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 **Adath Israel**  
Celebrate Jewish Life

**Middletown, Connecticut**  
**March 2016/Adar I-Adar II 5776**



## **HAVING THE RIGHT TOOLS**

by Rabbi Haaz

For the past three years, I have made it a priority to include a Jewish folktale from the genre of “God desires the heart” on Kol Nidrei, our most sacred moment of the year. The message of each dramatic telling is that God is less concerned with the words on the pages of our prayer books than with our deepest convictions and most sincere intentions. God desires the heart. While I believe this is true, I also believe that the formal liturgy encompassed in Jewish prayer services is an incredible, and a necessary, tool to achieving true expression of the heart. We are part of an inherited tradition, and we derive profound meaning from the prayers with which our ancestors struggled and loved and to which they looked for support. Every Jewish person, regardless of observance or synagogue attendance knows the power of fixed liturgical prayer intuitively, although many of us ignore its power. However, there is beauty in coming to synagogue and reciting Mourner’s *Kaddish* for a family member; there is comfort in reciting a *Mishebeirakh* prayer for healing for a loved one; it is difficult to express in words the feeling of singing the *Shema* by the bedside of one who is dying. Each experience is enhanced by having formal liturgical

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## **HOPING FOR SPRING!**

by Eileen Daling



Since winter weather finally arrived in the middle of February and our friend the groundhog did not see his shadow, I am sure we are all looking forward to spring. It is always a time to enjoy warmer weather, getting out more and seeing friends. Let me tell you about all the happenings here at Adath Israel leading up to and including spring. It will certainly be an exciting and very busy place. Therefore, we want to make sure you mark your calendars as we wouldn’t want you to miss any of these events, programs and activities. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you.

- Sunday, March 6 at 12:05 p.m. – Religious School Town Hall Meeting. All members are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the large social hall, we will be holding a “Paint Night.” What is that? It is a night filled with socializing, enjoying some refreshments and having the opportunity to create your own artistic masterpiece. An artist will come with all the painting supplies you will need and help to inspire your inner artist. It will be a great night and we certainly hope you will

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prayers, fixed words from our tradition, to utter at the right moment. The formal prayers chanted in the synagogue, at home, out in nature, or by the hospital bedside are not anchors to keep us fixed to the ground but wings to bring our hearts to flight.

The great deal of study and participation needed to access the layers of meaning in every Jewish prayer can be a daunting barrier to the casual or High Holy Day prayer attendee, especially when combined with an unfamiliarity with Hebrew and a long prayer service. Many in our Adath Israel community feel these barriers to meaningful prayer despite our best efforts to be welcoming and engaging. It is almost impossible to chisel through the layers of meaning that underscore every word in our prayer services without the right tools. Our current High Holy Day prayer book, which was at one time the flagship mahzor of the Conservative Movement, does not fit the needs of our present, diverse community. It offers little transliteration (Hebrew words written in English letters) and, in some cases, lacks English altogether. Those who wish to pray in English must turn to different pages than those who wish to follow in Hebrew, and the prayers that they find are not equivalent. The language is gendered, the colors make it difficult to read, and there are no explanations about the meaning of the prayers. You may have found any one of these to be a barrier to your prayer and your comfort in our High Holy Day services.

Fortunately, there is a new flagship mahzor of the Conservative Movement much more in sync with the modern Jewish community in America. This High Holy Day prayer book is called “Mahzor Lev Shalem” and, as a testament to its popularity with American Jews and synagogues, has sold over 250,000 copies over the past few years since its printing. Lev Shalem means “a full heart,” and this prayer book is the proper tool with which we can mine the deepest places within. It includes contemporary language to appeal to our members and guests, and it offers transliteration to encourage wide participation. It also includes a broad range of literature from rabbinic to modern poetry to help capture and experience the meaning of the prayers and fill in much of the background knowledge needed to access our rich tradition. Mahzor Lev Shalem is the best tool available now for High Holy Day prayer, and all synagogues serious about offering those who attend a meaningful experience on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are moving toward it. 250,000 of these books have found

their way into synagogues and homes across America, and it is time for Adath Israel to be a part of this move toward meaningful and inspirational prayer. We owe it to you, our members and guests.

Our Ritual Committee has decided to make Mahzor Lev Shalem a priority for the coming High Holy Days and looks forward to the support of our community in purchasing and dedicating these books. To get a sense of the benefits and advantages of Mahzor Lev Shalem, please join us for Friday night services where, beginning in mid-March, we will be switching from our current Shabbat evening prayer book to a beta-test version of *Siddur Lev Shalem* called *First Fruits*. The layout and additions to this Shabbat and Festival prayer book echo the changes that made Mahzor Lev Shalem such a valuable and appreciated tool. This is an exciting opportunity for our prayer community at Adath Israel, and I am grateful for the time and effort that the members of our ritual committee will invest in bringing about this momentous shift in the prayer life of our synagogue. Please help them to transform the sacred time that we share on the High Holy Days. With your enthusiasm and support, we will share a very special Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur together this fall.

\*Below is a blurb from the Mahzor Lev Shalem website:

*Lev Shalem* seeks to embrace the diverse backgrounds and expectations in each of our communities and open doors for every congregant. For the congregant who is familiar with the *t'fillah*, the mahzor's running commentary presents both a historical overview and insight into the meaning of prayers. For the congregant who doesn't know Hebrew, the English translations are close to the meaning of the original and the transliterations are plentiful. For the seeker who comes to services looking for meaning and direction, the mahzor's rich assortment of readings includes classic piyyutim that appear in Conservative publications for the first time; Hasidic stories and reflections; and quotes from Abraham Joshua Heschel, Martin Buber, contemporary Israeli and American poets, and leading rabbis in the Conservative movement and beyond. And with abundant readings that focus on spiritual issues and tikkun olam, Mahzor Lev Shalem speaks to the contemporary concerns of our congregants. The book represents the best of the Conservative movement—the classical and the contemporary, the historical and the spiritual; it promises to be inspiring and relevant for years to come.

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consider joining in on the fun. The cost is \$35 for everything. So, please call the synagogue office to make your reservation so you won't miss out.

- Sunday, March 20 at 11 a.m. in the Nester Center, we will be reviving our Purim Shpiel. They have been missing for a few years as a mainstay of our Purim celebration. So, come and enjoy the antics of Purim with Rabbi Haaz and fellow members of Adath Israel.
- Join us for more Purim activities on Wednesday, March 23 starting at 4:30 p.m. sharp in the large social hall for the Megillah Reading followed by the Annual Lisa Goodman Purim Carnival from 6 – 7:15 p.m. including our costume parade, games, prizes and food for purchasing. It should be a fun and silly event.
- Saturday, March 26 with doors opening at 7:30 p.m., Dan LaRosa will present his Comedy Hypnosis Show. Tickets can be purchased through the synagogue office for \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. This should be a hysterical evening to share with friends and fellow members. Thanks to our Fundraising Committee for planning this event.
- On Sunday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the small sanctuary the Adult Education Committee has planned a program entitled "Where the Origins of Christianity Fit into the History of Judaism" presented by Dr. Stuart Miller, Section Chief, Hebrew and Judaic Studies at UCONN.

In the coming months, there are many other events you should remember to mark on your calendars now so you don't miss them either:

- ✚ Community Second Night Seder – Saturday, April 23 starting at 5:30 p.m.
- ✚ Holocaust Memorial Dedication – early May
- ✚ Annual Volunteer Recognition Brunch – May 22 starting at 10:30 a.m. in the large social hall
- ✚ Annual Congregation Meeting – Sunday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m.

As always, check out the rest of this Kolot for flyers detailing more about these events and other exciting happenings in the months to come.

## **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 **Eleventh Annual Giving Campaign** has come to a close. The Board of Directors would sincerely like to thank the following who have sent in their donation:

**Jeffrey Cohen & Autumn Greenberg.**

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

## Volunteer Recognition Brunch

Save the date:  
Sunday  
May 22 @ 10:30 a.m.

More information to  
follow

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

*by Anna Elfenbaum*

*Religious School Principal*

Our school is a very special place, made so by creative, committed teachers, interested students who pride themselves on questioning and thinking, involved parents who care and a culture and leadership that allows us to try out new ideas.

In the past several weeks, we have danced with Israeli Young Emissaries, practiced Yoga with an expert Yoga professional, baked for a house of mourning, practiced staying safe with a wintry fire drill and argued passionately about a group Bar Mitzvah project (you'll be hearing more about that soon). Madrichot (our post-Bat Mitzvah students) have created beautiful, interactive bulletin boards for students and parents to enjoy, teachers have dressed up like superheroes and moderated. All of this has taken place while we engage in our ongoing curriculum which includes learning Hebrew, Prayer, History and Holidays.

Purim is coming and the school is getting ready! We will have an extended day of Religious School on Sunday, March 20 where we will premier the 2016 Purim Shpiel, and then, join us for Megillah Reading and Carnival on Wednesday, March 23. Come in Purim-themed costumes, get ready to drown out Haman's name, taste student made hamantaschen and try your hand at some new booths. Below is the schedule for Purim:

### **Wednesday, March 23**

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Carnival Set-up

4:15 – 5:45 p.m. Maariv and Megillah reading

5:45 – 7:00 p.m. Carnival

*Chag Purim Sameach (Happy Purim) to all!*



# Shabbat L'hol Adat

Shabbat For Everyone

## & Tot Shabbat



**Everyone in our Community is  
invited to celebrate**

**Services start at 9:30a.m.**

During the Torah service, children in Kindergarten-Grade 4 enjoy Shabbat activities.

**10:30a.m. Tot Shabbat for**

Preschoolers & younger and their families meet in the Purple Room of the Religious School.

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

**No Religious School or Mazel Tots  
Sunday, March 13**

## **ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS**

### **EDYTHER & ARTHUR DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND**

IN HONOR OF

Art Director being named a 2015 recipient of the  
Sherry and Herb Clark Beacon of Philanthropy  
Award by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

### **HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

IN HONOR OF

Harold Kaplan's Special Birthday by

Hazel Kurlansky

Anita Hennessey

Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Linda & Jack Adler

Edie Betts

Nihla Lapidus

Levi Axelrod's Bar Mitzvah  
by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)

Irwin Zagoren by

Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Edie Betts by

Hazel Kurlansky

Louise Feldman

IN MEMORY OF

Marilyn Fried by

Hazel Kurlansky

Dorothy & Harold Kaplan

Ruth Maron

Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Beverly Newberg by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Robert Maron by Valerie A. Clifford

Aestheta Wahnnon by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

### **MAXINE THUMIM CAMBERSHIP FUND**

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Daling

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Irwin Zagoren by Eileen & Michael Daling

Sarah Shapiro by Eileen & Michael Daling

Edie Betts by Eileen & Michael Daling

IN MEMORY OF

Beverly Newberg by Eileen & Michael Daling

Aestheta Wahnnon by Eileen & Michael Daling

### **NATHAN OLSHIN**

### **SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE-FUND**

IN MEMORY OF

Marilyn Fried by Linda & Jack Adler

Dr. Julius Jonas by Jeffrey, Bobette, Rebekah and

Jennifer Kahn

Julie Jonas née Oppenheimer by Jeffrey, Bobette, Re-  
bekah and Jennifer Kahn

### **SYNAGOGUE FUND**

IN MEMORY OF

Beverly Newberg by

Lee & Irwin Zagoren

Donna & Mark Finkelstein

Aestheta Wahnnon by Stacey, Amy,

Ruth & Mike Sigal

### **YAHREZEIT FUND**

Bernice Schaechter Soll by

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Ruth Edelberg by June Saltzberg

Sarah Jabes by Corinne Brodie

Flora Goldstein by Nancy & Harvey Goldstein

Ralph L. Gorker by Leona & Harris Marcus

Nettie K. Betts by Edie Betts

Jacob Hoberman by Mimi & Marvin Hoberman

Riva Paley by Mimi & Marvin Hoberman

Jacob Pinkus by Marcia P. Wrubel

Zeddie Handler by Leslie Handler-Stern

Dr. Julius Grower by Bernice Grower Bonchi

Minnie Grower by Bernice Grower Bonchi

Helen Bonchi by Bernice Grower Bonchi

Dr. Julius Jonas by Margaret Kahn

Julie Jonas née Oppenheimer by Margaret Kahn



## **FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Tickets are in and will be out for purchase very soon  
for our wonderful event. **Keep watch for info on the  
Dan LaRosa Show on March 26th.**

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Myra Finkelstein

Our next honoree came to Middletown when he was one year old. He has a deep connection to and love of Middletown and the synagogue. He and his family still sit in the original “family seats” for the High Holidays. Stan Sadinsky probably used up his quota of “no’s” as a child when talking to his parents or as a parent talking to his sons because that word is just not part of his vocabulary today.

Stan was President of the synagogue from 2003-2005. During his term, Adath Israel celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner-dance. There were 252 members and 73 students in the religious school. Rabbi Reimer escorted a group to Israel. As we so frequently hear, contributions decreased while expenses increased. Dues had to be raised except for single senior membership and out of state members. Discussions were held regarding the use of the main sanctuary for funerals. Parking issues continued----an oh-so-familiar discussion. And inquiries were made to purchase the adjacent Didato property. Many of the house repairs were funded by the endowment funds. These repairs included the replacement of the oil tank and some asbestos removal.

But since then Stan continues to be a very active participant on numerous committees. Need more seats or looking to change your seats for the High Holidays? Talk to Stan. He has served as co-chair of the seating and ushering committee. Need more raffle tickets for the upcoming fund raisers? Speak to Stan. He has served on the fund raising committee for numerous years. Shortly there will be a dedication for the new impressive permanent Holocaust Memorial. Stan planned an integral role on that as well.

***“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Dr. Seuss***

## LIFE CYCLES



Teresa and David Shulman



Arthur Lerner  
Heather Jacobson  
Andy Bauer  
Edith Kabatznick  
Mark Kaplan  
Ernest Ferrebee  
Laurie Schwarz  
Arthur Director  
Michael Leipziger  
Bonnie Rose Schulman  
Dorothy Kaplan  
Joan Needle  
Bernard Padawer  
Jacqueline Schatz  
Jonathan Shapiro  
Jenna Dickes  
Seth Axelrod  
Denis Caron



## **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**

Hinda Niemeyer  
Seth & Rebecca Axelrod



### **Pray-Eat-Sing**

Anita Hennessey  
Aaron, Marcey, and Harriet Thiela  
Sharon Slossberg  
Joanna Schnurman  
Roberta & Marc Glass  
Stephanie & Eliot Meadow

### **OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY**

#### **Todah Rabbah**

Scott Levy for helping to get the office up and running with the new copier/printer.

### **MAZAL TOV!!!**

**Mark Finkelstein** was selected as a top performer by the American College of Health Care Administrators. It's the third time in four years that Mark has been selected for this prestigious award.

**Dave Shulman** was named East Hampton Humanitarian of the Year, and District-23C Melvin Jones Fellow for “Dedicated Humanitarian Services, Lions Club International Foundation”.

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

Art Lerner, Seth Axelrod, Hal Kaplan, Art Director, Mark Itkin, Bob Soll, Randy Parks, Rich Bruno, Edie Betts

### **MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO**

Deepest sympathies to Nihla Lapidus on the recent loss of sister, Marilyn Fried and Jan Wahnon and Ernie, Josh, and Torah Ferrebee on the recent loss of their mother and grandmother, Aestheta Wahnon.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Beverly Newberg, wife of Maurice “Sutzi” Newberg, who came to her eternal rest on January 15.

Our sincerest condolences are also extended to the family of Norma Auster, who came to her eternal rest on February 12 (3 adar I).

May they find comfort with God's help and through our prayers.

# **Save the Date!**

# **Community Seder**

## **Saturday**

## **April 23**

## **5:30 PM**





# SUNDAY MORNING LIVE

DO YOU  
CONSIDER  
YOURSELF  
A WORDPLAY  
**PUN-DIT?**

WHEN TELLING  
JOKES, ARE YOU  
A **SHTICK-LER**  
FOR DETAILS?

**THEN HAVE WE  
GOT A SHOW FOR YOU!**

**COME SEE  
THE ADATH ISRAEL PURIM SHPIEL!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20  
11:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.  
THE NESTER CENTER**

**FAMILY PURIM BOOTH CRAFTING TO FOLLOW!**



## JTS Announces New Phase of Major Multi-Year Reinvestment in Morningside Heights Campus

*Newly Closed Sale Offers Opportunity for Redesign Focused on Students and Community*

**February 1, 2016 (New York)** – The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), one of the leading Jewish institutions in North America, today took a major step to redesign its storied and historic campus in Morningside Heights, New York. JTS completed the sale of a defined lot of land at the eastern edge of its campus at 3080 Broadway, limited rights to develop that land, and one of its off-campus residence halls to Savanna, a New York-based real estate investment and development firm. The proceeds from this sale will enable JTS to reimagine and modernize its campus to meet the needs of current and future generations. JTS has retained the services of Tod Williams and Billie Tsien, world renowned architects and National Medal of Arts award recipients, whose work can be found at Lincoln Center in New York, the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University and elsewhere.

“For 130 years, JTS has been the leading training ground for the next generation of Jewish leaders in North America and beyond. Today, we’re reimaging our campus to meet the needs of current and future students and the broader Jewish community,” said **Arnold Eisen, chancellor of JTS**. “We will use advanced technology and design to strengthen our academic institution at a time of rapid and radical transformation. Our new campus will facilitate a deeper collaboration with our neighbors, our city, and with individuals and communities around the world. It will provide multiple new opportunities for dialogue around the most critical issues of our time. This is the beginning of a new chapter in our long history as a world class educational institution, dedicated to training the leaders of tomorrow.”

The redevelopment of JTS will include: a new library to hold its unparalleled collection of Judaica treasures, a state of the art residence hall, improved conference facilities, and an auditorium/performing arts space with advanced technological capacity. Together, these facilities will enable JTS to provide a 21st century education for its students and to project its vision and teaching throughout North America and the world.

"We are thrilled to take on this most important and challenging project for JTS," said **Tod Williams and Billie Tsien**. "This new building will help the campus to engage the world, honoring the institution's past and celebrating what is to come. As architects our task is to create a vessel that will change the lives of those who experience it and ultimately make life itself more meaningful. We are very excited and honored to be working with the board, administration, faculty and staff at JTS towards this common goal."

"JTS has always been an idea incubator, exploring the ways that Judaism can be exciting and responsive to our times. As chairman of the board, I am gratified to be at the helm during such a transformational moment in the organization's history," said **Alan Levine, chair of the board of trustees of JTS**. "The sale announced today will enable us to reimagine our campus and fulfill our mission to cultivate leaders who think in new and interesting ways about Judaism and the broader world."

Savanna has hired Beyer Blinder Belle Architects, recognized for its stewardship of historic buildings in sensitive urban sites, to design a 250,000-sq.ft. residential development for the site on 122nd Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Broadway. Savanna has over two decades of experience investing in and developing properties throughout New York City.



### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, March 1st at 7 p.m.**  
**in 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

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**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**  
**COME JOIN US!**

### **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>
April	March 7
May	April 11
June	May 16

### **IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE**

Please remember to share any family simchas, other important information, and the passing of any relatives with the synagogue office (860) 346-4709 or [office@adathisraelct.org](mailto:office@adathisraelct.org) for publication in *Voices*.

### **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.

### **IF YOU HAVE STOPPED RECEIVING ENEWS**

Did your email address change? Did you move or are you going to a warmer climate in the winter? Please notify the office via email at [office@adathisraelct.org](mailto:office@adathisraelct.org) or by calling 860-346-4709 and we can make sure you don't miss out on anything.



## **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:

**March 3**, screening of three episodes of the *Television Show Fauda (Chaos)*, the story of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from both sides. 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.

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).

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

## ***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  
money collected benefits  
the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.**

From April-July money collected is donated to Middletown's Relay for Life.

From August-November money collected benefits the Religious School.

**In February your efforts  
generated \$27.50 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.



# Mark your calendar for Pray-Eat-Sing Friday, March 4

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](mailto:office@adathisraelct.org) or 860-346-4709 by **February 26** 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.

# Paint Night



Thursday, March 10th

7:00-9:00pm

\$35/ per person

No Artistic  
Experience  
Needed!  
JOIN US!



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visit: [www.paintbythepint.com](http://www.paintbythepint.com) for more info

Or call the Synagogue at 860-346-4709

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



**Adath Israel**

*Celebrate Jewish Life*

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**Everyone  
is invited!**



**Don't forget  
your  
costume!**

**Wednesday\*  
March 23  
4:30 PM  
sharp!**

**6 PM**

**Lisa Goodman  
Purim Carnival**

*Bar  
Mitzvah  
Gabriel*

NEAL AND ELLEN CONE  
INVITE YOU TO SHARE THEIR JOY AS

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS BAR MITZVAH  
SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AT 9:30 AM



RSVP TO ELLEN AT NEALCONE@SBCGLOBAL.NET

**Come One, Come All!**

*Lisa Goodman*

**Purim  
Carnival**

**Wednesday, March 23**

**6-7:15 pm**

**Friends, Fun, Food,**

**Games & Prizes Galore!**



## **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.



# ADATH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## School Closing Policy

Please check one of these sources for  
storm-closing postings

Watch or listen to:

WFSB-TV Channel 3

WTNH-TV Channel 8

WVIT-TV Channel 30, NBC

WTIC AM 1080 Radio – on air &/or

WRCH FM 100.5 Radio

WTIC FM 96.5 Radio

Or go to website:

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

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

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

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

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

[www.965tic.com](http://www.965tic.com)

If the weather is inclement,  
we will make a decision about closing school  
no later than 7 AM on a Sunday and  
no later than 1 PM on a Wednesday.

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

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

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



**Adath Israel**  
Celebrate Jewish Life

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





# april 2016

## adar I/adar II

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	Friday	saturday
					1 5:30 pm Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service  <b>22 adar II</b>	2 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  <i>Shemini</i> <b>Shabbat Parah</b> <b>23 adar II</b>
3 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots  <b>24 adar II</b>	4 3 pm Intro to Hebrew  <b>25 adar II</b>	5 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 Al Anon  <b>26 adar II</b>	6 7 am Early Risers Minyan 8 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School  <b>27 adar II</b>	7   <b>28 adar II</b>	8 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service  <b>29 adar II</b>	9 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  <i>Tazria</i> <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Hachodesh</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>1 nisan</b>
10 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots 12:05 Education Comm. Mtg  <b>2 nisan</b>	11 3 pm Intro to Hebrew  <b>3 nisan</b>	12 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Book Club 7:30 Al Anon  <b>4 nisan</b>	13 8:30 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School  <b>5 nisan</b>	14   <b>6 nisan</b>	15 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service  <b>7 nisan</b>	16 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  <i>Metzora</i> <b>Shabbat Hagadol</b> <b>8 nisan</b>
17 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9:30 am JWV Brunch  <b>9 nisan</b>	18 3 pm Intro to Hebrew  <b>10 nisan</b>	19 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 Al Anon  <b>11 nisan</b>	20 8:30 am Torah Study No Religious School  <b>12 nisan</b>	21   <b>12 nisan</b>	22 7:30 am Siyyum No Evening Service  <b>14 nisan</b>	23 9:30 am Shabbat Festival Morning Service 5:30 pm Community Seder  <b>Passover</b> <b>15 nisan</b>
24 9 am Festival Morning Service No Religious School or Mazel Tots  <b>Passover</b> <b>16 nisan</b>	25 8 am Morning Service 3 pm Intro to Hebrew  <b>Intermediate Day</b> <b>17 nisan</b>	26 8 am Morning Service 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 Al Anon  <b>Intermediate Day</b> <b>18 nisan</b>	27 8 am Morning Service 9 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 6 pm Executive Board Mtg 7 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Board of Directors Mtg  <b>Intermediate Day</b> <b>19 nisan</b>	28 8 am Morning Service   <b>Intermediate Day</b> <b>20 nisan</b>	29 8 am Festival Morning Service   <b>Passover</b> <b>21 nisan</b>	30 9:30 am Shabbat Festival Morning Service   <b>Passover</b> <b>Yizkor</b> <b>22 nisan</b>