

ADATH ISRAEL
קולות ח.ק. עדת ישראל



Middletown, Connecticut
December 2018/ Kislev-Tevet 5779



STRONGER THAN **HATE**

By Jonathan Shapiro

As I began writing this month's column, I was watching the news unfold about the atrocities at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh where a man killed 11 people after screaming, "All Jews must die." Given that, it is hard for me to write about anything other than that issue for this month's column. I wish I could say that I never imagined something like that happening in this country. The truth is I am sure I was not alone in those thoughts.

While Jews are not alone in being the target of hate crimes, anti-Semitism is on the rise. Jews are on the receiving end of a disproportionate amount of religious based hate crimes. According to the FBI, more than half of all anti-religious crimes in the United States were motivated by anti-Jewish bias. Given the percentage of the population that Jews make, I find that statistic startling.

We must be diligent in protecting ourselves and are examining what we do to ensure we safeguard our members. As we communicated shortly after the events in Pittsburgh, we installed a new panic bar lock system on the kitchen door. What does that mean? It means unless you have a key, you will have to enter the synagogue through the Broad Street door by ringing the bell. We recognize this may be an inconvenience, but we rather ensure we limit the ability for people to walk

synagogue unchecked. We are also working on other safety procedures for Sundays and other times where we might not have someone in the office. The police department and the City continue to provide support.

We will maintain an "open-door" policy to make sure that guests, Wesleyan students, out-of-town visitors, and others who are not members, but wish to experience Judaism are welcomed at Adath Israel. However, we must balance that policy with the realities of the world we live in.

Any safeguards we implement will not rid us of the cloud of anti-Semitism hanging over our heads. We must also work as a Jewish community and with the greater community to combat anti-Semitism.

The events at our synagogue immediately after the atrocities at the Tree of Life Synagogue gave me hope that this was possible. Hundreds of people, Jews, Christians, Muslims and atheists, joined us on the South Green for a vigil in remembrance of the victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue as we collectively stood against hate. On the following Shabbat, November 2, we opened our doors to the community for Pray, Eat, Sing and were blessed to be joined by many, Jews and non-Jews, who had never been to synagogue.

People come together in times of tragedy. But we cannot just come together in times of tragedy, and we should not wait for tragedy to come together. We must battle anti-Semitism, and, all forms of hate, by coming together as a community and with our community during all times. We must also come together in times of joy and share our joint commitment to life. L'Chaim!



Early Risers Minyan

Wednesday, December 5th * 7am

Kiddush Breakfast Following Services

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 **Board of Directors** wish to thank the following who have sent in a donation: **Dr. Andrew Franco & Rebecca Palmer, Sarah & Joe Glaz, Hazel Kurlansky, Susi Delldonna, Mark & Luanne Paley, Andrea Fassler, Sara Paley, Carol & Stephen Shapiro, Ann Lerner, Joan Abrahamson, Nedra Mirkin, Vicki & Jeremy Zwelling, Susan Voigt, Cindy Rooth & Jeffrey Palmer (in memory of Harry & Rose Shapiro), Hinda Niemeyer, Barbara & Steven Weiss, Judith Dembowitz, Donna & Mark Finkelstein, Andrew Becker, Marian Katz, Daniel Schwartz, Joan & Michael Needle, and William Hutensky.**

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, January 28 * 7 p.m.

Adath Israel Adult Education presents "Our Connecticut River from Sea to Source" by Kelvin Cole at Russell Library, 123 Broad St., Middletown. Light refreshments will follow the program. **Free. Everyone welcome.**

An RSVP to the synagogue office at office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709 appreciated.

RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Rabbi Search Committee has been formed and will have its first meeting in late November. We greatly appreciate all the feedback that was received from our survey. Your input was very helpful and was incorporated into the questionnaire that has recently been posted to the placement office of the Rabbinical Assembly. We've already received several candidates, some of whom look promising. We've been told that the peak time to receive applications from experienced rabbis is from mid-November through February.

There are quite a few steps in the hiring process before inviting a candidate to officiate at one or more services at Adath Israel. We fully intend to include our entire membership and the congregants of B'nai Abraham in final deliberations regarding the hiring of a new rabbi.

We continue to welcome your thoughts and insights. Feel free to contact me at any time at shbeckman@hotmail.com.

Sandra Beckman
Search Committee Chair

COPIES OF LISTS AND BY-LAWS

Can't find a member's address? Wondering who is chair of the Endowment Committee?

The answers are an email (or phone call away).

Electronic and paper copies of the following are available to Adath Israel members:

- Membership Directory
- Synagogue Leadership
- Adath Israel By-Laws
- Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regulations

Please contact the office, office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709, to receive yours.

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'S COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING & DINNER

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 5 TH**

**5:30 PM
BLESSINGS**

**6:00 PM
DINNER & DREIDELS**

**FREE AND OPEN
TO THE COMMUNITY**

**TO RSVP PLEASE CONTACT
THE SYNAGOGUE AT
860-346-4709**

**OR
OFFICE@ADATHISRAELCT.ORG**

**BYOM:
BRING YOUR OWN MENORAH ***

***IF YOU CAN**

CALLING ALL ANGELS

In this new column in Kolot we will share opportunities to help our community. Please help in any way you can. Please contact the office for more information.

One-time Need

A Middletown resident to bring defunct florescent tube light bulbs to Middletown recycling. There is no cost for dropping off the bulbs.

On-Going Need

Someone willing to do 1 small load of kitchen towels/ week

Chevra Kadisha chair/committee member – please contact Lew Goldberg

Gift Shop Chair:

- Job Description- (present chair to assist for to ease into the position):
- Ordering items for sale in the gift shop once or twice a year (usually before Hanukkah and Passover). Maintaining an inventory and pricing list
- Maintain the appearance of the actual gift shop; change some items around based on holidays.
- Open hours on some Sundays during Religious School mainly around holidays.
- There will be a large amount of new items coming from the synagogue in Meriden to integrate into our present gift shop.

Blood Drive Chair:

Job Description- Takes about a 2 month a year commitment (present chair to assist for to ease into the position):

- Coordinate with the American Red Cross dates of drive (usually 2x/year on Tuesdays)
- Make sure the large social hall is set up appropriately from an existing floor plan.
- Check snacks for the canteen that the Red Cross brings to maintain *Kashrut*.
- Existing member donates time and money to make egg and tuna salad sandwiches that are available at the canteen.
- Call few weeks before each drive from an existing list of members so volunteers can cover the registration desk and canteen.
- If possible, stay the entire time of the blood drive but at least be there as it starts and return towards the end.

Dedicated Monetary Donations for

- Baby changing pad and covers
- Diaper Genie-style diaper bucket

LIFE CYCLES



Harold & Dotty Kaplan
Stephen & Carol Shapiro
Mike & Ruth Sigal



Muriel Wrubel Jacobson – **100!!!!**

Judy Walter
Richard Parks
Lew Goldberg
Norman Hanenbaum
Ann Lerner
Jill Waldmann
Alvin Wolfgram
David Schwarz
Arlene Pressman
Max Weiss
Muriel Wrubel
Linda Savitsky
Elizabeth Beit
Marilyn Finkelstein
Judith Goldsmith
Asher Kodish
Ellie Bruno
Jon Whittaker



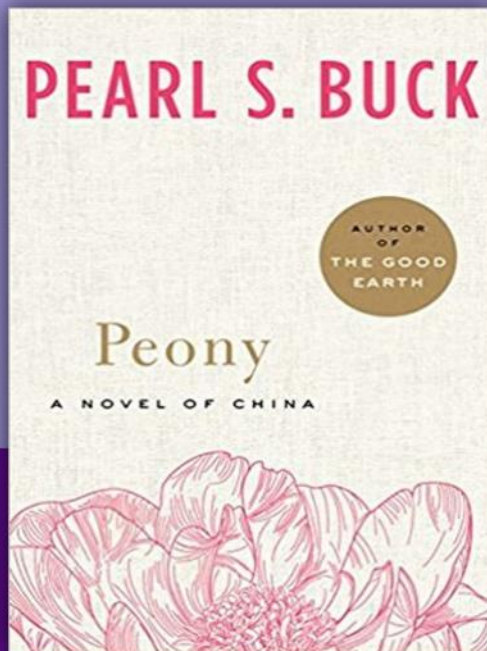
Book Club

Tuesday, December 18 * 7pm in the Nester Center

PEONY

By PEARL S. BUCK

**A fictional work that centers
on the Jews of China.**



**Adath Israel Book Club
is free and open to
anyone who desires
great discussions about
fascinating books
on Jewish topics**

**For more information, please contact
Roberta Glass: rjlevine610@gmail.com
860-632-1320**

**or Holly Simon: hfpsimon@gmail.com
860-395-8989.**

ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS

“He who gives lends to the Lord.”

ADATH ISRAEL GARDEN (PART OF JNF)

IN MEMORY OF

Rosa Vaisman by Irena May

CHEVRA KADISHA

IN HONOR OF

Lew Goldberg, in gratitude of his dedication to our congregation by Paulette Gewirtz

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

IN HONOR OF

Hal Kaplan having the tennis courts at Woodrow Wilson Middle School named after him by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Buzzy Levin having the baseball field at Woodrow Wilson Middle School named after him by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Lynn Bennett in celebration of her granddaughter, Skye's Simchat Bat by Marge & Stan Sadinsky
Eileen & Michael Daling's 50th Wedding Anniversary & Renewal of Vows by

Marge Rosenblatt

Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Morty Pear for receiving the 2018 William J Pomfret Veteran Community Service Award by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

IN MEMORY OF

Shirley Kaplan Fleischer by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

MAXINE THUMIM CAMBERSHIP FUND

IN HONOR OF

Eileen & Michael Daling's 50th Wedding Anniversary & Renewal of Vows by

Sandra & Paul Beckman

Cynthia & Mark Kaplan

Carolann Schwartz

Naomi & Richard Kamins

Susan & Doug Miller

Lynn Bennett's granddaughter, Skye's Simchat Bat by Eileen & Michael Daling

Lynn Bennett and Richard Kamins for being named Adath Israel Volunteers of the Year by Susan & Doug Miller

Stacey Sigal for passing her Bar Exam by Eileen & Michael Daling

Morty Pear for receiving the 2018 William J Pomfret Veteran Community Service Award by Eileen & Michael Daling

IN MEMORY OF

Shirley Kaplan Fleischer by Eileen & Michael Daling

MICHAEL FASSLER FUND

IN HONOR OF

Lynn Bennett's granddaughter, Skye's Simchat Bat by Carolann Schwartz

IN MEMORY OF

Shirley Kaplan Fleischer by Linda & Jack Adler

NATHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND

IN HONOR OF

Eileen & Michael Daling's 50th Wedding Anniversary & Renewal of Vows by Naomi & Richard Kamins

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Shirley Kaplan Fleischer by Anita Hennessey

SYNAGOGUE FUND

In solidarity with the Jewish community by Pastor Cathy Rohrs

IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Haaz for the kindness and welcome he showed during our visit this summer by Pastor Cathy Rohrs

YAHREZEIT FUND

Edith Adler Betts by Linda & Jack Adler

Samuel Fabian by Veta & Bernie Fabian

Boris Burack by Ann B. Penfield

Ada Golensky by Hazel Kurlansky & Anita Hennessey

Bertha Palmer by Michael Palmer

Seymour Ronner by Carolann Schwartz

Israel Grower by Liz Grower Whittaker

Robert Maron by Ruth Maron

Faythe Glaserman by Karin Cohen

Frances Becker by Andrew Becker

Michael Levin by Wendy Levin Peterson

Bella Needle by Joan & Michael Needle

Ida Paul by Debby Paul Fuller

Sue Hutensky by Barbara & Bill Hutensky



Shabbat L'chol Adat

Shabbat for the whole community

Saturday, December 22
9:30 a.m.

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

There will be no religious school on Sunday, December 23
Kiddush luncheon following services

IT'S NEWS

MAZAL TOV!

Muriel Wrubel Jacobson on reaching her 100th Birthday!

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

Norman Hanenbaum
Dave Shulman
Scott Levy



Kiddush & Oneg

Robert S. Poliner in honor of the yahrzeits of Jacob Poliner, Michael Pashalinsky, and Morris Poliner

Pray-Eat-Sing

Myra & David Finkelstein
Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela
Lynn, Star, and Ayden Bennett
Students of Adelbrook School Transitional Academy
Ruth & Mike Sigal
Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer
Anita Hennessey

OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY

TODAH RABBAH!

Redeeming Bottles & Cans Donated

Sharon Slossberg

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

Aaron, Marcey, and Harriet Thiela
Lynn Bennett
Sharon Slossberg
Andy Bauer
Stan Sadinsky
Scott Levy
Eileen & Michael Daling



Preparing Kolot & Mailings

Eva Bardwell
Merle Loza
Lynn Bennett

Sending eBlasts & eNews Even When Out of the Country

Stephanie Meadow

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, Seth Axelrod, Harriet Fein-Deeton, Sy Feldman, Ed Friedman, Sol Laufer, David Schwarz, Anita Hennessey, and Michael Lafontaine.



MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Deepest sympathies to Harold Kaplan on the recent death of his sister, Shirley Fleischer.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Tuesday 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Thursday 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am - Noon

Closed Saturday, Sunday, legal holidays, and Jewish holy days

See the calendar for additional scheduled closings

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Minyan

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM

Sunday 9:00 AM



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.



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October 30, 2018

The Congregation of Adath Israel,

Rabbi Press,

President Shapiro,

Greetings,

The Congregation of South Congregational United Church of Christ, Middletown, CT, sends you our support and wish to stand in solidarity with you during this troubled and divisive time in our country.

We express our shock and grief at the death and wounding of those in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill community.

May the peace of The Holy One be with you, our sisters and brothers.

The Reverend M. Winston Baldwin, Interim Pastor

Dawn Marie Landolina, President of the Congregation

ADATH ISRAEL EMERGENCY CANCELLATION & CLOSING PROCEDURES

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL :

THE PRINCIPAL WILL CONTACT STAFF & STUDENTS' FAMILIES DIRECTLY.

ALL OTHER CANCELLATIONS & CLOSINGS:

CHECK TV CHANNEL WFSB (EYEWITNESS 3) OR WWW.WFSB.COM.

Kolot Article Due Dates for 2018-2019

<u>Kolot Issue</u>	<u>Article Due Date</u>	<u>Copy Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
January	December 10	December 13	Tu B'shevat
February	January 14	January 17	Purim
March	February 12	February 14	Purim, Passover
April	March 11	March 14	Passover
May	April 15	April 18	Lag B'Omer
June	May 13	May 16	Confirmation, Shavuot Annual mtg, Summer

I know how much effort it takes to write an article or design a flyer, so I want to make sure your hard work makes it into Kolot. The best way to ensure that is to have your article in on time. Early is even better! Volunteers format, copy, and prepare the mailing, and they depend on us to have the material ready by the date due.

Articles received after the Due Date will be put in as time & space allow. Please note there are 3 only 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.

Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

Sunday, December 9

5:00 pm

with a light dairy dinner to follow

Join us as we celebrate the last night of Hanukkah.

Please bring your menorah and candles.

We will provide the dinner: latkes, tuna and egg salad sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and make your own sundaes for dessert.

This will be the final celebration held on East Main Street.

This event is free and open to all Temple and Adath Israel members.

**Please RSVP to the Temple office (203-235-2581) by
Wednesday, December 5th.**





december 2018

kislev/tevet

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayeshev</i> 23 kislev
2 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots Erev Hanukkah Light 1 candle 24 kislev	3 8 a.m. Minyan Hanukkah Light 2 candles 25 kislev	4 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Hanukkah Light 3 candles 26 kislev	5 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 4 pm Religious School 5:30 p.m. Community Candle Lighting & Dinner Hanukkah Light 4 candles 27 kislev	6 8 a.m. Minyan Hanukkah Light 5 candles 28 kislev	7 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Hanukkah Light 6 candles before Shabbat begins 29 kislev	8 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Miketz Rosh Chodesh Hanukkah Light 7 candles after Havdallah 30 kislev
9 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots Rosh Chodesh Hanukkah Light 8 candles 1 tevet	10 8 a.m. Minyan Hanukkah 2 tevet	11 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 3 tevet	12 8 a.m. Minyan 4 pm Religious School 4 tevet	13 8 a.m. Minyan 5 tevet	14 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 6 tevet	15 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayigash</i> 7 tevet
16 No Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch 8 tevet	17 8 a.m. Minyan 9 tevet	18 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Fast of 10th 10 tevet	19 8 a.m. Minyan 4 pm Religious School 11 tevet	20 8 a.m. Minyan 12 tevet	21 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 13 tevet	22 No Tot Shabbat 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services <i>Vayechi</i> 14 tevet
23 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 15 tevet	24 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 16 tevet	25 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 17 tevet	26 Office closed No Religious School 8 a.m. Minyan 18 tevet	27 8 a.m. Minyan 19 tevet	28 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 20 tevet	29 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Shemot</i> 21 tevet
30 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 22 tevet	31 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 23 tevet	1	2	3	4	5



january 2019

tevet/shevat

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30	31	1 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon New Year's Day 24 tevet	2 8 a.m. Minyan 4 pm Religious School 25 tevet	3 8 a.m. Minyan 26 tevet	4 8 a.m. Minyan 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Evening Service 27 tevet	5 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Va'era 28 tevet
6 No Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 29 tevet	7 8 a.m. Minyan Rosh Chodesh 1 shevat	8 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 2 shevat	9 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School 3 shevat	10 8 a.m. Minyan 4 shevat	11 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 5 shevat	12 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Bo 6 shevat
13 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 7 shevat	14 8 a.m. Minyan 8 shevat	15 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 9 shevat	16 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School 10 shevat	17 8 a.m. Minyan 11 shevat	18 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 12 shevat	19 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 5:40 p.m. Shabbat L'hol Adat Havdallah Service Beshalach 13 shevat
20 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veteran's Brunch 14 shevat	21 8 a.m. Minyan Martin Luther King Day Tu B'shevat 15 shevat	22 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 16 shevat	23 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School 17 shevat	24 8 a.m. Minyan 18 shevat	25 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat 19 shevat	26 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Yitro 20 shevat
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Celebrate Jewish Life

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