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קולות ק.ק. עדת ישראל

 **Adath Israel**  
Celebrate Jewish Life

**Middletown, Connecticut**  
**February 2017/Shevat/Adar 5777**



## **PEOPLE OF THE BOOK**

*By Cantor Yager*

Traditionally, Jews have always had a reputation for being inquisitive. We are called the “People of the Book” for a reason, especially seeing as

how we are able to reread the same book every year and still find new ideas and concepts to question and scrutinize. Because of our inherent curious nature, as well as the overall value we place on learning in general, great efforts have continuously been made throughout time to address and support our inquiring minds. Even to this day, Jews have access to a variety of contemporarily developed resources (modern writings, adult education classes, mindfulness meditation, etc.) that seek to give questioning and/or spiritually needy believers greater support along their sacred journeys. I love this about Judaism.

Ultimately, our ability to still find contemporary relevance in bodies of work including the Torah and the early canon of classical Jewish texts is a testament to its enduring applicability and germaneness. Yet our ongoing recognition and tolerance of grappling with personal spirituality and observance gives us additional insight into our people’s historic recognition of and sensitivity towards Jews who

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## **CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW**

*By Eileen Daling*

Here I sit looking at a blank page trying to think of what to write for another month. Sometimes, I feel that way every month but thankfully, I come up with some thought or idea. Quite often though, I wonder if anyone out there is listening or reading any of the Kolot articles at all. Many times, people say to me, “Oh, I did not know that was happening or why didn’t someone tell me about that.” Your monthly newsletter, along with the weekly enews, is the way for you to stay connected to the life here at Adath Israel. Sadly, I often wonder if anyone really cares what’s going on.

Here is some of what’s coming up in the next few months so you know what’s happening and maybe won’t miss some exciting events.

This month we are having a concert featuring Isaac and Meredith Yager on Saturday, February 25 in the large social hall sponsored by the Social Activities Committee along with the Edythe and Arthur Director Family Fund. Many of you have had the opportunity to meet and get to know them both at Pray-Eat-Sing dinners, Saturday morning services, through Religious School or maybe personally having them for dinner in your home. Now is the time to

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# Early Risers Minyan

**Wednesday, February 1st  
7:00am**

**Kiddush breakfast following Service**

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wrestle with their own theology and who seek answers to often unanswerable questions. Our individual paths towards the attainment of spiritual and theological transparency are diverse and complicated. Throughout history, Jews have acknowledged this confusion and sought to rectify this bewilderment through the exploration of progressive theological concepts. This was done not to directly incite mutiny against the religious establishment, but rather, to aid and enhance the ability of Jews to overcome their own spiritual impasse that was preventing them from living authentically and faithfully as Jews. As we enter a new year (for the second time), I encourage us all to sustain this tolerance and to always take an inquisitive Jewish mind seriously.

## **IT'S NEWS**

### **TODAH RABAH**

**“Where There Is No Bread, There Is No Torah”**



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

#### **Early Risers Minyan**

Denise & Scott Levy

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

Anita Hennessey  
Aaron and Harriet Thiela  
Eliot & Stephanie Meadow  
Myra & David Finkelstein  
Lynn Bennett  
Ruth & Mike Sigal  
Star Bennett  
Holly Bauer  
Rabbi Marshal and Laurie Press

#### **Kiddush**

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

## **OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY TODAH RABBAH!**

### **Providing Transportation and/or Meals for Cantor Yager & his wife, Meredith**

Scott Levy

Marie-Dominique Boyce

### **Donating Toys for Mazel Tots**

Marie-Dominique Boyce

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

Hal Kaplan, Mark Itkin,  
Bob Soll, Rich Bruno,  
Harold “Duke” Leitzes,  
Seth Axelrod, Sandy Haftel,  
Hyime Paley, Edie Betts,  
Harriet Fein-Deeton, Sharon Slossberg,  
and Sara Paley.



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

Heather Zavod on the recent loss of her mother,  
Benita Egelman Ide.

**Correction:** We regret the name of Bobette Reed Kahn's mother was listed incorrectly in a recent issue of Kolot . Our condolence should have been: May God give comfort to Bobette Reed Kahn on the recent loss of her mother, Mary Reed Tugard.

*With Deep Appreciation*

*Ann Lerner & Family wish to thank  
everyone for the overwhelming outpouring  
of sympathy cards and donations received  
on memory of Arthur Lerner, z"l.*

 Adath Israel Presents  
*Celebrate Jewish Life*

# Pray \* Eat \* Sing

**Friday, February 3rd**

**Services: 5:30pm      Dinner: 6:30pm**

**Led by Cantor Yager**

RSVP by **January 27th** to the Synagogue office at 860-346-4709 or [info@adathisraelct.org](mailto: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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get to know a bit of a different side of them. Both Isaac and Meredith are trained singers and are both extremely talented. They will perform various types of music for your enjoyment accompanied by our own Marie-Dominique Boyce on piano. During intermission, there will be coffee and delicious confectionaries for your taste buds. The Social Activities Committee is working hard on this evening but we need everyone to attend in order for it to be a true success.

On Thursday, March 23 at 7 pm we will have the third installment of our popular Paint Night. This time we will be doing a seascape. There will be laughter, drinks, and refreshments and by the end of the evening you will have created a masterpiece you can be proud of showing everyone. You will be surprised at how talented you really are. It is a fun evening and we hope many of you who have come in the past will join us again. We are also hoping that if you haven't tried this event before you put it on your calendar for March 23.

This year again, we will be holding our Annual Raffle. The prizes once more will be \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000, as before. Tickets will go on sale for \$20. Watch for more information coming soon. We need all of you to buy at least one ticket and as many of you as possible who are willing to sell some tickets to step up when the raffle begins. Besides the Annual Golf Tournament, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The success of this raffle assists with our financial bottom line helping us to keep our budget balanced without raising money through dues increases.

Before I end this article, I want to talk about one more very important Adath Israel need. For many, many years we have been extremely proud of our ability to preserve a morning minyon. There are few synagogues today especially in our area that have been able to maintain a daily and Shabbat minyon successfully. Unfortunately, with everyone's busy schedules, our snow birds, and many of our regulars passing away, it has been more difficult to keep our minyon going. Our fellow members and often visitors to Middletown need a minyon for their spiritual needs and especially for mourners kaddish. I'm asking everyone to think about adding a daily or Shabbat minyon to your calendar at least once or twice a month so these services will be able to meet the needs of our own members and those in our community.

**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.**

## **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: **Dorothy & Harold Kaplan, Ruth Beit, Marie-Dominique Boyce, Anita Hennessey, Barbara & Steven Weiss, William Hutensky, Paulette Gewirtz, Susan & Doug Miller, Phyllis & Barry Wang, Jeffrey Cohen & Autumn Greenberg, Howard Rosenbaum, Ann Lerner, and Anong & Andrew Becker.**

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

## **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

*Shabbat for the whole community*

***Special Tu B'shevat program***



**Saturday, February 11th \* 9:30am**

**All students and families  
are invited for a morning  
of worship and community.**

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# Tot Shabbat

**Saturday,  
February 11th  
10:30am**

A hands-on, active Shabbat morning  
service for infants through preschool  
and their parent(s)/guardian(s)

**Tu B'shevat**  
**The New Year for Trees**



## **ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS**

***"He who gives lends to the Lord."***

### **BOOK FUND**

IN MEMORY OF

Arthur Lerner by Deborah I. Blum

### **ETERNAL LIGHT FUND**

IN MEMORY OF

Arthur Lerner by Donna & Mark Finkelstein

### **ARTHUR & EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND**

IN HONOR OF

The yahrtzeit of Florence Shiell by Judy Guzman

IN MEMORY OF

Arthur Director by

Sharon (Mema) Slossberg & Family

Terri & Michael Klein

Arthur Lerner by

Marcia & Arthur Meyers

Barbara & Steven Weiss

Judy Guzman

### **CHEVRA KADISHA FUND**

IN MEMORY OF

Arthur Lerner by Sara Paley

### **HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Edie Betts by

Hazel Kurlansky

Paulette Gewirtz

IN MEMORY OF

Lillian Keller by Harriet Fein-Deeton

Arthur Lerner by

Marge Rosenblatt

Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.,

Major General Maurice Rose Post 51

Leona Katz Tigar by Louise Feldman

Benita Ide Egelman by Edie Betts

Craig Miller by Edie Betts

### **MICHAEL FASSLER FUND**

REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Dan Merida by Sandra & Paul Beckman

IN MEMORY OF

Arthur Lerner by Sandra & Paul Beckman

### **NATHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND**

REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Edie Betts by Joan & Michael Needle

IN MEMORY OF

Nathan Olshin by the Malin & Lane Family

Arthur Lerner by

Paulette Gewirtz

Harriet Fein-Deeton

Sharon (Mema)

Phyllis & Arthur Waldman

Joan & Michael Needle

Linda & Jack Adler

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Vogel

Terri & Michael Klein

Bobette Reed Kahn & Jeffrey Kahn  
and Family

Mary Reed Tugard by

Mema

Sheila & Phil Saxe

Carol Epstein by The Slossberg Family: Sharon,  
Chad, Ari & all the kids

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Andrea Fassler

REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Sharon Slossberg by Joanna Schnurman &

Andy Bauer

Edith Kabatznick by Anita Hennessey

IN HONOR OF

Grandkids, Alexandra & Carter going to the mikvah  
by Sharon (Mema) Slossberg

IN MEMORY OF

Jerry Levin by Sharon Slossberg

Arthur Lerner by Teresa & Dave Shulman

Craig Miller by Anita Hennessey

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



**American  
Red Cross**



# **Adath Israel BLOOD DRIVE**

Adath Israel – Social Hall – 8 Broad Street

**Tuesday, February 21**

**1:30-6:30 PM**

**“Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.” *Talmud, Sanherdin 37a***

**redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS**

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### **SYNAGOGUE FUND**

The Nihla & Bob Lapidus Foundation

#### **IN MEMORY OF**

Arthur Lerner by

Edith Kabatznick

Naomi Levenson & Marvin Bachner

Diane & Bernard Blum

Inna & Mark Lerner and Family

Joan Gordon

Rosalie Shapiro by Sherry & Robert LaMacchia

Benita Egelman Ide by Marge Rosenblatt

Julian Adler by Joan Gordon

### **Yahrzeit Fund**

Jack Gordon by Sheryl Oken

Murray Oken by Sheryl Oken

Dr. Paul Handler by Leslie Handler Stern

Seymour Ronner by Carolann R. Schwartz

Howard May by Jonathan May

Arthur Goldstein by Harvey Goldstein

Arthur Shulman by Dave Shulman

Emanuel S. Dubin by Joseph Dubin and Family

Judy Mittelman by Sharon & Frank Mittelman

Sylvia Mellman by Steven Weiss

Fay LaMelle by Veta & Bernie Fabian

Helen Fields by Harriet & Dewey Deeton

Bess Fabian by Veta & Bernie Fabian

Howard May by Irena May

Morris Zoken by Linda Soreff Siegel

Rebecca Soreff by Linda Soreff Siegel

Bella Needle by Joan & Michael Needle



JoAnn & Michael Price

Joan & Michael Needle

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



Dewey Deeton

Julie Weiss

Sara Paley

Cem Goldsmith

Hinda Niemeyer

Barbara Weiss

Nancy Shapiro

Cynthia Kaplan

Tod Olczak

Seymour Feldman

Eva Bardwell

Jeremy Walter

Jacob Rozenthal

Jonah Rozenthal

Eliot Meadow

Harriet Deeton

Naomi Kamins

Juliana Simon

### **KOLOT DUE DATES**

**2017**

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 (Purim)	February 8
April (Passover)	March 7
May (Shavuot)	April 11
June (Summer)	May 16

**DON'T THROW IT ALL AWAY!**

**DONATE** your clean, returnable bottles & cans to the synagogue. Bins are located by the office.

In February all proceeds raised will benefit the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.



*Presents*

*...an evening of music with*

**Meredeth & Cantor Isaac Yager**  
performing a wide variety of music.

**Pianist: Marie Dominique Boyce**

**Sat. Feb 25, 7pm**

**\$15 per person in advance**

**\$20 per person at the door**

**Refreshments served at intermission**

**Sponsored by the Social Activities Committee &  
the Edythe & Arthur Director Family Fund**

**Congregation Adath Israel  
8 Broad Street  
Middletown, CT**

**RSVP to the  
Synagogue office:  
(860-346-4709)**

### **Maxine Thumim Camperships – an investment in our Jewish future**

The Maxine Thumim Campership Fund is pleased to announce camperships are available again this year to Adath Israel families whose children will attend Jewish camp or travel to Israel. Multiple studies show the Jewish camp experience provides long term positive effects on Jewish identity and other life choices. During her lifetime, Maxine Thumim, a longtime member of Adath Israel, provided these campership funds. Since her death in 2011 the campership fund has relied on individual donations, largely raised at the Volunteer Recognition Brunch. Since there will be no bunch this year, we need your help more than ever. Please consider donating to the Maxine Thumim Campership Fund whenever you send a card, observe a yahrtzeit, or celebrate a life cycle event.

#### **MAXINE THUMIM CAMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please note: only members current in their obligations to the synagogue are eligible to receive camperships.

To be considered for a campership complete the application below and return it to the Synagogue office by April 15, 2017. Awards are based on the number of applications and no financial statements are needed.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF ATTENDANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

COST OF CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF CAMP NOT COVERED BY OTHER STIPENDS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF BILLING STATEMENT.

REMINDER!! SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE BY APRIL 15, 2017.



# JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S.A.

Major General Maurice Rose Post 51

## February Meeting



Major General Maurice Rose  
Post 51

All Jewish veterans, whether they served in war or peace time, are invited.



Karen Uberti

Holly Simon

### Meet our co-commanders

Karen served in the Navy as an Air Traffic Controller.

Holly served in the Army and National Guard, carrying out combat teletype, radio and satellite duties.

**Sunday, February 19, 9:30a.m.**  
at Congregation Adath Israel in Middletown

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



# february 2017

## shevat/adar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
29	30	31	1 7 am Early Risers Minyan 4 pm Religious School  5 shevat	2  6 shevat	3 5:30 p.m. Pray- Eat-Sing Evening Service led by Cantor Yager  7 shevat	4 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services led by Cantor Yager  <i>Parshat Bo</i> 8 shevat
5 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  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</i> <i>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. JWV 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</i> <i>Shekalim</i> <i>Parshat</i> <i>Mishpatim</i> 29 shevat
26 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 30 shevat	27  <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 1 adar	28  2 adar	1	2	3	4



# march 2017

## adar/nisan

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
26	27	28	1 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>3 adar</b>	2   <b>4 adar</b>	3 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat- Sing Shabbat Evening Service led by Cantor Yager  <b>5 adar</b>	4 9:30 a.m.. Shabbat Morning Service led by Cantor Yager  <i>Parshat Terumah</i> <b>6 adar</b>
5 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 10:30 a.m. Judaism 101  <b>7 adar</b>	6   <b>8 adar</b>	7 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>9 adar</b>	8 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>10 adar</b>	9   <b>11 adar</b>	10 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service led by Cantor Yager  <b>12 adar</b>	11 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service led by Cantor Yager 7 p.m. Megillah Reading  <i>Parshat Tetzaveh</i> <b>Shabbat Zachor</b> <b>13 adar</b>
12 Clocks change 10 a.m. Purim Carnival 1 p.m. Shpiel  <b>Purim</b> <b>14 adar</b>	13   <b>Shushan Purim</b> <b>15 adar</b>	14 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>16 adar</b>	15 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>17 adar</b>	16   <b>18 adar</b>	17 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  <b>19 adar</b>	18 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat  <i>Parshat Ki Tisa</i> <b>Shabbat Parah</b> <b>20 adar</b>
19 No Religious School or Mazel Tots  <b>21 adar</b>	20   <b>22 adar</b>	21 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>23 adar</b>	22 4 p.m. Religious School 6 p.m. Executive Board Mtg 7 p.m. Evening Minyan 7:15 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg  <b>24 adar</b>	23 7 p.m. Paint Night   <b>25 adar</b>	24 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service led by Cantor Yager  <b>26 adar</b>	25 9:30 a.m.. Shabbat Morning Service led by Cantor Yager  <i>Parshat</i> <i>Vayakhel-Pekude</i> <b>Shabbat Hachodesh</b> <b>27 adar</b>
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