

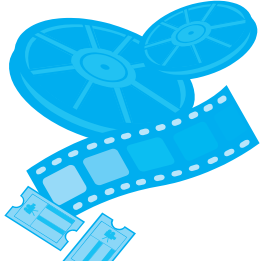
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Warm Up with Adath's Sampler of Jewish Culture

Saturday • January 22, 2011

6:30 PM Havdalah & Registration

7:00—7:50 PM

Yiddish Art Songs—Rare and Hauntingly Beautiful! An Introduction and Mini-Recital
Cantor Scott Buckner and Lynnette Eastwood, accompanist

Outside the Camps: The Untold History of Jews in the Midwest during WW II

Irving Kellman, Traces Center for History and Culture

Pharaoh's Daughter: Subversive Women in the Story of Exodus
Rabbi Shosh Dworsky

MSP Kosher and the New Age of Kosher Supervision
Rabbi Avi Olitzky

8:00 – 8:50 PM

The Search for Forgiveness: From Infidelity to Genocide
Rabbi Barry Cytron and Dr. Barry Garfinkel

Seeing God: A Glimpse into the World of Kabbalah
Rabbi Yonatan Sadoff

Hand-Rolled Bagels: Not Just for New Yorkers
Kimberly Barrett and Kathy Rendleman (Limit 20—bagel-making demo with the owners of Seven Stars Coffee House)

Ancient Synagogues of Galilee: An Intersection of Religion and Culture
Prof. Mark Schuler, Concordia University

9:00 – 9:50 PM

Great Jewish Films You Shouldn't Miss: A Sneak Preview of the Minneapolis Jewish Film Festival
Walter Elias and Diane Pecoraro

It's a remarkably diverse affair! The 2011 Minneapolis Jewish Film Festival will provide a rich array of more than two dozen feature films and documentaries to be screened over 18 days in March and April.



Together we'll all view excerpts from many of the top films in the upcoming festival. Preview them here first and choose your must-sees for later!

10:00 PM

The fun continues! Time for dessert!

In advance by January 20	\$12.00
At the Door	\$18.00
Under 40 & Over 65	\$10.00
Adult Learning Sponsors	\$36.00

**Please bring an item for a local food shelf.
Proceeds support Adath Jeshurun adult education.**

Sampler of Jewish Culture

Saturday • January 22, 2011

Name (s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ Total number attending Sampler

Please reserve _____ space(s) in "Hand-Rolled Bagels"

Please mail with check to: Adath Jeshurun Congregation • 10500 Hillside Lane West • Minnetonka MN 55305
or reserve and pay securely online at www.adathjeshurun.org. **Reservations due by January 20, 2011.**

**SCHEDULE
OF SERVICES**

Shabbat C.A.M.P. for grown-ups!
Creative Adult Morning Program

Shabbat Vaera

December 31-January 1

Friday Evening Service	6:00 PM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
Shabbat Mincha	4:15 PM

Shabbat Bo

January 7-8

Friday Carlebach Service	6:00 PM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
SMP	
Havaya K'tana	10:00 AM
Shabbat Mincha	4:15 PM
Sophie Gray Bat Mitzvah	4:30 PM

Shabbat Beshalach

January 14-15

Friday Evening Service	6:00 PM
Noah's Ark Service	6:30 PM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
Winona Brand Bat Mitzvah	
Shabbat Mincha	4:30 PM

Shabbat Yitro

January 21-22

Friday Night Live with the Adath Choir	6:00 PM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
SMP	
Shabbat Mincha	4:30 PM

Shabbat Mishpatim

January 28-29

Friday Evening Service	6:00 PM
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
SMP	
Havaya K'tana	10:00 AM
Shabbat Mincha	4:45 PM

Shabbat C.A.M.P. at Adath is an informal discussion group, open to anyone. It takes place while children are at SMP. Your C.A.M.P Counselors are Adath members who have something to share in a friendly, enthusiastic way.

Where: The Library

When: Shabbat mornings at 10:40 AM-12:00 PM during SMP

Come earlier for fair trade coffee in the Adult Lounge!

Join us at 9:30-10:30 AM before CAMP for Beginning Hebrew or Learn to Read Torah.

January C.A.M.P. Dates:

January 22: Tamar Fenton
"Putting Judaism into Everyday Life"
(rescheduled from December)

January 29: Bernie Goldblatt
"Over the Top and Under the Radar: Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebrations"

Women's League Shabbat • January 15

Please attend Shabbat services and Kiddush lunch as we celebrate Women's League Shabbat on January 15. Women's Leagues around the country and the world provide support to Jewish Theological Seminary and the other three seminaries of the Conservative Movement. To honor that relationship we welcome Dahlia Bernstein, a student speaker from JTS that morning.



Dahlia Bernstein, a third-year rabbinical student, hails from New York, where she is a graduate of the Joint Program of List College of Jewish Studies at JTS and Columbia University. She is one of four JTS recipients of the Schusterman Rabbinical Fellowship for 2010-2012, a program that brings future leaders of the Conservative and Reform movements together for two years of formal study. Dahlia has worked for the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York and has worked at Camp Ramah in Nyack, New York for seven summers. In 2009 she participated in the American Jewish World Service Rabbinical School delegation to Muchucuxcah, Mexico.



December 31	4:23 PM
January 7	4:31 PM
January 14	4:39 PM
January 21	4:48 PM
January 28	4:57 PM



Weekdays	7:20 AM 5:45 PM
Sundays and holidays	9:30 AM 5:45 PM



Celebrate Tu B'Shevat

Tu B'Shevat, the fifteenth of the month of Shevat, takes place on January 19-20. We'll celebrate this rich holiday, known as the New Year for Trees, at the congregational Kiddush on Shabbat morning, January 22, with some of the traditional fruits which grow in Israel. We thank Adath's Etz Chayim Environmental Initiative for their kind donation of these special foods.

Why do we celebrate a New Year for Trees in the middle of winter? In Israel this is the approximate time when the sap begins to flow once again, marking the "rebirth" of the tree following its winter hibernation. For Minnesotans, it serves as a reminder that spring will indeed come, as well as a link to our history and roots. And for all, it is an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to caring for the environment!

**Seeing God:
Ten Life-Changing Lessons of the Kabbalah**
6 Tuesday Evenings, January 25-March 1
With Rabbi Yonatan Sadoff

Have you ever wondered, "Is there a spiritual component to Judaism totally unknown to me? What is *Kabbalah*? Could the teachings of *Kabbalah* change my life?" Come find out!

Every week we will talk about one chapter from the inspirational book *Seeing God: Ten Life-Changing Lessons of the Kabbalah* by Rabbi David Aaron. This book talks about the secret nature of God as revealed in the ten *Sefirot* (spheres), the basic building blocks of Jewish mysticism. Rabbi Aaron's book breaks down complicated mystical concepts into examples from everyday life. Each chapter also includes spiritual exercises, so that this six-week course actually becomes a six-week spiritual journey.

When: January 25-March 1, Tuesday evenings at 7-9 PM

Where: Seven Stars Coffee House in Edina
(under the supervision of MSP Kosher)
7015 Amundson Avenue, sevenstarscoffeehouse.com
Light meals and snacks from the menu at a charge

In Advance: Obtain a copy of *Seeing God*, available new and used at www.amazon.com.
Please read Chapters 1-4 in advance of our first meeting.

No Charge—RSVP to gisellw@adath.net, 952.545.2424

Visit our new blog: <http://kabbalogg.blogspot.com/>



Learn to Speak Hebrew!

Would you like to be able to speak Hebrew? Join in this wonderful new opportunity to learn Modern conversational Hebrew with a master teacher of the Hebrew language, Dr. Yaakov Levi. Talmud Torah of Minneapolis has joined with Adath Jeshurun and other local synagogues to provide this exciting opportunity.

Beginning in January, this new class for adults will take place weekly at Talmud Torah, on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Participants will learn and practice reading, writing and speaking Modern Hebrew, with an emphasis on conversation. We will use a variety of materials, media and activities, for a fun and informative experience. *Participants should already be able to read vocalized Hebrew and have some rudimentary vocabulary. There will be instruction for different ability levels, so don't hesitate to join!*

Classes will begin either January 11 or January 13, 2011, and will take place on Tuesday or Thursday evenings through May, 6:30-7:45 PM at Talmud Torah of Minneapolis. Fee: \$180; \$120 for an additional person in the same family. **Sign up right away:** Contact Michelle Shapiro, 952.381.3304 or mshapiro@talmudtorahmpls.org, and let her know your availability on Tuesdays, Thursdays or either evening.

**An Exploration of Judaism for
Interfaith Couples and Others**
January 11-February 15, 2011



Would you or someone you know appreciate a short overview of Judaism and Jewish life—as an introduction, or perhaps to fill in gaps in your background? Are you curious about how Judaism and Christianity compare in some core beliefs and practices?

An Exploration of Judaism for Jews, Interfaith Families and People of All Faiths is a short, informal course taught by Rabbi Harold Kravitz, Rabbi Yonatan Sadoff, Cantor Scott Buckner, Rabbi Lilly Kaufman and Rabbis' Associate Jim Sherman. This six-session class explores Jewish holidays, life-cycle rituals and the basic tenets of Jewish belief. It is open to Jews, non-Jews, interfaith couples and adult children of interfaith parents. Special attention is given to discussing these themes with sensitivity to what they mean in the context of an interfaith relationship, with no assumption of conversion.

January 11: *Funny, You Don't Look Jewish! What Is Judaism and Who Are the Jewish People?*

January 18: *Wrestling with God: Can You Do That?*

January 25: *Judaism at Home: The Role of Home Ritual in Jewish Life*

February 1: *Sacred Transitions: The Jewish Life Cycle*

February 8: *Praise and Song: Jewish Prayer and the Synagogue*

February 15: *Finding One's Place in the Jewish Community*

An Exploration of Judaism will meet on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 PM, beginning January 11. There is no charge—donations are encouraged. RSVP is necessary. Please contact Nina Samuels at 952.215.3904 or ninas@adath.net.

Learn to Read Torah
January 22-March 19



You can learn to read from the Torah! An adult Torah Reading class will meet for nine Shabbat mornings, January 22-March 19, 9:30-10:30 AM. With instructor Todd Werner, participants will learn basic Torah reading skills and begin to prepare a short reading for a Shabbat later in the year.

Reading from the Torah is an awesome experience. Many Adath parents read Torah as part of their child's Bat or Bar Mitzvah celebration. If you can read Hebrew phonetically and want to contribute to our congregation's ritual life please join us! The fee of \$50, or \$75 for "adult learning sustainers", can be adjusted according to need. RSVP to Nina Samuels, 952.215.3904 or ninas@adath.net, or send payment to Adath Jeshurun, attn: Adult Torah Reading.



A LETTER TO ALL WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS:

Dear Ladies... **On January 15**, Shabbat morning, the Women's League will be celebrating **Women's League Shabbat**. We will be presenting Dahlia Bernstein, a 3rd year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. She will speak about her experiences at the Seminary and the contribution that Women's League makes to the JTS. It will be an honor to hear her speak and an opportunity for Women's League to honor all of our members. Women's League members will also be given *aliyot*. We would like to invite all of you to attend that morning and to be a part of the celebration in our honor. There will be a Kiddush luncheon following services. We look forward to seeing you there.

Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 4, 10 AM -12 noon**. As we didn't have a meeting in December, it is important that all board members attend this meeting.

OUR NEW AND IMPROVED Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 25, 10 AM-12 noon.

We will be reading *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell. It is a stirring story of a personal awakening set against a background of a crucial moment of modern history. We are sure you will enjoy it. There are copies at local book stores and libraries. If you don't get a chance to finish the book, please come to the Book Club anyway. You will enjoy the discussion with friends. Sweets will be provided and there is no charge. Call Elaine Weber, 612.922.1046 with questions.



Our annual Interfaith Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, February 22, at 11:30 AM.

It is always a wonderful afternoon when we welcome women of our community and local churches to join us at Adath for conversation, entertainment and delicious food.



This year Neil Justin, Minneapolis Star Tribune columnist and frequent guest radio, media and current event commentator, will talk about celebrities he has worked with and about the current social media. We will also be entertained by the brilliant piano playing of our own Charlene Schwartz. Mark the date on your calendar. More details will follow.

Please remember to visit our **GIFT SHOP** for gift ideas for special occasions. We have just purchased lovely glassware dishes, most under \$10 each. They make great gifts. Women's League members receive a 10% discount on all items. The Gift Shop is open during Gan hours, on Sundays when the B'Yachad Religious School is in session, and by appointment. For an appointment, please call Ardis Wexler, 952.925.2097, or Raleigh Brand, 612.926.7871.

Our beautiful **Women's League cards** may be purchased from Jean Rosenzweig at 952.797.0262. She will even mail them out for you.

Stay warm and drive carefully. I hope to see you on January 15.

Sheri Steinman, President
763.543.4351, shevst@aol.com



*From Your
Congregational Nurse
Debby Jewett*



Can you help a congregant in need of a kidney?

An Adath congregant recently started kidney dialysis because of end-stage renal (kidney) disease. He also was put onto the kidney transplantation list at Hennepin County Medical Center. Being on a kidney transplantation list means waiting, often for years, to receive a compatible kidney from a non-living donor, while continuing on the difficult routine of kidney dialysis several times a week.

There is another kind of kidney transplant – one that comes from a living donor. The congregant mentioned here is looking for a living donor and has asked our congregation for help in finding one. Most of us have two healthy kidneys and most healthy people only need one kidney to live a normal life. So, in the case of kidney donation, a donor may be living and continue to live a healthy life. Donors can be unrelated genetically to the transplant recipient - anyone in good health who is a willing, voluntary donor can be

considered. A person who is willing to be a donor undergoes a complete evaluation, both to determine tissue compatibility and good health and to ensure there is a healthy motive to donate.

There are great advantages to the recipient when he has a living donor. These kidneys usually function immediately and are less likely to be rejected compared to that from a non-living donor. So the recipient experiences better kidney function for a longer period of time. In addition, the recipient doesn't have to wait for a non-living donor kidney to be available.

Donating an organ to another person who is in great need is a wonderful act of hesed. If you, or anyone you know, might be willing to be considered as a living kidney donor for our congregant, please contact the Adath Congregational Nurse, Debby Jewett, who can give you more information.

**To leave a private, confidential message for
Debby Jewett,
Adath Jeshurun Congregational Nurse,**
call 952.215.3936 or send an e-mail to nurse@adath.net.

*The Congregational Nurse program is generously
sponsored by Julie and Marc Kozberg.*

Sunday Minyan Breakfast • January 30



Join us for 9:30 AM minyan and breakfast on Sunday, January 30. At breakfast immediately following the minyan service, a congregant will offer a few words of reflection. All are welcome for good food and conversation. This special breakfast takes place on the last Sunday of each month.

Snowbirds: Stay Connected!

Are you going away for part of the cold winter season? Stay connected to your Adath community! Please make sure that the synagogue office has your winter address and that your e-mail address is current. We'll continue to send you the Clarion and weekly congregational Chadashot e-mail blasts. Contact the synagogue, 952.545.2424 or office@adath.net.



February 1 Deadline for Scholarships

Scholarship applications for 2011 summer camps and 2011-12 programs in Israel are due by February 1, 2011. Information and applications are available on-line at www.adathjeshurun.org or by calling the Adath office at 952.545.2424.

**Gimel Family Shabbat Experience Is Back!
Saturday, February 5 • 10:30 AM**

Rabbi Sadoff and musicians Laurie Herstig and Julie Dean are again leading Gimel Shabbat Services this year!

Gimel Shabbat is an upbeat, high-energy family service. Utilizing the main components of the traditional service, Gimel infuses those holy words with music: guitar, drum and spirited singing. Stories, skits and interactive learning with the kids are just a few of the highlights of our enormously popular Gimel Experience!

Join us on Shabbat morning, February 5. Mark your calendars for another Gimel Shabbat Experience on May 7, and watch for an exciting outdoor Shabbat dinner in June!

Join a “Mid-Years/Empty Nesters” Havurah

Many opportunities for getting to know people in smaller groups exist at Adath. One of these is *havurot*—small independent friendship groups within the congregation which may get together for Shabbat and holidays, social events and learning.

Are you an empty nester? Interest has been expressed by a number of Adath members to form a *havurah* for empty nesters—i.e. adults in their middle years whose children (if they have children) are no longer in the house. If you would like to learn more about this *havurah* opportunity, contact Nina Samuels at 952.525.3904 or ninas@adath.net.

**Yes We Can!
Synaplex Explores Ways to Make a Difference**

February 11-12, 2011

Co-sponsored with Adath Jeshurun Hesed Committee and Jewish Community Action



-A Continuing Commitment to Justice, Kindness and Shalom



**D'var Torah by
State Rep. Frank Hornstein
Pursuing Tzedek:**

From the Grassroots to the State Capitol

Matchmaker, Matchmaker, How Can I Help?
Matching your interests, skills and time with Hesed volunteer opportunities to make a difference

Issues that the Jewish Community Cares about
in the Coming Session:

Working with the Legislature to Get Our Voices Heard

And more!

Yad Sima Tova at Knollwood Place

Latkes, sufganiot (jelly donuts), dreidels, table decorations, and songs for Hanukkah were all enjoyed by 100 residents of Knollwood Place Apartments on Wednesday, December 8, when Adath's Caring Community: Yad Sima Tova hosted a party for them. The successful event was chaired by Dona Rodich, who was assisted by Kim Gedan, Susie Kane, Julie Kozberg, Leslie and Julie Ann Orenstein, Sue Oreck, Mike Rodich, and Jennifer Herman Spiller.



Hanukkah songs were sung by the children of the Adath Gan Shelanu preschool under the direction of Janice Schachtman. These darling preschoolers also went to Sholom Home West to sing for the residents there and then enjoyed the taste of latkes. Words of greeting and a short story were delivered by Rabbi Yonaton Sadoff. Also in attendance were Debby Jewett, Adath's Congregational Nurse, and Jim Sherman, Rabbis' Associate, who acted as master of ceremonies. The help and assistance given to the committee by Pam Gusdal, Program Director at Knollwood Place, was greatly appreciated. A good time was had by all, and they are looking forward to another party next year at Hanukkah.



SOPHIE GRAY
JANUARY 8, 2011

Sophie Gray, daughter of Becky and Jeff Gray, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat afternoon, January 8, 2011. She is the sister of Talia and the granddaughter of Herb Weber and the late Linda Weber, and Susan and Norton Gray. Sophie's favorite subjects at Wayzata East Middle School are Social Studies and Choir. She also enjoys being part of the Chambers Select Choir and horseback riding. Sophie loves animals and has a dog named Ozzy.



WINONA BRAND
JANUARY 15, 2011

Winona Brand, daughter of Lea Brand and Cory Goddard and the late Joshua Brand, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, January 15, 2011. She is the sister of Jackson and the granddaughter of Ruth Brand. Winnie's favorite subjects at Hopkins North Junior High School are Math and Science. She also enjoys figure skating. By donating a portion of her Bat Mitzvah gifts, Winnie is helping to support the Ronald McDonald House and Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. Her studies have taught her that "Bat Mitzvah training takes a lot of practice."

K-4 Family Pajama Party and Movie Night

Dress your kids in their PJs and join us for Havdallah and a night at the movies filled with friends, fun and great movie treats!

Who: K-4 Families

When: Saturday, February 5, 2011
Havdallah at 6:30 PM, followed by a family-friendly movie and snacks

Where: Adath Social Hall

RSVP to: adathk4@gmail.com

Cost: \$10/family – payment will be collected the evening of the event

Please bring new pajamas or a blanket to donate to families in need.



Gan Shelanu Toddler and Preschool Registration Begins Monday, January 10 for 2011-2012 School Year

Beginning Monday, January 10, 2011, Adath congregants whose children are not currently enrolled in any program at Gan Shelanu Preschool may call the Gan Office to receive an application form for the coming school year. Programs are available for children ages 20 months to 61 months as of September 1, 2011.

All registrations will be handled through the mail. Returning member students will automatically receive applications, and all returning member forms will be considered "on time" if they are turned in or postmarked by January 31, 2011. In addition, sibling applications of returning students will have first consideration after all returning member students have been placed.

Application forms for members whose children are "new" to the Gan will be considered "on time" if they are turned in or postmarked by January 31, 2011.

ALL registrations will be considered on a space-available basis. If there are more applications for a class than there are spaces, names will be drawn at random by the Gan Director. Every effort will be made to accommodate the first choice of days for all member children and their siblings. If needed, the Gan will maintain a member waiting list.

All Adath congregants must be in good standing (i.e. current in all their financial obligations to the synagogue) for their child's application to be considered. Prospective members must have met with the Executive Director prior to January 13, 2011.

Programs available include:

The Toddler Program encompasses children ages 20 months to 33 months. Two, three and five-day programs are available. Early morning and afternoon childcare options are offered to children in this program.

The Preschool Program—is available to children ages 34 months to 48 months. Students enrolled in this program may choose a three or five day program. Early morning and afternoon childcare options are also offered to children enrolled in this program.

The Pre-Kindergarten Program—is a five-day-a-week program, and all children ages 49 months to 61 months will attend this program. Early morning and afternoon childcare options are also offered to children enrolled in this program.

For application forms or more information, call the **Gan Office** at **952.545.8694** or click on the Learning tab at www.adathjeshurun.org.



A Continuing Commitment to Justice, Kindness and Sharing

Betty Jonas, Bob Wolk, and Av Robinow z”l

In the October issue of the *Clarion*, Paula Fox superbly explained this synagogue’s Hesed Committee. Their mission is “to provide opportunities for acts of loving kindness within our synagogue and in our communities”. Adath Jeshurun is part of a coordinated effort of *Concerned Jewish Congregations* who financially help support, prepare, and serve meals bimonthly for Loaves and Fishes at St. Stephen’s Church in South Minneapolis. Three longtime Adath volunteers need to be recognized for their outstanding commitment to this program—Betty Jonas, Bob Wolk and Av Robinow z”l, who passed away in December.

Loaves and Fishes is a community program that feeds the hungry and the homeless. In a letter to the Hesed Committee, Diana Rosen, treasurer of *Concerned Jewish Congregations*, writes that a gentleman told her that, as a past homeless person and a current advocate for the homeless, “the quality of our meal was such that it sent a message to our guests that we had respect for them, and the same desire to serve them a good meal that we had when we invited friends into our homes”.

This statement confirms the message that **Betty Jonas**, volunteer who organizes the people to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes, says: “We give these people dignity. We open up the doors for them. People appreciate it and enjoy it”.

Betty has been involved with her volunteer position almost since the beginning of Loaves and Fishes about 23 years ago. From the Adath community she recruits volunteers to fill the roles of two cooks, one dishwasher, and five servers and clean-up people. On the nights that Adath members volunteer, meals are served in shifts at 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM, and 7:30 PM to about 350 adults and children. Betty feels that it is “an honor to serve these people”. She feels satisfied about being involved in this community effort.

Bob Wolk is another passionate volunteer for this program since its inception. He supervises the cooking of the meal. He works with 3-4 other volunteers from the other three synagogues involved with *Concerned Jewish Congregations* (Beth El, Bet Shalom and Temple Israel). The meal consists of barbecued chicken, salad, corn, bread, cookies and a fresh orange. Bob spends about 3-4 hours in preparation.

Since no synagogue money is allocated to the Hesed Committee, donations are the only way to ensure that there is enough money for Loaves and Fishes to continue. In 2009 Bob organized a fundraiser which was a garden tour of Adath members’ gardens (including the Wolks’ own garden). Bob said “it seems like everyone benefited: the Adath gardeners who had an opportunity to show off their gardens, the garden tourists who were able to glean ideas from gardens they visited, and the many guests at Loaves and Fishes whose program was more secure in providing them with a hot meal”.

Bob believes this is the only program in which four synagogues have worked together on a project for such

a long period of time, noting “there are no longer synagogue identities, just the *Concerned Jewish Congregation* group meeting to schmooze, cook, clean, and serve this project for *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). We have become a *chevra* (community).”

A third person to recognize as part of this team is **Av Robinow z”l** (*of blessed memory*). Av was instrumental in building the alliance which made the initial commitment to the program possible. For many years Av washed the dishes regularly at Loaves and Fishes, a relatively thankless task where he did not have much visibility or contact with the people being served meals. Although Av could no longer participate in this activity in recent months, his heart remained with it. His wife Nancy says that he loved doing this and it was his passion.



These three congregants are so well deserving of appreciation of their long-time volunteer jobs. Please recognize them for their heartfelt effort in helping to service the needy in the community.

As Betty Jonas says “we always need more people to volunteer”. Individuals, couples and families (children need to be over 13 years old) are welcome. If you are interested in being a part of this mitzvah, please contact Betty Jonas at 763.519.0224.

This is one of a series of occasional Clarion articles highlighting the mitzvot which Adath congregants are performing in many different areas. Thank you to Debbie Slutsker for writing this article on behalf of Adath’s Hesed Committee.



Do you need a ride to Adath?

Call Adath’s Yad Sima Tova Transportation Hotline 952.215.3937

Adath Jeshurun welcomes and supports children and adults with disabilities as well as their families. We make every effort to ensure that our programs, equipment and facilities are accessible to all. Please contact the Adath office 952.545.2424 if you have any questions or concerns.

An Adath Teen Says Thank You

Adath member Tara Lifland traveled to Israel last summer on a Young Judaea Israel Summer Program, with the assistance of a scholarship from the congregation. Here is her letter of appreciation:

Thank you so much for the scholarship money for me to go to Israel this summer. Visiting Israel is very important to me as it has been for generations before me in my family. I feel that it is very important to get young Jewish teenagers to visit Israel and have a great time so that when they grow up they want their children to have the same experience; this way Israel will have a solid support system and it's a great way for Jewish teens to enrich their Jewish identities. Since visiting Israel is such a priority for many people it's so great that there are so many great organizations and people willing to donate money and give out scholarships to make it possible for all these people to have an amazing Israel experience as I did.

On my trip not one person walked away with a negative experience. Although each individual got something entirely different out of the summer the experience is one no one will forget. The 37 *chanichim* (campers) along with 4 *madrichim* (counselors) all on the amazing bus Nitzachon on Young Judaea's Israel Summer Program bonded over an experience of a lifetime. I don't think I've felt closer to people in all of my life. My counselors are still friends with the people they spent the summer with in Israel and my parents are still friends with the people they met in Israel as well. I am 100% sure that we all made lifelong friendships this summer.

The educational *peulot* (activities) were 10 times more meaningful being in Israel. Learning about Masada and King Herod and then going to climb it and watch the sunrise as the Romans did thousands of years ago makes it all the more meaningful. Israel is also a very spiritual place for many people. Whether it's at the Kotel or in Safed many people feel a stronger connection to their ancestors and their Judaism in the Holy Land. I feel the most spiritual in the desert, walking and hiking in the same land my ancestors did. The desert is also some of God's greatest work. The *machtesh* (crater) is one of the most beautiful sights in all of Israel.

One of my assignments on the trip was to be on the Shabbat *Va'ad*, in charge of creating services for Shabbat. My experiences through Adath's SMP, Minneapolis Talmud Torah and my experiences in Young Judaea all came together to help create a meaningful service for my group on each and every Shabbat. I helped organize Parsha players, a way to interpret the week's Torah portion....

I hope to be able to share my amazing experience with others so they too will be excited to visit Israel and walk in our ancestors' path as I did.

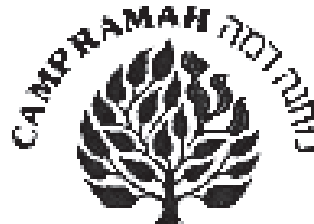
Thanks so much again for helping this dream become a reality for me!

Tara Lifland

WANTED: Scholarships

In Pirkei Avot, The Wisdom of the Sages, one finds the phrase *Im eyn kemach ayn Torah, im ayn Torah ayn kemach*, i.e. *If there is no flour (money) there is no Torah, if there is no Torah, there is no flour (money)*. As we aspire to implement the goals and vision for the future of our Congregation, it is crucial that we ensure enough *kemach* for our next generation in the form of scholarship funds. First and foremost, we hope to expand our capability to provide additional scholarships for program offerings from preschool into adulthood, to ease the burden of rising costs so that our congregants can take full advantage of all our community has to offer. For more information on how you can help secure Adath's well-being for this and future generations contact Jennifer Spiller at 952.215.3916 or jspiller@adath.net and check us out on the web at www.adathfoundation.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS



New at Camp Ramah: 4th Grade Mini-Sessions

Beginning in June 2011, Camp Ramah in Wisconsin is offering a new 12-day program for entering 4th graders to introduce them to the fantastic, fun and meaningful

Jewish community that is Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. There are limited spaces open for this experience and, based on the number of requests from families for such a program, space is expected to fill up quickly. There are two sessions to choose from: June 14-27 or June 29-July 11.

This new 12-day pilot program is designed to make the transition to overnight camp easier for younger campers and to give them a taste of the different programs, activities and facilities that Camp Ramah in Wisconsin has to offer. For details, contact Jordan Newmark, registrar@ramahwisconsin.com or 312.606.9316, ext 221, or visit www.ramahwisconsin.com.

JCC Camp Chi

JCC Camp Chi, 3.5 hours away in Wisconsin, invites campers for summer 2011. Campers join an enriching Jewish community of unique Shabbat celebrations, mitzvah projects and Israel culture programs. Activities include ropes course, wall climbing, water skiing, theater, team sports, ceramics and cooking. Sessions for children ages 9-16 range from 4 days to 8 weeks. New campers may be eligible for a \$1000 savings. For details contact the camp office at 847.763.3551, www.campchi.com, or Fran Bayer at 612.747.0665.



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