

Adath Israel
קולות ק.ק. עדת ישראל



Middletown, Connecticut
February 2016/Shevat-Adar I 5776



WITH RESPECT FOR HOLINESS

by Rabbi Haaz

In a famous Talmudic debate between the Academy of Rabbi Shammai and the Academy of Rabbi Hillel, the

two sides argue about candle lighting on Hanukkah. While Shammai advocates that we light eight candles the first night and work down to one candle on the eighth night, Hillel advocates that we light one candle on the first night and work up to eight candles on the eighth night. The Talmud (Berakhot 21b) explains Hillel's reasoning as, "We increase in holiness and we do not decrease in holiness." (For those interested, the untranslated language of the Talmud is, "דמעלין בקדש ואין מורידין.")

The idea that we always strive to increase in holiness has many beautiful – and practical – applications in our lives. For example, once an object is used for a sacred purpose, like *tefillin*, it should only ever be used for a sacred purpose. You likely have a pair of tefillin that is unused and tucked away in its velvety case in the back of a closet, an attic, or a basement. At some point, this pair of tefillin was likely used and loved by someone close to you, like a father or a grandfather. Our Jewish hearts and souls should be sad when these sacred objects are no longer being used for a sacred purpose. Ideally, you

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WORKER BEES

by Eileen Daling

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does."



Margaret Mead

Change can only happen at Adath Israel if everyone does his or her part. One of my goals has been to work with our many dedicated volunteers to fill committee chair positions. In addition, to help them fill committee positions and make sure they are meeting on a regular basis. This is important to enable Adath Israel to function properly. I am proud to say that almost all of our standing committees have met my expectations. Of course, there is always room for someone who is passionate about a particular area to join a committee. Since we only send out information about committees with our August mailing, I thought it might be a good time to update members on those committees still looking for members. The chairs below would especially love to be contacted by anyone wishing to add their time and energy to helping their committees along with any of our other chairs.

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would bring your tucked away pair of tefillin to Adath Israel's morning minyan and take a few minutes with me to learn how to wear it. Your presence in the minyan would fill a need and bring great joy to the community, and wearing the tefillin would honor the sacred object and the person to whom it originally belonged. Another beautiful option would be to donate your tefillin to the synagogue so that our children in the religious school can learn about, practice wearing, and own their own pairs of tefillin. Supporting our children's education and perpetuating the sacred mitzvah of tefillin would be a meaningful way to follow Hillel's concept that we should always strive to "increase in holiness and... not decrease." As you increase in holiness over the coming month, so may you also increase in health and joy.

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.



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>
March	February 8
April	March 7
May	April 11
June	May 16



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 1st at 7 p.m.

at the Nester Center

to discuss

The Sistine Secrets

by

Rabbi Benjamin Blech & Roy Doliner

BOOK TO BE DISCUSSED ON APRIL 12

The Marriage of Opposites

by Alice Hoffman

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Roberta Glass, rjlevine610@gmail.com,
860-632-1320**

**Holly Simon, hfpsimon@gmail.com, 860-
395-8989**

COME JOIN US!

FUNDRAISING

Our program for March is coming together.
Keep watch for updates.

Thank you,
The Fundraising Committee

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Adult Education: Harriet Thiela and
Arlene Pressman

Chevra Kadisha: Lew Goldberg

Membership: Richard Kamins

At this time, I would also like to thank Naomi Kamins for the years of commitment she has given to Adath Israel especially as Ritual Chair. Recently Naomi made the decision to step down as chair while remaining a committee member. Therefore, I would like to inform the membership that Bern Padawer has agreed to step up as Committee Chair. He recently held his first committee meeting and after reading his board report, it certainly was a very productive one. Thank you, Bern.

I recently attended an Educational Committee Town Hall meeting and was very impressed. There was a shared commitment by all to make sure our children learn, grow and prepare for what comes next. Everyone had a chance to discuss any concerns or suggestions. The meeting was respectful and productive. The Education Chair, Sharon Ferrari and our Principal, Anna Elfenbaum considered all information, concerns and suggestions. They are reviewing and discussing all with the Educational Committee and Rabbi Haaz. This year's Religious School seems to be running well. Thanks, ladies. The next Town Hall meeting will be Sunday, March 6 at 12:05 pm. All members of the congregation are welcome.

With the help of Jonathan Shapiro, our Vibrancy Chair and his committee, Patrick's team at Social Tuna has redesigned our website and it should be live by now. Take a look and see what you think. Next on the agenda for them is to update our enews, the electronic bulletin board, and our newsletter (Kolot). Social Tuna is also working with various committees to assist coordination and publicity on monthly programs, social events, and fundraising to make them as successful as possible.

Here is some of the exciting things happening in March:

- **Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 in the Nester Center – Book Club “The Sisters Weiss”**

- **Thursday, March 10 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the large social hall – channel your inner artist at “Paint Night”**
- **Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 pm – Dan LaRosa, Comedy Hypnosis Show**

Don't forget to check the rest of this Kolot for flyers detailing more about these events and other exciting happenings in the months to come. Looking forward to seeing you around the synagogue as you would not want to miss anything happening at Adath Israel.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BRUNCH

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve on the Volunteer Brunch Committee. Since everyone's schedules are so hectic, we try to limit the number of meetings to 4-5. A lot is done through emails. If you are interested in sharing your ideas for the brunch and/or serving on the committee, we would love your help. Please contact Myra Finkelstein at jakemain@aol.com or 860-342-2955. Hope to hear from you.

ADULT EDUCATION

Happy 2016 to all.

Arlene and I are working on two programs for March and April. We are in the process of setting dates.

As soon as this is accomplished, we will provide you with more details. Both programs will be interesting and informative.

Arlene Pressman
Harriet P Thiela

IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE

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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Adath Israel &

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

invite you to

THE HENRY N. AND SELMA S. RAPAPORT MEMORIAL LECTURE



The Syrian Refugee Crisis: Realities and Responses

**Tuesday,
Feb. 2 @ 7:30 PM
In the Nester Center
Free!
Bring a friend!**

SPEAKERS:



Mark Hetfield
President and CEO, HIAS



Dr. Georgette F. Bennett
Founder and President,
Tanenbaum Center for
Interreligious Understanding;
Founder, Multifaith Alliance
for Syrian Refugees



Shadi Martini
Senior Syria Advisor,
Multifaith Alliance for
Syrian Refugees



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Anna Elfenbaum

Religious School Principal

So much is going on in the Religious School and we are thrilled to share a snapshot of the last few weeks' highlights and to share news of what is to come.

This year's Israeli Young Emissaries Dona and Edo, recently joined the school to spend time with each class doing engaging, fun programs about Israel. At the end of our day, Dona and Edo led students, teachers and parents in Israeli dancing and singing. The Young Emissary program is a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. Dona and Edo are Israeli teens who recently graduated from high school and have deferred their Army service for a year as they work in our community to share their love of Israel with us. We look forward to their coming back to visit us later in the year.

Religious School families celebrated the New Year of the Trees at a special program. Through fun activities like "playing" with food, yoga and a mini-seder, we learned about our connection to trees, fruit, the earth and nature.

Looking ahead, this year, Purim falls on Wednesday, March 23. We will be celebrating during Religious School time and beyond. Megillah Reading, Costume Contests and Carnival will all take place on Wednesday, March 23. We invite families to create a carnival booth and start thinking about Purim-themed costumes. If you would like to get involved in helping out, please let Anna know, adathisrael.school@gmail.com.

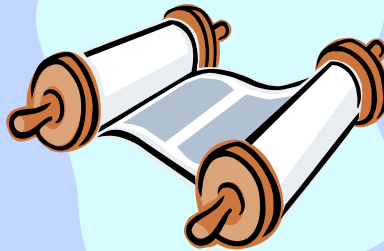
Schedule for Purim, Wednesday, March 23

4:00 - 4:30	Carnival Set-up
4:15 - 5:45	Maariv and Megillah Reading
5:45 - 7:00	Carnival and Dinner

Shabbat L'h^uol Adat

SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE

& Tot Shabbat



Saturday, February 20

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, February 21

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Myra Finkelstein

It is February and this is the month we recognize the birthdays of two of our Presidents: George Washington our first President and Abraham Lincoln our 16th President. Adath Israel would like to honor our own first woman President, Sandra Beckman. Sandra served from 1985-87. During her term, 10 adults were called to the Bimah to recite the Haftarah for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. She was also in office when a memorial service was held for Rabbi Nathan Levinson on June 22, 1986. The religious school had 107 students and there were an inadequate number of seats for the High Holidays. What wonderful problems to deal with! A custodian was originally hired for \$5 per hour which eventually increased to \$7 but the candidate had to purchase his own health insurance. Many of the board discussions focused on Hebrew School going from 3 days to 2 days per week which required student attendance of 75% for promotion; as well as the establishment of a play group which needed 8 youngsters per day to move ahead. Young Judea held a regional weekend at the synagogue with 75 children attending from NY and CT. The car raffle was the main fund raiser with a Cadillac sedan De Ville as the first prize and two airplane tickets as the second prize. I wonder who the winners were. An informational brochure was created for the new members. The Rabbi was the principal speaker at an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day service while Martin Luther King community meetings were held at the shul. St. Vincent de Paul solicited the synagogue to help serve lunches on Sunday. When Sandra's term was over she continued to be an active and vital part of Adath Israel. She has chanted Haftarah on numerous High Holidays. She has been actively involved in numerous Rabbi search committees. Sandra has served as every officer on the executive board and presently serves on the long range planning committee.

"We often take for granted the very things that deserve our gratitude-volunteers".

Cynthia Ozick.

IT'S NEWS

TODAH RABAH

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

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

Early Risers Minyan

Scott & Denise Levy



Oneg & Kiddush

Rebecca & Seth Axelrod in honor of

Levi's bar mitzvah

Myron Poliner

Pray-Eat-Sing

Eva Bardwell

Anita Hennessey

Eileen & Michael Daling

Myra & David Finkelstein

Star Bennett

Aaron, Marcey, and Harriet Thiela

Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

Marion & Ray Irizarry

Sheila & Phil Saxe

Morty Pear

Lynn Bennett

Sharon Slossberg

OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY

Todah Rabbah

To our congregation for the donation of 62.4 pounds of food to Amazing Grace Food Pantry and to Michael Daling for delivering it.

MAZAL TOV!!!

To Sharon Slossberg on the birth of her great grandson, Kruz Stephen Speller arriving in this world at 6 lbs, 8 oz and 19.5".

To the Axelrod family on Levi becoming a bar mitzvah.

To Nancy Shaipro for being honored for her 25-year career at the Community Renewal Team.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Irwin Zagoren, Seth Axelrod, Hal Kaplan, Art Director, Mark Itkin, Bob Soll, Randy Parks, and Rich Bruno



 **MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO**
Deepest sympathies to Morty Pear on the recent loss of his uncle, Joe Pear.

ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS

CHEVRA KADISHA

IN MEMORY OF

Selma Citron Berman by
 Judith Joan Citron Liebman
 Jerome Liebman
 Joanne Liebman Matson
 Matthew Liebman
 Laura Liebman
 Amy Liebman Waychoff

EDYTHE & ARTHUR DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

IN HONOR OF

Arthur Meyers' Retirement by Edie Betts

MAXINE THUMIM CAMBERSHIP FUND

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)
 Seth Axelrod by Eileen & Michael Daling

IN HONOR OF

Marge & Stan Sadinsky's granddaughter, Dara's Bat Mitzvah

MICHAEL FASSLER FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Ron Rubel by Sandra & Paul Beckman

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)
 Jeremy Zwelling by Sandra & Paul Beckman
 Seth Axelrod by Sandra & Paul Beckman

MUSEUM FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Selma Citron Berman by Joanne Liebman Matson

NATHAN OLSHIN

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE-FUND

Bobette Reed Kahn & Jeffrey Kahn

IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR COMMITMENT
 TO CONTINUING JEWISH EDUCATION IN
 HONOR OF NATE OLSHIN

Bobette Reed Kahn & Jeffrey Kahn by Rabbi Haaz
 David Director by Rabbi Haaz

SYNAGOGUE FUND

The Nihla & Bob Lapidus Foundation

IN HONOR OF

Myra Finkelstein for taking on a new role as Synagogue Librarian by Rabbi Haaz

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)
 Seth Axelrod by Lee & Irwin Zagoren

IN MEMORY OF

Carol Cohen by Myra & David Finkelstein
 Joseph Pear by Ethel Peltz, Bob & Lois

YAHREZEIT FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Sanford Beit by Ruth Beit
 Bella Needle by Joan & Michael Needle
 Bernard Schwarz by Peter Schwarz
 Arthur Goldstein by Harvey Goldstein
 Dr. Paul Handler by Leslie Handler-Stern
 The Moss Family by Lisa S. Lyman
 Betty Marcus by Leona & Harris Marcus
 Ida Paul by Debbie Paul Fuller
 Judy Mittelman by Sharon Mittelman Murphy
 Howard May by Irena May
 Ernest Schwarz by Ruth Schwarz
 Harry W. Edelberg by Paul B. Edelberg
 Louis Hoffman by Ceile Zaroni
 Philip Weiss by Steven Weiss
 Edward Becker by Andrew Becker
 Bernard Miller by Bev & Bob Pugliese
 Bernard Mordecai Schwartz by Nancy Schwartz
 Dr. Albert Ross by Shirley Ross
 Arthur Palmer by Michael Palmer
 Gladys Bronstein Grower by Liz Grower Whittaker
 Michael Golensky by Anita Hennessey
 & Hazel Kurlanksy
 Maurice I. Lerner by Diane & Bernard Blum
 Norman & Esther Kabatnick by Brian Kabatnick
 David Schwartz by Gertrude & Alan Steele
 Esther Kabatnick by Edith Kabatnick

IF YOU NEED A RIDE OR CAN OFFER ONE



There are members and friends of Adath Israel who would love to be more involved in the life of Adath Israel but need a ride. If you are able assist (even occasionally) with transportation or are in need of transportation, please call the synagogue office (860) 346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org and we will try to match drivers and riders up.

RING FILM FESTIVAL

Dear Friends of the Center for Jewish Studies,

On behalf of the Center for Jewish Studies I would like to invite you and guests to attend **the Ninth Annual Ring Family Wesleyan University Israeli Film Festival**. The festival will feature six consecutive weekly screenings (every Thursday) of the best of contemporary Israeli film and a ground breaking Israeli TV show. Each screening will be commented upon by a film expert and one film, *Present Continuous*, will be introduced by its own film director. All films have English subtitles.

Below please find the list of dates, films and speakers:

January 28, *Apples from the Desert*,

based on a story by Savyon Liebrecht. Rivka, an only daughter of an orthodox Jewish family, is drawn to the secular life and ends up running away from her heartbroken parents, to live with a man in an isolated kibbutz in the desert. Speaker: Eran Polishuk, Director of Film and Media, Office of Cultural Affairs, Consulate General of Israel, NY.

February 4, *Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem*,

Viviane is seeking to finalize her divorce (Gett) from her devout and stubborn husband. During the long and tedious process, she finds herself on trial being at the mercy of the religiously based divorce laws adopted by the state. Speaker Marc Longenecker, Visiting Faculty and Programming and Technical Director at Wesleyan University.

February 11, *Present Continuous*,

Unable to deal with the violence resulting from the political situation in Israel, a mother decides to lock up her teenage daughter, soldier son and husband while they are sleeping in order to protect them. The viewer is left to decide whether this is a crazy act or act of bravery. Introduction and Q/A session with the film director and the Center for Jewish Studies Distinguished Scholar in Residence, Aner Preminger.

February 18, *Zero Motivation*, speaker Aner Preminger.

February 25, *The Farewell Party*, speaker, Laura Blum, Film Critic

March 3, screening of three episodes of the *Television Show Fauda (Chaos)*, speaker Isaac Zablocki, Director of JCC Manhattan Film Programs.

All screenings are on **Thursday, 8 pm at the Goldsmith Family Cinema**, Center for Film Studies, 301 Washington Terrace. Middletown, CT.

Admission is free. All screenings are open to the public and there is free on site parking. The festival is sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies and is co-sponsored by the College of Film and the Moving Image and the Wesleyan Film Series.

More information, including film description and video trailers, will be provided closer to the screening dates.

Also, please save the following dates:

March 30, Wednesday, 8 pm, Daniel Family Commons, Annual Samuel & Dorothy Frankel Memorial Lecture: *Walkers in the City: Jewish American Photographers*, by Deborah Dash More, Director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and a Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor of History at the University of Michigan (organized by Ron Schatz, History Department).

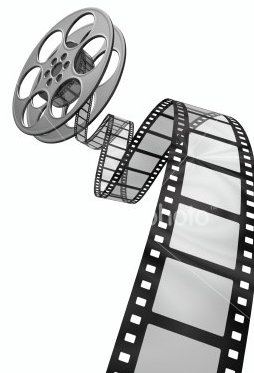
April 11, Monday, 8 pm, Russell House, the Annual Jeremy Zwelling Lecture: *Golems and Goblins and Dybbuks, Oh My! The Monstrous in Jewish Children's Literature*, by Jodi Eichler-Levine, Berman Professor of Jewish Civilization at Lehigh University (organized by Jenny Caplan, Religion Department).

I hope that you will join us for some or all the events in the new year.

Wishing you happy holidays, Dalit Katz

Dalit Katz

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





Mark your calendar for Pray-Eat-Sing Friday, February 5

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

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 to the Synagogue office at office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709 by **January 29** in order to be sure we have enough food for all who join us.

COST: Free for members (donations gratefully appreciated). Not a member yet? Be our guest for your first dinner. After that, there is a charge of \$10 per person or \$18 per family each time you attend thereafter.

HELP: Contact the Synagogue office if you would like to help with shopping, preparing the meal, set up or clean up. Many hands make light work and leave more time for singing & schmoozing.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 51 **MEETING**

Major General Maurice Rose Jewish War Veterans Post 51 will hold its February program on Sunday, February 21, 9:30 am, at Congregation Adath Israel, 8 Broad Street, in Middletown. The speaker will be Eric S. Rodko, LCSW, Executive Director of St. Luke's Community Services in Middletown. He will speak on "The Community Follows the Patriot."

St. Luke's VETS4VETS program provides medical appointment transportation for veterans no longer able to drive, assistance with navigating programs and services, and a telephone reassurance program for veterans at risk for isolation or neglect in Middlesex County.

Rodko received his Bachelor's in Social Work from Salve Regina University in Newport, RI., and his Master's from the UConn School of Social Work. For the past 20 years, he has worked in elderly services, Medicare education and advocacy, volunteerism, and clinical care management. He is co-chair of the Middlesex Elderly Service Providers network, a Board member of the Middlesex Area Interagency Council, and a Board-member elect of the Middletown Rotary Club. As a member of the National Association of Social Workers – CT Chapter, he is also a member of the CT Aging Sub-Committee.

For reservations, contact Arthur Meyers, 860/638-3819, evenings, or marciarthur@sbcglobal.net.

JWV Post 51 is named after Major General Maurice Rose, World War II's greatest forgotten commander, who was born in Middletown. He was called the best tank commander of the war.

Rose was born in 1899, the son of a rabbi, who had immigrated to America in 1893. His military career began in the Army in 1917. As a first lieutenant during World War I, he fought in France, where he received the Purple Heart. He continued his career during the interwar period, gaining experience in armored warfare. During World War II, Rose served in three armored divisions. In North Africa, he was with the 1st Armored Division and was the first officer to accept the unconditional surrender of a large German unit. He was later Chief of Staff of the 2nd Armored Division.

In 1944, he was assigned command of the 3rd

Armored Division and promoted to Major General. Under his command, the "Spearhead Division" drove over 100 miles in a single day, a record march for modern warfare, and played a key role in several campaigns. He was much-decorated, eventually receiving the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest military decoration for extreme gallantry and risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force.

He was shot by a German tank gunner five weeks before the end of the war, becoming the highest-ranking American killed by enemy fire in Europe. He was buried beside the men he commanded.

In 2011, the Major General Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center in Middletown was dedicated and in 2016 the bridge over Route 9 in Harbor Park in Middletown was dedicated in his honor.

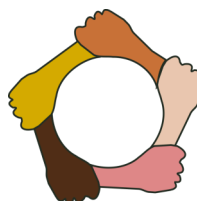


ARTHUR DIRECTOR

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County is pleased to announce that Arthur Director is a recipient of the 2015 Sherry and Herb Clark Beacon of Philanthropy Award.

Established in 2012 and named for the first recipients, Sherry and Herb Clark, the award is presented to individuals who demonstrate exceptional generosity thorough outstanding civic and charitable activities, and whose leadership encourages others to actively participate in philanthropic and community service roles. As the founder of Connecticut Lighting Centers, now the largest specialty lighting retailer in New England, Mr. Director is a well-respected businessman, family man and community supporter.

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

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



CONGRESS MAKES IT EASIER FOR **OLDER MEMBERS TO PAY** **SYNAGOGUE DUES**

In December Congress enacted tax reduction legislation. Included is a provision that makes permanent the exclusion from one's gross income donations to qualified charities up to \$100,000 provided the donor is 70.5 years of age or older and makes the donation from a traditional or inherited IRA. These donations count towards satisfying one's annual Required Minimum Distribution. The donation must be sent directly from your IRA account to the charity to qualify for exclusion from your gross income. Contributions made by personal check won't qualify for the exclusion.

You can instruct the bank or brokerage or other holder of your traditional or inherited IRA accounts, preferably in writing, to send checks directly to Congregation Adath Israel to pay dues and for other purposes. If you receive a monthly check from your IRA account or a direct deposit to your personal checking account, you can ask the custodian of your IRA account to send a portion of your monthly payment to the synagogue. You will help the synagogue to stay current with all its financial obligations and reduce your income taxes at the same time. It's one less payment or expense you have to concern yourself with. You can make the same request for other charities as well.

Kolot published a piece on this subject in the December 2015 issue. Please refer to it to get answers to most frequently asked questions and names and addresses of charities engaged in helping Israel deal with its most pressing problems. If you are 70.5 years of age or older there is no reason to pay more taxes when all one has to do to reduce them is make your synagogue and other charitable donations directly from your traditional or inherited IRA accounts.

If you would like a form to help you, there will be copies of a simple request form in the office.

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**



Register now!

Adath Israel BLOOD DRIVE

Adath Israel – Social Hall – 8 Broad Street

Tuesday, February 23

1:30-6:30 PM

“Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.” *Talmud, Sanherdin37a*

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

LIFE CYCLES



JoAnn & Michael Price
Joan & Michael Needle



Dewey Deeton
Julie Weiss
Sara Paley
Deb Seligmann
Hinda Niemeyer
Barbara Weiss
Nancy Shapiro
Cynthia Kaplan
Tod Olczak
Seymour Feldman
Eva Bardwell
Jeremy Walter
Eliot Meadow
Alison Guy
Harriet Deeton
Naomi Kamins

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 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.

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

In January your efforts generated \$8.00 for 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

Paint Night



Thursday, March 10th

7:00-9:00pm

\$35/ per person

No Artistic
Experience
Needed!
JOIN US!



Adath Israel

Celebrate Jewish Life

visit: www.paintbythepint.com for more info

Or call the Synagogue at 860-346-4709

www.adathisraelct.org



The Sensational
DAN LAROSA
COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW



**Open
to the
Public**

Saturday, March 26th
Adath Israel Synagogue

8 Broad Street, Middletown, CT

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 * SHOW STARTS AT 8:00PM

Tickets: \$25 per person - \$40 per couple

Tickets can be purchased through the Synagogue office:

860-346-4709



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School Closing Policy

Please check one of these sources for storm-closing postings

Watch or listen to:

WFSB-TV Channel 3

WTNH-TV Channel 8

WVIT-TV Channel 30, NBC

WTIC AM 1080 Radio – on air &/or

WRCH FM 100.5 Radio

WTIC FM 96.5 Radio

Or go to website:

www.wfsb.com

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
no later than 1 PM on a Wednesday.**

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

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

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

NEW MENU, COSTS, AND PROCEDURES FOR SPONSORED KIDDUSH

Share a family simcha, honor a friend or relative, or remember a loved one by sponsoring a Friday night Oneg Shabbat or a Morning Kiddush. This is a delightful way to let others in our community celebrate a special occasion or share a memory with you. Our hope is that you would be present which will only add to the occasion.

The new Kiddush menus will be prepared and tastefully arranged by the Crown Supermarket in West Hartford. **Please call the synagogue office at 860-346-4709 at least a week in advance to make ordering and pick-up arrangements with the office administrator.**

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

Regular Simple Kiddush (25-30 people): \$225

Small Simple Kiddush (15 people): \$120

Bagels
Tuna salad
Egg salad
Cuke, tomato, onion platter
Lox spread
Plain and chive cream cheese platter
Fruit platter (fruit salad for Small Kiddush)
Pastry (2 dz cookies for Small Kiddush)
Cold and hot drinks

Regular Deluxe Kiddush (25-30 people): \$400

Small Deluxe Kiddush (15 people): \$180

Bagels
Tuna salad
Egg salad
Lox platter
Whitefish salad
Cucumber, tomato, and onion platter
Plain and chive cream cheese platter
Sesame Noodles
Fruit platter (fruit salad for Small Kiddush)
Pastry (2 dz cookies for Small Kiddush)
Cold and hot drinks

Friday Night Oneg Shabbat (15 people): \$54

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

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

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





february 2016

shevat/adar I

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 3 pm Intro to Hebrew 22 shevat	2 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Livestream—The Syrian Refugee Crisis 23 shevat	3 7 am Early Risers Minyan 8 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 24 shevat	4 25 shevat	5 5:30 pm Pray-Eat-Sing Evening Service 26 shevat	6 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Mishpatim</i> 27 shevat
7 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots 28 shevat	8 3 pm Intro to Hebrew 29 shevat	9 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 30 shevat	10 8:30 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 1 adar I	11 2 adar I	12 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 3 adar I	13 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Terumah</i> 4 adar I
14 No Religious School 5 adar I	15 3 pm Intro to Hebrew Presidents Day 6 adar I	16 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 7 adar I	17 8:30 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 8 adar I	18 7 pm Fundraising Comm. Mtg 9 adar I	19 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 10 adar I	20 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services 10:30 am Tot Shabbat <i>Tetzaveh</i> 11 adar I
21 No Religious School 9:30 am JWV Brunch 12 adar I	22 3 pm Intro to Hebrew 13 adar I	23 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 1:30-6:30 pm Blood Drive 7:30 pm Al Anon 14 adar I	24 No Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 6 pm Executive Bd Mtg 7 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Board Mtg 15 adar I	25 16 adar I	26 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 17 adar I	27 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Ki Tisa</i> 18 adar I
28 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots 19 adar I	29 No Intro to Hebrew 20 adar I	1	2	3	4	5



march 2016

adar I/adar II

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
28	29	1 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Book Club 7:30 pm Al Anon 21 adar I	2 7 am Early Risers Minyan 8 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 22 adar I	3 23 adar I	4 5:30 pm Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service 24 adar I	5 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service <i>Vayakhel</i> Shabbat Shekalim 25 adar I
6 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots 12:05 pm Education Comm. Town Hall Mtg 26 adar I	7 3 pm Intro to Hebrew 27 adar I	8 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 28 adar I	9 8:30 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 29 adar I	10 7 pm Paint Night Rosh Chodesh 30 adar I	11 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service Rosh Chodesh 1 adar II	12 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Service 10:30 am Tot Shabbat <i>Pekude</i> 2 adar II
13 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9:30 am JWV Brunch 11:30 am Adult Ed. - Origins of Christianity in History of Judaism 3 adar II	14 3 pm Intro to Hebrew 4 adar II	15 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 5 adar II	16 8:30 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 6 adar II	17 7 adar II	18 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 8 adar II	19 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Gabe Cone Bar Mitzvah <i>Vayikra</i> Shabbat Zachor 9 adar II
20 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots 11 am Purim Schpiel 10 adar II	21 3 pm Intro to Hebrew 11 adar II	22 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 12 adar II	23 8:30 am Torah Study 4:30 pm Evening Service & Megillah Reading 6 pm Purim Carnival Fast of Esther Megillah Reading 13 adar II	24 Purim 14 adar II	25 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service Shushan Purim 15 adar II	26 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 7:30 pm Dan LaRosa, Hypnotist <i>Tzav</i> 16 adar II
27 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots 17 adar II	28 3 pm Intro to Hebrew 18 adar II	29 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Al Anon 19 adar II	30 8:30 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 6 pm Executive Board Mtg 7 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Board of Directors Mtg 20 adar II	31 21 adar II	1	2