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Middletown, Connecticut
March 2014/Adar I-Adar II 5774



CROWN REPLACED BY TRI-CORNERED HAT ?

by Rabbi Haaz

At the very moment that I write this article, there is a drama playing out in the media and in the hearts of Jews in central Connecticut. Just three hours ago, the internet headline “The Crown Market in West Hartford to close its doors after 74 years” was replaced by “Group announces plan to keep Crown Market open in West Hartford.” It is not clear if this group of investors will find a way to make the Crown an enduring, profitable institution. However, an unprofitable Crown Market does not necessarily signal the demise of Jewish life in the greater West Hartford area. Jews might simply be getting their kosher food elsewhere. What is most significant about the potential loss of the Crown is the sadness and guilt expressed by our members and other local Jews. Since the news about the Crown’s closing became public, a number of our congregants have lamented that Jews no longer care about keeping kosher—that they hold no affinity for the values held by their parents and grandparents.

The sadness surrounding the closing of the Crown is not born out of the perception that today’s Jews are distanced from Jewish tradition but from the perception that today’s Jews are distanced from their immediate ancestors. There are no articles that read, “Jews in Connecticut stop keeping kosher after 3,000 years.” The loss of adherence to Jewish law

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MARCH EVENTS PURIM RAFFLE AND MORE

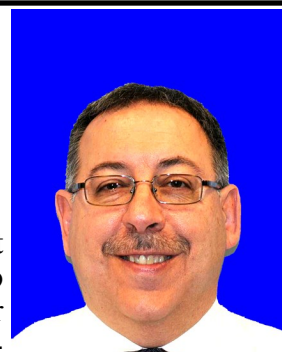
by Michael Sigal

Rabbi Haaz and Eliot Meadow had a good trip to Florida connecting with our congregants who live there either full time or during the winter months. Even though for health and weather reasons Rabbi was not able to connect with everyone, he still was able to see many congregants and it was enjoyable for all.

A reminder that we are **temporarily** reconfiguring the upstairs sanctuary to attempt to make our Shabbat services more intimate. We are removing a few rows of pews and will use folding chairs to have seating similar to what we have in the small sanctuary. We will also have the bimah down on the floor except for the Torah service. We have a wedding in the Shul on June 8th so the pews will be reinstalled in time for that event. I thank you for the feedback I have received to date and welcome all feedback of this change, both positive and not so positive.

The changes that I mentioned to our main building in last month’s Kolot did not begin in February because of the weather. It will begin as soon as it is feasible. The 40 year old air conditioning system will be replaced. We are finalizing the details for the large social hall renovation and work

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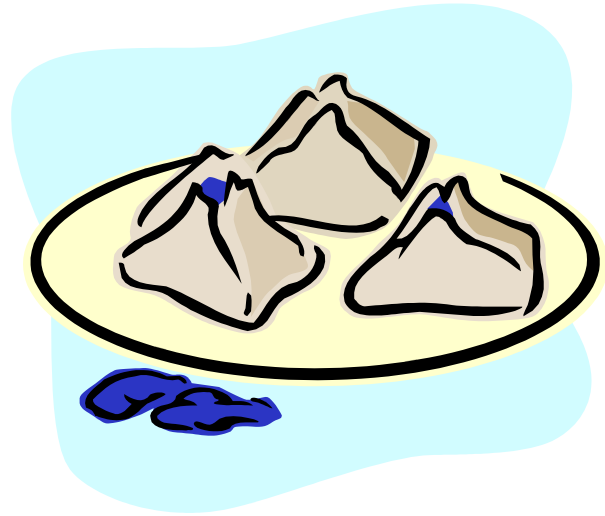
leaves many of us unmoved and unperturbed. Seventy-four years has a deeper emotional connection because people have a more tangible connection to this number; they remember that the Crown supplied the tables from which they nourished their families for decades or the tables at which they sat as children surrounded by their parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

Jews would do well to realize that Jewish tradition and immediate ancestors are actually one-and-the-same. Without these traditions, our families would not have grown in the same directions, and they would not look the way that they do. It is impossible to separate the Jewish people from its traditions. If Jews lose their traditions, they lose the very things that have bound together their families. Once the Jewish family dissolves, the people as a whole are not far behind. And, recent discussions, both closed-door and public, suggest that American Jewry stands at this precipice right now.

It is appropriate that this drama of the Crown Market plays out during the Purim season because the narrative of Purim is about the Jewish people narrowly escaping annihilation. However, there is a significant difference. The threat we face in the Scroll of Esther comes from outsiders. In today's America, Jews, although only two percent of the population, have little to fear from outsiders. The greatest threat to our survival comes from within the Jewish people. Jews are currently the most dangerous enemy to the continuity of American Jewry, and the most recent casualty might be the Crown. Through the experience of thousands of years of perseverance and miracles, we have learned that formidable or dominant enemies will never overpower us into extinction. While our demise will not be caused by the outside, we can annihilate ourselves from the inside. We can forget our roots, forget our families, and forget our values.

As we watch the Crown closing its doors and ponder this small annihilation of the Jewish people, we are forced to look in the mirror and confront the tri-cornered hat that we wear on our heads. We have survived hatred, discrimination, pogroms, and the Holocaust, but we will not survive our own apathy and indifference. It is time to reclaim our roots, our families, and our values. It is time to pick up a grogger and make some noise. The doors of the Crown are not yet completely closed, we have not yet completely forgotten our parents and grandparents, and the current generations can still be taught to live meaningful, vibrant Jewish lives. Have a happy Purim, and may each of us participate in and celebrate our heritage and strive to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
Pirkei Avot 1:14



PURIM INVITATION

CBSRZ invites members of Adath Israel to celebrate Erev Purim with us, on Saturday evening, March 15th. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour (non-alcoholic drinks too!) with savory hamantaschen appetizers. The shpiel will begin after Shabbat, at around 8:15pm. Each scene of the Megilah will be assigned to a small group of volunteers to prepare in advance a 2-3 minute skit or schtick as they wish. It should be funny, raucous, creative - even adult-only humour, as it is an adult evening! Please let Rabbi Haaz know if you are interested in being part of one of these small groups of Purim players.

Rabbi Rachel Goldenberg
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek
Chester, CT

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!

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will begin in March. It will be repainted, new curtains will be hung and there will be new lighting. We also received donations to replace the doors in the small sanctuary. That work will also begin in March.

We had a successful Adult Education event on the topic of Women In and Out of the Bible.

Purim is upon us and there are some great activities scheduled at our Shul and the Shul in Chester. Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek asked us if we wanted to participate in their celebrating the holiday at their Shul. I'm encouraging everyone to attend either or both celebrations. Please see program details in this issue of Kolot.

The Fundraising Committee is putting on a Raffle Event on March 29th at 8 PM. There are 3 cash prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. Tickets cost \$20 each. Please call the office and let us know if you are attending the event and/or wish to purchase Raffle tickets. You can also purchase tickets the night of the event. You do not need to be present to win. I hope to see you all there.

Since I typically share additions to the Sigal story with you, I'll share a couple more. Stacey continues to enjoy her semester in Italy. She has already been to Venice and Florence. She has trips scheduled to Barcelona, Paris, Sardinia and Croatia. What a great life!! Ruth, Amy and I plan on visiting her in April. On a not so good note, as a result of Aetna acquiring Coventry Health Care last year, thousands of jobs have been and will be eliminated, including mine. So I am out there looking for a new job. I am not the first congregant this has happened to and unfortunately probably won't be the last.

Lastly, as I do every month, I'm thanking our volunteers who are the lifeblood of our congregation. I urge any of you to reach out to us if you have an idea for an event or if you want to volunteer your service to the Shul.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Minyan
Monday-Friday 8:00 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.

All are welcome!

Adath Israel Presents on

Thursday March 6 at 7 p.m.,

Guitarist/composer Amanda Monaco and the Pirke Avot Project.

Ms. Monaco, a native of Wallingford, CT, is a member of B'Nai Jeshurun in Manhattan, NY and part of an impressive group of musicians who create original programs for the congregation.

She has written a suite of music using text from the Pirke Avot, a collection of rabbinical teachings compiled in the third century C.E., sung in Hebrew and Aramaic by Belgian-born, Israeli-raised vocalist Tammy Scheffer, accompanied by Ms. Monaco on electric guitar, Daphna Mor on recorders and ney flute, Sean Conly on bass and Satoshi Takeishi on percussion.

The concert is sponsored by

Edythe and Arthur Director Family Music Fund
and takes place in the Main Auditorium.

There will be refreshments. Suggested donation is \$10 per person, \$5 for students and free for children under 13. For more information, call the Synagogue Office at 860-346-4709





Daf Beit Haseifer shel Adar I / Adar II

The School Page for Adar I/Adar II



Hamantashen, Megilla, Costumes, Carnival, Food – Its Purim-time

March is going to be a busy-time at Adath Israel with some very exciting events coming up!

1. March 2, 2014 at 11:00 AM – Education Committee Meeting

All religious school parents and any others interested in the religious school are strongly encouraged to come and be involved in the education committee. The meetings are open to all.

2. March 11, 2014 - A Royal Party, Purim Style at the Russell Library

Help spread the word and come and join us for a special Purim themed story-time at the Russell Library in Middletown from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Kids are encouraged to come in the most royal attire and hear a Purim story and participate in Purim activities and crafts. The target age for this program is 2-6 years of age.

3. March 16, 2014 - Purim Celebration with Megilla and Carnival.

Join us at 9:00 AM when we begin our day with a Megilla reading, including a costume parade. From 10:30 AM – 12:30 AM we will have our Purim carnival with food and games, tickets required. There will be a Purim Spiel as well in the Nester Center after the Purim Carnival ends. I am looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up of the Purim Carnival.

4. March 23, 2014 – Parent Visitation Day

Ever wonder what your kids are doing on their Sunday mornings at religious school? Well, now is your chance to find out. Come on in and join us for a parent open house where you can observe your child's classroom first-hand.

5. March 30, 2014 – Mitzvah Project site visit 2nd - 6th grade

At 11:30 AM the 2nd – 6th graders will be leaving Adath Israel and heading over to the Humane Society in Newington for a 12:00 PM facility tour. The group will be bringing cat toys made earlier this year, dog toys which we will be making in March, and all the Tzedakah money that was raised this year to donate to the Humane Society since kindness to animals was the mitzvah project chosen by the kids for the entire school this year.

Also please mark your calendars for April 6th 2014, when we will work together with the PJ Library to host "Passover Comes to Kidcity." Kidcity children's museum in Middletown will be free and open to all to join us from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM for Passover music and stories, Passover themed crafts, a chocolate Seder tasting, and general museum exploration. This event is geared to children aged birth to seven. WE MUST HAVE COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN THIS EVENT. Please let Grae, adathisraelrs@yahoo.com know if you can come and volunteer to help out at Kidcity. Volunteers are needed for the following positions.

Set-up

Greeting

Registration

Overseeing craft area

Overseeing tasting area

Clean-up

This event is VERY important for outreach in order to get our name out there and hopefully recruit some more young families into our congregation/school. For this event to be a success, volunteers are a must.

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!***

Don't Forget Your Scripts!!!

Earn up to 16% of the face value of the cards for Adath Israel at no cost to you.

Go to www.glscrip.com for a complete listing of available cards.

Contact Eileen Daling (edaling21@att.net) to place your order.

Stop & Shop cards now available at the office!

ONE WHO GIVES LENDS TO THE LORD

MICHAEL FASSLER FUND

IN HONOR OF:

The Bar Mitzvah of Heather & Bob Zavod's grandson,
Caleb by Sandra & Paul Beckman

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Edie Betts' Special Birthday by
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IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Joel Alpert by Dotty & Harold Kaplan
Bob Maron by Nihla Lapidus

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Glenda Birns

IN HONOR OF

Edie Betts' Special Birthday by Eileen & Michael
Daling
Morty Pear being named Citizen of the Year by Mid-
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IN MEMORY OF:

Flora Goldstein by
Ruth & Mike Sigal
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The Berry Family
Suzanne Goldberg
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Albert Ross by Shirley B. Ross

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Joel Schloss by Shirley Schloss

Sarah Jabes by Corrine Brodie

Samuel Bluman by Susan Mikulski

Jacob Levine by Philip Levine

Ralph Gorker by Leona Marcus

Edith Zaiantz by Josseph Zaiantz

Harry Zaiantz by Joseph Zaiantz

Max Edelberg by June Saltzberg

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Nancy Schwartz

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Sonyna & Dr. Jeff Madoff

Eileen & Michael Daling

Nilha Lapidus

Renee Paley

MAZAL TOTS

IN HONOR OF

Mrs. Bennett by Jack Weiss

NEW OFFICE HOURS

To serve you better, the synagogue office now has early morning hours twice a week.

Monday: 9 AM—3 PM

Tuesday: 7:30 AM—1:30 PM

Wednesday: 9 AM—6 PM

Thursday: 9 AM—3 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM—Noon

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

IT'S NEWS

TODAH RABAH



It takes a village to go to Florida. Many thanks to our members who came together to make Rabbi Haaz's trip to visit our Florida congregants a success. Eliot Meadow volunteered to accompany Rabbi Haaz, helping with logistics and providing wonderful conversation. Stephanie Meadow solo parented for the week so Eliot could accompany Rabbi Haaz. Chuck Gendrich produced a moving video of Nathan Olshin's, z"l, memorial service for those in Florida who could not attend, and Jodi Gendrich made sure there were enough copies for everyone to have their own. Buzzy and Harriet Levin and Sol and Sadie Laufer opened their homes in Florida allowing members in the area a place to meet and reconnect.

Holidays can be hard when you are in college far away from home. Thanks to the generosity of Bob Poliner, Adath Israel's college students will receive a "Pesach Surprise" letting them know that we are thinking of them and helping them stay Jewishly connected.

Pikuach Nefesh – saving a life – is the highest calling in Judaism. Thanks to the dedication of Eileen Daling and her band of volunteers our February Blood Drive was a great success: Michael Daling, Sharon Slossberg, Harriet Thiela, Joan Gordon, Lee Zagoren, Sherry Young, Gert Steele, Ethel Peltz, Sarah Paley, and Shirley Schloss. Special thanks to Myra and David Finkelstein, Stephanie Meadow, and Jack Adler, for preparing the canteen offerings and Michael LaFontaine for helping prepare canteen offerings and setting up.

We are grateful to February's Pray-Eat-Sing major sponsor who wishes to remain anonymous. Others who helped make the evening special (and possible) are Lisa Caron, Star Bennett, Harriet, Marcie, and Aaron Thiela, Lynn Bennett, Sharon Slossberg, Mike & Ruth Sigal, Andy Bauer & Joanna Schnurman, Stephanie & Eliot Meadow, Myra & David Finkelstien, Anita Hennessey, Marie Dominique Boyce, Rabbi David & Bobbi Teva.

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Andy Bauer earning the Mickey Paley Spirit of Portland Award.



SPEEDY RECOVERY

We'd like to wish a "Refuah Sh'leimah" to the following: Herb Gewirtz, Seth Axelrod, Ron Rubel, Merle Loza,



🕊️ **MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO** 🕊️
Deepest sympathies to Terri Klein on the recent death of her father, Mort Davis.

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** continues. The Board of Directors would sincerely like to thank the following who have sent in their donation: **Mrs. Marion Daling** 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.



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

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

By Myra Finkelstein

When you think of March, you often think of Purim, Hamantash, the children's carnival, and the Purim Spiel. Who better to recognize this month than Terri Klein. Terri has made so many contributions to Adath Israel, if we listed them all here, we wouldn't have room for any other articles. Thus let's look at 3 recent things Terri has done. She is very interested in learning and discussing the meanings of various psalms. Because of Terri's interests, the Rabbi initiated a psalm study group which takes place over several Mondays and Terri is sponsoring the luncheons. Every year Terri has written and directed the Purim Spiel. The Spiel, as it is put on in our synagogue, is a series of skits and songs offered by anyone from the community. Often these Jewish topics are loosely held together by a theme. One year it was March Madness, another year it was the Olympics. The skits and songs range from original pieces to Woody Allen to Alan Sherman to Moma Doni. Lastly Terri has brought the Vintage Players to our synagogue. This year her play What Next was submitted and selected by J-Fest. Here is a synopsis of What Next: "Death is complicated for Steven Stern, a dead college student who can't seem to find the afterlife. Oy, Judaism! Nobody seems to know which way you should go, when you go. Fortunately, Steven meets Martin Cohen, a middle-aged dermatologist who is very much alive. Martin can hear Steven—and Martin's Jewish, too! Can Martin help Steven find the way, or will Steven send Martin on *his* way—to the loony bin!" And as always, Terri shares her profits with the shul.

Terri could be summarized in an acrostic:

Theatrical thinker
Endless enthusiasm
Religious rejuvenator
Remarkable raconteur
Incredible intelligence

Knowledgeable kindred
Literacy lady
Exceptional editor
Imaginative impact
Natural nurturer



FEDERATION EVENTS

Guest Speaker: Avital Norman Nathman
 Fri, April 4

Young Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford presents guest speaker Avital Norman Nathman, author of *The Good Mother Myth*. For more information, please contact Risa Sugarman at 860.727.6151 or rsugarman@jewishhartford.org



Seth Axelrod
 Denis Caron
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 Herbert Gewirtz
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 Mark Kaplan
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 Joan Needle
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 Ron Rubel
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 Laurie Schwarz
 Stephen Smith



Teresa & David Shulman

ADATH ISRAEL'S FOURTH ANNUAL RAFFLE!

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

2nd Prize: \$ 2,000

3rd Prize: \$ 1,000

Drawing to be held Saturday, March 29, 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
and/or bid at the **Live Auction** to win a prize(s).

Place your purchased tickets in as many **Tea Cup Auction** item bowls
as you hope to win.

Also, bid on **Live Auction** items.

Tea Cup Auction tickets are 10 for \$10 or 25 for \$20.

Must be present to win.

Ready to buy?

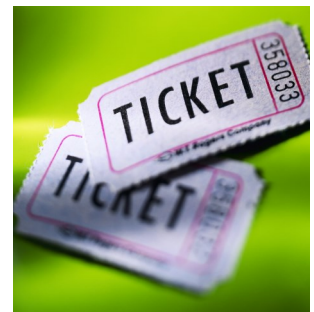
Ready to Sell?



Call the Synagogue Office

860-346-4709.

SUPPORT ADATH ISRAEL



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Brunch & Learn Adult Education

**Sunday, March 9
10 AM in the Nester Center**

THE HEART OF THE MATTER HEART HEALTH

Presented by
Sherry Carlson, RN, BSN
Public Health Coordinator at CT Valley Health Dept.

Mark your calendar for



“Pray – Eat – Sing”

Friday night – **March 21**

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

Please join us as 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: Please contact the Synagogue office at office@adathisraelctorg or 860-346-4709 by **March 17** in order to be sure we have enough food for all who join us.

**Please bring a non-perishable food item for the
Amazing Grace Food Pantry.**

Cost: Members—free!. Not yet a member? Please be our guest for your 1st dinner. For returning guests there is a couvert of \$10 per person or \$18 per family.

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

Can you lend a hand? 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.



Come One, Come All

Lisa Goodman

Purim

Carnival

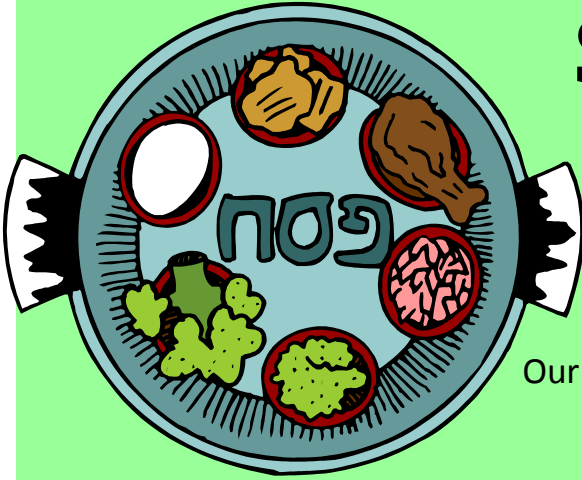
Sunday, March 16th

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

*Friends, Fun, Food,
Games & Prizes Galore!*

Food/Game Tickets are 25 cents each

Mark your calendar for Adath Israel's Community Second Night Seder



**Tuesday Evening, April 16th
@ 5:30pm**

Our whole community comes together to celebrate the joy of Passover!

RSVP: Synagogue office at 860-346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org.

With number in party and choice of entrée.

Cost: \$35 for Adults (Chicken or Salmon)

\$15 Children 3-13

Family Maximum is \$120

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

Your help needed: Contact the office if you would like to help set up for the meal. If you can't assist with preparations, help is always needed and very much appreciated with clean up after dinner.



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 July-October we will be collecting Bottles and Cans and the money collected will benefit the Religious School.

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

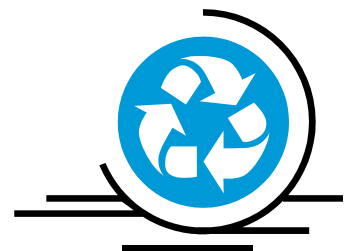
From March-June we will be collecting Bottles and Cans, and the money will go towards Middletown's Relay for Life Organization.

Each month a reminder notice will go out to let you know that we are collected from all your bottles and cans (5 cent ones only) and which area is benefitting.

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

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

Stephanie Meadow



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 9:30 am Shabbat morning services Shabbat Shekalim <i>Parshat Pekude</i> 29 Adar I
2 9 am Religious School 9:30 am Education Committee 10:30 am Mazal Tots 5 pm <i>What Next?</i> rehearsal Rosh Chodesh 30 Adar I	3 Noon "Psalms in the Palms" Rosh Chodesh 1 Adar II	4 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 am Golf Meeting 7:30 pm Al Anon & AA 2 Adar II	5 7 am Early Risers Minyan hosted by Gili Palmer 10:30 am Stitchery Group 4 pm Religious School—Hebrew Assessment 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Executive Committee 3 Adar II	6 7 pm Amanda Monaco & the Pirkei Avot Project—a Director Family Music Fund Concert 4 Adar II	7 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 4:32 pm Candle Lighting 5 Adar II	8 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat morning services <i>Kitah Hei (5th Grade)</i> receive Tanakhs 10:30 am Tot Shabbat <i>Parshat Vayikra</i> 6 Adar II
9 Clocks change No Religious School 9:30 am Ritual Comm 5 pm <i>What Next?</i> Rehearsal—snow date 7 Adar II	10 Noon "Psalms in the Palms" 8 Adar II	11 6:30 PM Royal Party—Purim Style, Story Hour at Russell Library 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon & AA 9 Adar II	12 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Evening minyan 7:15 pm Board of Directors 10 Adar II	13 Fast of Esther 11 Adar II	14 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 6:39 pm Candle Lighting 12 Adar II	15 9:30 am Shabbat morning services 7 PM Schpiel for Adults—Joint Program with Cong. Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek in Chester Shabbat Zachor <i>Parshat Tzav</i> 13 Adar II
16 9 am Megillah Reading Purim Program to follow 1 pm Schpiel Purim 14 Adar II	17 Shushan Purim 15 Adar II	18 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon & AA 16 Adar II	19 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 17 Adar II	20 18 Adar II	21 5:30 pm Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner 6:47 pm Candle Lighting 19 Adar II	22 9:30 am Shabbat morning services Shabbat Parah <i>Parshat Shemini</i> 20 Adar II
23 9 am Religious School Parent Visitation Day 9:30 am JWV brunch 10:30 am Mazal Tots 21 Adar II	24 Noon "Psalms in the Palms" 22 Adar II	25 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon & AA 23 Adar II	26 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 24 Adar II	27 7 PM The Lysander Trio sponsored by the Director Family Music Fund—Classical Music Concert at Russell Library 25 Adar II	28 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 6:55 pm Candle Lighting 26 Adar II	29 9:30 am Shabbat morning services 8 pm Raffle Shabbat Hachodesh <i>Parshat Tazria</i> 27 Adar II
30 9 am Religious School—Grades 2-6 visit Humane Society 10:30 am Mazal Tots 28 Adar II	31 Noon "Psalms in the Palms" 29 Adar II	1	2	3	4	5



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Nisan

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30	31	1 10 am <i>Into the Arms of Strangers</i> 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 1:30 pm MILE program on Kindertransport 7:30 pm Al Anon & AA Rosh Chodesh 1 Nisan	2 7 am Early Risers Minyan 10:30 am Stitchery Group 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Executive Board 2 Nisan	3 3 Nisan	4 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 7:03 pm Candle Lighting 4 Nisan	5 9:30 am Shabbat morning services <i>Parshat Metzorah</i> 5 Nisan
6 9:30 am Religious School Passover @ Kidcity, parents MUST attend, free 9:30 am Kitchen readied for Passover 1 PM <i>What Next</i> rehearsal 6 Nisan	7 7 Nisan	8 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon & AA 8 Nisan	9 4 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Evening minyan 7:15 pm Board of Directors 9 Nisan	10 10 Nisan	11 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 7:10 pm Candle Lighting 12 Nisan	12 9:30 am Shabbat morning services <i>Shabbat Hagadol Parshat Acharei Mot</i> 12 Nisan
13 No Religious School 1 PM <i>What Next</i> rehearsal Search for Chametz 13 Nisan	14 7:30 am Siyum 1st Seder 7:13 pm Candle Lighting 14 Nisan	15 Office Closed 9 am Festival service 5:30 pm Community Seder No Al Anon & AA Passover 1 15 Nisan	16 Office Closed 9 am Festival service No Religious School Passover 2 16 Nisan	17 Passover intermediate day 17 Nisan	18 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service Passover intermediate day 7:18 pm Candle Lighting 18 Nisan	19 9:30 am Shabbat morning services <i>Chol Hamoed</i> 19 Nisan
20 No Religious School 1 PM <i>What Next</i> rehearsal <i>Chol Hamoed</i> 7:20 pm Candle Lighting 20 Nisan	21 Office Closed 9 am Festival service Passover 7 21 Nisan	22 Office Closed 9 am Festival service 7:30 pm Al Anon & AA Passover 8 Yizkor 22 Nisan	23 4 pm Religious School—Young Emissaries visit; whole school invited 6:30 pm Mah Jongg 23 Nisan	24 24 Nisan	25 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 7:25 pm Candle Lighting 26 Nisan	26 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat morning services 10:30 am Tot Shabbat <i>Parshat Kedoshim</i> 26 Nisan
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