



Middletown, Connecticut June 2019/ Ivar-Sivan 5779



LET OUR SYNAGOGUE BE KNOWN

by Jonathan Shapiro

We are one step closer

B'nai Abraham's congregation approved the merger with Congregation Adath Israel in overwhelming of the greater community. On June 15, 2019, fashion. At our June 2, 2019 Annual Meeting, it will be our turn to vote. Please join us as we vote on this historic moment!

While there has been a particular focus on the merger and rabbi search this year, I have tried not to lose sight of other things we need to do to improve our value to our congregants and potential congregants. Having celebrate as a community and show that our doors been a member of this synagogue for most of my life, I are open to all. have learned there are some things that we may take for granted about it. But there is one thing that has really L'Chaim! stood out to me over the past few months that I have taken for granted—that we exist.

So what do I mean by that? In discussing my duties with friends, colleagues and acquaintances (Jewish and non-Jewish) over the past few months, I have been surprised to learn how many people do not know that there is a synagogue in Middletown.

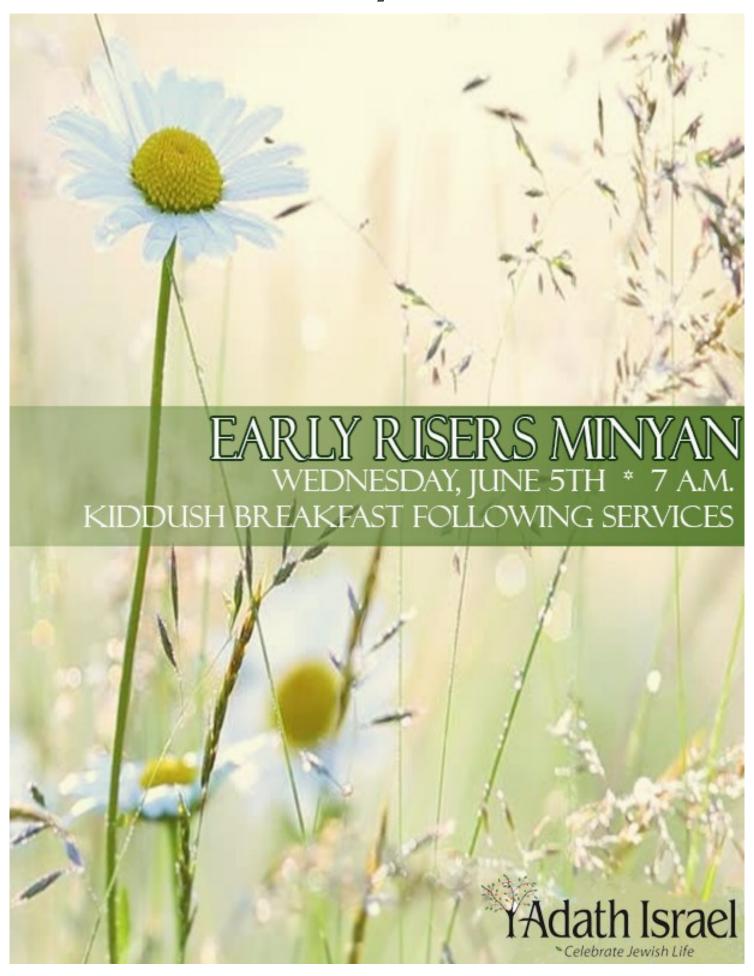
Two recent conversations really stood out. One was with a long-time West Hartford resident. He and his wife are moving down closer to the shore in the coming months and are considering changing synagogues. When I suggested he look at our synagogue, he said he had no idea Middletown had a synagogue and asked if

we were new. Another conversation was with a new Middletown resident who has lived in the area for years, but also had no idea we existed.

We cannot take our existence for granted. We need to find ways to let our existence be known to both the greater Middletown community and the entire state. If people that live nearby do not know to merging with Temple B'nai we exist, how can we expect a family that is looking Abraham. On May 5, Temple for a Jewish community to belong find us?

> We must be proactive and be active members Middletown is hosting its first Pride Parade and Festival. The Festival will be held on our doorsteps on the South Green. I am proud to say that Congregation Adath Israel is serving as a sponsor to this inaugural event. It is a great opportunity to





ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS

"He who gives lends to the Lord"

CHEVRA KADISHA

Supports maintenance and enhancement of the cemetery

IN MEMORY OF

Estelle & Joe Epstein by Suzanne Epstein Goldberg

EDYTHE & ARTHUR DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

Supports music in the ritual, education, and cultural gatherings at Adath Israel

MAZAL TOV!

Happy Birthday, David Director from Susan & Doug Miller

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Supports the beautification of our synagogue building and grounds and the Nester Center

IN HONOR OF

Matthew Feldman being honored at Her Justice Commitment to Justice Awards

HAPPY PASSOVER

Mark Finkelstein by Myra & David Finkelstein

REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY) Bob Poliner by Louise Feldman

IN MEMORY OF

Esther Pollans by Marge & Stan Sadinsky Nelson Merida by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

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Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending Jewish camp or travelling to Israel MAZAL TOV!

Denise & Scott Levy on the birth of their 1st grandchild, Sloane by Eileen & Michael Daling

IN MEMORY OF

Julio Ramos, Jr by Eileen & Michael Daling Nelson Merida by Eileen & Michael Daling Larry Garber by Eileen & Michael Daling

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Supports annual scholar-in-residence program MAZAL TOV!

Denise & Scott Levy on the birth of their 1st grandchild, Sloane by

Paulette Gewirtz

Myra & David Finkelstein

IN MEMORY OF

Esther Pollans by Myra & David Finkelstein Nelson Merida by Naomi & Richard Kamins

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Allows the rabbi to support individuals and causes in our community anonymously Barbara & Stephen Rothman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

REFUA SH'LEIMA

Robert Poliner by Paulette Gewirtz

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Supports the general operation of Adath Israel Fredda & Joe Zaientz
Daniel Slatkin

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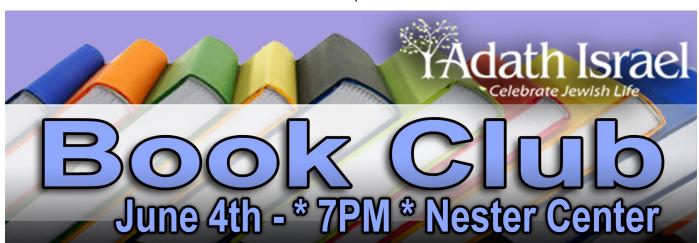
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Benjamin Goldstein by Phyllis Waldman
Herb Gewirtz by Susan Gewirtz
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Elaine Rena Schwarz by Sally Phillips
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Ethel Russman by Naomi & Marvin Hoberman
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IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE

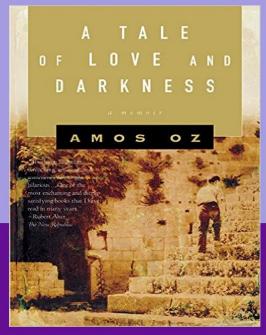
Do you have some wonderful, exciting news about you or someone in your family that you would like to share with the congregation? We now have a new L'Chaim Board just outside the office! So stop by and pin up a picture, a newspaper article, a note about your news, etc. We would love to celebrate with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



The Tale of Love and Darkness by Amos Oz

www.adathisraelct.org

Members



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

Our next meeting will be July 9.

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

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

IT'S NEWS

MAZAL TOV!

Congratulations to Denise & Scott Levy on the birth of their first grandchild, Sloane.

Congratulations to Matthew Feldman for being honored at this year's Her Justice Commitment to Justice Awards

KOL HAKAVOD to our students graduating from high school, college, and graduate programs, and MAZAL TOV to their families:

Elise Gendrich, Jeffrey Beit, Brian Goldstein, Jennifer Kahn, Rebekah Kahn, and Carly Hoss

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

Myra & David Finkelstein

Kiddush & Oneg

Josephine Trotta Poliner in memory of Myron J. Poliner Randy & Richard Parks in memory of Arthur Fishman Beth Katz & Heidi Geiges in memory of Myrna Geiges Heidi Geiges & Beth Katz in memory of Edwin Geiges

Pray-Eat-Sing

Myra & David Finkelstein
Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela
Lynn, Star, and Ayden Bennett
Sharon Slossberg
Ruth & Michael Sigal
Students of Adelbrook School Transitional Academy
Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer
Anita Hennessey
Temple B'nai Abraham Auxiliary
Naomi & Richard Kamins

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 Scott Levy Eileen & Michael Daling Andy Bauer and Holly Bauer

Sending eBlasts & eNews

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, David Schwarz, Robert Poliner, and Lynn Bennett



MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Deepest sympathies to Julio Ramos, Sr, on recent death of his son, Julio Ramos, Jr; Fredda Zaientz on the recent death of her mother, Esther Pollans; Daniel Merida on the recent death of his brother, Nelson Merida; and Marc Glass on the recent death of his cousin, Larry Garber.







<u>June</u>

Stacey Sigal Wendy Peterson Julia Poliner Carol Director Paula Goldstein Roberta Glass Sondra Beit Mark Lerner Josephine Poliner Elise Gendrich Donna Finkelstein Ruth Nisse Howard Rosenbaum Rich Bruno Rebecca Axelrod Marge Sadinsky Anita Hennessey Leah Adler Holly Bauer Marty Levine

July

Terra Kodish Ruth Sigal Irena May Morton Pear Elise Bonito Gertrude Steele Lisa Caron Judith Guzman Julie Weiss Diane Schwartz Nedra Schwarz Mirkin Joshua Young Daniel Merida Michael Daling Marc Levin Melissa Olczak Jeremy Weiss Lily Shapiro **Irv Pincus** Jan Wahnon Jeffrey Walter

August

Stephanie Meadow Steven Small Michael Price Eileen Daling Susan Miller Francine Goldberg Tovah Caron Robin Levine Jeff Gelwan Maya Finkelstein Samuel Lerner Brian Goldstein Ari Poliner Ari Shapiro Steven Machuga **Grace Poliner** Harris Friedlander Ray Irizarry Alice Gordon



June

David & Nona Horn Mark & Cynthia Kaplan Dan Kodish & Michelle Laccone Marc & Judith Levin Douglas & Susan Miller

<u>July</u>

Timothy & Susan Dickes
Steven Machuga & Sari Rosenblatt
Jim & Colleen Poliner
Stanley & Marge Sadinsky
Eric & Julie Weiss
Jeremy & Julie Weiss
Rebecca Wilansky & Frank Bonito
Alvin Wolfgram & Linda Savitsky

August

Mark & Donna Finkelstein Richard & Naomi Kamins Edward & Diane Schwartz Andy Bauer & Joanna Schnurman Steven & Linda Small



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2 p.m. Parade 3 p.m. Festival
Visit us at the festival!
For event details visit MiddletownPride.org



Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot -Shavuot Evening Study

"Rainbow Torah"

Date: Saturday, June 8

Time: 7:30-2

Place: Nester Center

ALL AGES WELCOME!
Children are invited to bring a sleeping bag.

In honor of Middletown's Pride Parade & Festival our topics will include: LGBTQ+ Issues in Judaism, Rainbows, and the Concept of Pride. Please contact the office if you would like to share and/or attend.

For More info: www.adathisraelct.org

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Adath Israel BLOOD DRIVE

Adath Israel - Social Hall - 8 Broad Street

Tuesday, August 20

1:30-6:30 PM

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june 2019 iyar/sivan

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
						Bechukotai 27 iyar
2 9 a.m. Morning Minyan 9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting 10 a.m. Raffle Drawing	3 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	4 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	5 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan	6 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	7 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner honoring our new members	8 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service 7:30 p.m. Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot Erev Shavuot Bemidbar
28 iyar	29 iyar	1 sivan	2 sivan	3 sivan	4 sivan	5 sivan
9 9 a.m. Festival Morning Minyan	10 Office closed 8 a.m. Festival Morning Minyan	11 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	12 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	13 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	14 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	15 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service 2 p.m. Middletown Pride Parade & Festival
Shavuot I 6 sivan	Yizkor 7 sivan	8 sivan	9 sivan	10 sivan	Flag Day 11 sivan	Nasso 12 sivan
16 9 a.m. Morning Minyan	17 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	18 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	19 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	20 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	21 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Father's Day 13 sivan	14 sivan	15 sivan	16 sivan	17 sivan	18 sivan	Beha'alotecha 19 sivan
23 9 a.m. Morning Minyan	24 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	25 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	26 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	27 8 a.m. Morning Minyan	28 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	29 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Shelach
20 sivan	21 sivan	22 sivan	23 sivan	24 sivan	25 sivan	26 sivan
30 9 a.m. Morning Minyan 27 sivan	1	2	3	4	5	6



july 2019 sivan/tammuz

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30	1 8 a.m. Minyan	2 8 a.m. Minyan	3 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan	4 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan	5 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	6 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
	28 sivan	29 sivan	Rosh Chodesh 30 sivan	Independence Day Rosh Chodesh 1 tammuz	2 tammuz	Korach 3 tammuz
7 9 a.m. Minyan	8 8 a.m. Minyan	9 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	10 8 a.m. Minyan	11 8 a.m. Minyan	12 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
4 tammuz	5 tammuz	6 tammuz	7 tammuz	8 tammuz	9 tammuz	Chukat 10 tammuz
14 9 a.m. Minyan	15 8 a.m. Minyan	16 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	17 8 a.m. Minyan	18 8 a.m. Minyan	19 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	20 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
11 tammuz	12 tammuz	13 tammuz	14 tammuz	15 tammuz	16 tammuz	Balak 17 tammuz
21 9 a.m. Minyan	22 8 a.m. Minyan	23 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	24 8 a.m. Minyan	25 8 a.m. Minyan	26 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	27 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Fast of Tammuz 18 tammuz	19 tammuz	7:30 p.m. Al Anon 20 tammuz	21 tammuz	22 tammuz	23 tammuz	Pinchas 24 tammuz
28 9 a.m. Minyan	29 8 a.m. Minyan	30 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	31 8 a.m. Minyan	1	2	3
25 tammuz	26 tammuz	27 tammuz	28 tammuz			



august 2019 tammuz/av

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
28	29	30	31	1 8 a.m. Minyan	2 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	3 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
				29 tammuz	Rosh Chodesh 1 av	Matot-Masei 2 av
4 9 a.m. Minyan	5 8 a.m. Minyan	6 Interfaith Golf Tournament 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	7 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan	8 8 a.m. Minyan	9 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	10 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Devarim Shabbat Chazon Erev Tisha B'av
3 av	4 av	5 av	6 av	7 av	8 av	9 av
11 9 a.m. Minyan	12 8 a.m. Minyan	13 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	14 8 a.m. Minyan	15 8 a.m. Minyan	16 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	17 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Vaetchanan
Tisha B'av 10 av	11 av	12 av	103av	14 av	15 av	Shabbat Nachamu 16 av
18 9 a.m. Minyan	19 8 a.m. Minyan	20 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 1:30-6:30 p.m. Blood Drive 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	21 8 a.m. Minyan	22 8 a.m. Minyan	23 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	24 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
17 av	18 av	19 av	20 av	21 av	22 av	Ekev 23 av
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