward the eradication of poverty through provision of basic needs items, workforce development, wraparound support, and neighborhood revitalization. Ruby looks forward to sharing this simcha with her sisters Emerson and Maeve; her grandparents Anne Luzzatto, Gordon Litwin, Joseph Tydings, Terry Tydings, Tamera Luzzatto, and David Leiter; and her extended family and friends.

Sarah Porter, March 17
Sarah, daughter of Lisa Povich and Brock Porter, is a seventh grader at Deal Middle School. She began her Jewish education in Fort Worth, TX, and has been attending the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since fourth grade. She has enjoyed summers at Camp Ramah in New England. Sarah is volunteering with the Humane Rescue Alliance. Sarah shares her bat mitzvah with her parents; her grandparents, Edna and Larry Povich and Darla and Allen Porter; other family and close friends.

Samuel Shapiro, March 24
Sam, the son of Yael Weinman and Andrew Shapiro, is a seventh grader at The Auburn School in Silver Spring, and is a student at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School. He began his Jewish education at the Jewish Primary Day School–NC. He is celebrating his bar mitzvah with his brother, Zach; his grandparents, Natan Weinman and Miriam and Lawrence Shapiro; and other family and friends. For his mitzvah project, Sam is working with the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to support its mission to increase awareness and understanding of the Constitution in the United States.

Noah Freedman, March 29, in Tzfat, Israel
Noah, son of Tom and Karin Freedman, is a seventh grader at Georgetown Day School. He began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled. He looks forward to celebrating his bar mitzvah in Tzfat, Israel, with his parents; siblings; grandparents Dorothy Freedman and Uri and Dr. Alitta Kullman; and his extended family. At this time he remembers with love his grandfather, Dr. Lawrence Z. Freedman, of blessed memory. For his mitzvah project, Sam is working with a friend in Rwanda to help bring better access to health care for 250 families.

MEMBER IN THE NEWS

Mazal tov to William Goldberg on being named one of 18 under 36: DC Jewish Foodie, by the Jewish Food Experience, for his popular Instagram food blog (with more than 10,000 followers)!
Mazal tov to Gordon Whitman on the launch of his new book ‘Stand Up’, a guide to finding your purpose and becoming the change you want to see in the world today!
When Death Occurs
When death occurs, please call the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, so that we may inform the clergy and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for Carole Klein. After business hours, a staff member on call may be reached by calling the synagogue office at the number above and pressing “2” to be connected automatically, or by calling the answering service, 301-421-5271, which will page the staff member on call. On Yom Tov and Shabbat, even though detailed funeral arrangements should not be made, a staff member on call can still be reached at 301-421-5271.

Bereavement Committee
The Bereavement Committee assists families with all of the arrangements surrounding the funeral and subsequent burial of loved ones. We welcome your interest and encourage your participation and assistance. We need you; please join us. If you have questions, or know of someone whom you think might be interested in participating in this important work, please feel free to call Edie Hessel (202-244-7189) or contact Toni Bickart (202-244-2747) regarding the Tahara Committee.

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