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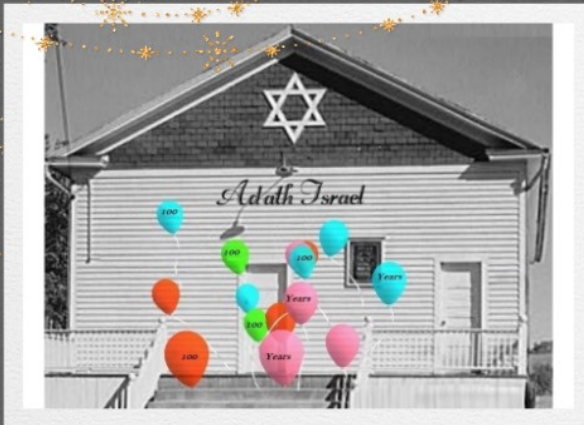
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Join Us for Summer Services

Friday July 12 & 26

Friday August 9 & 23

Saturday August 31



Congregation Adath Israel
203-426-5188

SAVE THE DATE 100 Year Celebration

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 7:00 PM

Adath Israel Synagogue
115 Huntingtown Road
Newtown, CT 06470

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From the Rabbi's Study



STRENGTHENING OUR ROOTS (reprinted from June 2019)

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. **Anyone wishing to contact me during the summer months can reach me by phone or text at 860-227-0912.**

~ Rabbi Barukh Schectman

President's Message

Dear Congregants,

For those who may have missed my recent letter to the Congregation, please allow me to introduce myself as the congregation's newest President. As I wrote in the letter, I am honored to have the opportunity and look forward to faithfully serving our Jewish community. I have always had a deep respect for Bub Rubinstein who has now finished his second term serving as President. Both he and his wife set an extraordinary example of volunteerism and commitment to our Congregation. Many thanks Bob!

In my letter, I covered what I see as some of the most pressing goals for our community. In short, maintaining an open, sustainable and safe institution for Adath Israel is paramount. I along with the other directors of our board and staff will continue the hard work aimed at those goals.

On a personal level, I am genuinely looking forward to using this opportunity to build stronger relationships with many of our congregants. As a relatively new member, I believe having strong engagement with our congregants is an absolute requirement in order to effectively serve.

As we are now moving into summer, there are reduced levels of services and activities. Please remember to consult the newsletter and website for scheduling. In the meantime, I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summertime.

Benjamin Glazer
President

From The Ritual Committee

CELEBRATING SHAVUOT

We had a fabulous gathering at the synagogue to celebrate the holiday of Shavuot back in early June. 40 congregants attended the Torah service and almost all stayed for a delicious traditional dairy luncheon of cheese blintzes, noodle kugel, quiche, cheesecake, sour cream coffee cake and many other salads and desserts. Ten congregants and children of congregants chanted Torah, from the verses in Exodus 20 where Moses delivers the Ten Commandments to the People of Israel. Torah readers included Rebecca and Rachel Goldman, David and Lynn Wiener, Susan Littlefield, Mark Rebb, Susan Morse, Linda Baulsir, Ben Glazer and Katherine Kohrman. Afterwards, Rabbi treated us to a beautiful telling (in English) and chanting (in Hebrew) of the Book of Ruth. This book has its own particular melody when it is chanted in the synagogue, a melody heard at no other time during the Jewish year. Rabbi also taught us a Shavuot melody for a verse of the Yigdal. He sang it and Andrew Arena, son of congregants Jim and Marina Arena, played the tune on his accordion, in a very festive manner! Thank you to all of the many, many congregants who participated in our service and provided our luncheon. You all contributed to making it a fun and tasty morning at Adath Israel.



Join us in prayer

Bring your family and friends....

July 12th, 2019 Sisterhood Summer Shabbat Service



Sponsored by our Sisterhood

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.

Summer Service Schedule:

Friday's July 12 and 26 and August 9 and 23
Saturday August 31

Shabbat Before Bedtime is on Summer Vacation but will return on Friday September 6th at 6pm.

SCHOOL GRADUATION



Photos By Leslie Murray



Graduation activities were held on Sunday June 2nd. Teachers welcomed their students up to the bima and presented them with their certificates. Teachers and assistants were also thanked for their work this year. Then everyone proceeded to the social hall to enjoy a bagel brunch. Several students made cards for the 100 year celebration coming this September.



THE NEZVESKY SCHOOL

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Have a great summer! See you all in September.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

The Nezvesky School of Congregation Adath Israel is currently accepting new student registrations for the 2019-20 academic year. Grades K thru 7. School begins on Sunday September 8.

Please contact the office for a registration form or fill it out on our website. For more information please email: office@congadathisrael.org or contact David Smith, our Education Chairperson at: 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:

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

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 Rhonda Greifnger

Strawberry Salad

Ingredients: Mixed Greens
Asparagus (grilled) or snap peas
Ricotta insalata
Strawberries

Dressing: 2 Tablespoons Grapeseed Oil
2 Teaspoons Vinegar
Season with lemon pepper and thyme

ACTIVITIES, CLUBS & COMMITTEES

JOIN SISTERHOOD THIS YEAR

Contact Bonnie Goldstein at:
sisterhood@congadathisrael.org

JOIN MEN'S CLUB TODAY!

Contact Steve Vine
brotherhood@congadathisrael.org

MAH JONG MADNESS



MONDAYS

(dates may vary)

7:00 PM at Adath Israel

For both experienced and beginner players

Israeli Folk Dancing



Join us on Tuesday

July 23

at 7:30 PM

In the Social Hall.

Wear comfortable shoes. Good aerobic workout!



Adath Israel Women's Book Club

The next meeting of the Adath Israel book club will be on Monday July 15 at 7:30 PM at the home of Rhonda Greifinger. The current book we are reading is:

A Woman is No Man By *Etaf Rum*

The following meeting will be held on Monday August 26 at 7:30 PM at the home of Lynn Wiener. That book will be:

The Flight Portfolio By *Julie Orringer*

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.

Caring Committee Update

During the month of May our committee met. The Community Care & Share committee will donate \$500 towards the 100-year celebration on September 14th. We will have another food donation drive during the High Holidays from September 29th to October 9th. This was hugely successful last year thanks to the generosity of our members. In addition, cards were sent to 7 High School graduates. We sent a get well card, & 2 retirement cards. If anyone could benefit from our support over the summer, please contact Sue Morse at: caring@congadathisrael.org.

Please share your Mitzvah's with us as well.

~ Susan Littlefield, Secretary

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



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.

JULY 3rd

Fourth of July themed

R.S.V.P. by Friday, June 28th.

Menu: Barb-b-que Chicken, Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad with tuna, Green Salad
Watermelon

AUGUST 21st

Bob & Claudia Hughes

Come Join Us for some featured favorites

- Classical, Opera & More

R.S.V.P. by Friday, August 16th.

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.ifed.net>

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10:00 am Tours
June 30, July 7, July 28

2:00 pm Tours
July 14 & August 4

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

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

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Newsletter article submittal deadline is the 23rd of
each month.

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IN MEMORIAM Yahrzeits: July & August 2019

2 Jul	29 Sivan	Alan Douglas Lasken, Father of Bonnie Rosenthal
4 Jul	1 Tammuz	Simon Rosenberg, father of Larry Rosenberg
5 Jul	2 Tammuz	Rachel Bamberg, Mother of Steve Bamberg
7 Jul	4 Tammuz	Carl Ravitz, Father of Sybil Blau
11 Jul	8 Tammuz	Lillian Marcus, Mother of Marin Marcus
11 Jul	8 Tammuz	Minnie Rubinstein, Mother of Bob Rubinstein
13 Jul	10 Tammuz	Paula Frenkel, Mother of Susan Frenkel
13 Jul	10 Tammuz	Samuel Nezvesky, Father of Janice Schertzer, Jay and Joel Nezvesky
14 Jul	11 Tammuz	Dr. Dori Laub, Father of Miri Goldman
21 Jul	18 Tammuz	Joel Smarter, brother of Arlene Steinfeld
25 Jul	22 Tammuz	Jacob M Nahoum, Father of Michael Nahoum
26 Jul	23 Tammuz	Diane Morse, Mother-in-law of Susan Morse
28 Jul	25 Tammuz	Hilda Agines, Mother of Bernice Ullmann
31 Jul	28 Tammuz	Herbert Shapiro, Father of Diane Gamse
31 Jul	28 Tammuz	Fany Nowes, Mother of Gilda Slomka
5 Aug	4 av	Norma Rebb, Mother of Mark Rebb
8 Aug	7 Av	Jacob Hoschander, Father of Linda Baulsir
8 Aug	7 Av	Debra Jean Nahmias, Wife of Jack and Mother of Megan and Jonathan Nahmias
10 Aug	9 Av	David Glantz, Father of Sylvia Nahoum
13 Aug	12 Av	Frederic Baff, Husband of Ellen Baff
13 Aug	12 Av	Alan Zuckerman, Father of Jodi Markowsky
14 Aug	13 Av	Fajwel Nowes, Father of Gilda Slomka
16 Aug	15 Av	Al Greifinger, Father of Rhonda Greifinger
16 Aug	15 Av	Joseph Wishko, Father of David Wishko
17 Aug	16 Av	Al Klein, Husband of Karen Klein
21 Aug	20 Av	Annette E. Nahoum, Mother of Michael Nahoum
22 Aug	21 Av	Theodore H. Silverman, Father of Mark Silverman
26 Aug	25 Av	Sybil Orenstein, Aunt of Bernice Ullmann
28 Aug	27 Av	Ben Weinstein, Uncle of Mardi Smith

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.

... and let us not forget

1 Jul	28 Sivan	Milton Davidson
4 Jul	1 Tammuz	Chaye Sarah Newman
5 Jul	2 Tammuz	Rebecca Stoller
6 Jul	3 Tammuz	Thomas Goosman
12 Jul	9 Tammuz	Louis David Brown
16 Jul	13 Tammuz	Jacob Goldberg
18 Jul	15 Tammuz	Viola Glaser
19 Jul	16 Tammuz	Sarah Stoller Gottlieb
23 Jul	20 Tammuz	Louis Plotkin
24 Jul	21 Tammuz	Eli Freedman
24 Jul	21 Tammuz	Soloman Niederman
31 Jul	28 Tammuz	Essie Melzer

31 Jul	28 Tammuz	Sophie Goosman
5 Aug	4 Av	Ethel Hammerman
6 Aug	5 Av	Edna Sippin Yanosy
6 Aug	5 Av	Philip Koslow
7 Aug	6 Av	Louis Ushkow
10 Aug	9 Av	Abraham S. Steinfeld
10 Aug	9 Av	Shlomo Katz
12 Aug	11 Av	Baby Wendy Lee Freedman
17 Aug	16 Av	David Epstein
20 Aug	19 Av	Lilly Goosman
25 Aug	24 Av	Shirley Kiel Hammond

DONATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions to temple funds:

General Fund


Donald Glazer in honor of his son Ben becoming President of Adath Israel
Bob & Florence Rubinstein in memory of Bob's mom, Min Rubinstein
Rosalind Berger in memory of Charles Berger, Tillie & Joseph Levy, William & Sadie Berger, Anita & Nat Berger and Linda DeSantis
Gilda Slomka in memory of Fany Nowes
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Bernice Ullmann in memory of her mother, Hilda Agines

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HIGH HOLIDAYS

The High Holidays begin with Erev Rosh Hashanah on Sunday September 29.

Service, Child Care and Yizkor book information will be available to all members in early August.

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HOST AN ONEG OR KIDDUSH



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

August 9, 23
September 6, 13, 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22
December 6, 13, 20

Saturday Kiddush Dates Available

September 21, November 9
December 7

**Celebrate a special day
with us!**

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

Sponsor an
Oneg or Kiddush this year.

JULY 2019

SUN	MON Jul 1	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	28 Sivan 5779	29 Sivan 5779	30 Sivan 5779	Independence Day 1 Tammuz 5779	NO SERVICE 2 Tammuz 5779 ● 8:11pm Candle lighting	Parashat Korach 3 Tammuz 5779 ● 9:19pm Shabbat Ends
7 4 Tammuz 5779	8 5 Tammuz 5779	9 6 Tammuz 5779	10 7 Tammuz 5779	11 8 Tammuz 5779	12 9 Tammuz 5779 ● 7:30pm Service - led by Sister ● 8:08pm Candle lighting	13 Parashat Chukat 10 Tammuz 5779 ● 9:16pm Shabbat Ends
14 11 Tammuz 5779	15 12 Tammuz 5779	16 13 Tammuz 5779	17 14 Tammuz 5779	18 15 Tammuz 5779	19 NO SERVICE 16 Tammuz 5779 ● 8:04pm Candle lighting	20 Parashat Balak 17 Tammuz 5779 ● 9:11pm Shabbat Ends
21 18 Tammuz 5779	22 19 Tammuz 5779	23 20 Tammuz 5779 ● 7:30pm Israeli Dancing	24 21 Tammuz 5779	25 22 Tammuz 5779	26 23 Tammuz 5779 ● 7:30pm Service - led by Men's ● 7:58pm Candle lighting	27 Parashat Pinchas 24 Tammuz 5779 ● 9:05pm Shabbat Ends
28 25 Tammuz 5779	29 26 Tammuz 5779	30 27 Tammuz 5779	31 28 Tammuz 5779			

AUGUST 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				THU Aug 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
				29 Tammuz 5779	NO SERVICE 1 Av 5779 ● 7:51pm Candle lighting	Parashat Matot-Masei 2 Av 5779 ● 8:57pm Shabbat Ends
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3 Av 5779	4 Av 5779	5 Av 5779	6 Av 5779	7 Av 5779	8 Av 5779 ● 7:30pm Service ● 7:42pm Candle lighting	Parashat Devarim 9 Av 5779 ● 8:49pm Shabbat Ends
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Tisha B'Av 10 Av 5779	11 Av 5779	12 Av 5779 ● 8pm Education Mtg	13 Av 5779	14 Av 5779	NO SERVICE Tu B'Av 15 Av 5779 ● 7:32pm Candle lighting	Parashat Vaetchanan 16 Av 5779 ● 8:39pm Shabbat Ends
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
17 Av 5779	18 Av 5779	19 Av 5779 ● 7pm Board Meeting	20 Av 5779	21 Av 5779	22 Av 5779 ● 7:22pm Candle lighting ● 7:30pm Service	Parashat Eikev 23 Av 5779 ● 8:28pm Shabbat Ends
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
24 Av 5779 ● 10:30am OPEN HOUSE	25 Av 5779	26 Av 5779 ● 7:30pm Ritual Mtg	27 Av 5779	28 Av 5779	NO SERVICE 29 Av 5779 ● 7:11pm Candle lighting	Parashat Reeh 30 Av 5779 ● 9:30am Service ● 8:17pm Shabbat Ends