

**ADATH ISRAEL**  
קולות ק.ק. עדת ישראל



**Adath Israel**

*Celebrate Jewish Life*

**Middletown, Connecticut  
December 2019/ Kislev-Tevet 5780**



**CELEBRATE  
GOOD TIMES ...  
COME ON!**

*by Jonathan Shapiro*

I have to admit, I am still on cloud nine and I do not want to come down after our Gala celebrating the merger between Temple B’Nai Abraham and Congregation Adath Israel. As I said in my last column, this Gala provided us an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate this occasion. We asked you to come out and you all responded! The social hall was as full as I have ever seen it. As I joked that evening, it was wonderful to see so many people in the synagogue for something other than the high holidays or a funeral. As I like to say, good times were had by all.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Gala planning committee, David Kaye, Beth Shapiro, Michelle Grossman and Katie Gendrich, for all of their efforts in putting it together. Thank you for all of your efforts in making the evening a success. Thank you also to my mom, Nancy Shapiro, Heidi and Bob Venetianer, Joanna Schnurman and Mike and Eileen Daling for soliciting and providing the raffle items. Thank you to Michelle, Sandra Beckman and Roberta Glass for putting together the seating for the evening—and making sure the seating arrangements provided everyone an opportunity to get to know each other. Thank you to

Joanna Schnurman for handling the over 160 RSVPs for the evening!

The evening also marked the formal dedication of our beautiful new ark (which is not new to many of you, but has a new home). Thank you to State Senator Matthew Lesser for joining us and recognizing the occasion with a proclamation from the General Assembly. Thank you to Marc Levin and Malloves Jewelers for preparing and gifting the plaque adorning the entrance to the main sanctuary commemorating and recognizing this occasion. And thank you to Fred Zierler for capturing the essence with the words that now adorn the plaque as you enter the main sanctuary which reads as follows:

The Aron Kodesh, panels and chairs adjoining the bimah were brought to Congregation Adath Israel by Temple B’Nai Abraham as part of the merger of the two congregations on July 1, 2019. May this newly created family continue to serve the needs of the membership and the Jewish community for many years to come.  
Dedicated November 9, 2019.

We have once again shown the power of our congregation. We all came together on November 9, 2019 in celebration and I hope this marks the first of many times for us to smile, dance, laugh and celebrate good times together! We have many other events planned throughout the year. As you consider your daily and weekend plans, I hope you all remember the joy we shared on November 9, 2019, and come on down in support of your family at Congregation Adath Israel!

# Early Risers Minyan

**Wednesday  
December 4  
7 a.m.**

Kiddush follows service

## **RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Our newly revised application is set to be posted for candidates on December 1. Because of our expanded membership, we expect increased interest this year and look forward to introducing those viable candidates to the entire congregation.

At the start of the search, we'll only be receiving applications from experienced Rabbis who are looking for new or different positions. If we do not settle on a seasoned candidate before February, we will be eligible to interview graduating seniors from the seminary.

Be looking for regular updates as the "Rabbi hunting season" is about to start.

Sandra Beckman

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW!**

Please understand that you **CAN'T** respond/email back to an enews or e-blast.

**There is no one at the other end.**

If you have a question, or need to respond or it is asking you to sign-up for something, please do so by following the instructions in the specific blast/enews or contact the Synagogue office:

office@adathisraelct.org  
860-346-4709.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## **Tikkun Olam Fundraiser**

Thank you for your continued donations of cleaned \$.05 returnable bottles and cans for our Tikkun Olam/Fundraiser.

**November – February  
Funds from redeemed bottles & cans  
benefit the Rabbi's Discretionary  
Fund.**

**This month your efforts raised \$15.**

March-June

Funds from redeemed bottles & cans benefit Middletown's Relay for Life.

July-October

Funds from redeemed bottles & cans benefit the Religious School.

Please drop your **CLEANED** cans and bottles off in the designated bucket in front of the synagogue office.

Thank you so much for helping to repair the world (Tikkun Olam) and raise a few dollars as well.

Sharon Slossberg

### **If You or a Loved One Are in the Hospital or Other Health Care Facility**

Patient privacy laws prohibit the hospitals from notifying Adath Israel if you are admitted to the hospital unless you specifically request it. This is true even if you list Judaism as your religion and Adath Israel as your place of worship. Please tell the person caring for you that you wish to see the hospital chaplain. The hospital chaplain will make a referral to the Department of Spiritual Care which will contact the synagogue. If you do not wish to go through the hospital, please contact the synagogue directly if you or a loved one would like a pastoral visit.





# PRAY EAT SING

**Friday, December 6  
6 p.m.**

Free for Adath Israel members & 1st time guests.  
Others \$10 per person/\$18 per family. Please bring a  
non-perishable food item for Amazing Grace Food  
Pantry. RSVP to [adathisraelct.org](http://adathisraelct.org) or 860-346-4709.

## **ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS**

### **HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

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

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)

Denise Levy by Linda & Jack Adler

### **MAXINE THUMIM CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending Jewish camp or travelling to Israel  
IN HONOR OF

Mike Sigal, my husband receiving Volunteer of the Year by Ruth Sigal

Mike Sigal, our Dad receiving Volunteer of the Year by Amy & Stacey Sigal

Mike Sigal by Anita Hennessey

Mike Sigal by Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)

Denise Levy by Eileen & Michael Daling

### **MICHAEL FASSLER FUND**

Supports early childhood education at Adath Israel  
IN HONOR OF

Ari Poliner performing the mitzvah of blowing shofar by Anita Hennessey

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

Supports annual scholar-in-residence program

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)

Denise Levy by

Naomi & Richard Kamins

Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

IN MEMORY OF

Mary Reed Tugard by the Kahn Family

### **SYNAGOGUE FUND**

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel  
Fred & Barbara Edelstein Charitable Gift Fund

IN HONOR OF

Adath Israel lending us a Torah for Rosh Hashanah by the Beach Park Beach Community

IN MEMORY OF

Renée Thaler Lesser by Laurie &

Rabbi Marshal Press

## **YAHREZEIT FUND**

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel

Ralph "Mickey" Paley by

Richard Paley

Sharon & William Fleischmann & Sons

Sara Paley

Lori, Philip, Jillian, and Nicole McDermott

Morris Dampsky by Sara Paley

Max Finkelstein by Donna & Mark Finkelstein

Albert Troy by Rosalyn Lipman

Betty Goodman by Dorothy Elkin

Henrietta & Harry Soll by Elaine Penny Bersch

Coleman Weiss by Barbara & Steven Weiss

Sid Mellman by Barbara & Steven Weiss

Norman Kabatznick by Elaine Griffin &

Brian Kabataznick

Sari Rosenbaum by Julia Rosenbaum

Louis Caplan by Marcia Caplan

Max Shulkin by Norman Shulkin

Arthur A. Weiss by Susan Miller & James Weiss

Belle Silver by Harriet Levin

Lucille Cherniack by Ceile Zanon

Hyman Nathan Paul by Debby Paul Fuller

Frances Rothfarb by Ruth Kahn

Pearl P. Searle by Wendy & Josh Searle

Susan Garden by Damien Garden

June Bogatz by Ruth Kahn

Gary Hamel by Lori & Barry Blocker

Ivon Newberg by Esther Newberg

Maurice Newberg by Esther Newberg

Mike Eisner by the Eisner Family

Irving Friedman by Larry Friedman

Allen Seldin by Joan & Michael Needle

William Povlotsky by Richard A. Katz

Mary Katz by Richard A. Katz

Margot Mittelman by Sharon Mittelman

Jane Mellman by Barbara & Steven Weiss

Israel Louis Grower by Liz Whitaker

Robert Maron by Ruth Maron

Ida Lerner by Diane & Bernie Blum

Betty Bichunsky by Herbert Bichunsky

Pearl Dembowitz by Richard Neveloff

Claire Hoffman by Sandy Hoffman

Nathan Olshin by Phyllis Silverman

Boris Burack by Ann Penfield

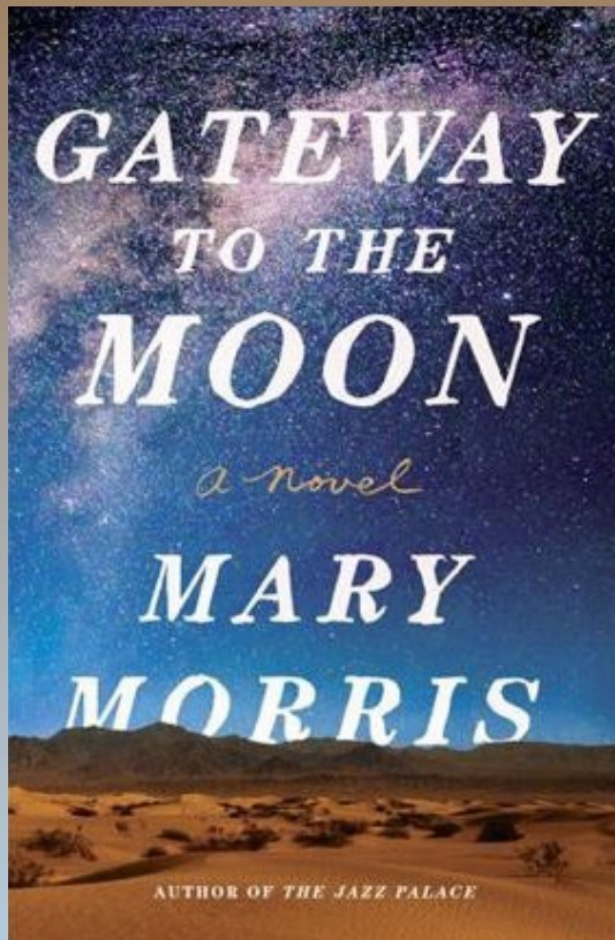


# Adath Israel Book Club

**Tuesday, December 10 @ 7 p.m.**

**in the Nester Center**

**New Members  
Welcome!**



Gateway to the Moon, by Mary Morris is our selection for December. In 1492, Spain expelled its Jewish population and Columbus sailed to the "new World," historically setting the backdrop for this novel. This is a remarkable story of a remote New Mexican town coming to grips with its history.

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](mailto:rjlevine610@gmail.com) or 860-632-1320 or Holly Simon, [hfpsimon@gmail.com](mailto:hfpsimon@gmail.com) or 860-395-8989.

## **IT'S NEWS**

### **MAZAL TOV!**

To Jan Wahnon & Ernie Ferrebee on becoming grandparents and Torah Ferrebee on becoming an aunt, as they welcome Gabriella Ferrebee, daughter of Josh Ferrebee.

### **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**

Scott Levy

David Finkelstein



### **Kiddush & Oneg**

Josephine Trotta Poliner in memory of Myron J. Poliner

Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk in memory of Esther Ben-Dov

Daniel Schwartz in memory of Stanley Schwartz

### **Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner**

Linda & Allen Caplan

Michelle & Rick Grossman

Risa & Fred Zierler

### **Rosh Hashanah Lunch**

Fred Zierler

Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

Lynn Bennett

### **Pray-Eat-Sing Pizza in the Hut**

Michelle & Rick Grossman

Fred and Risa Zierler

Lenny and Natalie Cheerman

Linda and Allen Caplan

Lynn and Ayden Bennett

Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

### **THE GALA**

Sarah & Joanthan Shapiro

Jenny Rosado & Beth Shapiro

Michelle & Rick Grossman

Myra & David Finkelstein

Debbie & David Kaye

Natalie & Lenny Cheerman

Sandra & Paul Beckman

Katie Gendrich

Roberta Glass

Fred Zierler

Hachnosas Orchim Jewish Society of Meriden

Malloves Jewelers

Connecticut Lighting Centers

Herd Restaurant

Wellstone Farm

Max Fish

Middlesex Dermatology & Omar Islamic Center for allowing us the use of their parking lots

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

### **Food Drive**

Thanks to all of you 612 lbs of food was collected for Amazing Grace Food Pantry. Thanks to Michael Daling it was delivered.

### **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

Sharon Slossberg



### **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

### **Rolling the Torah**

Richard Kamins

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

Hal Kaplan, Mark Itkin, Seth Axelrod, Sy Feldman, David Schwarz, Hyime Paley, Joe Zaiantz, and Denise Levy

## **Send us your Gala Photos!**







# PRAY EAT SING

**Friday, January 3  
6 p.m.**

RSVP to [office@adathisraelct.org](mailto:office@adathisraelct.org) or  
860-346-4709 by Dec. 27.

**Please bring a non-perishable food item**



## LIFE CYCLES



Yakov & Raisa Filler  
Harold & Dotty Kaplan  
Adrienne & Jon Pally  
Stephen & Carol Shapiro  
Mike & Ruth Sigal



Bob Axelrod  
Elizabeth Beit  
Ellie Bruno  
Marilyn Finkelstein  
Lew Goldberg  
Jonathan Goodman  
Norman Hanenbaum  
Muriel Wrubel Jacobson – 101!!!!  
Asher Kodish  
Judith Landsberg  
Ann Lerner  
Richard Parks  
Arlene Pressman  
Linda Savitsky  
David Schwarz  
Jill Waldmann  
Max Weiss  
Jon Whittaker  
Alvin Wolfgram

## CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE THROUGH PRAYER

Morning Minyan:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM in the Nester Center

Sunday: 9:00 AM in the Small Sanctuary

Early Risers Minyan: 7:00 AM, 1st Wednesday of the month in the Small Sanctuary

Shabbat Evening Service: Friday, 7:00 PM

Pray-Eat-Sing Service: 6:00 PM, one Friday night a month; see calendar for details

Shabbat Morning Service: Saturday, 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.

## 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

# SYNAGOGUE EMERGENCY CANCELLATION & CLOSING PROCEDURES

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CANCELLATION: THE PRINCIPAL WILL  
CONTACT STAFF & STUDENTS' FAMILIES DIRECTLY.**

**ALL OTHER CANCELLATIONS & CLOSINGS WILL BE LISTED  
ON CHANNEL WFSB (EYEWITNESS 3) & 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>
<b>January</b>	December 9	December 12	
<b>February</b>	January 13	January 16	Tu B'shevat
<b>March</b>	February 10	February 13	Purim, Passover
<b>April</b>	March 16	March 19	Passover, Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut
<b>May</b>	April 13	April 17	Lag B'Omer, Confirmation, Shavuot
<b>June</b>	May 11	May 14	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.





PLEASE JOIN US

# Gala

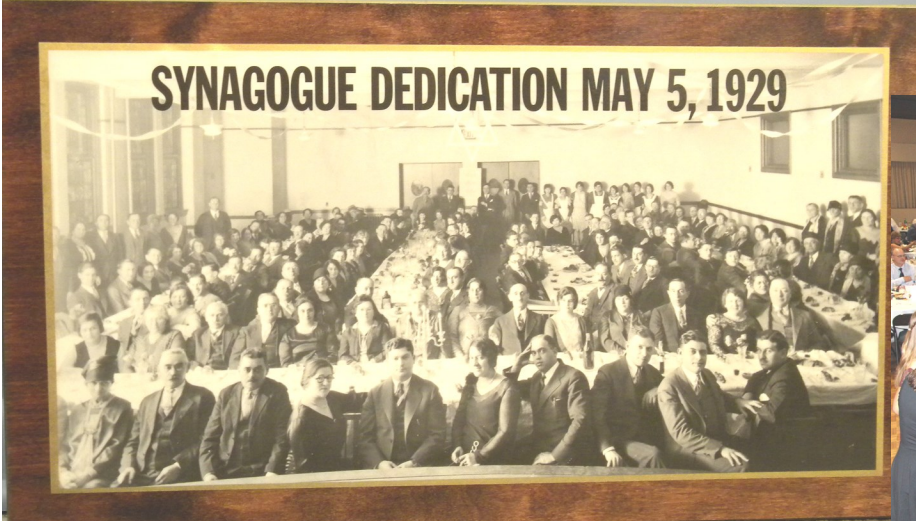
CELEBRATING THE MERGER OF  
OUR TWO CONGREGATIONS



**NOVEMBER 9TH  
6:00PM**

**DINNER  
DRINKS  
DJ  
ISRAELI DANCERS  
PHOTO BOOTH  
AND MORE**

RSVP for







**Adath Israel**  
Celebrate Jewish Life

# december 2019

## kislev/tevet

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>1</b> 9 a.m. Minyan No Religious School or Mazel Tots  <b>3 kislev</b>	<b>2</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>4 kislev</b>	<b>3</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>5 kislev</b>	<b>4</b> 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School 6 p.m. Ritual Comm.  <b>6 kislev</b>	<b>5</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>7 kislev</b>	<b>6</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Services and Dinner  <b>8 kislev</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Vayetze</i> <b>9 kislev</b>
<b>8</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <b>10 kislev</b>	<b>9</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>11 kislev</b>	<b>10</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>12 kislev</b>	<b>11</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>13 kislev</b>	<b>12</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>14 kislev</b>	<b>13</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  <b>15 kislev</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Vayishlach</i> <b>16 kislev</b>
<b>15</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <b>17 kislev</b>	<b>16</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>18 kislev</b>	<b>17</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>19 kislev</b>	<b>18</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>20 kislev</b>	<b>19</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>21 kislev</b>	<b>20</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  <b>22 kislev</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Vayeshev</i> <b>23 kislev</b>
<b>22</b> No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan  <b>Erev Hanukkah</b> Light 1 candle <b>24 kislev</b>	<b>23</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>Hanukkah</b> Light 2 candles <b>25 kislev</b>	<b>24</b> Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>Hanukkah</b> Light 3 candles <b>26 kislev</b>	<b>25</b> Office closed No Religious School 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>Hanukkah</b> Light 4 candles <b>27 kislev</b>	<b>26</b> Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>Hanukkah</b> Light 5 candles <b>28 kislev</b>	<b>27</b> Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  <b>Hanukkah</b> Light 6 candles before Shabbat begins <b>29 kislev</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Miketz</i> <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> Light 7 candles after Havdallah <b>30 kislev</b>
<b>29</b> No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan  <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> Light 8 candles <b>1 tevet</b>	<b>30</b> Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>Hanukkah</b> <b>2 tevet</b>	<b>31</b> Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>3 tevet</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>





**Adath Israel**  
Celebrate Jewish Life

# january 2020

## tevet/shevat

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
29	30	31	<b>1</b> Office closed No Religious School 8 a.m. Minyan  New Year's Day <b>4 tevet</b>	<b>2</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>5 tevet</b>	<b>3</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Evening Service  <b>6 tevet</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Vayigash</i> <b>7 tevet</b>
<b>5</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <b>8 tevet</b>	<b>6</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>9 tevet</b>	<b>7</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>Fast of 10th of Tevet</b> <b>10 tevet</b>	<b>8</b> 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>11 tevet</b>	<b>9</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>12 tevet</b>	<b>10</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  <b>13 tevet</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Vayeichi</i> <b>14 tevet</b>
<b>12</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <b>15 tevet</b>	<b>13</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>16 tevet</b>	<b>14</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>17 tevet</b>	<b>15</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>18 tevet</b>	<b>16</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>19 tevet</b>	<b>17</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  <b>20 tevet</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Shemot</i> <b>21 tevet</b>
<b>19</b> No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veteran's Brunch  <b>22 tevet</b>	<b>20</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  Martin Luther King Day <b>23 tevet</b>	<b>21</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>24 tevet</b>	<b>22</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>25 tevet</b>	<b>23</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>26 tevet</b>	<b>24</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat  <b>27 tevet</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 5:30 p.m. Shabbat L'hol Adat Havdallah Service  <i>Va'era</i> <b>28 tevet</b>
<b>26</b> No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan  <b>29 tevet</b>	<b>27</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  Rosh Chodesh <b>1 shevat</b>	<b>28</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>2 shevat</b>	<b>29</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>3 shevat</b>	<b>30</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>4 shevat</b>	<b>31</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat  <b>5 shevat</b>	<b>1</b>



*Celebrate Jewish Life*

P.O. Box 337

Middletown, CT 06457

Contact information

Phone: 860-346-4709

Email: [office@adathisraelct.org](mailto:office@adathisraelct.org)

Website: [www.adathisraelct.org](http://www.adathisraelct.org)