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קולות ק.ק. עדת ישראל



Middletown, Connecticut
January 2016/Tevet-Shevat 5776



OUR FOUNDING MOTHERS

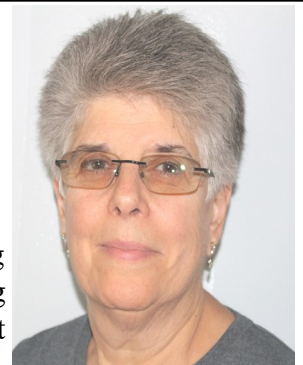
by Rabbi Haaz

Recently, several members of our community have asked me why, when I lead the Shabbat morning service, I do not mention the names of the Matriarchs, the biblical women of the Genesis narrative who are a significant part of our foundation as a Jewish civilization. I am always glad to be asked this question because the ensuing conversation gets to the heart of our understanding of mitzvot, prayer, and the concept of egalitarian Judaism, which are central pillars of my belief and practice. What does it mean for women and men to be equals in our synagogue, and what constitutes the fullest expression of this equality? While I have had these conversations with individual members, I look forward to bringing the discussion of egalitarian Judaism to the congregation as a community. I hope that you will attend Shabbat morning services on Saturday, January 23, to discuss women and mitzvot and the role of the Matriarchs in the Amidah. At the end of my presentation, I will offer a creative and meaningful way to include the Matriarchs designed by Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, the Rabbi Judah Nadich Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at The Jewish Theological Seminary, and Rabbi Julia Andelman, Director of Community

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ENJOYING OUR COMMUNITY

by Eileen Daling



So here, I sit looking at a blank page wondering what to write for my Kolot article. As the year 2016 begins, I reflect on what the first 6 months of my presidency has looked like hoping it was a success. Adath Israel has been a vibrant place with new and old activities making for a wonderful community. No one is an island and my heartfelt thanks goes out all who have helped to make this success possible.

For a start, all Adath Israel committees have chairs and they have worked hard to fill with members. Almost all have met at least once or are about to call a meeting. Our new Religious School principal, Anna Elfenbaum has worked hard to develop a positive curriculum and a good working relationship with all parents, teachers and children along with chair, Sharon Ferrari. The school seems to be moving along nicely. Membership has grown again since the High Holy Days with about five new member families and we look forward to gaining even more with the work of our Membership Committee. Our Pray-Eat-Sing dinners continue to be successful while bringing members together for a delightful evening to pray, eat, sing and socialize. If you have not already experienced this, please think about join-

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Engagement at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Your presence and contribution to the conversation may encourage Aduth Israel to pursue a new practice for the introductory blessing to the Amidah as well as other opportunities for women and men to participate meaningfully in Jewish ritual.

ONE WHO GIVES LENDS TO THE LORD

ARTHUR & EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Selma Phillips by Carol & David Director
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IN HONOR OF

Ruth Schwarz's 94th Birthday by Marge Rosenblatt
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IN HONOR OF

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Bess Fabian by Veta & Bernie Fabian

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Arthur Shulman by Teresa & Dave Shulman

Herman Braverman by Richard Braverman

Gertrude Braverman by Richard Braverman



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 Aduth 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.

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ing one of the upcoming dinners. The Adult Education Committee has had at least two wonderful programs and is making plans for more. We had a very successful Second Annual Nathan Olshin Scholar in Residence Program with Dr. Avi Patt speaking for the entire weekend. We had a Basketball Clinic at Wesleyan University with the help of their coaches and several players. Several churches and other organizations joined us for a total of 60 participants at this interfaith event. Many thanks go to Rabbi Haaz for his work on both of these events and to all others who assisted him in making them a success. The Fundraising Committee is planning several events including our Annual Raffle and a Comedy Night later this year. Our Interfaith Golf Open together with St. Mary's Church in Portland continues to be a great success while fostering the interfaith community to work together for a common good. Since Rabbi Haaz has postponed his sabbatical, he will be making plans for his yearly Florida trip to visit our snowbirds and out of state members. As always, this connection is important and they look forward to the visit.

Adath Israel, under the guidance of our Vice President, Jonathan Shapiro, has contracted with a company called "Social Tuna" to help with our media outreach and assist with some program coordinating. The Vibrancy Committee will be working on their own responsibilities to reengage members and along with "Social Tuna" are hoping for success in both these areas.

Thanks to Stan Sadinsky and his committee along with a generous donation from the Michael Palmer Family, production has begun on Adath Israel's permanent Holocaust Memorial. It is a long time coming. Our hope is to have a dedication this coming May. Watch for news about that program.

The Mah Jongg League meets on Tuesdays at 11 am or 12:30 pm in the Nester Center and continues to grow with about 20 women at this point. All enjoy the game and the socializing with other women who may or may not have been friendly before. Do not know how to play but want to learn, just join us on Tuesday at 11:00 am.

The newly formed Book Club is up to its third book, "The Sisters Weiss." Meetings are held on Tuesdays (watch for the each new date) at 7 pm in the Nester Center. Please think about joining when a particular book interests you. There is no need to be involved every month.

Our Saturday morning minyon followed by a Kiddush lunch has increased in attendance and we continue with our daily morning minyon. On the first Wednesday of the month, there is an Early Morning Risers Minyon at 7 am, which is followed by a breakfast. Every month before the Board of Director's Meeting, there is an evening minyon at 7 pm for those needing to say Kaddush. Please make an effort to join any of these when you are able as it is very important to the ritual life of the synagogue and our members.

Well, now you have it. Adath Israel has continued to serve its members with ritual needs, social activities and programs. If you are not taking advantage of as many of these as you can, you are missing a great opportunity to enjoy this community and all it has to offer. Hope to see you around the synagogue soon.

Happy and Healthy 2016 to you all!



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: **Rick & Laurie Dickerson, Arlene Pressman, Ruth Maron, and Sondra & Roger Beit.**

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Anna Elfenbaum

Religious School Principal

As winter's short days continue, we need to look for some places of light. I would suggest that a great place to start is our Religious School. Our students, faculty members and volunteers come to school each day with an enthusiasm to learn, creative ideas and methods for teaching a passion for Torah and prayer, and a joy of being together in our special school community.

Some highlights that have taken place include:

- A Maccabee Recruitment program during our bagel break
- Sharing Chanukah with the residents of the Village at South Farms
- Leading Shabbat services at Shabbat L'chol Adat
- Discussions about our responsibility to take care of our planet
- Welcoming guest artists and depicting the art of Creation
- Baking and making delicious foods connected to Shabbat and holidays
- Learning to read and chant prayers, Torah and Haftarah

We are looking forward to 2016 bringing in much more light of learning, teaching and community.



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday January 19th at 7 p.m.
at the Nester Center to discuss
***The Sisters Weiss* by Naomi Ragen.**

NEXT BOOK TO BE DISCUSSED ON MARCH 1

***The Sistine Secrets* by Rabbi Benjamin Blech &
 Roy Doliner**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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COME JOIN US!

Shabbat L'hol Adat **SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE** **& Tot Shabbat**



Saturday, January 23

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, January 24

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:

Community Candle Lighting & Dinner

Harriet Thiela, Marcey Thiela, Aaron Thiela, Anna Elfenbaum, Rabbi Haaz, Lynn Bennett, Star Bennett, Sharon Slossberg, Joanna Schnurman



Early Risers Minyan

December – Eileen & Michael Daling in memory and honor of their loved ones

Oneg & Kiddush

Myron Poliner and Robert Poliner in honor of the yahrtzeits of Michael Pashalinsky, Jacob Poliner, and Morris Poliner

Milt Shapiro in honor of the yahrtzeit of Phillip R. Shapiro

Teresa & Dave Shulman in honor of Teresa's retirement and Liz's move to North Carolina

Pray-Eat-Sing

Arlene Pressman, Myra & David Finkelstein, Stephanie & Eliot Meadow

OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY

Todah Rabbah

Eileen & Michael Daling for delivering the cans of sweet potatoes collected for the Middletown Community Thanksgiving Program

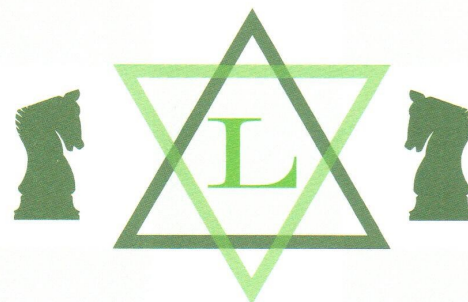
Bern Padawer for installing new light bulbs in the social hall

Dave Shulman & Suburban Office Furniture for the donation of two stools

Merle Loza and Lynn Bennett for assembling and posting our Kolot newsletters

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Seth Axelrod, Art Director,
Mark Itkin, Hal Kaplan,
Arthur Lerner, Randy Parks,
Bob Soll, Rich Bruno, Hortie Kabel



SETH AND REBECCA AXELROD
INVITE YOU TO SHARE
A PROUD AND SPECIAL MOMENT
AS OUR SON

LEVI JORDAN
לוי אליעזר

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH
AS A BAR MITZVAH
ON SATURDAY, THE 16TH OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON



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> |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| February | January 11 |
| March | February 8 |
| April | March 7 |
| May | April 11 |
| June | May 16 |



Mark your calendar for Pray-Eat-Sing Friday, January 8

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 4** 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.

LIFE CYCLES



Daniel & Judi Merida
 Tod & Melissa Olczak
 Robert & Beverly Pugliese



Marie-Dominique Boyce
 Matthew Feldman
 Jack Weiss
 Richard Kamins
 Levi Axelrod
 Steven Weiss
 Jeffrey Beit
 Judi Merida
 Allen Schatz
 Beverly Pugliese
 Harold Kaplan
 Robert Pugliese
 Frank Murphy
 Edie Betts
 Mark Finkelstein
 Jaime Bruno
 Mildred Kamins
 Susan Dickes



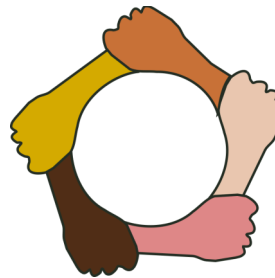
NOW OFFERING ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

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.

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

FUNDRAISING

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

Thank you,
 The Fundraising Committee

“IFFY” INFORMATION

Tikkun Olam/Fundraiser

If You Would Like to Use the Synagogue

We are an active community at Adath Israel, and we want to meet as many groups' needs as we can. If you would like to hold a meeting, program, or celebration in the synagogue or Nester Center, it is important to contact Joanna, the Office Administrator, at (860) 346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org at least **one (1) month in advance**. Please give at least 6 months' notice for major events such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or wedding.

If You Would Like Visits When You Are in the Hospital

Because of stricter legal guidelines regarding the release of patient information from health care facilities to congregations and clergy and shorter hospital stays, we need your help if you would like Rabbi Haaz to visit. First, notify the synagogue of the hospitalization as soon as possible. Second, upon admission to the hospital, please say, “yes”, when asked if you want to have your religious affiliation as a part of your medical record and for permission to make your name available to clergy.

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.

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.

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 December your efforts generated \$23.00 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

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



**American
Red Cross**



SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

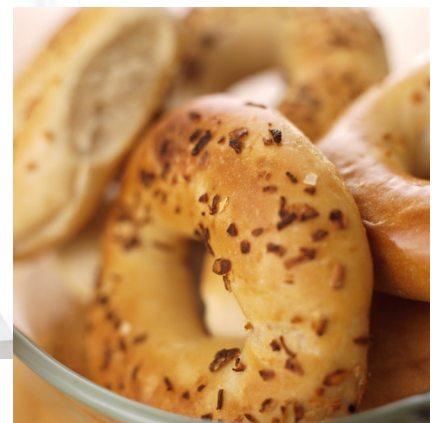
Bagels
Tuna salad
Egg salad
Lox platter
Whitefish salad
Cucumber, tomato, and onion platter
Plain and chive cream cheese platter
Sesame Noodles
Fruit platter (fruit salad for Small Kiddush)
Pastry (2 dz cookies for Small Kiddush)
Cold and hot drinks

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

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!*



january 2016

tevet/shevat

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
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| 3 No Religious School 22 tevet | 4 3 pm Intro to Hebrew 23 tevet | 5 11 am Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon 24 tevet | 6 7 am Early Risers Minyan 8 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 25 tevet | 7 26 tevet | 8 5:30 pm Pray-Eat-Sing Evening Service 27 tevet | 9 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Va'era</i> 28 tevet |
| 10 9 am Religious School—Israeli Emissaries visit 10:30 am Mazel Tots 29 tevet | 11 ROSH CHODESH 1 Shevat | 12 11 am Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon 2 Shevat | 13 4 pm Religious School 3 Shevat | 14 4 Shevat | 15 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 5 Shevat | 16 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services 4 pm Levi Axelrod Bar Mitzvah <i>Bo</i> 6 Shevat |
| 17 9 am Religious School 9:30 am JWV Brunch 10:30 am Mazel Tots 12:05 Education Comm. Mtg 7 Shevat | 18 3 pm Intro to Hebrew MLK Day 8 Shevat | 19 11 am Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 PM Book Club 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon 9 Shevat | 20 8:30 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 10 Shevat | 21 11 Shevat | 22 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service 12 Shevat | 23 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services <i>Beshallah</i> SHABBAT SHIRAH 13 Shevat |
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