

# CLARION



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The Voice of Adath Jeshurun Congregation



## Friday Evening SPA and Congregational Dinner Friday, November 17

**Join us** to unplug from the week and plug into something special that will inspire you. Our soulful, musical davening (prayer) begins at 6 PM in the Chapel followed by a congregational dinner.

**Join us** as we build a lively Shabbat energy where it's comfortable to connect with new and old friends and experience the authenticity and warmth of community. Come as you are—leave somehow changed.

**Join us** for a chicken Shabbat dinner. A vegan option is available. \$20 for adults; \$10 for ages 12 and under.

**Let us know you're coming to dinner by November 10.** RSVP at <http://adath.nirsham.com/form/spa-dinner-nov-17> or send payment to Adath Jeshurun, attn: SPA Shabbat Dinner, including ages of children.



## Taking Responsibility

On Yom Kippur I spoke about the character quality (*middah*) of *achrayut*, taking responsibility. Leading up to the sermon, I shared a beautiful letter that our congregation received just before Rosh Hashanah from Minnetonka Faith Leaders that is reprinted in this edition of the Clarion (page 2). It is a moving response to the uptick of anti-Semitism incidences, such as the chilling march that erupted in Charlottesville, VA in August. I commented on the letter how important it is for Adath Jeshurun to have good neighbors and to be a good neighbor. As an institution our congregation seeks to model this behavior of taking communal responsibility.



My sermon sought to convey the deep basis in Torah of expecting that we each accept *achrayut*, responsibility. The lesson is conveyed in the very first parasha of the Torah in the Book of Genesis when Adam and Eve failed to take responsibility and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. This pattern was tragically replicated by their son Cain who, when confronted by God for murdering his brother Abel, responded, "Am I my brother's keeper (*hashomer achi anochi*)? The lesson of that parasha is very clear that yes — without the question mark, I am my brother's (and sister's) keeper!

The theme of taking responsibility continues at the end of the Book of Genesis we will soon read in which Yehudah, for whom the Jewish people are named Yehudim, was an exemplar. It was evident in his accepting full responsibility when confronted by Tamar. Reassuring his father Jacob that he would look out for his brother Benjamin, Yehudah stated, "I will take responsibility (Gen 43:9). Yehudah's act of taking responsibility for Benjamin (Gen 44:32) was the tipping point just before Joseph finally revealed himself as their brother.

In the Exodus from Egypt it was the Tribe of Judah, led by Nachshon, which demonstrated responsibility by being the first to enter the Sea of Reeds to lead the people from danger. It is this quality of taking responsibility, so strongly identified with the character of Yehudah, that led to his line becoming the rulers of the people of Israel through King David and ultimately the line of the Messiah that will eventually usher in a perfected world.

Each of us can live up to that legacy of Yehudah and as Yehudim by taking responsibility for our community. How we do so is the challenge I hope all of us will seriously grapple with in the year ahead.

Rabbi Harold J. Kravitz  
MAX NEWMAN FAMILY CHAIR IN RABBINICS

## A Letter of Support from Faith Leaders in Minnetonka

September 12, 2017

Dear Members of Adath Jeshurun Congregation,

As you prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, we offer our love and prayers to your community of faith. We want you to know that we are concerned by the anti-Semitic rhetoric and behavior that threaten Jewish communities here in the Twin Cities and nationwide. You deserve to feel safe in your synagogues and respected as people of faith in your daily lives.

As faith leaders in Minnetonka, we promise to promote respect for your religious freedom and proclaim your dignity as beloved children of God. We denounce white supremacy in all its sly and blatant forms. In signing this letter, we promise to address racism and religious intolerance in our congregations for the sake of human decency and God's justice.

We know that it is customary for Jewish communities to sound the shofar in honor of a new year. Please consider this letter another kind of noise raised. We are your neighbors and we love you fiercely. As a new year begins, please know that we stand with you.

Shanah Tovah,

Mark Vinge, Senior Pastor, House of Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
Sheikh Jamel Ben Ameer, Al-Amaan Center for Worship & Education  
Pastor Matt Sipe, Minnetonka United Methodist Church  
Pastor Paul Johnson, Ridgewood Church, Minnetonka (Converge Baptist)  
Pastor Jon Pederson, All Saints Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
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Father John Bauer, OFS, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

## WORD FROM OUR BOARD

It is no accident that the Jewish people call themselves “Am Yisrael”—“the people of Israel”—rather than “Dat Yisrael,” or “the religion of Israel.” A sense of peoplehood has long been the defining characteristic of the Jews. This focus on peoplehood is translated into an emphasis on the community as the primary organizing structure of Jewish life. Wherever Jews have lived, they have built synagogues, established communal organizations, and created systems of communal governance.

One Talmudic text offers a working definition of the concept of community in Jewish life: “A *talmid haham* (Torah scholar) is not allowed to live in a city that does not have these 10 things: a *beit din* (law court); a *tzedakah* fund; a synagogue; a bath house; a bathroom; a doctor; a craftsman; a blood-letter; (some versions add: a butcher); and a teacher of children”. In other words, in order to be a suitable place to live, a community must provide for all of its members’ spiritual and physical needs. A synagogue offers a place for prayer, as well as for communal gatherings.

Adath's new **Center for Learning and Spirituality** offers our community the opportunity to come together to learn and experience the multiple spiritual dimensions of Jewish living and tradition. The Jewish tradition has always valued learning with others. Some of the earliest references to learning in groups, and particularly in pairs, occur in the Talmud. The Talmud asserts that the Torah is only acquired in a group, *haburah*. The word *haburah* derives from the same root as *havruta* — *haver*, or, in English, friend. The idea is that different people with different backgrounds can learn from one another and we all have something to contribute. Whether you join us for cooking, genealogy, study, mindfulness practice or more, we hope the Center will enrich and shape your Jewish identity and strengthen your relationships within our community. Be sure to check out all of our fall courses at [www.adathjeshurun.org](http://www.adathjeshurun.org) or pick up a printed program guide in the foyer.

Jeannie Gilfix, VP Adult Learning



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

# SERVICES

**NOVEMBER**  
FRIDAY  
**3**  
**FAMILY**  
\* FRIDAYS \*

5:30-7 PM. RSVP at <http://adath.nirsham.com/form/fam-fridays>

**NOVEMBER**  
SATURDAY  
**4**

**SMP Kallah-In for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
We will have regular SMP classes in the morning, then the afternoon

will be full of fun, interactive activities, discussions, meals, Havdalah, and a special, social evening program offsite! Experience Shabbat afternoon and evening with your SMP friends and get to know the teen and adult staff.

For more information, contact Risa Kessler at 952.215.3925 or [risak@adath.net](mailto:risak@adath.net) or Sue Shrell Leon at 952.215.3910 or [suel@adath.net](mailto:suel@adath.net).

**NOVEMBER**  
TUESDAY  
**7**

**Part 1 of Human Trafficking Issue 3-part series.**  
7-9 pm See page 5.

**NOVEMBER**  
THURSDAY  
**9**

**Learn to play Mah Jongg**  
See page 6.

**NOVEMBER**  
SATURDAY  
**11**  
**TUMBLING TOT**  
\* SHABBAT \*

10-11:30 am in the **Large Muscle Room of Gan Shelanu Preschool**  
Shabbat spirit in song, treats, crafts and free play. Free & open to all young families.

**NOVEMBER**  
SUNDAY  
**12**

**Josh Warshawsky Concert at Adath**  
1:30 pm  
Presented by Camp Ramah. Free & open to the community. See back cover.

**NOVEMBER**  
FRIDAY  
**17**

**Friday Evening SPA & Congregational Dinner**  
Join the SPA davening team for SPA (Soulful Prayer at Adath) Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by dinner. See page 1.

**NOVEMBER**  
THURSDAY  
**23**

*Happy Thanksgiving*

The Adath office and Gan Shelanu will be closed Thursday & Friday.

**NOVEMBER**  
SUNDAY  
**26**

**Judaism Behind the Veil (continuing series)**  
This month: Belief in God 9:30 am minyan, followed by breakfast & learning.  
Led by Jim Sherman & Scott Gordon. See page 6.

**DECEMBER**  
SATURDAY  
**2**

**Havdalah Happy Hour**  
See page 7.

**DAILY MINYAN Mornings**  
7:20 AM Monday-Friday  
9:30 AM Sunday Mornings & Legal Holidays

**Evenings**  
5:45 PM Sunday-Thursday Evenings

**SHABBAT VAYERA**  
**November 3-4**  
5:40 pm Candle lighting  
6:00 pm Friday Evening Service  
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
*Joshua Madigan Bar Mitzvah*  
10:00 am SMP & Junior Congregation  
5:20 pm Shabbat Mincha & Seudah Shelisheet

**SHABBAT CHAYEI SARAH**  
**November 10-11**  
4:31 pm Candle lighting  
6:00 pm Friday Evening Service  
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
*Eitan Sacks Bar Mitzvah*  
10:00 am SMP & Junior Congregation  
Tumbling Tot Shabbat  
4:10 pm Shabbat Mincha & Seudah Shelisheet  
5:20 pm Shabbat Maariv & Havdala

**SHABBAT TOLDOT**  
**November 17-18**  
4:24 pm Candle lighting  
6:00 pm Friday Evening SPA Service  
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
10:00 am SMP & Junior Congregation  
4:00 pm Shabbat Mincha & Seudah Shelisheet  
5:15 pm Shabbat Maariv & Havdala

**SHABBAT VAYETZEI**  
**November 24-25**  
4:18 pm Candle lighting  
6:00 pm Friday Evening Service  
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
4:00 pm Shabbat Mincha & Seudah Shelisheet  
5:15 pm Shabbat Maariv & Havdala

**SHABBAT VAYISHLACH**  
**December 1-2**  
4:15 pm Candle lighting  
6:00 pm Friday Evening Service  
9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  
10:00 am SMP & Junior Congregation  
3:45 pm Shabbat Mincha & Seudah Shelisheet  
5:05 pm Shabbat Maariv & Havdala

**Music for Minyan:**  
Listen to our daily and Shabbat prayers at [www.adathjeshurun.org/music.html#nusach](http://www.adathjeshurun.org/music.html#nusach)

# B'NAI MITZVAH



**JOSHUA  
MADIGAN**  
NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Joshua is the son of Michael and Rebecca Madigan and brother of Elizabeth. He is the grandson of Larry and Esther Freeman, Paul Gross, and Elaine Gross, of blessed memory. Joshua's favorite subject in school is Math. He enjoys playing basketball. As his Hesed project, Joshua is growing fruits and vegetables to donate

to a food shelf. His Bar Mitzvah training has taught him "to dig deeper and look for hidden meanings."



**EITAN  
SACKS**  
NOVEMBER 11, 2017

Eitan is the son of Wendy Kivens and Alexei Sacks and brother of Nava. He is the grandson of Sharon and Jeffrey (z"l) Kivens and Stephanie (z"l) and Ivan (z"l) Sacks. Eitan's favorite subjects in school are Math, Science and Language Arts. He runs cross country, plays Ultimate and plays trombone. As his Hesed

project, Eitan has chosen to support Music and Memory. For more information on his project, visit [www.razoo.com/story/U8erye](http://www.razoo.com/story/U8erye). Through his Bar Mitzvah training, Eitan has learned "all the hard work is worth it."



**JORDAN  
KUHL**  
NOVEMBER 23, 2017

Jordan is the daughter of Michelle and John Kuhl and sister of Ezekiel. She is the granddaughter of Susan Kinneberg, Ted and Cindy Wittcoff, and Jim and Lexie Kuhl. Jordan's favorite subjects in school are Social Studies and Science. She runs cross country, plays softball and percussion. She loves to hang out

with her friends. As her Hesed project, Jordan is supporting Running Against Bullying. She has collected pledges to bring an anti-bullying program to her school. The amount of the pledges is based on how many miles she runs for cross country. Jordan says the most important thing she has learned through her Bat Mitzvah training is "hard work pays off."

## Be Our Guest – A Cabaret Night Saturday, December 9, 7:30-9:30 pm



### Hosted by Adath USY & KADIMA

Enjoy a night of teen talent and a musical medley of choreographed songs from Beauty & The Beast!

For ticket information, please contact Sue Shrell Leon, Director of Youth Engagement, [suel@adath.net](mailto:suel@adath.net) or 952.215.3910

# YOUTH: GRADES 4-12

## USY, KADIMA, & Maccabee News

**Saturday (all Day!), November 4**  
SMP Kallah-In for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades

**Sunday, November 5**  
KADIMA's Big Thrill Factory adventure

**Wednesday, November 8**  
Adath teens go to WE DAY

**Saturday, November 11**  
8<sup>th</sup> grade Rosh Hodesh & Shevet Achim sessions

**Saturday, November 11**  
Heschel Study Group Session

**Friday, November 17**  
Adath USY leads services at Sholom Home

**Saturday, November 18**  
USY & KADIMA lead services in the Adath sanctuary

**November 23-26**  
USY Kinnus in Minneapolis

**Every Tuesday in November**  
USY weekly interactive, fun lounges





## Adath Jeshurun Women's League Proudly Presents a Three-part Series on the Difficult Issue of Human Trafficking

**Part 1: Tuesday, November 7, 7-9 pm at Adath**

To begin our series, a panel of speakers from two local non-profit organizations will discuss human trafficking in Minnesota, and more specifically, the Twin Cities.

**The Link** serves homeless and underage minors. **Breaking Free** serves victims over 18. Panelists from both agencies will discuss the divergent paths that lead victims into sexual exploitation and prostitution. The panel will also explore how to combat the commercial exploitation of victims through advocacy, housing, and education.

The Link and Breaking Free will detail how they partner with many other community agencies including the Human Trafficking Taskforce and Federal, State, and Local police agencies, judges, and prosecutors.

Coffee and desserts will be served.

Let us know you're coming! Please call Tos Dietz at 763.545.9078 or Freddie Pink at 763.374.4050.

Part 2: January 9, Part 3: March 6

Donations accepted at the door.

## Torah Fund

This year's Torah Fund theme is Mah tovu, which means "how good." It is the familiar opening prayer to our services, expressing joy and appreciation for all of our blessings. This theme highlights the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Women's League and the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Torah Fund with all that has been accomplished to support Conservative Judaism and its educational institutions.



*How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel!*  
Embrace the spirit of this prayer by celebrating with Women's League the many blessings we have been given throughout the years from the generosity of our community to provide scholarships to future professional and lay leaders.

We hope you will continue to honor and celebrate our Torah Fund accomplishments by joining us at our Torah Fund Event as we honor Jim and Estie Sherman, who exemplify the values and goals of JTS and Torah Fund. Let's make this the best event ever with your generous support and participation. The Torah Fund event will be on Sunday, April 15. Watch for details.

Please consider sending a Torah Fund Card for anniversaries, birthdays and other *simchas*. Your entire donation - \$5 for one card or \$12 for three cards - goes towards the Torah Fund. Contact Miriam Kieffer, Torah Fund VP at 763.557.9654 and she will send the cards to you. Thank you.

## BOOK CLUB

We are back on schedule! Next meeting November 9 (2nd Thursday) at Perkins on 394 and Louisiana at 9:30 am. Our book this month is *The Year of the Runaway*, by Sunjeev Sahota.

We will talk about the book, eat, laugh and enjoy a fun morning. Please join us. For further details, contact Lauren Phillips at [tiaph@aol.com](mailto:tiaph@aol.com).

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

**"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."**

Warren Bennis

What does it mean to be a leader? What skills are needed to work with others and have the ability to be forward thinking?

Whether synagogue sisterhoods call themselves a women's group or something else, the essence of the group is the same — a community of Conservative Jewish women creating opportunities to come together and create a place for the women of the synagogue. Through Sisterhood we can read books together, share a cup of coffee or become involved in a social action project.

One of the alternative structures we have seen is the creation of teams that create the gatherings for the coming year. These smaller groups may work to enhance the book group, develop a social action project or help expand a fundraising project.

As we look forward to celebrating the 100 years of service from Adath Women's League, we need to be creative to ensure another 100 years. Our vision should be that whatever we can create is perfect. Our reality should be that there is a place for Conservative Jewish women to come together, no matter what we call ourselves.

I hope to connect with all of the women of our synagogue so that we can work together to create a new reality by taking **BOLD NEW STEPS**.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Adath Women's League, we hope you have a lot to be thankful for and that you enjoy time with family and friends this Thanksgiving holiday.

Shalom,

Ruth Harris  
President, Adath Jeshurun Women's League

# CENTER FOR LEARNING & SPIRITUALITY

THE CENTER FOR



*Learning and Spirituality*

Encompassing learning, prayer and innovative experiences, our new center offers a broad array of entry points which represent the multiple spiritual dimensions of Jewish living and tradition.

Whether you join us for cooking, genealogy, study, mindfulness practice or more, you will feel comfortable and welcome. We hope the Center will enrich your life and strengthen your relationships within our community.

## CLASSES

### Soulful Jewish Parenting

With Hazzan Joanna Dulkan

For parents of kids PreK-Grade 4

Sundays: November 5, January 21, February 11, March 18, April 22

9:30-10:45 am

Explore how to transmit the values of joy, wonder, gratitude, honesty and self-reliance to our children.

Cost: \$36

### Mussar Va'ad (Continuing)

With Rabbi Kravitz and Jennifer Gray

Mondays: November 13, December 11, January 15, February 12, March 19

7:30-9 pm

Already experienced your first Mussar Va'ad? Come continue to practice and learn about other Middot (soul traits.)

Cost: \$36 members, \$45 non-members

### Mussar & Yoga

With Jennifer Gray

Mondays: January 15 & 29, February 12 & 26, March 19

6-7:25 pm

Explore the practices of yoga, in mind body and breath, with the study and practices of the *middot* as we work to cultivate our soul traits.

Cost: \$36 members, \$45 non-members

### Modern Jewish Identity

With Rabbi Barry Cytron, Adath Senior Scholar

Mondays: November 6 & 20, December 4

7-8:30 pm

What does it mean to be a Jew today when there are boundless opportunities to reshape Jewish identity?

Cost: \$36 for members. \$45 non-members.

### Beginning Mah Jongg

Taught by Kara Rosenwald

November 9, 16 & 30, December 7, 7:30-9 pm

Come learn, practice and ask questions. Cost: Free

### Judaism Behind the Veil (continuing series)

This month: *Belief in God*

With Jim Sherman

November 26, 10:30 am

(After 9:30 am Minyan)

One Sunday morning a month, join Jim Sherman and Scott Gordon for brunch and learning. Jim leads the discussion and Scott will provide the breakfast. Using a basic text by Rabbi Louis Jacobs, the session is designed to look "Behind the Veil" and learn about values and principles that we did not talk about in Sunday School. Come join us for breakfast and conversation! You can experience a quiet prayer moment by coming earlier to the minyan service at 9:30am. If you have questions, please contact Jim Sherman at [rebyakov@msn.com](mailto:rebyakov@msn.com) or 612.267.1555.

Next class December 17 - "The Torah".

### Jewish Perspectives on Digital Transformations in our Lives

Taught by Jeffrey Schein

*Fiddler's Balancing Act: Thinking with Both Hands as We Consider the Impact of Technology on Jews and Judaism*

Mondays: January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 12, 26  
6:45-8:30 pm

This interactive 6 week course puts our wired world into context of how the technological revolutions reshaped Judaism in the past. We will

- explore the present digital gap between digital natives and immigrants
- delve into the insights of Marshall McLuhan (1967), Sherry Turkle (2012), and Thomas Friedman (2016) about digital life
- take time to consider one's own digital habits from the perspective of core Jewish values (mussar)

Cost: \$75 for Adath members, \$85 non-members

### Monthly Mah Jongg Game Nights

One Thursday/month: November 16, December 14, January 18, February 15, March 15 (Tourney!), April 19 & May 17  
7-9:30 pm

Fun, free monthly game nights! All ages and levels welcome.



# HEALTH NEWS

From Nurse Elaine Savick



Autumn and winter are times for settling in, particularly in our often severe northern climate.

There are several health and safety concerns to keep in mind as the weather changes.

Falls are a major life changing event, causing head injuries or fractures. Taking precautions when going out in snowy or icy weather, including wearing proper footwear, keeping sidewalks clear, and using sand on icy patches can help prevent serious injury. Keeping floors dry inside, as well as using railings when on stairs, is also important. Floors should also be free of hazards such as extension cords.

Checking that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly could be lifesaving. Check them in your own home, as well as the homes of elderly neighbors and family members. Ensure adequate ventilation when space heaters or gas fireplaces are in use.

Check in daily with a person who lives alone, so timely help can be provided if something negative does occur.

It is still not too late to get a flu shot. Check with your medical provider to see if they recommend one for you. Most retail pharmacies offer them, and most health insurances, including Medicare, cover them.

We all need to be proactive so we and those we care about can enjoy Minnesota year round.

# HESED



Thanksgiving is almost here. It's a great time to help others less fortunate and Hessed makes it easy. If you haven't had a chance to join our 2017-2018 Giving Circle for food insecurity, you can send a \$36 check to the office, with "for Hessed" attached. Or volunteer to help at ICA, PRISM or STEP: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054facad2ca1f94-giving](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054facad2ca1f94-giving). Maybe you enjoy serving meals at a shelter. We have opportunities at both Loaves and Fishes and Our Saviour's shelter.

As you straighten up your house, take a bag or two of clothes or household goods to PRISM's Shop for Change and let us know at [hessed@adath.net](mailto:hessed@adath.net). If affordable housing is on your radar, check with us about ways to help in your city. We're here to help you make a difference in our community. Give us a virtual "jingle" at [hessed@adath.net](mailto:hessed@adath.net) to learn more.

# INCLUSION

## Gluten/Lactose/Nut Free Baked Goods

If you have the ingredients to make a recipe or two of gluten free baked goods, please help the Inclusion Committee make these available at Shabbat Kiddush Luncheons. Take your delicious offerings to the synagogue kitchen, properly marked as Gluten Free. There is also a need for lactose free and nut free baked goods. "Good health often comes in small cookies."

To leave a private, confidential message for Elaine Savick, Adath Jeshurun Congregational Nurse, call 952.215.3936 or e-mail [nurse@adath.net](mailto:nurse@adath.net).

The Congregational Nurse program is sponsored by an anonymous Adath member.

Adath's Outreach Caring Community: *Yad Sima Tova*, has a limited number of volunteers available to provide transportation to Adath members to services, minyan or Adath functions.

To make arrangements at least five (5) days in advance, call the Transportation Hotline at 952.215.3937.

## INCLUSION = ACCESSIBILITY

Adath Jeshurun welcomes and supports children and adults with disabilities and their families. We make every effort to ensure that our programs, equipment and facilities are accessible to all. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the chair of Adath's Inclusion Committee: Etta Barry, 612.889.2766.

One area the Inclusion Committee focuses on is making sure there are allergy-free sweets available for each Kiddush. If you are interested in helping provide allergy-free treats for those with special dietary needs, by baking or buying, please contact Miriam Kieffer at 763.557.9654 or [miriam@kieffermail](mailto:miriam@kieffermail).

## Chevra Kavod Hamet



Adath's Chevra provides a traditional Jewish funeral at a modest cost to Adath members.

To pre-plan a Chevra funeral for yourself or family, for information about the Chevra or to volunteer, contact the Chevra.

[adathchevra@gmail.com](mailto:adathchevra@gmail.com)  
952.545.2424

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## Lifelong Adath Member's Planned Gift Assures a Strong Future



Adath is the congregation where Barbara Rubin-Greenberg grew up. “It is the synagogue I grew up in on 34th and Dupont, married in, and developed lifelong friendships. When I came back to Minnesota as an adult the synagogue provided a Jewish life for my children and a spiritual home and community for me — a community that sustained me after my first husband’s death and celebrated joy with me when I remarried.”

All the major events of her life have taken place in our Adath community, from the moment her grandfather named her at Adath, to her Bat Mitzvah, her first marriage to Jim Rubin, the B’nai Mitzvah of her children, burial of her husband, her marriage to Barry Greenberg, the naming of her grandchildren and the Bat Mitzvah of her eldest grand-daughter, to finally the burial of her parents. Adath continues to be the community that is integral to her life and her own personal growth and development.

“When I think of our congregation I think of it holistically as a place to grow spiritually, connect socially, learn and serve — Adath is my place of sustenance. It’s the place where I feel a part of community and can participate in communal prayer — it is the place I know I will always find community to comfort me in times of sorrow and share joy with me as well.”

For these reasons, Barbara made the decision to leave a planned gift to Adath in her will. “I set up a meeting with my attorney and determined what percent of my estate will be given to the organizations I care most deeply about and where I have given my time and my energy — both of which are resources that are not renewable. There are a few organizations that touched me the most, Adath being one of them. I once heard a philanthropy professional suggest that if it was worth our time in our lifetime shouldn’t it also be worthy of our gifts when we are gone — that helped me evaluate my planned giving strategy.”

“Adath is unique among many congregations in having an incredibly successful foundation.” she said, “The long range financial impact for the benefit of our congregation is the work of Adath Jeshurun Foundation.” Barbara emphasized the importance of growing and developing a long range financial resource as a guarantee of financial health and well being to perpetuate the values of an organization. “In my mind, the Foundation is critical. It is aligned with the values, vision and mission of our congregation; it’s an entity that is managed responsibly in a fiscally sound way to ensure our future,” she said.

Having been a fundraiser, Barbara believes it is everyone’s obligation to give, even the poorest person—both for a sense of dignity and a place in the community. “I think tzedakah is our way to make the world better and give back, and gives us a sense of our own value and place in the world. It is our responsibility. It’s not only about our collective responsibility for the wrongs in our society — but our responsibility for the repair that we do, irrespective of financial status, everyone can give something.”

Although Barbara has made a planned gift to Adath, her mother Frances Herman (z’l) was able to establish a permanent fund supporting Jewish education through the Foundation during her lifetime. When Frances died, people could donate to **The Irving and Frances Herman Education Fund** as a way of honoring her memory and her legacy long after she is gone.

“I think it is important,” said Barbara, “to reflect on what we care so deeply about that we want it perpetuated long after we are gone. I want to know that Adath remains a vital welcoming community as a place of prayer, connection and involvement — whether someone wants to get involved in one of our many committees, study or participate in a prayer service, or serve in a leadership role — I want to make sure that Adath is a vital congregation in our community, long after I’m gone. It is why I think of planned giving for the future, not just the gifts I donate today.”

To discuss your own planned gift and your Jewish legacy, or to learn more about the Adath Foundation, contact Foundation President Judy Gaviser at [jgaviser@gmail.com](mailto:jgaviser@gmail.com) or Development Director Evan Stern at [evans@adath.net](mailto:evans@adath.net) or 952.215.3916.

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*father of Steve (Mary) Feldman*

**HARRIET LONDER HILECHER**

*mother of Howard (Vicki) Londer  
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**SANDRA SALSBERG**

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*sister of Barbara Walters*

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