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 **Adath Israel**
Celebrate Jewish Life

Middletown, Connecticut
January 2014/Tevet-Shvat 5774



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

by Rabbi Haaz

Although we celebrated the Jewish new year several months ago, there is nothing wrong with honoring our American custom of making a New Year's resolution, a commitment to growth in 2014. This year, set your goal to chant from the Torah. Make your commitment to health and learning and to Adath Israel. Chanting Torah is a wonderful way to get your neurons firing together and keep your brain youthful. It is also a wonderful way to help Adath Israel meet the sacred goal of hearing the Torah chanted on Shabbat and throughout the week. We have too few adults who are able to chant from the Torah. Over the past few years, our religious school students have become the strongest chanters in the synagogue. They are an inspiration and a model for our adults. Our children are leading by example. It is time for us as adults to recognize their accomplishments and be inspired by their example. It is time for us as adults to assume the proper role and become the models for our children. It is time to teach our youth that we care about Jewish learning and practice and value the traditions that we inherited from our parents and grandparents.

Our children have been role models for long enough. It is time for our adults to pick up the mantle of responsibility and ritual leadership in the synagogue. Imagine the impact on our children that your Torah chanting will have. Imagine the impact that your not chanting Torah will have. Please join

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REFLECTIONS ON 2013 AND PLANS FOR 2014

by Michael Sigal

I want to reflect on 2013 for a moment. Many milestones occurred both personally and also in our Adath Israel community that are now part of the Sigal story. That is one of the great blessings of being a member of this community: each of our stories becomes part of Adath Israel's and Adath Israel's becomes part of ours.

It has been almost a year since my Mom passed away. I can't tell you how much I, my wife, Ruth, and our girls, Amy and Stacey, miss her. The sense of loss is indescribable. I know that she would have been so proud of me to know that I am the President of our congregation. Later this month, we will unveil her footstone. I know that a number of congregants have dealt with a death in 2013 and I send you my best and hope that your memories sustain you all the years of your life.

As of this writing, we are in the process of moving Ruth's mom from New Jersey into the McAuley in West Hartford later this month. She is a lifelong resident of NJ; so moving her here is a big change for her and us. We know she will thrive in her new environment, and we are happy that we will see her more often. We look forward to making her a part of our Adath Israel community.

On the "proud parent" front, Amy graduated from college in May and has found employment.

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me for a three-part session in which you will learn the musical system for chanting Torah which was established over 1,000 years ago. Each participant will emerge from this mini-course with a Torah portion to chant in the coming months. We will meet in the Nester Center from 7:30-9:00pm on the following dates:

Sunday, January 12
 Sunday, January 19
 Sunday, January 26

When you decide whether or not to take advantage of this course, please remember that chanting Torah is not only for the children and for Adath Israel but also for yourself. There are few things that I enjoy more as a rabbi than seeing one of my students chant Torah for the first time. There is a quiet, confident smile and a spiritual glow (and occasionally an unbridled dance) that accompanies every such celebration. Until you finish chanting your first Torah portion on Shabbat morning, you cannot imagine the overwhelming pride that you will feel about your own Jewish identity as well as the renewed connection toward God. To chant from the Torah is to be the conduit between God's teaching and the community. It is truly one of the ways in which you fashion yourself as sacred vessel. Please consider making your New Year's resolution for health, learning, and growth with Adath Israel. I hope that you seize this opportunity to surprise yourself and learn to chant Torah. Whatever your New Year's resolution, may you have the desire and the sense of purpose to follow through and make 2014 a year of blessing.



SAVE THE DATES

**ADULT EDUCATION
 CONTINUES WITH A
 BRUNCH AND LEARN**

January 12th, 2014

BOOK TALK
 PRESENTED BY ARTHUR MEYERS
 BOOK TITLE:
 "DEMOCRACY IN THE MAKING:
 The Open Forum Movement-
 Courageous Rabbis, Civil Dispute"

DATE: Sunday Jan. 12, 2014

TIME: 10:00AM

PLACE: THE NESTER CENTER
 16 BROAD STREET
 {Next to Adath Israel}

Brunch will follow the Book Talk

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
 INFORMATIVE, ENJOYABLE MORNING**



THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE HAS SOME GREAT EVENTS COMING UP IN 2014.

PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES SO YOU CAN JOIN US:

2014 RAFFLE - MARCH 29 @ 8:00 P.M.

BARBEQUE PICNIC - MAY 18 @ NOON

(President Continued from page 1)

Stacey spent her fall semester in Washington DC interning at a criminal law firm. She is heading to Bologna, Italy later this month for her spring semester.

In this, my first year as President, I discovered two favorite things I get to do. The first is that I get to congratulate and give a gift from Adath Israel to our B'nei Mitzvahs. The second is that I get to do more with the Torah such as having the opportunity to say more aliyahs and carry the Torah. There are no words that adequately express how I feel when I do these things.

Adath Israel's year has been just as full. Here are a few of the highlights. As the year began a number of us members went on the synagogue trip to Israel led by Rabbi Haaz. It was a very memorable and moving experience. We celebrated with the Poliner, Axelrod, Gendrich, and Wilkins families as their daughters were called to the Torah. We made new friends and gained a new appreciation of African-American/Jewish relations historically and in Middletown today through hosting Driving Miss Daisy. We worked (and played) with Saint Mary's Church in Portland on the 17th Interfaith Golf Tournament, raising funds for bullying prevention programs. We bore witness to those who endured the Holocaust through our Adult Education's presentation on the Kindertransport. We remembered and honored the legacy Nathan Olshin with a moving memorial service and the creation of the Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Fund. We expanded our definition of what role we can play as a Jewish institution in Middletown with the display of the artwork, *Peace/War*, by renowned artist, Marlene Siff. We recharged our spiritual batteries and caught up with friends over great meals at our well-attended Pray, Eat and Sing services.

As I have in every Kolot article I have written and will write as President, I want to thank all of you who have volunteered time or resources. Each and every event I mentioned above depended on you. Without you, the shul would not be vibrant and thriving.

Let me now talk about the New Year.

With a New Year will come a new look and feel in main building. In the looks department the social hall will undergo a major renovation. Over the next few months the walls and ceiling will be repainted, new curtains will be hung, and there will be new lighting. The small sanctuary will get new doors, updating its appearance and enhancing security for the museum. In the feel department the 40 year-old-air conditioning system will be replaced making our entire building comfortable (and more energy efficient) on even the hottest days.

We want to have more of us attend Shabbat services. It is the one consistent event we have every

week, and we'd like to find ways for more of us to celebrate it together. So, we're going to try some new things. Every year at High Holy Days people comment on how beautiful and spiritually enhancing our main sanctuary is; so we wondered, why not have services there all year round? To increase accessibility and make services more intimate, we are going to try different ways of having people sit closer to the bimah. And everyone is going to want to sit closer to the bimah because Rabbi Haaz is developing a series of thought-provoking sermons. I have heard glowing remarks from everyone after his sermons. We enjoy hearing him speak. We will have discussion groups after his sermons where we can all explore the topics in more depth. We may also bring in some outside speakers to talk about the topics that the Rabbi will introduce. We will advertise these sermons in advance so that you can mark off your calendars to attend.

We will continue to offer events that I hope are captivating, exciting and/or moving. Look for coming adult education, Nate Olshin Scholar-in-Residence, Oktoberfest and other fundraising events. Perhaps next year we can have both a Hanukkah Candle Lighting AND Pray-Eat-Sing in December, more art exhibits, Hebrew Blitz, Torah Chanting, Jewish History or cooking classes, social action projects – the number and variety of offerings is limited only by our imaginations and number of volunteers. So, again, I'm asking those of you who are not currently volunteering for something to please volunteer. Make Adath Israel part of your story in 2014; we look forward to you becoming part of Adath Israel's.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2014.

Volunteer Recognition Event

The synagogue has a new volunteer recognition program. It's important to make sure those who help make Adath Israel the wonderful community it is know they are appreciated. Each month we will highlight in Kolot individual(s) who have contributed both time and effort to make our events and activities highly successful. But we want to do more. We are planning on a special event (perhaps a brunch) at the end of the year to honor a person(s) who has gone beyond the norm. With that in mind, I am planning an organizational meeting on Sunday January 26, (right after minyan) to help me formulate your ideas and thoughts. Please contact the synagogue office if you can attend. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Myra Finkelstein

Mark your calendar for



"Pray - Eat - Sing"

Friday night - January 3rd

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 December 27th 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.



Daf Beit Haseifer shel Teiveit/Sh'vat The School Page for Tevet/Shevat



“Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah come light the menorah, let’s have a party, we’ll all dance the Hora”



Photos from the Hanukkah Carnival led by the Young Emissaries

Hanukkah was a busy and fun time at CAI Religious School this year, with both a Sunday Hanukkah Carnival at the end of November led by the Young Emissaries and the Hanukkah Dinner on the last night of Hanukkah during the first week of December.

Hanukkah was also an opportunity for us to think about others. At the Hanukkah dinner the students were involved in raising money for their tzedakah project. The older students made poster boards about the Humane Society which were displayed with tzedakah boxes made by the younger students for money collection. We also had a very successful item drive for combat and injured soldiers. The religious school students also made bookmarks and cards for the soldiers as well.



Daf Beit Haseifer shel Teiveit/Sh'vat
The School Page for Tevet/Shevat



January

In January the religious school students will engage in a Project Based Learning activity. The core of this project will be the connection between Martin Luther King, and the equal rights movement and Jewish values. Different ages will approach this subject differently.

K- 2nd grade will focus on music and look at the similarities between gospel and freedom music from the African American liturgy and Passover songs.

3rd – 6th grade will use the Tanakh to connect the themes of Justice, Action, and Promised Land with Martin Luther King.

Confirmation Class will look at the leadership qualities of Martin Luther King, which links to this year's theme of leadership.

The students will get to choose the medium in which they design their project. Media could include creative writing, painting, drama, etc. One important aspect of Project Based Learning is that the project is created for a broader audience. For this reason I would like everybody to please mark their calendar for our SLA on Saturday, January 18, 2014 in the afternoon. This is when the students will present their projects to the community.

On Sunday, Jan. 12th the religious school will celebrate Tu B'shevat from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM through games, hands on activities and festive foods. Parents are invited to attend join us for this program. I hope to see you there.

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!***

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Br-r-r it is cold, windy, and the trees are covered with snow. Although some consider this beautiful, oh how I wish the flowers would start to blossom. Well in a way, the shul has 2 of their own flowers who are in full bloom. The flowers to whom I refer are Arlene Pressman and Harriet Thiela. Both of these women have volunteered in the past for various activities but now have accepted leadership positions. Arlene is co-chairperson of the Fundraising Committee. With her committee, she has planned several exciting as well as profit-making events: The Oktoberfest is just around the corner (January 25), a raffle is scheduled for March 29, and a BBQ is planned for May 18. Not only will these events support the synagogue financially, but also they will provide excellent opportunities for socializing.

Harriet Thiela should be called “Top Chef”. She has taken on the enormous responsibility of preparing all of the delicious meals for our Pray-Eat-Sing services as well as many of our other dinners in the shul. If there is a function that involves food, Harriet has a pot holder in her left hand, and spatula in her right.

Both of these women contributed time to the interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration: Diversity and the Arts, as well as Driving Miss Daisy. And somehow Harriet also finds time to sing in our choir, Synagogal Singers. But if that is not enough, these women work together as co-chairs of the Adult Education Committee bringing new life to a program which has been dormant for several years. Already this year they have arranged and hosted wonderful monthly programs geared to various interests of our membership. In September there was standing room only for a presentation on Kindertransport by Margaret Kahn. In October Faith Ringel led a discussion on Jewish folklore and the Supernatural. Israeli and Jewish Folk Dancing with Marla Cohen coincided with Hanukkah. And I can hardly wait for their next installment, “Democracy in the Making: Courageous Rabbis, Civil Discourse”, scheduled for January 12.

I often get asked, “How can I let Arlene, Harriet, or our other volunteers know I appreciate their efforts?” The answer is: your presence (not presents!). Attending events to which our dedicated volunteers have given their time and effort is the best way to show your appreciation – and have a great time, too.

Submitted by Myra Finkelstein



JOIN THE FAMILY AT CAMP RAMAH IN NEW ENGLAND!

Camp Ramah in New England is entering its 61st summer with our largest enrollment on record! We invite you to learn what everyone is talking about and discover the life-changing magic of the Ramah experience! Camp Ramah offers two-week sessions for children currently in grades 2-3 and four or eight-week sessions for children in grades 3-10. Explore our web-site at www.campramahne.org or contact our Assistant Director, Josh Edelglass, at joshe@campramahne.org to arrange a personal phone call.

Camp Ramah is proud to participate in the FJC's One Happy Camper program, which offers an incentive grant to eligible first-time campers up to \$1000 off of tuition! Additionally, for any eligible first-time campers who do not meet the OHC criteria, Camp Ramah is proud to offer \$500 off of our tuition!

HONOR THOSE SPECIAL PERSONS IN YOUR LIFE WITH A PLAQUE ON THE “SIMCHA” MENORAH

Whether it celebrates a Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, Birth of a Child or Grandchild, Wedding, “Special” Birthday, special event/honor, etc. share your joy with our synagogue community – **FOREVER.**

SAMPLE

Bar Mitzvah

Jonathan Goldstein

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or office@adathisraelct.org

LIFE CYCLES



JANUARY

Judith & Daniel Merida
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JANUARY

Edith Betts
Susan Dickes
Matthew Feldman
Mark Finkelstein
Nona Horn
Mildred Kamins
Harold Kaplan
Judith Merida
Frank Murphy
Hyime Paley
Beverly Pugliese
Robert Pugliese
Al Schatz
Steven Weiss

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Minyan

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM
1st Wed. each month Professionals Minyan 7:00 AM
Saturday 9:30 AM
Sunday 9:00 AM

Shabbat Evening Services begin at 7 PM.

One Friday Evening a month – “Pray-Eat-Sing” at 5:30 PM. Please see calendar for details.

All are invited to worship services at Adath Israel. Please join our welcoming community and enjoy the warmth of Jewish prayer.

HELPING HANDS



Please remember to sign up for Adath Israel's Helping Hands and don't forget to check the calendar to volunteer at lotsahelpinghands.com If you are in need of a volunteer and want it posted on the calendar, please contact Debbie Seligman at deb@debsteele.net

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

We are so very blessed to have members/friends who give to the synagogue continually either financially or physically for the betterment of Adath Israel throughout the year. Their continued support helps to insure the successful existence of our synagogue, our Jewish community and the education of our children. With their generosity and the addition of all who give to our Annual Giving Campaign, our Adath Israel continues to be a bee hive of activity, both old and new.

Our **Twelfth Annual Giving Campaign** has just begun. The Board of Directors would sincerely like to thank the following who have sent in their donation: **Mrs. Andrea Fassler and Mrs. Sharon Slossberg.**

With these tough economic times, we appreciate all the support that our members and friends have given and continue to give the

synagogue. Your continued support is always welcome and appreciated.



OKTOBERFEST IN JANUARY!

JANUARY 25, 2014

(SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 1)

AT ADATH ISRAEL

6:30 PM

Deli • Drinks • Dessert
Catered by Simcha Caterers

Entertainment by
Starving Artists Tackle Broadway

~ Connecticut's own professional traveling cabaret ~

S.A.T.B. is a professional cabaret group offering a delightful mix of the familiar to the obscure musical theater compositions from the past 50 years.

Sponsored by The Edythe & Arthur Director Family Fund

A fun evening for all!

\$25 per person --\$15 for ages 12 & under

RSVP by January 17th
860-346-4709



ONE WHO GIVES LENDS TO THE LORD

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IN MEMORY OF:

Bob Maron by

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Ann Stehney's Father by Eileen and Michael Daling

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Carolyn R. Reed by Bobette Reed Kahn

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Grady Faulkner, Jr

Tim, Susan, Conner, & Jenna Dickes

Deborah & Jack Berger

Ann & Arthur Lerner

Teresa & Dave Shulman

Edie Betts & Family

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

IN MEMORY OF

Nathan Olshin by Cathyn C. Girard

Correction: a recent donation by the EIS Foundation was misattributed. Our apologies and thanks to the EIS Foundation.



Beautification Update - What Excitement!!

We are about to experience a true bonanza!! ----- You will soon be the happy beneficiaries of the "about-to-be-beautified" Social Hall. Very sincere thanks goes to the following:

The project will include painting both walls and ceiling - thanks to a generous contribution from Lew and Fran Goldberg in honor of their daughter Lilly's upcoming wedding in June to Asher Berman - how wonderful!!

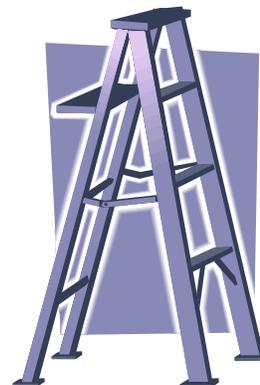
Sondra and Roger Beit, in honor of their daughter Elizabeth's Bat Mitzvah, have enabled us to replace much needed window treatments which will surely enhance the entire area. How lovely to look forward to, how appreciative we are and will be.

Adding to this project will be enhanced lighting. David Director of Connecticut Lighting has already provided a huge decorative medallion and special bulbs to beautify the pretty chandelier. Another excellent reason to be grateful to the Director family.

All of these contributions are so appreciated, to say the least, and will surely benefit all of us for years to come. Thanks too to the Executive Board; they were truly delighted to approve the plans for this very exciting undertaking. A committee is busy selecting paint colors, fabrics, etc. etc.

Stay tuned for further details - before you know it, we'll be more beautiful than ever! Already 2014 is special.

Marge Sadinsky





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“ One of God’s angels stands over every blade of grass whispering, ‘grow, grow.’ ”

Breisheit Rabba 9:6

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
November 18, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Alana Blum 860.236.7323

Read with a child. Reshape the future.

Would you like to make a difference in a child’s life? Would you like to have an impact on your community? Many children enter third grade without being able to read at grade level. The ability to read is the gateway to excelling in school and achieving success later in life. Helping at-risk children learn to read grants them the opportunities necessary to make a positive impact on their communities.

You can help by becoming a Hartford Jewish Coalition for Literacy (HJCL) mentor!

Preschool Pals: Attend our training session in West Hartford on January 9, 2014 from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM to learn about reading with preschool students for 30 minutes a week.

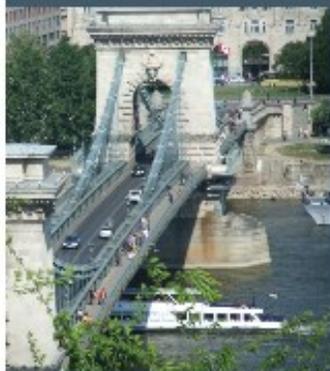
Elementary Express (kindergarten through third grade): Attend our training session in West Hartford on January 16, 2014 from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM or our Manchester training from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Call Alana Blum at 860-237-7323 or email hjcl@jewishhartford.org for more information.

HJCL is a program of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford and an affiliate of the National Jewish Coalition for Literacy.



Prague



Budapest



Warsaw



Prague

Take a Jewish Journey Through Eastern Europe

TRAVEL TO WARSAW, KRAKOW, PRAGUE AND BUDAPEST

Please join the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford on a Community wide trip led by Professor Samuel Kassow of Trinity College.

July 13—July 25, 2014
\$5,000.00 per person
based on double occupancy

Information Session on November 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford
Community Services Building
333 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford

Roundtrip Airfare Between New York & Eastern Europe

- Airport transfers upon arrival & departure
- 3 nights at the Intercontinental Hotel in Budapest
- 3 nights at the Intercontinental in Prague (Shabbat)
- 3 nights at the Intercontinental in Warsaw
- 2 nights at the Radisson in Krakow
- Breakfast daily, some lunches, 4 dinners including welcome dinner in Budapest, Shabbat dinner in Prague & farewell dinner in Krakow.
- All touring with a local licensed English speaking guide in an air-conditioned motor coach
- All transfers & entrance fee per itinerary

Trip Highlights

- Lectures by Dr Kassow
- Tour the Museum of History of Polish Jews in Warsaw
- Tour of the former Warsaw Ghetto
- Nozyk Synagogue
- Visit to Auschwitz & Birkenau
- Krakow Synagogues
- Tour of historic Josefov
- Shabbat in Prague
- Royal Prague castle
- Alt-Neu Synagogue, Pinkas & Maisel Synagogues
- Budapest's Dohany Synagogue

And so much more

*Space is limited.
Call today to reserve your spot.*

Itinerary is subject to change



Dr. Samuel Kassow is the Charles H Northam Professor of History at Trinity College, he holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University and is a well known lecturer in our community. Currently he is a consultant to the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. Dr Kassow has lectured and taught in Russia, Poland, Israel, Lithuania & Mexico. He is the author of multiple publications. A child of Holocaust survivors, Professor Kassow was born in a displaced persons camp in Germany

For more information:

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GOT GIFTS?

Have you seen our Gift Shop lately? If not, we invite you to visit the newly organized, newly stocked and newly rejuvenated shop. You may be able to find something for the High Holy Days, or a B'nai Mitzvah gift, wedding gift, Passover gift or just something new for your Shabbat celebration. Please note that there is a catalogue from **The Source Everything Jewish** available near the gift shop, so if there is something special you're looking for but we don't have in stock, let us know what it is and we would be happy to order it for you. You pay less than the catalogue price.

Items can be purchased from the gift shop during the following hours:

Monday through Friday: 10 AM-Noon

Saturday: Closed

Our new proprietor, Shirley Schloss has done a remarkable job rearranging and updating our shop. She will be more than glad to help you with your purchases or an order.

Other days/times, please see Joanna in the office if there is something special you are in need of purchasing.

HOST AN ONEG OR A KIDDUSH

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 Saturday morning Kiddush. This is a delightful way to let others in our community celebrate a special occasion or share a memory with you. You can host an Oneg or Kiddush even if you may not be able to attend, although your presence would certainly add to the occasion.

The following is a breakdown of the cost for a Saturday morning Kiddush and what foods are normally provided:

Regular Kiddush - \$54 – Challah, gefilte fish, horseradish, herring(s), tuna fish, egg salad, assorted sweets, bagels, cream cheese, wine, juice, coffee/tea.

Deluxe - \$118 – all of the regular Kiddush plus lox and white fish, flavored cream cheeses, tomatoes, onions and fruit.

Cost for a regular Friday night Oneg Shabbat is approximately \$ 40, with additional costs for life cycle occasions.

These prices are based on normal attendance at minyan (approximately 20 attendees).

Prices will be adjusted if more are expected to attend Kiddush or Oneg or for special occasions (Bar/Bat Mitzvah, baby naming, or other life cycle events).

Call the synagogue office at 346-4709 at least a month in advance to make arrangements with the synagogue office administrator. You may either purchase the food and bring it to the synagogue according to her instructions or simply make a donation and have our staff prepare the refreshments on your behalf.

CREDIT CARD

CAI is able to process Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card payments. There are a number of benefits:

- You save time and money, no checks, no stamps, no worries
- You have the option of spreading out your payments
- You will always be a CAI member in good standing
- CAI will have a dependable revenue stream

When you pay by credit card, your contributions will be paid automatically. You will no longer have to worry about mailing your payments or about not being able to pay your contribution while you are out of town on business or vacation. Enrollment is easy. You have the option of charging any or all of your contributions and donations at once or on an installment schedule with the final installment being in July. **If your previously paid by credit card but have not filled out a new form for this year, please stop in or call the office at 860.346.4709 to get a new form. New forms must be filled out every year.**

Once your credit card information is up to date and on file in the office, you can always charge your credit card for any donations/contributions made over the phone throughout the year.

As always, if anyone has any questions regarding your contribution, please call Michael Daling 860-346-0667 or Irwin Zagoren 860-347-6550.

Please call Joanna in the office 860-346-4709 if you want to enroll in or have any questions about the credit card program.



Tikkun Olam/ Fundraiser

We continue again this year to collect cleaned \$.05 returnable bottles and cans for Tikkun Olam/Fundraiser.

From November – February we will be collecting Bottles and Cans and the money collected will go to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

Please drop your **CLEANED** cans and bottles off in the designated bucket in front of the synagogue office.

Thank you so much for helping to repair the world (Tikkun Olam) and raise a few dollars as well.

Stephanie Meadow



IT'S NEWS!



December started a glow thanks to the efforts of the Hanukkah Candle Lighting and Dinner team of Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela, Colleen Poliner, Lynn Bennett, Grae Sibelman, Myra and David Finkelstein. Special thanks to the member of the Synagoga Singers for sharing Al Hanisim and to Representative Matt Lesser for speaking.

Our Professional's minyan continues to be popular thanks to the wonderful davening and Kiddush. December's Kiddush was sponsored by Richard Kamins.

Speaking of Kiddush, Todah Rabbah to Irena May for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush this month in honor of the yearzeit of Howard May.

🌿 **MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO** 🌿

Deepest sympathies to Ann Stehney on the recent loss of her father.



SPEEDY RECOVERY

We wish a "Refuah Sh'leimah" to the following: **Herb Gewirtz, Seth Axelrod, Ron Rubel, and Harriet Deeton.**



MAZAL TOV!!

And two thumbs up to Dan Poliner, son of Robert Poliner and Sandra Beckman on the release and critical success of his first feature film, *Jack, Jules, Esther, & Me*, a romantic comedy centering on the last few weeks before a group of friends heads off to freshman year in college. A review and trailer for the film can be found on The Daily Quirk at <http://thedailyquirk.com/2013/12/17/indie-jack-jules-esther-me-proves-to-be-an-irresistible-coming-of-age-tale/> The film is available on iTunes and Amazon.

Dan is an alum of our religious school and celebrated his bar mitzvah at Adath Israel in 1988. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife Megan and their daughter, Alice.

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tevet/shevat

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
29	30	31	1 10 am New Year's Minyan Office closed No Religious School 29 tevet	2 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 1 shevat	3 5:30 pm Pray, Eat, Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner 4:17 pm Candle Lighting 2 shevat	4 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Parshat Bo</i> 3 shevat
5 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazal Tots 4 shevat	6 5 shevat	7 11 am Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 6 shevat	8 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Executive Board 7 shevat	9 8 shevat	10 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 4:24 pm Candle Lighting 9 shevat	11 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Parshat Beshellach</i> <i>Shabbat Shirah</i> 10 shevat
12 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazal Tots 10:30 am Tu B'shevat Celebration 11 shevat	13 12 shevat	14 11 am Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 13 shevat	15 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Board of Directors 14 shevat	16 <i>Tu B'shevat</i> 15 shevat	17 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 4:32 pm Candle Lighting 16 shevat	18 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services Religious School Project Presentations after Mincha <i>Parshat Yitro</i> 17 shevat
19 No Religious School 9:30 am Ritual Committee 9:30 am Jewish War Veterans 18 shevat	20 Martin Luther King Day 19 shevat	21 11 am Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 20 shevat	22 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 21 shevat	23 22 shevat	24 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 4:40 pm Candle Lighting 23 shevat	25 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services 6:30 pm Oktober Fest <i>Parshat Mishpatim</i> 24 shevat
26 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazal Tots 25 shevat	27 26 shevat	28 11 am Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 27 shevat	29 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 28 shevat	30 29 shevat	31 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 4:49 pm Candle Lighting <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 30 shevat	1



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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9:30 am Shabbat morning services Rosh Chodesh Parshat Terumah 1 Adar I
2 9 am Religious School 9 am Education Com 10:30 am Mazal Tots 12:15pm Religious School Staff Mtg 2 Adar I	3 3 Adar I	4 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AI Anon 4 Adar I	5 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Executive Board 5 Adar I	6 6 Adar I	7 5:30 pm Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner 4:58 pm Candle Lighting 7 Adar I	8 9:30 am Shabbat morning services Parshat Tetzaveh 8 Adar I
9 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazal Tots 9 Adar I	10 10 Adar I	11 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AI Anon 11 Adar I	12 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Evening minyan 7:15 pm Board of Directors 12 Adar I	13 13 Adar I	14 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service Purim Katan 5:07 pm Candle Lighting 14 Adar I	15 9:30 am Shabbat morning services Parshat Ki Tisa 15 Adar I
16 9 am Religious School 9:30 am Ritual Comm 9:30 am JWV Brunch 10:30 am Mazal Tots 16 Adar I	17 President's Day 17 Adar I	18 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AI Anon 18 Adar I	19 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 19 Adar I	20 20 Adar I	21 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 5:15 pm Candle Lighting 21 Adar I	22 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat morning services 10:30 am Tot Shabbat Parshat Vayakhei 22 Adar I
23 No Religious School 23 Adar I	24 24 Adar I	25 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AI Anon 25 Adar I	26 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 26 Adar I	27 27 Adar I	28 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 5:23 pm Candle Lighting 28 Adar I	1