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**Middletown, Connecticut**  
**May 2026 iyyar/sivan 5786**



**Ruth & Radical  
 Acceptance**

*Rabbi Nelly Altenburger*

Dear Friends,

Every year on Shavuot, we read the Book of Ruth. On the surface, it's a quiet story — a widow follows her mother-in-law to a foreign land, gleanes grain in a field, and eventually remarries. No sea splits. No mountain trembles. No shofar sounds. And yet our tradition chose this story for the holiday when we celebrate receiving the Torah. Why?

I think it's because Ruth teaches us something about belonging that we desperately need to hear.

We begin with a premise that runs through the whole Torah like a golden thread: every human being — regardless of where they come from, what language they speak, or how they pray — is made *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God. That dignity is the birthright of every soul. When Ruth walks with Naomi toward the Jewish people, she already carries that image within her. What changes is not her worth; it is our willingness to recognize it.

When Ruth says to Naomi “do not press me to leave you”, she begins one of the most powerful declarations in all of the Jewish Bible. And the rabbis don't let a single word go to waste. In the Talmud (Yevamot 47b), they imagine this speech not as a monologue but as a conversation. Naomi trying to dissuade Ruth, and Ruth answering each challenge with quiet resolve. “Where you go, I will go”: Ruth accepts the rhythms of Shabbat. “Where you lodge, I will lodge”: she takes on the standards of Jewish life in the home. “Your people are my people”: she embraces the full weight of the commandments, all 613. “Your God is my God”: she turns away from idolatry forever. “Where you die, I will die”: she accepts Oral traditions,  
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**Thank You**

*Adam Finkelstein  
 President*

This will be my last time writing you as our congregation's president. I know it's a cliché, but it is truly hard to believe that it's been three years. Over the last few months, I've tried to summarize our accomplishments from the last few years, detail the work that I believe must come next, and now, to thank those who have made it all possible. Let me preface this attempt by saying that this list will inevitably be incomplete, despite my best efforts.

First and foremost, the last three years have given me tremendous appreciation for what I consider the lifers, people who have dedicated decades, if not lifetimes, to our congregation, whether that be in Middletown or beginning in Meriden: Mike & Eileen Daling, Richard Kamins, Joanna Schnurman, Michelle Grossman, and Sandra Beckman, among others. Their selfless commitment and unrivaled dedication are something I don't think I could ever duplicate, but am truly in awe of.

To Sandra in particular I owe a personal debt of gratitude. She didn't just agree to return to the executive board as secretary three years ago, but she became our collective conscience. I haven't written a thing in the last three years that I didn't run by her before sending out. The same is true of every major decision. Simultaneously, she has kept us accountable to overarching goals and timelines. What I will remember most though, is shortly after I became president, when we lost Rebecca, and then two months later my Dad, I was reeling. She stepped in and handled whatever I couldn't, which was almost everything. Sandra will be remembered in our congregation's history as our first female president, but those of us who have been lucky enough to be around her since, know that her impact has lasted long after and are grateful for her wisdom and

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# PRAY EAT SING

## DATE

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

## RSVP BY

May 1<sup>st</sup>

to [office@adathisraelct.org](mailto:office@adathisraelct.org)

## TIME

6:00 PM

**FREE TO MEMBERS!**

**OTHERS: \$10 PER PERSON, \$18 PER FAMILY**

**Donations of nonperishable food items and/or personal hygiene products are welcome. Thank you!**

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support (not to mention her sense of humor and friendship).

When I asked Sandra to become the secretary, I also asked Jonathan Shapiro to become the co-treasurer, and updated our by-laws to make it happen, simply because I knew his voice, expertise, and guidance was too vital to lose on the executive board. I truly believe Jon should be known as President emeritus. There is not a major decision that happens within our walls that he isn't consulted on and no one is more responsible for our financial security or merged congregations. Five years ago, he was one half of the tandem that convinced me to become vice-president. Initially, we connected over our shared roots and our families' history together. Since then, I've been fortunate to gain a true friend.

The reason why Jonathan had to be the co-treasurer was because Rob Goldstein is absolutely essential to our congregation and executive board. No one understands our financial inner workings more, overlaps more areas of expertise on our congregation's Venn diagram, or is more committed on a daily basis. (He also still has me, and all others that I'm aware of, bested when it comes to lifting a Torah!) Rob, like Sandra and Jonathan, is as vital to our congregation's continued growth as he has been to our prosperity.

I have also thoroughly enjoyed my collaboration with Rabbi Nelly. She inherited a young and inexperienced president (mostly because there were no other options at the time), and not only accepted my authentic self, but encouraged it. We've been able to have candid conversations, always ended them with a hug, and worked together to connect various corners of our community. I know our congregation's spiritual future is in good hands with her and am grateful that my family and I have found just the right rabbi for us.

I'm also grateful to: Carly Norman, who co-conspired with Jonathan to pull me into this five years ago, became a beloved teacher to my children, and a dear friend; Leah Adler for taking on the responsibilities of being co-ritual chair and putting so much thought, time, and care into all that encompasses; Andy Bauer for his work on our buildings, parking, and inter-faith relationships; Joanna Schnurman for her enduring and incredible commitment to our congregation; and to Honor Edmands for being such an ideal addition to our staff and community.

Lastly, I'm grateful that as I end my term, I can be optimistic that the best is yet to come and that's because Bekah Dowekyo will be taking over. As I said on the High Holidays, there's not much I can take credit for, but when it comes to picking vice-presidents, I believe my track record is pretty darn good. Bekah will be an incredible president for Adath Israel. She's smart, approachable, measured, charismatic, and has deep roots in our faith and community. I hope you'll all join me at our annual meeting in June to formally welcome her to the role and support her in the years to come as you have me.



## **CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE THROUGH PRAYER**

All services are in-person & via Zoom

### **Morning Minyan**

8:00 am Monday - Friday  
7:00 am Monthly Early Risers Minyan  
9:00 am Sunday

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID **863 5646 9422**

Passcode **679552**

### **Shabbat Services**

7:00 pm Friday  
6:00 pm Monthly Pray-Eat-Sing Services  
9:30 am Saturday

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.

Kolot Issue	Deadline
June (Summer)	05/04
September/October	08/03
November	10/12
December	11/09
January	12/07

## **Office Hours**

Monday: 8 am - 1:30 pm  
Tuesday: 8 am - 1:30 pm  
Wednesday: 9 am - 5:30 pm  
Thursday: 8 am - 1:30 pm  
Friday: 8 am - 12 pm

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



Adath Israel

**PRIDE**

**MEETING**

Sunday, May 3

Noon

Can't make it in person?  
Join us on Zoom!  
Meeting ID:823 9451 7269  
Pass Code:994892

**All are welcome!**

Refreshments served

For more info, contact Joanna Schnurman,  
office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709

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all of the law. “And there I will be buried”: she commits herself to the Jewish people not just in life, but in death and beyond.

Ruth isn't making a vague statement of loyalty. She is choosing, with her eyes open, every dimension of a Jewish life; the joyful and the difficult, the daily and the ultimate. And she does it not because the path is easy, but because it is hers.

I think about Ruth when I look around our congregation. So many of us are here not because the path was obvious, but because at some point, we chose to walk through the door. Some of us grew up steeped in Jewish life and are still choosing it, year after year. Some were brought by the history of their families. Some of us came to Judaism later, through marriage, through study, or through a pull we couldn't quite name, and yet feels a lot like home. Some of us are still figuring out what this community means to us. Ruth reminds us that all of those paths are legitimate, and that every person who walks through our doors carries the image of God with them.

But Ruth's story asks something of us as a community, too. Boaz doesn't just tolerate Ruth in his field, he notices her, protects her, makes sure she can gather with dignity. Belonging isn't only about the person who shows up. It's about what happens when they arrive.

As we count these final days of the Omer toward Shavuot, I want to invite us to ask ourselves: Who is the Ruth in our midst? Who has walked through our doors quietly, hoping to be seen? And what kind of Boaz are we willing to be? Who will invite the newcomers to a holiday meal, to a celebration, to participate in a Tikkun Olam project, an event or just to hang out?

This Shavuot, when we hear Ruth's words read aloud, let them land not just as ancient poetry and a nice story, but as a challenge. The Torah was given in the wilderness — *b'midbar* — in open, ownerless space. No one had to have the right address or the right last name to be there. Everyone who showed up, received it.

May we be a community worthy of that same openness.

Chag Shavuot Sameach,  
Rabbi Nelly

## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

If you or anyone you know is ill  
or in need of support, please contact  
Rabbi Nelly at [rabbi@adathisraelct.org](mailto:rabbi@adathisraelct.org)  
or 860-346-4077.

## Photos from the Community Seder



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Apr/May - 2026

# Mazel Tots

**Community Event!**

**Tot Shabbat 5/2**  
11:30am

games | crafts | music

**Classes**

- ▶ 4/5, 4/12, and 4/19 - NO CLASS
- ▶ 4/26 - "Trip" to Israel
- ▶ 5/3 - Lag Ba'omer Celebration
- ▶ 5/10 - NO CLASS
- ▶ 5/17 - Tzedakah Boxes
- ▶ 5/24 - NO CLASS
- ▶ 5/31 - Alef Bet Wrap Up (Last Day)

Location: Central Middletown, CT 06457  
www.adathisraelct.org  
Contact: 860-346-4709, mazel@adathisraelct.org

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# MAH JONGG

Every Tuesday at Adath Israel

11:00am-1:30pm  
and  
12:30pm-3:00pm

All Levels Welcome!

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community@adathisraelct.org  
for more info

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# TORAH STUDY

Weekly on Zoom:

**Wednesdays**  
10:30am-12:00pm  
Meeting ID: 837 9879 1910  
Passcode: 963942

**Thursdays**  
6:00-7:30pm  
Meeting ID: 842 5337 5828  
Passcode: 568266

**With Rabbi Nelly!**

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# EARLY RISERS MINYAN

**KIDDUSH BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SERVICE**

**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> \* 7:00 AM**

Donations of nonperishable food items and/or personal hygiene products are welcome. Thank you!



Brian Dreyfus	Jean Lawrence
Michael Sperling	Ruth Borsuk
Ayden Bennett	Joan Goodman
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Aronow	Roberta Ash
Star Bennett	Marc Nemeth
William Ianuzzi	Mitchell Friedman
Jeremy Whittaker	Michael Sigal
Isannah Dreyfus	Patrick Cline
Allen Silberstein	Risa Zierler
Joshua Eisner	Rick Grossman
Eric Weiss	Roxanne Warner-Crane
Joseph Glaz	Samuel Fisher
Marcey Thiela	
Max Finkelstein	



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 Shayna & Alyn Adams  
 Joan & David Goodman



## Phishing Awareness: Avoid Taking the Bait

Every month or so it seems, scammers send out emails pretending to be from Rabbi Nelly or a member of the Board. Below are some tips on how to avoid getting snagged by one of these phishing expeditions.

Common warning signs of phishing include:

- Unfamiliar greeting or tone
- Unsolicited messages
- Grammar and spelling errors
- Sense of urgency
- Suspicious links or attachments
- Requests for personal information
- Inconsistencies in email addresses, links, etc.
- Unusual requests
- Alerts that you've won something

Please remember: **No one from Adath Israel will ever ask you for personal information or financial assistance via an email.** If you have *any* question, do not respond to the email. Contact the person it claims to be from via a trusted method. **DO NOT** use any email, website, or phone number included in the suspicious message. If it is spam, please report it to your email provider.



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#### DRINKS:

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 Oatmeal  
 Hamburger Helper  
 Brownie Mix  
 Sugar (small)  
 Flour (small)  
 Crackers

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Paper Towels | Toilet Paper | Dish Detergent | Laundry Detergent (small)

#### JAR OR CANNED GOODS:

Spaghetti & Meatballs  
 Ravioli  
 Beefaroni  
 Hash  
 Potatoes

#### CONDIMENTS:

Ketchup  
 Mustard  
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 Relish  
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# BREAKFAST BUNCH

Community with a schmear!

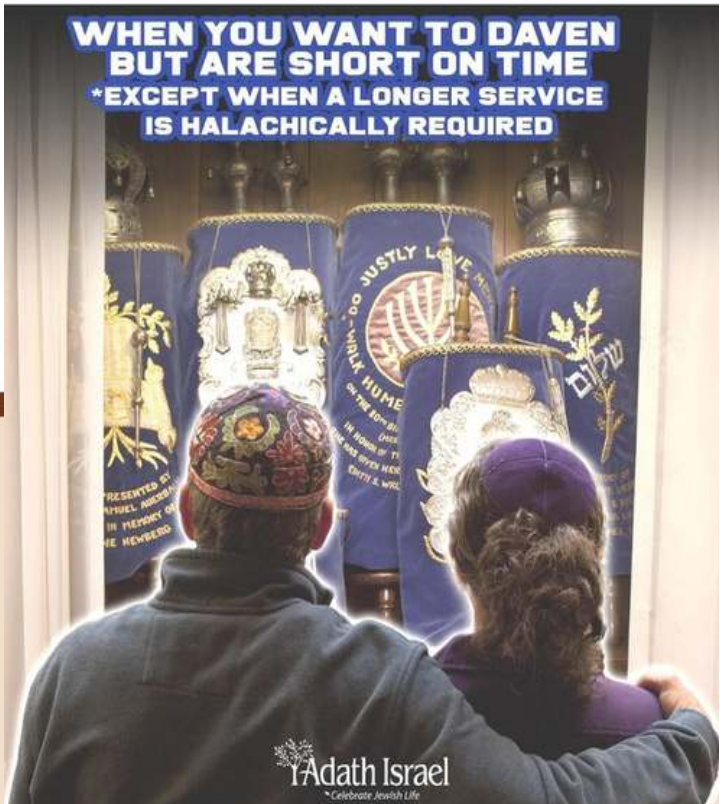
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**MAY 11**  
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at Perk on Main

Join us for breakfast following morning minyan.  
Please note: While the great conversation is free,  
participants are responsible for what they order.

# EXPRESS MINYAN

EVERY WEDNESDAY 8:00AM\*

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BUT ARE SHORT ON TIME**  
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— Jordan Fogel, pictured here with his dad



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ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 15, 2026.



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## Community News

*Honor Edmands  
Education &  
Community Life  
Director*

B-Mitzvah preparation is an intense process. Students spend the year leading up to this momentous occasion learning how to sing Torah tropes, practicing their portion over and over again, and writing a *drash*; a speech about how their Torah portion connects to their lives. All the while, they are in middle school learning how to navigate friendships, schoolwork, extracurricular activities like sports, band, or art, *and* getting a sense of their own place in the world while trying to figure out who they are as a person. So basically, no big deal at all! Just kidding. The reality is that B-Mitzvah occurs during what is often a stressful, uncertain time of a student's life, full of changes and growth.

The way that I like to look at it, B-Mitzvah is a special sort of becoming, one that can help a student feel more in control over their own life. One that says "even though everything else in your life is a work-in-progress, this is something that you can master". I have always thought it was interesting that Jewish tradition acknowledges adulthood at age 12 or 13. Even though this is a symbolic rather than a legal ceremony conferring Jewish adulthood, I think that the sense of accomplishment and confidence it bestows is not something to be overlooked. The journey to B-Mitzvah includes development of all kinds of life skills: persistence, understanding, empathy, care of others through service, thoughtfulness, maturity, humility, persistence again, bravery, and more.

Aside from Religious School & one-on-one lessons with Rabbi Nelly, one of the best things a student and their family preparing for a B-Mitzvah can do is observe the experts in their element. Our Saturday Morning Services often run like a well-oiled machine. What better way to become intimately acquainted with all of the components of the service than to attend and actively participate! There are special opportunities throughout the year for our students to practice leading different portions of the service. These are called Shabbat L'chol Adat, which means Shabbat for everyone. If you have a student working toward B-Mitzvah, I strongly encourage you to attend and give your student the opportunity to lead prayers along with the Rabbi during the service. If you are someone not involved with the Religious School but you're interested in supporting our students, attending a Shabbat L'chol Adat would be an excellent way to do so. Practice makes perfect!

There are two Shabbat L'chol Adats this month, Saturday, May 2 at 9:30am, & Saturday, May 30, also at 9:30am. I look forward to seeing you there!

SHABBAT  
L'CHOL ADAT

for the whole  
community!

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> &  
Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am  
Tot Shabbat  
11:30 am

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# Challah Baking Class

**Weds May 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
at Adath Israel**

Learn about the dough-making process and the spiritual importance of challah, and bake your own loaf!



**Scan to RSVP  
by 5/13**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/challah-baking-class-tickets-1986913200870>

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[www.adathisraelct.org](http://www.adathisraelct.org)



## Spring Books in Bloom

Happy May everyone! Whether you are enjoying full-blown spring with flowers at their loveliest or still slogging through the remnants of April showers, we hope you will find sunshine and are anticipating more time to read and relax.

Here are our book selections for the Spring:

**April 28th – *Heart of a Stranger* by Angela Buckdahl**

**June 9th – *This is Not About Us* by Allegra Goodman**

*Heart of a Stranger* is a story of faith, identity and belonging. Angela Buckdahl is the first Asian American rabbi and she has written this book as a memoir as well as a spiritual guide for everyday living. Come read her inspirational story!

*This Is Not About Us* by Allegra Goodman is a fictional story about a Jewish American family. A feud begins with an apple cake. Of course, no one in your family would stop speaking because of a cake. No one in mine would either. That's why the book is called *This is Not About Us*. . . or is it?

The Book Club meetings are held at The Nester Center at 7 p.m. as well as via Zoom. We use a hybrid model so that more people can participate. All are welcome to attend.

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

Happy Reading!

ROBERTA  
Roberta Levine Glass, [rjlevine610@gmail.com](mailto:rjlevine610@gmail.com),  
302-593-7581 (cell)

## 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 are available from the synagogue office.

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](mailto:fzierler@gmail.com).

Completed applications should be returned to the synagogue office by May 8, 2026.

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Save time, aggravation, and the planet while providing funds for important causes by donating your cleaned redeemable bottles and cans.

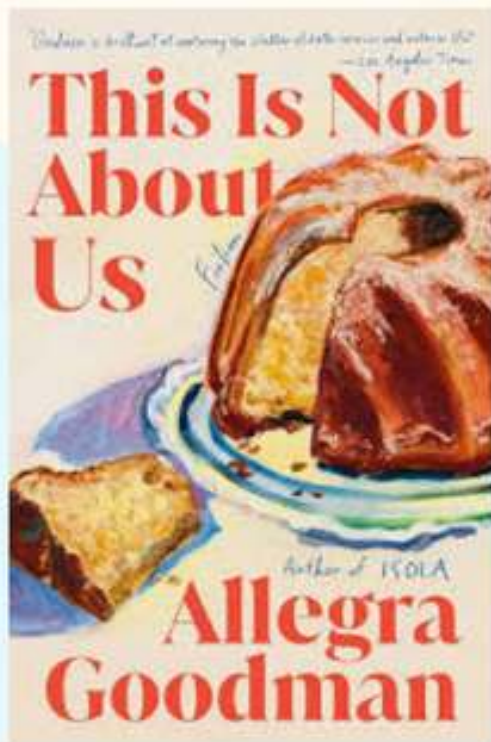
Please drop your **CLEANED** cans and bottles off in the designated bucket in front of the synagogue office.



Join us!  
New members welcome

# BOOK CLUB

*This Is Not About Us* by Allegra Goodman



**JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7:00 PM**

*In-person at the Nester Center & on Zoom*

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

**Zoom Info:**

Meeting ID: 886 4652 0065

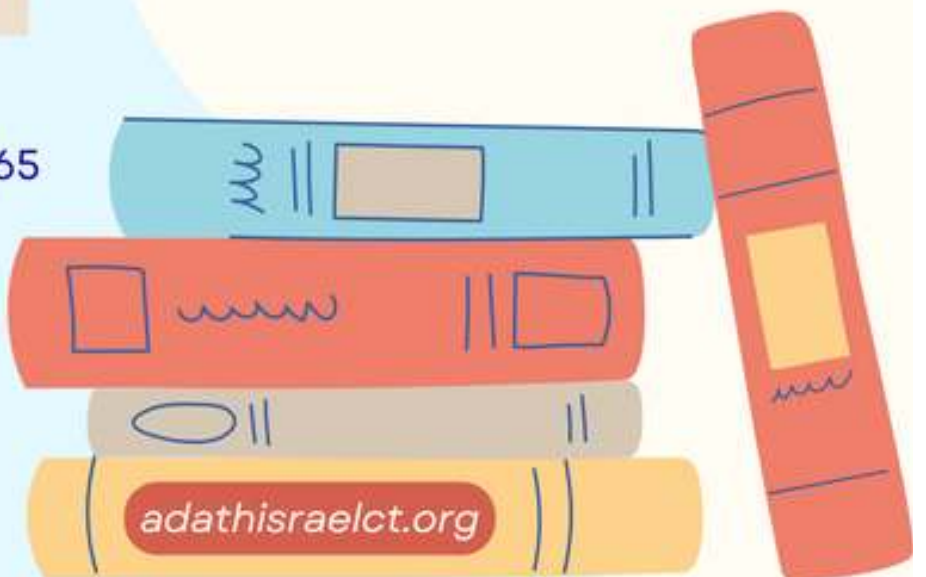
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The new Kiddush menus will be prepared and tastefully arranged by the Crown Supermarket in West Hartford. **Please call the synagogue office at 860-346-4709 at least a week in advance to make ordering and pick-up arrangements with the office administrator.**

The following is a breakdown of the new menus and costs for a Shabbat Morning Kiddush:

**Traditional Kiddush (up to 15 people): \$150**  
**(16-30 people): \$225**

Bagels, Tuna salad, Egg salad, cuke, tomato, & onion platter, lox spread, plain & chive cream cheese, fruit salad, pastry, cold & hot drinks

**Deluxe Kiddush (up to 15 people): \$225**  
**(16-30 people): \$350**

Bagels, tuna salad, egg salad, lox & sliced veggie platter, whitefish salad, plain & chive cream cheese, sesame noodles, kugel, fruit salad, pastry, cold & hot drinks

**Friday Night Oneg Shabbat (15 people): \$54**

Pretzels, fruit, M&M's, pastry, cold & hot drinks

Prices for both a Kiddush and/or an Oneg Shabbat will be adjusted if there is a larger group in attendance for special life cycle events (Bar/Bat Mitzvah, baby naming, or wedding, etc.).

Of course, you can always purchase the food, bring it to the synagogue and do the set up yourself while also following the synagogue's Kashrut guidelines. Some assistance may be available on the day of your Kiddush.





# Tikkun Leil Shavuot



**Study Session for Shavuot**  
Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of conversation,  
community, & learning.

Featuring delicious dairy desserts!

## IT'S NEWS

### MAZAL TOV!

Sari Rosenblatt & Steve Machuga on the birth of a grandson  
David Director on being honored as a Champion of CT Big Brothers/Big Sisters at their recent gala



### TODAH RABAH

#### Acts of Kindness

**Meals & Shopping:** Phil Saxe, Paula Goldstein

**Picking up food at the Crown:** Fred Zierler

**Proofreading:** Phil Saxe, Naomi Kamins

**Helping with mailings:** Barbara Sequenzia

**Washing linens from the kitchen:** Joanna Schnurman

**Returning bottles:** Eileen & Mike Daling



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

#### Passover Seder Helpers

Phil Saxe, Linda Savitsky, Mark Stein, Leah Adler, Richard Kamins, our custodian Julio Ramos, and Rabbi Nelly for leading us

#### Pray-Eat-Sing Sponsors & Helpers

Josephine Trotta Poliner in loving memory of Myron Poliner and  
Phil Saxe, Marion Irizarry, Leah Adler, Heather Mir, Naomi & Richard Kamins, Eileen & Michael Daling

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Arthur Fishman by Randy Parks



#### SPEEDY RECOVERY

We'd like to wish a "Refua Shleima" to the following: Katrina Axelrod, Bob Baskin, Phyllis Frydenberg, Michelle Grossman, Paula Goldstein, Shari Lynn Kochman, Jean Lawrence, David Schwarz, Stephen Shapiro, Harriet Thiela, Julia Poliner

## IN MEMORIAM

### May God grant comfort to

Ari Padawer on the recent death of his grandmother

Justin Brennan on the recent death of his grandmother

### Our heartfelt condolences to the family of

Richard Neveloff who came to his eternal rest on March 24 (6 nisan).

May the bereaved find comfort with God's help and through our prayers.



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

Patient privacy laws prohibit the hospitals and other healthcare facilities from notifying Aduth 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.

## Member Resources

The following resources are available to members:

- 2025-26 Member Directory
- 2025-26 Life of the Congregation & Synagogue Leadership
- By-Laws of the Congregation
- Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regulations

Please contact the office to receive your copy.



# PRAY EAT SING

HONORING OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



**FRIDAY,  
JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00 PM**

**RSVP by  
May 29<sup>th</sup> to**  
office@adathisraelct.org  
or 860-346-4709

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Ray Irizarry by Irena May

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Ray Irizarry by Jan & Jay Weiss

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*Supports the general operation of Adath Israel*

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

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*Supports the upgrade of our religious school*

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*Supports early childhood education at Adath Israel*

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*Supports purchases and maintenance of Adath Israel's museum*

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*Supports annual scholar-in-residence program*

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

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*Supports the creation and building of community over Kiddush*

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Sonya Gelmadin by Yakov Filler

Betya Filler by Yakov Filler

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Helen Palmer by Steven & Sue Palmer

Miriam (Mickey) Sheftel by Barry & Cyndi Sheftel

Leah Zaroni by Ceile Zaroni

Morton Hoffman by Maryann Hoffman

Diane Ravitch by Lee Ravitch Broder

Alan Ravitch by Lee Ravitch Broder

Charlene Ravitch by Lee Ravitch Broder

Ralph Adler by Jack Adler

Beatice Cohn by Linda Adler

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Harold Curkin by Paulette Curkin

Harriet Levin by Marc Levin

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Tovah Lena Rubin by Loretta & Julius Rubin

Benjamin Goldstein by Phyllis Waldman

Alan Pressman by Arlene Pressman

Bess Levine by Susan Weiss



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<p>16th of Iyyar <b>3</b></p> <p>9a Minyan 9a Religious School 10:30a Mazel Tots 12p Pride Committee</p>	<p>17th of Iyyar <b>4</b></p> <p><b>June Kolot Deadline</b> 8a Minyan</p>	<p>18th of Iyyar <b>5</b></p> <p>8a Minyan 11a Mah Jongg 12:30p Mah Jongg 7p Al Anon/Alateen</p>	<p>19th of Iyyar <b>6</b></p> <p>7a Early Risers Minyan 10:30a Torah Study, Zoom 4p Religious School 7p Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>20th of Iyyar <b>7</b></p> <p>8a Minyan <b>6:30p Nat'l Day of Prayer Service</b> in Portland <b>7p Lag Ba'Omer Archery Program</b> in Manchester</p>	<p>14th of Iyyar <b>1</b></p> <p><b>Pray-Eat-Sing RSVP Deadline</b> 8a Minyan 7p Shabbat Evening Services</p> <p><b>7:30p</b> Candle lighting</p>	<p>15th of Iyyar <b>2</b></p> <p><b>9:30a Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services</b> 11:30a Tot Shabbat</p> <p><b>Parashat Emor</b> <b>8:35p</b> Havdalah</p>
<p>23rd of Iyyar <b>10</b></p> <p><b>No Religious School or Mazel Tots</b> 9a Minyan</p>	<p>24th of Iyyar <b>11</b></p> <p>8a Minyan Breakfast Bunch following services</p>	<p>25th of Iyyar <b>12</b></p> <p><b>Lag Ba'Omer</b> 8a Minyan 11a Mah Jongg 12:30p Mah Jongg 7p Al Anon/Alateen</p>	<p>26th of Iyyar <b>13</b></p> <p>8a Express Minyan 10:30a Torah Study, Zoom 4p Religious School</p>	<p>27th of Iyyar <b>14</b></p> <p>8a Minyan 6p Torah Study, Zoom</p>	<p>28th of Iyyar <b>15</b></p> <p>8a Minyan 7p Shabbat Evening Services</p> <p><b>7:38p</b> Candle lighting</p>	<p>29th of Iyyar <b>16</b></p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Morning Services</p> <p><b>Parashat Behar-Bechukotai</b> <b>8:44p</b> Havdalah</p>
<p>1st of Sivan <b>17</b></p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b> 9a Minyan 9a Religious School 10:30a Mazel Tots 12p Post B'nei Mitzvah Class</p>	<p>2nd of Sivan <b>18</b></p> <p>8a Minyan</p>	<p>3rd of Sivan <b>19</b></p> <p>8a Minyan 11a Mah Jongg 12:30p Mah Jongg 7p Al Anon/Alateen</p>	<p>4th of Sivan <b>20</b></p> <p>8a Express Minyan 10:30a Torah Study, Zoom 4p Religious School 6p Challah Baking Class</p>	<p>5th of Sivan <b>21</b></p> <p><b>No Torah Study</b> 8a Minyan <b>7:30p Shavuot Study Session</b></p>	<p>6th of Sivan <b>22</b></p> <p><b>Yom Yerushalayim</b> <b>7:45p</b> Candle lighting</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b> 8a Festival Minyan 7p Festival Shabbat Evening Services</p>	<p>7th of Sivan <b>23</b></p> <p>9:30a Festival Shabbat Morning Services <b>Vizkor</b></p> <p><b>Parashat Bamidbar</b> <b>8:52p</b> Havdalah</p>
<p>8th of Sivan <b>24</b></p> <p><b>Rosh Chodesh Sivan</b> <b>No Religious School or Mazel Tots</b> 9a Minyan</p>	<p>9th of Sivan <b>25</b></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b> 8a Minyan</p>	<p>10th of Sivan <b>26</b></p> <p>8a Minyan 11a Mah Jongg 12:30p Mah Jongg 7p Al Anon/Alateen</p>	<p>11th of Sivan <b>27</b></p> <p>8a Express Minyan 10:30a Torah Study, Zoom 4p Religious School</p>	<p>12th of Sivan <b>28</b></p> <p>8a Minyan 6p Torah Study, Zoom</p>	<p>13th of Sivan <b>29</b></p> <p><b>RSVP Deadline June Pray-Eat-Sing</b> 8a Minyan 7p Shabbat Evening Services</p> <p><b>Shavuot I</b> <b>7:51p</b> Candle lighting</p>	<p>14th of Sivan <b>30</b></p> <p>9:30a Shabbat Morning Services</p> <p><b>Shavuot II</b> <b>9:00p</b> Havdalah</p>
<p>15th of Sivan <b>31</b></p> <p>9a Minyan 9a Religious School 10:30a Mazel Tots Last Day 10a Cemetery Cleanup</p>	<b>Memorial Day</b>					<p><b>Parashat Nasso</b> <b>9:07p</b> Havdalah</p>

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22nd of Sivan 9a Minyan 9a Religious School Last Day	23rd of Sivan 8a Minyan Breakfast Bunch following services	24th of Sivan 8a Minyan 11a Mah Jongg 12:30p Mah Jongg 7p Al Anon/Alateen 7p Book Club	25th of Sivan 8a Express Minyan 10:30a Torah Study, Zoom TBD Calendar Meeting	26th of Sivan 8a Minyan 6p Torah Study, Zoom	27th of Sivan 8a Minyan 7p Shabbat Evening Services	28th of Sivan 9:30a Shabbat Morning Services
29th of Sivan 9a Minyan	30th of Sivan 8a Minyan	1st of Tamuz 8a Minyan 11a Mah Jongg 12:30p Mah Jongg 7p Al Anon/Alateen	2nd of Tamuz 8a Express Minyan 10:30a Torah Study, Zoom	3rd of Tamuz 8a Minyan 6p Torah Study, Zoom	4th of Tamuz 8a Minyan 7p Shabbat Evening Services	5th of Tamuz 9:30a Shabbat Morning Services
						Parashat Beha'alotcha 9:13p Havdalah
						Parashat Sh'lach 9:17p Havdalah
						Parashat Korach 9:20p Havdalah
6th of Tamuz 9a Minyan	7th of Tamuz 8a Minyan	8th of Tamuz 8a Minyan 11a Mah Jongg 12:30p Mah Jongg 7p Al Anon/Alateen	9th of Tamuz No Torah Study 8a Express Minyan	10th of Tamuz No Torah Study 8a Minyan	11th of Tamuz 8a Minyan 7p Shabbat Evening Services	12th of Tamuz 9:30a Shabbat Morning Services
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