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 **Adath Israel**
Celebrate Jewish Life

Middletown, Connecticut
June 2021 Sivan-Tammuz 5781



TISHA B'AV

Dear friends,

It is amazing to encounter people who by their words shake up your ideas and air your conception of things – we all need renewal of some sort. I have been reading a book called This is Real and You Are Totally Unprepared, by Rabbi Alan Lew, who is one of those people who shake your ideas and wake you up.

One of the main theses of the book is that the spiritual process that culminates on Yom Kippur and lasts until Sukkot begins on... **Tisha B'Av**, and not Rosh Hashanah nor the month before it. The point of the High Holidays is atonement, reconciliation, a restitution to wholeness – we all know that. But according to him, this journey begins with the acknowledgment of alienation and estrangement caused by the breaking down of old structures, which is the theme of Tisha B'Av. So the most interesting thing is that if we immerse ourselves in the midsummer fast – with all the emotions and awareness we are supposed to match to the fast, our experience of the High Holidays will be higher.

Communally, these old structures were represented by the Temple – and consequently all the old ideas present in that mindset: hierarchy based on birth, forgetting our interpersonal responsibilities,
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THANK YOU FOR THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

by Jonathan Shapiro



Six years ago, I was approached and asked to join the Board of Directors. Lily was in kindergarten and Ari was going to Mazel Tots. I felt it was my turn and happily stepped up to the plate. That quickly turned into the Vice President position as there was a gap there and I felt it was my turn to give back to the synagogue that I had always called my own and that was where my family was as well. The rest as they say is history.

A lot has happened in those six years. When I became Vice President, Lily had just finished kindergarten and Ari was entering his last year as a Mazel Tot. Lily is now in middle school and is starting her formal bat mitzvah work. Ari is about to enter his last year of elementary school. A lot has changed.

A lot has changed at the synagogue too. If you asked me six years ago what did I expect to see during my time as president, it certainly would not have been a merger, rabbi search and a worldwide pandemic. But as Adath Israel always does, it continues moving forward and evolving.

I may sound like a broken record, but the reason is simple: IT IS THE PEOPLE! We have an

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Sound Healing Services

Sunday ~ 6PM

June 13

July 11

August 8



Zoom Info

Meeting ID: 828 9717 8081 Passcode: 466981

Free for Adath Israel members.

Others, \$18 donation suggested.



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and a vision of a God that can be appeased more through sacrifices than right actions. If you have doubts about any of these ideas connected to the Temple, the Haftarot (readings from the prophets) that rebuke Israel for the three shabatot before Tisha B'Av are made for you. That same theme is taken again by the haftarah of Yom Kippur, which is Isaiah.

Individually, personally, each of us can identify his or her personality structures – how we deal with other people, anger, complacency, judging too much or not enough, the list is probably infinite – but we usually stick to them until some major crisis hits, forcing us to act in a different way, and change. Personal crises force us to acknowledge estrangement from our better selves, from others, and from God.

COVID has shaken our structures for the past year, and now, as we seem to be getting used to the new structures, things will change again. Maybe not a crisis, but a continuous sense that things are not firm, and that the structures for the better society we look for are not yet there in place. But things are changing. Not just national recovery seems to be on the horizon, but national renewal as well.

In personal terms, I have yet to meet someone who has not realized how much community and friends mean. Everyone I talked to has made some comment on how connection in person is essential for our mental and spiritual well-being. COVID did give us, however, a new horizon in terms of community: we are able to serve those who are far away, in other states or unable to leave home, but who still want to participate in the daily minyan or in our classes.

On a communal level, we act out the demolition of old structures on Tisha B'Av in many ways. By not saying 'hello' or 'goodbye' when we see people. By praying without asking for anything. By remembering all the other tragedies that happened in Tisha B'Av, and by reminding ourselves of what made the Temple be destroyed: senseless hatred. With all this in one's awareness, which is hopefully triggered by the reading of the book of Lamentations or Eicha and by fasting, one goes out into the world: the most interesting – and I should say, the most challenging – part of Tisha B'Av is that you can work during that day. Which in my opinion means that we do not forget that how we treat those around us and how we walk in the world is of supreme importance. But we are mourning the destruction of those structures.

And then, according to Rabbi Lew, we are not supposed to slouch back to the couch of our old structures and wait for Rosh Hashanah: for the next 7 weeks we are in for a very rigorous period of introspection: we read the seven haftarot of consolation, but – as all of us who have faced a major crisis know – words do not turn the clock back, or make things right.

And then, of course if you slouched back, the cries of the shofar are waking you up, when Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah begins. Rabbi Lew goes on to explain that “the essential gesture of this entire period is to become more mindful, to become more aware both of our own situations psychologically and spiritually, or those things that we've been doing that aren't so productive. So the closer we are to being in the present moment, the more mindful we are, the closer we are to God. God is here; if we are elsewhere, we are estranged from God.”

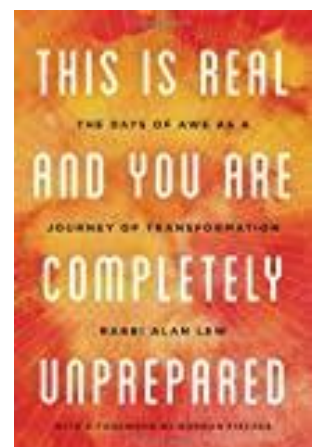
How do we effect a reconciliation with God? It takes time – that is why the process begins on Tisha B'Av – because we first need to realize that we were, indeed, worshipping the creations of our hands. We have to mourn that state of mind – it is only then that we can begin the journey. And as we do that, we realize how we can't do all the changes we need to do by ourselves – changing patterns is difficult, as anyone who tried to break up bad habits can tell you. We all need an extra push: we need a sense of a transcendent consciousness beyond our own to do all this.

At Adath Israel, we will have the traditional reading of the Book of Lamentations, or Eicha, and we will close the reading by lighting the candle of senseless love – which is, at the end, the modern attempt to be conscious that not feeling hatred is not enough: we need to be aware of God's presence in everyone we meet, even those difficult people. Even if the difficult person is... ourselves.

Warmly,

Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

PS – do yourself a favor and get the book.



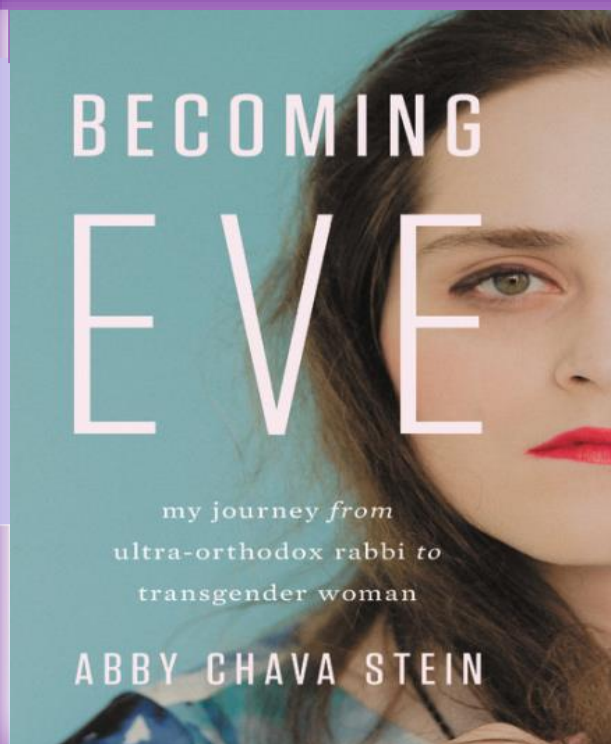


Book Club

Join us via ZOOM - **June 15th ~ 7 PM**

Becoming Eve by Abby Chava Stein

Zoom Info
Meeting ID: 832 3880 4661



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.

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incredible set of volunteers that allows the synagogue to move like clockwork. Coming on as Vice President could not have been smoother. Again, it is because of the people. We have such a dedicated group of people that help keep the synagogue moving forward and allow us to thrive. There is no way I could list everyone that assisted me along the way, but I would be remiss if I did not give thanks to certain people who I know I can and the entire congregation can always rely upon. My fellow officers over my tenure: Mike Sigal, Eileen Daling, Mike Daling, Rob Goldstein, Carly Hoss and Linda Caplan. There are so many board members and volunteers that are integral to the synagogue that have provided incredible strength, leadership and support over the last few years including Jamie and Rich Bruno, Melissa Olczak, Stan and Marge Sadinski, David Director, Marc Levin, Fred Zierler, David Kaye, Michelle Grossman, Stu Epstein, Leah Adler, Howard Rosenbaum, and Sandra Beckman. I would be particularly remiss if I did not give special thanks to David Director, Eileen Daling and Sandra Beckman who were always there for me when I had questions to address. Thank you to Eva Bardwell for her patience when I was inevitably late submitting these articles. Thank you for the unwavering support and contributions from Julio, Joanna Schnurman and Rabbi Nelly. Nothing would run without them and we are lucky they are all part of our family. And of course, thank you to my wife Sarah, Lily and Ari for their patience over these years. I would be nothing without you.

When you become President of a synagogue like Adath Israel with a rich and long history, you are a steward of the position. Presidents may come and go, but hopefully Adath Israel will remain a strong, vibrant home for Jews throughout the greater Middletown area for a long, long time. I feel fortunate and privileged to have had the opportunity to serve in this position. We have had many changes over the last few years including the merger, new dues structure and an incredible new Rabbi, and hopefully soon a new religious school. I feel that Adath Israel is stronger than ever, and will continue moving forward under the leadership of Carly Hoss.

I will close with one final thank you. Thank you all of you for your support and trust in allowing me the privilege to serve Adath Israel. It has been my honor and privilege and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

THANK YOU !!! **Adath Israel in Zoom Time**

by Sharon L Neuwirth

Reading is fundamental. Many of us read for pleasure. Some must do so for work. A book can surely bring you out of your own world into another. It may be a fictional story or one that is based on facts and research. Whatever you like, read and read more.

One of the joys of Adath Israel is the Book Club. We meet every month. And soon, fingers crossed, we will return to meeting in person at the renovated Nester center. Even if I do not read the book, I attend the meeting. The group is mostly women with an intermittent male person joining the ranks. We learn from the book as well as the input from those attending. The discussions often start as opinions about what was read then we tend to transition to stories of ourselves and our lived experiences. It is a way to learn about our fellow congregants. I am one of the younger attendees and I always learn from these strong, educated persons. I laugh with them and sit in awe. I smile just being a part of this group.

We welcome all, men and women, to come and join us. The books are always different though run with a Jewish thread. One book will surely resonate with you. And if not, even better yet, you can learn from reading something outside your box. Any ideas for books are welcome. Thank you to Roberta for leading and the participants for providing interesting perspective.



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



Dear Member:

On Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., we will join together for Adath Israel's Annual Meeting in person. There is also the option for those who would prefer to join the meeting digitally. At this time we do not know if it will be by streaming or zoom. We will email this information closer to the date.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

- Approval of the minutes from the June 2020 Annual meeting
- Approval of the budget for the year beginning August 1, 2021 – if you wish to obtain a copy of the budget prior to the June 27th meeting, please contact the office for an electronic copy.
- Election of synagogue Officers and Directors

The nominating committee will submit the following members as candidates for the positions of the executive board. All officers are elected for a one-year term. Nominations may be made from the floor.

For President	Carly Hoss
For Vice President	Nominations will be accepted from the floor
For Secretary	Linda Caplan
For Treasurer	Robert Goldstein

The nominating committee will submit the following members as candidates for the position of Director for a 3-year term:

Sam Bauer
Leah Adler

We urge you to make every effort to attend this meeting as a quorum is required to conduct all synagogue business.

Shalom,

Linda Caplan

Linda Caplan, Secretary



Adath Israel

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**It is with great pleasure that we
invite you to the installation of**

Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

**Date: Sunday, June 27, 2021
17th of Tammuz, 5781**

Time: 11:30 a.m.

**Place: Adath Israel
8 Broad Street
Middletown, Connecticut**

A picnic lunch will follow the ceremony.



**Lunch choices:
Corned beef sandwich
Tuna salad sandwich
Roasted Vegetable Wrap
Gluten Free Roasted Vegetable Wrap**

**RSVP by Tuesday, June 15, to Linda Caplan at
linalcaplan@gmail.com or 203-239-7507;
or Michelle Grossman at mlgrossman@cox.net or
203-558-4937 with the number of adults
and/or children who will be attending. Lunch choice
must also be selected.**

Face masks preferred

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

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

IN MEMORY OF

Estelle & Joseph Epstein by Suzanne Epstein
Goldberg & Steven R. Epstein

ARTHUR & EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

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

IN HONOR OF

Judy Guzman by Carol & David Director

IN MEMORY OF

Claire Pincus by

Carol & David Director & Family

Judy Guzman

ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

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

IN HONOR OF THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Linda & Jack Adler by Naomi & Allen Schneider

LYNN BENNETT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Supports the upgrade of our religious school

MAXINE THUMIM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Claire Pincus by Eileen & Michael Daling

MICHAEL FASSLER FUND

Supports early childhood education at Adath Israel

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 MEMORY OF

Irving Kahn by Bobette & Jeffrey Kahn

Claire Pincus by Naomi & Richard Kamins

Nathan Olshin by

Jessica Davison

Sara Silverman

Neil Rothfeld

Elisabeth Epstein

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)

Sam Bauer by Phil Saxe

ROBIN ARCHER CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Supports the children's library

IN MEMORY OF

Claire Marilyn Pincus by Ilana & Martin Block

SANFORD BEIT MINYAN FUND

Supports the creation and building of community over Kiddush

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel

Marcia Wrubel

Linda Soreff Siegel

Richard Mei Jr

Daniel Slatkin

IN APPRECIATION OF

Sacred Sound Healing Service on Zoom by Michele Flowers

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Join us for services via Zoom by using the information below or go to adathisraelct.org & click on “How to Join Services via Zoom”



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=VVR0TWlxZDZsbUNsRTlvYm9qSEROdz09>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 863 5646 9422

Passcode: 679552

Shabbat 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=SkIDUEF0R2FRQ1BrUXNmd3ZocFpndz09>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870

Passcode: 474612

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IN HONOR OF

Baby Naming by Vivan Albertini
Myra & David Finkelstein's 50th Wedding
Anniversary by Harriet Deeton

IN MEMORY OF

Claire Pincus by
Ruth, Mike, Amy & Stacey Sigal
Linda & Robert Silverman
Sarah & Zvi Spiler
Sharon Ossip Fisher & Bradley J. Fisher

YAHRTZEIT FUND

Supports the general operation of Aduth Israel
Rose Gerstenblatt by Ines Gerstenblatt
Thelma Levson by Anita Hennessey
Dr. Daniel Kahn by Ruth Kahn
Elaine Rena Cohen Schwarz by Gail Schwarz
Aronow
Louis DeSarno by Jayne Papoosha
Evelyn DeSarno by Jayne Papoosha
Zelig Telis by Sherman Telis
Kopel Telis by Sherman Telis
Moishe Telis by Sherman Telis
Rashka Dokshitski by Sherman Telis
Rifka Dokshitski by Sherman Telis
Leib Telis by Sherman Telis
Hillel Telis by Sherman Telis
Leonard Caplan by Marcia Caplan
Irving Parmett by Nancy Messinger
Dr. Mathias Borsuk by Sherwin Borsuk
Rena Berliner by Sherwin Borsuk
Moses Berliner by Sherwin Borsuk
Irving Kahn by
Margaret Kahn
David Kahn
Leah Gerstenblatt by Ines Gerstenblatt
Jerome "Buzzy" Levin by
Harriet Levin
Judi & Marc Levin
Kitty Curkin by Paulette Curkin
Rose Bluman by Susan Mikulski
Jerome Kabel by Jill Levin, Eric Kabel, Ken Kabel &
their families
Shirley Ross by Michael Ross
David Silverman by Edie Simon
Elizabeth G. Pollack by Eileen Russman
Naomi Hoberman by Marvin Hoberman & Family
Ann Edelberg by Paul Edelberg

Abraham Sigal by Ruth, Mike, Amy, and Stacey
Sigal
Shalom Dokshitski by Sherman Telis
Ira Cohen by Ernest Shapiro
Dr. Daniel Kahn by Benjamin Kahn
Michael David Schulman by Bonnie Rose Schulman,
Rabbi Seth Haaz, Sophie, Sadie, and Michael
Simon Edelberg by Claire Sergi
Faye Feldshon by Sherry Stekloff
Jack Feldshon by Sherry Stekloff
Sarah Troy by Rosalyn Lipman
Rebecca Dampsky by Sara Paley
Milton LaMelle by Veta & Bernie Fabian

JEWISH TRIVIA JUNE

June 1, 1916

U.S. Senate confirms Louis Brandeis as
the first Jew appointed to the Supreme
Court

June 5, 1967

Six Day War begins - Israel captures
Golan Heights, West Bank and Gaza Strip

June 14, 1948

Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel Independence
Day

June 14, 1948

N.Y.C. celebrates with a parade honoring
the founding of Israel

June 25, 1948

The first Israeli national election for
Prime Minister is awarded to Ben Gurion

June 29, 1967

Jerusalem is unified - barriers are
removed that separated the old city from
the Israeli sector

Thanks to Norm Hanenbaum



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, Password 827527

IT'S NEWS

YASHER KOACH to Ayden Bennett on becoming a bar mitzvah.
MAZAL TOV to his family.



MAZAL TOV!



Congratulations to:
Harriet Levin on the wedding of her granddaughter, Marissa Myra & David Finkelstein on recently celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary

Linda & Jack Adler on recently celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary
Barbara & Bob Sequenzia on the wedding of their daughter, Maria Sequenzia

Jake DeFrancesco on being accepted to UCONN's Master Public Policy program

Jake Kendzierski on being accepted to Lincoln Technical Institute
Tovah Caron on being accepted to Simmons University



Liya Simon on being accepted to Bates College
Ben Ferrarri on being accepted to Bryant University
Jonathan Goodman on being accepted into RPI's Masters program

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

Tovah Caron, Jake DeFrancesco, Jenna Dickes, Ben Ferrari, Alyssa Goldstein, Jonathan Goodman, Joshua Goodman, James Kendzierski, Liya Simon, Joshua Young, Max Weiss, and Skylar Wilkins

TODAH RABAH

Naomi Kamins for proofreading Kolot
Eva Bardwell for laying out Kolot
Stephanie Meadow for taking care of our eNews and blasts
Cantor Ben-Ze'ev for helping to lead our Sacred Sound Healing Services

"Where there is no food there is no Torah"
Sponsoring a Kiddush when we can all gather again

In honor of the yahrtzeits of Ruth & Maurice Schwarz by all their children

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We'd like to wish a "Refua Shleima" to the following: Katrina Axelrod, Seth Axelrod, Bernie Fabian, Sy Feldman, Paula Goldstein, Elaine Gross, Mark Itkin, Hal Kapan, Harriet Levin, Denise Levy, Hyime Paley, Rabbi Press, David Schwarz, Ruth Sigal, Joe Zaiantz, and Risa Zierler.



MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Deepest sympathies to David Kaye on the recent death of his aunt, Nancy Stoddard.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the families of **Claire Pincus** who came to her eternal rest on April 26 (14 Iyar) and **Nihla Lapidus** who came to her eternal rest on May 23 (12 Sivan).

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.

Erev Tisha B'Av Service

**Watch Enews for details
regarding time, format, and
Zoom link.**

Saturday, July 17

THANK YOU NOTE

by Sam Bauer

There will not be a Tikkun Olam article this month, as I am taking time off to recover from surgery.

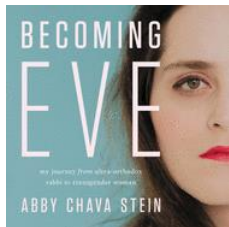
However, I would like to thank everyone who offered prayers and well wishes towards my recovery. I have received cards, phone calls, Facebook messages, even a poster which is currently hanging up in my room. It is a sign of a caring community when my mother cannot receive a phone call without someone asking after me. I am humbled and beyond grateful.

In the Talmud there is a passage that reads "He who visits a sick person takes away 1/60th of their illness". Due to Covid, no one could visit in person, but your messages still count as Bikur Cholim or visiting the sick. Thanks to your mitzvah, I am much improved and am looking forward to being back on schedule next issue.

ADATH ISRAEL BOOK GROUP

Spring is the perfect time to read! Discover new books, authors and genres!

The book selected for our **June 15th** meeting is



Becoming Eve by Abby Chava Stein. This is a memoir of the author's journey from being an ultra-orthodox rabbi to a transgender woman. Through her story, Abby Chava Stein shows us

how to follow the voice within, even when everyone tells you not to. Sharon Neuwirth will be leading the discussion.

Come join us for this interesting discussion! New members are always welcomed. Even if you are unable to read the book, come for the discussion. Also, bring your ideas for new books to read!


The summer book club meeting will be held **July 27th**. Stay tuned for more information about the book selected.

Happy Reading!

ROBERTA and HOLLY

Roberta Levine Glass, rjlevine610@gmail.com, 302-593-7581

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



**"Where there is no bread,
there is no Torah."**

**You can drop off donations for
Amazing Grace Food Pantry at
Adath Israel during office hours.**

**The Amazing Grace Food Pantry
needs: pasta, pasta sauce, baked
beans, peanut butter, canned tuna,
boxed cereal and mac-'n-
cheese. If you have other non-
perishable canned or boxed foods,
they are also welcome!**

SPRING CLEANING? BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

Give the gift of dignity while gaining closet space by helping the Middletown Community Clothing Program. For every pound of clothing donated to Goodwill using a Good Neighbor Donation Card, St Vincent de Paul will receive a voucher good toward the purchase of clothing at a Goodwill Store. Clients get to choose and purchase their clothing with the vouchers instead of getting a handout. If you would like to help, please email Wanda@SVDMiddletown.org with your name, mailing address and phone number. You can receive as many specially designated donation cards as you would like. Only one card is needed per visit to Goodwill. Keep cards in your glovebox so you don't forget them on your next trip to Goodwill!



THANK YOU!!



Dear Adath Israel,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and assistance during my grief and our family's grief over the passing of my Aunt, Lynn Bennett (Bubby).

I would like you to know that I felt grateful to be so quickly embraced by the Adath Israel Community. I appreciate and feel very thankful for the amazing support my family and I received during our time of grief.

A Big Thank You goes out to all the wonderful people in the community who supported us with food, and donations to help us get through our time of mourning.

The compassion and support did not stop there...

The community pitched in once again... and continued to be there for us, after my Uncle, Mark Bennett passed away a month after Lynn's passing.

I feel so grateful and fortunate to have met so many wonderful people. I would like to say Todah Raba! Thank you for your generosity and the time out of your busy schedules, the challenges we all faced during a pandemic crisis, and snowstorms. I feel blessed to have experienced the love and kindness of Adath Israel Community.

I am very proud that the school will be named after my aunt, Lynn Bennett.

Sincerely,
Barbara Bennett-Scott

TODAH RABA!



Bar Mitzvah of Ari Padawer

Please share a proud and joyous celebration as

Ari Padawer

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, July 24 at 9:30 AM.

The Congregation is invited to join in our simcha in person and via Zoom. If you wish to attend in person, please RSVP by July 1 to bernypadawer@yahoo.com. If you are attending via Zoom, please use the Shabbat link.

~Bern Padawer~



June

Deborah Katten
 Paula Eisner
 Jonah Young
 Irving Wagner
 Shana Adams
 Mark Lerner
 Beth Lapin
 Donna Finkelstein
 Sherwin Borsuk
 Ruth Nisse
 Howard Rosenbaum
 Sam Bauer
 Anita Hennessey
 Rebecca Axelrod
 Rich Bruno
 Carol Director
 Julia Poliner
 Frederic Searle
 Colby Turner
 Marge Sadinsky
 Jon Palley
 Elise Gendrich
 Maya Shapiro-Rosado
 Leah Adler
 Paula Goldstein
 Michelle Grossman
 Roberta Glass
 Marty Levine
 Sondra Beit

July

Brady Doweiko
 Steven Donen
 Orit Avizov
 Irena May
 Morton Pear
 Elise Bonito
 Gertrude Steele
 Carrie Nemeth
 Julie Weiss
 Judy Guzman
 Gabrielle Eisner
 Nedra Schwarz Mirkin
 E. Jack Shorr
 Joshua Young
 Marc Levin
 Morris Rischall
 Peter Robinson
 Irv Pincus
 Michael Daling
 Diane Schwartz
 Roger Turner
 Lily Shapiro
 Daniel Merida
 Jeremy Weiss
 Lisa Caron
 Melissa Olczak
 Jan Wahnnon
 Ruth Sigal
 Talin Warner-Crane
 Karissa Massicott
 Roy Massicott

August

Marilyn Petroff
 Dr. Jeffrey Gelwan
 Samuel Lerner
 Steven Perry
 Ruth Kahn
 Dana Bogatz
 Alice Gordon
 Vida Wagner
 Maya Finkelstein
 Anne Willis
 Susan Miller
 Ari Poliner
 Grace Poliner
 Jake DeFrancesco
 Edward DeFrancesco
 David Kaye
 Eileen Daling
 Francine Goldberg
 Jay Weiss
 Michael Price
 Joshua Goodman
 Ari Shapiro
 Harris Friedlander
 Tovah Caron
 Brian Goldstein
 Ray Irizarry
 Robin Levine
 Ethan Warner-Crane
 Steven Machuga
 Stephanie Meadow
 Steven Small

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**



Adath Israel BLOOD DRIVE

Adath Israel – Social Hall – 8 Broad Street

Tuesday, August 17

1:00-6:00 PM

**“Whoever saves a life, it is considered as
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Morning Minyan via Zoom & In-person
 Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 9:00 AM

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 Saturday, 9:30 AM

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The 25th Anniversary Interfaith Golf Open



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May 2021

It's time to get out and join us for the 25th annual Interfaith Golf Open Tournament to be held at the Portland Golf Course on August 3, 2021. Last year we were restricted in number of attendees, no dinner, no raffle and no auction, but with the support of sponsors, we were still able to raise funds to help our church, synagogue, and local charities including some new ones based on input from our players and sponsors. Added new last year were: Communities of Color in Middlesex County Wellness Kits; Community Renewal Team serving Middletown, Middlefield, East Hampton and Cromwell; Cromwell Human Services; East Haddam Social Services and Senior Services; East Hampton Social Services and Senior Services; Meriden Soup Kitchen; Middlefield Social Services and Senior Services and New Horizons Domestic Violence Services. Our interfaith community stepped up to assist us and made it happen. Thank you!

The needs of our communities have continued to increase due to the pandemic. Unemployment, food insecurity, mental health issues and homelessness have all increased, businesses have suffered, congregations have been restricted in attendance, and the list goes on.

Are YOU ready? Have you had enough of being quarantined due to "COVID"? It's time to get out and enjoy some good times with a full field (while meeting all CDC Guidelines) at the Interfaith Golf Open. The Portland Golf Course has taken over the restaurant and the "Pub at the PGC" will be catering our meals.

Our 25th anniversary requires that we make this our greatest tournament ever!! What can you do? Our tournament has raised millions of dollars over the first 24 years of our tournament. We need your help to make our 25th year the best. We have some new faces who have volunteered to help us not only this year but have volunteered to continue the tournament into the future. We will need your support to continue to make this a successful tournament and fund raiser for Middlesex County. Let's start by making this year (**2021**) the best ever- we start by filling the foursomes and providing sponsorships like never before! *

2021 is OUR year.

David Marc

Dave Director and Marc Levin
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Interfaith Golf Open
PO Box 337
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25th Anniversary Interfaith Golf Open

Sponsor Registration Form

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Contact Person _____

Sponsor Mailing Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Contact's Phone _____

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Payment: Make checks payable to **Interfaith Golf Open** and mail to the address above,
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To pay by credit card, please contact the synagogue office at office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709.

Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

- ☐ Medallion Sponsor \$6,500 includes Name & Logo on all printed materials, two (2) golf foursomes, special recognition on day of tournament and name on all tournament signage
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- ☐ Tee Sponsor \$150 signage at one hole on course



june 2021

sivan/tammuz

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 21 sivan	2 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 22 sivan	3 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 23 sivan	4 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *8:02 p.m. 24 sivan	5 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Shelach</i> 25 sivan
6 9 a.m. Minyan 26 sivan	7 8 a.m. Minyan 27 sivan	8 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 28 sivan	9 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 29 sivan	10 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study Rosh Chodesh 30 sivan	11 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *8:06 p.m. Rosh Chodesh 1 tammuz	12 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Korach</i> 2 tammuz
13 9 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Sacred Sound Healing Service 3 tammuz	14 8 a.m. Minyan Flag Day 4 tammuz	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 5 tammuz	16 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 6 tammuz	17 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 7 tammuz	18 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *8:09 p.m. 8 tammuz	19 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Chukat</i> 9 tammuz
20 9 a.m. Minyan Father's Day 10 tammuz	21 8 a.m. Minyan 11 tammuz	22 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 12 tammuz	23 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 13 tammuz	24 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 14 tammuz	25 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *8:10 p.m. 15 tammuz	26 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Balak</i> 16 tammuz
27 9 a.m. Festival Morning Minyan 10 a.m. Annual Meeting 11:30 a.m. Rabbi Nelly's Installation & Luncheon Fast of Tammuz 17 tammuz	28 8 a.m. Minyan 18 tammuz	29 8 a.m. Morning Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 19 tammuz	30 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 20 tammuz	*Candle Lighting Times for Middletown, CT Check our website adathisraelct.org for the latest information.		



july 2021

tammuz/av

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4 9 a.m. Minyan Independence Day 24 tammuz	5 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 25 tammuz	6 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 26 tammuz	7 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 27 tammuz	8 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 28 tammuz	9 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *8:08 29 tammuz	10 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Matot-Masei</i> Rosh Chodesh 1 av
11 9 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Sacred Sound Healing 2 av	12 8 a.m. Minyan 3 av	13 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 4 av	14 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 5 av	15 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 6 av	16 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *8:04 7 av	17 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service TBD Erev Tish'ah B'Av Service <i>Devarim</i> Shabbat Chazon Erev Tisha B'Av 8 av
18 9 a.m. Festival Morning Minyan Tisha B'Av 9 av	19 8 a.m. Minyan 10 av	20 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 11 av	21 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 12 av	22 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 13 av	23 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *7:58 14 av	24 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service. Ari Padawer Bar Mitzvah <i>Vartchanan</i> Shabbat Nachamu Tu B'Av 15 av
25 9 a.m. Minyan 16 av	26 8 a.m. Minyan 17 av	27 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 18 av	28 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 19 av	29 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 20 av	30 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *7:51 21 av	24 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Eikev</i> 22 av



Adath Israel
Celebrate Jewish Life

august 2021
av/elul

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 9 a.m. Minyan 23 av	2 8 a.m. Minyan 24 av	3 Interfaith Golf Tournament 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 25 av	4 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 26 av	5 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 27 av	6 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *7:43 28 av	7 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Re'eh</i> 29 av
8 9 a.m. Minyan Rosh Chodesh 30 av	9 8 a.m. Minyan Rosh Chodesh 1 elul	10 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 2 elul	11 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 3 elul	12 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 4 elul	13 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *7:34 5 elul	14 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Shoftim</i> 6 elul
15 9 a.m. Minyan 7 elul	16 8 a.m. Minyan 8 elul	17 8 a.m. Minyan 1-6 p.m. Blood Drive 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 9 elul	18 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 10 elul	19 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 11 elul	20 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *7:24 12 elul	21 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service <i>Ki Teitzei</i> 13 elul
23 9 a.m. Minyan 14 elul	24 8 a.m. Minyan 15 elul	25 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 16 elul	26 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 17 elul	27 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study 18 elul	28 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *7:13 19 elul	29 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service TBD Selichot <i>Ki Tavo</i> Selichot 20 elul
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