



Middletown, Connecticut April 2018/Nisan/Iyar 5778



A TORAH OF COMPASSION

by Rabbi Haaz

In memory of our dear Nate Olshin, I am thrilled to invite you to this year's Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-

Residence Program featuring Dr. Ora Horn Prouser. Dr. Horn Prouser is a Bible scholar and is the Executive Vice-President and Academic Dean at Academy for Jewish Religion in Yonkers, NY. She is the author of *Esau's Blessing: How the Bible Embraces Those with Special Needs*. Dr. Horn Prouser taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary for twenty years, and she helped create standards for how Bible is taught in Jewish Day Schools.

I had the privilege of studying with Dr. Horn Prouser at a recent rabbinic conference, and I was overwhelmed with the compassion that she elicits from the Torah. I was deeply moved by her teachings and immediately knew that I wanted to bring her particular perspective on Torah to our Adath Israel community. Dr. Horn Prouser has a beautiful way of reading the Bible through a lens of disability, and will teach us that every human being, regardless of their physical or mental challenges, is represented, loved, and supported by our most sacred text. She is an ideal scholar to help us

WHY BELONG TO A SYNAGOGUE ?

by Rob Goldstein, Treasurer

There are all different reasons why we affiliate with a Synagogue.

In my opinion these

reasons predominately revolve around specific lifecycle events. Let's address the simple ones: Marriage, birth of a child, Bar/Bat Mitzvah as well as end of life events. These are the times that many Jews look towards our heritage, the associated Jewish observances of these lifecycle events and our own family traditions. All of these cause us to seek out a Rabbi, Synagogue and Jewish community to share in these life events and support one another. I would hope that our members think of Adath Israel as that place, and not just for the High Holidays or aforementioned events ! However, let's face it, these events are what tickle fond memories of ones upbringing, reminding us of childhood observances and perhaps a sense of personal obligation (or desire) to fulfill these Mitzvot that Jews have observed for thousands of years. A Synagogue is very much the infrastructure of a Jewish community. I believe that it is our obligation to belong to a Synagogue, to support it, and ensure that it is available for the community. Whether it be for



EARLY RISERS MINYAN

KIDDUSH BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SERVICE

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remember our Nate Olshin who was loved for the way in which he always infused his love of Torah with a love of human beings.

Not only will your experiences with Dr. Horn Prouser bring beauty to the Torah in ways that you have never experienced, our time with her as a scholar will help you to appreciate everyone's unique beauty and sanctity and deepen your compassion for others. This is a weekend at Adath Israel that is not to be missed. Please take advantage of all of the opportunities to study and discuss with Dr. Horn Prouser when she visits with us on the weekend of May 4-6:

<u>Friday, May 4</u>: Dr. Horn Prouser will teach and celebrate Pray-Eat-Sing with us on Friday evening.

<u>Saturday, May 5</u>: Dr. Horn Prouser will give a talk during the Torah Service on Shabbat morning and facilitate an intimate discussion after lunch with

families who would like to share their experiences, blessings, and challenges.

<u>Sunday, May 6</u>: Dr. Horn Prouser will deliver a public lecture to which local organizations and friends will be invited. (Please be there to represent Adath Israel and to help us welcome guests.)

My sincere hope is that we are not only moved by Dr. Horn Prouser's presentations but moved to act to make our spiritual home and our larger community a more compassionate place to live. May we incorporate her Torah teachings and be inspired to live better lives together. Then we will truly celebrate our memories of Nathan Olshin and continue to bless our Adath Israel extended family with his scholarship and his love. May the memory of Nathan Olshin, *Nissan Avraham ben Yaakov Zev*, continue to be a blessing to all of us.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

by Anna Elfenbaum

Religious School Principal

The Religious School year is speeding by. This year, we sang, danced, questioned, thought, learned, shared and built partnerships among students. We introduced a new music program, built up our Hebrew language instruction, introduced technology, and welcomed parents to learn with us on special days.

Now we begin to think about the end of the year and all of the events that come along with it. There are many things for us to celebrate; our wonderful, inquisitive, active students, our committed, creative faculty and all the learning we have shared this year.

In April, we will celebrate Israel's 70th birthday with the Israeli Young Emissaries, and then in May, we will honor our graduates, thank our teachers and on Shavuot, honor our Confirmands.

Please join us for all the upcoming events that will be detailed in weekly emails to the congregation.

OFFICE HOURS	
Monday 7:30 am - 1:30 pm	Ó
O Tuesday 7:30 am - 1:30 pm	Ó
Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Ó
W Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Friday 7:30 am - Noon	





We currently have new Chumeshin, Etz Hayim: Torah and Commentary. You may now dedicate the Chumashim or our High Holy Day Mahzor, Lev Shalem when making a donation in honor or memory of a loved one.

Book/Label Donation for Etz Hayim (Chumash) to the Book Fund.

Book Donation without label:

Number of Books ______ x \$59. Total amount due _____

Book Donation with a label:

Number of Books ______ x\$75. Total amount due ______.

Book Plates for Lev Shalem High Holy Day Mahzor:

Number of labels ______ x \$18 per label for every \$25 already donated to Book Fund for Lev Shalem.

Total amount due_____.

Number of labels ______ x \$43 per label if you have not donated already to the Book Fund for Lev Shalem.

Total amount due_____

Label Dedication for Lev Shalem or Etz Hayim:

____ In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Name

Please contact the office at 860-346-4709 if you have any questions or wish to pay by credit card. If paying by check, please send form and check made payable to Adath Israel with Book Fund in memo to: Adath Israel, PO Box 337, Middletown, CT 06457

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holiday, weekday or Shabbat services, Religious school, to say Kaddish or for the lifecycle events mentioned earlier, it is incumbent on the Jewish community to ensure that a Synagogue be available for its members (and community). So come to Adath Israel, visit and participate frequently, and enjoy all that we have to offer.

Wishing you a Happy Passover



CHANGES IN THE CHEVRA KADISHA RULES AND REGULATIONS

On February 11, 018 the Chevra Kadisha Committee met and added some wording to Article I – Cherva Kadisha, Section 1.3 and Article IV – Right to Interment, Section 4.1 – Membership Privilege.

Article I, Section 1.3 expands the wording regarding *shomrim*.

Article IV, Section 4.1 is only related to new members going forward. It reflects our non-member fees and how those fees relate to length of new members in the first 5 years of membership.

Copies of the entire Cherva Kadisha Rules and Regulations 2018 are available in the office for pick up. You may also call Joanna at 860.346.4709 if you would like to request a mailed copy or for a copy to be emailed to you.

Thank you.

IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE

Do you have some wonderful, exciting news about you or someone in your family that you would like to share with the congregation? We now have a new L'Chaim Board just outside the office! So stop by and pin up a picture, a newspaper article, a note about your news, etc. We would love to celebrate with you!



Save the Dates!!! May 4-6 Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Dr. Ora Horn Prouser

Friday, May 4 Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Services & Dinner

> Saturday, May 5 Shabbat Morning Services Conversation with Families Following Kiddush

Sunday, May 6 Public Lecture

Esau's Blessing

How the Bible embraces those with Special Needs



All events are open to the public & free for Adath Israel members. RSVP required for dinner. For more information contact the synagogue office: office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709.



Dr. Ora Horn Prouser, Academy for Jewish Religion, Executive Vice-President & Academic Dean. Author of *Esau's Blessing: How The Bible Embraces Those With Special Needs* & many articles about making the Bible speak to central existential concerns, specifically regarding ethical dilemmas & individual growth.

ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS

"He who gives lends to the Lord."

ARTHUR & EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Irwin Zagoren by Marcia & Richard Wrubel Ida Director by Carol & David Director

BOOK FUND

Leslie & Harris Friedlander

<u>CHEVRA KADISHA</u>

IN MEMORY OF Morty Fenster by Joan & Michael Needle

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

IN MEMORY OF Aurora Krupke by Marge & Stan Sadinsky Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer Matthew Niemeyer by Marge & Stan Sadinsky Lawrence Kurlansky by Hazel Kurlansky

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IN MEMORY OF Alan Abrahamson by Eileen & Michael Daling Aurora Krupke by Eileen & Michael Daling Matthew Niemeyer by Eileen & Michael Daling

MICHAEL FASSLER FUND

IN HONOR OF Faye Sklar by Sharon Slossberg & Family

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Randy & Richard Parks

IN MEMORY OF Matthew Niemeyer by Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

<u>SYNAGOGUE FUND</u> Daniel Slatkin

IN MEMORY OF Marty Fields by Marcia & Richard Wrubel Irwin Zagoren by Roberta & Robert Kunen Leslie & Harris Friedlander Herb Curkin

YAHRZEIT FUND

Jack Pinkus by Marcia & Richard Wrubel Edith Wrubel by Clare Lesser Max Bengston-Belin by Reesa & Dan Belin Zeddie Handler by Leslie Handler-Stern Reva Paley by Mimi & Marvin Hoberman Alan, Diane, Joseph, and Charlene Ravitch by Lee Broder Ann Seldin by Joan & Michael Needle Helen Palmer by Sue & Steve Palmer Charlie & Katie Pressman by Arlene Pressman Hazel Dubin by Joseph Dubin & Family Arnold Schaechter by Susi Delldonna Julius Wail by Edythe Rosenfield Norma Auster by Leslie & Harris Friedlander Edna Resnikoff by Judith & Daniel Merida



By now, you have probably noticed the work being done on our stained glass windows. The existing plexiglass window coverings were 30 years old and had become discolored. These coverings served like a 'storm window' for the stained glass.The coverings are being replaced. The stained glass part of the window is slated to be cleaned through a process called 'recementing'. Some of the panes were cracked and will either be epoxied in place or replaced.

We've been working with Willet Hauser & Associated Crafts on this project. In order to get this done as soon as possible, their crew is working all week and also on Sunday. We've tried to minimize the impacts on Synagogue activities, and would like to extend a Thank You to all members and groups that have rearranged their schedules to accommodate the work being done. It's been much appreciated.

Weather permitting, the restoration should be wrapping up no later than the first week of April. This project has been on the 'to do' list for years, and it'll be great to see the windows when it's all done.

Regards,

Andy Bauer Adath Israel House Chair

Thumim Scholarship Funded by Mark and Luanne Paley An Investment in our Jewish Future

The Thumim Scholarship is pleased to announce camp scholarships 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 their lifetime, the Thumims, longtime members of Adath Israel, provided funds for these camp scholarships. Since their deaths, the camp scholarships have relied on individual donations, largely raised in honor of our Volunteer(s) of the Year. Last year and going forward into the future, Mark and Luanne Paley have committed to help fund these scholarships with a significant donation. Individual donors are still needed to maximize the number of families this scholarship can assist. Please consider donating to the Thumim Scholarship throughout the year whenever you send a card, observe a yahrtzeit, celebrate a life cycle event or to honor the Volunteer(s) this year in the fall.

THE THUMIM SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED BY MARK AND LUANNE PALEY APPLICATION

<u>Please note: only members current in their obligations to the synagogue are eligible to receive</u> <u>scholarship.</u>

To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the application below and return it to the Synagogue office by April 16, 2018. Awards are based on the number of applications and funds available. Camp/Israel trip financial statements are required with this application to process the request.

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.	
REMINDERII SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE BY APRIL 16, 20	<u>18.</u>

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

Denise & Scott Levy

<u>Kiddush</u>

Roberta & Marc Glass



Pray-Eat-Sing

Aaron, Marcey, and Harriet Thiela Lynn Bennett Star Bennett Myra & David Finkelstein Morty Pear Eileen & Michael Daling Anita Hennessey Eliot & Stephanie Meadow

OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY TODAH RABBAH!

Sponsoring the Refreshments at the A Cappella Concert Colleen & Jim Poliner

Helping with Shopping, Food Preparation, Room Set-Up and Generally Saving the Day

Harriet Thiela Marcey Thiela Aaron Thiela Lynn Bennett Sharon Slossberg Aidan Bauer Holly Bauer Andy Bauer Mark Stein Stephanie Meadow

Hosting Al Anon Sharon Slossberg

Preparing Kolot & Mailings

Eva Bardwell Merle Loza Lynn Bennett



<u>Scraping ice from the walkways</u> Scott Levy

Keeping our building clean & cheerfully helping with whatever tasks need to be done

The students and supervisors of Adelbrook School

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Hal Kaplan, Mark Itkin, Rich Bruno, Seth Axelrod, Harriet Fein-Deeton, Edith Kabatznick, Michael Lafontaine, Sy Feldman, Bernie Fabian, Myron Poliner, Sara Paley, Ed Friedman, Sol Laufer, and David Schwarz.



MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Deepest sympathies to Josephine Poliner on the recent death of her daughter, Aurora Krupke, Hinda Niemeyer on the death of her son, Matthew Niemeyer Anita Hennessey on the death of her mother-in-law, Marguerite Hennessey, and Ethel Peltz on the death of her nephew Frederick Krochmal, DDS.

IN MEMORIUM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Harold "Duke" Leitzes who came to his eternal rest on March 15 (28 adar).



SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>Morning Minyan</u>

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM Saturday 9:30 AM Sunday 9:00 AM

Friday Shabbat Evening Services begin at 7 PM.



One Friday Evening a month – "Pray-Eat-Sing" at 5:30 PM.

All worship services at Adath Israel are available for anyone who wishes to attend. Members and guests who desire a welcoming community and the warmth of Jewish prayer are always encouraged to join us. We look forward to enhancing our community with your presence and participation.

LIFE CYCLES



Jan Wahnon & Ernie Ferrebee Karen & Robert Katz Sarah & Jonathan Shapiro Judy & Jeffrey Walter

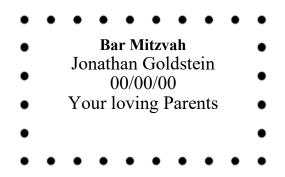


Joe Zaientz Conner Dickes Daniel Schwartz Ben Ferrari Alyssa Goldstein Stuart Epstein Phyllis Rubin Michelle Laccone Jack Adler Phil Saxe **Colleen Poliner** Liz Whittaker **David Director Timothy Dickes** Michael Needle Sarah Shapiro Julia Meadow Carol Shapiro John Boyce

HONOR THOSE SPECIAL PERSONS IN YOUR LIFE WITH A PLAQUE FOR THE <u>"SIMCHA" MENORAH</u>

Whether it celebrates a Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, Birth of a Child or Grandchild, Wedding, "Special" Birthday, special event/honor, etc. share your joy with our synagogue community – <u>FOREVER.</u>

SAMPLE



Only \$136.00 - A gift that endures

Contact Joanna @ 860-346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org.

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 <u>office@adathisraelct.org</u> 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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KOLOT ARTICLE DUE DATES FOR 2017-2018

<u>Kolot Issue</u>	Article Due Date	Copy Date	<u>Notes</u>	
May	April 16	April 19	Confirmation, Shavuot	
June	May 14	May 17	Annual mtg, Summer	

Please make every effort to have your article in on time. Early is even better! We depend on volunteers to format, copy, and prepare the mailing, and they depend on us to have the material ready by the due date.

Articles received after the Due Date will be put in as time & space constraints allow. Please note there are only 3 days between the article due date & the Copy Date.

Articles received after the Copy Date will be put in the following month's Kolot.

Thank you.

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Festival Morning Service	2 8 a.m. Passover Morning Service	3 8 a.m. Passover Morning Service 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	4 7 am Early Risers Minyan Passover Service 4 pm Religious School	5 8 a.m. Passover Morning Service	6 Office closed 8 a.m. Passover Festival Morning Service 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	7 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Festival Morning Service Yizkor recited 8:12 p.m. Passover ends
Passover 16 nisan	Intermediate Day 17 nisan	Intermediate Day 18 nisan	Intermediate Day 19 nisan	Intermediate Day 20 nisan	Passover 21 nisan	Yizkor Passover 22 nisan
8 9 a.m. Morning Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 12:30 p.m. Ritual Comm.	8 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	10 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Contribution Review Comm. 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	11 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School	12 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	13 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	14 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Julia Poliner called to the Torah as bat mitzvah
23 nisan	24 nisan	25 nisan	26 nisan	Yom Hashoah 27 nisan	28 nisan	Shemini 29 nisan
15 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:30 a.m. JWV Brunch	16 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	17 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 Al Anon	18 8 a.m. Morning Minyan No Religious School	19 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	20 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	21 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat
30 nisan	Rosh Chodesh 1 iyar	2 iyar	Yom Hazikaron 3 iyar	Yom Ha'atzma'ut 4 iyar	5 iyar	Tazria-Metzora 6 iyar
22 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Morning Minyan	23 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	24 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 Al Anon	25 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 4 pm Religious School 6 pm Executive Board Mtg 7 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Board of Directors Mtg	26 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	27 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	28 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Acharei Mot-Kdedoshim
7 iyar	8 iyar	9 iyar	10 iyar	11 iyar	12 iyar	13 iyar
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14 iyar	15 iyar					



may 2018 iyar/sivan

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	2 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School	3 8 a.m. Minyan	4 Nathan Olshin Scholar-in- Residence Weekend with Dr. Ora Horn Prouser 8 a.m. Minyan 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat- Sing Shabbat Even- ing Service & Dinner	5 Nathan Olshin Scholar-in- Residence Weekend with Dr. Ora Horn Prouser 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
		16 iyar	17 iyar	Lag B'Omer 18 iyar	19 iyar	Emor 20 iyar
6 Nathan Olshin Scholar-in- Residence Weekend with Dr. Ora Horn Prouser 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots	7 8 a.m. Minyan	8 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg & p.m. Contribution Review Comm. 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	9 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School	10 8 a.m. Minyan	11 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	12 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
21 iyar	22 iyar	23 iyar	24 iyar	25 iyar	26 iyar	Behar-Bechukotai 27 iyar
13 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots	14 8 a.m. Minyan	15 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	16 8 a.m. Minyan	17 8 a.m. Minyan	18 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	19 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. L'eyl Tikkun
Mother's Day Yom Yerushalayim 28 iyar	29 iyar	Rosh Chodesh 1 sivan	2 sivan	3 sivan	4 sivan	Bemidbar Erev Shavuot 5 sivan
20 9 a.m. Festival Morning Service	21 Office closed 8 a.m. Festival Morning Service Yizkor recited	22 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	23 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Executive Board Mtg 7 p.m. Evening Minyan 7:15 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg	24 8 a.m. Minyan	25 8 a.m. Minyan	26 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Shavuot I 6 sivan	Shavuot II 7 sivan	8 sivan	9 sivan	10 sivan	11 sivan	Naso 12 sivan
27 9 a.m. Minyan 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch	28 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan Memorial Day	29 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	30 8 a.m. Minyan	31 8 a.m. Minyan		
13 sivan	14 sivan	15 sivan	16 sivan	17 sivan		



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