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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mornings:
 Sundays 8:30 a.m.
 Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.
 Shabbat 9:00 a.m.
 Evenings
 Monday - Friday
 through February 14 5:00 p.m.
 beginning February 16 6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays (Minchah-Maariv)
 January 4 5:00 p.m.
 January 11 & 18 5:15 p.m.
 January 25 & February 1 . 5:30 p.m.
 February 8 5:45 p.m.
 February 15 & 22 6:00 p.m.

SHABBAT TORAH PORTIONS

JANUARY 4 Bo	FEBRUARY 1 Terumah
JANUARY 11 Beshalach SHABBAT SHIRAH	FEBRUARY 8 Tetzaveh
JANUARY 18 Yitro	FEBRUARY 15 Ki tissa
JANUARY 25 Mishpatim	FEBRUARY 22 Vayakhel

2ND ANNUAL *
MISSEBABA
 THE COOLEST PARTY EVER

DINNER DANCING

**SATURDAY,
 MARCH 8**

7:30 PM



PRIZES

\$5,000 Israel Bond
 Trip to Israel for Two
 \$1,000 Israel Bond
 \$500 Israel Bond

\$150/person for the party
 (1 ticket in the drawing)
 \$300/couple for the party
 (2 tickets in the drawing)

\$75 per young adult (21-35)
 NEXTGen individuals
 and couples welcome
 includes party without raffle ticket

**\$1,000 PATRON
 CONTRIBUTION**
 bring 8 guests and receive
 8 tickets in the drawing

**ADAT SHALOM TO HOST 82nd ANNUAL
 INTERCONGREGATIONAL MEN'S CLUB DINNER**

Jewish men from across the Detroit Metro area will gather at Adat Shalom on Thursday evening, February 13. The Intercongregational Men's Club Dinner is a decades-old tradition. A decades-old tradition, and the only event of its kind in the country, the dinner is annually attended by hundreds of men from multiple congregations and denominations of Judaism. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a sumptuous Kosher dinner will be followed by the highlight of the evening: Charlie Langton, legal expert for Fox Detroit and WWJ.

"My road to FOX 2 just didn't happen overnight," Charlie says. "It's actually taken quite a long time with lots of twists and turns, hard work and a little bit of luck. My real job is being an attorney. I have been practicing law for nearly 25 years, have my own law firm, and have tried many cases in multiple areas of law. Some people might call me an ambulance chaser, as I handle a lot of car accidents, workers' compensation cases, slips and falls and dog bites. Basically when somebody gets injured, that's when they call me. I have also represented many criminal cases and actually find the criminal cases to be more interesting than the civil cases. Criminals just have so many more stories to tell."

A man of diverse interests, Charlie helped to design the Michigan quarter, is a big collector of Michigan art and a huge Beatles fan, attended the Detroit Tigers fantasy camp and can't get enough of chocolate milk shakes! He is a trustee of the Michigan State University College of Law.

Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. and the program. There is a \$54 charge per person for what promises to be a great evening. Watch for your invitation and please respond by Monday, February 3.



**LEGAL ANALYST
 CHARLIE
 LANGTON**

**DESIGN A
 FAMILY HEIRLOOM**
 with Artist
- GAIL KAPLAN -
 Sunday, February 9



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The body is the temple of the soul
- Rambam

**Torah Yoga with Rabbi Shere
and skilled yoga instructor
Mindy Eisenberg**

**January 11, February 8
10:15 – 11:30 a.m.**

Connect body and soul
as we apply the wisdom of Torah
to the gentle practice of yoga.â

Please join us in the Youth Lounge.
No yoga experience necessary.
Dress comfortably and bring a mat
if you have one.



~ a soulful meditation service ~

**Shabbat ReSOULed
with Rabbi Shere
February 1
10:15 - 11:30 a.m.**

Develop a deeper feeling
for the Shabbat prayers
through Rabbi Shere's guided meditations.

Please join us in the Youth Lounge.
Casual dress.

**Shabbat Shirah
5774
Saturday,
January 11, 2014**

*Shabbat morning services
will be enhanced
by the beautiful voices
of Hazzan Gross
and the Adat Shalom Choir.*



Mazal Tov to our January - February B'nai Mitzvah



**Ethan Linze
Podolsky**



**Elan Samuel
Goldstein**



**Danielle
Goldberg**



**Jared Alexander
Perlman**



**Jessica Elizabeth
Goldberg**

January 4

Ethan Podolsky is the son of
Monica & Robert Podolsky and the
grandson of Glenda & Gene
Meyer, Paula & George Podolsky,
and the late Edythe Podolsky.

January 18

Elan Goldstein is the son of Julie
& Raphael Goldstein and the
grandson of Roslyn Garber and
the late Arnold M. Katz and
Regina Goldstein and the late
Reuven Goldstein.

February 1

Danielle Goldberg is the daughter
of Kelly & Marshall Goldberg and
the granddaughter of Jean
Goldberg Cascade, the late Milton
Goldberg, the late Sam Cascade,
the late Virginia Burns Gillis, the
late John P. Burns, and the late
Hon. Joseph A. Gillis, Jr.

Jared Perlman is the son of Jackie
& Aaron Perlman and the grand-
son of Roberta Wolf and the late
Joseph Wolf and Shelly & Eugene
Perlman.

MINCHAH SERVICE February 8

Jessica Goldberg is the daughter
of Judith & Scot Goldberg and the
granddaughter of the late Betty &
Zvi Wegener and the late Joyce &
Jacob Goldberg.



Join Rabbi Aaron Bergman

9:30 a.m. on these upcoming Sundays

January 12 & 26, February 9, and March 9

- Find your internal spirituality and realize that Judaism can make you happier.
- A refreshing hour for individuals of all ages
- Sessions continue throughout the year.
- Attend any one or all – each session is an individual experience.

There is no charge.

Finding a Spiritual Place for Yourself

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Messages

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DON'T MISS MISSEBABA!

THE 2ND ANNUAL MISSEBABA is happening on Saturday, March 8. Missebaba (formerly Purim Party Plus) is our major fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from Missebaba will be used to pay for much needed building renovations and will help Adat Shalom to continue providing the diverse programming you've come to expect from your synagogue. We've been fortunate in that many people have purchased tickets to Missebaba or Purim Party Plus in the past, though I've always wished that more of our members showed up for the party with friend. Believe me, Missebaba is a fun evening, filled with good food and music. I hope this year you'll not only buy tickets, but you'll mark the date on your calendars and choose to attend. I hope to see you there.



**DAVID
SHERBIN**

FROM RABBI YOSKOWITZ THE GREATEST GIFT

"Avi" DERSHOWITZ, as I knew him then – he became Alan when attending college – and his brother, my classmate Tully, and I attended twelve years of Yeshiva – Etz Chaim Yeshiva and Yeshiva University High School. All three of us graduated from Brooklyn College and then began our graduate school training. Alan Dershowitz, through Crown Publishers, has just written "Taking the Stand: My Life in the Law." I rushed to read it in order to evaluate: are his memories of our childhood in Borough Park, Brooklyn, different or the same as mine.



**RABBI
YOSKOWITZ**

One memory of our time in Yeshiva stared me right in the eyes. It is the same memory as I have: "The greatest gift – OK, I will even say, 'blessing' of my yeshiva education," he writes, "is learning to question everything and everyone . . . the Jewish characteristic of questioning is a product of experiences and surely the yeshiva education – which juxtaposes religion and science with little explicit effort to reconcile these distinct approaches to the search for truth – is an element of these expe-

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FROM HAZZAN GROSS

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW...



**HAZZAN
GROSS**

LAST YEAR I CONTRIBUTED AN ARTICLE TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE CANTORS ASSEMBLY'S NEWSLETTER *SACRED SOUNDS*. MANY CONGREGANTS REQUESTED THAT I SHARE IT WITH THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION. HERE IT IS, SLIGHTLY REDACTED:

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue...

This good-luck rhyme is often associated with a bride on her wedding day, but to me it is the secret to the success of a cantor on the bimah.

What I'm referring to are the melodies in a prayer service. A Jewish prayer service without music is like an opera without singing. Neither one is possible. Please allow me to deconstruct the rhyme.

Something old. When I first became the cantor at Adat

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FROM RABBI BERGMAN

WE ALL HAVE STORIES

The Jewish people are wonderful story tellers. We contributed many of the tales of 1,001 Nights of Scheherazade. We brought the stories of other traditions into our own. I am teaching a course of Jewish folklore and folk tales this month. I hope you will come. (Please see page 7)



**RABBI
BERGMAN**

More important to me, however, is that I want to hear your stories, the stories of who you are, and the stories of where you and your family come from. I want to hear the stories of where you want to go in your life, particularly your spiritual and intellectual journey as a Jew.

I tend to meet people at events, where there is not a lot of time to speak meaningfully for more than a few minutes, or at life cycle events where we are mostly focusing on family dynamics or the details of the day itself.

Judaism has so much wisdom and so many riches to make our path in life a happy, good and meaningful one.

I would love to meet one on one for an hour, at a time and place that is good for you, including your favorite coffee or lunch place, to talk about what matters to you and the role Judaism plays in your life. We could also just chat.

You can contact me through my email, abergman@adat-shalom.org, or on facebook (just make sure you have the right Aaron Bergman), or at the synagogue, 248-851-5100.

I will also be calling people at random from time to time. No obligation, but I think this could be a lot of fun and very illuminating.

I look forward to talking soon.

FROM RABBI SHERE

BOOKS WITHOUT BORDERS



RABBI SHERE

Our five year old son, Ezra, recently asked me, "Are superheroes real?" After thinking about it for a moment, I said, "Yes."

I wasn't talking about Wonder Woman or Superman; I was talking about a woman named Ruth Messinger, who is President of the American Jewish World Service (AJWS.)

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to spend a week with Ruth in a rural Mayan village on the Yucatan Peninsula. There I saw the way that AJWS is working with non-governmental organizations throughout the developing world to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease.

Adat Shalom congregant Patti Aaron also had the opportunity to travel with Ruth Messinger this past summer. Upon her return she said, "I've long admired the work of AJWS and Ruth Messinger, but it wasn't until recently, with the opportunity to travel with AJWS (to Thailand), that my admiration and concern (from afar) was transformed into a deep connection to those in the developing world, working so hard for human rights and an end to poverty."

As Patti and I discussed the learning we did with Ruth Messinger and our travels with AJWS, we wanted to find a way to continue such conversations with the Adat Shalom community. To that end, we are working jointly with the AJWS to form

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People and Programs

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

NEW CLASSES TO BEGIN THIS MONTH



We are pleased to announce the beginning of another Adult B'nai Mitzvah program, which will culminate in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service on Shavuot, May 24, 2015.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. beginning January 15. They will be taught by Rabbi Aaron Bergman, Rabbi Rachel Shere, Hazzan Daniel Gross and Dr. Melissa Ser.

The program is open to adults of all ages and abilities. The classes will cover Hebrew literacy, Jewish rituals, customs, holidays, prayer, chanting and much more. No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. It is intended for those who have never had the opportunity to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

The B'nai Mitzvah service on Shavuot will be the acknowledgement and celebration as a community of the participants' achievements.

This B'nai Mitzvah program is open to the community. There is no fee. Interested individuals should respond to Caren Harwood, 248-851-5100, ext. 231 or charwood@adatshalom.org. Questions? Contact Hazzan Gross at hazzan-gross@adatshalom.org.

Divas on the Bima

CONCERT RECORDINGS NOW AVAILABLE

Relive this beautiful evening or enjoy it for the first time!

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

CD - \$10

DVD - \$20

TO ORDER, PLEASE CONTACT CAREN HARWOOD
AT CHARWOOD@ADATSHALOM.ORG
OR CALL THE SYNAGOGUE, 248-851-5100

■ MEN'S CLUB HAPPENINGS

MEN'S CLUB - SISTERHOOD BREAKFAST & PROGRAM Sunday, January 12, 9:30 a.m.



Tara Forman will speak about:
*Birthright Israel:
where it's been, where it's going,
and what's happening in Detroit*

Sean Martin will tell his own story
as a Birthright participant.

FOOTBALL GATHERING

Sunday, January 19, 3 p.m.

Watch the Conference
Championship Game at the home of
Harold Schiff in West Bloomfield.
Snack & drinks.



Space is limited. Please RSVP to Harold at 248-470-5300
or email mensclub@adatshalom.org.

Adat Shalom is very proud to host this year's

MEN'S CLUB INTERCONGREGATIONAL DINNER Thursday, February 13

featuring WWJ Legal Analyst
Charlie Langton

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Stay tuned for news about more upcoming programs
this winter:

- MEN'S CLUB WORLD WIDE WRAP
Sunday, February 9 - See page 12
- MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST -
Sunday, February 23
- MEN'S CLUB DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT -
Saturday, March 1



(Above and right): ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB - YOUTH DEPARTMENT SING-ALONG. Accompanied by Hazzan Gross, Men's Club members and teachers, our 5th graders performed a holiday program on November 24 for seniors living at Trowbridge and The Heritage residences. Following the musical entertainment, the students presented the residents with cards created by children in our Learning Community. Chairpersons were Don Davis and Hal Baker.



All About Sisterhood

SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN WITH ETHEL...

Prepping three kugels one morning last month were Ethel Goldenberg, Rena Tepman, Monica Podolsky and Deborah Kolin.



BELOW ARE THREE POPULAR KUGEL RECIPES FROM THE SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH COLLECTION FOR YOU TO MAKE FOR YOUR OWN FAMILIES:

ETHEL GOLDENBERG'S EVER-POPULAR KUGEL (A WINNER EVERY TIME!)

Ingredients: 10 oz bag medium noodles, 16 oz sour cream, 2 sticks butter or margarine melted, 16 oz cottage cheese, 3 eggs separated, 1/2 cup sugar, salt to taste

Topping: Mixture of corn flakes, cinnamon & sugar

Cook the noodles & drain. Pour half of the melted butter in 9 x 13 in. pan. Heat in 350 degree oven. While noodles are cooking, beat the egg whites. In a separate bowl, mix rest of ingredients, plus other half of melted butter. Add noodles mix, and fold in egg whites. Pour into heated pan and add topping. Bake 45 - 50 mins.

ADELE STALLER'S HOLIDAY KUGEL (MAKES EVERY DAY A HOLIDAY)

Ingredients: 10 oz medium noodles, 5 eggs, 2 tsps vanilla, 20 oz can of crushed drained pineapple, 1 cup sugar, 1 stick margarine, melted, 20 oz cherry or apricot pie filling

Topping: 1 cup crushed corn flakes, 2 tsp cinnamon, 2 tsp sugar, 1/4 cup melted margarine. Mix together.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9 x 13 in. pan. Beat eggs, sugar, vanilla & melted margarine. Add drained pineapple. Mix in cooked noodles. Pour 1/2 of mixture into pan. Spread pie filling over contents in pan. Add remaining noodles mixture. Sprinkle over topping mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 mins.

MARSHA TRIMAS'S SPINACH KUGEL (POPEYE RECOMMENDS IT TO ALL HIS MATES!)

Ingredients: 10 oz medium noodles, 4 eggs beaten, 1 cup Coffee Rich, 1 pkg. onion soup mix, 1 stick margarine, 1 10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained

Topping: Corn flake crumbs

Boil noodles and drain. Melt margarine. Add Coffee Rich, Add beaten eggs, soup mix and spinach. Combine well. Add noodles and mix. Spray 9 x13 pan with Pam and heat in oven for a couple of minutes. Remove pan from oven. Add kugel mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes.

Freezes well.

- Kugels for Our Enhanced Kiddush -

Sisterhood women prepare the best kugels in town for Adat Shalom's Enhanced Kiddush.

In advance of a special Shabbat, our talented women gather in the Sisterhood kitchen and share their cooking skills so that we can proudly serve beautiful, tasty kugels to our members and guests when celebrating a simcha.

Sisterhood's Kugel Mavens include Cindy Babcock, Marsha Baker, Ruth Bergman, Shelley Gershune, Ethel Goldenberg, Deborah Kolin, Sherri Morof, Sharon Moss Lebovic, Beryl Levin, Shelley Perlman, Monica Podolsky, Adele Staller, Rena Tepman, Bev Yost and Ruth Zerlin.

If you are interested in becoming part of the kugel making team, please contact Rena Tepman at 248-788-5660 or rena-tepman@gmail.com.

B'nai Mitzvah families automatically have the opportunity to make Enhanced Kiddush arrangements during the B'nai Mitzvah process. Others who wish to enhance our kiddush in honor of a simcha, such as a special birthday, anniversary or a baby naming, should contact Sheila Lederman at 248-851-5100 or slederman@adat-shalom.org.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

SUNDAYS 10 AM - NOON

Or please call for a convenient shopping appointment:

Carol Vieder, 248-661-9008,

Stacy Brickman, 248-310-4600

or Lillian Schostak, 248-310-2018

Resolve to celebrate Shabbat with family. Visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Thank you for your support and patronage as always.



One card will now offer exclusive discounts at 16 locations, including Stage Deli and Johnny Pomodoro's. We all benefit: you get great savings in the community, and it's an Adat Shalom fundraiser.

Cards are on sale for \$20 in the Synagogue office, and Adat Shalom will receive \$10 for every card sold.

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FROM ADAT SHALOM

We Are a Caring Community

► ► SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION ► ►

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MONDAYS, 9 AM TO NOON

Volunteers are needed every other Monday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. We are always looking for additional people, especially in the winter months when some of our volunteers are off to warmer locations. If you are able to help, please contact Leslie Magy at (c) 248-514-4179, (h) 248-723-6542 or lesliemagy@gmail.com.



OUR ANNUAL DECEMBER BOOK DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated books or made monetary contributions to the book drive. The books were donated to a local literacy program and will help children to develop a lifelong love of reading.

UP & COMING...

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COMING THIS SPRING...

Hope you are having a good winter but thinking ahead to our spring blood drive. Blood donations can be made every eight weeks. Donors should be sure to eat lots of iron-rich foods in the weeks leading up to the drive. Watch for a date!

If you have any questions, or want to schedule an appointment, contact Ruth Zerlin, 248-538-9260 or dreidelmom@aol.com. You will also be able to sign up at redcross-blood.org using code adattss.



DONATE YOUR USED BABY & CHILDREN'S ITEMS TO THE MITZVAH CRIB, located in the hallway on our lower level. The items collected are distributed to needy members of our community through Jewish Family Service. This is a great way to help new parents at Healthy Start and the Goodwill Inn.

Appoint a teacher for yourself; acquire a friend for yourself; and judge everyone favorably. - Pirkei Avot from The Mishnah

Evva Hepner, Social Action Chairperson
248-798-7673 or evva987@aol.com

SUMMER JOIN INTERNSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 Jeanette & Oscar Cook Jewish Occupational Intern (JOIN) program. The program offers eight-week summer internships to full-time Jewish undergraduate or graduate students who are residents of metropolitan Detroit.

Interns work at Jewish nonprofit agencies in the fields of nonprofit business administration, marketing and communications, research and program planning, human services, women's issues and advocacy and human resources.

Written applications for the JOIN program are being accepted and personal interviews will be held through January 31. For an application or more information, contact Debra Silver of JVS at 247-233-4233 or dsilver@jvsdet.org.

Tikkun Adat Sharing more than bricks & mortar



Souper Rx!

Taste-good medicine in a quart container.

Most folks don't think of chicken soup - or any soup - that way.

But, if you're not feeling so hot, just think of its curative powers:

It's nourishing to the system.

It's warming to the soul.

And if someone brings it to you, it makes both of you feel good.



Warm Wishes
from Tikkun Adat

That's what the Tikkun Adat Kasher Soup Brigade prescribes to our members in need of a little TLC.

So, if you or someone you know could use a treat instead of a treatment, contact:

Rabbi Rachel Shere, 248-851-5100; Charm Levine, 248-737-8948, or Charlotte Dubin, 248-538-1388.

TECH CONNECT II

Ten tech-savvy teens and pre-teens worked with computer-challenged adults in our fall Tech Connect Workshop on November 3 and 17. Rabbi Jason Miller introduced the first workshop and Daniel Chandross introduced the second one and provided assistance throughout.

We are very grateful to Daniel and to these other Adat Shalom youth who shared their knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for mastering one's computer, email, the internet, Facebook and more:

Margo Dickstein, Ben Fisher, Zach Manela, Marlee Pope, Evan Sacksner, Eitan Shere, Adi Siegmann, Jeff Sondheimer and Eli Yazdi.

See photos of our terrific techies in action on our back page.

Tech Connect was arranged by our Tikkun Adat program and the Adat Shalom Youth Department.

DO YOU COME TO SHUL OFTEN?

Meet the person who usually sits near you at services.

If he/she suddenly stops coming, illness could be the cause. Please pass on the name to Tikkun Adat, 248-851-5100, ext. 229.

IN JANUARY WE CELEBRATE TU B'SHEVAT, the New Year for the Trees. One of four new year occasions on the Jewish calendar, Tu B'Shevat has become a celebration of fruits and nuts from Israel. But what is Tu B'Shevat all about? Why is it important to have a New Year for the trees at all?

According to Jewish law, fruit trees may not be tithed until they have reached four years old. Tithing refers to the process of taking a percentage of the fruit crop and giving it to the priests in the Holy Temple as well as the poor. Today, the tithes from fruit grown in Israel are sold to the city's kohanim and fed to the animals in the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. We can continue to observe the commandment of giving a percentage of the fruits of our labor (our income) to the poor in our community, in the spirit of Tu B'Shevat.

In our Learning Community, students will also begin to learn the different *halachot* (Jewish laws) of agriculture this spring. Beginning on Tu b'Shevat, when we will plant seedlings for our Living Mishnah Garden, and continuing throughout the year as we will grow, learn, and harvest the fruits of our labors. This multi-faceted approach to learning is supported by grants from the Hermelin Davidson Foundation and the Berman Fund and will enable us to not only teach the Hebrew surrounding the different parts of the growing process, but also the Jewish laws about how to plant and harvest.

We are seeking additional volunteers to work with us on the project throughout the year, and especially in the summer, as we harvest and donate some of our produce to Yad Ezra. Special thanks to Paul Goldsmith for his help in acquiring and

setting in place our raised garden beds, to our Teen Volunteer Corps who worked so hard to dig the beds into place, and to the wonderful teaching staff at Drew Transition Center in Detroit, whose students, in a special vocational training program for special needs middle schoolers, created our garden beds..

The garden is giving back to our community in so many ways already, and we haven't planted a single seed yet.

A Message from Melissa Ser Director of Congregational Learning

**ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS
SET A GARDEN BED IN PLACE**



During the week of January 12, our students will be planting seedlings, creating Hebrew garden markers, and learning about Tu B'Shevat in many hands-on and sensory ways.

- PRAYERBOOK HEBREW FOR ADULTS II -

OUR EXCITING Prayerbook Hebrew for Adults class continues in the Winter Semester! Whether you've taken the fall semester class or not, you can join in. Learn about the siddur, basic Hebrew grammar and vocabulary, and make your prayer experiences more meaningful. Basic Hebrew reading skills are suggested.

We will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday mornings: January 10, 17 and 31, February 7 and 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, and April 4

Continuing students: \$25
New students: \$50 (includes textbook)

*To join the class, please call 248-626-2153
or email Tamar Dvir at tdvir@adatshalom.org*

- FROM ALEPH TO TAV: HEBREW LITERACY FOR BEGINNER ADULTS -

JOIN MELISSA SER for a six-week introduction to reading Hebrew on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., February 25 to April 1. There is no charge.

*To sign up, email Melissa Ser at mser@adatshalom.org
or Tamar Dvir at tdvir@adatshalom.org. or call 248-626-2153.*

10 A.M.
EVERY
SHABBAT

JANUARY - FEBRUARY SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

Learn about the weekly parasha
and enhance your Shabbat experience

FINISHING
IN TIME FOR
THE RABBI'S
SERMON

JANUARY 4
with Ruth Bergman
JANUARY 11
with Rabbi Bergman
JANUARY 18
with Melissa Ser
JANUARY 25
with Ruth Bergman

FEBRUARY 1
with Ruth Bergman
FEBRUARY 8
with Rabbi Bergman
FEBRUARY 15
with Ruth Bergman
FEBRUARY 22
*Torah Study/D'var Torah in
the Chapel with Rabbi Shere*



JANUARY LUNCHTIME LEARNING

Wednesdays, January 8, 15 & 22

***Was Cinderella Jewish?
A History of Jewish Folklore
with Rabbi Aaron Bergman***



Rabbi Bergman will discuss Jewish folklore and folktales in this 3-part lunchtime program. Come to one, two or all three of these "storied" happenings.

EVENING OPTION:
THIS CLASS WILL
ALSO BE OFFERED ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23
AT 7 P.M.

Lunchtime Learning meets from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. You are invited to bring your own dairy/parve lunch. Adat Shalom will offer complimentary drinks and dessert. **THERE IS NO CHARGE.**

Reservations for the lunchtime sessions and evening program are requested by the preceding Friday.

Please call Sheila Lederman, 248-851-5100, ext. 246, or send her an email at slederman@adatshalom.org.

**DESIGN A FAMILY HEIRLOOM
with Artist**

Gail Kaplan

Sunday, February 9



12:15 p.m. - Optional Lunch
\$7/person

12:45 p.m.

Create a fused glass chamsa (\$36), an apple & honey dish (\$54), a challah board or candlesticks (\$72), or a Chanukah menorah (\$95).

The first 25 families to register will receive an \$18 credit towards their project.

*Funded by the Hermelin Davidson Fund
for Congregational School Excellence*

For questions or to register, contact Melissa Ser
at mser@adatshalom.org.



An Afternoon of Fun
for Kindergarten - 2nd graders

BOWLING AT LANGAN'S
Sunday, March 2 12:15 - 2:00 p.m. (*)

\$10 per person includes pizza at
Adat Shalom, bowling, shoes & snack

* pick up at Langan's

Optional: bring \$\$ for video games. Parent volunteers
are needed to chaperone & drive to Langan's!

Questions or to RSVP, contact Jodi Gross,
Asst. Director of Education & Youth,
at 248-626-2153 or jgross@adatshalom.org

**LOVING OUR CHILDREN
TO THE MOON AND BACK**

Parents of
Adat Shalom
Learning Community
Supporting Each Other

Discuss common parenting topics

Guided by Rabbi Rachel Shere

Wednesday, January 22
7 p.m. at a private home

RSVP for location information.

Email: Jen Weinstein, jwein-stein@sbcglobal.net
or Danielle Ruskin,
ruskindds@yahoo.com



jbaby Play & Grow

Fridays, 9-9:45 a.m. beginning January 6

jbabydetroit! and The Bubble Club
have joined forces to create a place where
parents, caregivers and their babies can
play, learn and grow with a Jewish twist!

jbaby Play & Grow is an interactive class
where children learn through music, play,
storytelling, sign language and special
guests! Birth to 14 months. 12 weekly
classes (No class February 17-28)
\$220/session.

To register, visit:
www.thebubbleclub.mi.com
or call 248-702-6358.



**Sunday, March 9
12:15 p.m.**

**Family
Volunteer Day**

**Families Spending Time Together
To Help the Community**

**Volunteer projects for all ages at Adat Shalom,
at Yad Ezra, and at Sunrise Senior Living.**

Lunch \$5/person

*Organized by the Adat Shalom - Beth Achim
Learning Community, the Men's Club and
Sisterhood, and the Social Action Committee.
For more information, contact Jodi Gross
at jgross@adatshlaom.org.*

**NEW PARENT-TODDLER CLASSES
BEGIN THIS MONTH**

Adat Shalom will begin new Parent-Toddler classes in
January on both Mondays and Fridays for children 16
months to 3 years with an adult. Join Julie Shiffman and
Roz Bressler to explore, create and make new friends. Art,
science, singing, dancing,
free play and story time will
be offered, plus lots of oppor-
tunities to use play equip-
ment. Classes meet from
9:45 to 11:15 a.m.



You may register for
Mondays or Fridays or take
classes on both days and save! The member rate for one
day/week is \$255; non-member rate is \$320. Members
may take both classes for \$435; non-members for \$545.

Classes begin the first week in January and run
through May 19/23. There are no classes February 14-22
and April 6-23.

Class sizes are limited, and registration is accepted
on a rolling basis.

**Save the date for
GOOD SHABBOS DETROIT**

- Family Edition -
Friday, February 7
at Adat Shalom



Information
coming
your
way!



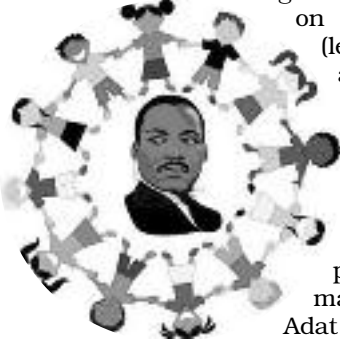
YOUTH SCOOP FROM JODI

Jodi Gross, Associate Director, Education & Youth

INTRODUCING KIDS' VOLUNTEER DAY

While traditionally MLK Jr. Day is a day off for students attending public schools, we are creating a new tradition, a Kids' Volunteer day on **Monday, January 20** that is guaranteed to be fun!

We learn from Pirkei Avot 1:2 from Simon the Righteous that, "The world stands on three things: The Torah (learning), *avodah* (prayers) and acts of kindness." During this unique day, kids will bring this text alive. The day will include learning about recycling from a Jewish perspective, volunteer projects, creating collection materials for recycling at Adat Shalom and using different used media to make new objects through art. For more information and to register, contact Jodi Gross.



JEWISH LIFE ON CAMPUS COLLEGE FAIR

I have the pleasure of helping plan Michigan's first Jewish Life on Campus College Fair on **Sunday, February 9 at the JCC WB**. The event, sponsored by Adat Shalom and several local synagogues and Jewish organizations, will provide Jewish teens and parents with resources that may play a role in their college decisions.



The program will allow Jewish families to take into account the religious, cultural, and social opportunities that exist at various colleges and universities, and in their local communities, when determining which school a teen will choose to attend after high school. A college student panel looks forward to answering questions from parents and teens. There will also be a financial aid workshop for parents. If you have questions, feel free to contact Jodi Gross.

Mitzvah Circuit 101 with



Wednesday, February 12, 5-6:15 p.m. at Adat Shalom. Rabbi Shere will lead an activity about appropriate behavior and dress during the service. As our children embark on the social scene that is the "Mitzvah Circuit," it's important that they are well versed in the appropriate social etiquette that comes along with being a responsible young adult, as well as the perfect party guest.

Joe Cornell Entertainment, the leaders in building pre-teen social confidence for over 60 years, have created a special one hour interactive workshop that is both entertaining and educational. The kids will have so much fun....they won't even realize that they are learning.

Read about "Mitzvah Circuit" in the New York Times at <http://nyti.ms/19X8nOh>.

January-February Youth Calendar of Events:

Saturday, January 18 – 6th/7th grade Family Game Night & Dinner with Friends from JARC

Monday, January 20 – Kids' Volunteer Day, and Baby Sitting Bootcamp, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, January 27 – Hazzan Gross, Rabbi Shere and Jodi Gross visit students at Hillel during lunch.

Sunday, February 2 – 7th grade volunteer project with Rabbi Shere at Yad Ezra, 11a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, February 9 – Jewish Life on Campus College Fair, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12 – Joe Cornell program for 6th & 7th graders

Thursday, February 20 – J-Serve (community wide teen volunteer project for 6th to 12th graders)

Thursday, February 27 – Rabbi Bergman and Jodi Gross treat students at Frankel Jewish Academy to lunch

KIDS' NIGHT OUT



Saturday November 23



RIGHT: TEEN HELPERS



Look what our pre-B'nai Mitzvah are doing...

My name is Maxym Wolberg, and I recently started my Bar Mitzvah project, a cell phone collection for people in the Philippines who will take a long time to recover after the typhoon. I have put a collection box next to the school office. Kindly donate your old cell phones, preferably with a charger. All the money I get for the used cell phones will help these victims. Together we can help the people in the Philippines!

My name is Ali Randel, and starting a year before my Bat Mitzvah. I am collecting new, unused PJs, for a wonderful project called the Pajama Program, a non-profit organization that helps children in need, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted. A collection box is outside the school office. Please help me meet my goal of collecting 365 pairs of pajamas before my Bat Mitzvah next fall.



**JEWISH
FAMILY
EDUCATION**

On January 16 we celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. Tu B'Shevat literally translates into the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat. As Jews, we have multiple New Year celebrations – four, in fact. Rosh Hashanah is the most widely noted, and Passover actually happens in the first month of the year. Tu B'Shevat is the New Year of the Trees.

Different people have different traditions for Tu B'Shevat. I challenge you to look at them and add a new one this year. If you already do all of the following, then see if you can come up with a new idea, and share it with me (hopefully before January 16). I will post it on our Adat Shalom Facebook page.

- Taste a new fruit that you've not had before.
- Taste one or more of each of the seven species. Choose from among: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates
- Plant a tree or start seedlings for the spring
- Plant a tree in Israel through JNF
- Have a Tu B'Shevat seder

Another tradition that goes with Tu B'Shevat is recycling. The holiday has become a time to learn about respecting the environment and our trees. So with that in mind here is a **TU B'SHEVAT ACTIVITY**:

Once empty, wash out a gallon milk container and cut the top off. You can use this as a watering can. Take a cardboard egg carton and use it as an environmentally friendly planter (you can plant seedlings right in the cardboard after the frost). Gather some soil and parsley seeds, and plant one seed in each section of your egg carton. Make sure to keep it in a warm and bright place until the winter is over, and you can move your plants outdoors. The parsley should be ready for your Passover Seder. And don't forget to use your watering can to keep the soil moist.

A CHASSIDIC TALE: The child of a certain rabbi used to wander in the woods. At first his father let him wander, but over time he became concerned. The woods were dangerous. The father did not know what lurked there. He decided to discuss the matter with his child. One day he took him aside and said, "You know, I have noticed that each day you walk into the woods. I wonder," he asked, "why you go there?" The boy said to his father, "I go there to find God." "That is a very good thing," the father replied gently. "I am glad you are searching for God. But, my child, don't you know that God is the same everywhere?" "Yes," the boy answered, "but I'm not."

Rabbi Bergman was our Storyteller Extraordinaire on Sunday, November 24, at Barnes & Noble with a dramatic reading of his "favorite book ever" - *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak



See all photos from the afternoon at adatshalom.smugmug.com

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Family Education programs are endowed in memory of Oscar Cook and in honor of Jeanette Cook



SHABBAT B'YACHAD - January 11 and February 8. See page 11

TOT SHABBAT - January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22 See page 11

SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS - January 18. See Page 11

WINTER FAMILY CAMP - January 24-26. Applications are out and there are only a few spots left. Call now for more information or to register. Scholarships are still available.



MAKE YOUR OWN FAMILY HEIRLOOM - February 9. See page 8

YOUTH AND FAMILY SHABBAT EXPERIENCE & DINNER - January 31. See page 11

SHAKE, RATTLE & TWIST - February 7 & 19. See Page 11

GOOD SHABBOS DETROIT FAMILY EDITION - February 7. Join us for a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat and a delicious dinner. Watch for details.

PJ'S & STORIES - FEBRUARY 12. See below.

For more information or to reserve your place, call 248-626-2153 or email Debi at dbanooni@adatshalom.org.

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**OUR NEXT PJ'S & STORIES
Wednesday, February 12 at 5:30 pm**

Preschoolers through first graders and their families are invited to say goodnight among friends, crafts and food. We begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner for \$3/person.

Watch for your flyer to learn about our guest reader.

If you have older children in the Religious School, we will help make arrangements for them to join us once school is over.

TOT Shabbat



January 11 & 25
February 8 & 22
10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Shabbat with Faith Brasch and your little ones. Sing and have play time. The second Tot Shabbat of the month we will celebrate monthly birthdays and give our birthday celebrants a certificate and prize.

Shabbat B'Yachad

January 11
February 8
March 8
10:30 a.m.

Let's celebrate Shabbat Together (Shabbat B'Yachad). We will sing, pray and learn together with Lisa Soble Siegmann. We'll join the congregation for Kiddush. Children in kindergarten through grade six take an active part in leading the service.

February
7 & 19



Braid challah and sing songs with Rabbi Rachel and Hazz'n Dan on the first Friday of most months at 11:15 a.m. and on the third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Morning programs are free; evening programs are free and followed by a light dinner (\$3/person). Geared to children three and younger and a parent, grandparent, or caregiver. Older siblings are always welcome.



RSVP to dbanooni@adatshalom.org.

Youth & Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday, January 31 5:30 p.m.



Welcome Shabbat with our students and families! Adat Shalom-Beth Achim Learning Community, Hillel Day School, Frankel Jewish Academy, ATID, and all students are invited to participate.
Adults/\$8 3-11 years old/\$5 under 3/free

SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Families with children in kindergarten and younger (older siblings welcome) join us for dinner at 5:15 p.m., followed by havdalah, a craft project and playtime. No charge. Please respond to dbanooni@adatshalom.org.



FOUNDATIONS OF JEWISH FAMILY LIVING

Due to popular demand, and thanks to the gracious continued funding of the Hermelin Davidson Foundation, Ruth Bergman continues to teach parents of two through nine year olds on Sunday mornings this January through March. New students and continuing students are welcome!

Classes will run for ten weeks from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on January 5, 12 & 26, February 2 & 9, March 2, 9 & 23, and April 6 & 27.

To register or receive more information, please call 248-626-2153.

Happenings

15TH ANNUAL WORLD SABBATH TO HONOR JOSH MOROF

The 15th Annual World Sabbath will take place at the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, January 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The event is a beautiful coming together of Metro Detroit's diverse community to champion World Peace and the building of respect and understanding.

We are very pleased that Josh Morof, founder of *Face to Faith*, a high school interfaith teen initiative, will be honored that afternoon as a World Peace Awardee. The son of Sherri & Gary Morof, Josh is a sophomore at the University of Michigan. He plans to major in Health Care Management and Policy, and hopes to attend medical school after college.

To learn more about the Annual World Sabbath, please go to www.worldsabbath.org/program.

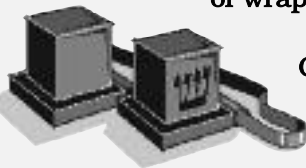
LUNCHTIME AT HILLEL



OUR CLERGY AND ASSOCIATE YOUTH DIRECTOR JODI GROSS REGULAR VISIT ADAT SHALOM STUDENTS AT HILLEL DAY SCHOOL AND THE FRANKEL JEWISH ACADEMY.

MEN'S CLUB WORLD WIDE WRAP 2014 FEBRUARY 9, 8:30 AM

The World Wide Wrap is a signature program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, teaching thousands of people about the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin.



Come join us as we take part in this exciting morning of sharing the joy of tefillin! This is a great opportunity to learn more about this beautiful mitzvah.

Mazal Tov!



Birth of Binyomin Asher Davis, son of Chani & Menachem Davis, grandson of Laura & Jeffrey Davis and Rochel Phelan, great-grandson of Judi & Donald Davis

Adoption of Keira Anya Dunbar, daughter of Helene & John Dunbar, granddaughter of Marsha & Hal Baker

Birth of Cobi Micah Gerson, son of Sarina & Robbie Gerson, grandson of Carol & Ron Fogel and Marlene & Herb Gerson, great-grandson of Shirley & Stanley Tenenbaum and the late Rose & the late Michael Weintraub

Naming of Charlotte Jared Herskovic, daughter of Natalie & David Herskovic, granddaughter of Beverly & Alan Frieden and Morey & Leigh Herskovic, great granddaughter of Bessie Banks and Frank Summers

Birth Micah Carson Issner, son of Jackie (Heller) & Marc Issner, grandson of Lori & Jim Issner, Wendy & Marc Kippelman, and the late Mark Heller. Great-grandson of Gilda & Werner Kaplan, Hilde Wilzig and Simon Morrell

Naming of Avery Charlotte Robin, daughter of Jodi & Adam Robin, granddaughter of Caren & Ken Manko, Neal Robin & Marianne Subia, and the late Susan Robin, great-granddaughter of Ilene Manko

JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest Looking For Participants and Volunteers

Whether you are 12 or 92 there is a way to be involved with the 2014 JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest, hosted by the JCC this summer in August.

The Games & ArtsFest are an exceptional opportunity for Jewish teens to work together, form bonds and develop skills with other Jewish teenagers. The event provides a vibrant contribution to the athletic, artistic, social and cultural growth of all the participants.

Host families, volunteers, donors, sponsors and participants are needed to make the Games & ArtsFest a success. Whether you are an athlete, artist, volunteer or spectator, your involvement promises to be an unforgettable experience.

For information visit www.2014detroit.org, call 248-432-5500, or email jccmaccabi2014@jccdet.org



2016 B'nai Mitzvah Connections Orientation Saturday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

Join our clergy and staff for dinner and an introduction to the B'nai Mitzvah process and mitzvah projects.

for families of all those students becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 2016

Happenings

COUPLES COOKING CLASS WAS A SIZZLING SUCCESS

Rabbi Bergman donned his chef's hat and drew an enthusiastic crowd of sous-chefs and culinary enthusiasts on Saturday, November 23.

Thank you to Maria Biederman and Dontaye Brown for the great pix below. See more on our website at www.adatshalom.org.



The Empty Nesters of Adat Shalom invite you to a fun-filled evening!

BOWLING

**Saturday, January 18
7 p.m. at Langan's Norwest**

(includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza, salad, soft drinks, snacks & fun!)

\$24/person

Please respond by
Sunday, January 12.



Questions?
Contact chairperson
Sharon Moss Lebovic at
248-701-0776 or email smossil949@gmail.com

UPCOMING EMPTY NESTERS EVENTS (together with the Men's Club)

February

Comedy Club Night

at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Royal Oak

March

**Dinner at Wayne State's Kosher Cafe and
"Moon Over Buffalo" at the Hilberry Theatre**

Watch for your flyers with all the details!

FROM RABBI SHERE *(continued from page 3)*

form a global justice book club, "Books Without Borders."

The first book in our series is from Pulitzer Prize winner Katherine Boo and is entitled, *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*.

"Books Without Borders" will begin on January 27th and will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Adat Shalom Youth Lounge. We are pleased that Dr. Tara Hayes, a professional facilitator, will be leading the discussions.

Limited spots are available. Please RSVP to rsHERE@adatshalom.org.

Ruth Messinger, in her talks about the tremendous suffering and inequality in developing countries frequently reminds us, "We can't retreat to the luxury of being overwhelmed." Or as *Pirkei Avot* teaches, "We aren't obligated to complete the work (of perfecting the world) but that does not exempt us from beginning it."

Celebrate!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Barbara Eskin Tobi Fox Shelly Perlman	7 - Judy Goldis Bill Handelman Susan Shlom	12 - Julie Wiener 13 - Myra Jane Lawson Lee Schostak	17 - Sandra Feldman Bill Graham Michael Zerlin	22 - Deborah Goldberg 23 - Larry Weiss 27 - Ellen Betel James Bloom
4 - Arthur Weiss	8 - Sally Saginaw	16 - Jack Bindes Ella Moskovitz	19 - Elaine Rosenblatt	28 - Joan Fischer
5 - Marsha Wein Michael Schulman	9 - Donna Belen 11 - Beverly Liss	Mel Raznick	20 - Amy Robbins- Dickstein Nancy Handelman Joel Kaufman	29 - Mildred Berg Roslyn Miller
6 - Lila Zorn	12 - Kenneth Been	17 - Jeanette Cook	21 - Elaine Aidem	30 - Joanne Katz Howard Miller

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Leslie & Paul Magy	7 - Ronna & Myles Hoffert	15 - Barbara & Larry Weiss	29 - Linda & Michael Schulman
4 - Beverly & Randy Phillips	10 - Lisa & Gary Shiffman	16 - Beverly & Arthur Liss	31 - Sharon & Thomas Lebovic
6 - Michele & Louis Elkus	11 - Brenda & Mark Pensler	21 - Helen & Irving Bernstein	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Sandford Ashman Fay Kritzer Stephen Zorn	9 - Florence Havis 10 - Donald Aaron Nancy Liefer Jeff Lipshaw	13 - Rita Sitron 14 - Sandy Crane Buddy Sollish	19 - Thelma Goldstein Randy Phillips Robert Schostak	24 - Maureen Kornwise 26 - Nancy Kaplan-Rubin Ruby Kushner Kevin Shea
2 - Allen Menuck	Diane Zameck	15 - Abram Epstein	20 - Ellen Silberman	28 - Rodney Broder Ethel Droz Harriet Dunsky Mollie Nucian
4 - Aaron Berg	12 - Martha Zinderman	16 - Ann Frankel Beth Norman	21 - Phillip Greenblatt	
5 - Lisa Betman Rochelle Markle	13 - Harvey Aidem Alice Klegon	17 - Beverly Wine	22 - Michael Anstandig	
6 - Carol Lifton		18 - Abe Saham	23 - Loree Gordon Bruce Rosen	

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Julie & Marty Wiener	12 - Susan & Jack Bindes
8 - Julie & Bradley Feldman	15 - Ruby & Richard Kushner
11 - Rachel & Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz	27 - Joyce & Abram Epstein

EACH MONTH WE LIST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE CONGREGANTS WHO HAVE GIVEN US THE DATES OF THEIR "SPECIAL OCCASIONS." IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE LISTED IN THIS COLUMN, PLEASE CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE.

FROM HAZZAN GROSS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Shalom, I spent countless hours going through old sheet music from the synagogue music library and listening to old recordings of Shabbat and holiday services. I did this not only out of personal interest to learn more liturgical repertoire, but also to study this essential part of the synagogue's history. In my time spent learning and listening to all of this music, I learned a great deal about the synagogue of which I was now the cantor and was proud to uphold the tradition of many of these revered melodies.

Something new. I also brought numerous melodies from my own experience to Adat Shalom. These range from my earliest musical memories of the Musaf K'dushah at my childhood shul in St. Louis to modern Friday night niggunim that I picked up at various congregations in the New York area, in addition to many of my own melodies and compositions. I often draw an analogy that a successful synagogue prayer experience needs to be like a really good Chinese food buffet. You want all of your favorite standard dishes represented, but you also want something new to keep things varied and interesting.

Something borrowed. Gone are the days when a cantor was recognized as just a pretty voice. Cantors are clergy with a myriad of responsibilities and some of our most important work is done off the bimah. Whether it is teaching or pastoral care or all things in between, we are responsible for attending to the numerous and various needs of our congregants. Music, prayer and singing may often form just one component of what we do, but one large aspect of this element that

is critical to the growth of synagogue music is the creation of new music. Many of my colleagues are gifted composers whose modern interpretations of the prayers give a fresh and innovative spin to the sacred texts. I am always honored to incorporate these borrowed melodies into my davening.

Something blue. What is Jewish music without blue notes!? Just like jazz, davening is enhanced by improvisation. Whether it is a *melisma* from the *shaliach tzibbur* or an added harmony by someone in the *kahal*, improvisation adds an element of spontaneity to our prayer. Moreover, *nusach* (melodies, scales and motifs particular to a prayer service and/or holiday) is an absolute necessity for upholding the sanctity of *t'fillah*. Whether it is the lowered second of *freygish*, the raised fourth of the minor mode heard on the High Holidays or just a good ole *krecht* (a "cry note"), our shul music is filled with blue notes. Improvisation and blue notes are as essential to prayer as bagels are to the break-the-fast.

The next time you attend a service at Adat, I urge you to pay attention to the musical fabric of the prayer experience. What memories are evoked by the melodies that you are singing and hearing? What does a new melody on a specific text evoke? How is your connection to God affected by different styles of prayer music? I hope that this experience is inspired by magical memories of the past, total awareness of the present, hope and excitement for the future, and a wide range of music - old, new, borrowed and blue - that enriches you and your fellow congregants' lives.

Tributes

Adat Shalom Synagogue Tribute Contributions

ADAT SHALOM'S tribute funds provide support for our many important synagogue programs and services, which help to define us as an outstanding congregation.



We have set a \$10 minimum price for tribute cards, on par with other area congregations. Prayer Book Fund contributions are \$36 for the daily *Sim Shalom* Prayer Book, \$50 for the Shabbat *Sim Shalom* Prayer Book, and \$50 for an *Etz Hayim* Chumash.

We are very grateful to members and friends who have consistently purchased tributes, marking lifecycle events and other significant occasions, and we encourage your continued support. Each greeting is individually prepared on a handsome card.

To arrange for a tribute, please send the following information to the Synagogue office:

1. **Name of Fund**
2. **Occasion:** (In memory of ... In honor of ... Speedy recovery to ... (Please print names.)
3. **Name(s) (first & last) and address of person(s) to be notified**
4. **Your name(s) & address**
5. **Check for \$10 per tribute**

We will process your tribute and mail it promptly.

To make a tribute online, go to: www.adatshalom.org/donate.php

Tributes received by the 1st of the month will appear in the following month's VOICE.

If you would like information about how to establish a fund, please contact Executive Director Alan Yost.

We record with sincere appreciation the following generous contributions designed to maintain the programs of Adat Shalom:

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Beryl & Mickey Levin and all their major milestones and blessings in 2013
by Dede Domstein

Aliyah honors by George Losonci
Sam Oreckin's 90th birthday & reading Torah by his children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Rabbi Shere by Ruth Kahn

Aliyah by Warren Tessler
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by Marsha & David Wein



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Oren Lerner earning his Eagle Scout
by David Lerner



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IN MEMORY OF:

Harriet Sandweiss
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IN HONOR OF:

In appreciation of everyone's kindness
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Ed Kohl receiving the ZOA Volunteer of the Year award by Charlotte Dubin



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IN HONOR OF:

Ed Kohl receiving the ZOA Volunteer of the Year award by Dede Domstein



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IN HONOR OF:

Happy Chanukah to Esther & Neal Zalenko
by Sherwin Newman



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Ed Kohl's contribution to the Jewish community by Francine & Lester Berman
Ed Kohl receiving the ZOA Volunteer of the Year award by Sandy & Jim Hack; Linda & Michael Schulman



Tributes

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Harold Baker receiving the Ma'asim Tovim

Award by Barbara & Irvin Kappy

and family

Ruth Bergman being honored at the

Sisterhood Torah Brunch

by Arlene & Asher Tilchin

Linda Levy & Paul Goldsmith's engagement

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December

In honor of the end of Shloshim for

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In memory of Erwin Miller

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Minyan Breakfast Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Chanting Maftir Yonah by Barry Lippitt



Ju Memoriam

We send heartfelt condolences to the families of:

ILONA BERK, mother of Jim (Beth) Berk, grandmother of George and Sarah Berk

FREIDA HACK, wife of the late Herman Hack, mother of Judith Hack and Susan Hack, sister of Sally (the late Sandor) Stern, the late Edith Berk and the late Gertrude Stern

JULIAN NUSBAUM, husband of the late Pearl Nusbaum, father of Margery Jablin, Sheila (Martin) Kurland, Helene (John) Graham and Harvey (Ann) Nusbaum, grandfather of Deniece (Bradly) Hummel, Brian (Marc) Miller, Jennifer Kurland, Amy (Eric) Forseter, Erika (Ron) Keit, David (Diane) Rosen, Susan (Brett) Northcutt, Meredith (Michael) Skowronski and Hillary Nusbaum, 9 great-grandchildren, brother of Alice Berlin

FROM RABBI YOSKOWITZ

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iences for at least some young Jews. It certainly was for me and for that I will be eternally grateful." (page 31).

Not only is Dershowitz grateful for this "greatest gift." I am, too! The yeshiva education has given Alan Dershowitz and me not a belief in "the certainty of certainty," but a belief in "the certainty of doubt." Yes, I have faith in God. Yes, I believe that my life has purpose and meaning by serving God and by serving man in accordance with God's teachings. But I have doubts and not certainty about what is good and what is evil and when to use power and when to refrain from doing so and to where our eternal souls will go when our journeys on this earth are completed.

To have a faith in God's goodness even while entertaining the struggles within makes each of us a better and more interesting person, I believe.

I expect that 2014 will be a year of more doubt than certainty. Dershowitz's words can help to guide us in this time of great uncertainty. He probably learned what I did from the Talmud as we studied the words of Rabbi Yochanan, a third century sage who lived in Palestine (now Israel): "Happy is he who is brought up with Torah and who labors within the Torah, who has given pleasure to his creator, who grew up with a good name and departs the world with a good name."

What do you regard as your "greatest gift?" Perhaps you will evaluate whether it is family, friends, and the gift of Judaism which encourages us to engage in Jewish study, even as we struggle with life's most challenging questions.

TECH CONNECT II

Back by popular demand, a second series of two-part workshops was held in November under the auspices of our Tikkun Adat program and the Youth Department. Computer-challenged members received a personal assist from a team of young techies. Turn to page 6 for a complete list of our talented youth.

Watch for another Tech Connect series in the spring!



CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday:

Jan 3 . . 4:54 p.m.
 10 . . 5:01 p.m.
 17 . . 5:09 p.m.
 24 . . 5:18 p.m.
 31 . . 5:30 p.m.
 Feb 7 . . 5:36 p.m.
 14 . . 5:45 p.m.
 21 . . 5:54 p.m.
 28 . . 6:03 p.m.

SHABBAT ENDS

Saturday:

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