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THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE IS OURS TO BUILD

Dear friends,

As I write all eyes are counting. Counting votes. And trying to see the path forward, hoping that the path is a path together for a better world. And it is hard to wait.

Patience is a trait that we need to develop. Much like building a house, we need patience and hard work – and this is our tomorrow, the house we build together. The story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf is also a story about impatience and the desire of finishing things quickly, as opposed to building a house that will stand the winds of life which, of course, takes a lot more time, patience and effort.

Impatience has led to many moments of pain in the Torah.

Avraham is patient, it seems, when it comes to having children. Sarah, apparently, is not, giving Hagar to Avraham. And the family dynamics get a lot more complicated from that point onwards.

Avraham is also patient when we read about the land. Lot, his nephew, goes to Sodom – and things go downhill for him from there.

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IN MEMORIAM

by Jonathan Shapiro

2020 has been full of ups and downs for all of us—with an emphasis probably on the downs given the year. The recent loss of Lynn Bennett hit us all particularly hard.

It goes without saying that Mrs. Bennett was an integral part of Adath Israel. She was ever present. When Sarah and I moved back to Middletown ten years ago, we began attending Mazel Tots with Mrs. Bennett. I was thrilled to start raising my family as part of the Adath Israel community. And while I did not think of it at the time, in retrospect, I am thrilled that the backbone of Lily and Ari's religious school education was the same as mine—Mrs. Bennett.

I know my family is not the only one that had generations learn through Mrs. Bennett. For many people, Mrs. Bennett was one of the first connections some people would have to Congregation Adath Israel. While Mrs. Bennett had a passion for teaching, she was more than just a teacher. She loved what she did and she loved everyone that walked through her classroom. If there was an article in the paper about a member of Adath Israel, she made sure to cut it out, place it on the bulletin board and point it out to all that would



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Adath Israel

Celebrate Jewish Life

Starting December 1st we will be using a new, simplified Zoom system for Daily Minyan and Shabbat Services



Daily Minyan:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.

Sunday 9 a.m.

New Zoom Link for ALL Daily Minyan Services

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86356469422?pwd=VVR0TWlxZDZsbUNsRTIvYm9qSEROdz09>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 863 5646 9422

Passcode: 679552

Shabbat Evening Services:

Friday 7 p.m.

Shabbat Morning Services, Saturday 9:30 a.m.

New Zoom Link for both Friday & Saturday Shabbat Services

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81567273870?pwd=SkIDUEF0R2FRQ1BrUXNm3ZocFpndz09>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870

Passcode: 474612

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Yaakov is impatient for the blessing, steals it, and his relationship to his brother is changed almost beyond repair. He learns patience in the house of Lavan, both by waiting for Rachel and waiting to eventually go home.

Yosef tries to speed up things – asking the butler to mention him to Pharaoh – and it didn't happen. And when he is out of the prison he appears to have learned the lesson, and does not reveal himself quickly to his brothers.

Moshe is impatient with both God and the Jews – with God because of the conditions of slavery, and with the Jews with the rock. Neither episode ends well. And we have to remember that the Israelites aren't much better – their own impatience brought about the Golden Calf.

And this is what impulsivity and impatience can bring.

Patience is having the courage to wait. The trusting that the course of things is determined by the Higher Power, and that that Higher Power will hold us. Patience is trusting that the house built by the centuries in this country, by all of us together, will remain standing and strong for the next generation. And patience is remembering that that house is ours to continue building, at every vote, every step and every day.

We are all building the house we call tomorrow. The house of our future is ours to build, with patience and good will. And this is the theme of this lovely poem that I'd like to leave you with:

A House Called Tomorrow

You are not fifteen, or twelve, or seventeen—
You are a hundred wild centuries

And fifteen, bringing with you
In every breath and in every step

Everyone who has come before you,
All the yous that you have been,

The mothers of your mother,
The fathers of your father.

If someone in your family tree was trouble,
A hundred were not:
The bad do not win—not finally,
No matter how loud they are.

We simply would not be here
If that were so.

You are fundamentally from the good.
With this knowledge, you never march alone.

You are the breaking news of the century.
You are the good who has come forward

Through it all, even if so many days
Feel otherwise. But think:

When you as a child learned to speak,
It's not that you didn't know words—

It's that, from the centuries, you knew so many,
And it's hard to choose the words that will be your own.

From those centuries we human beings bring with us
The simple solutions and songs,

The river bridges and star charts and song harmonies
All in service to a simple idea:

That we can make a house called tomorrow.
What we bring, finally, into the new day, every day.

Is ourselves. And that's all we need
To start. That's everything we require to keep going.

Look back only for as long as you must,
Then go forward into the history you will make.

Be good, then better. Write books. Cure disease.
Make us proud. Make yourself proud.

And those who came before you? When you hear
thunder,
Hear it as their applause.

(Alberto Rios, from *Not Go Away is My Name*,
Copper Canyon Press, 2020)

Warmly,

Rabbi Nelly Altenburger



Torah Study with Rabbi Nelly

via Zoom

Every Wednesday - 10:30 AM

Zoom ID 837 9879 1910, Passcode 963942

Every Thursday - 6:00 PM

Zoom ID 887 326 428, Passcode 827527

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see. She took pride in each and every person that walked through her classroom and through the synagogue.

There are some things in life that we get so used to, you sometimes take it for granted and do not even realize you will miss it. I don't think any of us ever took Mrs. Bennett for granted—we all appreciated everything she did for all of us and Adath Israel.

However, I have to say I took for granted the simple pleasure of seeing Mrs. Bennett almost every time I went to the synagogue. For the better part of the last ten years, I would walk into the synagogue through the kitchen on Sunday mornings, and Mrs. Bennett would almost always be there. She always had a smile on her face as she greeted Lily, Ari and I while preparing for her class and for the day. I will miss her voice, her smile and the warmth she always gave to everyone.

Mrs. Bennett was a wonderful ambassador for all of us and truly represented what I like to think Adath Israel is all about. She will be greatly missed, and I hope that she will live on through the lessons she taught so many of us about what it means to be a Jew.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

We are so very blessed to have members/friends who give to our synagogue community financially and of their time and talents 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: **Dotty & Harold Kaplan, Barbara & Robert Sequenzia, Teresa & Dave Shulman, Jean & Marc Nemeth, Arlene Pressman, Linda & Steven Small, Ben Srulowitz, Herbert Bichunskly & Family, Joan Abrahamson, Sherry Stekloff, Raisa & Yakov Filler, Risa & Fred Zierler, Donna & Mark Finkelstein, Holly & Michael Simon, Susan & Doug Miller, Irene & Allen Silberstein, Jean & Jim Lawrence, Debbie & David Kaye, Dorothy & David Elkin, Carol & Stephen Shapiro, Eva**

Bardwell, Sondra & Roger Beit, and Ines Gerstenblatt.

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

NEW MEMBER CAMPAIGN

Our new member campaign, offering an introductory first year membership of \$180, has brought us seven new family units since June. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in joining our congregation. Another great feature is that we no longer charge our families for Religious School tuition. For further information, they can contact me at shbeckman@hotmail.com or Jaime Bruno at jaimebrunoot@gmail.com.

Sandra Beckman

Synagogue Resources Available for Members

For the latest editions of the following publications please contact the synagogue office via email at office@adathisraelct.org or by calling 860-346-4709

Membership Directory

Life of the Community & Synagogue Leadership

By-Laws of Congregation Adath Israel

Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regulations

IF YOU HAVE STOPPED RECEIVING ENEWS

Did your email address change? Did you move or are you going to a warmer climate in the winter? Please notify the office via email at office@adathisraelct.org or by calling 860-346-4709 and we can make sure you don't miss out on anything.

Adath Israel
Celebrate Jewish Life

Book Club

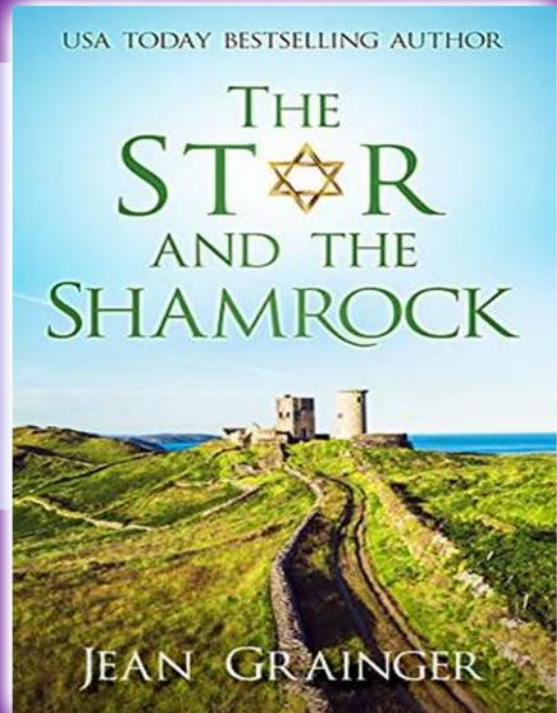
Join us via ZOOM, December 29th * 7pm

**The Star and
the Shamrock**
by Jean Grainger

ZOOM:

Meeting ID: 831 7331 0273

Passcode: 668004



**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@icloud.com
860-395-8989.**

ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS

ADATH ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(SOPHIE & JULIUS BARKER, EVELYN & ABRAHAM GROSSMAN, SARAH ZIETZ PIERSON, RABBI ALBERT & ROSALYN TROY, SYLVIA GROSS WASSERMAN, MAX CHEIKIN, BERNIE SEIDON, AND JEAN STERN ARON SCHOLARSHIPS)

Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending an accredited college, university or school of higher learning

IN MEMORY OF

Herman Sochin by Risa & Fred Zierler

DR. ARTHUR & GLADYS WEISS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending Jewish camp, Jewish content special programs, and trips to Israel

BEIT-PALEY FUND

Supports Torah repair

CHEVRA KADISHA

Supports maintenance and enhancement of the cemetery

EDYTHE & ARTHUR DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

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

IN HONOR OF

Stan Sadinsky celebrating a special birthday by Carol & David Director

ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel

IN MEMORY OF

Lynn Bennett by

Matthew Finkelstein

Donna & Mark Finkelstein

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

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

IN HONOR OF

Stan Sadinsky celebrating a special birthday by Dotty & Harold Kaplan

Linda Adler celebrating a special birthday by Dotty & Harold Kaplan

IN MEMORY OF

David Unger by

Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Louise Feldman

Lynn Bennett by Louise Feldman

MAXINE THUMIM CAMBERSHIP FUND

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

MICHAEL FASSLER FUND

Supports early childhood education at Adath Israel

IN MEMORY OF

Lynn Bennett by

Mike, Ruth, Amy & Stacey Sigal

Barbara & Robert Sequenzia

Myra & David Finkelstein

Barbara Deitch

Aaron, Marcey, and Harriet Theila

Carolann Schwartz

Phyllis Waldman

Terri & Michael Klein

Paulette Gewirtz

Lilly Goldberg

Marge & Stan Sadinsky

Eva Bardwell

Ann Simpson

Sheera & Thomas Broderick

Carol & David Director

MUSEUM FUND

Supports purchases for and maintenance of Adath Israel's museum

NATHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE-FUND

Supports annual scholar-in-residence program

IN HONOR OF

Denise & Scott Levy on the birth of their granddaughter, Harley, by Paulette Gewirtz

IN MEMORY OF

Bernard Gordon by

Laurie & Rabbi Marshal Press

Debbie & Dave Kaye

Mary Reed Tugard by Bobette Reed Kahn & Jeffrey Kahn

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SYNAGOGUE EMERGENCY CANCELTATION & CLOSING PROCEDURES

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

**ALL OTHER CANCELTATIONS & CLOSINGS WILL BE LISTED ON
CHANNEL WFSB (EYEWITNESS 3) & WWW.WFSB.COM.**

KOLOT ARTICLE DUE DATES FOR 2020-2021

| <u>Kolot Issue</u> | <u>Article Due Date</u> | <u>Copy Date</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---|
| January | December 7 | December 14 | Tu Bishvat |
| February | January 4 | January 11 | Purim |
| March | February 1 | February 8 | Passover |
| April | March 8 | March 15 | Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Lag B'Omer |
| May | April 5 | April 12 | Yom Yerushalayim, Shavuot |
| June | May 10 | 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. Articles received after the Copy Date will be put in the following month's Kolot.

Thank you.

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Allows the rabbi to support individuals and causes in our community anonymously

SANFORD BEIT MINYAN FUND

Supports the creation and building of community over Kiddush

IN MEMORY OF

Bernard Gordon by Herb Curkin
Philip Curkin by Herb Curkin
Edith Curkin by Herb Curkin

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel
Sy Feldman

IN HONOR OF

Linda Adler celebrating a special birthday by Sara Paley
Denise & Scott Levy on the birth of their granddaughter, Tovah bat Raisal (Harley) by Joan & Michael Needle
Cantor Reut Ben-Ze'ev in appreciation for wonderful High Holy Days services by Leslie Gevitz

IN MEMORY OF

Mimi Setlow by Ruth & Mike Sigal
David Unger by Dotty & Harold Kaplan
Izak Kislyuk by Raisa & Yakov Filler

YAHREZIT FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel
Edith Betts by Linda & Jack Adler
Pearl Dembowitz by Richard Neveloff
Ester Ben-Dov by Ruth Borsuk
Molly Wagner by Vida & Irving Wagner
Rose O. Silverstone by Vida & Irving Wagner
Samuel Fabian by Veta & Bernie Fabian
Pearl Searle by Josh Searle & Wendy Bader Searle
Gary Hamel by Lori Blocher
Susan Garden by Damien Garden
Dr. Arthur A. Weiss by
James Weiss
Sherly Weathers
Lucille H. Cherniack by Ceile Zaroni
Israel Grower by Liz Whittaker
Margot Mittelman by Sharon Mittelman
Jane Mellman by Barbara & Steven Weiss
Ida Lerner by Diane & Bernie Blum

Frances Becker by Andy Becker
Hyman N. Paul by Debby Paul Fuller
Mike Eisner by the Eisner Family
Robert "Bob" Maron by Ellen Gross
Herbert Cotzen by Dotty & Harold Kaplan
Lillian Keller by Harriet Fein-Deeton
Samuel Elkin by Dorothy & David Elkin
Betty Bichunsky by Herbert Bichunsky
Frances Pollack Rothfarb by Ruth Kahn
Shirley Sodel by Edward Sodel
Gary Limon by Abby Cerrotti
Arthur Limon by Abby Cerrotti
Etoile Mekies Shemkovitz by Edward Shemkovitz
Emma Eligator by Rhoda Eligator
Sue Hutensky by Barbara & Bill Hutensky
Ethel Friedman by Cindie & Donn Friedman
Natalie Friedman by Cindie & Donn Friedman
Seymour Ronner by Carolann Schwartz

CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE THROUGH PRAYER

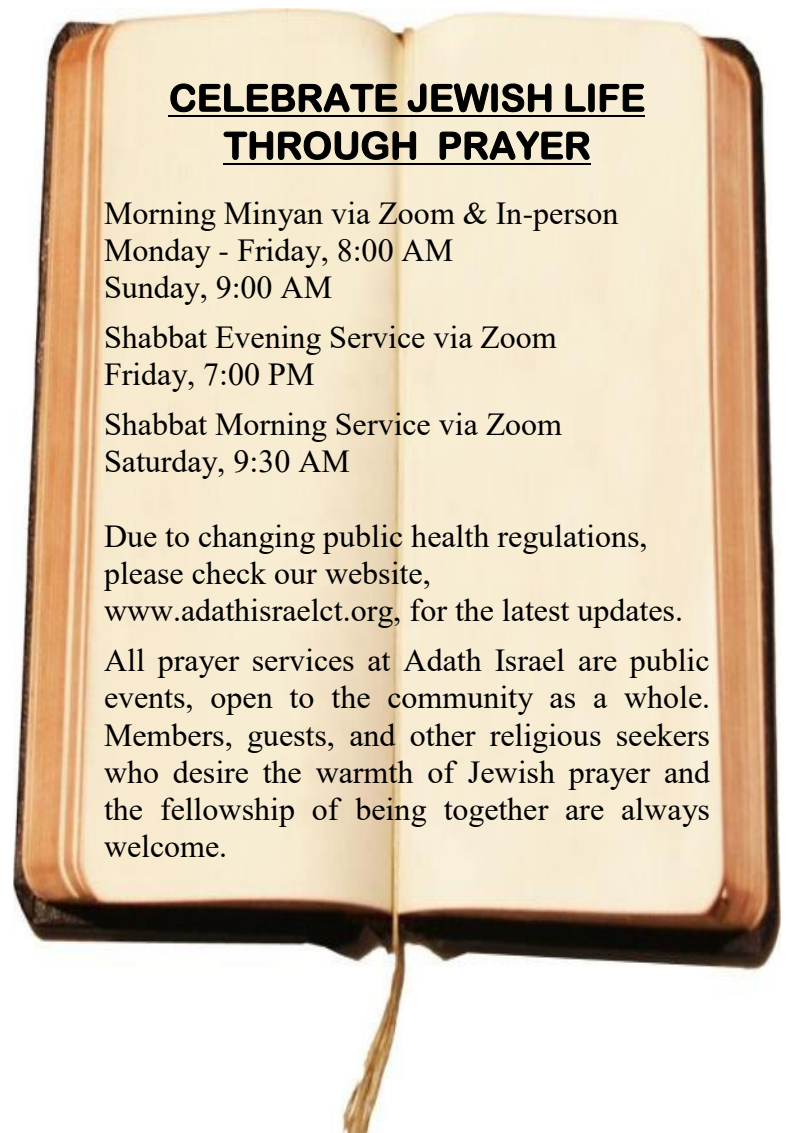
Morning Minyan via Zoom & In-person
Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM
Sunday, 9:00 AM

Shabbat Evening Service via Zoom
Friday, 7:00 PM

Shabbat Morning Service via Zoom
Saturday, 9:30 AM

Due to changing public health regulations, please check our website, www.adathisraelct.org, for the latest updates.

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.



Adath Israel's Community Candle Lighting



via Zoom!



**Wednesday
December 16
5:45 PM**

Zoom Info

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81990303181?
pwd=bWxuQU1xKzNpUXZITXQvMTNI
YTZ3QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81990303181?pwd=bWxuQU1xKzNpUXZITXQvMTNIYTZ3QT09)

Meeting ID: 819 9030 3181
Passcode: 086838

IT'S NEWS

Welcome B'RUCHIM HABA'IM –
Welcome to our newest
members

Beth Lapin, Kay Hammerson, and her children Orion
& Nova Luna
Darcey & Fred Searle
Barbara Fenig & Patrick Cline
Joe Dubin
Robbyn German and her mother, Cicely German
Sherry Small

TODAH—THANK YOU!

“Where there is no food
there is no Torah”



**Sponsoring a Kiddush when we can all gather
again**

Sharon Mittelman in memory of Margot Mittelman

**Sponsoring Kiddush treats when we can all gather
again**

Phil Saxe on behalf of Sandy

**Bringing High Holy Days Food Drive Food to
Amazing Grace Food Pantry**

Mike Daling & Julio Ramos



MAZAL TOV

Denise & Scott Levy on the birth of
their granddaughter, Harley.

KOL HAKAVOD

Michaela Altenburger on becoming a bat mitzvah.
Mazal tov to her family.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We'd like to wish a “Refuah Shleimah”
to the following: Katrina Axelrod,

Seth Axelrod, Bernie Fabian,
Sy Feldman, Paula Goldstein,
Mark Itkin, Hal Kaplan,
Judith Landsberg, Nihla Lapidus,
Harriet Fein-Deeton, Denise Levy,
Daniel Merida, Hyime Paley, Rabbi Press,
David Schwarz, Teresa Shulman, Ruth Sigal,
Sharon Slossberg, and Joe Zaiantz.



MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Deepest sympathies to

Marc Glass on the recent loss of his aunt, Mimi
Setlow

Marty Levine on the recent loss of his mother, Sylvia
Levine

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family
of Lynn Bennett who came to her eternal rest on
October 26 (8 Cheshvan).



DECEMBER

Yakov & Raisa Filler
Roberta & Marc Glass
Harold & Dotty Kaplan
Adrienne & Jon Palley
Stephen & Carol Shapiro
Mike & Ruth Sigal



DECEMBER

Bob Axelrod
Elizabeth Beit
Ellie Bruno
Marilyn Finkelstein
Paulette Gewirtz
Marc Glass
Lew Goldberg
Jonathan Goodman
Norman Hanenbaum
Judith Landsberg
Richard Parks
Arlene Pressman
Linda Savitsky
David Schwarz
Max Weiss
Jon Whittaker
Alvin Wolfgram

How to Light the Hanukkah Menorah

The traditional blessings and procedures for lighting the Hanukkah candles.
BY MJL (My Jewish Learning)

As with all other Jewish rituals, the lighting of Hanukkah candles goes according to a specific order and has blessings that accompany it.

On the first of Hanukkah's eight nights, only two candles are placed in the Hanukkah menorah (also known as a hanukkiah): the shammash, or "helper" candle, which has its own designated spot (usually in the center), and another candle. Each night, another candle is added so that on the eighth and final night of Hanukkah, nine candles (the shammash plus eight others) are lit.

The candles are placed in the menorah from right to left (just as Hebrew is written from right to left), but are lit from left to right. The shammash candle is always the first one lit, and is used to light the others, starting with the left-most one. (Think of it as lighting the candle representing the newest night first.)

Before lighting the candles (but after placing them in the menorah), we recite three blessings.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִידְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִיָּוָנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You,
Our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who made us holy through Your commandments
and commanded us
to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבֹּתֵינוּ, בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh.

Praised are You,
Our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors
in those ancient days
at this season.

(First Night You Light Candles Only):

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ, וְקִיָּמָנוּ, וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה

Baruch atah adonai elohenu melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu, v'kiyimanu, v'higiyanu lazman hazeh

Praised are You, Our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has given us life and sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/hanukkah-candle-lighting-ceremony/>

WE SHOULD BE PROUD

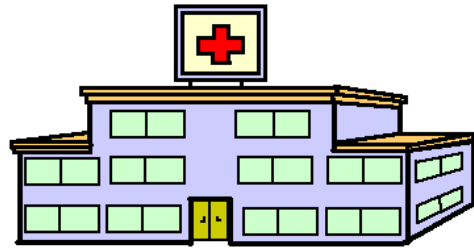
Some of you may not have heard that our Annual High Holiday Food Drive was the best ever! Thanks to the entire community for donating over a 1,000 lbs. of food and over \$300. Included in the food you didn't forget the 4-legged members of the community. With the help of Michael Daling and our custodian Julio, all was delivered to the Amazing Grace Food Pantry in Middletown as the accompanying picture will show.

In addition to the annual food drive the synagogue, in cooperation with St. Mary's Church in Portland, sponsors the Interfaith Golf Open which in the last 24 years has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help their respective congregations while also contributing to various communities' needs. While the virus affected the tournament this year, we were still able to raise money to continue this effort. The tournament donated to Portland Youth Services, Community Foundation of Middlesex County, Amazing Grace Food Pantry and Portland Food Pantry.

All of the recipients have thanked and appreciated the amazing generosity from the Adath Israel Community and the Interfaith Golf Open committee. We all should be proud of our efforts. It takes a village.



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.

Office Hours

Monday: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m.-Noon

The office is closed weekends, legal holidays, and Jewish holy days.

In the event of an emergency closing due to weather or public health the office will work remotely.

Wishing you good health.

 **Adath Israel** is a proud sponsor of
Celebrate Jewish Life



Kulanu in Song -Chanukah Zoom-a-thon

We invite you to a Chanukah Zoom-a-thon to celebrate the music of our partner communities across the globe. The Kulanu in Song Chanukah Benefit will be aired on Tuesday, December 15 at 8 pm EST and again on Thursday, December 17, at 1:00 pm EST. Take this opportunity to bring your menorah and celebrate the “nes” or miracle of the strength and diversity of the Jewish people for over two millennia since the Maccabean Revolt.

Our hope is that these local liturgical melodies will raise awareness that Jewish communities around the world, no matter how far they may be, are all inter-connected. During these dark times of isolation and illness, it is even more important to celebrate the fact that there are Jews on every continent who represent every ethnicity possible. Our shared traditions connect us across great distances and cultural divides.

**The Zoom link for this program is not yet available.
 Check eNews and our website www.adathisraelct.org for updates.**



ADATH ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

The **Adath Israel Book Club** wants to thank Sari Rosenblatt, one of our congregants and book club member, for discussing her new book with us, *Father Guards the Sheep*, on November 10th. Sari read a few selections and also answered questions about the writing process and about the stories themselves. As many of you know, Sari has received many awards for her individual short stories, all of them included in this book, which won the Iowa Award for Short Fiction. Kudos to Sari. We all look forward to future publications including a possible novel.

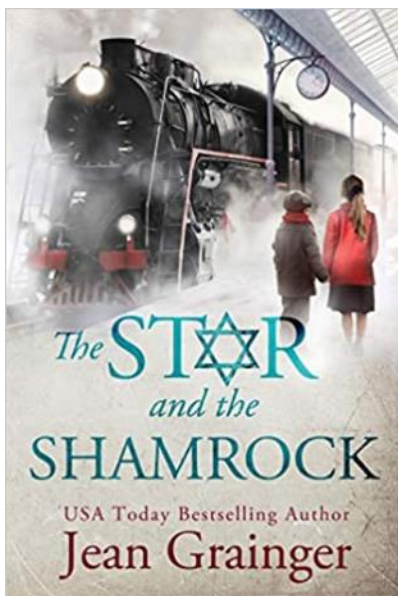
The next Book Club meeting will be held on **December 29th at 7 pm.** The book to be discussed at that time will be *The Star and the Shamrock* by Jean Grainger. This book explores an unusual dimension of the Holocaust: Jewish children from Europe living in a small town in Northern Ireland to protect them from the Nazis. It is a wonderful combination of historical fiction, mystery and drama.

During this pandemic and time of social distancing, many of us have more time to read. Copies of many of the books that the Book Club has selected as well as other great books can be found in our Library in the Small Sanctuary; and are available to be borrowed. Don't distance yourself from books!

ROBERTA and HOLLY

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Holly Simon, hfpsimon@icloud.com, 860-395-8989



CREDIT CARD



Adath Israel is able to process MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover credit card payments. There are a number of benefits:

- You save time and money, no checks, no stamps, no worries
- You have the option of spreading out your payments
- You will always be an Adath Israel member in good standing
- Adath Israel will have a dependable revenue stream.

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december 2020

kislev/tevet

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
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| | | 1 New Zoom links for Daily & Shabbat services 8 a.m. Minyan 15 kislev | 2 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 am Torah Study 4:30 pm Religious School 16 kislev | 3 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 17 kislev | 4 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:04 p.m. 18 kislev | 5 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Vayishlach</i> 19 kislev |
| 6 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 20 kislev | 7 8 a.m. Minyan 21 kislev | 8 8 a.m. Minyan 22 kislev | 9 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 am Torah Study 4:30 pm Religious School 7 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg 23 kislev | 10 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study Erev Hanukkah *5:08 p.m. <i>Light 1 candle</i> 24 kislev | 11 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Hanukkah *4:04 p.m. <i>Light 2 candles before Shabbat</i> 25 kislev | 12 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Service <i>Vayeshev Hanukkah</i> *5:10 p.m. <i>Light 3 candles after havdalah</i> 26 kislev |
| 13 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School Hanukkah *5:09 p.m. <i>Light 4 candles</i> 27 kislev | 14 8 a.m. Minyan Hanukkah *5:09 p.m. <i>Light 5 candles</i> 28 kislev | 15 8 a.m. Minyan 8 p.m. Kulanu Chanukah in Song Zoom-a-thon Hanukkah *5:09 p.m. <i>Light 6 candles</i> 29 kislev | 16 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 am Torah Study 4:30 pm Religious School 5:45 p.m. Community Candle Lighting Rosh Chodesh Hanukkah *5:09 p.m. <i>Light 7 candles</i> 1 tevet | 17 8 a.m. Minyan 1 p.m. Kulanu Chanukah in Song Zoom-a-thon 6 p.m. Torah Study Hanukkah *5:10 p.m. <i>Light 8 candles</i> 2 tevet | 18 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:05 p.m. Hanukkah 3 tevet | 19 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Miketz</i> 4 tevet |
| 20 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 8 tevet | 21 8 a.m. Minyan 6 tevet | 22 8 a.m. Minyan Fast Day 7 tevet | 23 No Religious School 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 am Torah Study 8 tevet | 24 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 9 tevet | 25 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:09 p.m. Fast Day 10 tevet | 26 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Vayigash</i> 11 tevet |
| 27 No Religious School 9 a.m. Minyan 12 tevet | 28 8 a.m. Minyan 13 tevet | 29 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Book Club 14 tevet | 30 No Religious School 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 am Torah Study 15 tevet | 31 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 16 tevet | *Candle Lighting Times for Middletown, CT | |



january 2021

tevet/shevat

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Office Closed 8 a.m. Minyan 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service *4:11 p.m. New Year's Day 17 tevet | 2 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayechi</i> 18 tevet |
| 3 No Religious School 9 a.m. Minyan 19 tevet | 4 8 a.m. Minyan 20 tevet | 5 8 a.m. Minyan 21 tevet | 6 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 4:30 pm Religious School 22 tevet | 7 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 23 tevet | 8 8 a.m. Minyan 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service *4:18 p.m. 24 tevet | 9 9:30 am Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services <i>Shemot</i> 25 tevet |
| 10 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 26 tevet | 11 8 a.m. Minyan 27 tevet | 12 8 a.m. Minyan 28 tevet | 13 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 4:30 pm Religious School 29 tevet | 14 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study Rosh Chodesh 1 shevat | 15 8 a.m. Minyan 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service *4:25 p.m. 2 shevat | 16 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Va'era</i> 3 shevat |
| 17 No Religious School 9 a.m. Minyan 4 shevat | 18 8 a.m. Minyan MLK Day 5 shevat | 19 8 a.m. Minyan 6 shevat | 20 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 4:30 pm Religious School 7 shevat | 21 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 8 shevat | 22 8 a.m. Minyan 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service *4:33 9 shevat | 23 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services <i>Bo</i> 10 shevat |
| 24 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 11 shevat | 25 8 a.m. Minyan 12 shevat | 26 8 a.m. Minyan 13 shevat | 27 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 4:30 pm Religious School 14 shevat | 28 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study Tu B'shevat 15 shevat | 29 8 a.m. Minyan 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service *4:42 p.m. 16 shevat | 30 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services 4:30 p.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Havdalah Program <i>Beshalach</i> 17 vhevat |
| 31 No Religious School 9 a.m. Minyan 18 Shevat | * Candle Lighting Times for Middletown, CT | | | | | |



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