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קולות ק.ק. עדת ישראל



Middletown, Connecticut  
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## HANUKKAH 2022

Dear friends,

Do you know what is the first word that Yiddish newspapers published in English? Presents. As in gifts. Because of Hanukkah, of course!

If poverty and violence hounded Jews in Europe, America offered the vision of the “*goldeneh medineh*”, the golden land: abundance, security and access to social mobility. All that marked the Americanization of Jewish immigrants at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. But there was a lot of anxiety too: Freedom of religion was a “shocking experience” for Jews, according to historian Dianne Ashton in her book Hanukkah in America, a History.

## 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](mailto:rickandmichelle360@gmail.com)  
or the rabbi (203) 543-7454  
or Joanna at the office.

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## INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Dear Fellow Congregants,

As we reflect upon the year that has gone by and look forward to the new year that is now upon us, we have both lots to be proud of and new challenges to prepare for.

In 5782 our services continued both virtually and in-person while we had various groups and clubs meet regularly. Our religious school had a very active year with five students celebrating B’nai Mitzvot, a significant Chanukah celebration in collaboration with the community, and the return of our annual Purim Carnival. We launched a new Purim fundraiser and saw a historic year with the Interfaith Golf Tournament. We were also able to maintain both the lowest dues structure of any synagogue in Connecticut, as well as free religious school education, leading to 30 new members joining our congregation.

In 5783, we hope to reach our fundraising goal and subsequently break ground on the Lynn Bennett Religious School while also upgrading the security of our building through local and national grants.

Of course, we are not immune to the realities of the current economic climate. We are fortunate to have a strong endowment from the years of your generosity and that of the generations that came



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# PRAY EAT SING

**Friday, December 2nd  
at 6 pm**

**RSVP by November 23rd**



**Free to Members  
Others: \$10 per person or \$18/family**

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Hanukkah ends up serving as a counter-balance to Christmas in American Jewish history not so much for its content, but by an accident of timing. Its celebration was a way of asserting Jewish identity. Its re-making on American soil ends up being entirely a response to Christmas and the anxieties of making the synagogue, which was a “sermon-heavy, intellectual place that offered nothing for kids” into a more kid-friendly place, for 8 days a year. Rabbis, together with the ladies’ auxiliaries, “came up with an idea of a synagogue festival for kids at Hanukkah as a way to interest kids in the synagogue: candle-lighting, singing songs, teaching the kids little skits, and then treating them to oranges and ice cream.[1]”

During the early Jewish period in American history, Hanukkah wasn’t really celebrated in the home beyond the lighting of the hanukkyah, and presents were not a thing –shocking but true. And as the mission of how to keep Judaism going in this new place for a new generation becomes more a reality and a quest for the Jewish community, Hanukkah comes to serve it well – by involving two populations that were, until then, not the center of synagogue life: children and women.

The pioneer in this, as he was in many other things, was rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise. Over the course of 39 weeks around 1860, he serialized a romance novel based on the story of the Maccabees, with the themes “religious virtues, patriotism, and strong gender distinctions,[2]” that were in tandem with the Victorian values of the time. This was not only a way of educating Jews about Hanukkah, but also a form of reassurance: Jews could be part of American culture.

And so by 1906, the Forverts, along with other, more Orthodox, publications, are all for advertising presents for Hanukkah, and increasing children’s enthusiasm for the holiday is their mission. But because Hanukkah is a complicated holiday – with fights and people being trampled by elephants, in a long drawn out seven-year campaign that mostly relied in guerilla tactics – it became, also, the holiday that reveals nothing regarding what Jewish life is about. And so the impetus to have it as a response to Christmas wins the day.

Take the Mensch on a Bench. This, if you haven’t heard, is the Jewish alternative to Elf on a Shelf, first made in 2013 and now sold in places like Target. Neal Hoffman, a former Hasbro employee who invented Mensch on a Bench, tells his story[3]: Hoffman is married to a Catholic and his two sons,

Jacob and Alex, are being raised Jewish. Around Christmas time, his boys kept asking for trees and presents and the dreaded Elf on a Shelf. Hoffman would retort, “Jesus is the meal, Christmas is the dessert. And you can’t have dessert if you don’t have your dinner.”

But he wanted his kids to have pride in their own cultural heritage, and not have to always play defense. And so he created the Mensch on the Bench — a stuffed mythical, long-ago Jew who sat on a bench in the Temple and made sure the oil didn’t burn down. But while his company has sold 120,000 of these dolls, the other things made for other holidays by his company have not sold well. “The truth is, we lose money on those,” he said. “We as Jews have not shown that we want to buy things for other holidays. I don’t think that’s necessarily bad, that we’re keeping the other holidays a little more pure. We’re keeping Passover about Seder and keeping Yom Kippur about the fast.”

I find quite interesting his choice of words. “Pure”, as in unadulterated. Because of the complicated origins of Hanukkah, and its placement in the calendar, Hanukkah ends up being the catch-all of our responses to something much larger and complex – the question of ‘how do we remain Jewish? How do we make sure Judaism goes on?’ Most people know about the miracle of the oil, we all know about decorations and the hanukkyah, latkes, donuts and dreidlach - and that is where Judaism stops and where the anxieties about assimilation begin.

As a response to Christmas, Hanukkah has been doing great. As a propeller to a meaningful Jewish life, not so much. My hope is that we embrace Hanukkah with all its complexities, and understand how it has become what it is: a response to Christmas –we make a minor holiday something grand because we need it to be at least as grand: cue to the Chabad public menorahs. Yet we need to be clear that a meaningful Jewish life lies in the other holidays, in the other celebrations and observances. A meaningful Jewish life is built every day, every week and every month.

*Chag HaUrim Sameach*, happy festival of lights,

Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

[1] Ashton, Dianne - Hanukkah in America, a history, P. 80-82

[2] p.54





# Adath Israel

*Celebrate Jewish Life*

## SHABBAT L'CHOL ADAT



**Saturday, December 3RD\*9:30AM**

## SHABBAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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before us. But it is imperative that we maintain that endowment, while not compromising our constant commitment to grow both the size and spirit of our congregation.

As I mentioned on Yom Kippur, only 25% of our annual operating expenses are covered by dues, so your participation in the Annual Appeal is critical to our ability to continue to meet our objectives.

Your Tzedakah is not just key to our economic sustainability, but also the vitality of our community, as so many of you have demonstrated over the course of the last year with your time, energy, and resources. So please, take a minute to think about what Adath Israel means to you, and how you can help us in the coming year.

Your contributions are the cornerstone of our growth and future as we strive to ensure the legacy we have inherited here at Adath Israel is secure for generations to come.

Adam Finkelstein  
Vice President



## TIKKUN OLAM OPPORTUNITY!

### Community Interfaith Holiday Meal Help Wanted!

The Middletown Interfaith Community Holiday Dinner will be held December 25, 2022 at First Church on Court St Middletown. This event will serve 300-400 people in our community. Meals will be delivered to shelters and to people who are unable to get out of their homes. Most people will eat together in the First Church parish hall.

Volunteers are needed for this massive project. On December 23 and 24, the team will be setting up the room. People can cook turkeys at home and bring them to the church. On December 25, volunteers will be needed to deliver meals, finish food preparations, serve and clean up. Those with musical talent could help provide festive entertainment.

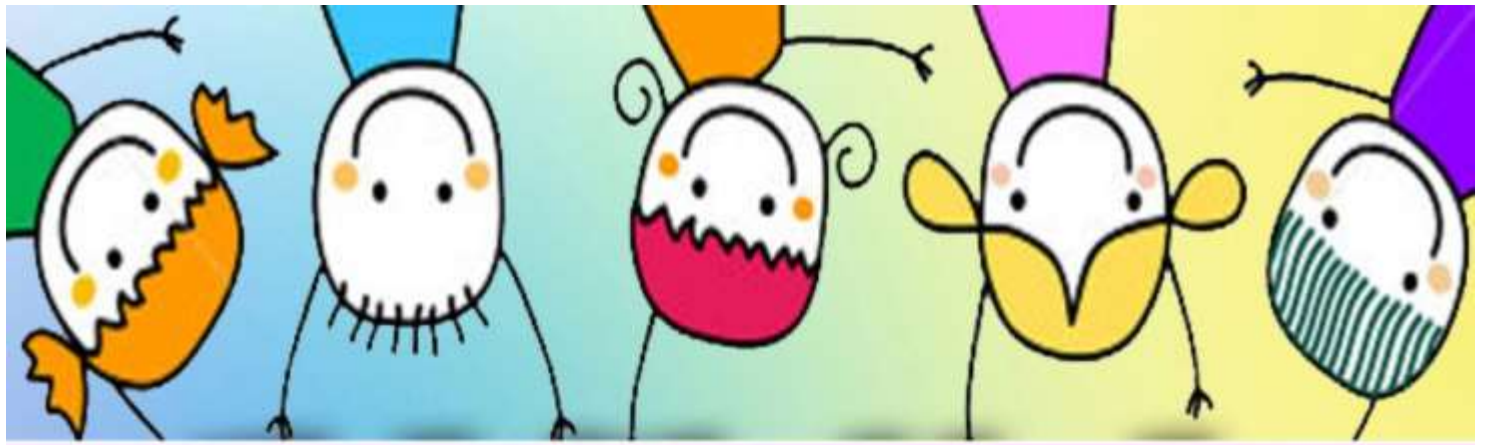
If you are curious for more details, are willing to volunteer or know of someone who would enjoy a meal made with loving care, contact Sue Engelhardt at [susanengel@aol.com](mailto:susanengel@aol.com). Once more details are available, Sue will forward the information.

## New After Hours Drop Box

**Frustrated because you wanted to drop off a check or a note, but the office was closed?  
Well, kvetch no more!**

We now have a secure drop box for your convenience. Thanks to Michael & Eileen Daling who donated and installed it in memory of their beloved relatives.





# TOT SHABBAT

## SATURDAY

DECEMBER 3RD \* 11:30AM

A hands-on, active Shabbat morning service for infants through preschool and their parent(s)/guardian(s)

 Adath Israel  
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JOIN US FOR MAZEL TOTS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH \* 10:30AM

## **ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS**

### **ADATH ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

(SOPHIE & JULIUS BARKER, EVELYN & ABRAHAM GROSSMAN, SARAH ZIETZ PIERSON, RABBI ALBERT & ROSALYN TROY, SYLVIA GROSS WAS-SERMAN, 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

Lew Goldberg by

Carol & David Director

Paulette Gewirtz

Naomi & Richard Kamins

Cheryl & Phil Israel

Joseph Simons

Ilona & Moshe Berman

Barbara & Steven Weiss

Roberta & Marc Glass

Gene E. Sengstock & Marie Darin

Allen Levine & Martha Bergman

Arlene Kaplan

Sandra & Paul Beckman

Rhoda LaVine & Family

Lisa & Alan Kaplan

Marge & Stan Sadinsky

### **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 MEMORY OF

Norman Hanenbaum by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

### **LYNN BENNETT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Supports the upgrade of our religious school

Alder Ridge Apartments LLC

Thomasville Holly Hill LLC

Maple Valley Apartments LLC

Meadows of Catalpa Association LLC

Luanne & Mark Paley

Sondra & Roger Beit

Sharon Neuwirth

IN APPRECIATION OF

Great High Holy Days Services for Children & Families by Brian Dreyfus

YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!

(HAPPY BIRTHDAY!)

Laurie Press by Ruth & Mike Sigal

REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Rabbi Marshal Press by Ruth & Mike Sigal

IN MEMORY OF

Lew Goldberg by Ruth & Mike Sigal

Lynn Bennett by Barbara Bennett Scott & Jim Scott

### **MAXINE THUMIM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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

REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Rabbi Marshal Press by Eileen & Michael Daling

Morty Pear by Eileen & Michael Daling

### **MICHAEL FASSLER FUND**

Supports early childhood education at Adath Israel

### **MUSEUM FUND**

Supports purchases and maintenance of Adath Israel's museum



# EARLY RISERS MINYAN

Wednesday, December 7th, 7:00am



Adath Israel

*Celebrate Jewish Life*

**Kiddush breakfast following service**



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

Supports annual scholar-in-residence program  
IN MEMORY OF

Meta Kahn by Bobette Reed & Jeffrey S. Kahn  
Nathan Olshin by Bobette Reed & Jeffrey S. Kahn  
Mary Reed Tugard by Bobette Reed & Jeffrey S. Kahn  
Michael E. Reed by Bobette Reed & Jeffrey S. Kahn

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

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

### **SANFORD BEIT MINYAN FUND**

Supports the creation and building of community over Kiddush  
Richard Mei Jr

IN MEMORY OF

Edith Curkin & Philip Curkin by Herb Curkin  
Lillian Levine by Julie & Howard Levine

### **SYNAGOGUE FUND**

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel  
Marjorie & Victor Adler  
Christine Repasy  
Peter Fishman  
Daniel Slatkin  
Fred Edelstein

IN APPRECIATION OF WARM WELCOME AT THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Ken Judkowitz

IN MEMORY OF

George Shapiro by Ernest Shapiro  
Ann Shapiro by Ernest Shapiro  
Lori Shapiro by Ernest Shapiro  
Barbara Shapiro by Ernest Shapiro

### **YAHREZEIT FUND**

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel  
Allan Seldin by Joan & Michael Needle  
Max Finkelstein by Donna & Mark Finkelstein  
Richard Andrew Schwarz by Gail S. Aronow  
Celia Hoffman by Maryann Hoffman  
Meta Kahn by Margaret Kahn  
Thomas & Esther Rose by Hinda Niemeyer

Lillian & Rubin Cohn by Marshall Cohn  
Morris Levson by Anita L. Hennessey  
Louis Caplan by Marcia Caplan  
Beatrice Katz by Richard A. Katz  
Philip Cohn by Linda & Jack Adler  
Katie Adler by Linda & Jack Adler  
Norman Kabatznick by Brian Kabatznick  
Coleman Weiss by Barbara & Steven Weiss  
Francis H. Tonkonow by Amy & Richard Kohan  
Ralph "Mickey" Paley by  
Lori & Philip McDermott  
William, Sharon, Michael, and Trevor Fleischmann  
Sara Paley  
Sarah Pincus by Irving Pincus  
William Kogen by Audrey Acabchuk  
Harry Soll by Elaine P. Bersch  
Dr. Arthur A. Weiss by  
Sherly Weathers  
James H. Weiss  
Dora Hoberman by Marvin Hoberman  
Robert Rosenfield by Patty Netherland  
Lucille H. Cherniack by Ceile Zaroni  
Sylvia Levine by Martin L. Levine  
Rosalee Hertzberg Shapiro by Louise Feldman  
Morris Dampsky by Sara Paley  
Allan Savitsky by Robin Levine  
Myron J. Poliner by Debbie & Michael Poliner  
Maurice "Sutzie" Newberg by Joseph Newberg  
Susan Garden by Damian Garden  
Max Silverstone by Irving Wagner  
Ester Ben-Dov by Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk  
Frances Friedman Pollack Rothfarb by Ruth Kahn  
Becky Soreff by Linda Soreff Siegel  
Jane Mellman by Barbara & Steven Weiss  
Natalie Friedman by Donald Friedman  
Ethel Friedman by Donald Friedman  
Lejzor Telis by Sherman Telis  
Margot Mittelman by Sharon Mittelman Murphy  
Max Shulkin by Norman Shulkin  
Pearl Searle by Wendy & Josh Searle  
Hyman Nathan Paul by Deborah Paul Fuller  
Lilian Keller by Harriet Fein-Deeton  
Mike Eisner by the Eisner Family  
Israel Louis Grower by Liz Grower Whittaker  
My Family by Adrienne Palley  
Shirley Cotton by Barbara Cotton

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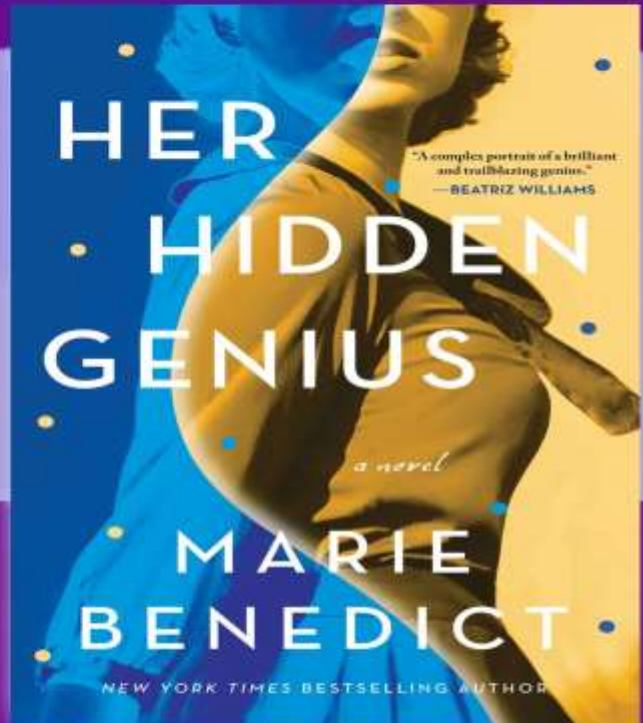
# Book Club

**December 13th  
7:00pm**

**at the Nester Center**

**Her Hidden Genius  
by Marie Benedict**

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



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

**For more information, please contact  
Roberta Glass: [rjlevine610@gmail.com](mailto:rjlevine610@gmail.com)  
302-593-7581**

**or Holly Simon: [hfpsimon@icloud.com](mailto:hfpsimon@icloud.com)  
860-395-8989**



## **ADATH ISRAEL BOOK GROUP**

### **REDEDICATE YOURSELF**

This Chanukah, let's rededicate ourselves to reading. May the light of the menorah brighten our spirits and show us new ways to explore and learn!

Many thanks to all who participated in the provocative discussion of *The Assignment* by Liza Wiemer. Inspired by a real-life incident, this novel explored the dangerous impact discrimination and anti-semitism had on one community when a school assignment went terribly wrong. We asked ourselves if we would have "defended the indefensible" or spoken out when we were in high school. We also grappled with the prevalence of anti-semitism today – how can we fight it and what can we do to educate others. We concluded that there were no easy answers to these questions but that we must find our voice and speak out against hatred of all types, and particularly to stand up to Jewish hate.

The book selected for the **December 13th** meeting is *Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict. This novel brings to light the story of Rosalind Franklin who sacrificed her life to discover the nature of our very own DNA, a woman whose world-changing contributions were hidden by the men around her. Come learn about Rosalind Franklin's discovery and the three men who took the credit!

All book club meetings will now be held at The Nester Center and via Zoom.



**Zoom Meeting ID: 886 4652 0065**

**Passcode: 196174**

Here are the next few dates to put on your calendar:

**January 24, 2023**

**March 7, 2023**

**April 18, 2023** (special Yom Hashoah program)

We hope to take a field trip in March to the New York Historical Society in New York City to see "I'll Have What She's Having," a traveling exhibit on the Jewish delicatessen, looking back at a vibrant institution fueled by immigration and irresistible food.

A visit to Zabar's may also be included in this adventure! Stay tuned for more details!

Happy Reading!

ROBERTA and HOLLY

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302-593-7581 (cell)

Holly Simon, [hfpsimon@icloud.com](mailto:hfpsimon@icloud.com), 860-395-8989



### **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.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

ADATH ISRAEL'S COMMUNITY  
**HANUKKAH**  
CELEBRATION/CANDLELIGHTING

 Adath Israel  
*Celebrate Jewish Life*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 5:30 PM**

**LOOK FOR MORE INFO COMING SOON!**



## **IT'S NEWS**

### **MAZAL TOV!**

Nora Machuga, daughter of Sari Rosenblatt & Steve Machuga, on her marriage to Jeff Engler on September 10

### **TODAH RABAH**

#### **High Holy Days Helpers & Donors**

Myra & David Finkelstein

Carolann Schwartz

Ruth Sigal

Eileen Daling

Sharon Slossberg

Richard Kamins

Jodi Gendrich

Phil Saxe

Jim Poliner

Risa & Fred Zierler

Harriet, Aaron, and Marcey Thiela

Rob Goldstein

Nancy Schwartz

Ruth Borsuk

Mark Frydenberg

Howard Levine

Marc & Jude Levin

The Weiss & Schwarz Families

Fran & Lew Goldberg

Sandra Beckman



**Meals & Shopping:** Fred Zierler, Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

### **St Vincent De Paul Sunday Meals Program**

#### **Sponsors & Helpers**

Nancy Schwartz

Eva Bardwell

Suzanne Goldberg

Paula Goldstein

Sue Engelhardt

Eileen & Michael Daling

Liz Hibino and family

Jaime Bruno and family

Jodi Gendrich

Patty Netherland

Ben Eisner

Carly Hoss

### **Other Acts of Kindness**

Laying out Kolot - Eva Bardwell

Proofreading Kolot - Eileen & Michael Daling

Assembling & mailing Kolot - Sharon Slossberg

Returning Bottles - Sharon Slossberg

Taking care of our eNews and blasts - Stephanie Meadow

Grocery shopping - Harriet, Marcey, Aaron Thiela

Washing towels from the kitchen - Joanna Schnurman

Helping with mailings - Eileen Daling, Nancy

Schwartz, and Sharon Slossberg

Helping when Julio was on vacation - Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

### **“Where there is no food there is no Torah”**

#### **Sponsoring a Kiddush**

IN HONOR OF

Joe Fine's birthday by his family

IN MEMORY OF

Major Gary Grant by Marjorie & Victor Adler

Richard Andrew Schwarz by Gail S. Aronow

Ruth Levine by Eric Levine

### **Supporting Pray-Eat-Sing**

Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

Myra & David Finkelstein

Star Bennett

Risa & Fred Zierler

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

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

Shana Adams

Katrina Axelrod

Bernie Fabian

Sy Feldman

Phyllis Frydenberg

Paula Goldstein

Richard Kamins

Hal Kaplan

Jean Lawrence

Hyime Paley

Irv Pincus

David Schwarz

Stephen Shapiro

Joe Zaientz



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# **Torah Study with Rabbi Nelly**

## **via Zoom**

**Wednesday - 10:30 AM**

**Zoom ID 837 9879 1910, Passcode 963942**

**Thursday - 6:00 PM**

**Zoom ID 842 5337 5828, Passcode 568266**



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### MAY GOD GRANT COMFORT

Deepest sympathies to  
Hyime Paley on the recent loss of his sister,  
Goldie Dash z"l  
Risa & Fred Zierler on the recent loss of their  
brother-in-law, Phil Brodsky z"l

### IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the  
family of Dr. Lewis (Lew) Goldberg z"l who came  
to his eternal rest on October 4 (9 tishrei)

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

### HONOR THOSE SPECIAL PERSONS IN YOUR LIFE WITH A PLAQUE FOR THE "SIMCHA" MENORAH

Whether it celebrates a Bar Mitzvah,  
Bat Mitzvah, Birth of a Child or Grandchild,  
Wedding, "Special" Birthday, special event/  
honor, etc. share your joy with our synagogue  
community – **FOREVER.**

#### SAMPLE

Bar Mitzvah  
Jonathan Goldstein  
00/00/00  
Your loving Parents

**Only \$136.00 – A gift that endures**

Contact Joanna @ 860-346-4709 or  
[office@adathisraelct.org](mailto:office@adathisraelct.org).

Kolot Issue	Article Due Date
January	12/5
February	1/9
March	2/6
April	3/8
May	4/3
June	5/8

### DECEMBER LIFE CYCLES



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



Jayne Papoosha  
Ari Padawer  
Marshall Levine  
Nicole Weinreb  
Jon Whittaker  
Arlene Pressman  
Bob Axelrod  
Max Weiss  
Max Hibino  
Judith Hirsch  
Marilyn Finkelstein  
Adam Login  
Ellie Bruno  
Irene Silberstein  
Jonathan Goodman  
David Schwarz  
Alvin Wolfgram  
Linda Savitsky  
Marc Glass  
Richard Parks  
Elizabeth Beit  
Corinne Brodie



# Adath Israel

*Celebrate Jewish Life*

Join us for services via Zoom by using the information below or go to [adathisraelct.org](http://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=VVR0TWlxZDZsbUNsRTIvYm9qSEROdz09>

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



# Adath Israel Emergency Cancellation & Closing Procedures

Religious School :

**THE PRINCIPAL WILL CONTACT STAFF & STUDENTS' FAMILIES DIRECTLY.**

All other Cancellations & closings:  
Check tv channel WFSB (Eyewitness 3) or [www.wfsb.com](http://www.wfsb.com).

## 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.**

## **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.

## Compassionate Care A.K.A. 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.

Michelle Grossman has agreed to be the contact person for Compassionate Care. She can be reached at 203-558-4937 or [rickandmichelle360@gmail.com](mailto:rickandmichelle360@gmail.com).

**Help Us Help You!**

**THE COMPASSIONATE CARE COMMITTEE**



# december 2022

## kislev/tevet

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
*Candle lighting times for Middletown, CT				1 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>7 kislev</b>	2 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner *4:03 p.m. <b>8 kislev</b>	3 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services 11:30 Tot Shabbat  <i>Vayetze</i> <b>9 kislev</b>
4 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <b>10 kislev</b>	5 <b>Kolot Articles Due for January</b> 8 a.m. Minyan <b>11 kislev</b>	6 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon  <b>12 kislev</b>	7 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>13 kislev</b>	8 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>14 kislev</b>	9 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:02 p.m. <b>15 kislev</b>	10 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Vayishlach</i> <b>16 kislev</b>
11 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <b>17 kislev</b>	12 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>18 kislev</b>	13 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Al Anon  <b>19 kislev</b>	14 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>20 kislev</b>	15 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>21 kislev</b>	16 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:03 p.m. <b>22 kislev</b>	17 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Vayeshev</i> <b>23 kislev</b>
18 <b>No Religious School or Mazel Tots</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9:30 a.m. JWV Brunch *4:54 p.m.  <i>Erev Hanukkah</i> Light 1 candle <b>24 kislev</b>	19 8 a.m. Minyan *4:54 p.m.  <i>Hanukkah</i> Light 2 candles <b>25 kislev</b>	20 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon *4:55 p.m.  <i>Hanukkah</i> Light 3 candles <b>26 kislev</b>	21 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 5:30 p.m. Community Candle Lighting & Dinner *4:55 p.m.  <i>Hanukkah</i> Light 4 candles <b>27 kislev</b>	22 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom *4:56 p.m.  <i>Hanukkah</i> Light 5 candles <b>28 kislev</b>	23 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:06 p.m.  <i>Hanukkah</i> Light 6 candles before Shabbat candles <b>29 kislev</b>	24 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services *5:12 p.m.  <i>Hanukkah</i> Light 7 candles after Havdalah <i>Rosh Chodesh Miktz</i> <b>30 kislev</b>
25 <b>No Religious School or Mazel Tots</b> 9 a.m. Minyan *4:57 p.m.  <i>Hanukkah</i> Light 8 candles <i>Rosh Chodesh Hanukkah</i> <b>1 tevet</b>	26 <b>Office Closed</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <i>Final Day of Hanukkah</i> <b>2 tevet</b>	27 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon  <b>3 tevet</b>	28 <b>No Religious School</b> 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>4 tevet</b>	29 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>5 tevet</b>	30 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service *4:11 p.m.  <b>6 tevet</b>	31 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <i>Vayigash</i> <b>7 tevet</b>





# january 2023

## tevet/shevat

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>1</b> <b>No Religious School or Mazel Tots</b> 9 a.m. Minyan  <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>8 tevet</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Office closed</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>9 tevet</b>	<b>3</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon 7 p.m. Bd of Directors Mtg  <b>Fast of 10th of Tevet</b> <b>10 tevet</b>	<b>4</b> 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 pm Religious School  <b>11 tevet</b>	<b>5</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>12 tevet</b>	<b>6</b> <b>RSVP Deadline for Pray-Eat-Sing</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  *4:17 p.m.  <b>13 tevet</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services 11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat  <b>Vayechi</b> <b>14 tevet</b>
<b>8</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <b>15 tevet</b>	<b>9</b> <b>February Kolot Articles Due</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>16 tevet</b>	<b>10</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon  <b>17 tevet</b>	<b>11</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>18 tevet</b>	<b>12</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>19 tevet</b>	<b>13</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner  *4:25 p.m.  <b>20 tevet</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <b>Shemot</b> <b>21 tevet</b>
<b>15</b> <b>No Religious School or Mazel Tots</b> 9 a.m. Minyan  <b>22 Shevat</b>	<b>16</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> <b>23 tevet</b>	<b>17</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon  <b>24 tevet</b>	<b>18</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>25 tevet</b>	<b>19</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>26 tevet</b>	<b>20</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  *4:33 p.m.  <b>27 tevet</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <b>Va'era</b> <b>28 tevet</b>
<b>22</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 9:30 a.m. JWV Brunch  <b>29 tevet</b>	<b>23</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>1 shevat</b>	<b>24</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Al Anon  <b>2 shevat</b>	<b>25</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School  <b>3 shevat</b>	<b>26</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>4 shevat</b>	<b>27</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  *4:41 p.m.  <b>5 shevat</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <b>Bo</b> <b>6 shevat</b>
<b>29</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots  <b>7 shevat</b>	<b>30</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>8 shevat</b>	<b>31</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon  <b>9 shevat</b>	<b>*Candle lighting times for Middletown, CT</b>			



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