



Clergy Corner

by Rabbi Charles Feinberg

LOOKING BACK... LOOKING AHEAD

On June 8, the congregation is recognizing my years of service to God and the Jewish people by celebrating the 40th anniversary of my ordination. Krayna and I and my children are very grateful for the support and encouragement I have received since coming to Adas Israel in August 2006. We are touched that the congregation has chosen to honor me at this time in my life.

At one time in my life, 40 years seemed like a very long time. A sign of getting older is that now it doesn't seem that long a time. A lot has happened during these 40 years, and I think this is a good time to reflect on what has changed since I entered the rabbinate in June 1973. I want to focus here on just a few of these changes and the challenges they have presented.

The first and most obvious change is that the Conservative Movement has become egalitar-

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Annual Congregational Meeting Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 pm

Meeting Agenda:

- *Yad Hakavod* Award Presentation to Harriet Arthur Isack
- Election of Synagogue Leaders
- "State of the Synagogue" Address by Outgoing President Johanna Chanin
- "Inaugural Address" by Incoming President Arnold Podgorsky
- Update on the Vision of Renewal Building Campaign



- Dessert Reception by Yarden Catering following the meeting
(Preceded by an open Board of Directors Dinner Meeting at 6:15 pm, \$15/person. RSVP to Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433 or Carol.Ansell@adasisrael.org). ◯

Shavuot 2013

'Four Corners Shavuot: Different Paths to One God'

Tuesday, May 15, 8:00 pm

View the full Shavuot schedule and learn more about the holiday on page 3.

Celebrate "the season of the giving of our Torah" with four different Jewish approaches to coming into contact with God on *Shavuot*. Each of the sessions will be led by one of our four clergy, in one of four different "corners" of the building. Select the approach that moves you, and join us at around 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 15, when we gather together for a brief description of the four

offerings listed below, and then break off for our respective learning experiences:

- **Radical Doubt: The Jewish Path to an Abiding Faith in God**
With Rabbi Steinlauf
- **Selected Mussar Texts on the Middot (Attributes) of "Patience and Anger"**
With Rabbi Feinberg
- **Finding God Through Song**
With Rabbi Holtzblatt
- **Finding G-d in our Prayers—A Close Look at the *Sh'ma***
With Cantor Brown ◯



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ian. Women and men share leadership roles among both the clergy and the laity. In the overwhelming majority of Conservative synagogues, women are included in the *minyan*. Moreover, after significant resistance, gays and lesbians are being welcomed into Conservative synagogues and institutions and are being fully accepted. All this happened during the last 20 to 30 years. I and many rabbis of my generation supported and encouraged the change, developed rationales for the changes, and celebrated when they were fully enacted.

Yet, there are some unresolved issues. While there is no question that we count women in the *minyan*, we are still ambivalent about whether women should wear *kippot*, *tallitot*, and *tefillin* during services. Our daily *minyan*, which is a vital part of our congregational life, is attended mostly by men with only a few exceptions. Since we educate our boys and girls equally, we have not been that successful in teaching both boys and girls the importance of the *mitzvot* of *tallit* and *tefillin*.

In some ways we still stick stubbornly to gender roles. We usually assume that women will light *Shabbat* candles at home or in the synagogue. We don't encourage our young men to light candles, even though it is a *mitzvah* for them as well. While many men are assuming roles at home that were once traditionally women's (cleaning, cooking, laundry, etc.), there is still a lot of work and education to be done in this area. Many years ago, a congregant of mine said, "Women learn to do what men do, but men often don't learn to do what women do." There is much wisdom in these words.

In many ways, the Conservative Movement has been very successful. Our failure has been in not anticipating or planning for the consequences of our successes. Sixty-six years ago, the Conservative Movement established the first Camp Ramah in Conover, WI. During my lifetime, Camp Ramah has been a great educational success in strengthening the Jewish identity of our young people and in teaching basic Hebrew and ritual skills. Another success of the Conservative Movement has been the creation of the Solomon Schechter day school movement as well as being the main supporters of community day schools.

These educational programs have been successful because many of the students and campers have grown into adults who don't want to sit on the sidelines of Jewish life. Graduates of Ramah and day schools, as well as graduates of our afternoon religious schools, want to continue leading services both in and outside the synagogue. In their own way, Camp Ramah and day schools have been very subversive institutions. Because they trained young people to be ritually independent, they indirectly challenged what had been the role of the synagogue. Successive generations of young people wanted to lead services themselves and were less interested in having clergy be the ritual leaders. The Conservative Movement never anticipated or planned for this change. Consequently, there is ferment within

May Office Closings

Shavuot Days 1 & 2, Wed. & Thurs., May 15 & 16

Schools/Offices Closed

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

Schools/Offices Closed

the movement about the role of the rabbi and cantor as well as that of the synagogue.

Adas Israel is a good example of a synagogue that has responded creatively to these changing dynamics. Our *Havurah* recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. It was a harbinger of what has become common: the growth of independent *minyanim*, mostly led by people who grew up in Conservative synagogues and institutions. We rightly celebrate our different independent, lay-led *minyanim*: the *Havurah*, Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan*, and *Ruach Minyan*. As we all know, having independent, lay-led *minyanim* within a synagogue creates challenges to a sense of cohesiveness in the congregation. But the Conservative Movement as a whole is still ambivalent about whether to encourage such *minyanim* and whether they should be invited into our synagogue buildings.

One cannot look upon the last 40 years without reflecting on the American Jewish community's relationship to the State of Israel. The *Yom Kippur War* broke out during the very beginning of my rabbinate. During that time, there was no questioning within the American Jewish community about our support for Israel. Israel's very existence was being threatened, and we marshaled all of our resources to rouse public support for the state. We rejoiced when Anwar Sadat came to Jerusalem to speak to the Knesset and the Israeli public. Looking back, the Camp David Accords have been arguably the single greatest achievement in ensuring the existence of the State of Israel. By neutralizing Egypt as an enemy, the Camp David Accords ensured that Israel would never have to fight a war on more than two fronts.

As we all know, the status of Palestinians remains unresolved, and this has been a source of great division within the American Jewish community. I suspect that this division will continue until there is some resolution one way or another. The question of the Palestinians strikes directly at the core of how we imagine our Jewish identity. Do we support our brothers and sisters in Israel directly because we value the ideal of Jewish peoplehood more than anything else? Or does our identity encompass the ideals of fairness and justice for others? How do we reconcile these competing values within the context of our support for Israel? These are the challenges we have faced over the last 40 years and will continue to face.

I thank God for giving me the strength to be a spiritual leader of our community over these last 40 years. And I doubly thank God for helping me find a wife who has been a constant source of support and love. ◯

Correction: The April 2013 *Chronicle* mistakenly reported that Ruth Grierer (z"l) was the daughter of Amy Godin. In fact, she was the mother of Amy Godin. We regret the error.

Holidays

Shavuot 2013

The festival of *Shavuot*, which commemorates the proclamation of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai is known in the Jewish tradition as *z'man matan torateinu*, "The season of the giving of our Torah."

The rabbis speak of *Shavuot* as the crowning climax of the Exodus. Until the first *Shavuot*, the liberated slaves in the wilderness were free in a physical sense only. At Sinai, Israel used the freedom obtained on Passover to consecrate themselves as "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Moreover, to make clear that the teachings of the Torah revealed at Sinai are for all humankind, the Book of Ruth, the story of a woman who voluntarily accepted Judaism in place of idolatry, is customarily read on the second day of *Shavuot*. In the *Megillah* of Ruth are found the glowing words of faith she spoke



Shavuot 2013 Schedule

Erev Shavuot, Tuesday, May 14

6:00 pm: *Mincha*

8:00 pm: Special "Four Corners" *Tikkun*: "Different Paths to One God" (see page 1 for description)

9:00 pm: *Maariv*, followed by refreshments

10:00–11:00 pm: Second Round of "Four Corners"

Shavuot Day 1, Wednesday, May 15

9:30 am: Combined Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Service and Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Service

Shavuot Day 2, Thursday, May 16

9:15 am: Combined Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Service and Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Service

11:00 am: *Yizkor*

to her mother-in-law, Naomi: "Entreat me not to leave you for wherever you go I will go, and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people will be my people and your God, my God."

Shavuot literally means "weeks" as it occurs precisely seven weeks after the second day of Passover. The 49 days between Passover and *Shavuot* are known as *s'firat ha-omer* (the counting of the *omer*), reminiscent of the days when farmers brought a measure (*omer*) of their newly harvested grain to the Temple.

The *Shavuot* holiday is also known as *Chag Ha-Bikurim*, the

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From the President



Dear friends:

I trust that the success of my presidency will not turn on the frequency of my columns in the Chronicle; I know, it has been a while. Though I haven't often taken advantage of this space, I am grateful to have this forum to address an issue that may be on the minds of

many and certainly is an important moment in time deserving of attention in the life of the congregation.

As you have read elsewhere in the Chronicle, and perhaps in the weekly @Adas newsletter, we will over the coming months say good bye to two senior members of our staff, Glenn Easton and Josh Bender. Both Glenn and Josh are leaving Adas to pursue opportunities at another synagogue that will present them with professional challenges not available here at Adas. Still, it is hard not to speculate that some connection between the two resignations might exist or to try and spot a possible trend. These departures are coincidental and unrelated, either to each other or any perceived larger issue. And fortunately, we have an incredible array of talented and dedicated staff members who work tirelessly to support the success of this 143 year-old institution. Still, I want to provide a few details that might be helpful.

When we last renewed Josh's contract in 2011, we knew that his longer term career goals included leadership of a Jewish day school. While we could not provide him with that kind of experience, we of course wanted him to remain at Adas as long as possible. Though far sooner than we might have anticipated, the Head of the Lower School at the Krieger Schechter Day School

in Baltimore is an ideal position for Josh, both professionally and personally (as he has family in Baltimore). The Adas clergy, now including our wonderful new *Hazzan*, Cantor Arianne Brown who holds Master's degree in Jewish Education, have always been actively involved in the education department, and will take an even more pronounced role this year to assure a seamless transition.

Though at a different stage in his career, Glenn's situation is not too dissimilar – having been at Adas for 22 years, he, too, is eager to advance his career with new challenges. In a synagogue like ours, there are few advancement opportunities for someone at Glenn's senior level. As Glenn himself has said, it is the right time at this point in his career to make a move. There are aspects of his new role that are personally compelling to Glenn in terms of the needs of the institution and personnel there, with whom he has had lifelong ties. But I don't want to underplay Glenn's motivations – he is ready for further professional challenges and feels he has found that in this new position.

Search committees comprised of talented, experienced congregants and Adas staff are in formation and their work will commence immediately. I have every expectation that we will have excellent candidates and ultimately, will find superb professionals to fill these two positions. Adas is held in high esteem in the world of Jewish communal leaders; we have a well-deserved and hard earned reputation for innovation, superior leadership and rich diversity that has endured for more than half a century. Unquestionably, we will have outstanding candidates to consider.

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Sisterhood

Upcoming Sisterhood Events

Seaboard Spring Conference: Sunday & Monday, May 5–6, at the Pearlstone Conference Center, Reisterstown, MD. Author Maggie Anton will discuss her recent book, *Rav Hisda's Daughter*. For program and registration details, contact Joyce Stern, joycestern@starpower.net.

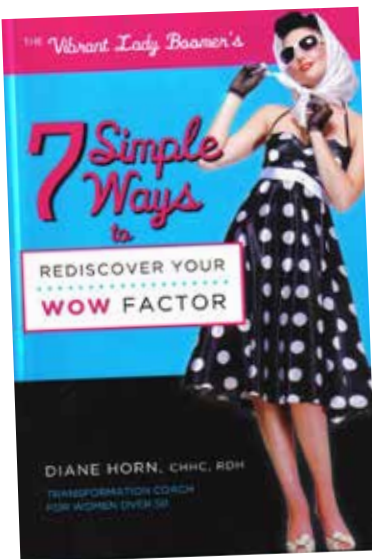
Taste of Tanach: Monthly discussions of Jewish values with Rabbi Steinlauf, Tuesday, May 21, at 10 am in the Library. All are welcome!

Bike Ride and Tour: Join Sisterhood on Sunday, May 19, for a bicycle ride, followed by a walking tour of Jewish sites in Old Town Alexandria. We will meet at 10:30 am in the parking lot of the Thompson Boat House in D.C. (Rock Creek Parkway and Virginia Ave. N.W.) near the Foggy Bottom Metro Station. From there, we will bicycle eight miles to Old Town Alexandria along the Mt. Vernon Trail.

If you don't bike but do want to meet for lunch and the tour, we will convene at noon in front of the Starbucks at the corner of King and South Union streets and have a picnic lunch (buy your own in the area). Then, at 2:00 pm, we will have a guided walking tour of Jewish Old Town with a docent from the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington. The tour lasts an hour and a half, at which point the bikers will head back to D.C. Cost: \$20 (for tour).

RSVP to Dava Berkman, davab3@yahoo.com. Mail checks, payable to Adas Israel, to Dava Berkman, 2475 Virginia Ave, N.W., #803, Washington, D.C. 20037. Please reserve your space by May 13. Open to everyone.

Sisterhood to Close Out 2012–2013 with a WOW!



You won't want to miss Sisterhood's final program of the year. Grab your dancing shoes and join us Sunday, June 23, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, at Adas Israel. Our closing event will feature noted author Diane Horn discussing her book, *7 Simple Ways to Rediscover Your Wow Factor*. Her talk and installation of new officers and board members will be followed by a lively session of Israeli folk dancing for all levels, led by Lisah Bernstein.

Couvert is \$10. Please contact Carol Ansell, Carol.Ansell@AdasIsrael.org or 202-362-4433, by June 18 to reserve your place. The event is open to all.

Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop

We're still here . . . we've just moved upstairs to Sisterhood Hall. Come see us and shop for all the wonderful items we carry.

And, you husbands, don't forget Mother's Day! We have lovely jewelry to surprise your wife with. Our schedule remains unchanged; however we will not be open Tuesday evening.

202-364-2888

adasgiftshop@gmail.com

Co-Managers:

Jean Bernard, 301-654-8914

Diane Keller, 301-442-7625

Every purchase benefits Adas Israel Congregation.

Immediate Past Events Wrap-Up

The annual Torah Fund Luncheon honoring donors was held Sunday, April 14, at Congregation Har Shalom. The featured speaker was David Wachtel, senior consultant for Special Collections, Jewish Theological Seminary Library, who described "Treasures from the Rare Book Room."

In conjunction with the Foundation for Jewish Studies, Sisterhood made a day trip to the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia on April 28. The trip was open to the entire congregation, and other area sisterhoods participated as well. The tour was led by David Epstein and Sisterhood member **Dr. Carmel Chiswick**, research professor at George Washington University. The event was chaired by **Joyce Stern**. ○



At the March Adas Israel Board of Directors meeting, Marian Fox, longtime Ruth & Simon Albert Sisterhood Gift Shop volunteer and Sisterhood board member, presented a \$15,000 check to synagogue President Johanna Chanin. The money was raised by the volunteer-run shop, managed by Diane Keller and Jean Bernard.

Education

Gan HaYeled Truck Day

Beep! Beep! Honk! Honk! The 21st annual Gan HaYeled Truck Day is Wednesday, May 8, 9:00 am–noon, in our parking lot. The children get to climb in, on, and around all sorts of vehicles, from snow plows and dump trucks to fire trucks and motorcycles. The synagogue parking lot will be closed during that time; we apologize for any inconvenience.



Gan HaYeled students thoroughly enjoyed last year's Truck Day!

Last Chance to Register



There are still a few spots left in Sweet Summertime, the Gan's summer camp. Sweet Summertime begins June 17 and runs through July 27. Throughout the six weeks of Sweet Summertime, you will see smiles and hear laughter from our campers and staff

alike. With a broad variety of activities, there is something for everyone.

There are three separate two-week sessions to choose from. As a special bonus, our very special Gan teachers work in the summer and make Sweet Summertime a wonderful experience.

Join the Gan for the 2013–2014 School Year!

We still have a few spaces left in our part-day and part-week classes. For more information, call the Gan office, 202-362-4491 or visit adasisrael.org/gan.

Religious School Shabbat Unplugged

Saturday, May 18, with Josh Bender

10:45 am–Noon

Shabbat Unplugged is a musical family service for families with children in elementary and middle school. Modeled after *Shacharit Live*, a Sunday morning musical service in the religious school, the service seeks to build a prayer experience that is fun, interactive, and spirited.

This will also be an opportunity for families to explore some of the key concepts and themes in Jewish prayer. Guitars and other instruments will enhance the experience and teach Jewish and Israeli songs. The Torah portion will come alive through the art of Jewish storytelling with Jennifer Rudick Zunikoff. Families are invited to join the congregational *kiddush* following the service.

May Religious School/Youth Calendar

- 5:** *Chagigat HaSiddur*; *Kadima* event
- 7:** Photos, 7:00 pm; Israel trip family meeting, 8:00 pm
- 10:** *L'Dor VaDor* service & dinner
- 10–12:** *B'nai Mitzvah* Retreat
- 11:** USY event
- 12:** Intergenerational Program; *Kadima* Whitewater Rafting
- 14:** *Erev Shavuot*, no school,
- 15:** *Shavuot* Day 1, no school
- 16:** *Shavuot* Day 2, no school
- 18:** *Nesi'ah Tovah*; *Shabbat Unplugged*; *Machar Sleepover* in the *Shul*
- 19:** *Yom Shabbat*; Last *Chugim* (Specials) for 3rd–6th grades; *Chaverim* Mini-Golf & Ice Cream Party
- 21:** Ma'alot Graduation & Awards
- 24–26:** USY Spring Convention
- 26:** Memorial Day weekend, no school
- 27:** Memorial Day
- 28:** Passing the Torch; last Ma'alot class



Sixth graders lead the Model Seder with their rendition of the Four Questions.

Fifth graders visit Sunrise Assisted Living residents as part of the students' unit on Hiddur P'nei Zaken/Respecting the Elderly. They sang and played music for the appreciative residents.



It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Josh Bender, Director of Education, has accepted a position as Head of the Lower School at Krieger Schechter Day School in Baltimore. Josh has always dreamed of stepping into a position like this and while we couldn't imagine a more outstanding candidate to fill this role, we are also sad to lose such a talented individual here at Adas. He will be missed!

Life Cycle

Milestones

Births:

Noah Gregory Saltman, grandson of Alan & Beryl Saltman and David & Roberta Carlin, and son of Jeffrey & Alysa Saltman
Eli Simon Ephraim, grandson of Herlene & Yaacov Nagler, and son of Yael & Dan Ephraim

Emily Anne Blumenfeld, daughter of Joshua & Diana Blumenfeld
We wish our newborns and their families strength, good health, and joy.

B'nai Mitzvah



Elliotte Orlove, May 11

Elliotte, the daughter of Deborah and Brett Orlove, is in the seventh grade at Georgetown Day School. She is a graduate of Adas Israel's Gan HaYeled, and has attended the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since age 5. Elliotte looks forward to celebrating her *bat mitzvah* with her parents, brother Alex, and many family and friends.



Annabelle Friedman, May 18

Annabelle, daughter of Peter and Caroline Friedman and Laura Blum and Robert Meisner, who is in the seventh grade at Capitol Hill Day School, has been attending the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since the first grade. She is happy to be celebrating her *bat mitzvah* with her

younger siblings, Simone, William, and Teddy; immediate family; and friends.



Isaac Frumkin, May 25

Isaac, son of Sam Frumkin and Susan Kay, is a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. Isaac began his Jewish education at Gan HaYeled Nursery School, continuing at the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School and Camp Avoda. He is happy to celebrate his *bar mitzvah* with his brother, Jonah, family, friends, and members of the

Adas community.



Ezra Meyer, June 1

Ezra, son of Jonathan Meyer and Lauren Strauss, is a seventh grader at Westland Middle School. He attended the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital from kindergarten through sixth grade. Before that, he attended Gan HaYeled. Ezra is happy to be celebrating his *bar mitzvah* with his parents, sisters, grandparents,

aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.



Nina Lane, June 1

Nina is a sixth grader in the Humanities and Communications magnet program at Eastern Middle School. She went to Gan HaYeled and Jewish Primary Day School, and has been attending the Estelle & Melvin Gelman Religious School since fourth grade. She is happy to be celebrating her *bat mitzvah* with her older brother, David;

younger sister, Johanna, and immediate family and friends.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of synagogue member:

Stuart Tattar, husband of Elinor Tattar and father of Beth Tattar and Nancy Chill

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Betty Cohen, mother of Stuart Cohen
Irwin Baskind, father of Judith Sprague

Life Cycle Information

When Death Occurs

When death occurs, please call the synagogue office, 202-362-4433, so that we may inform the clergy and be of assistance. During business hours, ask for Glenn Easton or Carole Klein. After business hours, a staff member on call may be reached by calling the synagogue office at the number above and pressing "2" to be connected automatically, or by calling the answering service, 301-421-5271, which will page the staff member on call. On *Yom Tov* and *Shabbat*, even though detailed funeral arrangements should not be made, a staff member on call can still be reached at 301-421-5271.

Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee assists families with all of the arrangements surrounding the funeral and subsequent burial of loved ones. We welcome your interest and encourage your participation and assistance. We need you; please join us. If you have questions, or know of someone whom you think might be interested in participating in this important work, please feel free to call either Jane Beller (301-518-2275) or Edie Hessel (202-244-7189) or contact Toni Bickart (202-244-2747) regarding the *Tahara* Committee.

Adas Israel Community Mikvah

Our *mikvah* is a sacred space where Jews can mark life transitions with powerful physical ritual. Immersing in a *mikvah* connects the body to the water cycle of our planet and to the sources of life. People visit our *mikvah* to observe the *mitzvah* of monthly immersion; to celebrate *s'machot*; to find strength during a difficult time; to pray for healing; to reflect on the meaning of becoming a bride, groom, or *bar* or *bat mitzvah*; to convert to Judaism; and to prepare physically and spiritually for *chagim*. To learn more about our *mikvah* or to schedule an appointment, contact Naomi Malka, 202-841-8776 or mikvah@adasisrael.org. For more information, visit adasisrael.org/mikvah.

Cemetery Hours

Visitation at the Adas Israel Cemetery is by appointment only.

Contact Glenn Easton or Carole Klein at the synagogue office (202-362-4433) to schedule a visit. ○

Bodies of Water Honoring Our Jewish Bodies

May 5 at 1:30 pm

www.Bodies-of-Water.org



Women and girls can learn about Jewish approaches to building positive body image and promoting healthy choices. Join Adas Ritual Director Naomi Malka as we

reframe the *mikvah* as a safe and positive place in which to experience the profound physical and spiritual changes of adolescence, young adulthood, and womanhood.

"Before today, I believed that my body was beautiful. As a result of today, I believe that my body is sacred and special. Before today, I believed that the mikvah was scary. As a result of today, I believe that it is peaceful."

– a **Bodies of Water** participant after the first workshop.

Come with your daughters, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, or friends for an extra special experience! Contact Naomi Malka, Naomi.Malka@AdasIsrael.org, to register. This program is supported by the Tikkun Olam Women's Foundation and co-sponsored by the Jewish Mindfulness Center of Washington. ○



Bodies of Water explores mikvah and the relationships women and girls have with their bodies. We hope to see you at our final session of the year.

Cemetery Open on Mother's Day & Father's Day

The Adas Israel Cemetery will be open on May 12 (Mother's Day) and June 16 (Father's Day), 10:00 am–2:00 pm.

The cemetery is located at 1400 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC. For more information, contact Carole Klein, 202-362-4433, ext. 157. Find directions on our website, adasisrael.org/directions.

A Celebration of Rabbi Feinberg!

June 8 at 9:30 am



Join us for a special combined service and kiddush Honoring Rabbi Charles Feinberg's 40th anniversary in the rabbinate, Saturday, June 8, at 9:30 am, as we pay tribute to his achievements and vital importance within our incredible community.

Rabbi Charles Feinberg came to Adas Israel in August 2006, having led Congregation Beth Israel in Vancouver, BC, for eight years. Previously, he had served in congregations in Poughkeepsie, NY, and Madison, WI. He also spent nearly 20 summers teaching at Camp Ramah where he designed and taught an innovative prayer curriculum for 12- and 13-year-old campers.

While in Vancouver, Rabbi Feinberg founded and co-chaired the Jewish-Christian Dialogue and served as president of the Multifaith Action Society of Vancouver. He also founded and served as the first president of the Association of Attending Clergy at Madison General Hospital. He has chaired the Rabbinical Assembly Social Action Committee, which developed the RA Advocacy Day (an annual event hosted by Adas Israel) bringing up to 50 Conservative rabbis to Washington, DC, to advocate for public policy positions. He also received the 2002 Rabbinic Leadership Award from the United Jewish Communities and the Gold Medal Human Service Award from St. Cabrini Home in 1996.

Rabbi Feinberg was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1973. The congregation is thrilled to have Rabbi Feinberg serving such an integral role in our community, and we look forward to celebrating his achievements with you on June 8.

May 2013 Iyar–Sivan 5773

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES: Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering services.

Charles E. Smith Service: Interim Ritual Director, Naomi Malka will read Torah. Congregational *kiddushim* co-sponsored by the Paul Goldstein–Lillian Goldstein–Lande Shabbat Kiddush Fund and members of Adas Israel.

Traditional Egalitarian Minyan (TEM): Every *Shabbat* morning at 9:30 am, with the Torah service around 10:30 am. Led by laypeople with the occasional assistance of Adas clergy, the TEM is a participatory service with a full *P'sukei D'Zimrah* (introductory Psalms), *Shacharit*, and *Musaf*, a complete reading of the weekly Torah portion, and a *d'var Torah*. For more information, e-mail traditionalminyan@adasisrael.org.

Havurah Service: Lay-led, participatory service at 9:45 am. Rotating volunteers lead services, read Torah, and conduct an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion. A *kiddush* follows the service. For additional information and to participate, e-mail havurah@adasisrael.org.

Youth Shabbat Services: Starting with *Tot Shabbat* for children ages 5 and under led by Menuhah Peters. *Netivot*,

for students in grades K–3, is led by Linda Yitzchak, Allison Redisch, Rina Bardin, and/or Naomi Michaelis. Junior Congregation, for grades 4–6, is led by David Smolar and/or the Steinsaltz Ambassadors. **Shabbat Unplugged:** A new musical family service for families with young children on Saturday mornings at 10:45 am. The service is designed for elementary school families and above, though older children are welcome and encouraged take on leadership roles. Led by Josh Bender and Elie Greenberg.

'Dial-in' for Programs & Services: If you are unable to attend programs, lectures, or services, dial in to hear them. Call 202-686-8405.

Library Open on Shabbat: The Adas Israel Library is open on Saturdays from 12:30–1:30 pm. Our *Shabbat* volunteers will help you find just the right book to bring home. For assistance during the week, contact our librarian, Robin Jacobson (librarian@adasisrael.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Keeping Up with the Vision



The Charles E. Smith Sanctuary—still a work in progress.

Keeping Up with the Vision is a monthly column providing up-to-the-minute information about our exciting renovation process. This is where you can find all you need to know to access all of our programs and activities during the construction phases. You can also follow all the noteworthy developments as they unfold over the coming year. Keep up with the progress as we strengthen Adas's ability to meet the social, intellectual, and religious needs of our wonderful congregation.

Phase III has begun: Entrance Foyer, Beit Midrash, Gift Shop, & MakomDC

Let's just be honest here . . . This is definitely the most disruptive phase of our building renovation, which also means it's the most exciting!

This is the phase during which we will create a wonderful new entrance foyer, an inviting new Gift Shop, a brand new set of lobby restrooms, and, last but certainly not least, the new *Beit Midrash* and Chapel. The *Beit Midrash*, upon completion, will be a fully functioning House of Study equipped with sacred Judaic texts, modern computer and Internet technology, a coffee bar, and an inviting worship space for daily services. *MakomDC* (Place dc), the innovative learning and engagement center to be housed within this flagship new space, will feature a series of speakers, workshops, and worship opportunities throughout the year, specifically ca-

tering to the various cohorts represented in our community. This is a very exciting time for Adas Israel and for Jewish DC as a whole.

Now, there are a few things you'll need to know before we get started . . .

Until approximately mid-August, the main Quebec Street entrance will be closed. Weekdays (Sun.–Fri.), please enter the building through the side parking lot door. For *Shabbat* services, please enter either through the Quebec Street Sanctuary entrance or through the *Gewirz Beit Am* doors. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are equally excited about the magnificent results to follow.

We truly look forward to gathering, worshipping, and connecting with you, and with each other, in your new and improved Adas Israel. Here's to Phase III! ○



A Forrester Construction worker evaluates his progress on expanding the balcony level all the way to the front of the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary.

One of the keystones of Phase III: construction of the new Beit Midrash, home of Makom DC.



Lifelong Learning

Jewish Study Center Classes Wednesday Nights in May

(co-sponsored by Adas Israel Congregation; Adas members eligible for discount fee)

Global Jewish Cultures: Jews of Africa and Asia 7:00–8:15 pm

May 1: Film (work-in-progress): *Open Door: A Jewish Rescue in the Philippines*

May 8: Sassoon Family of Baghdad and India

May 22: Jews of Libya

May 29: Jews of China: Three Waves of Jewish Migration to Shanghai, 1845–1940

Proverbs: Great One-Liners

May 1, 22, 29: Psalms, 8:15–9:20 pm

May 8: Orthodox Feminism in America, 8:15–9:20 pm

June 5: Women of the Wall, 7:00–8:15 pm

June 5: Who Is a Rabbi? 8:15–9:20 pm

To register or for more information, visit www.jewishstudycenter.org.

WebParasha

The new web tool for Adas Torah readers

On *Shavuot*, we celebrate the revelation of Torah to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai. This *Shavuot*, we celebrate the revelation of *WebParasha*



to the Jewish people of Adas Israel. For the Torah readers and future Torah readers of our congregation, please visit www.adasrael.webparasha.com for a user name and password.

We have many congregants of all ages who enjoy reading Torah. *WebParasha* is a simple and effective tool that will enable you to sign up for Torah and *Haftarah* readings in our Charles E. Smith Sanctuary service, print the text in *tikkun* style, listen to an mp3 of the portion(s), receive automatic reminders, and keep records of readings—all on your own! We hope you will use *WebParasha* to help improve your Torah reading skills, and we look forward to hearing you read Torah many times in the future!

Of course, you can still sign up the old-fashioned way, and for assistance getting started with *WebParasha*, contact Naomi Malka, 202-362-4433 or Naomi.Malka@adasrael.org.

YP @ AI



YP@AI is a community for young Jewish adults between the ages of 21 and 35. Singles can meet singles, young couples can meet young couples, newcomers can connect with other newcomers—join us!



Shir Delight

Friday, May 3, 6:30 pm

Shir Delight is Adas Israel's *Kabbalat Shabbat* experience for young professionals between the

ages of 21 and 35. Our evening begins at 6:30 pm with a happy hour *oneg* followed by a lay-led *Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv* service and \$8 *Shabbat* dinner. While everyone is welcome to join us for our happy hour *oneg* and services, we can only accommodate a limited number of people for dinner. Register at www.adasisrael.org/yp by Wednesday, May 1, to reserve your spot.

"From generation to generation..."

Back to Shul

L'Dor VaDor
Service & Dinner
and GAGA Tournament!

A Shabbat Experience for All Generations!

Friday, May 10

6:00 pm Service
7:00 pm Dinner
7:45 pm GAGA Tournament

Adult Dinner (11 and above), \$19.95
Child Dinner (ages 3–10), \$14.95
Children 2 and under eat FREE!

Financial assistance is available; please contact
Josh Bender, 202-362-4449 or
josh.bender@adasrael.org.

RSVP by Wednesday, May 8, at 11:00 am.

Register online at <http://adasrael.org/ldorvador>; or call
or e-mail Carol Ansell, 202-362-4433 or
Carol.Ansell@adasrael.org.

Farewell to Glenn Easton, Executive Director at Adas for 22 years!

A letter from synagogue president Johanna Chanin

Dear Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news that Glenn Easton, Executive Director at Adas Israel for twenty-two magnificent years, will be leaving Adas after the High Holy Days to assume an exciting new challenge in another Jewish community. I know that we are all tremendously sad to see him go, as he has been an accomplished leader, a dear friend, a valued colleague, and a trusted advisor in our community. However, we must temper our own sense of loss with an equal share of satisfaction and joy for the new challenges Glenn seeks for his career, as he explains in his letter on this page.

Whether you are a new member at Adas or a multi-generational Adas family, your Adas experience has without a doubt been enhanced by Glenn's efforts and those of the capable staff he has nurtured and encouraged. In my time serving as president of Adas Israel, I have had the privilege of working with outstanding professionals and lay leaders who work tirelessly each day to make ours a holy community. Glenn has been just such a leader — a precious resource to so many of us who have been honored with the opportunity to serve as officers, board members, committee chairs and members, and to all who ever had a question or needed guidance on any matter, big or small. Our gratitude to Glenn is incalculable.

When he arrived at Adas twenty-two years ago and continuing throughout his tenure at Adas, Glenn was able to identify issues and create solutions that have led us to the good financial health and overall institutional soundness we enjoy today. His distinguished tenure has enriched Adas Israel and its members. But if you know Glenn, you know that he is a fixer, a problem solver, a person who thrives on challenge and who cannot rest on the accomplishments of the past (in fact, if you know Glenn, you know that he cannot rest, period!). It is this drive for new challenges and a desire to seek professional growth that has led our beloved Glenn to accept another position within the Jewish community.

Over the coming months, and with Glenn's help, the Executive Committee and Adas Leadership will conduct a thorough search among a very talented group of leadership professionals to assume the role of Executive Director. We are confident that we will find a successor worthy of the exceedingly high standards Glenn has set.

The future of Adas is bright. With tremendous gratitude to Glenn Easton, we can also say that the here and now at Adas Israel is likewise wonderful. As the fall grows near, we will have a more formal opportunity to thank our dear friend and wish him a heartfelt, if alas, bittersweet, farewell.



Johanna Chanin
President

A letter from Glenn

Johanna Chanin, President
Arnold Podgorsky, President-Elect
Rabbi Gil Steinlauf, Senior Rabbi

Dear Johanna, Arnie, and Gil,

For twenty-two years, I have been blessed to work in a synagogue and community of dedicated clergy and staff, committed lay leaders, and special members and friends. During these two decades, both Adas Israel and I have matured, evolved, achieved, celebrated, grieved, created, evaluated, experimented, learned, and laughed together. At this point in my career I truly feel that I have accomplished more than I could have ever imagined at Adas Israel and that it is time for me to take what I have learned here and apply it in a new synagogue setting beginning this fall. Change is healthy for both organizations and professionals, keeping them fresh, challenged, and creative. I will always feel a part of the Adas Israel community, appreciate the support, value the opportunities, and cherish the friendships.

During these past two decades, we have built a solid and significant organization upon our historic foundation. We have stabilized the synagogue's finances and have provided funding to support our future. We have learned from and paid off our last renovation and have embarked on a new vision for a new era. We have transformed our schools, experimented with our religious services, extended our reach into people's lives, homes, and community, and have provided remarkable opportunities for people to learn, celebrate, and congregate together.

In *Pirke Avot* we read that "you are not required to complete the task but neither are you free to desist from it." While we have not completed all of our tasks and goals, Adas Israel is a sound, well-functioning synagogue thanks to the dedication of our lay leaders and staff. The staff members, clergy, synagogue presidents, officers, board members, committee members, and active congregants that I have been fortunate to work with have shaped our congregation and have molded me as a communal professional. I will always treasure the friends we have made and value the work we have accomplished. The synagogue is the cornerstone of sustainability of Jewish life and I have been honored to have served this sacred community.

May you and Adas Israel continue to be blessed in the years to come.

B'vrachot shalom,



Glenn S. Easton
Executive Director

Library Corner

Tainted Music Playing Wagner in Israel

by Robin Jacobson

When the international classical music world celebrates the 200th birthday of German composer Richard Wagner on May 22, look for no fanfare from the concert halls of Israel. For nearly 75 years, public performances of Wagner's music have been taboo in the Jewish state.

On one hand, the Wagner ban seems justified. Adolph Hitler adored Wagner's music, showcasing it at Nazi rallies until the music became a powerful symbol of the Third Reich. Wagner himself was a notorious anti-Semite who wrote disparagingly of Jews and Jewish music. It is not surprising, therefore, that many Israelis, especially Holocaust survivors, cannot hear Wagner without shuddering.

Yet other Israelis, admirers of Wagner's music, counter that Wagner had not intended to write Nazi music; he died before Hitler was even born. As for anti-Semitism, they point out that Israeli orchestras regularly play the music of composers with anti-Semitic views (reportedly Chopin, Liszt, and Tchaikovsky). In any case, they say, Wagner is simply too significant a composer to be excluded from the repertoire of Israeli musicians. This contentious Wagner debate surfaces even in Israeli novels, such as *Murder Duet* by Batya Gur, the selection for the Adas Israel Book Club's May meeting (see accompanying announcement).

From Inspiration to Anathema

Ironically, before Wagner's music was the sound track for Nazism, it was the sound track for Zionism. When Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism, was feverishly drafting his seminal *The Jewish State* in Paris in 1895, he drew inspiration, says noted Israeli historian Amos Elon, from the music of Richard Wagner. Seemingly unperturbed by the late composer's anti-Semitic views, Herzl "faithfully attended every performance of Wagner at the Paris Opera." Wagner's music was such essential fuel for Herzl's writing that Herzl confessed he only doubted the success of his Zionist project "on those nights that no Wagner was performed." Three years later, the music of Wagner's *Tannhäuser* opened the Second Zionist Congress.

The boycott of Richard Wagner's music in Israel dates from 1938. According to the *Jerusalem Post*, Wagner's music was originally part of the repertoire of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra

(later renamed the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra), but on November 12, 1938, the orchestra's conductor deleted a Wagner piece from the program as a protest against *Kristallnacht*, the state-sanctioned German riot that had occurred three days earlier. Since that time, there have been few public performances of Wagner's music in Israel.

In 2001, Israeli conductor Daniel Barenboim offered his Jerusalem audience a Wagner piece as an encore during the Israel Festival. Many members of the audience stormed out of the hall, but the majority remained, giving the encore a standing ovation. Just last year, the Israeli Wagner Society planned a privately financed concert of Wagner music at Tel Aviv University, but the university cancelled the concert after protests from the Holocaust Survivors' Center.

A Novelist's View

The tensions in the Israeli classical musical world over Wagner are vividly articulated in Batya Gur's *Murder Duet*. Gur's mystery involves a celebrated Israeli family of classical musicians. One member of the family, a world-famous conductor, dreams of holding a Wagner festival in Jerusalem, saying Israel must "stop ignoring this great composer." The conductor's father, a Holocaust survivor who never permitted a note of Wagner to be played in his home, is so appalled by the notion of an Israeli Wagner Festival that he falls ill. Within this one family, Gur illuminates the divisions among Israelis about whether one can or should try to appreciate Wagner's music on its own merits or believe that his music has been irredeemably contaminated by its Nazi past.

For more information, please contact Robin Jacobson, librarian@adasisrael.org



A scene from one of Theodor Herzl's favorite operas—*Tannhäuser*.

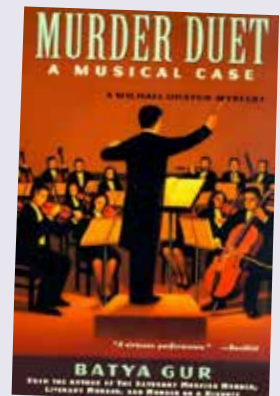
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Sunday, May 19,
10:30–11:30 am

Murder Duet, a mystery
by Batya Gur

Sponsored by the Library Committee and Sisterhood.

Copies available through libraries and booksellers (ask for the Adas Book Club discount at Politics & Prose)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As confident as I am about our prospects for the future (and believe me, that confidence knows no bounds), I am certainly sad to see Glenn and Josh go. To suggest otherwise would be to diminish the contributions of these two exceptional professionals, both of whom I admire and respect immensely. At the proper time, we will have an opportunity to celebrate their successes and to acknowledge their numerous contributions to our synagogue.

I hope that our collective outlook will remain bright and that when we consider Josh and Glenn's resignations, we will choose to have at least as much pride in the synagogue that enabled their distinguished tenures as we do disappointment over their departures. While I am sad about losing wonderful leaders, I am nonetheless proud to be affiliated with a community that attracts and nurtures such inspiring professionals. I hope you are, too.

B'shalom,

Johanna Chanin

Synagogue President ○

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Festival of the First Fruits, and *Chag Ha-Katzir*, the Feast of the Harvest. At this time, farmers made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem, bringing with them offerings of their barley harvest and the first fruits of their orchards. As an echo of this ancient agricultural celebration, it is customary to decorate the synagogue and home with flowers and plants.

During *Shavuot*, dairy dishes are traditionally eaten because the Torah is often compared to milk and honey, having the nourishment of the former and the sweetness of the latter.

Below are a few suggestions of ways you can make *Shavuot* a real celebration. Though it is a brief holiday, it is filled with joy and profound meaning.

1. Light *Yom Tov* candles and prepare a festival meal on both evenings of the holiday.
2. Invite guests to join in your celebra-

tion of *Shavuot* and eat dairy dishes.

3. Attend the *Tikkun Layl Shavuot*; it is customary to stay up all night on the eve of *Shavuot* studying the Torah. (See the schedule above.)

4. Hear the Ten Commandments read in the synagogue on the first day of *Shavuot*.

5. First day of *Shavuot*, Wednesday, May 15, service begins at 9:30 am; Combined Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Service and Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Service

Second day of *Shavuot*, Thursday, May 16, service begins at 9:15 am, *Yizkor* at 11:00 am. Combined Charles E. Smith Sanctuary Service and Traditional Egalitarian *Minyan* Service

6. Read the Book of Ruth

7. Light a *yahrzeit* candle in memory of family members who have died, give *tzedakah* in their name, and attend service on the second day to recite the *Yizkor* memorial prayers. ○

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Strong Leaders for a Strong Community

In accordance with the Adas Israel bylaws, our Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of synagogue leaders to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 5 at 7:30 pm:

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Filling unexpired terms: Michael Sloan (2014 for Ricki Gerger); Sandra Eskin (2015 for Alexandra Horowitz)

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Our thanks to Retiring Board Members: Joel Fischman, Jeff Knishkowsky, Sid Moskowitz, Dale Sorcher, Debra Benator, Maya Bernstein. (Board members serving two consecutive terms are ineligible to be nominated for an additional term.)

Additional nominations for any of the offices of the Congregation, the Trustees, and the Board of Directors may be made by petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) members of the Congregation in good standing, providing that the petition shall be filed in the office of the Executive Director of the Congregation by May 15th. (Bylaws Article VIII Sec. 5)

Our appreciation to the Nominating Committee: Margaret Siegel & Susan Kay, co-chairs, Edna Povich, Ed Kopf, Jacob Bardin, Amy Golen, Gene Sofer, David Bickart, Rick Fox, Brian Schwalb (Officer Liaison) ○

Upcoming Chronicle Deadlines—

July/August: Friday, May 31, at noon; September: Wednesday, July 31, at noon