

# **Quarterly Kol**

## **Winter 2018**

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## Message from Rabbi Aft

Dear Friends,

As the Quarterly Kol comes out, I wanted to share a significant article that I received from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College which is the seminary I attended when I was studying to become a rabbi.

As an unaffiliated congregation, we continue to wrestle with who we are. We have "branded" ourselves as a progressive conservative congregation and I believe we have built an eclectic, inclusive, community of friends that has made a difference in the lives of numerous people over the years.

A number of people have been meeting to discuss our congregational identity. I hope that as you read this article you will think about who we are as American Jews and who we are as members of Congregation Adat Reyim. I am intrigued by the idea that we have, in fact, been reconstructing Judaism to try to make it meaningful to those who choose to be part of our community. Years ago, Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, suggested that as Judaism evolves, tradition should have a voice but not a veto. As I reflect upon 27 years with Adat Reyim, I think we have had great integrity in the ways in which we have balanced tradition and modernity. I am not suggesting that we affiliate with the Reconstructionist movement, but am interested in the process in which the Reconstructionist movement is engaged as it deals with the contemporary American Jewish community.

I hope this article will facilitate a community-wide discussion of Reconstructing Adat Reyim as we grow and meet the varied needs of our changing Jewish community.

Watch for details about venues at which we will discuss this important article and our own community.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Bruce Aft

Dear Friend,

We have exciting news.

Following a yearlong process, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College & Jewish Reconstructionist Communities has adopted a new name: **Reconstructing Judaism**.

Moving forward, Reconstructing Judaism will be the central organization of the Reconstructionist movement that encompasses our rabbinical seminary, serves our congregations and fosters a Reconstructionist approach to Judaism in the wider world. The rabbinical seminary will become the **College for Reconstructing Judaism** at the close of the academic year. Stay tuned for more about that at a later date.

Our new name reflects our active commitment to "doing" Jewish—with it, we are defining ourselves by what we do, not just by what we believe or how we feel. "Reconstructing" reflects the way in which our affiliated Reconstructionist communities, and our dedicated students and rabbis, embrace the challenge of building Jewish lives and repairing the world. For decades, Reconstructionist Judaism has embodied action and stood for purposeful Judaism. We continue to originate many of non-Orthodox Judaism's core innovations and cultivate a vision of Judaism that is active and that holds Jews responsible for bringing to life the Judaism of today and tomorrow. We invite everyone positively committed to a Jewish future to join us in building something meaningful. We are committed to work that is ever-evolving. We are Reconstructing Judaism.



Deeply rooted. Boldly relevant. This phrase that accompanies our new name symbolizes our deep grounding in Jewish tradition. At the same time, we cultivate Jewish living that is relevant to today's Jews, our family members and our allies. We understand clearly that we live at the intersection of past and future. It is our task to create a thriving Judaism by continually reconstructing Judaism in a way that is relevant to today's Jewish communities, which will enable us to meet the needs of tomorrow. "Relevant" is not a descriptor; it is an imperative.

We are also inspired by the image that accompanies our new name—leaves sprouting from the ground, growing into the world. The Reconstructionist communities, teachers, learners and rabbis we serve embody both roots and new growth. At once grounded and flourishing, the image suggests a connection to tradition in its groundedness, and to continuous growth and reinvention. The sprouting leaves exemplify the spreading of joy, innovation and resilience. The hand-drawn style of the image and typography of the words reflect the warm, welcoming, and unique personality of each of our communities, our rabbinical students and our rabbis. The grouping of leaves of varying shades conveys our participatory nature and the diversity of the Reconstructionist community. The green color reinforces the process of growth and our movement's historical connection to the environment. *Midrash* teaches us that the eighth day of creation, following the first Shabbat, marked the birth of human creativity and the beginning of the human contribution to building our world—the day on which people began to co-create the world with God.

Some may wonder: Are we renaming the Reconstructionist movement? The answer is no. We are renaming the entity that is the central organization of the Reconstructionist movement that encompasses our rabbinical seminary, serves our congregations and fosters a Reconstructionist approach to Judaism in the wider world.

Let us explain a little about that yearlong process through which we developed the new name. One of the hallmarks of a Reconstructionist approach to decision-making is a focus on discussion, broad participation and the sharing of ideas. In exploring a new expression of our identity, we listened to rabbis, students and lay members of Reconstructionist communities discuss who we are, what we believe and how we act. Over the past year, we invited everyone in Reconstructionist communities across North America to share their insights in a series of in-person and online town halls, as well as in a number of substantive online surveys to refine the concepts that shaped this new expression of our identity. All told, more than 1,000 Reconstructionist rabbis, lay leaders and other community members, educators, staff members, and students participated from Los Angeles to New York, from Portland to Chicago to Montreal, and many locations in between. They gave us a deeper sense of what our organization and its mission mean to the communities we serve, and how to share our vision and values with the world. Everyone's input was invaluable and shaped the final outcome.

This is going to be a busy year for Reconstructing Judaism. As we introduce our new identity, we mark the 50th anniversary of the seminary's founding. We will gather from Nov. 15-18 in Philadelphia for the first Reconstructionist Convention in eight years. This summer will mark the opening of [Havaya Arts](#), the second Reconstructionist summer camp and first on the West Coast. And we can't wait for our campers to return for another joyous summer at [Camp Havaya](#) in Pennsylvania.

There are countless ways in which our 100 affiliated Reconstructionist communities—and more than 400 rabbis—are building a meaningful Jewish future and more perfect world. As we move forward, we will be inviting you and your community to join these efforts and to participate in the ongoing conversation about what it means to be reconstructing Judaism, and how we can all be part of this endeavor. We look forward to this discussion, and we hope you do as well. In the meantime, check in at [ReconstructingJudaism.org](#) for the latest news and events from Reconstructing Judaism.

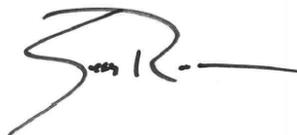
For some of the exciting ways we are reconstructing Judaism outside the walls of our [seminary](#), please visit [Camp Havaya](#) and [Havaya Arts](#), [Campus Chaplaincy for a Multifaith World](#), [Hashivenu](#), [Reconstructionist Learning Networks](#) and [Ritualwell](#).

May we live up to the ideals and ideas embodied in this new expression of our identity. May we be worthy of our inheritance and effective builders of our future. חזק חזק ונתחזק

*L'shalom,*



**Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Ph.D.**  
President  
Reconstructing Judaism



**Seth Rosen**  
Chair, Board of Governors  
Reconstructing Judaism

## Message from the Executive Director

It is an exciting time for me to be both a member and an employee of Congregation Adat Reyim. We have seen growth like we haven't seen in years with 23 new members joining our congregation since the beginning of our fiscal year in July. Not only have we seen this tremendous growth but we also have seen very few resignations so we have watched our member numbers rise. In addition we have seen an invigorated involvement and participation from our members. Our Havdalah dinner held to welcome new members had over 100 people in attendance, our Service of Solidarity was packed and our upcoming Purim Schpiel will be sure to blow your socks off!



Speaking of the Purim Schpiel... I had the opportunity to hear them practice one evening and was amazed. I told them that the advertising we were doing wasn't doing them justice. It was so good! The music is brilliant and there are so many people participating. We have such a talented group of members on both instruments and vocals including Chip Rome taking the directing job as serious as he did in his professional career. If you weren't planning to attend you may want to rethink it, as it is definitely something you won't want to miss.

<http://www.adatreyim.org/event/purim-schpiel.html>

Our building is looking better than ever and our interiors committee is still hard at work. They are in the process of evaluating and pricing our design for the next part of our project: the bimah. Our interiors rejuvenation fundraising team had a very successful match challenge as we closed out 2017. During our annual meeting, it was so exciting to watch people sitting in the sanctuary making pledges on their smart phones. We were watching the thermometer rise as were sitting there. How cool is that?

This quarterly kol is filled with almost 30 pages of upcoming events and services. For a congregation with just over 250 member units we have enough going on to suit everyone's needs and interests. I hope you will consider participating in something that you have never done before, step out of your comfort zone and you never know what (or who) you'll find.

B'Shalom,

Elizabeth Bayer

Executive Director

# News and Events from our Preschool Program

## 2018-2019 School Year

For the 2018-2019 school year, our preschool registration is underway and going strong. **Adat Reyim members have priority registration through March 1st** (when we open up congregant spaces to the general community). Preschool families can receive **free synagogue membership** when registering for one of our programs. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Heather Glick at [preschool@adatreyim.org](mailto:preschool@adatreyim.org) to arrange a tour. Small class sizes, music, art and science enrichment programs and a Judaics curriculum make our school the #1 rated preschool in the area. More information and registration materials can be found at: [www.arpreschool.com](http://www.arpreschool.com) . Please don't hesitate!

For children who are not old enough to start preschool in September, we offer a **Transitional Twos class**. These younger children come to school with an adult on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00 and start a regular preschool class in January. You can find more about this class on our website or by contacting [preschool@adatreyim.org](mailto:preschool@adatreyim.org) or calling 703-455-7529.

Our preschool offers a 10% to military families and has rolling admission for children who are not able to start the school year in September (if space is available.)

## March 10th Parents Night Out

Adat Reyim will be hosting Parent's Night Out one Saturday every month. Please join us on Saturday March 10th at 5pm. Drop off the kids where they will enjoy dancing, playing games, making crafts, watching movies, and having fun while you enjoy a date night out. Space is limited, so please register by Monday, March 5th, on Signup Genius or by calling the office at 703-455-7529. \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each additional family member. Fee includes all crafts, activities, snacks and pizza dinner. This event is suitable for children ages two and older. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844afa629a0fd0-march>



## Summer Camp - Preschool - Rising Second Graders

If you've been in our building over the summer you are sure to have noticed the high energy and fun activities of summer camp. Weekly themes, hands-on science experiments, special activities and lots of camp-style fun make our summer camp program the place to be! We offer a June camp for preschoolers (when FCPS are still in session) and our July and August camps are for preschoolers and older children (up to rising second graders.) Early bird rates are in effect through March 1. Sign up at:

<http://www.arpreschool.com/summer-camps.html>

## Purim Carnival March 4th

Carnival games, prizes, our Shushan cafe, an amazing assortment of raffle and silent auction prizes and home-baked hamantashen...it must be Purim at Adat Reyim! This annual event is a fundraiser for the preschool but has incredible support in both donations and volunteering from the entire congregation. Mark your calendars and help spread the word! There are lots of ways to be involved if you are able to help:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844afa629a0fd0-help>



## Help bake hamantashen for the preschool and Purim Carnival

One of the traditional foods of Purim are filled, triangular shaped cookies called hamantashen. Adat Reyim member Rebecca Gibson kindly bakes cookies for a special preschool snack as well as all the cookies we sell at our Purim carnival fundraiser. Rebecca and other volunteers will be baking cookies on Sunday February 18th. Hope you can help!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844afa629a0fd0-volunteers>



## Compassion Education Program for Parents

This coming fall, Adat Reyim will launch “Cultivating Compassion in Our Kids and Ourselves,” a new educational program for parents of religious school students. Made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the University of California, Berkeley’s Greater Good Science Center, this workshop-based program aims to help us nurture compassion in our children, in a uniquely Jewish way. Dr. Marc Gopin (George Mason University professor, international peacebuilder, and author of the 2017 book, *Compassionate Judaism*) will collaborate with Rabbi Aft, myself, and other Adat Reyim parents to bring the Cultivating Compassion program to life.

The idea for this program grew out of a question: How can I teach my child compassion when the state of the world makes my own brain short-circuit? It’s a question I’ve heard in the *schul* lobby and outside the classrooms. It’s a question I’ve asked, in anguish, in friends’ living rooms. We’re called on, as parents (and maybe, as Jews) to be strong in the face of uncertainty, to be kind in the grip of anger, to find joy when there’s cause for despair. In the Cultivating Compassion program, we’ll tackle these challenges together. We’ll seek wisdom from Jewish sacred texts and traditions, and we’ll gain insights and practical tools from the field of contemporary neuroscience. I doubt the program will answer all my questions about being a parent or being a person, but I know that I have a lot to learn from science, from Judaism, and from my friends at Adat Reyim. I hope you will join me on this journey to becoming just a little bit *mensch*-ier.

Shira Solomon, PhD

Executive Vice President

[execvp@adatreyim.org](mailto:execvp@adatreyim.org)

## Message From Rabbi Weiner, Rabbi Educator



### Religious School News...

In the past few months, Religious School students and community have been very busy learning and doing mitzvot.

In January, we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with “A Mitzvah Day of Learning.” As a community, we made:

- 50 2-lbs bags of rice for ECHO,
- 60+ fleece hats and 60+ fleece scarves for ECHO,
- Cards for wounded Warriors through Operation Gratitude,
- Kindness Cards for our classes, and
- Mitzvah coupon books for our homes.

In February, we learned about Tu B’Shvat including:

- Learning about native plants and trees in Virginia,
- Planting parsley and other herbs for Passover seder (remember to water those seeds),
- Stories and songs and dances about trees, and
- Fruits native and/or grown in Israel with tasting those fruits.

For Purim, we will be baking hamentashen with Rebecca Gibson and putting together Mishloach Manot boxes (Purim gifts). Come join us for the congregational family Megillat Esther reading and dinner. During the Purim Carnival on March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be sponsoring the henna booth, the Sheriff’s Child Identity booth and a special booth for making mezzuzot. These mezzuzot will be given as a gift to the Jewish communities in Houston, TX, and Santa Barbara, CA, through the organization named Door L’Door.

Door l’Door is a non-profit organization conceived in response to Hurricane Harvey, the tragedy that devastated nearly 1,000 Jewish homes in the Houston area. It was started by Chava Gal-Or, the Director of Congregational Learning at Temple Sinai in Houston, TX. Chava knew she couldn’t repair the severely impacted homes, yet she wanted to do something to make a difference. It was her love of the mezuzah and her devotion to her community that led to the formation of Door l’Door. Since its inception in 2017, Jewish communities throughout North America have responded with mezzuzot, books, and other ritual objects to help families rebuild their lives. Providing a new mezuzah to these families is a tangible pathway towards restoring their spirits, nourishing their souls, and renewing their faith.

In the remaining months of the school year, we invite you to write a mitzvah that you are doing and to post it on our Mitzvah Board in the Education Wing. The board states: “You and I can change the world...” That is exactly what we are trying to do through our Religious School curriculum and activities. We hope you will join us in this mission and join us as we do mitzvot for our world!

## Finance Committee Report

Shalom! The committee has decided to institute a quarterly report to the congregation through our various mailings, web site and other media, on the Finance Committee's discussions and reports – to keep the general membership better involved and aware of the fiscal health of our congregation. I am glad to say we are doing this at a time in which the general fiscal situation is good.

As background, we run our fiscal year from July 1 through June 30. This calendar coincides with the majority of the congregation's activities based on the "school" year and the Hebrew calendar – both of which generally start in September. So, we are now past the half-way point in this fiscal year and have already begun the process of putting together the budget for next year (fiscal 2018-2019).

For those of you who may have missed prior reports to the congregation, we ended last year with a surplus (expenses were less than income – as a "non-profit" we need to use the correct terminology) and the Board of Directors voted to add money to our reserve funds. The surplus was due to several factors, mainly the expansion of our preschool and several unexpected donations to the congregation's General Fund. All of this is separate from the Rejuvenation Project of the Sanctuary and Lobby. The Rejuvenation is managed from funds donated for this purpose - completely separate from Adat Reyim's operating budget.

Part of this report is the quarterly financial record for the first six months of this fiscal year. A view from the top shows we are staying close to our budget. Income for all the major categories is either at the year-to-date (YTD) mark or above. Expenses have also been kept within their respective allocations, the exception being wages for the pre-school. Having said this, it must be noted that there was enough additional income generated by the pre-school program that more than covers the total expenses for this period.

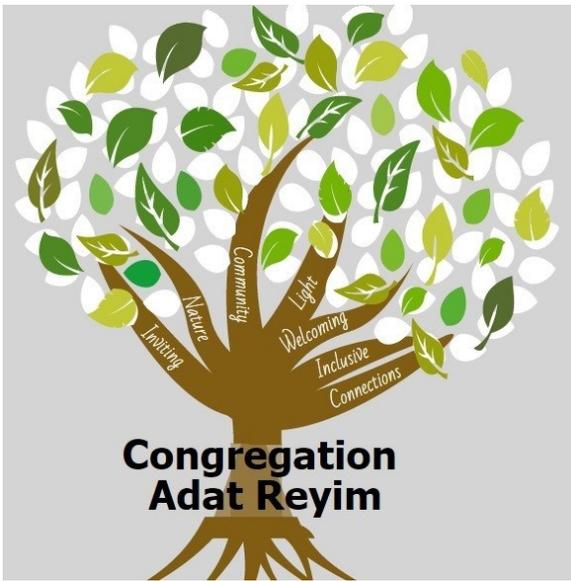
I want this column to be brief, so I will curtail the rest of the details. If anyone has additional questions, please feel free to contact me at [Finance@AdatReyim.org](mailto:Finance@AdatReyim.org). We are always welcoming new members to the committee and encourage you to join us if you are interested. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm (unless there is a conflict with holidays). If you have a specific topic you would like addressed by the committee, please contact me at least one week before the next meeting, with the details.

B'Shalom,

Larry Meinstein

VP Finance

	Accrual		
	<u>July - Dec 2017</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4415 · Pulpit Fund	3,580.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
4400 · Total Dues	257,718.50	274,000.00	512,000.00
4455 · Cemetery Plots (Income)	11,600.00	0.00	0.00
4410 · Donations	10,408.58	6,260.00	14,550.00
4420 · Kol Nidre Pledge	36,397.77	34,000.00	34,000.00
4430 · Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fees	4,047.35	1,620.00	5,940.00
4440 · Building and Land Use Fees	9,624.96	9,624.00	21,173.00
4450 · Kiddush and Oneg Fees	695.00	1,080.00	2,500.00
4460 · Fundraising	1,289.67	120.00	1,250.00
4480 · Investment Income	1,905.59	1,980.00	4,000.00
4485 · Give 10 Member's Donations	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
4700 · Preschool Income	202,401.76	206,800.00	359,000.00
4800 · Religious School Income	100,493.18	112,480.00	118,610.00
4900 · Other Income	16,516.89	0.00	13,380.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>656,679.25</u>	<u>649,464.00</u>	<u>1,101,403.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	656,679.25	649,464.00	1,101,403.00
<b>Expense</b>			
500 · Advertising / Marketing	1,699.20	0.00	4,000.00
528 · Pulpit Fund Register	1,306.22	0.00	3,000.00
503 · Books & Materials	12,787.97	8,150.00	13,000.00
504 · Contributions/Gifts/Scholarship	250.00	0.00	500.00
515 · Dues/Subscript./Membership	4,834.99	0.00	6,000.00
516 · Food/Oneg/Flowers	8,796.50	7,200.00	15,000.00
518 · Insurance	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
519 · Licenses/Permits	693.67	0.00	550.00
520 · Mileage / Travel	0.00	0.00	350.00
522 · Office Equipment & Computers	8,483.29	7,500.00	15,600.00
523 · Mortgage Expense	46,952.16	48,000.00	96,000.00
530 · Wages and Benefits	409,405.21	383,406.98	812,532.00
543 · Postage	1,189.75	1,340.00	2,700.00
544 · Printing	4,471.78	3,000.00	6,000.00
546 · Program Expense	20,226.59	0.00	24,045.00
555 · Landscaping	3,837.84	4,020.00	8,000.00
560 · Repairs / Maintenance	4,030.63	4,020.00	8,000.00
561 · Office Supplies & Resource Mat.	1,740.70	0.00	3,000.00
562 · Security & Safety	810.04	2,160.00	4,310.00
563 · Staff Development/Training	3,402.95	0.00	5,250.00
566 · Maintenance Supplies	1,255.58	3,248.00	6,500.00
570 · Utilities	14,285.34	13,898.50	34,626.72
599 · Uncollectible-Account Expense	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>550,460.41</u>	<u>485,943.48</u>	<u>1,099,963.72</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>106,218.84</u>	<u>163,520.52</u>	<u>1,439.28</u>
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## **NOURISHING OUR TREE OF LIFE: A REVITALIZED BIMAH FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW**

Thanks to the efforts, inspiration, and financial donations of so many, Congregation Adat Reyim now has sanctuary and lobby spaces which are inclusive, where everyone can see better and hear better, which are safer and more energy efficient, and where we can all feel at home in our place of learning and worship. We have so much to be proud of and thankful for.

However, this journey is not yet complete. Our initial construction phase is over. While we enjoy the benefits of our rejuvenated spaces, the Interiors Committee continues to look at the additional work needed to achieve our congregation's vision.

As the next priority, we are focusing on revitalizing the bimah, the focal point of our worship. A group of 13 individuals have been meeting with congregant and recently-retired architect Phyllis Kaplan to brainstorm both the values we wish the bimah to reflect and the functions we need our furniture and furnishings to perform. With this exercise now complete, we are readying ourselves to interview architecture/design firms who will help mold our values and needs into an inspiring and inspired bimah design and then assist us in finding craftspeople to create the designed pieces. Recognizing our commitment to the entire congregation, we are moving forward deliberately, yet taking enough time to act both thoughtfully and responsibly. What began as the need for new bimah furniture has become so much more than just finding pieces to place up on the bimah. It has become an exercise in reflecting and celebrating who we are as a congregation, one which we are very excited about.

With continued devotion to "Completing Our Vision,"

Andrea Cate  
Interiors Chair

# Social Action

The Social Action Committee has been very successful recently. Please consider joining us in the mitzvah of tikkun olam, “repairing the world.”

Four of our members participated in feeding homeless people during Hypothermia Week. We provided breakfast one morning to people sleeping in Westwood Baptist Church as part of a county-wide winter-long interfaith effort to keep people from freezing.

Marta, the Afghan refugee woman we are helping, has made enormous progress since she arrived last June. She is on the third of progressively better jobs, working for a condominium building in Arlington. She has learned to drive and bought a car. She is in the process of moving to an apartment with another woman and we will be helping her furnish it comfortably; donations of furniture and household items in excellent condition are welcome. Her next step is finding a full-time job with benefits in her field of finance. If you have any suggestions or connections, please let us know. If you would like to be added to the distribution list of people helping Marta , or have items to donate please contact Susan at [socialaction@adatreyim.org](mailto:socialaction@adatreyim.org).

Our next event will be Good Deeds Day on April 29. Please feel free to join the religious school students in several fun activities that do good in our world. We will be packing food for students that qualify for free lunch in school to take home over the weekend for nutritious meals, cleaning up our outside environment, and planting some ecologically advantageous plants.

Our committee is always open to new members. Contact Susan at [socialaction@adatreyim.org](mailto:socialaction@adatreyim.org).

Susan Tebeleff Bigman



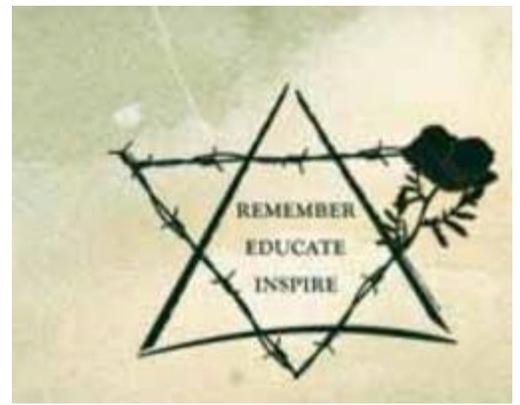
## Engaging in Effective Conversation

*Friday, Feb 23 8:00p to 9:30p*

Dr. Adina Friedman, George Mason University, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution and additional resource people will be joining us for discussion devoted to principles of dialogue and effective conversations. Dialogue, as opposed to debate or “telling”, is a two-way process that involves, among other things, listening and self-reflection. True dialogue is sometimes challenging, but it has the potential to teach us new - often critical - things about others and about ourselves. Learning how to engage in (and facilitate) dialogue, especially between people who strongly disagree on issues important to them, can help us better understand their (and our) needs, perceptions, and motivations. Thus, dialogue is a critical component of any attempt to bring about sustainable positive changes in our personal relationships with others, and in our broader communities/societies.

# Growing up Jewish in the Third Reich

March 11, 3:30-5pm



Join us to hear a first hand account of what it was like to live as a German Jew during the time of the Third Reich. Kurt Maier will share his childhood experiences, describe the impact of Nazi persecution and speak about his time in a concentration camp in France. The talk will be enhanced as he shares photos of his family and their deportation, as well as documents and forms issued to harass Jews. He will discuss his family's escape, showing the visas that were essential to leave. There will be time for questions and answers.

PRESENTER: Kurt Maier came to New York City as a child in 1941 from Kippenheim in the Black Forest region of Germany. He studied at Hunter College and Columbia University and became a teacher. He has worked at the Library of Congress since 1978. Mr. Maier travels to Germany each year to help educate the German people about their history.



## The Israeli Intelligence Community: The Best In The World

Wednesday, April 18th

6:00pm

The Israeli Intelligence Community has gained respect and recognition all over the world. It is almost impossible to measure how great is the community's contribution to Israel and its existence.

Join me to learn how intelligence works, what the Israeli intelligence community looks like and discuss some of its known operations. Learn about some of the conspiracies that were linked to Mossad and hear about Liat's experience in the IDF intelligence unit.

Liat is the community Shlichah (Emissary) at the JCC of Northern Virginia. Liat was born and raised in Ashdod, Israel to a family of Moroccan descent. Prior to becoming a shlichah, she worked in Tel Aviv, as a Web Fraud Content Analyst for IBM. She also worked for the non-profit SheCodes group, which aims to bring gender equality to the Israeli hi-tech industry. Liat served as an Intelligence Analyst in the IDF for three years and was the head of an intelligence team of 12 soldiers. She was also selected by Israel Ministry of Education to engage in Seeds of Peace aimed at peaceful dialogue among Israeli and Palestinian teens.

# A BEATLES PURIM SCHPIEL

Proceeds Support Adat Reyim Rejuvenation!



**Purim Fun for Grownups!**  
**February 24, 8-11 p.m**

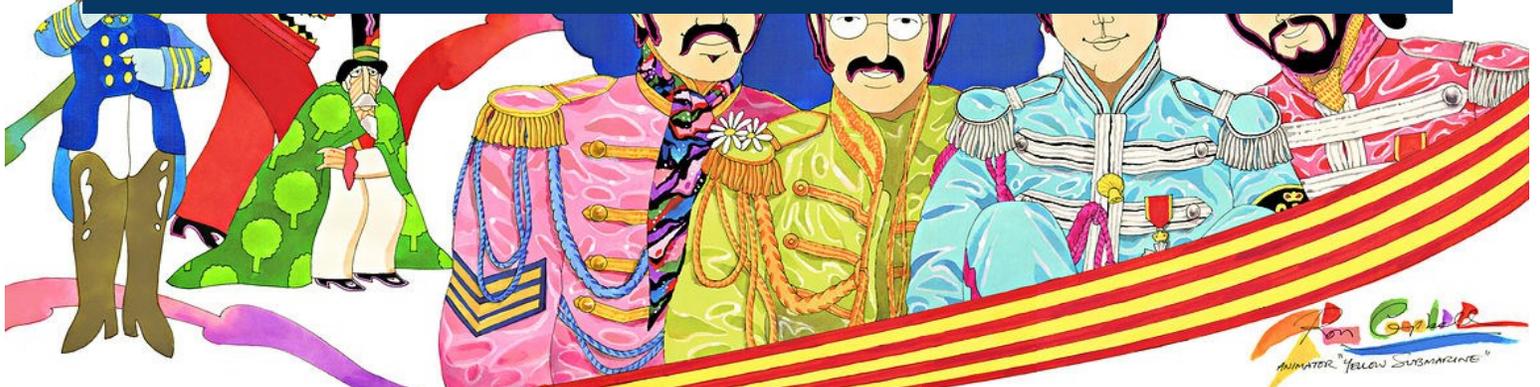
Hors D'oeuvres, desserts  
Wine and other beverages

Beatles songs performed  
plus sing-along

*It's Purim!* Dress like a Beatle or a  
Purim character (prizes!)

**\$36 in advance; \$45 at the door.**

**Buy tickets or SPONSOR THIS EPIC EVENT at:**  
**<https://www.adatreyim.org/event/purim-schpiel.html>**



**Tommy Copple**  
ANIMATOR "YELLOW SUBMARINE"



## Megillah Reading and Dinner Wednesday, February 28

5:30pm Family Friendly Megillah and Songs

6:30pm Mediterranean Dinner

7:30pm Traditional Megillah Reading

\*Please RSVP for planning purposes. No cost, but donations for dinner are appreciated. <http://www.adatreyim.org/event/celebratepurim>

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## Help us bake Hamentashen

Sunday, Feb 18th , 10:00am

Sunday, Feb 25th, 1:00pm



Join us in the kosher kitchen at Adat Reyim.

Make some for the school, the schpeil, the megillah reading, and the carnival (and keep a few to take home!). All materials and instructions provided.

# HAPPY PURIM!!!



## MISHLOACH MANOT FOR PURIM

The exchange of Mishloach Manot boxes with neighbors and friends is a Purim tradition, meant to ensure that everyone can have a festive Purim meal and to foster friendship. Every Religious School child, teacher, madrich/madricha, and administrator will receive one of these festive boxes.



We are asking each family to donate \$10.00 for each child enrolled at the Religious School (maximum \$20.00 per family, so if you have more than 2 children we are still asking for \$20.00) so that your children's names will be included on the greeting cards attached to the gift boxes for each recipient. If you would like to donate more feel free to do so! This fundraiser supports the Religious School.

If you would like to help the school by ordering boxes for your own use we are asking for a donation of \$10 per box. You may pick up your box(es) at the synagogue on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact  
Ellen Glaser  
[ellen\\_glaser@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_glaser@yahoo.com)

Please fill out Order Form

Orders Due

February 19th



# Mishloach Manot Order

Please fill out the order form below and attach a check payable to Congregation Adat Reyim Religious School. Please return the order form and check to your child's teacher

I am including \$\_\_\_\_\_ (suggested donation is \$10.00 for each of your children enrolled in the religious school, with a \$20.00 maximum per family). Please make checks payable to Congregation Adat Reyim Religious School.

I am including \$\_\_\_\_\_ (suggested donation is \$10.00 per box) for pick up at the synagogue on February 25th.

Below please list the names of your children so that their names will be included on the greeting card attached to the boxes. Please print clearly!

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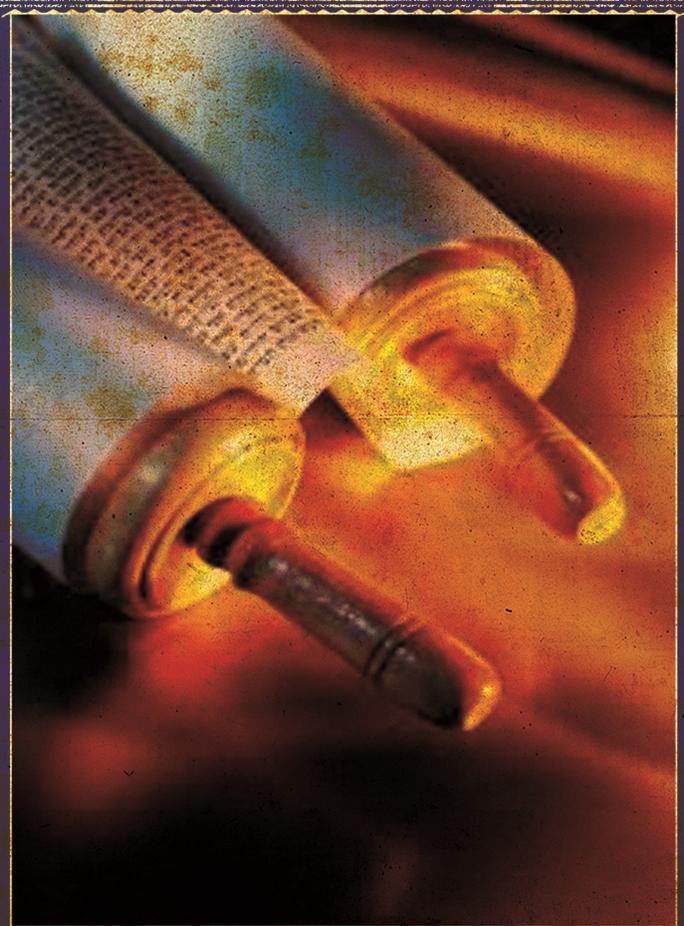
Saturday, March 3, 9:30am  
Special Shabbat  
Service in Honor of  
Our Holocaust Torah

When our students become B'nai Mitzvah, they read from our Holocaust Torah, that was saved from Sedlcany and by doing so we keep alive the memory of this small town in the former Czechoslovakia.

At this Shabbat service, all religious school students will be called up to the Bima for special Torah aliyot as we celebrate our commitment to Jewish life and Jewish education.

We hope that you will join us for this special Shabbat.

Luncheon to follow.



# **PURIM CARNIVAL**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH  
11AM-2PM**

SILENT AUCTION  
RAFFLE PRIZES  
GAMES  
FOOD  
LEGO ZONE  
FACE PAINTING  
BALLOONS  
AND SO MUCH MORE!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION & EVENT UPDATES FOLLOW  
US ON FACEBOOK: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ARpreschool](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ARpreschool)

# Women's Seder

Sunday, March 18 , 3 p.m.

Congregation Adat Reyim - 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield

**Adat Reyim's interactive, fun, *timely* Women's Seder --  
You want to be a part of it, especially this year!**

Get to know other women in the congregation and the community.  
Enjoy dynamic discussions, special readings, singing and delicious food.

**Share your special dish at our pot-luck dairy dinner of Passover foods!**  
Bring your friends, your mothers, your daughters age 13+



Miriam's Song: Celebrating the  
Crossing of the Seas by [Laura Bolter](#)

**2018 discussion topic: *Doña Gracia Nasi* –**

A brilliant and compassionate Sephardic woman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, Doña Gracia defied powerful leaders in dangerous times to support religious freedom and care for refugees.



**FREE and open to the community**

**Registration required by March 15 – Sign up today!**



# A Weekend of Sephardic Music at Adat Reyim

**APRIL 7 - EVENING CONCERT**  
**APRIL 8 - MORNING FAMILY PROGRAM**

Noted vocalists and musicians, Susan Gaeta and Gina Sobel will share the songs and stories of their mentor and teacher Flory Jagoda, the "Keeper of the Flame" of Sephardic music.

*Details coming soon!*

# Men's Club



Congregation Adat Reyim Men's Club has ongoing activities including:

- ◆ Monthly breakfasts with guest speakers
- ◆ Monthly dinners
- ◆ Bike rides
- ◆ Hikes
- ◆ Collection of school supplies
- ◆ Clean up around our Synagogue
- ◆ Softball team

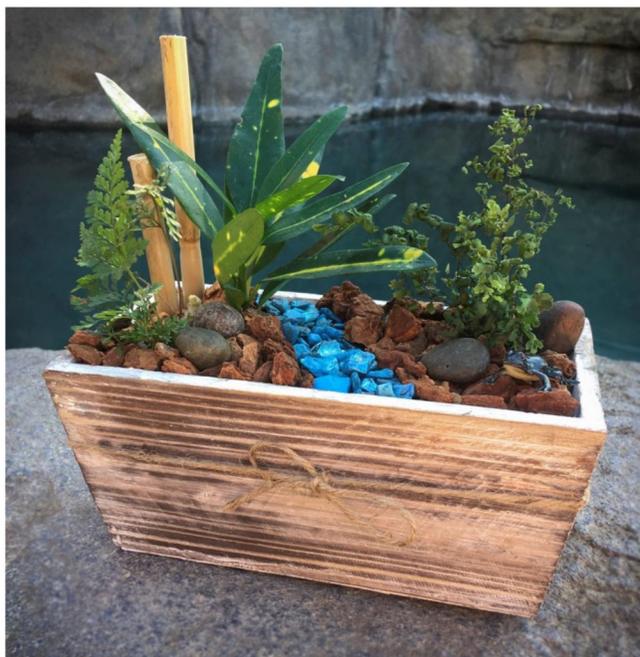
For more details on these and our other activities, please join our Facebook group, **Adat Reyim Men's Club**, or contact David Berkowitz at [pastpresident@adatreyim.org](mailto:pastpresident@adatreyim.org)

Membership is Free – participation in our activities – PRICELESS.



*Join Us for...*

**PLANT NITE (or afternoon!)  
Sunday April 22 1 - 3pm  
Red Zone Grill  
10560 Main Street – Fairfax  
Optional: Join us for lunch at noon  
(BYOL : Buy Your Own Lunch!)**



Plant Nite is invading bars and restaurants near you with everything you need to create a gorgeous terrarium. We'll guide you and your crew through two lively hours of creativity, drinking, and laughing 'til your cheeks hurt. Just remember: This isn't your grandmother's garden.

- 1) **All participants must register & purchase their own ticket at : [PlantNite.com](http://PlantNite.com)**
- 2) **RSVP to [adatreyim.org](http://adatreyim.org) and indicate if you plan to attend lunch AND/OR Plant Nite.**

Discount coupons available: Groupon, Rush49, Living Social.  
Also on the Plant Nite website listed under "Passes" tab.

Cost is about \$25 with discount.  
Additional materials fees not included.



As we prepare for Passover, please note the following dates below...

One of the most important aspects of our Festival of Freedom, is that we care for those in need. The custom of Maot Hittin is one where we provide for people who are less fortunate and in some small way liberate them from their poverty or needs.

I hope that you might consider providing for those who may not be able to afford our Passover seder and make a donation to Adat Reyim with the subject Maot Hittin. It is also customary to remember our loved ones during a Yizkor service on the last day of Passover, through attending services and making a donation in their memories.

Hag Pesach Sameach!

Rabbi Bruce Aft

**Sunday, March 18th:** 3:00pm Women's Seder

**Monday, March 19th:** RSVP due for Community Seder

**Wednesday, March 28th:** 9:00am Kashering of the Kitchen for Passover

6:00pm Siyuum and (Wednesday minyan) Pizza and Adult Ed (This is a special opportunity to give thanks that our first born were not taken in the 10th Plague and our study that evening about Passover allows the first born to not have to fast on Thursday, March 29.)

**Friday, March 30th:** No Erev Shabbat Service due to first Seder

**Saturday, March 31st:** 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Special Prayers for Passover

6:00pm Community Congregational Seder RSVP required

**Wednesday, April 4th:** 7:30pm Minyan

**Friday, April 6th:** 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service with Passover Oneg, last night of Passover

**Saturday, April 7th:** Sephardic Concert

**Sunday, April 8th:** Rekasher kitchen

If you would like to get involved or get more information about any of these events please contact the office or Rebecca Gibson at [religiouspractices@adatreyim.org](mailto:religiouspractices@adatreyim.org).



**PASS THE MATZAH & JOIN US FOR PASSOVER  
 CONGREGATION ADAT REYIM COMMUNITY**

**SEDER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 6:00PM**

**Adult Members – \$45 each**

**Adult Nonmembers – \$60 each**

**Children Members – \$25 each**

**Children Nonmembers – \$35 each**

**ALL children under five years old are free!**

We would love for you to celebrate the second night of Passover with Rabbi Bruce Aft and our community of friends at Adat Reyim. Enjoy our traditions, foods, desserts, and favorite songs!

Reservations and payment MUST be received by Monday, March 19th.

<https://www.adatreyim.org/event/community-seder.html>

Name(s) of attendee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adult members: \_\_\_\_\_ # of adult nonmembers: \_\_\_\_\_ # of children under 5: \_\_\_\_\_

# of children members: \_\_\_\_\_ # of children nonmembers: \_\_\_\_\_ # of veggie meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to help with setup and/or cleanup? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form along with a check made out to Congregation Adat Reyim to the office by Monday, March 19th. For planning purposes, late reservations will NOT be accepted. If you have any questions, please call the office at (703) 569-7577.





**Cacapon State  
Park is less  
than a two  
hour drive  
from  
Congregation  
Adat Reyim.**

**Register Early  
Space is Limited  
Registration deadline is  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Prices Include Food, Lodging  
and Most Activities.**

**Adults 18 and over**

**\$175 per person (before 2/1)**

**\$200 per person (after 2/2)**

**Teens 12-17**

**\$75 per person**

**Children 4-11**

**\$50 per person**

**Under 4 are FREE**



*Don't forget  
your  
walking  
shoes...*

**Join Us For A  
Weekend Filled  
With Outdoor Fun,  
Singing, Games,  
Praying,  
Discussion,  
Relaxing And More.**

**For More Information Contact Joan Mizrahi at [jmizrahi@cox.net](mailto:jmizrahi@cox.net)**

***The following Yahrzeits occur during the months of March, April, & May. The Congregation extends its sympathies to the loved one of the deceased. May their memories be for a blessing.***

Ryan Dillon	3/1/2018	Son of Donald and Hallie Dillon
Sarah List	3/1/2018	Grandmother of Janet Eackloff
Grace Edith Berkowitz Priceman "Gishie"	3/1/2018	Mother of Joanie Hunn, Sister of Dorothy Maneri
Lilian Kain	3/1/2018	Mother of Carl Kain
Harry Solomon	3/1/2018	Father-in-law of Hazel Solomon
Murray Glago	3/2/2018	Father of Mark Glago
Richard Suls	3/2/2018	Brother of Rhonda Suls
Samuel Steier	3/2/2018	Father of Renee Levitz
Irving Milman	3/2/2018	Father of Robin Muse
Harold Rome	3/3/2018	Father of Douglas Rome
Sam Schneider	3/3/2018	Father-in-law of Ethel Schneider, Grandfather of Ellen Simonoff
Josephine Knoedler	3/3/2018	Mother of Alice Nerenstone
Gloria Braver- Kalmon	3/4/2018	Stepmother of Susan Kalmon
Meyer Hunger	3/4/2018	Father of Marilyn Kraus
Ray Solomon	3/4/2018	Husband of Hazel Solomon
Jacob Ponczak	3/5/2018	Father of Samuel Ponczak
George Hebert	3/5/2018	Father of Charles Hebert
Ida Silver	3/6/2018	Mother of Marilyn Silver
Edward Korth	3/6/2018	Father of William Korth
Bertha Weiler	3/6/2018	Grandmother of Susan Zuckerman Attas
Jeffrey Mark Sipkoff	3/6/2018	Cousin of Lauryn Beltz
Annette Locketz	3/7/2018	Grandmother of Elizabeth Bayer
Shirley Buckingham	3/7/2018	Mother of Jane Klinger
Morris Kaufman	3/7/2018	Father of Lawrence Kaufman
Frieda Steckman	3/8/2018	Mother of Carol Eisenberg, Grandmother of Alan Eisenberg
Edward Weisberg	3/8/2018	Cousin of Marjorie Somers
Arnold Daxe	3/9/2018	Father of Arnold Daxe, Jr
Vernon Kraus	3/9/2018	Father of Fred Kraus
Leah Movit	3/9/2018	Mother of Chuck Movit
Oscar Ferber	3/9/2018	Father of Doris Wolf
Simon Bassman	3/10/2018	Paternal Grandfather of Mitchell Bassman
Martin Trencher	3/10/2018	Uncle of Marjorie Bassman
Albert Mizrahi	3/10/2018	Father of Maurice Mizrahi
Lucy Greenfield	3/11/2018	Grandmother of Lilith O'Connell
Marilyn Edelstein	3/12/2018	Mother of Andrea Edelstein
Rose DiStaso	3/12/2018	Mother of Stephen DiStaso
Irene Zussman	3/12/2018	Mother of Hank Zussman
Molly Stein	3/14/2018	Mother of Debbie Tollin
Herbert Lieberman	3/15/2018	Father of Andrea Sobel
Rosina (Rosie) Bergmann	3/17/2018	Great Aunt of Debra Zagalak
Ruth Segall	3/18/2018	Aunt of William Korth
David Kay	3/19/2018	Brother of Hinda Sacks
Sandra Schwartz	3/19/2018	Mother of Lorraine Daxe
Helen Zuberan	3/20/2018	Mother of Ruth Krat

Max Rosenberg	3/20/2018	Maternal Grandfather of Zelda Wiener
Edith Lester	3/22/2018	Aunt of David M. Rohde
Victoria Mizrahi	3/22/2018	Mother of Maurice Mizrahi
Nathan Forstein	3/23/2018	Uncle of Susan Kalmon
Ruth Cooper	3/24/2018	Aunt of Stephen Schwartz
Selma Anspach	3/24/2018	Grandmother of Renie Hollander
Yolanda Bryan	3/24/2018	Grandmother of Debra Zagalak
David Alan Kurash	3/24/2018	Father of Aviva Kurash Meinstein
Dorota "Debbie" Lev	3/24/2018	Mother of Nurit AnderSon
Milton Gross	3/25/2018	Grandfather of Amy JosephSon
Natalie Kerwith	3/25/2018	Aunt of Rabbi Bruce Aft
Toby Snurman	3/26/2018	Cousin of Sue Aft
William Horowitz	3/27/2018	Uncle of Debra Zagalak
Les Waas	3/27/2018	Father of Sherri Shunfenthal
Sol Suls	3/28/2018	Grandfather of Rhonda Suls
Eugene Horvath	3/30/2018	Father of Stephen Horvath
Irving Malenky	3/30/2018	Uncle of Patricia Kaplan
Stella Malenky	3/30/2018	Aunt of Patricia Kaplan
Aziz Daghigh	4/1/2018	Father of Shawn Daghigh
Annie Suls	4/1/2018	Grandmother of Rhonda Suls
Janet Korth	4/2/2018	Mother of William Korth
Hilma Schoenbrun	4/2/2018	Aunt of Fred Kraus
Philamae Mendelsohn	4/2/2018	Mother of Myles Mendelsohn
Benjamin Shunfenthal	4/3/2018	Father of Michael Shunfenthal
Carolyn Kadet	4/4/2018	Mother of Jeanne Kadet
Doug Schwartz	4/4/2018	Brother of Lorraine Daxe
Harvey Priceman	4/4/2018	Father of Joanie Hunn
Daniel Sherman	4/5/2018	Father of Glenn Sherman
Dorothy Hebert	4/6/2018	Mother of Charles Hebert
Rose Lowy	4/7/2018	Aunt of Philip Gulak
Morris Levine	4/7/2018	Uncle of Barry Hollander
Edmond Zetouri	4/7/2018	Brother-in-Law of Maurice Mizrahi
Sarah Kuklinsky	4/8/2018	Grandmother of Donna Stoker
Meyer Levin	4/9/2018	Grandfather of Andrea Cate
Irma Gottschalk	4/9/2018	Aunt of Renie Hollander
Louis Yellin	4/9/2018	Father of Cheryl Hyder
Charlotte LevinSon	4/10/2018	Grandmother of Laurie Rosen
Harry Grant	4/11/2018	Uncle of Susan Cleverdon
Eugene Sklarow	4/11/2018	Father of Mark Sklarow
Sidney Gross	4/12/2018	Father of Roberta Katz
Maureen Stoker	4/12/2018	Sister of Edward Stoker
Dr. Norma Rolnick	4/12/2018	Aunt of Robert Nash
Albert Kaschok	4/13/2018	Father of Karen Ehrlich
Abraham Dobkin	4/13/2018	Father of Sally Goldman
Phyllis Horvath	4/13/2018	Mother of Stephen Horvath
Esther Kalchman	4/13/2018	Mother of Hazel Solomon
Reuven Allen	4/14/2018	Grandfather of Eileen Kugler
William Porter	4/14/2018	Uncle of Mary Zussman
Mario Posocco	4/14/2018	Grandfather of Lisa Ruhl

Ruth Shames	4/18/2018	Sister of Marjorie Bertman
Beatrice Rosenberg	4/18/2018	Aunt of Joanie Hunn, Sister of Dorothy Maneri
Ted Zitelli	4/18/2018	Uncle of Edward Stoker
Lillian Tietmejer	4/18/2018	Aunt of Michael Tannen
Herbert Schwartz	4/19/2018	Brother of Lorraine Daxe
Rose Bonn	4/20/2018	Grandmother of Cindy Kahn
Abraham Segall	4/21/2018	Father of Errol Segall
Ethel Mae BernSon	4/21/2018	Godmother of Mitchell Bassman
Ruby Porter	4/21/2018	Aunt of Mary Zussman
Matilda Felcher	4/22/2018	Mother of Sally Freedenthal
Jack Gallon	4/23/2018	Husband of Kathryn Southard
Evelyn Loew	4/24/2018	Mother of Murray Loew
Victor Sager	4/24/2018	Father of Jinny Marsh
Dinah Frankenstein	4/24/2018	Grandmother of Tara Nadel
Florence Kaufman	4/25/2018	Aunt of Roberta Katz
Eleanor Parker	4/25/2018	Mother of Jill Landsman
Albert Rogers	4/25/2018	Father of Marjorie Somers
Joseph Tudor	4/25/2018	Father of Sharon Lippert
Max Shulman	4/26/2018	Father of Audrey Nachbar
Christopher Waters	4/28/2018	StepBrother of Cindy Kahn
Rae Spivak	4/28/2018	Mother of Patricia Kaplan
Pearl RafilSon	4/28/2018	Grandmother of Maurie Negrin
Riva Needleman Bassman	4/29/2018	Paternal Grandmother of Mitchell Bassman
Cecile Grodner	4/30/2018	Mother of Teena Grodner
Emanuel Newman	5/1/2018	Father of Barry Newman
Max Kamel	5/2/2018	Grandfather of Elizabeth Bayer
Kay Greisman	5/2/2018	Sister-in-law of Ethel Schneider, Aunt of Ellen Simonoff
Ashraf Daghigh	5/2/2018	Mother of Shawn Daghigh
Ilse Gammal	5/2/2018	Mother of Yvonne Trilling
Abraham Leiss	5/3/2018	Father of Wayne Leiss
Sandy Meinstein	5/3/2018	Mother of Larry Meinstein
Walter Schwartz	5/5/2018	Brother of Stephen Schwartz
Brian Loveland	5/5/2018	Brother of Beryl Loveland-Ebert
Natalie Garvin	5/6/2018	Mother of Lee J. Garvin
Albert Kaplan	5/6/2018	Uncle of Bruce Kaplan
Aaron Kempler	5/7/2018	Father of Avi Kempler
Jack Gould	5/8/2018	Husband of Linda Gould, Father of Sydney and Ariella Gould
Esther Rubin	5/9/2018	Mother of Ellen Rubin
Lilian Grant	5/10/2018	Mother of Susan Cleverdon
Herbert Levitt	5/11/2018	Uncle of Mitchell Bassman
Henrietta Nachbar	5/11/2018	Mother of Arthur Nachbar
Meyer Bookbinder	5/12/2018	Father of Marc Bookbinder
Ruth Levin	5/12/2018	Mother of Randi Mendelsohn
Abraham Kalmon	5/13/2018	Father of Susan Kalmon
Albert Rosenthal	5/13/2018	Father of Muriel Marcus
Thurston Klayton	5/14/2018	Father of Barry Klayton

Barry Lawrence	5/14/2018	Son of Allen and Louise Lawrence
Lynne Feldman	5/16/2018	Sister of Burnette Dinkin
Victoria Negrin	5/17/2018	Sister of Arthur Negrin
Ruth Bloomfield	5/18/2018	Aunt of Valerie Schwartz
Morris Nerenstone	5/18/2018	Father of Marc Nerenstone
Seymour Glasner	5/20/2018	Brother-In-Law of Burnette Dinkin
Bernie Corn	5/21/2018	Father of Robert Corn
Sally Ponczak	5/24/2018	Mother of Samuel Ponczak
Paul Grodner	5/25/2018	Father of Teena Grodner
Ken Weiner	5/25/2018	Brother of Edward Weiner
Josephine Gross	5/26/2018	Mother of Roberta Katz
Louis Stein	5/26/2018	Father of David Stein
Gertrude Kalmon	5/27/2018	Mother of Susan Kalmon
Donald Edward Graham	5/28/2018	Father of Sarah Emmett
Bernard Watnik	5/28/2018	Father of Robbi Lynn Watnik
Evelyn Levitz	5/29/2018	Mother of Mark Levitz
Etta Simon	5/30/2018	Mother of Beverly Nebel
Marjorie Sybil Spiro	5/30/2018	Mother of Susan Tibbetts

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**Adat Reyim**  
A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS