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 **Adath Israel**
Celebrate Jewish Life

Middletown, Connecticut
January 2017/Tevet-Shevat 5777



SHALIACH TZIBUR

By Isaac Yager

As I begin my time serving the Adath Israel community, I am consistently reminded of my responsibilities as a cantor and how to best serve my new *kahal* (congregation). The Hebrew term for a cantor or prayer leader is *Shaliach Tzibur*, whose literal definition is “messenger of the people.” The *Shaliach Tzibur* is the spiritual leader of the *kahal*, but more fundamentally, he/she is its chosen representative. This is a role of enormous responsibility and specific accountability since the *Shaliach Tzibur* is praying on behalf of his/her community. Ultimately, choosing someone to represent us in prayer is similar to the process of choosing someone to represent us in any public position. We look for qualities of virtue and competency in both a *shaliach tzibur* and any elected official. According to the *Shulchan Aruch* (which is basically a guidebook on how to live as a Jew), “the *shaliach tzibur* must be worthy. What is considered worthy? He must be free of sin, not have a bad reputation from his/her youth, he/she should be humble and acceptable by the people, have a pleasant and sweet voice and accustomed to reading, *Siman 53: Seifim 26.*” Why does the *Shulchan Aruch* emphasize “worthiness” in its approach towards describing an effective prayer lead-

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WHAT A NEW YEAR HOLDS

By Eileen Daling

The year 5777 is well underway. The year 2016 has come to an end with wonderful stuff to be proud of here at Adath Israel. It was the third year in a row we gained new members while just a few of our long time members passed away and will be dearly missed. We added new High Holy Day prayer books to our services and a Hearing Assistive System, to name a few. Both were received with success. The year 2017 has just begun. What are your hopes for Adath Israel in this coming year?

We have already continued with membership growth as some regular High Holy Day attendees officially joined our community and a grown child of a former member returned to rejoin as a new member in their own right to our community. We welcome all to our Adath Israel family.

Rabbi Haaz has left on his sabbatical and we wish him and his family a productive several months and look forward to his returning to us in June refreshed, renewed and with many new ideas that we can incorporate into our Adath Israel community. Cantorial student, Isaac Yager has been with us for a few months now and we are pleased to say all is going well. We have embraced both he and his wife,

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Early Risers Minyan

Wednesday, January 4th
7:00am

Kiddush breakfast following Service

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er? What does worthiness have to do with leading a community in prayer? Fundamentally, the prayer leader is an extension of the community, a person equipped with the skills to communicate with G-d in prayer on behalf of the people. However, though there is value in the aesthetics of the prayer leader's delivery (i.e., sounding good), the *Shulchan Aruch* seems less focused on the quality of the prayer leader's voice, but instead, more concerned with the individual character of the *shaliach tzibur* him/herself. In recognizing this important distinction, it is more evident that the *shaliach tzibur* does not have to have the loudest or most superior voice in order to be a successful prayer leader, but rather, he/she must possess the qualities that the *Shulchan Aruch* addresses (worthiness, humbleness, acceptability, etc.) in order to be the conduit between G-d and his people. I do not take this responsibility lightly and am humbled to serve in this capacity. I look forward to a year of spiritual growth for everyone and continually aspire to achieve the worthiness to serve this special community.

IT'S NEWS

TODAH RABAH

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

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

Early Risers Minyan

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OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY

TODAH RABBAH!

Providing transportation for Cantor Yager & his wife, Meredith

Scott Levy
Marie-Dominique Boyce

BARUCH HABBAH! Welcome to our newest members

Carly Hoss & John Allegra

MAZAL TOV!!!

Randy & Richard Parks on the wedding of their son, Ross

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Hal Kaplan, Mark Itkin, Bob Soll,
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riet Fein-Deeton



MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Stephanie Meadow on the recent loss of her uncle,
Ivan Thaler.

Bobette Reed Kahn on the recent loss of her mother,
Carolyn Reed.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Arthur Lerner who came to his eternal rest on night of November 25 (25 cheshvan).

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 for publication in *Voices*.

 Adath Israel Presents
Celebrate Jewish Life

Pray * Eat * Sing

Friday, January 6th

Services: 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Services led by Cantor Yager

RSVP required by January 2

RSVP to the Synagogue office at 860-346-4709 or
info@adathisraelct.org so we can have enough food for all who join us.

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

Please bring a nonperishable food item
for the Amazing Grace
Food Pantry.

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Meredeth and welcomed them into our community warmly. He has been a wonderful addition to Adath Israel and gives us the opportunity to experience something different while giving him the opportunity to grow and learn. If you haven't had a chance to meet them, please don't miss the opportunity to do so when they are here as they are a warm and delightful addition to our family. I want to thank Scott Levy, Marie Boyce, Michael Daling and Joanna Schnurman for helping with their transportation needs. Thanks also to those who have invited Isaac and Meredith into their homes for dinners and those who have offered to do so in the future. Isaac and Meredith are vegetarians. They have no problem with eating in anyone's home. Think about inviting them for dinner and have the opportunity of getting to know them better. Please contact me, if you haven't already to volunteer a dinner invitation. In addition, our Ritual Chair, Bern Padawer, is trying to arrange support for our services and other ritual needs when Isaac is not with us. Contact Bern if you can help in any way.

This year, many different activities/programs are being planned for the months ahead, including a Trivia Night, another Paint Night and a concert. I look forward to seeing you in attendance. Many **volunteers** work hard to organize and make these programs happen. It is sad when few of you attend. We may not hit on something that interests you all the time but we are always trying and continue to look for your input. Don't like what's happening, tell me what programs/activities you would like to see here at Adath Israel. We will do our best to make it happen!

I cannot repeat it enough, that this is **your synagogue**. **YOUR VOICE NEEDS TO BE HEARD!**

As always, please remember to check out the rest of this Kolot for more events and other exciting happenings in the next few months.

2016-17 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2016-17 Membership Directory is now available. If you are a member of Adath Israel and would like a copy please contact the synagogue office. Be sure to specify if you would prefer a print and/or electronic version.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

We are so very blessed to have members/friends who give to our synagogue community either financially or physically throughout the year. Their continued support helps to ensure the success of our synagogue, our Jewish community and the education of our children. With their generosity and all who give to our Annual Giving Campaign, Adath Israel continues to be a bee hive of activity.

Our **Twelfth Annual Giving Campaign** has just begun. The Board of Directors would sincerely like to thank the following who have sent in a donation: **Wendy Peterson, Myra & David Finkelstein, Barbara & Robert Sequenzia, Susi Delldonna, Stuart Osber, Rabbi Marshal & Laurie Press, Teresa & Dave Shulman, Marcia & Arthur Meyers, Hinda Neimeyer, Nedra Mirkin, Harriet & Dewey Deeton, Judith & Daniel Merida, Donna & Mark Finkelstein, Holly & Michael Simon, Ruth Maron, Marian Katz, Claire & Irv Pincus, Phyllis Rubin, Laurie & Richmond Dickerson, Judith Dembowitz, Arlene Pressman, Sara Paley, Morty Pear, and Luanne & Mark Paley.**

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

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.

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The wedding of Randy & Rick Park's son, Ross by
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Irwin Mittelman by Sharon Mittelman

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.

Shabbat L'Hol Adat

HAVDALLAH

January 21

6-8pm

Light dinner will be served

Free & open to all



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BOOK CLUB

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Anna Elfenbaum

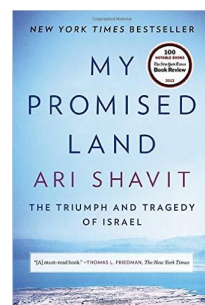
Religious School Principal

With Rabbi Haaz on Sabbatical and Cantor Yager filling in for him we have a new opportunity in the Religious School to take advantage of the skills, knowledge and education a young cantor brings to the table. When I first spoke to Cantor Yager to talk about his role in the synagogue, he suggested a Shaliach Tzibur Workshop. A Shaliach Tzibur, literally, the *emissary of the community*, is the person who leads the congregation in prayer. He suggested looking at the qualities the Shulchan Aruch identifies as most important in a prayer leader (virtue, competency, good standing in the community, etc.) and connecting them to the qualities we look for in any elected leader. What a perfect lesson for our oldest students!

So, as we begin 2017, our Confirmation Class and Madrichot will spend time with Cantor Yager learning Jewish texts related to leading prayer and finding the relevance in our world today and in their own lives as young leaders. We are thrilled to have this new voice in our school community and we are looking forward to learning with Cantor Yager and

January 24, 2017 - The book selected for January is *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit.

This is a book about the triumph and tragedy of Israel. Shavit, an Israeli journalist, columnist for *Haaretz*, and commentator on Israeli television, draws on interviews, historical documents and private diaries as well as his own family's experience, to provide an insightful history of Israel from the idealism of the early Jewish pioneers who founded the early Kibbutzim to the present.



The members of the Adath Israel Book Club have diverse interests; and it is wonderful to be creative and try new things. Thanks for all the wonderful ideas!

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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 or by calling 860-346-4709 and we can make sure you don't miss out on anything.

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 to 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.



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Major General Maurice Rose Post 51

JANUARY MEETING

LEADERSHIP AT THE EDGE:
EMERGENCY EXTRACT OF
A MARINE RECON TEAM



Major General Maurice Rose
Post 51



Guest Speaker: Dennis N. T. Perkins

Dennis N. T. Perkins, a graduate of the Naval Academy, served as a Marine infantry officer in Vietnam. He subsequently received his MBA from Harvard University, and a PhD in psychology at the University of Michigan. Perkins has studied leaders and teams facing conditions of extreme challenge – a place he calls *The Edge* – the outer limits of human endurance. His presentations feature dramatic stories recounted in his books, *Leading at The Edge* and *Into the Storm*.

Sunday, January 22, 9:30 am

At: Adath Israel, Middletown in the Nester Center

Contact: Arthur Meyers, Adjutant (860)638-3819



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 Tod & Melissa Olczak
 Robert & Beverly Pugliese
 Irv & Claire Pincus



Marie-Dominique Boyce
 Matthew Feldman
 Jack Weiss
 Richard Kamins
 Levi Axelrod
 Steven Weiss
 Jeffrey Beit
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If you previously paid by credit card but have not filled out a new form for this year, please stop in or call the office at 860.346.4709 to get a new form. New forms must be filled out every year.

Once your credit card information is up to date and on file in the office, you can always charge your credit card for any donations/contributions made over the phone throughout the year.

As always, if anyone has any questions regarding your contribution, please call Rob Goldstein 860-632-9552.

Please call Joanna in the office 860-346-4709 if you want to enroll in or have any questions about the credit card program.





Book Club

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 24
at 7pm in the Nester Center

The book selected for January is

My Promised Land

by Ari Shavit, columnist for Haaretz.

Free and all are welcome!

For More Info:

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Adath Israel – Social Hall – 8 Broad Street

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january 2017

tevet/shevat

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 No Religious School or Mazel Tots New Year's Day Last Day of Hanukkah 3 tevet	2 Office closed 4 tevet	3 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 5 tevet	4 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 4 pm Religious School 6 tevet	5 7 tevet	6 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Evening Service led by Cantor Yager 8 tevet	7 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services led by Cantor Yager <i>Parshat Vayigash</i> 9 tevet
8 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 10:30 a.m. Judaism 101 Fast Day 10 tevet	9 11 tevet	10 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 12 tevet	11 4 p.m. Religious School 13 tevet	12 14 tevet	13 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service led by Cantor Yager 15 tevet	14 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services led by Cantor Yager <i>Parshat Vayechi</i> 16 tevet
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22 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veteran's Brunch 24 Shevat	23 25 tevet	24 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 26 tevet	25 4 p.m. Religious School 6 p.m. Executive Bd Mtg 7 p.m. Evening Minyan 7:15 p.m. Board Mtg 27 tevet	26 28 tevet	27 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service led by Cantor Yager 29 tevet	28 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services led by Cantor Yager <i>Parshat Va'era</i> Rosh Chodesh 1 Shevat
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february 2017

shevat/adar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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5 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 10:30 a.m. Judaism 101 9 shevat	6 10 shevat	7 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 11 shevat	8 4 pm Religious School 12 shevat	9 13 shevat	10 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 14 shevat	11 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat <i>Tu B'shevat</i> <i>Parshat Beshallah</i> 15 shevat
12 No Religious School 16 shevat	13 17 shevat	14 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 18 shevat	15 4 pm Religious School 19 shevat	16 20 shevat	17 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 21 shevat	18 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Parshat Yitro</i> 22 shevat
19 No Religious School 9:30 a.m. JVV Brunch 23 shevat	20 24 shevat	21 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 1:30-6:30 p.m. Blood Drive 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 25 shevat	22 4 pm Religious School 6 pm Executive Bd Mtg 7 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Board Mtg 26 shevat	23 27 shevat	24 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service led by Cantor Yager 28 shevat	25 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services led by Cantor Yager 7 p.m. Concert by Cantor Yager <i>Shabbat Shekalim</i> <i>Parshat Mishpatim</i> 29 shevat
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