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חברה עדת ישראל

June 2019



27 Iyar - 27 Sivan 5779



SHAVUOT

Service and Blintz Luncheon Sunday June 9

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Security

To ensure the safety of all members, students and guests, we have scheduled Security Guards to be in the building during services and events through the end of August. We are currently working on a plan for the Fall and beyond. More information will be provided soon.

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From the Rabbi's Study



We have all probably seen an overturned tree after a strong storm; sometimes even a surprisingly large tree lying on its side, roots and all. Most of the time these overturned trees have a rather short root system.

All plants need roots to provide a large part of their nourishment. Roots also provide stability, particularly to trees. In a spiritual and emotional sense, people depend on cultural and intellectual roots for stability and survival. Without these roots we may fail to maintain our stability and survival, especially as Jewish people, our roots are crucial to our survival.

Our history as the Jewish People is a large part of the foundation of our existence. As Jewish Americans we have a history of over 240 years that means a lot for our continued flourishing as a community which is a strong and important element of our United States. It should be particularly significant this year, when we celebrate the 100th year in the history of our Adath Israel Congregation in Newtown, that we emphasize the history of the Jewish community of the United States of America.

So, this year I am going to introduce the theme of American Jewish History into the programming of our synagogue- in our Religious School, in our Sabbath and Holy Day services and in an adult education class which I will present in the coming New Year (Jewish Calendar). More details will be announced at our Rosh Hashanah services, but in the meantime, I invite anyone interested in joining a class and discussion on American Jewish History to let me know, as that could influence the timing and details.

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and enjoyable summer.

~ Rabbi Barukh Schectman

President's Message

Dear Congregants,

I am writing my last newsletter as president of Congregation Adath Israel of Newtown. These last four years have been most rewarding for Florence and me. I am so grateful for the dedication and unwavering support I have been given by the Board of Directors both past and present. The many volunteers who accepted my request to serve on the various committees and activities of our Jewish community were so important to the growth and stability that we have always striven for.

I would like to thank outgoing VP Susan Littlefield for her work as liaison for the Caring committee. Welcome to David Rosen and Rhonda Greifinger who are joining our board this year. Congratulations.

Rabbi Schectman as spiritual leader of our synagogue gives us stability, dedication and intellectual discourse. He has shown that he enjoys being part of our community and has and is adapting to the needs of our shul and congregation.

Many thanks to Susan Rubin our Executive Director. Her work on behalf of our Jewish Community is exemplary. Her organizational skills and knowledge have given the board and I the ability to stay on course and accomplish our goals.

Congratulations to Ben Glaser for taking on the mantle as president. Ben brings to the congregation an energy that will help us achieve the goals necessary to make us financially sound as well as secure and safe in our classrooms and sanctuary. I personally will do everything I can to make his tenure successful and pleasant and I know you will too.

So, at this time Florence and I once again thank you for all that you have done to make this journey most rewarding and surprisingly pleasant. I thank you for your friendship and love.

With Blessings of Shalom, Bob Rubinstein

From The Ritual Committee

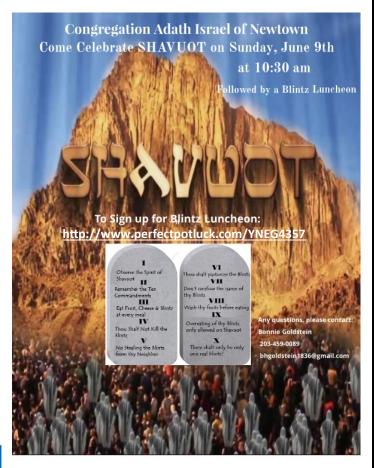
CELEBRATING SHAVUOT

For the holiday of Shavuot, we will be gathering in the synagogue on Sunday morning June 9 for a short Torah service followed by a festive meal. On Shavuot we celebrate the giving of the Torah at Mt Sinai. It is traditional to read the verses of Torah that include the Ten Commandments and the story of Moses bringing the tablets down from the mountain top. And so, we will hear the Ten Commandments being chanted. It is also traditional to eat dairy products, and most particularly to eat blintzes. Our potluck luncheon will be showcasing some of the finest in blintzes and kugels that our congregation has to offer. The service will begin at 10:30. The luncheon will begin between 11:30 and 12:00.

Please plan to join us for this Torah reading and blintz extravaganza. Use this link to sign up to contribute to our potluck.

http://www.perfectpotluck.com/YNEG4357





Summer Service Schedule

As we head in to the summer months, our schedule of services shifts each year. Friday services in July and August will only be every other week. There will be just one Saturday morning service in August. There is no Shabbat Before Bedtime programming in July or August. We create this lighter schedule because so many are away vacationing during this time. But if there is an occasion in your life, or a family need, and you want a service on a week when none is scheduled, please do ask us:

ritual@congadathisrael.org

We will try to accommodate all such requests when possible. Friday services will remain weekly through June and there is a Saturday morning service on June 22.

Summer Service Schedule: Friday's July 12 and 26 and August 9 and 23 Saturday August 31

THE NEZVESKY SCHOOL

אבבגדהוזחטיככךלמםנןסעפפףצץקרששתת

This has been a year of new and growing activities in our Religious School. I'd like to thank all our teachers, Rabbi Schectman, our music leader, Meyer Glaser, and our parent Coordinator, Gabrielle Joshpe. Our school is truly a community effort and it is through the dedication of all our parents that Adath Israel can provide our children with the understanding and skills to practice Judaism in a secular world.

While our small community has a number of challenges to provide this education, with your help I believe we will succeed. To that end, we will be trying a new schedule next fall—since we do not have a 6th grade in the upcoming year, we have the opportunity to take advantage of the earlier dismissal of the seventh grade from Newtown Schools and we will have our seventh grade attend from 3:15 PM to 5:00 PM. The fourth and fifth grades will continue to attend from 4:30 to 6:15 PM. I have discussed the choice of day with the parents and since there are conflicts with any choice of date, I am scheduling the midweek class for Wednesday. This may change if other schedules change, but in any event we will keep all the midweek classes on the same day.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in the fall.

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.

UPCOMNG DATES:

2019: Sept 15, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 8; 2020: Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3

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





Free Jewish themed books and music CD's for children ages 6 months through 8 years.

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LAG B'OMER CAMPFIRE







Lag B'Omer is a festive holiday that takes place on the 33rd day of the Omer, the counting of days between Passover and Shavuot. It is typical to light bonfires on this day. S'mores and outdoor activities are the highlights of this holiday.



Photos By Leslie Murray









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 recipe was submitted by Nancy Bamberg.

Claudia Roden's Orange and Almond Cake

Ingredients:

2 large oranges

6 eggs

½ pound Ground Almonds

½ pound sugar

1 tsp. baking powder

Step 1. Wash the oranges and simmer them, unpeeled, in water to cover for 2 hours. Cool, cut them open and remove the seeds. Puree the oranges, including the peel in a food processor.

Step 2. Preheat Oven to 400 degrees.

Step 3. Beat the eggs in a food processor or large bowl. Add the remaining ingredients, including the orange puree, and mix thoroughly. Pour into a buttered and floured cake tin, with a removed base if possible.

Step 4. Bake for one hour, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the tin before turning out.

Tip: This is a very moist cake and goes especially well with blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, peaches, plums, apricots and nectarines.





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ACTIVITIES, CLUBS & COMMITTEES

SISTERHOOD AT ADATH ISRAEL

Sisterhood met at Barnwood Grill Thursday evening and discussed upcoming plans for our Summer Shabbat Service which will be held July 12th. Our next meeting will be June 20th and details will follow.



Contact Bonnie Goldstein at: sisterhood@congadathisrael.org

Israelí Folk Dancing



Join us on Thursday
June 6
at 7:30 PM

In the Social Hall.

Wear comfortable shoes. Good aerobic workout!

* * CLUB

Adath Israel Women's Book Club

The next meeting of the Adath Israel book club will be on Monday June 17 at 7:30 PM at the home of Rachael Sherwood. The current book we are reading is:

The Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love By Dani Shapiro

The next two books we will be reading are:

A Woman is No Man By Etaf Rum
The Flight Portfolio By Julie Orringer

Summer dates to be decided.

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 bimonthly. If interested, please email Amy Greenfield at bookclub@congadathisrael.org.

MAH JONG MADNESS



MONDAYS (dates may vary)

7:00 PM at Adath Israel

For both experienced and beginner players

JOIN MEN'S CLUB TODAY!

Contact Steve Vine brotherhood@congadathisrael.org

Caring Committee Update

During the last month our committee, along with the congregation, made a donation of \$200 (\$100 from our committee) to the Tree of Life synagogue to sponsor an Oneg. In addition, we planted a tree in Israel in honor of the victims. We sent a card to the Poway synagogue offering our prayers and condolences. We planted a tree in Israel in honor of those victims. Our committee will meet in June.

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





THE ANCIENT LAW

a Cine-Concert with Alicia Svigals, & Donald Sosin Saturday, June 1st at 7:00PM









The Ancient Law (1923), is a superb comedy/drama from a great German Jewish director of the Weimar era. In silent feature, based on a true story, a rabbi's son leaves the shtetl to become an actor in Vienna. World-renowned musicians Alicia Svigals and Donald Sosin will play their collaborative score that has brought audiences to their feet at Lincoln Center, the San Francisco Silent Film Festival, and two dozen other venues in the US and Europe. Don't miss this stunning event!

This performance made possible by the Sunrise Foundation for Education and the Arts.

Tickets: \$20 Members | \$25 Non-Members Please RSVP and buy tickets by Thursday, May 30th Doors for this event will open at 6:45PM. The performance will start at 7PM

> JCC in Sherman 9 Route 39 S, Sherman, CT 06784 info@jccinsherman.org | 860-355-8050 | www.jccinsherman.org

Join us at the Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut for a fun afternoon of lunch and live entertainment. Guests will enjoy a delicious meal followed by live music from local musicians who perform all of your favorite songs.

Lunch is served at 12:00 p.m., and the musical program begins at 1:00 p.m. The suggested donation is \$7.50 per person for adults 60+ and includes lunch and live musical entertainment.

MAY 20

Around the World with Liliya & Kadriya Bikboya R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 24th.

JUNE 12

Larry & Doreen Crasilli R.S.V.P. by Friday, June 7th.

JUNE 26

Jack Lynn's Tribute to Dean Martin R.S.V.P. by Friday, June 21st.

The Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut is located at 444 Main St. N. in Southbury, CT.

Please R.S.V.P. the Friday before the event by calling Program & Events Manager Cathy Conti at (203) 267-3177, ext. 340.

For more information, visit the Federation's website: https://www.jfed.net/

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

ROSH CHODESH WOMEN & IDENTITY

Monday, June 3 6:00–9:00 PM

Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Community Function Hall 444 Main Street North Southbury, Connecticut

Led by: Rabbi Ilana Garber Catered by: Sanctuary Kitchen of New Haven

COUVERT: \$18

R.S.V.P. by May 22, (203) 267-3177 x340



*Rosh Chodesh, the first day of every month in our Hebrew calendar, is marked by the birth of the new moon. Not only a time of spiritual renewal, it has also blossomed into a celebration of women and femininity



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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 each month.

IN MEMORIAM Yahrzeits: June 2019

3 Jun	29 Iyar	Henry Kirschblum, Father of Rosalie Newman
5 Jun	2 Sivan	Martin Agines, Brother of Bernice Ullmann
6 Jun	3 Sivan	Gertrude Ravitz, Mother of Sybil Blau
6 Jun	3 Sivan	Ronald Bogdanoff, Father of Tod Bogdanoff
10 Jun	7 Sivan	Irving Magilnick, Father of Bonnie Goldstein
12 Jun	9 Sivan	Sylvia Frost, Mother of Rita Frost
12 Jun	9 Sivan	Ruth Levin, Grandmother of Joanna Rosen
14 Jun	11 Sivan	Frances Tinn, Mother of Elizabeth Bogdanoff
14 Jun	11 Sivan	Jerold Nezvesky, Brother of Janis Schertzer, Jay
		and Joel Nezvesky
14 Jun	11 Sivan	George Fox, Father of Susan Rubenstein
14 Jun	11 Sivan	Al Gross, Uncle of Mardi Smith
18 Jun	15 Sivan	John Marcus, Father of Marin Marcus
20 Jun	17 Sivan	Betty Altenhof, Mother of Jody Altenhof
21 Jun	18 Sivan	Minnie Solomon, Mother of Stephanie Wachman
23 Jun	20 Sivan	Arthur Tinn, Father of Elizabeth Bogdanoff
30 Jun	27 Sivan	William Zank, Father of Susan Morse

... and let us not forget

3 Jun	29 Iyar	Rose Molmod Nezvesky
4 Jun	1 Sivan	Max Schimelman
5 Jun	2 Sivan	Dora Chernoff
6 Jun	3 Sivan	Heidessa Schimelman
7 Jun	4 Sivan	Rose Nezvesky
9 Jun	6 Sivan	Abraham Nezvesky
9 Jun	6 Sivan	Jacob Goosman
18 Jun	15 Sivan	Sam Hammerman
20 Jun	17 Sivan	Meyer Irving Gussman
22 Jun	19 Sivan	Bertha Stern Nezvesky

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 office@congadathisrael.org or call 203-426-5188.

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Friday May 10 — Susan Morse in memory of her husband, Neil

Bob Rubinstein...

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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

June 7, 14, 21, 28 August 9, 23 September 6, 13, 20, 27 October 4, 11, 18, 25

<u>Saturday Kiddush Dates Available</u>
June 22

Celebrate a special day with us!

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

Sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush this year.

Reserve your date now!

JUNE 2019

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