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**Middletown, Connecticut**  
**February 2015 /Shevat-Adar I 5775**



## **GARDEN OF DREAMS**

by Rabbi Haaz

While the institution of Tu B'Shevat was initially created for purposes of taxation, it has become essentially a Jewish Arbor Day. This year, we celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, which translates to the 15<sup>th</sup> of [the Hebrew month of] Shevat on February 3. The significance of trees is mentioned several times in the Torah, and rabbinic literature teaches us that our relationship to trees is central to our relationship to other people and to God. The following narrative, as told by Storyteller Peninnah Schram, is adapted from Tractate Taanit of the Babylonian Talmud:

Honi the Wise One was also known as Honi the Circle Maker. By drawing a circle and stepping inside of it, he would recite special prayers for rain, sometimes even argue with God during a drought, and the rains would come. He was, indeed, a miracle maker. As wise as he was, Honi sometimes saw something that puzzled him. Then he would ask questions so he could unravel the mystery.

(see Rabbi continued on page 2)

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Michael Sigal

There will be an exciting adult education program on Sunday, February 1st at 10:30 AM in the Nester Center. Dr. Michael Good, the author of *The Search for Major Plagge: The Nazi Who Saved Jews* will speak with us. It will be a riveting narration of a personal quest and detective story. I hope you can attend.



Also during February, Rabbi Haaz, accompanied by a member of the synagogue, will be on his annual trip down to Florida to see our Floridian members. I hope that those members are able to meet with them as well as other members that they may not see often.

We are starting another program as part of our community building efforts. The program is called "My House is Your House". Our plan is to have an informal gathering of members and potential members at a member's house on a bi monthly basis. Board members and invitees will gather for conversation, snacks, and a learning session with the Rabbi. The first meeting did not take place because the targeted members were not able to attend for a variety of reasons. The Executive Board is working on scheduling this program for March.

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One day, Honi the Circle Maker was walking on the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked the man, “How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?”

The man replied, “Seventy years.”

Honi then asked the man, “And do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?”

The man answered, “Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees.”

This story about Honi resonates in the hearts of Jews because we are sensitive to the mimetic transmission of our history and values. We are grateful for the blessings that our ancestors have bequeathed to us and we are responsible to pass those blessings onto our descendants. The sentiments of gratitude and responsibility are captured in the Hebrew phrase *midor lador* – from generation to generation. Because we live as witnesses to and beneficiaries of the modern State of Israel, the imperative of *midor lador* rests uniquely upon our shoulders. Our ancestors dreamed of living in a world with a Jewish homeland, and, thanks to their perseverance, determination, and creativity, we are living in their dream. We have a responsibility of transmission that rivals our ancestors who stood at the foot of Mount Sinai.

As we experience the miracle of the modern State of Israel, we recognize the miracle to be not just the founding of the State of Israel but the accomplishments of its people. David Ben-Gurion, Israel’s first Prime Minister, shared his dream that the Jewish people would make the desert bloom, and his dream has come to fruition through Israel’s accomplishments at home and its global contributions to the fields of medicine, technology, the arts, humanitarian aid, and the environment. And, quite literally, Israel has made the desert bloom by transforming arid land into fertile land and sharing the cutting edge achievements in ir-

rigation and agriculture with other countries around the world.

We live in the dream, but we are also the stewards of the dream. The holiday of Tu B’Shevat offers us an opportunity to express our gratitude and our responsibility by directing our attention to trees in Israel. Among its many attempts to preserve and strengthen Israel, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) invites people to plant trees in Israel to make the desert bloom, literally and metaphorically. Through JNF, Adath Israel has recently reserved its first garden in Israel which has space for 100 trees. I hope that you will help us to fill our garden by dedicating trees in honor of family and friends to decorate special moments in their lives and connect your loved ones, in those moments, to our sacred homeland in Israel. A \$5 donation sent into the synagogue office dedicates a single tree in our Adath Israel garden and makes you a builder of Israel – one who plants the seeds for the future of the Jewish people. (If you would like to dedicate a tree by check, please make any checks out to Congregation Adath Israel and write JNF Garden in the memo line.)

We are living in an incredibly special time in the history of the Jewish people, but there is no guarantee that we will be able to maintain our homeland and witness Israel as a beacon of light unto the world. The only guarantee of which we can be certain is that without your steady love and support, our grandchildren and great grandchildren will not experience the dream in which we have lived for the past sixty-five years. The dream of Israel is one dream from which we do not ever want to wake.



*(President continued from page 1)*

In the spirit of community building, here's the latest chapter in the Sigal story. I was not able to be in Shul very much for the past few weeks. As you know, my family is the most important thing in my life. We had a couple of medical situations that came up. My wife had to have some abdominal surgery. Everything turned out great with no complications! Both Amy and Stacey were home for the operation and to help their Mom recuperate. Amy also came home to have her wisdom teeth removed so I got to be the caregiver to both she and Ruth. Stacey went back to college for her final semester at Dickinson College.

This is the month that we identify candidates for next year's Board of Directors. I am again exploring you to consider serving on the Board either as an officer or as a Board member. We absolutely need someone to serve as Eileen Daling's Vice President so that they can prepare to be the next President after Eileen. Please contact anyone on the Board if you are interested in serving or if you have any questions

In closing, please come to services, come to an event, volunteer for an event and/or volunteer for a leadership position. We need you!

## **FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

*By Myra Finkelstein*

This month Adath Israel is proud to recognize our own super heroes. They can be considered the Superman and Wonder Woman of the shul. A super hero is considered to be generous, friendly, energetic, full of ideas, confident, methodical, spiritual, driven and eloquent, just to name a few. Our tag team offers mutual adoration, stability, and is dedicated to the many facets of the synagogue. The word **NO** is just not part of their vocabulary. At meetings their hands are the first to volunteer, to take on a challenge that few want to do. Eliot and Stephanie Meadow have been involved with the synagogue since their arrival in Cromwell approximately a decade ago. They have both served as presidents and past presidents. Stephanie has been co-chair of the personnel committee, member of the education committee, co-chair of gift shop, member of the fundraising committee, served as co-chair of the membership committee, a High Holiday usher, and serves on the youth commission. Since she is so computer literate she even volunteers

to create the weekly Enews/Blast as well as keeping the web master current. Her counterpart, Eliot, besides serving as President, was on the rabbi search committee, rabbi contract committee, contribution review chair, traveled with Rabbi Haaz twice to Florida, and is also a High Holiday Usher. Eliot also is on the executive board of the USCJ Regional Board. AND please realize these are all volunteer positions. Eliot works and travels extensively for an international company out of New Jersey. Stephanie works for Jewish Teen Connect (a fraternity of high school students with similar values who care enough about Judaism to grow, change, learn, explore, and socialize together) and Camp Ramah. **PHEW!** In their free time, they like tennis, swimming and playing Mah Jong and naturally spending time with Eric, a junior at Rutgers and Julia, a freshman at Cromwell High School. If you are tired reading about all that this mighty duo do (who do all of this without having a cape or any super powers), just imagine actually doing it. I challenge each and every one of you to ramp up your own volunteerism and to try to take on a quarter of what they do. That would be so beneficial to Adath Israel!

## **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: Dr. Jeffrey Palmer, Andy Becker, Jeffrey Cohen & Izzi Greenberg, Eva Bardwell, Josephine & Myron Poliner, Sondra and Roger Beit, and Victor Adler.



***Daf Beit Haseifer shel  
Sh'vat/Adar***  
The School Page for Shevat/Adar



**February 1, 2015 - Tu B'shvat Program**

We will do a special Tu B'shvat program for the K-4th grade classes from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Parents are welcome to join us.

**February 4, 2015 - Tu B'shvat**

We will celebrate Tu B'shvat with a short seder at 4:00 PM. Parents are welcome to join us.

**February 6, 2015 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 for members and first time guests! We do ask that you RSVP to the synagogue office (860) 346-4709 by Friday, January 30, 2015.

**February 8, 2015 - Spiritual Tefillah**

Grades 3 - Confirmation will attend this monthly service where we will learn about the Saturday morning prayers. Parents are encouraged to attend. Tefillah will be held in the main sanctuary at 11:30 AM.

**February 15, 2015**

There will be no religious school in observance of the Presidents Day school break.

**February 21, 2015 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. Tot Shabbat begins at 10:30 AM in the purple room. A special *kiddush* luncheon follows. There is no Sunday school on Feb 22nd. This replaces Sunday school for that week.

**March 1, 2015 - Purim Carnival - Save the Date**



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SPEAKER: ISAAC ZABLOCKI,  
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**FEBRUARY 12**



## The Dove Flyer

DIRECTED BY NISSIM DAYAN (2014)

SPEAKER: ELISHA RUSS-FISHBANE,  
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***The Search For Major Plagge: The Nazi Who Saved Jews***  
**a riveting narration of a personal quest and detective story**  
**JOIN US - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST AT 10:30 AM**  
**In the Nester Center**

Dr. Michael Good will talk about his book *The Search For Major Plagge: The Nazi Who Saved Jews*, published by Fordham University Press in 2006. Dr. Good is the son of two Holocaust survivors from Vilna, Lithuania. He tells the story of how Karl Plagge, a German army officer, saved his mother and more than 250 other Jews.

When *The Search for Major Plagge* was published, the world finally learned about a unique hero—and about one American doctor's extraordinary journey to tell Karl Plagge's story. Michael Good's book is the story of the German commander of a Lithuanian work camp who saved hundreds of Jewish lives in the Vilna ghetto—including the life of Good's mother, Pearl. Who was this enigmatic officer Pearl Good had spoken of so often?

After five years of research—interviewing survivors, assembling a team that could work to open German files untouched for fifty years, following every lead he could, Good was able to uncover the amazing tale of one man's remarkable courage.

Michael Good has appeared on C-SPAN, as a speaker in Israel and Germany, and in schools, libraries, churches, and synagogues across the United States. Good, a physician, continues to follow and develop the Plagge story from his home in Durham, CT.



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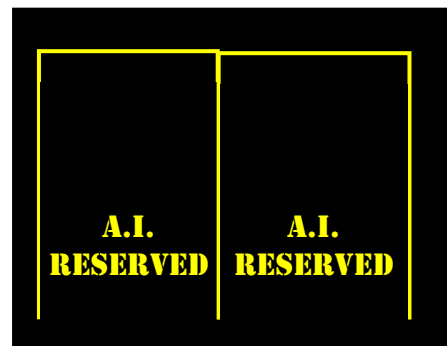
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Mark your calendar for

“Pray - Eat - Sing”

Friday night - February 6

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).

**MUST RSVP:** Synagogue office at 860-346-4709 by February 2 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. If you can't assist with preparations, help is always needed and very much appreciated with clean up after dinner.



## Bat Mitzvah Invitation

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*Juliana Mikayla*

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Kiddush reception to follow services.  
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## IT'S NEWS

### TODAH RABAH

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#### Oneg & Kiddush

Milton Shapiro in memory of Philip Shapiro  
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Thank you to  
The Inn at Middletown for their generous donation  
The Community Foundation of Middlesex County/  
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Michael Daling for bringing the food we've collected to Amazing Grace Food Pantry  
Lynn Bennett, Susi Deldonna, and Merle Loza for being our mail angels. They are always ready to lend a hand to get Kolot or other mass mailings stuffed, stamped, and ready to go.

### MAZAL TOV

To Amanda (Finkelstein) & Peter Longo on the birth of their son, Billy (*Avraham Matan ben Esther Raizel*) and to Amanda's parents, Mark & Donna Finkelstein



### SPEEDY RECOVERY

Wishing *Refuah Sh'leima*, complete healing, to Seth Axelrod, Hal Kaplan, Art Director, Harriet Levin, Myron Poliner, Judith & Ron Rubel, Michael Schulman, Naomi Kamins, Arlene Pressman, Bob Howard, Ruth Sigal, and Amy Sigal.



### MAY GOD GRANT COMFORT TO

Hortie Kabel on the recent death of her sister, Harriet Kalmanson



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Take advantage of an opportunity to 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.

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

The following is a breakdown of the new menus and costs for a Morning Kiddush:

**Simple Shabbat Kiddush for 20 – 30 people: cost \$225**

**Simple Weekday Kiddush for 15 people: cost \$120**

**(2 dz. Cookies instead of pastry tray)**

Bagels  
Tuna in a bowl  
Egg salad in a bowl  
Cuke, tomato, onion on a tray  
Lox spread, plain and chive cream  
cheese a on tray  
Fruit on a tray/bowl  
Pastry on tray  
Cold and hot drinks

**Deluxe Shabbat Kiddush for 20 – 30 people: cost \$400**

**Deluxe Weekday Kiddush for 15 people: cost \$180**

**(2 dz. Cookies instead of pastry tray)**

Bagels  
Tuna in a bowl  
Egg salad in a bowl  
Lox on a try  
Whitefish in a bowl  
Cuke, tomato, onion on a tray  
Lox spread, plain and chive cream

cheese a on tray  
Sesame Noodles in a bowl  
Fruit on a tray/bowl  
Pastry on tray  
Cold and hot drinks

**Friday Night Oneg Shabbat for 15 people: \$54**

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

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

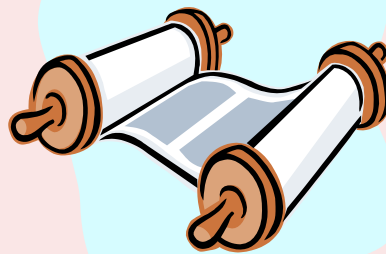
Of course, you can always purchase the food, bring it to the synagogue and do the set up yourself while also following the synagogue's Kashrut guidelines. Some assistance may be available on the day of your Kiddush.



# ***Shabbat L'hol Adat***

## **SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE**

### **& Tot Shabbat**



**Saturday, February 21**

Everyone in our community is invited to celebrate!

**Services start at 9:30 am**

During the Torah Service,  
children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 enjoy  
Shabbat activities in their classrooms.

**At 10:30 am,** Tot Shabbat begins for children Preschool age and  
younger and their families in the Purple Room of the religious school.

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

**No Religious School or Mazal Tots**  
**Sunday, February 22**



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**Tuesday, February 24**

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**Lisa Goodman**

**Purim**

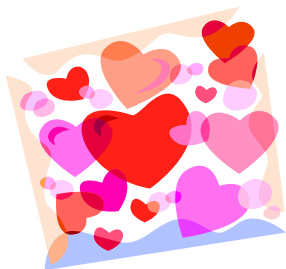
**Carnival**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Friends, Fun, Food,  
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**Food/Game Tickets are 25 cents each**



## TAKE YOUR SWEETHEART OUT ON VALENTINES DAY!

Educational Day Care available at Adath Israel  
from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM  
on Saturday, February 14, 2015

in

The Nester Center  
staffed by a Certified Teacher with the help of  
The Fundraising Committee.

Cost: \$10 an hour for the first child;  
\$5 per hour for each additional child(ren)

Planned activities and snacks will be provided.

Please call the synagogue office at 860-346-4709  
to make your reservation(s) and so that you can receive a  
permission slip via email.

**NO** child(ren) will be accepted without **prior reservations** and  
the **signed permission must** be handed in at drop off.

**This program is opened to all  
Adath Israel Religious School  
and member families.**



**If the response is poor, we reserve the right to cancel this program.**

## ADATH ISRAEL'S FIFTH ANNUAL RAFFLE!

~ **GRAND PRIZE: \$ 3,000** ~

**2nd Prize: \$ 2,000**

**3rd Prize: \$ 1,000**

Drawing to be held Saturday, March 21, 2014 at 9:30 p.m.

**Only 700 tickets will be sold**

**Price: \$ 20**

Winner need not be present.

*Join us at 8:00 p.m. for a fun filled evening of enjoyment and refreshments.*

**Raffle ticket admits one person to the event**

Take part in our **Tea Cup Auction** by purchasing tickets  
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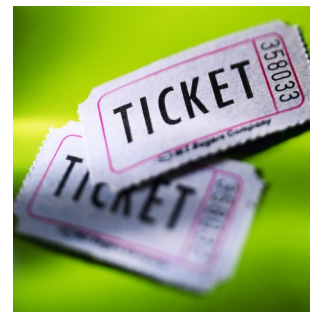
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## **CAMPERSHIPS**

Beginning this summer, the newly established Maxine Thumim Campership Fund will grant camperships to Adath Israel families. This camp experience for children will provide a long term effect on their Jewish identity and other life choices. In previous years, Maxine Thumim, a longtime member of Adath Israel, provided these campership funds herself. Presently the funds come from donations. These donations are pledged either at the time of the Volunteer Recognition brunch or during the year when anyone wishes to honor or remember someone. They make a request that their monies go to the Maxine Thumim Campership fund.

Only members current in their obligations to the synagogue are eligible to apply for these Jewish camperships.

Please complete the application and return it to the Synagogue office by May 1, 2015. Awards are based on the number of applications and no financial statements are needed.

### **SUMMER CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION**

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CAMP & LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF ATTENDANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

COST OF CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF CAMP NOT COVERED BY OTHER STIPENDS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF BILLING STATEMENT. \_\_\_\_\_

REMINDER!! SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE BY MAY 1, 2015.

# **ADATH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

## **School Closing Policy**

**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](http://www.wfsb.com)**

**[www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com)**

**[www.nbcconnecticut.com](http://www.nbcconnecticut.com)**

**[www.wtic.com](http://www.wtic.com)**

**[www.wrch.com](http://www.wrch.com)**

**[www.965tic.com](http://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  
no later than 1 PM on a Wednesday.**

**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 any  
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!***

# **Join Us for Dinner & the Whole Megillah\*!**

**FREE!  
Everyone is  
invited!  
Don't forget  
your  
costume!**

**Wednesday\*  
March 4  
5 PM sharp!**

**RSVPs appreciated.**

**(860) 346-4709**

**[www.adathisraelct.org](http://www.adathisraelct.org)**

**\*The fun continues @ 7 PM with a  
Purim Schpiel with our friends at**

**Congregation Beth Shalom**

**Rodfe Zedek**

**55 East Kings Highway**

**Chester, CT 06412**

**[www.cbsrz.org](http://www.cbsrz.org)**

**860-526-8920**



## **Registration for the Summer 2015 round of Taglit-Birthright Israel trips with Israel Outdoors opens on February 3, 2015.**

**Can we count on your help in spreading the word?**

**Save the date to remind your friends to register on time!**

**We've already announced 90 projected trip dates in May, June, July, and August. With departures from JFK, Newark, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Atlanta, and Miami airports, Israel Outdoors is making it easy for people to plan their summers.**

**Registration is 100% risk-free. Learn how registration works and about our commitment to providing a safe and meaningful Israel trip.**

**Thanks in advance for giving your friends a nudge!**

**The Israel Outdoors Team**

**[www.israeloutdoors.com](http://www.israeloutdoors.com)**

**202-537-0006 | [info@israeloutdoors.com](mailto:info@israeloutdoors.com)**



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BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL**

**THIS TRIP IS A GIFT FROM  
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# february 2015

## shevat/adar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazal Tots 10:30 am Brunch & Learn: <i>The Search for Major Plagge</i>  12 shevat	2  13 shevat	3 11 am Mah jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon  14 shevat	4 7 am Early Risers Minyan 8 am Text Study 10:30 am Stitchery Group 4 pm Religious School  Tu B'shevat 15 shevat	5  16 shevat	6 5:30 pm Pray-Eat-Sing evening service  17 shevat	7 9:30 am Shabbat Morning services  Parshat Yitro 18 shevat
8 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazal Tots 3-6 pm "You Can't Be Serious" Audition  19 shevat	9 6-9 pm "You Can't Be Serious" Audition  20 shevat	10 11 am Mah jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 6-9 pm "You Can't Be Serious" Audition 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon  21 shevat	11 8:30 am Text Study 4 pm Religious School 7 pm Executive Board  22 shevat	12  23 shevat	13 7 pm Shabbat evening service  24 shevat	14 9:30 am Shabbat Morning services 5:30-10:30 pm Date night Childcare  Parshat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim 25 shevat
15 No Religious School or Mazal Tots 9:30 am JVV Brunch  26 shevat	16  27 shevat	17 11 am Mah jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon  28 shevat	18 8:30 am Text Study 4 pm Religious School 7 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Board Mtg  29 shevat	19  Rosh Chodesh 30 shevat	20 7 pm Shabbat evening service  Rosh Chodesh 1 adar	21 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat services 10:30 am Tot Shabbat  Parshat Terumah 2 adar
22 No Religious School or Mazal Tots  3 adar	23  4 adar	24 11 am Mah jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 1:30-6:30 Blood Drive 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon  5 adar	25 8:30 am Text Study 4 pm Religious School  6 adar	26  7 adar	27 7 pm Shabbat evening service  8 adar	28 9:30 am Shabbat Morning services  Parshat Tetzvah 9 adar

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE FAST OF ESTHER,  
MARCH'S EARLY RISERS MINYAN WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>.