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 **Adath Israel**
 Celebrate Jewish Life

Middletown, Connecticut
January 2022 Shevat 5782



HEBREW

Dear friends,

Our people has
 spoken many
 languages throughout
 history. Yiddish,
 Ladino, Aramaic,

Judeo-Arabic and, of course, Hebrew.

Hebrew is a phenomenon in terms of languages. Very few, if any, languages can survive for thousands of years and still be spoken and read. The Greeks, for instance, had an incredible civilization. Yet, the people who speak modern Greek do not read or write in the way of Classic Greek today, and few, if any, could read Homer in the original without a serious amount of study and dedication. Compare this with the modern Israeli

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

If you or anyone you know is ill
 or in need of support,
 please let our Bikur Cholim (Compassionate
 Care) Committee know!
 Contact Michelle Grossman
 at rickandmichelle360@gmail.com
 or the rabbi (203) 543-7454
 or Joanna at the office.

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THANK YOU

Hey everyone, sorry I didn't get an article out last month - as many of you know, I got into a pretty bad car accident in November, and I put my writing on pause because I figured two months in a row with metaphors about cars would start to get a little stale.

I just wanted to write to you in this season of light, hope, miracles, and battling darkness and say that I have a deep sense of gratitude for you all.

Thank you to those who called, wrote an email, and wrote a note that told me that if they could slap the universe on my behalf they would. I deeply love you, and thank you for making me laugh at a time when I needed it. I'm grateful for my chiropractor who not only has been helping to fix my back, but is giving me unsolicited relationship advice. I'm grateful for my mother who sat with me at Toyota as I took two breaks to recite the shema quietly to myself and ask for patience as I bought my second car within two years. I'm grateful for my students' parents who sent gift cards in with their kiddos and homemade cards that said "get better soon".

Chanukkah lifted my spirits in the time that I needed it. Not only did our huge Chanukkah ceremony help shift my depression into celebration, and get me excited to see people, but the planning of it was

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Chanukah Fun!



**Scenes
from our
Community
Celebration
& Candle
Lighting.**



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who, maybe consulting the dictionary here and there, could certainly read most of the Tanach (Jewish Bible), the Mishnah and the midrashim.

Pardes Institute of Jerusalem publishes a podcast that I follow. In one of the installments the presenter, David Bernstein, was focusing on the life of Jews in Poland in the interwar years (1917-1939) and presented two different censuses that the Polish government made, one from 1921 and another from 1931[1].

Among the questions of the census were “what is your religion?”; “what is your mother tongue?” and, in 1931, a “what is your nationality?” It was only due to the first question that we can understand the other two. The answers to those questions are interesting questions regarding the Jews, since Jewish population in Poland in the interwar years was about 10% of the general population, and because we know that Polish Jewry was diverse and heterogeneous in those years, given the rising movements of the Haskalah, the Bundt and the Haredi Jews.

It turns out that for the second question, 80% of the Jewish responses were “Yiddish.” That is expected. What is probably not expected was a 12% “Polish” and an 8% “Hebrew”. Imagine that the respondents were 30 years old in 1921, since the census does not ask children what is happening, but adults. What it means is that we see a reflection of what was happening in Jewish houses around 1890: a sizable group was raised speaking only Polish, with no cultural linguistic connection to Judaism. And a surprising group was following, or possibly stating that they were following, the lead of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda and raising children in a house where Hebrew was being spoken again.

The third question, “what is your nationality?” comes in part because of the unification of Poland and the rise of the Polish national sentiment, and because Poland was a heterogeneous place, where Jews were not the only minority. For that one, 70% replied that their nationality was Jewish[2]. Language brings the feeling of a common way of looking to the world, a feeling of connection and belonging.

Eliezer ben Yehuda and the Zionist movement are not solely responsible for Hebrew’s continued existence. The language was kept on the back burner of our national consciousness in part due to the rabbis, many of whom spoke Aramaic and Greek, but for whom the main connection with God is through

the Hebrew language: the fact that our prayerbook is in Hebrew is not an accident. The impulse of keeping Hebrew alive is already found in the rabbinic writings, kept alive by Torah and prayer and from there to the kabbalists in the 16th century.

The midrash on Genesis, Bereshit Rabbah, affirms: “Just as the Torah was given in lashon ha-kodesh [Hebrew] so too the world was created with lashon ha-kodesh[3].” Hebrew is not called lashon kedosha, a holy language, but lashon ha-kodesh, a language that brings about holiness. The Maharal[4] writes that since the seventy languages correspond to the seventy nations, language relates to nation. Each nation is given its special language based on its nature, as the language expresses the essence of the nation, just as speech expresses the nature of man[5].

The idea is that language influences a person's soul. In the Talmud Yerushalmi we find the following expressed: “Whoever is fixed in Eretz Yisrael, eats [even] his regular food in purity, speaks in lashon hakodesh and recites the Shema morning and evening – is assured to be a member of the world to come[6].” That is not the only way, for sure (the rabbis have at least a dozen other ways to get to the world to come that I know of) but it is emblematic of the idea that language transforms our thoughts, and reinforces our feelings of community, nationality and spirituality.

The Israeli composer Ehud Manor encapsulated all this in a line of his beautiful song, Ein Li Eretz Acheret (I have no other land): “Only a word in Hebrew can penetrate my depths, my soul.”

Here in the US, knowing a second and a third language is not the norm. But for us, it should: we have a dual soul, part of which speaks English and another part that speaks Jewish. At Adath Israel, we have many avenues to connect with the parts of our souls that sense Hebrew: Anna Elfenbaum is giving everyone who would like to learn to decode Hebrew a chance: she is offering an adult hebrew Course on Sundays, at 9:15 AM. In February we will begin offerign meditation sessions on the Hebrew letters, in person and on zoom. Hope you take hold of those opportunities!

Warmly,

Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

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EARLY RISERS MINYAN



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Wednesday-January 5th-7:00am
Kiddush Breakfast Following Service

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crucial. Seeing Leah and Myra be so beautifully intricate about food plans, Ethan decorating while updating me on his school musical production, Rebecca updating me on her family's plans for the holiday season while making Menorah magnets...it all made me see that so many of us are really balancing our Jewish identities in an ever changing world around us. We have been so flexible with ever changing Covid Policy, mask mandates, vaccines... how we meet with each other, when we meet with each other...while just trying to do the next right thing, trying to be the light and be joy when we feel like we can't see it directly in front of us.

Please remain safe through this holiday and winter season. Do the next right thing. Take care of your health, and each other. Check in with that family or that individual that you haven't heard from in a while. Eat Chinese food, watch that movie, represent how you do Judaism and how you inspire hope.

Lastly, during this season of light for ALL peoples of ALL faiths and ALL cultures, I wanted to share this resource with you and all my families that identify as multi-faith or fluidity of faith. At <https://18doors.org/families/> you can find resources on parenting and grandparenting, being a partner, or building a family with those that appreciate your Jewish customs, but also shine a light on their own diverse cultures and celebrations. I would love to get your thoughts and conversations on the resources. I would love to hear if you found a recipe successful, got something insightful for your lifecycle event, or signed up to be a part of an email series.

As always, I'm looking forward to growing with you, seeing you at services and programs in the coming months, and I'm looking forward to January 17th: Tu B'Shevat (my favorite Jewish Holiday). Be the light for many, be the hope you want in the changes for our community, and be the strength for just one person who may need it.

Love you all, Carly



Keeping Safe

Dear Adath Israel community,

As we continue to monitor the ongoing national health crisis and our associated policies we wanted to remind all congregants and families of our current protocols within both the synagogue and Nester Center:

1. Masks are required at all times, regardless of vaccination status, and must be worn correctly to completely cover both the mouth and nose.
2. If an event provides food, masks should only be taken off while seated and seating should be done by household in the social hall in accordance with social distancing guidelines.
3. If you are feeling at all sick or experiencing even minor symptoms, please do not come to the synagogue.

Our community has handled this pandemic with collective responsibility since the beginning, but we need to be especially vigilant now as rates have risen locally. If you have any questions, suggestions, or are in need of support, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the executive board.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board

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- [1] You can listen to it here <https://elmad.pardes.org/2019/11/interwar-polish-jewry-1918-1939/>
- [2] The connection between language and nationality in that census is fairly clear, maybe particularly because even though there was already a strong Zionist movement, the state of Israel was not a reality. That of course does not mean that those who spoke Hebrew or Yiddish were religious, in fact there was a unification of Hasidim and Mitnagedim under the banner "Agudas Isroel" in 1912. In part, that party wanted to defend Judaism against the acculturation and assimilation that was already happening then.
- [3] Bereshit Rabbah 31:8
- [4] Yehudah Loew ben Bezalel, the famous creator of the Golem, Poland, 1520-Prague, 1609
- [5] Gur Aryeh, Devarim 1:23
- [6] Shabbat 1:

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PRAY EAT SING

**JANUARY 7TH
6:00 PM
RSVP: DECEMBER 30**

Free to members; others \$10.00 per person or \$18/family

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
Hortie & Jerry Kabel by Eric Kabel

ARTHUR & EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

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

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
Jonah Young in celebration of him becoming a Bar Mitzvah by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

LYNN BENNETT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Supports the upgrade of our religious school
IN MEMORY OF
Lynn Bennett by Bern Padawer

MAXINE THUMIM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

MICHAEL FASSLER FUND

Supports early childhood education at Adath Israel

MUSEUM FUND

Supports purchases and maintenance of Adath Israel's museum

NATHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE-FUND

Supports annual scholar-in-residence program
IN HONOR OF
Jay Bernard Finkelstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah by Myra & David Finkelstein

SANFORD BEIT MINYAN FUND

Supports the creation and building of community over Kiddush

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel
Daniel Slatkin
The EIS Foundation

YAHRZEIT FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel
Bernard Schwarz by
Karen E. Schwarz
Peter Schwarz
David Caplan by Marcia Caplan
Mike Eisner by the Eisner Family
Morton & Evelyn Greenblatt by David Greenblatt
Albert & Edna Lipman by David Greenblatt
Paulette Shulkin by Norman Shulkin
Lillian Shulkin by Norman Shulkin
Sophie Barker by Shelley & Michael Barker
Judith Mittelman by Sharon Mittelman
Irwin Mittelman by Sharon Mittelman
Frances Dubrow by Naomi & Michael Dubrow
Gertrude & Herman Braverman by Richard Braverman
Jerry Kosofsky by David Kosofsky
Irwin Zagoren by Stephen Zagoren
Sherman Tonkonow by Barbara Kendzior
Martin Fields by Harriet Fein-Deeton
Dr. Jay Edelberg by Donna & Mark Finkelstein
Martha Zwelling by Jeremy Zwelling
Bella Needle by Joan & Michael Needle
Ida Paul by Debby Paul Fuller

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SACRED SOUND HEALING PROGRAM

Led by Cantor Re'ut Ben-Zeev & Rabbi Nelly



VIA ZOOM
Saturday, January 15th
6:30pm

Free for members
others: \$18 suggested donation

Zoom info
Meeting ID 828 9717 8081
Passcode 466981

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Herman Sheftel by Barry Sheftel
 Stephen Sheftel by Barry Sheftel
 Joseph Ravitch by Lee Broder
 Emmanuel Saul Dubin by Joe Dubin
 Sylvia Mellman by Barbara & Steven Weiss
 Edith Barker by Shelley & Michael Barker
 Arthur Goldstein by Nancy & Harvey Goldstein
 Anna Weiss by James Weiss
 Arthur Shulman by David Shulman
 Howard May by Irena May
 Rose Silverstone by Vida & Irving Wagner
 Molly Wagner by Vida & Irving Wagner
 Max Silverstone by Vida & Irving Wagner
 Sheila Pear by Morty Pear

AFGHANI REFUGEE FAMILY TO OUR AREA

Along with a local interfaith coalition, Adath Israel is hoping to help welcome an Afghani refugee family. The coalition, including First Congregational Church in Portland, CT, is working with IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services) in New Haven to settle the family in the Middletown area around February.

Would you like to donate new or used items to furnish their first apartment? If you have ideas of furnishings or appliances for the kitchen, living rooms, children's rooms, etc., please contact Nancy Schwartz, at nschwartz@wesleyan.edu, who is in contact with PRRG (Portland Refugee Resettlement Group) and will provide more details.

Thank you.

CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE THROUGH PRAYER

All services are in-person & via Zoom

Morning Minyan

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM

Sunday, 9:00 AM

Zoom Info

Meeting ID: 863 5646 9422 Passcode: 679552

Shabbat Services

Friday, 7:00 PM

Monthly Pray-Eat-Sing Services, 6:00 PM

Saturday, 9:30 AM

Zoom Info

Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870 Passcode: 474612

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.

Helpful Information:

If your committee/group is planning an approved event, I will need verbiage (or graphic, if you have any) to enable me to request a flyer from Social Tuna. I would need the information at the end of the month prior to the new months Kolot and for blasts and our enews. Please do not send your requests to the office. Please send your information to edaling21@att.net.

Thank you,
 Eileen



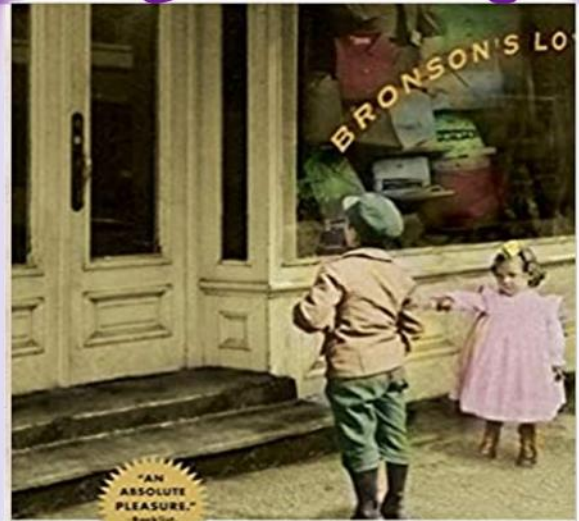
Book Club

Join us via ZOOM - January 18th * 7pm

**The Jew Store
by Stella Suberman**

Meeting ID: 866 4652 0065

Passcode: 196174



THE JEW STORE

A FAMILY MEMOIR BY
STELLA SUBERMAN



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
302-593-7581

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

TIKKUN OLAM AT ADATH ISRAEL

MICHELLE GROSSMAN

by Sam Bauer



Michelle Grossman has been a member of B'nai Abraham since 1979 and has been with Adath Israel ever since we merged. Now retired, Michelle was once the manager of the telecommunications department for Hartford Insurance and has always been a force of nature when it comes to volunteering. The focus of the month's

article, Michelle Grossman is the volunteer who has been serving her community since she joined it.

When I asked Michelle to list her accomplishments, it would probably be easier to write down the things she hasn't done. She started on the committee for children's activities, and before long she was asked to be vice-president. Soon she was president, and then president again after two years because she was asked to stay on. She has been on multiple search committees, including our most recent search, and was a chairperson for the installation. Michelle has been a chairperson on at least five different committees, the ones not already listed being the board of education, youth group, and tzedakah committees. She was the music teacher for B'nai Abraham and acted as a substitute as needed. Michelle also found the time to be in charge of the kitchen, and created a group called the Yentas which provided non-profit kosher catering for bar/bat mitzvahs or kidushes.

Her laundry list of service could indicate a person with a grand vision in mind for their work. But Michelle told me that she never intended to more than help with the children's activities or help occasionally with whatever else needed doing. Things simply kept snowballing. Michelle agreed to be vice president because she held the President who asked her in such

high regard, which I'm sure is a common enough story for most board members. But the vision that was important to her was having her children see her and her husband being involved. Michelle said that she didn't want her kids to see the synagogue only as a place to be for high holy day services, but instead as a place where Jewish life happened constantly. Michelle repairs the world through Leviticus 19:18 "To love other Jews" and through Leviticus 19:30 "To show reverence for the temple". She has shown devotion to both the people that come to pray and the place in which they pray and we could not be more grateful.

PURIM IS COMING!!

This year, the festive holiday of Purim begins on the evening of March 16th. The traditional warmth of friendship and the joy of giving will be wrapped up into Mishloach Manot ("gifts to friends") packages to be prepared and distributed by the synagogue. Be looking for an email and a mailer, explaining how you can participate in this fundraiser and community builder.



Sandra Beckman, Committee Chair

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE ARE IN THE HOSPITAL OR OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY



Patient privacy laws prohibit the hospitals & other healthcare facilities from notifying Adath Israel if you are admitted unless you specifically request it. Upon admission, please list Judaism as your religion and request spiritual care or a visit from the chaplain.

The hospital chaplain 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.



SHABBAT L' CHOL ADAT

January 22
5:45 pm

Havdalah Service for the whole community

www.adathisraelct.org

IT'S NEWS

B'RUCHIM HABA'IM! WELCOME to our newest members

Melanie & Adam Login and their children Dylan & Ryder

MAZAL TOV!

Kol HaKavod to Jay Bernard Finkelstein, grandson of Myra & David Finkelstein on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Mazal tov to his family.

TODAH RABAH

Naomi Kamins for proofreading Kolot
Eva Bardwell for laying out Kolot
Sharon Slossberg & Merle Loza for assembling & mailing Kolot
Sharon Slossberg for also: returning bottles, folding programs, shredding documents
Stephanie Meadow for taking care of our eNews and blasts
Sam Bauer for assembling yahrtzeit letters
Harriet, Marcey, Aaron Thiela for all their grocery shopping
Aaron Thiela for washing towels from the kitchen
Doris Feitelson & Aaron Thiela for help shredding documents
Roberta & Marc Glass for the gift of book cases for the Library and Book Club



For Bringing Back Our Chanukkah Gift Fair:

Sue Massicot, Anita Henessey, Doris Feitelson, Michelle Grossman, Eilee Daling, and Linda Caplan

All Those Who Helped with Our AMAZING Community Chanukkah Celebration:

Leah Adler, Rabbi Altenburger, Andy Bauer, Sam Bauer, Adam Finkelstein, Myra Finkelstein, Carly Hoss, Richard Kamins, Joanna Schnurman, Ethan Warner-Crane, Rebecca Wilansky

"Where there is no food there is no Torah"

Sponsoring a Kiddush

Bern Padawer – as encouragement for in-person Shabbat attendance

IN MEMORY OF

Karen E. Schwarz in memory of Bernard Schwarz
Sharon & Rachel Neuwirth in memory of Toby Cron Neuwirth

Early Risers Minyan

Scott Levy
Joanna Schnurman

Pray-Eat-Sing Sponsors & Helpers

Myra & David Finkelstein
Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela
Sharon Slossberg

Annual Appeal

Ines Gerstenblatt

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We'd like to wish a "Refua Shleima" to the following:

Shana Adams, Katrina Axelrod, Seth Axelrod, Natalie Cheerman, Bernie Fabian, Sy Feldman, Paula Goldstein, Elaine Gross, Mark Itkin, Hal Kaplan, Jean Lawrence, Denise Levy, Hyime Paley, Irv Pincus, David Schwarz, Ruth Sigal, Joe Zaiantz, and Risa Zierler.



MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Deepest sympathies to Alyn Adams on the recent death of his mother, Betty Adams.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the families of Joan Gordon who came to her eternal rest on December 3 (29 kislev) and David Nemeth who came to his eternal rest on December 4 (30 kislev).

May the bereaved find comfort in our community's support.

Kolot Due Dates

Issue	Article Due Date
February	1/10
March	2/7
April	3/7
May	4/11
June	5/9

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PRAY EAT SING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:00PM

RSVP: FRIDAY, JANUARY 28



Adath Israel

Celebrate Jewish Life

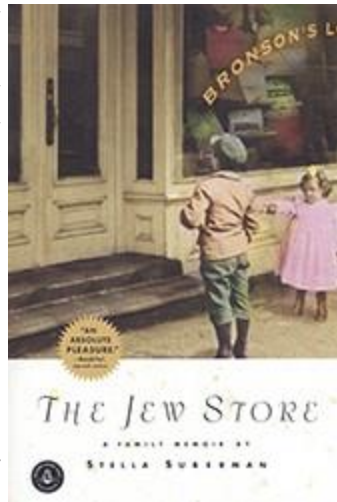
Free to Members

Others: \$10 per person or \$18/family

ADATH ISRAEL BOOK GROUP

What a thrill it was to hear author, Meg Waite Clayton, talk about her book, *The Last Train to London!* Not only was she introduced by a woman who had actually been on the kindertransport but also she was able to share how the idea for the book came to be and the process to write it. What an exciting book event which was a collaboration with the Meriden Public Library! Congratulations to Mark Altenburger who "won" a copy of Meg Waite Clayton's new book, *The Postmistress of Paris!*

The book selected for our first meeting in 2022 is *The Jew Store* by Stella Suberman. Jodi Gendrich recently read this book and highly recommended it for the Book Club. This memoir is about a Jewish family pursuing the American Dream in the early twentieth century South. In 1920, two years before the author was born, her family became the first Jews to live in Concordia, a small town in Tennessee. Her father opened a dry goods store, which the locals called "the Jew store." The father's optimism contrasted sharply with the mother's anxiety about their ability to provide their children with a Jewish education in their new surroundings. This was a time when educated liberals were suspect and the Klan was a major threat to outsiders. Come find out how the family struggles to find their place in town.



Jodi will be leading the discussion on **January 18th 7 p.m. via Zoom.**

Meeting ID: **886 4652 0065**
Passcode: **196174**

Happy Reading!

ROBERTA and HOLLY

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JANUARY



Daniel & Judi Merida
Tod & Melissa Olczak



Rabbi Nelly Altenburger
Levi Axelrod
Jeffrey Beit
Jaime Bruno
Susan Dickes
Matthew Feldman
Mark Finkelstein
Suzanne Goldberg
Doris Goldstein
Rachelle Harris
Harold Kaplan
Debbie Kaye
Jim Lawrence
Judi Merida
Marjorie Perry
Edward Schwartz
Sherry Small
Gloria Sones
Jack Weiss
Steven Weiss
Jack Wilkins
Sherry Young



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



Steering Committee

City of Middletown
 Fellowship Church
 Liberty Bank
 Liberty Bank Foundation
 Middlesex Hospital
 Middlesex United Way
 Middletown Kiwanis Club
 Middletown Police Department
 Middletown Rotary Club
 Russell Library
 St. Vincent DePaul
 Middletown/Amazing Grace
 Food Pantry

December 2021

Dear Congregation Adath Israel,

What a success! This year the Middletown Community Thanksgiving Project provided over **879 Thanksgiving baskets for Middletown families** in need. Your donation of **Cranberry Sauce & monetary donation** helped make this possible!

Tuesday, November 23rd, was a busy day of bustling activity at Fellowship Church, where residents came to pick up their Thanksgiving baskets. With the continued challenges of 2021 we hosted a “drive thru” pick up this year enabling residents to stay in their cars. They were assisted by dozens of volunteers from different local organizations who helped make this event possible. In addition, members of the Middletown Rotary Club delivered 100 baskets to people who were disabled or otherwise unable to pick them up. The atmosphere was festive and joyous—a reflection of the spirit of community that infused the project from the very start.

On behalf of the entire Middletown Community Thanksgiving Project team, we’d like to extend a heart-felt “thank you” for helping to make Thanksgiving brighter for so many of our neighbors. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Lara SantaMaria
 Project Coordinator
 Middletown Community
 Thanksgiving Project

Address:
 MCTP
 1002 Saybrook Road
 Middletown, CT 06457

This letter serves as a receipt for your donation.



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=SkIDUEF0R2FRQ1BrUXNm3ZocFpndz09>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870

Passcode: 474612

ADATH ISRAEL EMERGENCY CANCELATION & CLOSING PROCEDURES

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL :

THE PRINCIPAL WILL CONTACT STAFF & STUDENTS' FAMILIES DIRECTLY.

**ALL OTHER CANCELATIONS & CLOSINGS:
CHECK TV CHANNEL WFSB (EYEWITNESS 3) OR WWW.WFSB.COM.**

COMPASSIONATE CARE AKA THE BIKUR CHOLIM COMMITTEE

A core value of our Congregation is to provide care to our community.

This care often includes pastoral visits but our scope is much broader.

We can provide visits, calls, cards, transportation, shopping and food assistance, and, often more, when we know of the needs. We try to provide emotional support where helpful and connections for those who are isolated by whatever circumstances (alone at home, at a medical facility or nursing home). We do this confidentially and without cost or obligation.

We need your help to identify those who need assistance that we do not know about and the best way to contact them. Please reach out to us with as much information as you can share in confidence so that we can reach out and fulfill our desire to help those in need in our community.

For the time being, Michelle Grossman has agreed to be the contact person for Compassionate Care. She can be reached at **203-558-4937** or rickandmichelle360@gmail.com.

Help Us Help You!

THE COMPASSIONATE CARE COMMITTEE

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.



january 2022

tevet/shevat

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
*Candle lighting times for Middletown, CT		Please visit our website, www.adathisraelct.org , for the latest information & updates				1 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services New Year's Day <i>Va'era</i> 28 tevet
2 No Religious School 9 a.m. Minyan 29 tevet	3 8 a.m. Minyan Rosh Chodesh 1 shevat	4 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 2 shevat	5 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7 3 shevat	6 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 shevat	7 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner *4:19 p.m. 5 shevat	8 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Bo 6 shevat
9 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades 9:15 a.m. Adult Hebrew 7 shevat	10 8 a.m. Minyan 8 shevat	11 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 9 shevat	12 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7 10 shevat	13 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 11 shevat	14 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:26 p.m. 12 shevat	15 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 6:30 p.m. Sound Healing Service, Zoom Beshalach 13 shevat
16 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades 9:15 a.m. Adult Hebrew 14 shevat	17 8 a.m. Minyan Martin Luther King Day Tu B'shevat 15 shevat	18 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club, Zoom 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 16 shevat	19 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7 17 shevat	20 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 18 shevat	21 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening *4:34 p.m. 19 shevat	22 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 5:45 p.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Havdalah Program Yitro 20 shevat
23 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades 9:15 a.m. Adult Hebrew 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch 21 shevat	24 8 a.m. Minyan 22 shevat	25 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 23 shevat	26 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7 24 shevat	27 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 25 shevat	28 RSVP Deadline February Pray-Eat-Sing 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:43 p.m. 26 shevat	29 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Mishpatim 27 shevat
30 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades 28 shevat	31 8 a.m. Minyan 29 shevat					



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6 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:15 a.m. Adult Hebrew 5 adar 1	7 8 a.m. Minyan 6 adar 1	8 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 7 adar 1	9 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School, Grades 3-7 8 adar 1	10 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, Zoom 9 adar 1	11 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *5:01 p.m. 10 adar 1	12 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Tetzaveh</i> 11 adar 1
13 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:15 a.m. Adult Hebrew 12 adar 1	14 8 a.m. Minyan 13 adar 1	15 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 14 adar 1	16 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School, Grades 3-7 15 adar 1	17 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, Zoom 16 adar 1	18 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *5:09 p.m. 17 adar 1	19 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Ki Tisa</i> 18 adar 1
20 No Religious School or Adult Hebrew 9 a.m. Minyan 19 adar 1	21 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan Presidents Day 20 adar 1	22 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 21 adar 1	23 No Religious School 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study, Zoom 22 adar 1	24 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, Zoom 23 adar 1	25 <u>RSVP Deadline</u> <u>March Pray-Eat-Sing</u> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *5:18 p.m. 24 adar 1	26 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayakhel</i> Shabbat Shekalim 25 adar 1
27 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:15 a.m. Adult Hebrew 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch 26 adar 1	28 8 a.m. Minyan 27 adar 1					



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