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 **Adath Israel**
Celebrate Jewish Life

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OPPRESSION
SUFFERING
AND
LIBERATION

By Jonathan Shapiro

As I write this month's column, I just returned from back to back trips to Cuba and Washington D.C. and Passover is on the horizon. And all three are connected. How you ask? The story of Passover is a core narrative of the Jewish people—we were once slaves but now we are free. It is a story of oppression, suffering and liberation.

This story is as relevant today as it ever has been. People throughout the world are still suffering. My trip to Washington D.C. was a lobbying effort in my capacity as President of the Connecticut Bar Association. We met with our Congressional delegation to lobbying on behalf of the Legal Services Corporation—an independent nonprofit established by Congress in 1974 to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans. Funding has been cut in recent years, and current funding levels are more than 40% less than what they were thirty years ago and 18% less than it was in 2010. But the need for these services has not changed. The impact of these services is immense. By way of example, in Connecticut, victims of domestic violence are successful in obtaining restraining orders in approximately 30% of cases when they represent themselves. However, that number grows to over 80% when represented by counsel.

My journey to Cuba was part of a cultural exchange and education program designed to teach

attorneys about the Cuban culture and legal system—including the recent changes to the Cuban legal system. I admit that Cuba was not what I expected. During my visit, we toured greater Havana. One stop along the way was a synagogue that still operates—Temple Beth Shalom. We were provided a tour of the synagogue and spent about 20 minutes speaking with one of the teachers. Prior to the Communist revolution in 1959, the Cuban Jewish population (affectionately referred to as Jewbans) totaled over 50,000 with approximately 15,000 in Havana alone. The total number of Jews in Cuba now sits at approximately 1,500. Yet the Jewish people that remained after Fidel Castro's persevered.

Temple Beth Shalom does not have a rabbi—a rabbi from Chile visits a couple of times a year to provide training. While we visited in the day time, we were told that the synagogue holds weekly services with over 100 people regularly attending Shabbat services. You could feel the passion in the synagogue and their desire to teach their children the traditions while still providing care for the elderly in their community. And they do this all with very limited means relying extensively on Tzedakah from visitors to maintain its existence. They are a testament to the continued perseverance of the Jewish people to overcome adversity in order to let ensure our beliefs and traditions continue. My group gladly provided Tzedakah and the smiles we received were thanks enough—but I still left thinking we could do more.

Both of these trips were a reminder to me of how fortunate we are to live in a vibrant, supportive community. It is also a reminder of how others continue to struggle and persevere in times of adversity. Our support is needed and you can make a difference.

EARLY RISERS MINYAN

Wednesday, May 1st
7:00 a.m



Kiddush breakfast following services

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Although the search committee is in active conversation with the heads of placement at the Rabbinical Assembly, Hebrew College and Academy for Jewish Religion, we have yet to receive a viable candidate worthy of a visit with the congregation. We have been told that the demand is greater than the supply this year. We will continue to pursue discussion with any applicants and will plan Shabbat visits, should we find applicable candidates.

The Search Committed will meet after Passover to go over options for alternative plans for the coming year, if necessary, and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Sandra Beckman, Committee Chair

THANKS TO ALL FOR A MAGICAL PURIM

So many people made this year's Purim special it's hard to know where to begin.

Rabbi Press:

the idea of a book-free evening with both evening service & Megillah projected on the screen
chanting a chapter of Megillah
leading the evening service & Emceeding the chanting

Andy Bauer: hanging our new, larger screen

Mike Daling: providing the projector

Temple B'nai Abraham Auxiliary: sponsoring dinner

Harriet Thiela:

shopping for dinner
judging the costume contest

David Welk:

helping with dinner
judging the costume contest

Holly Bauer: room set up

Laurie Press:

reading a chapter of Megillah
greeting revelers at the door
helping with dinner

Lisa Caron: reading a chapter of Megillah

Jan Wahnnon: reading Megillah

Star Bennett:

helping with dinner
reading a chapter of Megillah
finding the groggers!

Marion Irizarry: reading a chapter of Megillah

Ray Irizarry: reading a chapter of Megillah

Fred Zierler: judging the costume contest

Michelle Grossman:

judging the costume contest
helping with dinner
handing out mishloach manot bags

Rick Grossman: chanting a chapter of Megillah

Rabbi Kohn:

chanting a chapter of Megillah
leading part of the evening service
being a gabai

Liya Simon: being the only one to chant a chapter from the scroll in Purim trope!

The Students of Adelbrook Transitional Academy:

Helping with room set up
Labelling mishloach manot bags

Beth Shapiro: helping with dinner

Nathan Shapiro-Rosado: operating the stop light

David Kaye: operating the slide show

Anna Elfenbaum: letting us know where we were on the screen with the laser pointer



The Matzah Fund Committee would like to express their grateful thanks again this year to all who generously contributed to our yearly Matzah Fund, helping to assist many Jewish families in the community at Passover.

Wednesday, May 1



Meriden Public Library

105 Miller Street, Meriden, CT 06450

**Dedication of the Temple B'nai Abraham
World War II Holocaust Collection &
Holocaust Remembrance Yom Hashoah Service**

Guest Speaker: Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray

6:15 p.m. Refreshments

6:45 p.m. Dedication & Yom Hashoah Observance

RSVP to Fred Zierler: fzierler@cox.net or 203-631-0567

ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS

“He who gives lends to the Lord.”

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Supports the beautification of our synagogue building and grounds and the Nester Center
REFUA SH’LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)
Robert Poliner by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

MAXINE THUMIM CAMBERSHIP FUND

Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending Jewish camp or travelling to Israel
IN MEMORY OF
Theodore Olczak by Eileen & Michael Daling

MUSEUM FUND

Supports purchases and maintenance of Adath Israel’s museum
IN MEMORY OF
Ed Friedman by Carol & Stephen Shapiro

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel
Marcia & Richard Wrubel
Sarah & Joe Glaz
Daniel Slatkin

REFUA SH’LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)
Brynn Hennessey by Anita Hennessey

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Supports the general operation of Adath Israel
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Arthur Waldman by Phyllis Waldman
Julius Wail by Edythe Rosenfield
Abram Jabes by Corinne Brodie
Ralph Adler by Linda & Jack Adler
Beatrice Cohn by Linda & Jack Adler
Helen Palmer by Susan & Steven Palmer
Herbert Kartiganer by Marjorie Kartiganer
Scott Kartiganer by Marjorie Kartiganer
Warren Silverzahn by Doreen Conover & Irwin Silverzahn
Edna Resnikoff by Judi & Daniel Merida
Ida Leah Zoken by Linda Soreff Siegal
Rodney Hennessey by Anita Hennessey
Alan Pressman by Evan Pressman

Alan Ravitch by
George Gitlitz
Lee Ravitch Broder

Diane Ravitch by
George Gitlitz
Lee Ravitch Broder

Charlene Ravitch by Lee Ravitch Broder
Samuel Beroz by Dave Shulman
Lawrence Kurlansky by Hazel Kurlansky
Anne Littman by Edythe Rosenfield
Julius Wail by Edythe Rosenfield
Selma Goldberg by Susan Goldberg
Claire Weiss by Steven Weiss

MAY LIFE CYCLES



Linda & Jack Adler
Jodi & Chuck Gendrich
Paula & Rob Goldstein
Stephanie & Eliot Meadow



Rabbi Marshal Press
Carolann Schwartz
Alan Steele
Lauren Weiss
Max Finkelstein
David Friedlander
Michael Sigal
Jeremy Whittaker
Eric Weiss
Marcey Thiela



PRAY EAT SING

*Free for Adath Israel & Temple B'nai Abraham members
and 1st time guests. Others \$10 pp or \$18 per family
Please bring nonperishable food items for Amazing Grace Food Pantry*

*Friday, May 10, 5:30 p.m.
Please RSVP by May 3*



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IT'S NEWS

TODAH RABAH

“Where There Is No Bread, There Is No Torah”

Thank you to following people for sponsoring and assisting with meals:

Early Risers Minyan

Linda & Jack Adler



Kiddush & Oneg

Josephine Trotta Poliner in memory of

Myron J. Poliner

Mark & Luanne Paley in memory of Reva Paley

Randy & Richard Parks in memory of

Arthur Fishman

Deborah & Mark Poliner in memory of

Myron Poliner

Pray-Eat-Sing

Myra & David Finkelstein

Eileen & Michael Daling

Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

Lynn, Star, and Ayden Bennett

Sharon Slossberg

Ruth & Michael Sigal

Students of Adelbrook School Transitional Academy

Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

Anita Hennessey

Temple B'nai Abraham Auxiliary

Purim Megillah Reading & Carnival

Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

Lynn, Star and Ayden Bennett

Students of Adelbrook School Transitional Academy

Joanna Schnurman, Holly Bauer, and Andy Bauer

Ann Elfenbaum

Fred Zierler

David Kaye

Michelle & Rick Grossman

Rabbi Kahn

Laurie & Rabbi Press

Liya Simon

Marion & Ray Irizarry

Lisa Caron

Jan Wahnnon

David Welk

Beth Shapiro

Nathan Shapiro-Rosado

Eileen & Michael Daling



OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY

TODAH RABBAH!

Redeeming Bottles & Cans Donated

Sharon Slossberg

Helping with Shopping, Food Preparation, Room Set-Up and Generally Saving the Day

Aaron, Marcey, and Harriet Thiela

Scott Levy

Eileen & Michael Daling

Andy Bauer and Holly Bauer

Sending eBlasts & eNews

Stephanie Meadow

Keeping our building clean & cheerfully helping with whatever tasks need to be done

The students and supervisors of Adelbrook School

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Hal Kaplan, Mark Itkin, Seth Axelrod, Harriet Fein-Deeton, Sy Feldman, David Schwarz, Robert Poliner, and Lynn Bennett.

MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Deepest sympathies to Tod Olczak on the recent death of his father, Theodore Olczak.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Teresa and Dave Shulman for the donation of 6 beautiful tables for the Nester Center chapel. Our morning minyan can now daven

in style and comfort.

Speaking of the morning minyan, please come. In addition to meaningful prayer, there is great conversation and breakfast to be had.

The morning minyan



meets Monday-Friday at 8 a.m. in the Nester Center. It meets in the synagogue on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.





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Raffle Time!

**The drawing is June 2nd, 10:00am
Winner need not be present!**

GRAND PRIZE: \$3000

SECOND PLACE: \$2000

THIRD PLACE: \$1000

\$20 PER TICKET

Funds raised will support the synagogue

SHARE THE JOY—HOST A KIDDUSH!

Share a family simcha, honor a friend or relative, or remember a loved one by sponsoring a Friday night Oneg Shabbat or a Morning Kiddush. This is a delightful way to let others in our community celebrate a special occasion or share a memory with you. Our hope is that you would be present which will only add to the occasion.

Our Kiddush menus are prepared and tastefully arranged by the Crown Supermarket in West Hartford. **Please call the synagogue office at 860-346-4709 at least a week in advance to make ordering and pick-up arrangements with the office administrator.**

Regular Simple Kiddush (25-30 people): \$240

Small Simple Kiddush (15 people): \$150

Bagels
Tuna salad
Egg salad
Cuke, tomato, onion platter
Lox spread
Plain and chive cream cheese platter
Fruit platter (fruit salad for Small Kiddush)
Pastry (2 dz cookies for Small Kiddush)
Cold and hot drinks

Regular Deluxe Kiddush (25-30 people): \$420

Small Deluxe Kiddush (15 people): \$225

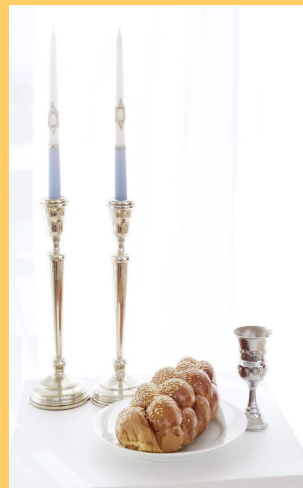
Bagels
Tuna salad
Egg salad
Lox platter
Whitefish salad
Cucumber, tomato, and onion platter
Plain and chive cream cheese platter
Sesame Noodles
Fruit platter (fruit salad for Small Kiddush)
Pastry (2 dz cookies for Small Kiddush)
Cold and hot drinks

Friday Night Oneg Shabbat (15 people): \$54

Pretzels
Raisins/nuts
M&M's
Pastry
Cold and hot drinks

Prices for both a Kiddush and/or an Oneg Shabbat will be adjusted if there is a larger group in attendance for special life cycle events (Bar/Bat Mitzvah, baby naming, or wedding, etc.).

Of course, you can always purchase the food, bring it to the synagogue and do the set up yourself while also following the synagogue's Kashrut guidelines. Some assistance may be available on the day of your Kiddush.

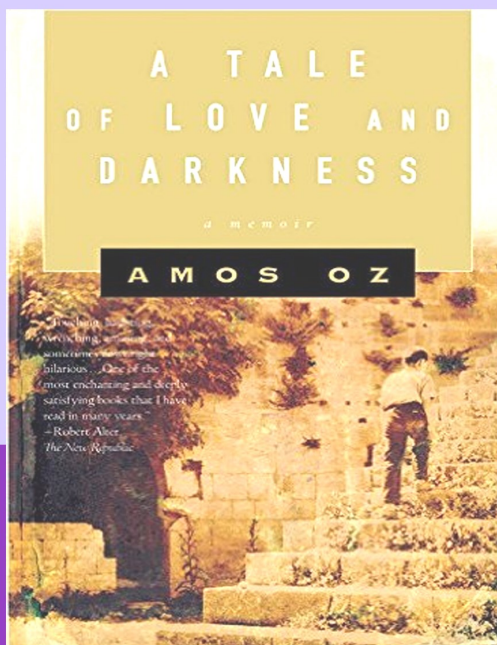




Book Club

June 4th - * 7PM * Nester Center

The Tale of Love
and Darkness
by Amos Oz



Adath Israel Book Club
is free and open to
anyone who desires
great discussions about
fascinating books
on Jewish topics

For more information, please contact
Roberta Glass: rjlevine610@gmail.com
860-632-1320

or Holly Simon: hfpsimon@gmail.com
860-395-8989.



may 2019

nisan/iyar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School 6:15 p.m. Yom HaShoah Service & Dedication @ Meriden Public Library 26 nisan	2 8 a.m. Minyan Yom HaShoah 27 nisan	3 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 28 nisan	4 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Achrei Mot 29 nisan
5 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots Rosh Chodesh 30 nisan	6 8 a.m. Minyan Rosh Chodesh 1 iyar	7 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 2 iyar	8 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School Yom HaZikaron 3 iyar	9 8 a.m. Minyan Yom Ha'Atzmaut 4 iyar	10 8 a.m. Minyan 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat- Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner 5 iyar	11 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Kedoshim 6 iyar
12 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots Mother's Day 7 iyar	13 8 a.m. Minyan 8 iyar	14 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 9 iyar	15 8 a.m. Minyan 10 iyar	16 8 a.m. Minyan 11 iyar	17 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 12 iyar	18 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Emor 13 iyar
19 9 a.m. Minyan 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch 14 iyar	20 8 a.m. Minyan 15 iyar	21 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 16 iyar	22 8 a.m. Minyan 17 iyar	23 8 a.m. Minyan 18 iyar	24 8 a.m. Minyan 19 iyar	25 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Behar 20 iyar
26 9 a.m. Minyan 21 iyar	27 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan Memorial Day 22 iyar	28 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 23 iyar	29 8 a.m. Minyan 24 iyar	30 8 a.m. Minyan 25 iyar	31 8 a.m. Minyan 26 iyar	



june 2019

iyar/sivan

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Bechukotai</i> 27 iyar
2 9 a.m. Morning Minyan 10 a.m. Raffle Drawing 28 iyar	3 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 29 iyar	4 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Rosh Chodesh 1 sivan	5 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 2 sivan	6 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 3 sivan	7 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner honoring our new members 4 sivan	8 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service 7 p.m. Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot Erev Shavuot <i>Bemidbar</i> 5 sivan
9 9 a.m. Festival Morning Minyan Shavuot I 6 sivan	10 Office closed 8 a.m. Festival Morning Minyan Shavuot II Yizkor 7 sivan	11 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 8 sivan	12 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 4:30 p.m. Cruise Night on Main St. 9 sivan	13 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 10 sivan	14 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Flag Day 11 sivan	15 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Nasso</i> 12 sivan
16 9 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:30 Jewish Wars Veterans Brunch Father's Day 13 sivan	17 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 14 sivan	18 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 15 sivan	19 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 16 sivan	20 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 17 sivan	21 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 18 sivan	22 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Beha'alotecha</i> 19 sivan
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30 9 a.m. Morning Minyan 27 sivan						



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