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March
2019



24 Adar I - 24 Adar II
5779

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Shabbat Before Bedtime

On the 1st Friday of the month at 6:00pm

February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7



Calling all families with young children...

Join us for a joyous, raucous, percussion and dance filled 45 minutes as we welcome the Sabbath - young and young at heart are all invited. Infuse your children with the joy of Judaism and then on to bed!!

We welcome traditional, interfaith and all modern families.

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PURIM CELEBRATION!

Children's Purim Carnival

Sunday March 17

See page 4 for more information

Megillah Reading

Wednesday March 20

See page 2 for more information

Mark your calendars so you don't miss the fun!

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From the Rabbi's Study



A Special New Month.

At the end of the first week in March this year, the Jewish Calendar month of II Adar begins. Because this year in the Jewish Calendar is a leap year there is a 13th month - II Adar. In the liturgy of Rosh Hodesh - the first day of the new month - on the first day of this extra month, there is an added phrase referring to another chance for atonement and correcting moral and ethical failings as we go forward in our lives.

The month of Adar is also traditionally a time for extra joyousness. It is the month in which we celebrate Purim. The Talmud says, "When the month of Adar comes, we multiply our joy." Not only on Purim but also for the whole month, our tradition urges us to rejoice - rejoice in life, rejoice in loving our loved ones, rejoice in being Jewish and at the same time always remember our responsibilities to try to make our lives as ethically and morally righteous as we can.

Happy Purim, Happy Adar!

~ Rabbi Barukh Schectman

From The Ritual Committee

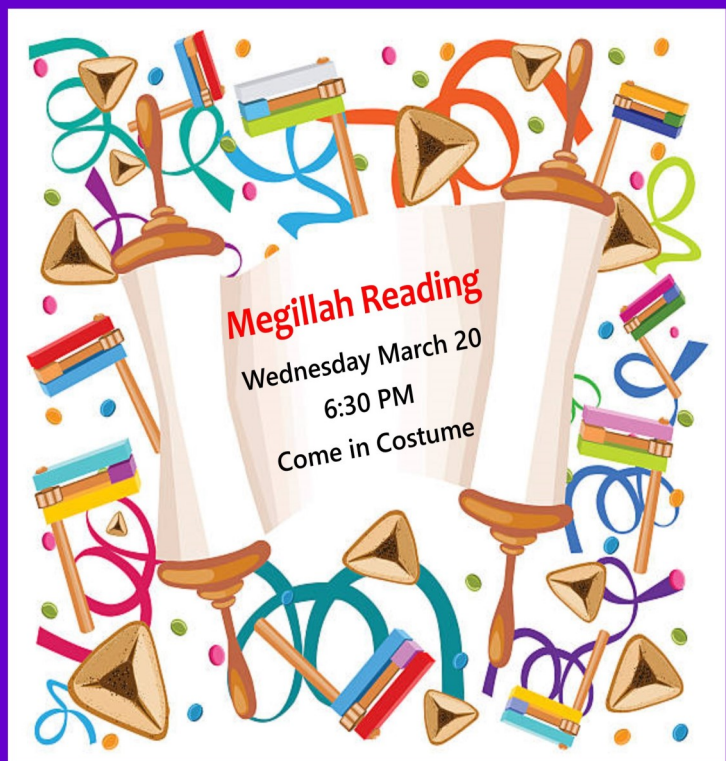
MEGILLAH READING

On Wednesday evening, March 20, we will be celebrating the holiday of Purim in our Sanctuary. Please join us for the Megillah reading at 6:30 pm. Purim celebrates the story of the rescue of the Persian Jews of Shoshan from the wicked Haman. Several congregants will be chanting lines of the Megillah. We will hear the Purim story, shake *groggers* (noise makers), sing songs, and eat Hamantashen. All are encouraged to come in costumes—not just children!

Mazel Tov

To Jessica & PJ Gerrish, their three children, Jacob, Neilina, and Jack, and grandma Sue Morse as they welcomed their newest addition, Jasper James Gerrish to the family. He was born on January 29th. The whole family is joyously doing well.

CONGREGATION ADATH ISRAEL



Shake your groggers! Make some noise!

Enjoy Hamantashen baked by our 4th graders!

*Katherine and the Kohrman-Glaser Family
invite you to the*

*50th ANNIVERSARY OF KATHERINE'S BAT MITZVAH
(50 years later, it's time for a do-over)*

*Saturday Morning, March 16, 2019
9:30 a.m.,
luncheon to follow the service*

*Congregation Adath Israel of Newtown
115 Huntington Road, Newtown, CT 06470*

*rsvp welcomed
kkohrwoman@aol.com or 203 733-5578*

*Absolutely no gifts. No Cross pen and pencil sets, no Kiddush cups,
no candlesticks.*

*In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to Congregation Adath Israel
or to an organization of your choice that is fighting climate change.*

Have an opinion? Like to write?

**Newsletter contributions are
always welcome...**

**Have family or student news you would like
to share?**

Contact:

newsletter@congadathisrael.org

Newsletter article submittal deadline is the 23rd of
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On February 10, the Religious School participated in a Shacharit service with all the children, showing how much they've been learning. It was enjoyed by everyone who attended and we are going to repeat it on Sunday March 31. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

On March 17, we will be holding our annual Purim Carnival and a special presentation to the school by the 4th graders on the story of Purim. On Tuesday, March 19, the 4th graders will bake Hamantaschen at Katherine Kohrman's house which will be served at the Megillah Reading.

The Megillah Reading itself will occur on Wednesday, March 20, and the usual Wednesday School will be replaced by the reading so all the 6th and 7th grades are expected to arrive in time for the reading at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend and to dress in costume. It is traditionally a raucous service with lots of fun for young and old. The service and oneg should be done by 8:00 PM so even the younger ones should try to attend.

David Smith, Education Chair
203-770-1685,
educationchair@congadathisrael.org

Mishpaha v' Ani



A pre-school playgroup at
Adath Israel in Newtown

For children ages 2 to 5 (pre-Kindergarten) and their parent or caregiver.

Children learn about the Jewish holidays in an age-appropriate way, make crafts, sing and dance, and have a GREAT time. This program meets once a month from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings during the school year. **FREE** to attend and no membership required.

UPCOMING DATES:

March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2 (end of year festivities)

A "themed" snack will be provided. If your child has allergies, you may want to provide a Kosher (dairy/pareve) snack for your child.

Call or email the office for more information.
203-426-5188 or office@congadathisrael.org

PURIM CARNIVAL!

Sunday March 17, 2019



**Come see our Purim Play!
Stay for the Carnival!**

11:30 – 12 noon: Purim Play
12 noon – 1:00 pm: Carnival



Cost: \$5.00 per child

Come in costume!!

**Bring your friends & family.
Prospective members welcome!!!**

**Lots of exciting Carnival Games
Fantastic Prizes -- Wonderful Crafts -- Food Galore**

Food (Pizza, Hamantaschen, Drinks) – additional cost.

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KOSHER CREATIONS

We hope you will enjoy trying out these tasty treats each month. Bonnie Goldstein will be collecting and compiling the recipes for the newsletter. If you would like to contribute a favorite recipe for this section, please email it to her at bhgoldstein1836@gmail.com. If you have a photo of your dish to include with the recipe, send that too! Recipes must follow Kosher guidelines.

The following recipes were submitted by Bonnie Goldstein.

MATZOH KUGEL

Ingredients:

- ¾ c oil
- ¾ c chopped onions
- 3 stalks of celery
- 10 Matzo (broken) or 7 cups matzo farfel
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 T paprika
- 1 egg
- 3 cans condensed chicken soup
- 1 C diced fresh mushrooms (I use sliced)

Directions:

1. Soak matzo in water and squeeze out water
2. Saute onions, celery and mushrooms until brown
3. Combine remaining ingredients
4. Bake 45 minutes until brown 350°

PASSOVER CHAROSET

- 2 cups chopped apples
 - ½ cup chopped walnuts
 - ½ tsp cinnamon
 - 2 T Manischewitz wine (I put in a splash extra)
 - 2 T Honey (I use 2 ½ Tablespoons)
- Mix together and chill.

Save the Date

Rabbi Schectman's
Birthday Service & Oneg

Friday April 5

Provided by
Adath Israel's Caring Committee

Come celebrate with us!

Do You Have a Story to Tell?

As we prepare for Adath Israel's 100-year birthday celebration, we are gathering tidbits of information to help tell the story of our congregation.

If you have any stories or photos that you would like to share from your years or your ancestors' years and experiences at Adath Israel we'd love to hear from you!

Information on any decade would be most appreciated! Please contact Susan at:
office@congadathisrael.org

Thank you!

ACTIVITIES, CLUBS & COMMITTEES

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is devising a Mission Statement, which is currently under construction. We also are structuring our activities to be more diversified to be more appealing to all. We now have a secretary, Barb Hastings. Welcome Barb!

Our officers are:

President: Bonnie Goldstein

Treasurer: Mardi Smith

Secretary: Barb Hastings



Have a question, want to join or add ideas, please contact us! Our next meeting is Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 PM. Contact Bonnie Goldstein at: sisterhood@congadathisrael.org

Israeli Folk Dancing



Join us on Tuesdays

March 12 & 26

at 7:30 PM

In the Social Hall.

Wear comfortable shoes. Good aerobic workout!

JOIN MEN'S CLUB TODAY!

Contact
Steve Vine

[brotherhood
@congadathisrael.org](mailto:brotherhood@congadathisrael.org)

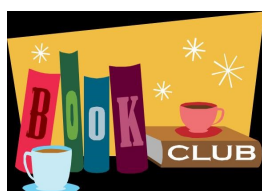
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MONDAYS
(dates may vary)

7:00 PM at Adath Israel

For both experienced and
beginner players



Adath Israel Women's Book Club

The next meeting of the Adath Israel book club will be on Monday April 1 at 7:30 PM at the home of Susan Rubin. The current book we are reading is:

BECOMING By Michelle Obama

We invite all members to join our club. We choose a variety of genres of literature to discuss. Even if you haven't read the book, consider joining us and helping to choose our next book. We usually meet bi-monthly. If interested, please email Amy Greenfield at bookclub@congadathisrael.org.

Caring Committee Update

During the month of February our committee reached out to several of our members with cards and phone calls. Congratulations to the Gerrish family on the birth of Jasper. We are continuing to help plan the 100th year celebration and look forward to being there to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of Katherine Korhman's Bat Mitzvah celebration on March 16th. As always, if anyone knows of someone who would benefit from our services, please contact Sue Morse at: caring@congadathisrael.org. Please share your Mitzvah's with us as well.

~ Susan Littlefield, Secretary

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Check out the many
Programs
Book talks
Classes, Archives
and more

Visit: <http://jhsfc-ct.org>

The Bennett Center for Judaic Studies

fairfield.edu/BennettPrograms

LECTURES AND PROGRAMS: SPRING 2019



Samuel and Bettie Roberts Lecture in Jewish Art
**"Ghosts: An Artistic Meditation on the
Holocaust and Anti-Semitism"**

Robert Hirsch

Artist and photographic historian, in conjunction with his exhibition, at the Quick Center, on Jewish Children in France during the Shoah.

Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Dolan School of Business Dining Room
Co-sponsored with Humanities Institute



2019 Bennett Lecture in Judaic Studies
**"U.S. - Israel Relations during the Obama
and Trump Administrations: An Inside Look"**

Daniel Shapiro

Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel (2011 - 2017), Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Tel Aviv University's Institute of National Security Studies.

Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Quick Center for the Arts, Kelley Theatre



13th Annual Lecture in Jewish and Christian Engagement
**"Female Faith Leaders in Collaboration:
Rabbis, Nuns, and Ministers for (nearly)
50 Years"**

Rabbi Carole B. Balin, PhD

Auburn Seminary, Professor Emerita of History HUC-JIR. Response by Dr. Elena Procario-Foley, Iona College.

Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Dolan School of Business Dining Room
Co-sponsored with the Center for Catholic Studies



26th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Service
Featured speaker: Betty Knoop
Survivor of Westerbork and Bergen Belsen concentration camp.

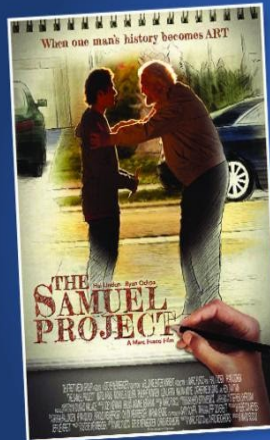
Wednesday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m.
Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola
Co-sponsored with Campus Ministry



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3 Mar	26 Adar I	Gert Carboneau, Mother of Louise Gruber
8 Mar	1 Adar II	Arthur Seligman, Father of Nanette Green
13 Mar	6 Adar II	Beth Greller, Sister of Susan Littlefield
18 Mar	11 Adar II	Herbert Klein, Father of Karen Klein
27 Mar	20 Adar II	Tina Leah Zucker, Mother of Jodi Bialik
30 Mar	23 Adar II	Dr. Max Schertzer, Father of Martin Schertzer

... and let us not forget

5 Mar	28 Adar	David Steinfeld
5 Mar	28 Adar	Ida Block
5 Mar	28 Adar	Sarah Brier
6 Mar	29 Adar	Harry Cohen
16 Mar	9 Adar II	Maurice Nezvesky
18 Mar	11 Adar II	Molly E. Sippin
19 Mar	12 Adar II	Mildred Koffman

In Sympathy

Our condolences to Cheryl Gilman and Family
on the passing of her father, Eugene Spiegel.

In Sympathy

Our condolences to Monte Frank and Family
on the passing of his mother.

BRONZE MEMORIAL NAMEPLATE

If you wish to install a memorial nameplate in the sanctuary,
please contact Susan Rubin at 203-426-5188
or by email office@congadathisrael.org

CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

Adath Israel Cemetery
(a division of B'nai Israel Cemetery)
472 Moose Hill Road, Monroe, CT

Information packets are available. Please contact Susan Rubin at
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Education Fund

David Wishko in memory of his mother, Hariette Wishko

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Friday February 1— Leslie & Giora Lebl

Friday February 15— Cheryl & Aaron Gilman
In memory of Cheryl's dad, Eugene Spiegel

Friday February 22— Mark & Bonnie Rebb

Saturday February 23— Mah Jong Club Members

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Hosting a Friday Oneg or Saturday Kiddush is performing a Mitzvah for our community. After services is a time when we have a chance to slow down and catch up on the weekly events with our fellow congregants.

It's not only a Mitzvah, but a way for you to celebrate an event in your family and share the good news with our congregation. Many people host to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, awards, graduations, victories and other happy occasions. You may also host in memory of a loved one. Of course, you don't need a reason to host and you may also buddy up and host with a friend.

If you wish to participate in this Mitzvah or for more information, please e-mail the office at:

office@congadathisrael.org

Friday Oneg Dates Available

Mar 1, 22, 29

Apr 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Jun 7, 14, 21, 28

Saturday Kiddush Dates Available

Apr 27, May 11, Jun 22

**Celebrate a special day
with us!**

Honor a special milestone:
achievement, birthday, graduation
or anniversary.

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Reserve your date now!

MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Mar 1	2
26 Adar I 5779 ● 9:30am School ● 9:30am Preschool Playgroup ● 12pm Adult Ed.	27 Adar I 5779 ● 6pm Ritual Mtg	28 Adar I 5779 ● 4:30pm Hebrew School Gr. 4&5 ● 4:30pm Hebrew School Gr 6&7	29 Adar I 5779 ● 4:30pm Hebrew School Gr 6&7	30 Adar I 5779	24 Adar I 5779 ● 5:26pm Candle lighting ● 6pm Shabbat Before Bedtime ● 7:30pm Service	Parashat Vayakhel 25 Adar I 5779 ● 6:35pm Shabbat Ends
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Daylight Savings Time begins 3 Adar II 5779 ● 9:30am School ● 12pm Adult Ed.	4 Adar II 5779	5 Adar II 5779 ● 4:30pm Hebrew School Gr. 4&5 ● 7:30pm Israeli Dancing ● 8pm Education Mtg	6 Adar II 5779 ● 4:30pm Hebrew School Gr 6&7	7 Adar II 5779	8 Adar II 5779 ● 6:42pm Candle lighting ● 7:30pm Service	Parashat Vayikra 9 Adar II 5779 ● 9:30am Service ● 12pm Luncheon honoring Kath
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Purim Carnival 10 Adar II 5779 ● 9:30am School ● 12pm Adult Ed.	11 Adar II 5779	12 Adar II 5779 ● 4:30pm Hamantaschen Baking - ● 7:30pm Board Mtg	Erev Purim No School at 4:30, please attend I 13 Adar II 5779 ● 6:30pm Megillah Reading	Purim 14 Adar II 5779 ● 7pm Sisterhood Mtg	15 Adar II 5779 ● 6:49pm Candle lighting ● 7:30pm Service	Parashat Tzav 16 Adar II 5779 ● 7:58pm Shabbat Ends
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
17 Adar II 5779 ● 9:30am School ● 12pm Adult Ed.	18 Adar II 5779	19 Adar II 5779 ● 4:30pm Hebrew School Gr. 4&5 ● 7:30pm Israeli Dancing	20 Adar II 5779 ● 4:30pm Hebrew School Gr 6&7	21 Adar II 5779	22 Adar II 5779 ● 6:57pm Candle lighting ● 7:30pm Service	Parashat Shmini 23 Adar II 5779 ● 8:06pm Shabbat Ends
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
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