

Yizhar Hess
קולות ק.ק. עדת ישראל



Middletown, Connecticut
February 2024 shevat/adar I 5784



Embracing the Positive

Adam Finkelstein
President



Dear Friends,

Last year, as I worked at Camp Ramah, I had the privilege to meet Yizhar Hess, Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization. He had come during the summer to talk about the value he, as an Israeli, sees in Masorti Judaism, which is how Conservative Judaism is known in Israel. His story is an incredible one.

Born and raised in Israel, he had a bar mitzvah just to please his grandmother, his savta. His family was not religious in any way, but savta was insisting and he loved her. So he worked for six months, learned the tropes and the Torah portion, gave savta an enormous moment of

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Dear Friends,

I always intend my monthly Kolot articles to have a positive tone, to use this space to recognize special events, happenings, or people within our congregation. While circumstances haven't made it easy in recent months, I think it's important to get back to that place, where we remind ourselves of and focus on the positive.

These are obviously challenging times for the Jewish people as a whole. Simultaneously, many of us have personal obstacles to overcome. That's why it's vitally important for us to remember the value of finding the joy, the satisfaction, and the peace within our daily lives and to choose to really embrace it.

It's also why it is vitally important for us to come together, not just to support each other in hard times, but to celebrate the good times. To live Adath Israel's motto: Celebrate Jewish Life.

Our Community Candle Lighting & Dinner is the perfect example. Nearly eighty people attended. So many came to me to say how wonderful it was to be

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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 Joanna in the office.

Chanukkah Memories



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together, to light our menorahs, and to celebrate. All of the credit for that goes to Ethan Warner Crane and his team of volunteers. They organized every detail from the menorah lighting to the latke bar to dreidels & coloring for the kids to a sing-along, giving us all a community celebration we really needed. Thank you, Ethan and all of the people who made that event such a timely and memorable one.

Even as these challenging times continue, let's all commit to finding as many positive moments and reasons to celebrate as we can, both within our individual lives as well as in our Adath Israel community.



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.

Minyan CHAI-light!



Name: Phil Saxe From: San Francisco CA

Favorite color: blue Favorite car: one that works

Favorite dessert: lemon meringue pie

Favorite dog: Sandy

I first became exposed to daily morning prayers when my grandfather (who was an orthodox rabbi) would visit us in San Francisco from Chicago. I was around six/seven when I became aware of them. Around the time of my bar mitzvah, I started wearing Tefillin and saying daily prayers alone. I think that lasted for around six or so months and I continued off and on. In college, there was a group of us that decided to do morning prayers together at our fraternity house (AEPi).

After graduation I moved to Connecticut and was happy to be in a large Jewish community. Work precluded any sort of a morning minyan practice. I did develop a practice of regular Shabbat attendance. When my father died, some 30 years ago, I was self-employed and was able to start a daily morning minyan practice which I have continued to this day (except for five of the years I lived in Delaware). When Covid hit, I resumed a daily practice on Zoom via CAI.

Now that I have returned to Connecticut my goal is to attend morning minyan in person every day.

Being fully retired, I find the morning minyan a "great" reason to get up. I am drawn to the minyan primarily not for religious reasons. There are multiple reasons why I am drawn to the minyan. (1) During the earlier years the fellowship developed was very powerful—most days we went to breakfast after services. (2) It makes me feel good to be part of a historically long tradition. (3) I especially feel good at minyan when a person arrives to fulfill a particular religious need and I am there to enable that to happen. Under Rabbi Altenburger we have added a monthly breakfast in addition to the on-going "early riser's minyan to continue the minyan's comradery.



JEWIS OF THE WORLD * SPEAKER SERIES *

SUNDAYS 4 PM

Adath Israel is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Meeting for an international journey exploring Judaism around the world.

Discover how communities and individuals deal with their own challenges and joys of being Jewish.



2/4/24 – Taiwan: Rabbi Cody Bahir

3/3/24 - Paraguay: Mijal Kohan

3/31/24 – Uganda: Jonathan Mwosuko

4/28/24 – Sweden: Rabbi Jeremy Gerber

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87665535045?pwd=VnhZZkR5TzlxeG9KbzE0Y3I4SGxEZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 6553 5045

Passcode: 994884

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happiness – in a regular, Orthodox shul he never set his foot afterwards. Fast forward twenty years, he is involved with a Jewish Federation in America as a *sheliach* in Arizona. And the first invitation he receives is for a bat mitzvah in a Conservative shul. He was astounded: the grandmother of the bat mitzvah girl was called for an alyiah, and the granddaughter read Torah for the grandmother. The families are embracing on the bimah. Men and women are sitting together. And he thought about his own savta, absconded in the women's section, hidden behind a trellis – and with his small voice of a thirteen year old, he was not even sure she heard him. And that Shabbat morning transforms him, enabling him to see the case for religious pluralism in the State of Israel.

This moment led him to grow as a Jew and to become the CEO of the Masorti movement in Israel, and in 2020 he became the Vice Chairman of the WZO.

So it was with some trepidation that I received an email from him, asking to sit and chat through zoom. The main point in that meeting was the need to keep pluralism alive and well as an essential value in the Jewish people in general and in the State of Israel in particular. Jewish Peoplehood – the idea that we are all connected, and accept each other as Jews despite living Judaism in profoundly different ways – is the seed of the value of pluralism.

We can only shape the future of our people by participating. It is both with excitement and a sense of responsibility that I strongly invite you to know more about the World Zionist Congress, and your power to make your voice heard. The World Zionist Congress is a platform for us to unite, collaborate and contribute to the shaping of our collective destiny. The policies and initiatives of the WZO influence the path of Jewish life, culture, and advocacy worldwide.

The WZO plays a vital role in preserving and promoting Jewish identity, culture, and heritage. By actively engaging in the Congress, we strengthen our representation as progressive and liberal Jews, and contribute to the diversity of perspectives within the Zionist movement.

Our commitment to the well-being and prosperity of the State of Israel is paramount – and so are the values that the State has. By participating in the Congress, we actively contribute to the development

of policies that align with our values and promote not only a strong and secure Israel, but also a vision for the State that is pluralistic and democratic, and not a theocratic, fundamentalist state.

So I hope you will search for and get informed about the World Zionist Congress, and when the elections come in 2025 you will engage in shaping our collective future.

Warmly,

Rabbi Nelly Altenburger



TIKKUN OLAM OPPORTUNITIES

Ways You Can Help

Mosaic United. This is a site where you can get informed on ways to combat antisemitism and anti-Zionism online and offline. <https://mosaicunited.org/>

Bonot Alternativa. The aforementioned group helping women directly impacted by the war. They have 100,000 volunteers to open ad hoc community-care centers for the displaced. <https://www.bonot.org/aid-israel>

Brothers and Sisters in Arms. All donations go toward procuring and distributing supplies to civilians and security personnel in the conflict zones. <https://www.ahimlaneshek.org/donate-2023>

UnXeptable. The pro-democracy protest group founded by Israeli expatriates in Silicon Valley is seeking volunteers to host Israelis who are stuck abroad, organizing Bring Them Home rallies for the hostages and highlighting organizations seeking donations. unxeptable.org/crisis

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
Ring Family Wesleyan University
Israeli Film Festival
Spring 2024

The Goldsmith Family Cinema in the Jeanine Basinger Center for Film Studies
 301 Washington Terrace, Middletown, Connecticut



THE MONKEY HOUSE

New England Premiere – Screening of the film
 and film introduction
January 31, 2024, 8:00 PM



THE FUTURE

Connecticut Premiere – Screening of the film
 and film introduction
February 7, 2024, 8:00 PM



THE OTHER WIDOW

Connecticut Premiere – Screening of the film
 and film director's talk
February 14, 2024, 8:00 PM



ELK & JIMMY

New England Premiere – Screening of the film
 and film director's talk
February 21, 2024, 8:00 PM



GOLDA

Screening of the film and film introduction
February 28, 2024, 8:00 PM



SEVEN BLESSINGS

New England Premiere – Screening of the film
 and film producer's talk
March 6, 2024, 8:00 PM

Free Admission, Free On-Site Parking, Open to the Public

More information: iff.site.wesleyan.edu

Sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies
 Organized by Dalit Katz, Director

Co-Sponsored by the College of Film and the Moving Image,
 The Wesleyan Film Series



**Center for
 Jewish Studies**

Wesleyan University

The film festival will be inaugurated on Wednesday, January 31 and will consist of six consecutive film screenings every Wednesday at The Goldsmith Family Cinema in the Jeanine Basinger Center for Film Studies (301 Washington Terrace, Middletown) at 8 PM. This year there are THREE New England Premieres and TWO Connecticut Premieres. In addition, each film will be introduced by a faculty member from a different department and two films will have a Q/A session after the screenings: one with the film's director and one with the film's producer both of whom will be joining us in person from Israel. Another film director from Israel will be joining us via Zoom.

Each film will illuminate a different subject matter and will vary in subject, tone, and format: from a futuristic film to a film based upon real historical events to secrets hidden within community and romance. Below please find a short description of each film as well as its speaker.

All films have English subtitles.

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Magen David Adom. Donations support paramedics, EMTs, first responders and first-aid providers in Israel. afmda.org

United Hatzalah. This nonprofit, fully volunteer emergency medical service organization provides help throughout Israel free of charge. israelrescue.org

ERAN: Emotional First Aid. The group runs a 24-hour crisis hotline for mental health emergencies in Israel. en.eran.org.il

Israel Trauma Coalition. The organization and its member groups, especially ERAN and NATAL, have expanded their mental health crisis services due to the large number of requests for help. israeltraumacoalition.org/en

NATAL. Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War. This Israeli organization offers mental health treatment for PTSD and other trauma related to war and terror. natal.org.il/en

The Jewish Agency's Fund for the Victims of Terror. Your donation will directly help Israelis affected by terror attacks: <https://www.jewishagency.org/>

Friends of Israeli Defense Forces. Critical Needs that your gift to FIDF can go toward: temporary field hospitals, intensive care ambulances, hygiene kits, plasma kits: <https://www.fidf.org/>

IsraAid. Founded in 2001, IsraAid is the largest humanitarian aid organization based in Israel: <https://www.israaid.org/>



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 who 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 is the contact person for Compassionate Care. She can be reached at 203-558-4937 or rickandmichelle360@gmail.com.

ADATH ISRAEL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee of Adath Israel is pleased to announce that the Application Forms and Rules and Regulation Guidelines for the Annual Adath Israel Post Secondary School Scholarships will be available in *Kolot* or from the synagogue office beginning in February.

Students who are seniors in high school through graduate school, and whose family meets the membership requirements are encouraged to apply.

All questions concerning the application process should be directed to **Fred Zierler**, Committee Chair at (203) 631-9567 or via email, fzierler@gmail.com.

Completed applications should be returned to Congregation Adath Israel.

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.

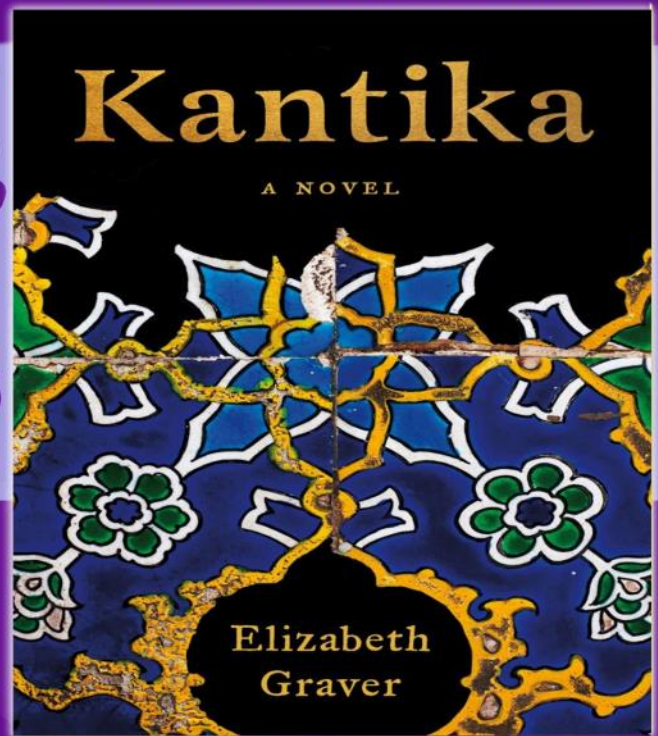
Adath Israel
Celebrate Jewish Life

Book Club

February 6th- 7:00pm

ZOOM & In-Person
at the Nester Center

**Kantika: A Novel
by Elizabeth Graver**



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
302-593-7581

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

!! SAVE THE DATE !!

COMEDIAN AND AUTHOR

JOEL CHASNOFF

COMES TO ADATH ISRAEL!!!

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CLEVER
STAND-UP COMEDY!!

SATURDAY,

MARCH 16, 2024

7:30 PM

A Chicago native, Joel moved to Israel after college and served in the IDF. He chronicled his army experience in his best-selling memoir, **The 188th Crybaby Brigade**. Joel currently lives in Ra'anana, Israel with his wife and four children. He is the author of several other best-selling books, including his most recent, **Israel 201: Your Next-Level Guide To The Magic, Mystery And Chaos Of Life In The Holy Land**. This is an up-close look at daily life in Israel, behind the headlines and has received praise from such notable Jewish-world voices as Mayim Bialik, Yossi Klein Halevi and former prime minister Ehud Barak. He also is the author of the New York Times-lauded cookbook **BALABOOSTA** that he wrote with Israeli chef, Einat Admony.

Joel has performed comedy at more than 1,500 Jewish events in 10 countries, including the Melbourne Comedy Festival in Australia, Montreal's Just-for-Laugh, two off-Broadway shows and TV appearances in Israel, Hillel events, JCCs, Jewish Federations and synagogues across the USA.

"For me, comedy is about connection. When we laugh together, we ARE together", says Joel.

Come be "together", bring your friends, and join us for an evening of comedy and connection!

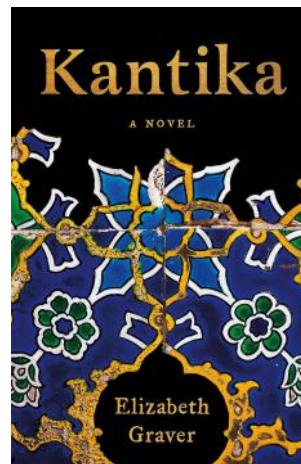
Refreshments and book signing following the Program.



A Blizzard of Good Books

I find in the winter months I always get a lot of reading done as the snow piles up outside, and daylight hours are so short! There are so many books out there to read!

Here are the next two book selections for the Book Club:



February 6 – Kantika by Elizabeth Graver

This historical fiction story tells of the displacement of a Sephardic family across four countries and multiple generations. Travel with the family from Istanbul to Barcelona to Havana and New York. Explore this family's identity, exile and reinvention.

March 19 – Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

This murder mystery takes place in a small town where Black, Jewish and European immigrants, rich and poor, old and young, come together. This is a story of community, care, humanity and justice!

The Book Club meetings are held at The Nester Center at 7 p.m. as well as via Zoom. We are using a hybrid model so that more people can participate. Come join us!

Meeting ID: 886 4652 0065

Passcode: 196174

Happy Reading!

ROBERTA and HOLLY

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

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

EARLY RISERS MINNYAN

Wednesday, February 7th, 7am
Kiddush Breakfast Following Service



Jo-Ann & Michael Price
 Joan & Michael Needle
 Loretta & Julius Rubin



Hinda Niemeyer
 Felix Hibino
 Nancy Shapiro
 Cynthia Kaplan
 Parker Cohen-Glyck
 Eva Bardwell
 Phyllis Frydenberg
 Sara Paley
 Patty Netherland
 Andrea Fassler
 Barbara Weiss
 Christine Baskin
 Susan Schmeiser
 Eliot Meadow
 Dewey Deeton
 Harriet Deeton
 Juliana Simon
 Nathan Shapiro-Rosado
 Julie Weiss
 Allen Caplan
 Linda Caplan
 Mark Paley
 Tod Olczak
 Naomi Kamins
 Marion Irizarry
 Loretta Rubin
 Robert Massiccott

Did we leave someone off the list?
 Please call the office, and let us make it right.



5784 Annual Giving Campaign

We are incredibly grateful to our members and friends who have participated this year's Annual Giving Campaign. Their support promotes the vitality of Adath Israel, allowing us to improve our facilities and enhance our cultural, educational, and spiritual offerings.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Bobette Reed & Jeffrey Kahn

Updated Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regulations

An updated Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regulations was recently approved. The update contains some clarifying language regarding headstones in the cemetery along with changes in cemetery fees. The perpetual care fee which is a one-time fee is used to maintain the cemetery and is charged when a loved one dies and is buried in the cemetery. Currently, the fee is \$900 per grave. With the approval of the update this fee will increase to \$1,000 effective March 1, 2024. The increase was necessary due to the ongoing cost of cemetery maintenance. The fee for nonmember graves is also increasing to \$6,000.

Anyone wishing to reserve a grave, hopefully not needed for a long time, should take advantage of the lower cost and contact the office and pay the perpetual care fee before it increases on March 1.

A copy of the updated Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regulations is available from the office.

Kolot Due Dates

| Kolot Issue | Article Due Date |
|-------------|------------------|
| March | 2/5 |
| April | 3/4 |
| May | 4/8 |
| June | 5/6 |



PRAY EAT SING

Friday, February 9th, 6pm
RSVP by February 2nd

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Celebrate Jewish Life

ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS**ADATH ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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

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

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Supports Torah repair

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Supports maintenance and enhancement of the cemetery

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

IN HONOR OF

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Supports the upgrade of our religious school

MAZAL TOV

Sari Rosenblatt & Steven Machuga on the birth of their granddaughter, Alice Jane by Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

Susan & Doug Miller on the birth of their grandson, Lucas Ian by Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer
Carly Hoss & David Norman on their engagement by Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

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IN MEMORY OF

Bruce Weiss by Eileen & Michael Daling

MICHAEL FASSLER FUND

Supports early childhood education at Aath Israel

MUSEUM FUND

Supports purchases and maintenance of Aath Israel's museum

NATHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE-FUND

Supports annual scholar-in-residence program

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

The Wrubel Family Fund

Myra & David Finkelstein



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ALEPH 2024

The Land of Israel in Jewish Thought

Thursdays at 7:00pm | February 15-March 28, 2024 | Mandell JCC

Zachs Campus, 335 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, CT 06117

The Institute of Jewish Ideas is a community-wide Jewish learning initiative, supported by a community donor through a family fund at the Jewish Community Foundation.

This year's program will explore the evolution of "the Land of Israel" in Jewish thought from the Bible, to the teachings of the Rabbis, the place of the Land in the Jewish imagination in the medieval period, and finally its evolution in religious, cultural, and political terms in the modern period.

SESSION SCHEDULE:

- February 15: Deena Grant, "The Land of Israel in Biblical Thought"
- February 22: Yoni Miller, "The Land of Israel in Biblical and Rabbinic Thought"
- February 29: Yoni Miller, "The Land of Israel in Biblical and Rabbinic Thought" (Part 2)
- March 7: Dana Fishkin, "The Land of Israel in Medieval Jewish Thought"
- March 14: Avinoam Patt, "The Land of Israel and Modern Jewish Political Thought"
- March 21: Avinoam Patt, "The Land of Israel and Zionist Thought"
- March 28: Concluding panel discussion with course instructors

Hybrid Sessions: The series will be offered in-person at the Mandell JCC and online via Zoom for those who would like to join remotely.

\$18 per person for the series

To register, visit MandellJCC.org/tix.

Registrants will receive Zoom links the day of each event.

For More Information:

Contact Avinoam Patt at avinoam.patt@uconn.edu.

Financial assistance is available for those in need.



Dr. Dana Fishkin



Dr. Deena Grant



Dr. Yonatan "Yoni" Miller



Dr. Avinoam J. Patt

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Michael Pashalinsky by Robert Poliner

Jacob Poliner by Robert Poliner

Morris Poliner by Robert Poliner

Harvey Limon by Suzanne Goldberg

Herbert Sperling by Michael Sperling

Rose Sperling by Michael Sperling

Murray Schutz by Michael Sperling

Esther Panich by Carolann Schwartz

Seymour Ronner by Carolann Schwartz

Dorothy Ronner by Carolann Schwartz

Bella Needle by Joan & Michael Needle

Sylvia Mellman by Barbara & Steven Weiss

Ruth Maron by Ellen Grosse

Becky & Dr. Lou Soreff by Linda Soreff Siegel

Harry Edelberg by Paul Edelberg

Bernard Mordechai Schwartz by Nancy L. Schwartz

Marion Sigal by Mike, Ruth, and Amy Sigal and

Amy and Ethan Kolodny

Maurice Lerner by Diane Blum

Edith Barker by Michael Barker

Max Seligman by Myrna Freidman

Jacob Hoberman by Marvin Hoberman

Helen Fields by Harriet Fein-Deeton

Pauline Gerstenblatt by Ines Gerstenblatt

Philip Weiss by Barbara & Steven Weiss

Eleanor Lowell by Dahlia Grossman

Dr. Edward Becker by Andy Becker

Flora Shorr by Shelli Trager

IT'S NEWS!!!

MAZAL TOV!!!

Sari Rosenblatt & Steven

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granddaughter, Alice Jane

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Marion Sigal by Mike, Ruth, and Amy Sigal and

Amy and Ethan Kolodny



TODAH RABAH

Providing a Minyan

Doorbell, so those wishing

to attend services when the

office is closed don't have to

wait in the cold: Phil Saxe

Other Acts of Kindness

Meals & Shopping: Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron

Thiela

Picking up food at the Crown: Fred Zierler

Proofreading: Naomi Kamins, Phil Saxe

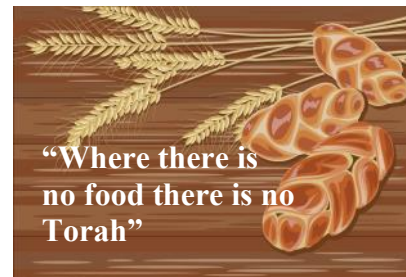
Helping with mailings: Anita Hennessey and Eileen

Daling

Taking care of our eNews and blasts: Eileen Daling

Washing towels from the kitchen: Joanna Schnurman

Returning bottles: Eileen & Mike Daling



Early Risers

Minyan

Marge & Stan

Sadinsky

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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

Zoom info:

Shabbat Services:

Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

— Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870

— Meeting Passcode: 474612

Daily Minyan:

Sunday at 9 a.m. and Monday-Friday at 8 a.m.

— Meeting ID: 863 5646 9422

— Meeting Passcode: 679552

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IN MEMORY OF

Murry Levine by Eric Levine

William Waldman by Joy & Alan Firestone

Bernard Schwarz by Gail Schwarz Aronow

Supporting Pray-Eat-Sing

Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

Naomi & Richard Kamins

Phil Saxe

Fred & Risa Zierler

SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

Shana Adams, Jack Adler,

Katrina Axelrod, Phyllis

Frydenberg, Paula

Goldstein, Joan & Michael

Needle, Rabbi Marshal

Press, David Schwarz, Stephen Shapiro, and Anne

Willis



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EMERGENCY
CANCELATION &
CLOSING PROCEDURES**

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

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

MAY GOD GRANT COMFORT

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To Reut Ben-Zeev on the recent passing of her father, Aharon (Ronnie) Ben-Zeev.

IN MEMORIUM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the families of

Bruce Weiss who came to his eternal rest on December 28 (16 tevet)

and

Bernice Grower Bonchi who came to her eternal rest on January 7 (26 tevet).

Famous Jews with February Birthdays

2/4 Gertrude Stein (1874)

2/10 Josh Rosen (1997)

2/11 Alfred (Fredy) Hirsch (1916)

2/12 Mike Posner (1988)

2/13 Richard Blumenthal (1946)

2/17 Chaim Potok (1929)

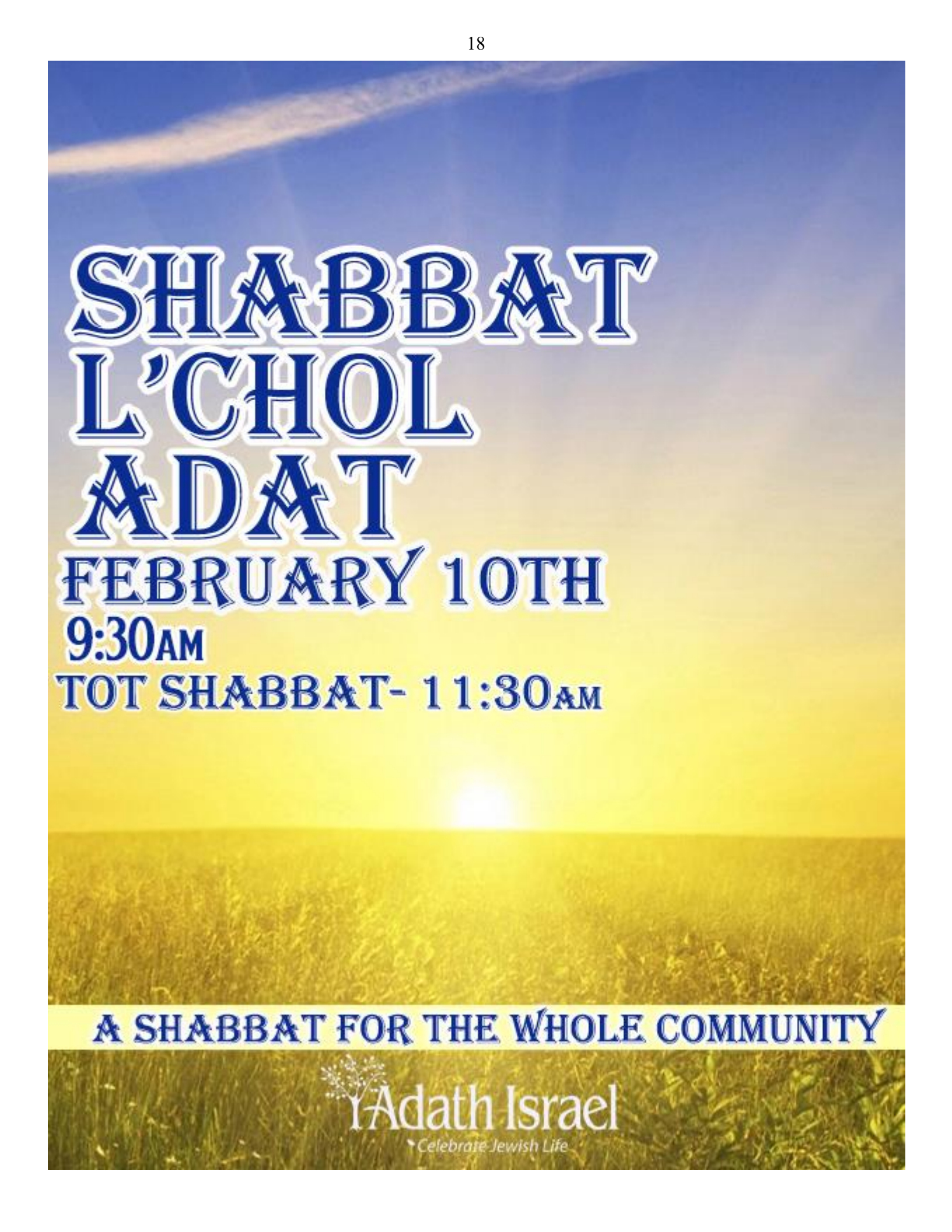
2/22 Rashi (1040), Elizabeth D.A. Cohen (1820)

2/23 Debbie Friedman (1951)

2/24 Joe Lieberman (1942)

**2024 Pride
Committee
forming now!**

**Already amazing, we
want our booth &
activities to be bigger
& better than ever.
Contact Joanna in the
office to be part of
this great event.**



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9:30AM
TOT SHABBAT- 11:30AM**

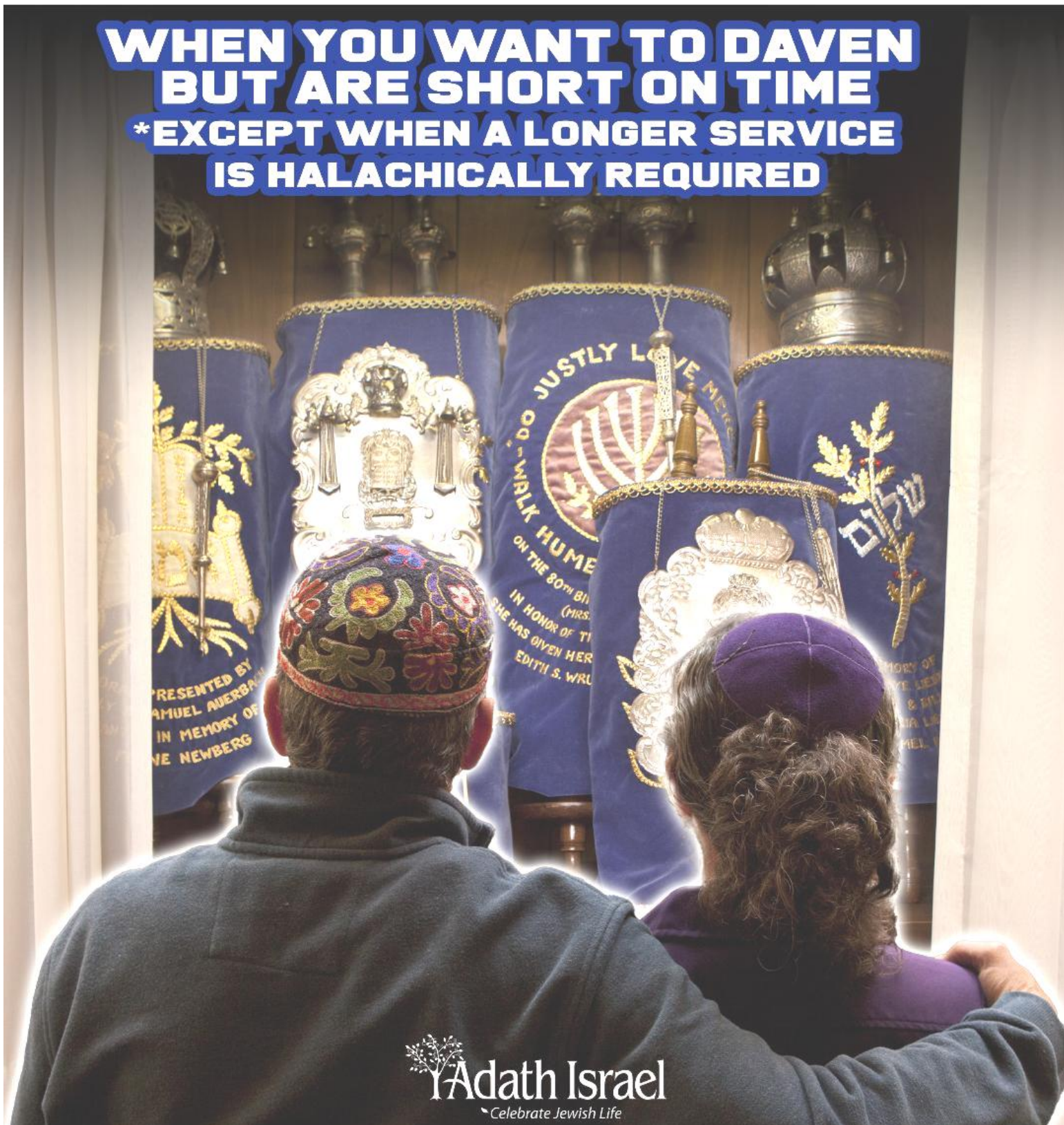
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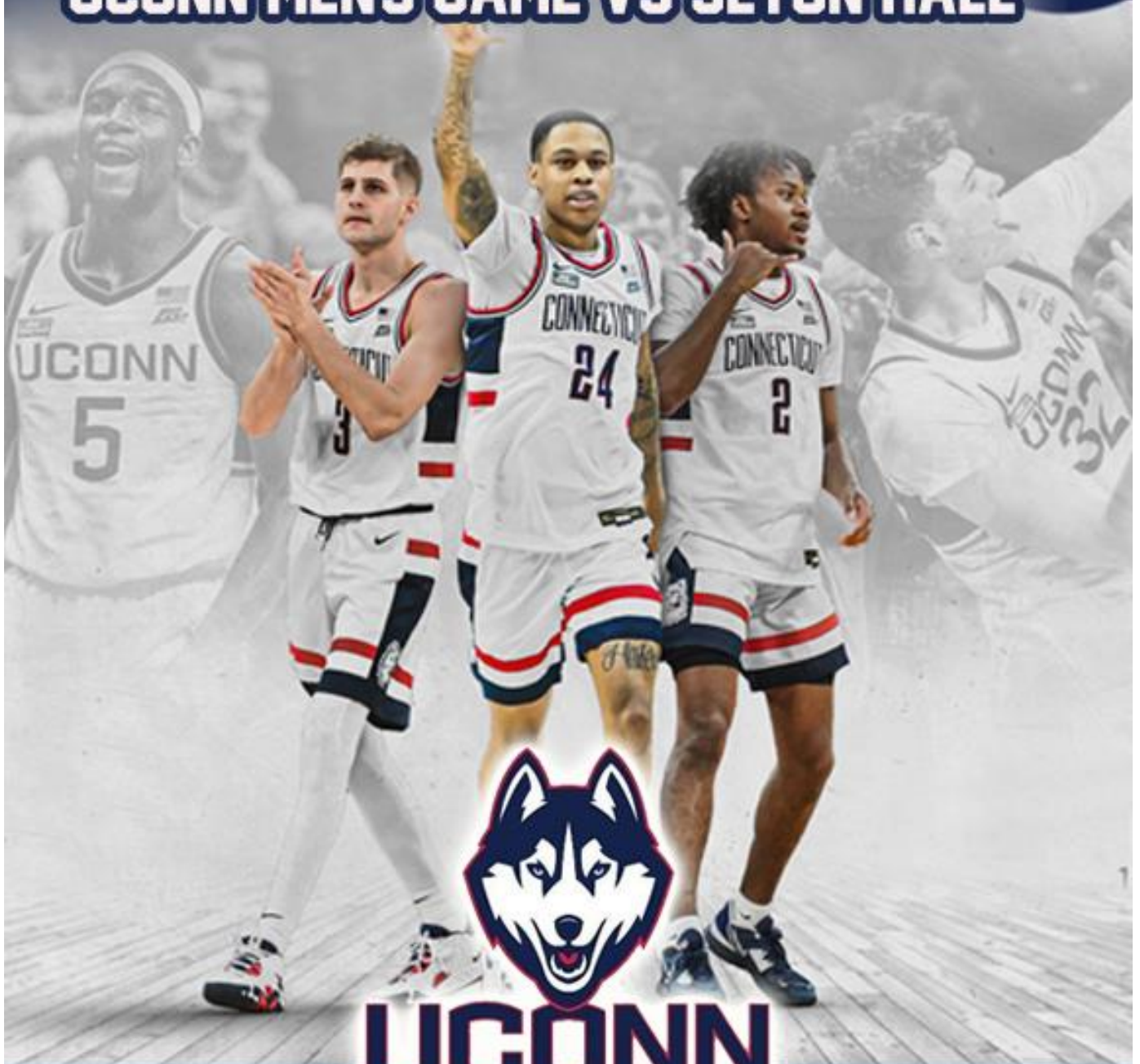
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*EXCEPT WHEN A LONGER SERVICE
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MARCH 3, 2024 AT 11:30 AM
IN THE NESTER CENTER 16 BROAD ST. MIDDLETOWN
TO WATCH:**

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UConn

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RSVP to the synagogue 860-346-4709 or
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**A NEW PROGRAM AFTER
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**THE BREAKFAST BUNCH
COMMUNITY WITH A SCHMEAR!**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

Following morning minyan join
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Please note: while the great conversation is
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february 2024

shevat/adar I

| 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 22 shevat | 2 RSVP Deadline for Pray-Eat-Sing 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:49 p.m. 23 shevat | 3 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Yitro</i> 24 shevat |
| 4 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 25 shevat | 5 8 a.m. Minyan 26 shevat | 6 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7 p.m. Al Anon/Alateen 27 shevat | 7 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 28 shevat | 8 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 29 shevat | 9 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Evening Services & Dinner *4:58 p.m. Rosh Chodesh 30 shevat | 10 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services 11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Mishpatim 1 adar I |
| 11 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 2 adar I | 12 RSVP Deadline for Gilad Paz 8 a.m. Minyan Breakfast Bunch following Services 7 p.m. Bd of Directors Mtg 3 adar I | 13 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon/Alateen 4 adar I | 14 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 pm.. Religious School 6 p.m. Gilad Paz ILght Supper & Concert 5 adar I | 15 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 6 adar I | 16 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *5:06 p.m. 7 adar I | 17 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Terumah</i> 8 adar I |
| 18 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 9 adar I | 19 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan Presidents Day 10 adar I | 20 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon/Alateen 11 adar I | 21 No Religious School 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 12 adar I | 22 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 13 adar I | 23 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *5:15 p.m. Purim Katan 14 adar I | 24 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Shushan Purim Katan Tetzaveh 15 adar I |
| 25 9 a.m. Minyan 9 am Religious School 9:30 a.m. JWV Brunch 10:30 am Mazel Tots 16 adar I | 26 8 a.m. Minyan 17 adar I | 27 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon/Alateen 18 adar I | 28 RSVP Deadline for UCONN BB Viewing Party 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 pm Religious School 19 adar I | 29 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 20 adar I | Order your tickets for Joel Chasnoff by March 1 to get the advance registration price of \$25 pp | |



march 2024

adar I/adar II

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | *Candle Lighting Times for Middletown, CT | 1 RSVP Deadline for Pray-Eat-Sing 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Services & Dinner *5:23 p.m. 21 adar I | 2 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Ki Tisa</i> 22 adar I |
| 3 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 11:30 a.m. UCONN BB Viewing Party 4 p.m. Jews of the World, Zoom 23 adar I | 4 April Kolot Articles Due 8 a.m. Minyan 24 adar I | 5 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon/Alateen 25 adar I | 6 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 26 adar I | 7 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 27 adar I | 8 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Services & Dinner *5:31 p.m. 28 adar I | 9 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayakhel</i> Shabbat Shekalim 29 adar I |
| 10 Clocks Change 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 4:30 p.m. Sunday Meals Program Rosh Chodesh 30 adar I | 11 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg Rosh Chodesh 1 adar II | 12 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon/Alateen 2 adar II | 13 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 3 adar II | 14 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 adar II | 15 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *6:39 p.m. 5 adar II | 16 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services 11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Joel Chasnoff Comedy Night <i>Pekude</i> 6 adar II |
| 17 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. JWV Brunch 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 7 adar II | 18 8 a.m. Minyan 8 adar II | 19 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon/Alateen 7 p.m. Book Club 9 adar II | 20 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 10 adar II | 21 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom Fast of Esther 11 adar II | 22 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *6:47 p.m. 12 adar II | 23 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 7:45 p.m. Adult Megillah Reading Erev Purim <i>Vayikra</i> Shabbat Zachor 13 adar II |
| 24 9 a.m. Megillah Reading & Purim Carnival Purim 14 adar II | 25 8 a.m. Minyan Shushan Purim 15 adar II | 26 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon/Alateen 16 adar II | 27 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 17 adar II | 28 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 18 adar II | 29 RSVP Deadline for Community Seder 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *6:55 p.m. 19 adar II | 30 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Tzav</i> Shabbat Parah 20 adar II |
| 31 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 4 p.m. Jews of the World, Zoom 21 adar II | | | | | | |



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Dr. Arthur and Gladys Weiss Scholarship Application

Dr. Arthur Weiss, a Past President of Temple B'nai Abraham, and his wife Gladys were long-time, extremely active, and dedicated members of Temple B'nai Abraham. They established this scholarship to encourage Jewish youth to participate in Jewish activities such as camps, Jewish content special programs, and trips to Israel. Individuals may contribute to this fund to help perpetuate the memory and interest of the Weiss's. Open to Jewish children elementary school age through high school whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are members in good standing of Adath Israel, this scholarship award is based on applicant's involvement in Congregation activities, the Jewish nature/content of the program, and financial need.

Complete and return to Adath Israel by April 30, 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Number of years your parent(s)/guardian(s) have been members of Temple B'nai Abraham/Adath Israel _____

Please respond to the following:

A. Identify the program for which you are requesting a scholarship. Explain the Jewish content of the program (printed literature and/or a website link is required).

B. Why did you choose this program, and what do you hope to gain from attending it (both Jewish and otherwise)?



Dr. Arthur and Gladys Weiss Scholarship Application (cont.)

C. What is the length and total cost of the program? (Do not include transportation, clothing, personal items, etc.)

D. If you are 16 years or older, please answer: How much of the total cost are you planning to contribute? How are you going to earn it?

E. Tell us about your involvement in recent Congregation activities and when the activities took place. College students: please specify your Congregation activities and Jewish activities you are engaged in while in college.

F. Discuss any additional thoughts you have as to why you should be awarded a Weiss Scholarship.

Signature

Date

Thumim Scholarship Funded by Mark and Luanne Paley An Investment in our Jewish Future

The Thumim Scholarship is pleased to announce camp scholarships are available again this year to Adath Israel families whose children will attend Jewish camp or travel to Israel. Multiple studies show the Jewish camp experience provides long term positive effects on Jewish identity and other life choices. During their lifetime, the Thumims, longtime members of Adath Israel, provided funds for these camp scholarships. Since their deaths, the camp scholarships have relied on individual donations, largely raised in honor of our Volunteer(s) of the Year. Last year and going forward into the future, Mark and Luanne Paley have committed to help fund these scholarships with a significant donation. Individual donors are still needed to maximize the number of families this scholarship can assist. Please consider donating to the Thumim Scholarship throughout the year whenever you send a card, observe a yahrtzeit, celebrate a life cycle event or to honor the Volunteer(s) this year in the fall.

THE THUMIM SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED BY MARK AND LUANNE PALEY APPLICATION

Please note: only members current in their obligations to the synagogue are eligible to receive scholarship.

To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the application below and return it to the Synagogue office by April 30, 2024. Awards are based on the number of applications and funds available. Camps/Israel financial statements are required with this application to process the request.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME OF CAMP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATES OF ATTENDANCE: _____

COST OF CAMP: _____

AMOUNT OF CAMP NOT COVERED BY OTHER STIPENDS: _____

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF BILLING STATEMENT.

REMINDER!! SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE BY APRIL 30, 2024.



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