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 **Adath Israel**
Celebrate Jewish Life

Middletown, Connecticut
November 2015/Cheshvan-Kislev 5775



NATE'S MEMORY FOR A BLESSING

by Rabbi Haaz

When we come together on holidays to chant Yizkor prayers for loved ones, we commit ourselves to more than thoughts and words. We

pledge to do acts of righteousness in their honor. Memories are not enough because, over time, they change and they fade. Jewish tradition teaches that the appropriate way to honor those we have lost is to create opportunities for them to continue to contribute to the world. Nathan Olshin was a symbol of Torah learning, inspiration, and compassion for our community. He demonstrated to our members, young and old, how the celebration of Jewish learning leads someone to become a better friend and a more complete human being.

Last fall, Adath Israel inaugurated the Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Series with a single day of learning that brought together three dynamic scholars to address "The Beginning and the End of the World: Religion, Philosophy, Science" from their respective areas of religious expertise. This November 13-15, Adath Israel will host a more traditional scholar-in-residence program as we invite Dr. Avinoam Patt to be with us for three talks:

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LET'S TALK

by Eileen Daling

It is time to discuss the elephant in the room. The word sabbatical comes from the Greek word sabatikos, which means "of the Sabbath," the day of rest that happens every seventh day. I

know that many of you are concerned and worried about what will be happening while Rabbi Haaz is on sabbatical. As I said in last month's Kolot, sabbaticals are not an unusual occurrence. Many of our Rabbis have taken one in the past. It is a time when Rabbis study, write and formulate new ideas that can be brought back to his synagogue to enhance his and our experiences. During other periods in our past when we were without a permanent rabbi, we have persevered and grown stronger as a community. While I certainly believe it might be challenging for us while Rabbi Haaz is away, we are a community, a family and we will be better for this experience.

Your Board of Directors and I have been working hard to formulate a plan to fill Rabbi Haaz's shoes until he returns to us. We have sent a request to the Jewish Theological Seminary to assist us with finding a rabbinical/cantorial student that can cover our spiritual needs. While this will help us, it will also help the student to experience synagogue duties before graduation. The Ritual Committee is also working to make sure any additional rabbinical needs are covered during Rabbi Haaz's ab-



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Friday evening, November 13 at 5:30 pm

“And You Shall Tell Your Children: Remembering the Holocaust in the 21st Century”

*This program will be in the format of Pray-Eat-Sing. We will begin with our Friday night service from 5:30-6:30pm and then transition into dinner at 6:30pm. By 7:15pm, our young people will be invited downstairs to the religious school for educational Shabbat programming, and we will begin our discussion with Dr. Patt. Those young people who wish to hear Dr. Patt present are, of course, welcome to remain upstairs.

Saturday morning, November 14 at 9:30 am

“Am I My Brother's Keeper? The Problem of Good and Evil in the Genesis Narrative”

*Dr. Patt will deliver a special d'var Torah during the Torah service, and everyone is invited to enjoy a festive lunch after Shabbat services.

Sunday morning, November 15 at 10 am:

“From Destruction to Rebirth: The Aftermath of the Holocaust and the Creation of the State of Israel”

While there is no fee for any of these talks because it has always been our intention to make learning in Nate's honor available to everyone, your voluntary support is greatly appreciated to help with the cost of the speaker, the food, and the other preparations for these events. Whether you give in advance or after you are moved by Dr. Patt's presentations, your contributions will help to sustain the Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Series for years to come. At this moment, there is an outstanding \$5,000 grant given by an anonymous family of our community. This matching grant was proposed at the inaugural lecture last fall, and we have not yet met the match. To merit this grant, Adath Israel must receive \$10,000 through contributions from 100 different members or people from the outside community. The purpose is to involve as many people as possible and invest a large percentage of our community in the Jewish learning made possible through our respect and love for Nate. We had a great start last year, but we are still short a few dozen people and a few thousand dollars from the maximum benefit of this gift. In other words, any gift that you give right now will be doubled. Please do not allow the opportunity to honor Nate through continued Jewish learning at Adath Israel to simply fade away. Our memories of Nate are strong and significant, and so should be our support

of the Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Series. As a Jewish community, we honor through action, and the time to act is now. Thank you for your support of, and, even more so, for your participation in this year's Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Series featuring Dr. Avinoam Patt.

*Please note that you must RSVP to the synagogue office for each respective event (Nov 13, 14, and 15) to reserve your seats and your meals. Thank you.

To learn more about Dr. Avinoam Patt, please read his biography below:

Avinoam J. Patt, Ph.D. is the Philip D. Feltman Professor of Modern Jewish History at the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford, where he is also director of the Museum of Jewish Civilization. Previously, he worked as the Miles Lerman Applied Research Scholar for Jewish Life and Culture at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM). He received his Ph.D. in Modern European History and Hebrew and Judaic Studies from New York University. His first book, *Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism in the Aftermath of the Holocaust* (Wayne State University Press, 2009) examines the appeal of Zionism for young survivors in Europe in the aftermath of the Holocaust and their role in the creation of the state of Israel. He is also the co-editor (with Michael Berkowitz) of a collected volume on Jewish Displaced Persons, titled *We are Here: New Approaches to the Study of Jewish Displaced Persons in Postwar Germany* (Wayne State University Press, 2010). He is a contributor to several projects at the USHMM, and is co-author of the recently published source volume, entitled *Jewish Responses to Persecution, 1938-1940* (USHMM/Alta Mira Press, 2011). He has also published numerous articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia articles on various topics related to Jewish life and culture before, during, and after the Holocaust and is director of the *In Our Words Interview Project* with the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. Most recently, he is co-editor of an anthology of contemporary American Jewish fiction entitled *The New Diaspora: The Changing Face of American Jewish Fiction. In Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Edward Lewis Wallant Award for American Jewish Fiction* (with Mark Shechner and Victoria Aarons, to be published by Wayne State University Press in 2014). Patt teaches courses on Modern Jewish History, American Jewish History, the Holocaust, the History of Zionism and the State of Israel, Jewish film, and Modern Jewish Literature among others.

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sence. Rabbi Haaz is working with the Board and Ritual Committee to ensure a smooth transition for the student and Adath Israel. He is also working with Anna Elfenbaum to ensure that all of our Religious School needs are covered and that all students receive the assistance they need as they move closer to their B'nai Mitzvah.

As we are preparing for the student to begin, the Board and I are making arrangements for housing and meals. For now, I am asking for anyone who might host a dinner in your home on a Friday or Saturday night and/or the first night Seder dinner to contact me at 860-346-0667 or edaling21@att.net. If you might be interested please contact me so your name can be added to a list for use later. I will be more than happy to discuss details with you as we move forward to help with arrangements for these dinners. We at Adath Israel want to make sure that the student feels part of our community while assisting with our needs.

While Rabbi Haaz is extremely important to us here at Adath Israel, we are stronger than any one person. With our faith and our commitment to Adath Israel, we will all come out the other side stronger and better able to move forward into the future. If you have any other questions or concerns, I am always available to answer either.

Reminder – Don't forget to check the rest of this Kolot for activities, events, and programs that will take place this month. Wouldn't want you to miss out on something exciting.

ADATH ISRAEL JUDAICA MUSEUM **DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR** **HELP !!!**

We are looking for congregation members and/or Wesleyan students to volunteer to help with some very important tasks in our Judaica Museum.

WE NEED:

1. **Docents** – individuals who can learn what we have in our beautiful museum and are able to conduct tours as they come up.

2. **Grant writers** – we know that there are several members who have writing expertise. We desperately need an influx of money so we can make some really needed improvements in our museum.
3. **Marketing and idea people** – who always have those special ways of creating new ideas and interesting venues.
4. **Security experts** – those that have run businesses, have ideas and sources as to what kind of improved security system we should explore.
5. **Researchers** – individuals who have a real interest in our collection, and might like to take an object or two and do some additional research on those items to better define their history and origins. This is something that Wesleyan students have been doing for the last 4 or 5 years, and have really done an outstanding job.
6. **Any interested individuals** who just would like to study and learn more about the various objects in the museum. We need to form a committee as a sounding board and idea creator. We will take anyone, no previous experience needed.
7. **Development committee** – we have been told that we have to start raising some money ourselves before we can apply for many available art grants.
8. **Computer experts** – we know there are many in our congregation. There are many tasks that need to be accomplished and we really need people to help update and computerize them.

Interested? We hope some of you will step up. I know the synagogue can count on you to volunteer. Give me a call at home at (860) 347-6494 and leave a message. I'll be sure to call you back.

STEPHEN PAUL SHAPIRO
ADATH ISRAEL JUDAICA MUSEUM
MY HOME NUMBER IS 860-347-6494

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Anna Elfenbaum
Religious School Principal

What a wonderful beginning we have had in the Religious School. Each day new and returning students are warmly greeted by each other and by their teachers. Faculty members come to school with creativity, enthusiasm and excitement and sounds of singing, learning, playing, cooking, and joy can be heard from every classroom. Post Bar Mitzvah students have created lessons to share with younger students and are beautifying the school and doing their own Jewish learning. The school community; teachers, students and parents, gathers together on Sunday mornings at 11:30 for prayer, songs and stories and ends our morning on a special note. We are preparing for our first Shabbat L'chol Adat, on October 24, where all students will have the opportunity to lead parts of the Shabbat morning service. Also coming up is the Annual Mitnick Conference on November 1, when our faculty will join Jewish educators from across Greater Hartford for a day of Professional Development.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Program for November 8th will be a CPR Class, taught by Michael Daling. There will be a \$10.00 fee for all who will be attending.

- Date: Sunday November 8, 2015
- Place: Main Bldg at Adath Israel.
- Time: 1:30 pm

It is imperative for you to RSVP .

Please call Joanna at the Synagogue 860-346-4709, or Harriet Thiela 860-358-9807, to reserve a spot in the class.

All responses must be received by **November 1**. Hope you can join us.

Harriet and Arlene



Since Hanukkah begins December 6, we will be placing two orders for Scrip Gift Cards in order to be sure you get your cards in time to give or mail to your loved ones. We will place orders on **November 1** and **November 15**.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to get your gift shopping done easily and help Adath Israel financially.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee's first meeting of the 2015-2016 year was Sept.10th, and our next meeting will be Oct.22nd. Our goal for the coming year is to entertain and raise funds for the synagogue. We are looking to hire a comedian/hypnotist for our first event. Keep watch for all our planned events.

Thank you,
Lynn Bennett Fundraising Co-Chair
Anita Hennessy Fundraising Co-Chair
Arlene Pressman Fundraising Co-Chair

Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Series
in collaboration with the Jewish Theological Seminary

Wrestling with Catastrophe: The Holocaust, The Problem of Evil, And Jewish Memory

**A Weekend of Study with Dr. Avinoam Patt
November 13-15**

Friday, Nov. 13

5:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

**6:15 pm Dinner & Talk: “And You Shall Tell Your Children:
Remembering the Holocaust in the 21st Century”***

Saturday, Nov. 14

**9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services with d’var Torah: “Am I My
Brother's Keeper? The Problem of Good and Evil in the Genesis
Narrative”**

Sunday, Nov. 15

**10 am Talk: “From Destruction to Rebirth: The Aftermath of the
Holocaust and the Creation of the State of Israel”**

**RSVP Required: All events are free, but reservations are required by
Nov. 6. Please contact the synagogue office at
office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709.**

 **Adath Israel**

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Celebrate Jewish Life

ONE WHO GIVES LENDS TO THE LORD

ARTHUR & EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Gerald Director by Arthur Director

Sophie Gross by Arthur Director

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REFUAH SH'LEIMAH (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Jack Adler by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Art Lerner by Edie Betts

MAXINE THUMIM CAMBERSHIP FUND

REFUAH SH'LEIMAH (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Art Director by Eileen & Michael Daling

Heather Fiedler by Eileen & Michael Daling

Edie Betts by Eileen & Michael Daling

Sarah Zito by Eileen & Michael Daling

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Bloomstone by Robert H. Bloomstone

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Howard May by Irena May

SYNAGOGUE

Marvin Rosenblatt

IN HONOR OF

The support of the Morning Minyan and Rabbi Haaz
by Howard Levine

IN GRATITUDE FOR

Allowing our congregation to use Adath Israel's
Torah during Rosh Hashanah by David DradyHigh

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Michael by

Liz Whittaker

Lee & Irwin Zagoren

Herb Gewirtz by Lee & Irwin Zagoren

Madlyn Brandon by Lee & Irwin Zagoren

Mindy Wallach by Joan & Michael Needle

Emily Strauss by Joan Gordon

REFUAH SH'LEIMAH (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Jack Adler by Sara Paley

YAHRTZEIT FUND

Henrietta Shlien by Ellen Delson

Abraham Joseph Apter by Penny Apter

Jane Schwartz Gould by Nancy L. Schwartz

Rebecca Soreff by Linda Soreff Siegel

Esther Cotzen by Dotty & Harold Kaplan

Meta Kahn née Hirsch by

Margaret Kahn

Jeffrey, Bobette, Rebekah & Jennifer Kahn

Elisabeth, beloved sister by Margaret Kahn

Bertha Marcus by Leona & Harris Marcus

Fannie Terris Siegel by Nancy L. Schwartz

Katie Adler by Edie Betts

Marvin Betts by Edie Betts

Rose Freedman by Ruth Beit

Josephine Alexander by Deborah Appel

Harry Lurie by Marci & Steve Spetner

Emanuel Waldmann by Sheila Greenspan

Mary (Miriam) Waldmann by Sheila Greenspan

Donald Berger by Stacey, Amy, Ruth & Mike Sigal

Aaron Sounigo by Marc Sounigo

Sari Rosenbaum by Howard Rosenbaum

Thomas Rose by Hinda Niemeyer

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James Palmer by Sue & Steve Palmer

Yetta Curkin by Herb Curkin

Jay Gould by Nancy L. Schwartz

Minna Krutt Kabatznick by Michael J. Tulman

Max Goldberg by Susan H. Goldberg

Philip Cohn by Linda & Jack Adler

Robert Rosenfield by Edythe Rosenfield

Celia Hoffman by Maryann & Mort Hoffman and

Ruth Schwarz

Max Finkelstein by Donna & Mark Finkelstein

Morris Levson by Anita Hennessey & Hazel

Kurlansky

Lillian Levin by Wendy Levin Peterson

Sidney Mellman by Barbara & Steven Weiss

Coleman Weiss by Barbara & Steven Weiss

Lillian Cohn & Rubin Cohn by Marshall Cohn

Rose Dampsky by Sara Paley

Henrietta & Harry Soll by Penny & Myron Bersch

Morris Dampsky by Sara Paley

James Robert Wahnnon by Jan Wahnnon

Alan Seldin by Joan & Michael Needle

Meyer Moskowitz by Leona & Harris Marcus

Gertrude Poliner by Robert S. Poliner

Ralph "Mickey" Paley by

Sara Paley

Jason, Steven, Kevin, and Richard Paley

Louis Hutensky by Barbara & Bill Hutensky

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

By Myra Finkelstein

A very successful Volunteer Brunch was held in June to honor 9 individuals who have made valuable contributions to the synagogue as well announce the names of the Maxine Thumim Camperships. The honorees were: Jack Adler, David Director, Hortie Kabel, Naomi Kamins, Marc Levin, Eliot Meadow, Stephanie Meadow, Myron Poliner, and Dave Shulman. The campership winners were Julianna and Liya Simon, Julia Meadow, Tovah Caron, and Torah Ferrebee.

This year the Volunteer Committee has decided it will be the "Year of the Past Presidents". Several past presidents will be selected for the work that they did while in office to keep Adath Israel alive and afloat both financially and spiritually. As with any organization the synagogue president has to plan, organize and carry out specific responsibilities. He/she must establish a climate of enthusiasm, openness and concern. He must be accessible, seek input and explore all alternatives before making important decisions; all the while being a builder of history. Our first group of honorees is the trifecta of Jerome "Buzzy" Levin (1967-1969), Arthur Director (1969-1971), and Edward Friedman (1979-81).

While perusing the minutes, I noticed that the concerns and issues of the past are still concerns and issues of the present. While Buzzy was president, the budget was \$67,515; the by-laws were changed to allow a male or female to hold office; a quorum needed 25 members. Deficits continued to increase and a new dues structure was formalized; High Holiday seats were included in your dues; maximum cost for religious school was \$95/family; a widow or widower could pay \$40/year if requested by the individual. Services and Adult Education saw an increase in membership attendance, and interfaith work increased. However, although the Youth Group was active, there was no leadership, and Junior Congregation had a lack of parent involvement. In 1968 the synagogue had 308 members. There was a fund to raise \$31,010 for the new AC and the Building Fund was introduced. Each new member was assessed \$250 payable over 5 years. Buzzy played a vital role in the establishment of the Interfaith Golf Tournament. Today Buzzy continues to be an active member through his generosity. One such example is the donation of flowers on the Bimah for the High

Holidays.

Art served as president from 1969-1971. Many old issues were addressed and improved. The site committee determined that the synagogue needed more land for the growth of the building as well as parking (sounds familiar). A change was made in the by-laws to establish an affiliate membership. Those individuals who were less than 35 years old and had no children could be a member for \$25/year for a maximum of 5 years. BUT they could not vote nor did they have burial privileges. There were several concerns during Art's presidency. The budget of \$69,125 still operated at a deficit; attendance at Friday night, Saturday morning, and daily minyan was decreasing. Just like Buzzy, Art was instrumental in the golf tournament. Several years ago, Art established the Arthur and Edythe Director Family Fund, which supports music programs at the synagogue. Additionally, Art contributes with David to the various lighting projects within the synagogue.

Ed was president from 1979-1981. And as in the past, budget and attendance at services were a concern. The budget was \$108,025. Morning services were not inviting to many of the younger folks because there was so much Hebrew. It was decided that the same prayer books were going to be used but there would be more recitation in English. Although this increased lay leadership, no new members stepped forward. The redevelopment committee was still working on parking. But by the end of Ed's term the William Street parking lot was completed. The building committee was assigned the task to control smoking within the synagogue. The youth groups were active and now had leadership. Cantor Robert Adams was hired with a 2 year contract. Rose Pollack was hired as principal which was the first time we had a principal outside of our membership. Ed served many years as a *Gabai*. Today Ed attends daily minyan and has led the morning service on numerous occasions.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams

IT'S NEWS

BARUCH HABAH!

Welcome to our newest members:
 Marie-Dominique & John Boyce
 Ellie, Cooper, Jaime & Rich Bruno
 Edythe Rosenfield
 Ethan, Seth, Melissa & Tod Olczak
 Levi, Heather & Mark Jacobson
 Ben, Adam, Julie & Jeremy Weiss

MAZAL TOV!

Sherry Small, daughter of Linda & Steven, on earning her Master's Degree

TODAH RABAH

"Where There Is No Bread, There Is No Torah"

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

Rosh Hashanah Kiddush

Marilyn & Stephen Dworkin



Break the Fast

Sponsors: Rebecca & Seth Axelrod in on honor of the yahrtzeit of Jon Axelrod, David Finkelstein, Linda Savitsky, Morty Pear

Helpers:

Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela
 Myra & David Finkelstein
 Joanna Schnurman

Simchat Torah

Rabbi Michael Leipziger in honor of being called as Hatan Torah

Early Risers Minyan

September - Howard Levine in honor of the yahrtzeit of his father
 November - Marge & Stanley Sadinsky

Pray- Eat-Sing

Helpers

Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela, Arlene Pressman, Myra & David Finkelstein, Sharon Slossberg, Lynn & Star Bennett

Sponsors

Stephanie & Eliot Meadow, Ruth & Mike Sigal, Myra & David Finkelstein, Lynn Bennett, Lee & Irwin Zagoren

Oneg & Kiddush

Myron and Bob Poliner in honor of the yarhtzeits of their parents, Gertrude & Israel Poliner.
 Bobette Reed Kahn & Jeffery Kahn in honor of their daughters, Jennifer and Rebekah Kahn as they enter their freshman year at Smith College
 Marie-Dominique Boyce in honor of the new academic year

OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY

Richard Braverman for his generous donation to the Religious School
 Joe Zaiantz and David Finkelstein (in honor of the yahrzeit of his parents, Jack and Sarah Finkelstein) for the donation of a high speed floor buffer

Kol Hakavod to our sukkah builders extraordinaire:

Grace and Colleen Poliner
 Jonathan Shapiro
 Katie, Elise, and Jodi Gendrich
 Emma and Levi Axelrod
 Holly Simon
 Shelly & Rich Palladino
 Ellie, Cooper, Jaime & Rich Bruno

Thank you

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Ruth Beit
 Art Director
 Mark Itkin
 Hal Kaplan
 Arthur Lerner
 Randy Parks
 Bob Soll



IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Ronald Rubel who came to his eternal rest on October 15 (2 cheshvan).

Mark your calendar for
Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence



Pray-Eat-Sing

Friday
November 13

Evening Services: 5:30 pm

Shabbat Dinner: 6:15 pm

Talk: "And You Shall Teach Your
Children: Remembering the Holocaust in
the 21st Century"* by Dr. Avinoam Patt

JOIN US! 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).

PLEASE BRING a non-perishable food item for Amazing Grace Food Pantry.

RSVP REQUIRED to the Synagogue office at office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709 by November 6 in order to be sure we have enough food for all who join us.

*Educational Childcare provided



NOVEMBER

Roger & Sondra Beit
Lewis & Fran Goldberg



NOVEMBER

Aidan Bauer
Jenna Director
Adam Finkelstein
Leslie Friedlander
Charles Gendrich
Samantha Goldstein
Robert Goldstein
Betty Laufer
Douglas Miller
Randy Parks
Judith Rubel
Shirley Schloss
Joanna Schnurman
Barbara Sequenzia
Amy Sigal
Charles Tischofer
Arthur Waldmann
Irwin Zagoren

Tikkun Olam/Fundraiser



IT'S A WIN-WIN-WIN!

Save time, aggravation, and the planet while providing funds for important causes by donating your cleaned \$.05 returnable bottles and cans.

From August-November the money collected will benefit the Religious School.

From December-March the money collected will benefit the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

From April-July the money will be donated to Middletown's Relay for Life.

In September & October your efforts generated \$54.50 for the Religious School.

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



15th Annual High Holy Day Food Drive

Thanks to the generosity of our members 647 pounds of food was collected for Amazing Grace Food Pantry. Todah Rabbah to Eileen & Michael Daling for delivering it.



NOW OFFERING ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

For \$35/month you can place a business card-size ad in our monthly Kolot newsletter. All submissions need to be in JPEG or PNG format and no larger than business card size.

To place your ad, please send payment to Adath Israel for \$35 per month for each month you would like the ad to run.

For more information, please contact Joanna Schnurman at office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709.

CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE THROUGH PRAYER



Morning Minyan:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Early Risers Minyan: 7:00 AM,

1st Wednesday of the month

Shabbat Evening Service: Friday, 7:00 PM

Pray-Eat-Sing Service: 5:30 PM, one Friday night a month; see calendar for details

Shabbat Morning Service: 9:30 AM

All prayer services at Adath Israel are public events, open to the community as a whole. Members, guests, and other religious seekers who desire the warmth of Jewish prayer and the fellowship of being together are always welcome.

INTERFAITH BASKETBALL CLINIC

by Rabbi Haaz

On Sunday, October 18 Adath Israel hosted the Interfaith Basketball Clinic 2015 in partnership with Wesleyan University. During the clinic, roughly 60 children ranging from ages 5-17 were coached by Coach Kate Mullen, Coach Joe Reilly and the assistant coaches and players of the Wesleyan Men's and Women's Basketball Program. The participating organizations were Adath Israel (Middletown), Church of St. Mary (Portland), First Church (Middletown), Grace and Mercy Family Ministries (Portland), and Shiloh Christian Church (Middletown). Our student athletes who attended the clinic had the opportunity to hear from Mayor Dan Drew (Middletown) and our own Adam Finkelstein about the importance of being a good person who actively participates in and builds community. Everyone in attendance was also treated to dessert sponsored by FroyoWorld (Main Street, Middletown). This was truly a win-win-win-win for all parties involved, and Adath Israel should feel great pride in continuing to be a community leader in interfaith programming.



Photos by:

Jonas Powell,
Wesleyan University



BOOK CLUB



Adath Israel has started a
Book Club!
Come Join Us!

We are planning to meet Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Nester Center approximately every six weeks. The next two dates are as follows: December 8th and January 19th.

The first book that we read (and discussed on October 20th) was:

The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer by Anne Marie O'Connor. We had a great turnout and are thrilled with the enthusiasm and support of the group.

The second book is ***Lincoln and the Jews***, a new book by Jonathan Sarna and Benjamin Shapell. The book will be discussed on **December 8th**.

If a certain book interests you, we hope that you will read the book and join that particular discussion.

What a wonderful way to start the new year!

Roberta Levine Glass, 860-632-1320,
rjlevine610@gmail.com
Holly Simon, 860-395-8989,
hfpsimon@gmail.com

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PARK

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

ISRAELI VOICES SERIES

Dear Friends of the Center for Jewish Studies
The next presentation:

**Thursday, November 12, 2015. Asaf Gavron,
Writer and Translator, *The Tel Aviv Magic:
History, Literature, and Murder.***

Gavron has published five novels and a collection of short stories. He has won numerous international awards such as the Prix Courier International in France, Buch für die Stadt in Germany, the DAAD artists in Berlin residency, and the Bernstein Prize in Israel. His fiction has been translated into ten languages, was adapted to the stage, and four of his books are optioned for movies.

**All presentations are at 8 pm at Russell House,
350 High Street.**

All are welcome and admission is free.

I hope to welcome you and your guests, Dalit Katz

Dalit Katz
Adj. Associate Professor of Religion
Director of the Center for Jewish Studies
Wesleyan University

KOLOT DUE DATES

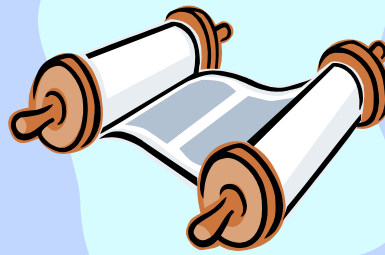
Do you have an article or event you'd like to submit to Kolot? We'd love to share it, so please keep in mind the following deadlines.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
December	November 9
January	December 7
February	January 11
March	February 8
April	March 7
May	April 11
June	May 16

Shabbat L'h^uol Adat

SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE

& Tot Shabbat



Saturday, November 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 Mazel Tots
Sunday, November 22



One of the symbols of the Thanksgiving season is the cornucopia, or horn of plenty.

You can help create a Middletown cornucopia so local families may enjoy some of the bounty many of us take for granted.

It's as easy as picking up a 2 lb can of sweet potatoes.

The Middletown Community Thanksgiving Project is preparing its annual **Thanksgiving Basket Program**.

Last year 450 plus Middletown families enjoyed a wonderfully plentiful Thanksgiving meal thanks to many area organizations, including Adath Israel, collecting items for the baskets.

We have the opportunity to help again this year.

Our charge: collect 150-2 lb cans of sweet potatoes.

Starting immediately, and continuing until November 20th, please bring your 2 lb cans of sweet potatoes to the synagogue office.

Don't have time to shop?

Monetary donations for the program are always appreciated.

We've made our goal four years in a row, so please let's do it again.

What a wonderful way to share your blessings with those in need.



YOUR HANDS CAN SAVE LIVES!



Community CPR

When: Sunday, November 8 at 1:30 pm

Where: Social Hall, Adath Israel

Who: Anyone

Cost: \$10, includes materials & certification

RSVP required by November 1 to:

Harriet Thiela, 860-358-9807 or

Synagogue Office, office@adathisraelct.org

860-346-4709

Save the Date!

Community Candle Lighting & Nosh

Fun!

Food!

Friends!

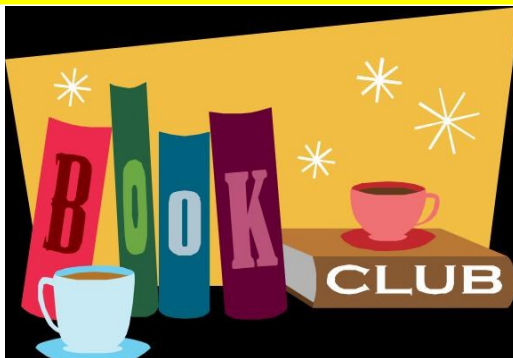
Free!



All are welcome!

Wednesday, December 9 @ 5:30 PM

RSVP to the synagogue at 860-346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org
BYOM: Bring Your Own Menorah



Next Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 8 @ 7 PM in the Nester Center

Next Book

***Lincoln and the Jews*, by Jonathan Sarna & Benjamin Shapell.**

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