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Middletown, Connecticut
December 2014/Kislev-Tevet 5775



TALMUD TORAH

by Rabbi Haaz

There are a number of mitzvot, or sacred obligations, of which we are aware, whether or not we choose to observe them. For example, we know that we must pray

every day, guard Shabbat, visit the sick, and honor our parents. While we do not often consider study to be in the same category as the sacred obligations listed above, it is actually one of the greatest mitzvot. The Talmud teaches that study leads to action, and the Mishnah states, “*talmud torah k'neged kulam.*” This phrase explains that the study of Torah (i.e. Talmud Torah) is equal to all of the mitzvot or at least lays the foundation for each individual mitzvah. Perhaps the most poignant argument for the significance of prayer is found in the words of Rabbi Louis Finkelstein. “When I pray, I speak to God; when I study Torah, God speaks to me.”

Talmud Torah is an essential component of living a full Jewish life. We, as Adath Israel, had the opportunity to engage in Talmud Torah at the recent event honoring Nathan Olshin, may his memory be a blessing. Nathan was a symbol of Jewish learning in our synagogue community because his love of Talmud Torah manifested itself through the kindness, compassion, and dignity that he showered on each person he encountered. While some people are natu-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Michael Sigal

I am writing this during the first week in November. So the first couple of paragraphs are written in advance of the events themselves.

I hope that everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

I hope that many of you had the opportunity to attend the first Nathan Olshin scholar in residence program on November 16th. Three scholars participated and the subject was about how the world was created and how it might end. I will write some more about this event in the January Kolot article.

We held our semi annual meeting on Monday, November 17th and barely had enough people to have a quorum. I want to encourage everyone to attend these meetings. There is important business discussed and we want all of our members to be well informed about what is happening at the Shul.

For those of you that have been in the building recently, I hope you have had or will have a chance to see the new small sanctuary doors. They are beautiful and a great improvement to the doors that we used to have. On behalf of the Shul, I want to thank the Beautification Committee and especially the Mittleman family for their generous donation to



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rally inclined to be considerate and caring, Nate's love of Talmud Torah certainly fostered these positive traits within him and helped create the beautiful person that we were fortunate to know.

In addition to the Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Series, there are other ways to keep Nate's memory and example alive in Adath Israel. Our congregation looks to dedicate a yahrtzeit board in his memory in the main sanctuary, and our members have already picked up the weekly Torah discussion that he led for so many years. Every Wednesday after morning minyan, we study the weekly Torah portion with selected rabbinic commentary and discuss how the teachings of the Torah can have practical impact on the ways in which we approach our lives. Please lend your voice and life experience to this discussion whenever you are able. Through your fulfillment of the mitzvah of Talmud Torah, you honor Nate's memory, follow in his example, and nurture the positive traits within you that make your life a blessing to yourself and to others.



DECEMBER VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

By Myra Finkelstein

It's almost winter: early darkness, blustery cold snowy days. **FORE!!!!** What a wonderful word to hear right now. During these cold snowy winter months, unless you are in the sunny warm climates or planning the Interfaith Golf Tournament you are probably yelling some other four letter words. Marc Levin and David Director are December's Volunteers of the Month. Both have very similar backgrounds. Their fathers (Art Director and Buzzy Levin) were actively involved in the synagogue serving as past presidents; they were well known business owners, and both sets of parents always made contributions to

the community. Marc and David seem to be clones of their dads. They both are presidents of their businesses taking over their Dads' positions in the 1990's. Both worked their way "up" the ladder both as businessmen and as leaders of their civic communities, clubs, and other organizations. Their aim has always been to give back while treating everyone like extended family. David and Marc serve on so many boards (in fact too many to name them all). David is on the Board of Directors of Liberty Bank while Marc and David are involved with the Middletown Chamber of Commerce. They both served with Middlesex Community Foundation and also the Rushford Center. Both have been benefactors to the synagogue. What an impact they have had. David was a past president of Adath Israel. During his first year, the shul had no Rabbi what a dubious distinction---that must have been rough! Their commitment continues but that is par for the course. Their biggest contribution has been their involvement with the Interfaith Golf Tournament. David and Marc have chaired the Interfaith Golf Tournament for 18 years. (Prior to that Art and Buzzy were cochairmen when it was a B'nai Brith function.) The funds raised are/were donated to many charities: Portland Youth Services, Portland Food Bank, Amazing Grace, Community Foundation of Middlesex County Bullying Program, First Tee of CT (Tiger Woods golf camp for youngsters), Rushford Center Youth Program, Kid City, our multifaith cemetery, as well as Saint Mary's Church in Portland and Adath Israel. The total money raised during the past 2 decades was over \$1 million. And our coffers increased by over \$500,000. That is a lot of green.

(H-m-m . How many golf related terms did you find?)



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make this happen. The dedication of the new doors was on November 8th.

In case you haven't noticed, more people are attending Saturday morning services. This is a wonderful thing and I want to thank those of you who are attending. Our minyan continues going strong and I want to thank the people who attend those services.

We had a fundraising event, a Vendor Show, on Sunday, October 26th. We were a bit disappointed in the turnout for the event. The Fundraising Committee is doing their absolute best to raise funds for the Shul. We'd like your feedback about what you like about the event if you attended and we also want to hear about why you did not attend. We are trying to hold events that our members would like to attend. We have 2 objectives. The first objective is in the spirit of something you've heard me speak of which is Relational Judaism. We want to continually build our Adath Israel community. This can only happen if we can put people together in the same place at the same time. The second reason is the mission of that committee which is to raise funds.

In the spirit of community building, here's the latest chapter in the Sigal story. Ruth and I were in Florida for a long weekend and our neighbors, the Wilkins, who are members here, were taking care of our dog. They noticed that the water was continually running and that there were water spots on the kitchen ceiling. It turns out that the master bath toilet was cracked. They were a great help letting in our contractor who contained the damage before we got home. We were only out of the house for 3 days and are in the process of repairing the damage. We really enjoyed having Amy and Stacey home for Thanksgiving.

We are right around the corner for nominating people to serve on next year's Board of Directors. As I said in my Yom Kippur message, we have a call of leadership. We absolutely need to find people who want to assume leadership positions. Please think about becoming an officer of the Shul, joining the Board or taking a Committee Chairmanship. Please reach out to anyone on the Board of Directors to get more information or to volunteer for a position. We want to be here for generations to come and can only do this if people step up and volunteer.

We are continuing to work on our web site. By the end of the year we hope to have information about our Religious School, Membership and Life Cycle events on our website. The Communications

Committee wants to hear any feedback about it. We are constantly looking to improve it.

I am thanking all of the volunteers who pitch in each and every day so that the events in the Shul happen. I want to especially thank those volunteers who went above and beyond their already significant volunteerism to fill in for our custodian while he was on medical leave.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy Holiday season. Happy Hanukkah!



GIFT SHOP NEWS

Chanukkah begins this year on the night of December 16th with the lighting of the first candle.

For your convenience and in order to purchase any of your Chanukkah needs such as candles, wrapping paper, Menorah, and gifts, the Adath Israel Gift Shop will be open Sunday, December 7 from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI VOICES **2014**

Don't miss the concluding event in the **Contemporary Israeli Voices 2014** series, sponsored by the Jewish and Israel Studies. It is free and open to the public.

On **Thursday, December 4, Ofir Touche Gafla** will deliver a presentation entitled *In Praise of Fiction*. Touche Gafla's novel *World of the End* (2013) has become a cult classic. This presentation is scheduled at 8 pm at Russell House.



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The School Page for Kislev/Tevet
December



On October 12th we enjoyed a great Sukkot family program called Sukkot Fun-Day. We began the day in the Wesleyan Sukkah. Our older students engaged in text study while our younger students made nature inspired art and heard stories. Everybody had the opportunity to shake the lulav and smell the etrog as well as eat a snack in the sukkah. Following our sukkah time, everybody headed to Lyman Orchards to pick apples that we donated to St. Vincent De Paul. Everybody was very generous and many pounds of apples were picked for donation. A very special thank you to the Gendrich family for delivering the apples to St. Vincent De Paul on our behalf. Below are some photos from the field trip.



December 5, 2014 Pray—Eat— Sing

Services start at 5:30 PM with dinner following. The family-friendly atmosphere and earlier time makes it easy for even our youngest members to have a great Shabbat experience. Best of all dinner is FREE! We do ask that you RSVP to the synagogue office (860) 346-4709.

December 7, 2014 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will take place during the school day. Time blocks will be allotted for each class and parent a parent sign-up will be placed in you children's classroom. Please sign up for a specific time slot.

December 9, 2014 Hanukkah at Russell Library

Hands on Hanukkah, a partnership program with the Russell Library (123 Broad St.) will be held at 6:30 PM, during their usual story-time. This program is intended for children aged 6 and under, siblings welcome.

December 14, 2014 6th Grade Torah Chanting

6th Grade parents are invited to attend a Torah chanting run-through and celebration in honor of the children's first-time reading from the Torah.

December 17, 2014 Community Candle Lighting

All religious school families and others are invited to join us for Hanukkah singing and candle lighting for residents at local continuing care facilities. All those interested in joining should arrive at the synagogue by 4:00 PM. We will return by 5:30 PM for the community candle lighting followed by a dairy Hanukkah meal. Please be sure to bring your own chanukia for the lighting.

December 20, 2014 Shabbat L'hol Adat

All students, families, entire community is invited for a *Shabbat L'hol Adat* (Shabbat for Everyone). Services for everyone begin at 9:30 AM. Students from each grade will help to lead. The 6th grade class will all chant Torah for their first time. Tot Shabbat begins at 10:30 AM in the purple room. A special *kiddush* luncheon follows. There is no Sunday school on Dec. 21st. This replaces Sunday school for that week.

Shabbat L'hol Adat **SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE** **& Tot Shabbat**



Saturday, December 20

Everyone in our community is invited to celebrate!

Service starts at 9:30 am

During the Torah Service, children in grades 3 through 6 enjoy Shabbat activities in their classrooms.

At 10:30 am, Tot Shabbat begins for children in Preschool and younger and their families in the Purple Room of the religious school. This is a highly interactive Shabbat service.

Then we all come together for concluding prayers and a festive Kiddush lunch.

No Religious School or Mazal Tots
Sun., December 21

MY THOUGHTS

There are many who volunteer for Adath Israel in spite of their busy lives. Without these volunteers, Adath Israel would be unable to function and we could possibly have to close our doors. I want to thank all of our many volunteers who do this very important work for Adath Israel.

One group of these volunteers is Adath Israel's Fundraising Committee. Beginning months before an event, they meet and decide on a program. Then over the course of the next several months, they meet again so the event can be planned and executed. That is why at one o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, October 26th over 18 vendors participated in the first ever Vendor Show in the large social hall. There was a wide variety of products on display for purchasing. It was the committees hope that this event would help many of our members and even many community members begin their holiday shopping early while raising needed dollars for Adath Israel. The committee used a large variety of publicity to publicize this event both internally and externally. While some members did attend and purchased items, the turnout was a disappointment to me and certainly to the vendors that came from various distances and spent much time displaying their various products. There was **no cost** for attendance at this event.

I personally wish to sincerely thank all who did attend this event, whether an item was purchased or not and hope it was an enjoyable experience for you all. I, also, wish to thank the following on the committee who worked hard to help make this event happen: Lynn Bennett, Michael Daling, Anita Hennessey, Bobette Reed Kahn, Stephanie Meadow, Arlene Pressman, Keith Pressman, Stan Sadinsky and Shirley Schloss.

The Fundraising Committee is the one group of volunteers that works hard to raise funds to assist with the synagogue's day-to-day operational costs, special event costs and to help lessen the impact on any possible budget increases. The only way to accomplish this goal is if we have the support of our members when an event is scheduled. While the committee spent many hours before, during and after this event to make it a success, I felt somewhat embarrassed that the support was less than substantial from the members of Adath Israel for the committee's efforts and for the vendors. It was my hope that the

committee would have had more patronage from our own community. **Where were you?**

It is certainly my wish that for the next event, the attendance will greatly improve so that the committee's efforts are not a waste of their precious time.

Eileen K. Daling

Vice President/Fundraising Committee Member

STRENGTHENING OUR KEHILLAH THROUGH THE ANNUAL APPEAL

"a *kehilla* is a sacred community, a group formed by Jews who have joined with each other to seek God, to explore and live out their understanding of Jewishness, to offer and to get support, to share joy and sorrow, to learn and grow together, to explore the meaning of their lives and the wisdom of their ancestors." - USCJ

Our Adath Israel *kehillah* can't fulfill its mission without gifts of time and money from congregants. A successful Annual Appeal is crucial to maintaining Adath Israel, which is more than a religious school, more than a *bimah*, more than a place for social gatherings. It is our community's Jewish home.

Todah rabbah, Thank you, to the following individuals for contributing to our 5775 Annual Appeal, helping to ensure that Adath Israel remains a place where we can gather, grow and share the events in our lives, to be the place where we Celebrate Jewish Life: Penny Apter, Arthur & Ann Lerner, Arthur & Marcia Meyers, Judith Dembowitz, Bernice Bonchi, Judith & Daniel Merida, Barbara Sequenzia, Lorraine Michael, Norman Hanenbaum, Joseph & Sarah Glaz, David & Teresa Shulman, Lew & Fran Goldberg, Mark & Donna Finkelstein, Marian Katz, Sara Paley, Shirley Ross, Hinda Niemeyer, Marie Dominique Boyce, Michael & Terri Klein, Anita Hennessey, Edythe Rosenfield, Stephen & Carol Shapiro, Dewey & Harriet Deeton, Michael & Corinne Brody, Phyllis Rubin, Hazel Kurlansky, the EIS Foundation, Herb & Paulette Gewirtz, and Wendy Peterson.



DOORS! DOORS!! DOORS!!!

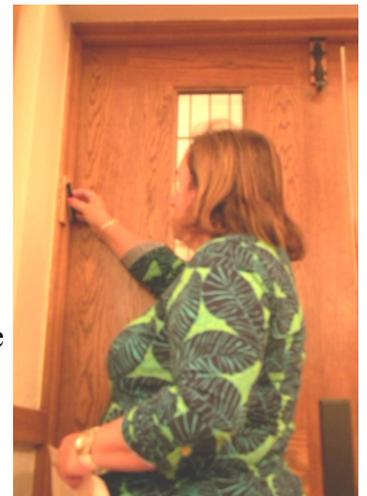
Come on down and see the absolutely stunning additions to Adath Israel. "The Doors" are happily at home after months of planning, selecting, installing and admiring. Without question they are works of art, enhancing our main lobby, and (actually) the entire building. Once again, Al Cormier is the talented craftsman behind our beautification efforts.

You can't help but notice the quality workmanship, the simply elegant leaded glass and gorgeous secure hardware. How lucky we all are to benefit from the contributions and generosity of members and friends of Adath Israel.

The two sets of double doors located in the main lobby have been donated by the Mittelman family (Sharon Mittelman & Frank Murphy, Brian, Douglas & Leah; Gene & Georgia Mittelman), as a loving tribute to the memory of Sharon's father and Gene's brother, Irwin D. Mittelman, Esq. The large doors in the side hall entry are the amazing result of many, many contributions to the Howard Feldman Beautification Fund; we have a great village!!

Thanks to each and every one of you for your generosity and support of this Beautification project. Thank you too in advance for enabling us to continue our journey.

Lastly, my sincere gratitude to Joanna Schnurman for her many talents and much appreciated ever-present kindness.



Sharon Mittelman affixing the mezuzah during the door dedication.

Marge Sadinsky



The Mittelman Clan at the dedication of the Small Sanctuary doors (from left to right): Leah Murphy, Sharon Mittelman, Brian Murphy, Gene & Georgia Mittelman, Douglas Murphy, and Frank Murphy.



The William J. Pomfret Veteran Community Service Award is presented annually to a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces, in recognition of his or her distinguished service to the citizens of Connecticut and selfless commitment to public service. The 2014 recipient is Norman Hanenbaum of Haddam.

Norman Hanenbaum was born in Baltimore, Maryland and remains to this day a diehard fan of both the Orioles and the Ravens. Norman served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, and has distinguished himself as a true community servant throughout his adult life. He retired from the Hartford Public School System after 37 years of teaching. He is recognized as a pioneer in the field of Special Education, and has been a committed volunteer for the Special Olympics since their inception in the State of Connecticut in 1968. He was part of the original group that founded the Special Olympics here in our state, and has been inducted into the Connecticut Special Olympics Champion Society, and the Connecticut Special Olympics Hall of Fame. On July 20, 2014, the Boston Red Sox honored one volunteer and one athlete from the states of Connecticut and Massachusetts. Norman was the Connecticut volunteer honored, and he was recognized publicly at Fenway Park for his 46 continuous years of service to the Special Olympics. When asked about his service to the Special Olympics, Norman noted, "My involvement with the disabled community, whether that disability is physical or mental, has made me appreciate how fortunate and blessed I am to be a productive member of society, and be able to offer assistance and support to those persons in need."

Norman is a Past Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Major General Maurice Rose Post 51 of Middletown, and a Past Commander of the Department of Connecticut Jewish War Veterans of the United States. For the past five years, he and three others from Post 51 have served coffee and Danish pastries at the Newington Veterans Hospital on the third Thursday of each month.

Norman is a past recipient of a prestigious award from The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation, operated out of the Philadelphia Naval Yard, which exists to further the cause of "unity without uniformity" by encouraging goodwill and cooperation

among all people. He is also a longtime supporter of the annual *Stand Down* event held at Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital which is designed to provide veterans with access to the medical care, legal advice, and other important services that are available to them.

Norman is an accomplished musician who still performs on a weekly basis at the Westbrook Elks Club with the 15-piece George Manston Big Band. Under the sponsorship of the now deceased Rev. Joseph C. Gengras of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office for Persons with Disabilities, Norman was the volunteer Musical Director for the Alleluia Players for 13 years. This organization incorporated persons of all disabilities in a musical variety show averaging 100 individuals per performance. The Alleluia Players performed in a number of local venues including many local high schools, and the Goodspeed Opera House in 1973. Norman organized eight talented singers and musicians from the Alleluia Players, and formed a traveling troupe who entertained audiences for 29 years including at performances in Toronto, Canada, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., and at numerous Special Olympic events. The late Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of Special Olympics, paid the Alleluia Players numerous compliments over the years as has actress and activist, and Connecticut resident, Susan Saint James.

On November 28, 2012, Norman Hanenbaum was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame at a ceremony hosted by Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman and Commissioner Linda Schwartz of the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Norman Hanenbaum is a truly deserving recipient of the 2014 William J. Pomfret Veteran Community Service Award.

IT'S NEWS

TODAH RABAH



“Where There Is No Bread, There Is No Torah” Thank you to following people for sponsoring and/or helping with meals:

Pray- Eat-Sing

Myra & David Finkelstein
Stephanie & Eliot Meadow
Ruth & Mike Sigal
Anita Hennessey
Lynn Bennett
Harriet Thiela
Marcey Thiela

Oneg & Kiddush

Marie Dominique Boyce in honor of her daughter, Michelle, landing her first fulltime job in her field.
Dave & Myra Finkelstein making sure the Early Risers Minyan has a delicious breakfast.

Other Gifts:

Many thanks to the **Mittelman Family**: Gene, Georgia, Sharon, Frank Murphy and Brian, Douglas, and Leah for donating beautiful new doors and hardware for the Small Sanctuary.

The Mazal Tots program of the Religious School added a cuddly, HUGE stuffed bear thanks to **Marie Dominique Boyce**.

Thank you to **Dave Shulman** for delivering our food drive bounty to Amazing Grace Food Pantry.

Thank you to **Scott Levy** for his immense expertise and PATIENCE fixing our exciting computer/internet problems the past few months.

THANK YOU to our *Ba'alei Sukkah* (Sukkah Masters): **Bern Padawer, Michael Simon, and Holly Simon** whose efforts allowed the Jewish community of Greater Middletown to fulfill the mitzvah of dwelling in a sukkah.

Thank you **Aaron Theila** for the donation of printable PVC name cards for the Religious School.

MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to **Norman Hanenbaum** on receiving The William J. Pomfret Veteran Community Service Award from the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce.



SPEEDY RECOVERY

Wishing *refuah sh'leimah* (complete healing) to **Nihla Lapidus, Seth Axelrod, Cheryl Oken, Hortie Kabel, Hal Kaplan, Harriet Levin, Ron & Judith Rubel, Teresa Shulman, Michael Schulman, Naomi Kamins, Sarah Kamins, and Muriel Wrubel.**

*A Note from
 Michael & Diane Lafontaine*

To the Congregants of Adath Israel,

Our wonderful

Adath Israel Community:

For everything that so many of you did to keep things going at synagogue, the support during surgery, the visits during my recovery, the thoughtful, helpful gifts, and all the time off—many, many thanks.

It meant more than you know,

Mike & Diane

Adath Israel's Community Candle Lighting & Dinner



All are welcome!

Wednesday, December 17

5:30 PM Blessings; 6:00 PM Dinner & Dreidels

To RSVP please contact the synagogue at
860-346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org

BYOM: Bring Your Own Menorah

LIFE CYCLES

Harold & Dotty Kaplan
 Ron & Judith Rubel
 Stephen & Carol Shapiro
 Mike & Ruth Sigal



Judy Walter
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 Norman Hanenbaum
 Martha Tischofer
 Myron Poliner
 Ann Lerner
 Jill Waldmann
 Alan Wolfgram
 David Schwarz
 Arlene Pressman
 Max Weiss
 Bill Cohen
 Muriel Wrubel
 Linda Savitsky
 Elizabeth Beit
 Estelle Goodman

ONE WHO GIVES LENDS TO THE LORD**NANTHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SERIES**

IN HONOR OF

Jodi Gendrich's birthday by the Lane-Malin Family

IN MEMORY OF

Jon Axelrod, father of Seth Axelrod by the Lane-Malin Family

Nathan Olshin by the Lane-Malin Family

SYNAGOGUE FUND

The Estate of Rosalyn D Kaufman

IN HONOR OF

IN MEMORY OF:

Harry Klein, father of Michael Klein, by

Lee & Irwin Zagoren

Anita Hennessey

Jon Axelrod, father of Seth Axelrod, by

Anita Hennessey

Lee & Irwin Zagoren

Eileen Daling's Uncle Sam by

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Lee & Irwin Zagoren

Rosalyn Kaufman by Iris. M. Berezin

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Naomi Kamins by Anita Hennessey

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Claire Hoffman by Sandy Hoffman

Robert Maron by Ruth Maron

Ada Golensky by Hazel Kurlansky & Anita Hennessey

Morris Kaplan by Dotty & Harold Kaplan

Mark your calendar for



"Pray - Eat - Sing"

Friday night - December 5

Services at 5:30 pm followed by a Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 pm

Our whole community comes together to celebrate the joy of Shabbat. Early services let us pray together and share a meal and conversation. After dinner Rabbi Haaz will teach Shabbat songs (and take requests).

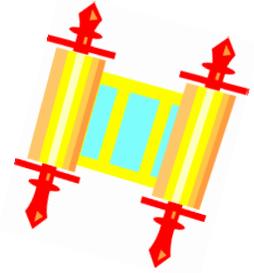
RSVP Required: Synagogue office at 860-346-4709 by **November 28** in order to be sure we have enough food for all who join us.

Please, remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry.

Cost: Free to all members (reservations are a must.) Non-members must also RSVP and are free the first time. After that, there is a charge of \$10 per person or \$18 per family each time you attend thereafter.

Monetary donations toward the cost of food are requested and gratefully appreciated.

Your help needed: Contact Harriet Thiela or the office if you would like to help prepare the meal or with clean up.



Tot Shabbat!

December 20

10:30 AM

In The Purple Room

Join us for a fun, active Shabbat morning service for children in Preschool and younger along with their parents or guardians.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PARK

Have you ever wondered, "Which parking spaces belong to Adath Israel?" Well wonder no more. Our parking spaces, located behind 16 Broad Street, are lined in a brilliant yellow and stenciled "Reserved AI". Please use these spaces only. On weekends or major holidays additional parking is available in a lot located on William Street behind the First Baptist Church and there are 35 spaces along the fence (closest to the new housing) at Traverse Square on Church Street.

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SHARE GOOD NEWS!

Do you have some wonderful, exciting news about you or someone in your family that you would like to share with the congregation? We now have a new L'Chaim Board just outside the office! So stop by and pin up a picture, a newspaper article, a note about your news, etc. We would love to celebrate with you!

NOT GETTING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ADATH ISRAEL?

Did you email address change? Did you move or are you going to a warmer climate in the winter? Please notify the office via email at office@adathisraelct.org or by calling 860-346-4709 and we can make sure you don't miss out on anything.

**Adath Israel Co-Hosts
Hands on Hanukkah**



with
**Stories, Crafts, Music and
Movement**

**Part of the Winter Holiday Story-time Series at
The Russell Library**

125 Broad Street, Middletown, CT

Tuesday, December 9th, 2014

6:30 PM — 7:30 PM

For Children 6 and under and their siblings



ADATH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Please check one of these sources for
storm-closing postings**

Watch or listen to:

WFSB-TV Channel 3

WTNH-TV Channel 8

WVIT-TV Channel 30, NBC

WTIC AM 1080 Radio – on air &/or

WRCH FM 100.5 Radio

WTIC FM 96.5 Radio

Or go to website:

www.wfsb.com

www.wtnh.com

www.nbcconnecticut.com

www.wtic.com

www.wrch.com

www.965tic.com

**If the weather is inclement,
we will make a decision about closing school
no later than 7 AM on a Sunday
and on later than 1 PM on a Wednesday.**

**The TV and radio info will appear
within a few minutes of those times.**

**If you call the Synagogue and follow the prompts
(press 4 for the Religious School), you will also hear our
announcement about closing.**

***If you cannot get information due to a power outage or if
Your cable and/or internet connection are down – chances
are school is closed! Stay home and stay safe!***



december 2014

kislev/tevet

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14 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazal Tots 22 kislev	15 23 kislev	16 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon Erev Hanukkah Light 1 Candle 24 kislev	17 4 pm Religious School 5:30 pm Community Candle Lighting & Dinner Hanukkah Light 2 Candles 25 kislev	18 Hanukkah Light 3 Candles 26 kislev	19 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service Hanukkah Light 4 Candles 27 kislev	20 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat Service 10:30 Tot Shabbat Hanukkah Light 5 Candles 28 kislev
21 No Religious School or Mazal Tots 9:30 am JWV Brunch Hanukkah Light 6 Candles 29 kislev	22 Hanukkah Light 7 Candles 30 kislev	23 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon Hanukkah Light 8 Candles 1 tevet	24 No Religious School Hanukkah 2 tevet	25 Office Closed 3 tevet	26 Office Closed 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 4 tevet	27 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 5 tevet
28 No Religious School or Mazal Tots 6 tevet	29 7 tevet	30 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon 8 tevet	31 No Religious School 9 tevet	1	2	3