



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mornings:
 Sunday 8:30 a.m.
 Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.
 Thursday, November 24. . . 8:30 a.m.
 Shabbat 9:00 a.m.
 Evenings
 Sunday – Friday. 5:00 p.m.
 Saturdays (Minchah-Maariv)
 December 3 - 31 5:00 p.m.

SHABBAT TORAH PORTIONS

DECEMBER 3 Toldot	DECEMBER 24 Vayeishev
DECEMBER 10 Vayetzei	DECEMBER 31 Miketz
DECEMBER 17 Vayishlach	

CHANUKAH IS COMING!

FIRST CANDLE

SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24



WE WISH YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY
A BRIGHT AND
JOYOUS CHANUKAH!

- save the date -

Missebaba '17

Saturday
February 25

Gala Annual
Fundraiser

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PROFESSOR OF
JEWISH STUDIES
AT ADAT
SHALOM



DECEMBER
9-11



FEATURING
SUSANNAH HESCHEL

SUSANNAH HESCHEL is an American scholar, public intellectual, and professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College. She comes from a long line of Jewish thinkers, teachers, scholars and rabbis. Her grandfather, a Chassidic rebbe, served the poor in Warsaw; her father, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, marched with Martin Luther King Jr.

Professor Heschel has become a noted scholar in her own right, focusing on Jewish-Christian relations in Germany during the 19th and 20th centuries, the history of biblical scholarship, and the history of anti-Semitism.

She is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including four honorary doctorates.

Professor Heschel has also edited, translated, and published numerous works by her father, who is considered one of the leading Jewish theologians and philosophers of the 20th century.

Following a 5 p.m. Shabbat-Appella Service and a Shabbat dinner, Professor Heschel will speak on *Essential Writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel*. She will deliver the Shabbat morning sermon, give a post-Kiddush presentation, and will moderate a Q&A session on Sunday morning following a film excerpt from *Shared Legacies: Honoring the Black/Jewish Civil Rights Alliance*.

All members have received invitations. Please turn to page 4 for complete details or download an invitation at adatshalom.org/flyers.

LUNCHTIME LEARNING IN DECEMBER

Mondays, December 5, 12 & 19

Jewish Artists and the Avant Garde
with Rabbi Aaron Bergman



RABBI BERGMAN will look at the way in which Avant Garde art pushes the boundaries of society's definitions of standards and norms. Learn about artists, musicians, and writers from Tristan Tzara, one of the fathers of Dada in Europe, to John Zorn, the organizer of Radical Jewish Culture in New York, and see how they transformed alienation and otherness into empowerment and great creativity.

Can't come to Adat Shalom for this series? No problem. You will be able to participate online. Watch for details.

Lunchtime Learning meets from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. You are invited to bring your own dairy/parve lunch. Drinks and dessert are complimentary. The community is welcome. There is no charge. Reservations are requested by the preceding Friday. Please call Sheila Lederman, 248-851-5100, ext. 246, or email slederman@adatshalom.org.

Meditation



AND MINDFULNESS

with Rabbi Bergman
on Sundays, December 4 & 18

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Find your internal spirituality and realize that Judaism can make you happier. A refreshing hour for individuals of all ages. Sessions will continue throughout the year. There is no charge.



Soulful Yoga
with Rabbi Shere
and skilled yoga
instructors
Mindy Eisenberg

December 10 & 17 January 7 & 21
10 - 11:15 a.m.

Connect body and soul as we apply the wisdom of Torah to the gentle practice of yoga. Join us in the Youth Lounge. No experience necessary, Dress comfortably. Please bring a mat if you have one.

DECEMBER SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

Learn about the weekly parasha and
and enhance your Shabbat experience

December 3 December 17
with Ruth Bergman with Rabbi Bergman

December 10 December 24 & 31
with Rabbi Miller No Torah Study

9:45 A.M.

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Adam Edward
Rosenthal

Mazal Tov to Our December Bar Mitzvah

December 10

Adam Rosenthal is the son of Suzanne & Sam Rosenthal and the grandson of Helen & Bernard Speyer and Devorah & Leonard Rosenthal.

WE'RE PLEASED TO LET YOU KNOW...

GARY GRAFF was named the 2016 Birmingham-Bloomfield Cultural Arts Award Honoree. He is a co-founder and producer of the Detroit Music Awards and is a regular music commentator for WCSW 97.4, Detroit's longest running FM classic rock station.

SUE ELLEN AND ALAN JAY KAUFMAN were featured in the Detroit Jewish News in recognition of their "active and ardent support of educational, civic and Jewish communal causes" over many years. Steadily and quietly, they have dedicated their energies and resources to local, national and international organizations.



- SAVE THE DATE -

Women's Spirituality Retreat: March 17-19

TORAH STUDY - SPIRITUALITY - YOGA
LED BY RABBI RACHEL SHERE
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Spend Shabbat at the beautiful
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Online registration is now open: www.adatshalom.org/retreat.
If you have questions or want more information, contact Jodi Gross or Rabbi Shere at 248-851-5100.

- YEAR-END PLANNING -

The government allows you to count your synagogue dues payments, Missebaba and Yom Kippur Appeal donations, and other contributions as tax deductions. In order to take advantage of these charitable deductions when you file your taxes this spring, we encourage you to remit this year's Adat Shalom dues and building fund payments before the end of December. You are also encouraged to pre-pay next year's dues.

For answers to your year-end and gift-giving questions, call Executive Director Alan Yost, 248-851-5100.



Messages



FROM THE PRESIDENT SPREADING THE LIGHT

NOW THAT THE HIGH HOLIDAYS and Thanksgiving are just a memory, we can look forward to Chanukah, our Festival of Lights.

We have many reasons for joining a shul: spiritual, cultural, and social. In many ways these reasons are encompassed in this festival, weaving a few religious traditions into an eight-day celebration. Hillel and Shammai, two of our great sages, had a discussion about how to light the Chanukah candelabra. The position of Hillel was accepted, and so we begin the first night with one candle and add one more each night. This way the joy and anticipation of Chanukah grows with each candle and each day.

Many of us plan our year-end giving about the same time as our Festival of Lights. Think of Adat Shalom at this time as a house of lights that touch young and old. Help us grow this light throughout the synagogue family and the community. Feel free to contact Alan Yost or Carma Gargaro in the office to help you take advantage of a 2016 tax deduction by paying your synagogue membership dues, Yom Kippur Appeal and Missebaba participation.

May the Chanukah lights bring joy and peace to all your families.

KEN GOSS

FROM HAZZAN GROSS HESCHEL: THE VOCATION OF THE CANTOR



IN RECOGNITION OF OUR special SYnergy guest this month, Professor Susannah Heschel, I would like to share with you some excerpts of an essay written by her esteemed father, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Entitled "The Vocation of the Cantor," it was first presented in 1957 at the 10th Annual Convention of the Cantors Assembly of America and some

years later sent to press. Rabbi Heschel is undoubtedly one of the great theologians of Judaism and his remarks on music in the context of prayer and the role of a cantor are eloquent and profound.

"The mission of a Cantor is to lead in prayer. He does not stand before the Ark as an artist in isolation, trying to demonstrate his skill or to display vocal feats. He stands before the Ark not as an individual but with a Congregation. He must identify himself with the Congregation. His task is to represent as well as to inspire a community. Within the synagogue, music is not an end in itself but a means of religious experience. Its function is to help us to live through a moment of confrontation with the presence of God; to expose ourselves to Him in praise, in self-scrutiny and in hope."

"To sing means to sense and to affirm that the spirit is real and that its glory is present. In singing

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FROM RABBI BERGMAN "...BINDING UP THE NATION'S WOUNDS..."



RABBI BERGMAN

INORMALLY WRITE ABOUT Chanukah in December, and I will certainly be talking about it at services, but this month is the first month after the Presidential Elections and the first before the inauguration. As of this writing I do not know who was elected.

However, I thought it was important to share one of the most powerful, gracious and self-critical speeches in our nation's history, Lincoln's Second Inaugural address. My late beloved teacher at JTS, Rabbi Simon Greenberg, taught us the importance of the speech to the future of democracy and our republic. I pray we maintain our perspective and our love of country and freedom.

From the Second Inaugural:

"Neither anticipated that the cause of the conflict might cease with or even before the conflict itself should cease. Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding. Both read the same

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RABBI SHERE

FROM RABBI SHERE 240 YEARS AND A CRITICAL CHOICE

THIS YEAR OUR COUNTRY celebrated its 240th birthday. The number 240, when written in Hebrew, spells the word *ram* which means "rise." When read backwards however, it spells the word *mar*, which means "bitterness."

The presidential election of 2016 has surely shaken this country to its core. In this month between the election and the inauguration, we each have a choice to make. Will we allow the hostility and negativity that poisoned the election to govern our thoughts and continue to divide us? Or instead, will we find a way to rise above the divisiveness and work together to create a country which truly represents the best in each of us?

During this month, Jews throughout the world will celebrate the holiday of Chanukah. Chanukah means "rededication" and is a celebration of our ability to rededicate ourselves to the ideals which we hold most dear. May we each find a way to turn America's 240th year from one of bitterness and despair into one in which we rise to meet the challenges of our day with the courage, optimism and hope that have forever characterized our resilient people.

FROM RABBI YOSKOWITZ UNESCO - DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND

I FIND IT QUITE DIFFICULT TO SEE some of the churches criticizing Israel. Do they not understand that Israel is the only country in the Middle East where it is safe to be a Christian? These words by an internationally renowned Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, were shared with Sir David Frost on May 21, 2013, in London's *The Barbican*.

Three years later, after the UNESCO vote, several nations identified with the Christian religion have abstained in a United Nations vote to deny any Christian or any Jewish roots in Jerusalem. How could they abstain, rather than vote "no" to a UN resolution that Ambassador Dennis Ross at an AIPAC forum in Orchard Lake, Michigan on October 30, 2016 called "the first anti-religious vote" of the United Nations? Are we becoming a western world without values or principles? Is this "abstaining" of western nations a symbol of why the



RABBI YOSKOWITZ

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Adult Learning at Adat Shalom

Offering you nourishment for your mind, body & spirit



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SUSANNAH
HESCHEL**

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FRIDAY EVENING, December 9

- ★ 5:00 p.m. *Shabbat-Appella Service*
- ★ 6:15 p.m. Shabbat Dinner
- ★ 7:30 p.m. Professor Heschel will speak on:
ESSENTIAL WRITINGS OF ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL



- SYNERGY DINNER -

\$56 per household or \$25/adult; \$13/child 3-12; no charge under 3

SHABBAT MORNING, December 10

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Main Sanctuary
Professor Heschel will deliver the sermon:
HUMAN DIGNITY IN JUDAISM: DIVINELY BESTOWED, HUMANLY PERFORMED
- ★ 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Torah Study with Rabbi Jason Miller
- ★ 10:00 a.m. Soulful Yoga with Rabbi Shere



- ★ Kiddush following Services
- ★ Post-Kiddush discussion by Professor Heschel

**THE JEWISH FASCINATION WITH ISLAM:
THE HISTORY OF JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP ON ISLAM
AND ITS IMPACT ON
MODERN JEWISH SELF-UNDERSTANDING**



SUNDAY MORNING, December 11

- ★ 10:30 a.m. Film excerpt: *(see more in right column)*
Shared Legacies: Honoring the Black/Jewish Civil Rights Alliance

A 'SPILL THE HONEY'/BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS LLC IN PRODUCTION

followed by Q & A led by Professor Heschel

SYNERGY WEEKEND CO-SPONSORS

FRIDAY EVENING

SUNDAY MORNING



stimulate your mind & your palate

"All You Need is Love"

RABBI SHERE WILL CAPTURE THE ESSENCE OF HER POPULAR NOVEMBER LUNCHTIME LEARNING PROGRAMS ON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:30 PM



formerly
Supper Series

AT THE HOME OF CHARMLEY LEVINE

Rabbi Shere will discuss *Biblical Love and Its Many Incarnations*. What does Jewish tradition say about love? How is loving a person different from loving God? What does it mean "to love your neighbor as yourself"? These questions and more are guaranteed to generate "a whole lotta love."

There is a \$10/person fee, which includes a dairy dinner. Please reserve your place by sending a check to the synagogue. Limited to the first 36 who respond.

Questions? Contact Sheila Lederman at 248-851-5100 or at slederman@adatshalom.org.

Future Dine & Discover programs will take place this season on March 5, May 21 and June 11.

EVENING SERIES CONTINUES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7 PM

PIRKEI AVOT AND FRIENDS:

The best Jewish guides to living a better and more meaningful life

WITH RABBI AARON BERGMAN



Judaism has many texts, including *Pirkei Avot*, that are great guides to living a good and meaningful life. They transmit timeless advice for everything from having happy relationships to creating harmonious communities. Rabbi Bergman will present his favorite quotes

in a lively study/discussion format.

Each class is self-contained. Attend one or all sessions. No previous knowledge is necessary. All texts will be provided.

Future sessions are planned for 7 p.m. on February 13 and March 13 & 27. There is no charge. Please RSVP to Sheila Lederman, 248-851-5100, ext. 246 or slederman@adatshalom.org.

- Documentary Excerpt To be Shown -

The *Shared Legacies* documentary film excerpt to be presented on December 11 in conjunction with our SYNERGY weekend is in production and was developed by Dr. Shari Rogers, Ph.D., Founder and President of Building Relationships Inc. *Spill The Honey* is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. The film focuses on a proud chapter in American history, a time when communities of different backgrounds effectively collaborated to transform the moral conscience of the nation.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 18**

ADAT SHALOM VOLUNTEER DAY

**11 AM
TO 1 PM**



A Meaningful Volunteer Experience with Your Friends and Family To Help Our Community

**Hands-on projects
for all ages**

**Lunch available \$6/person
with advance registration
www.adatshalom.org/volunteer16**

**Organized by the Adat Shalom-Beth Achim
Learning Community, Men's Club, Sisterhood,
Social Action Committee and Tikkun Adat**

Our synagogue is a place of study, gathering and worship. When we come together to make meaning of the Jewish values of *Tzedakah* and *Tikkun Olam*, we make the world a better place for our community, families and friends.

Let's put the words of Rabbi Hillel into action: *Do not separate yourself from the community or tell yourself, when there is free time, I will study or volunteer. It is possible that you will never have the free time.* – Pirke Avot 2:4

Donations Appreciated

Collection bins are downstairs near the Learning Community office

- Clean and gently used blankets.
- Clean plastic grocery bags
- Activity items for children receiving medical care
- Items for animals in a local shelter

FOCUSING ON FAMILIES.....

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10-11:30 AM

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP SPONSORED BY THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Support groups continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Adat Shalom to provide a safe space for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia and to build a support system with "people who understand."

The Basics of Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, will be offered at the synagogue **at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 11 and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14.**

To learn more, contact Alyssa Tobias, MSW, 248-762-9292, or call 1-800-272-3900.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 11 AM - 1 PM

CARING FOR AGING FAMILY MEMBERS: MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Are you feeling the stress of being in an "in-between" generation? Are you overwhelmed by the decisions you must make for your aging family members? Are you unsure of how to meet their changing needs with dignity and respect? Do you wonder if you are starting too soon to be a family member's advocate?

Please join us for an informational presentation and panel discussion about caring for your older family members. Experts from local agencies will discuss misconceptions about hospice and palliative care, and Rabbi Rachel Shere will provide the Jewish/rabbinic perspective.

To RSVP or get additional information, please call Rochelle Lieberman at 248-553-2498.

A Discovery of Israeli Food Through Photography

Steven Rothfeld, Photographer
& Author of *Israel Eats*
will be at Adat Shalom
on Sunday, December 18
10:30 a.m.



Steven Rothfeld is a highly regarded professional travel photographer with an artistic emphasis on works of cuisine and cooking. He will speak about his new book: *Israel Eats*, a gorgeous exploration of the culinary language of Israel that encompasses the true diversity of what Israel eats today. From appetizers on through to desserts, Rothfeld moves seamlessly from olive grove to the kitchen, to the vineyard, to the restaurant, focusing on the best regional recipes and accompanying them with illuminating short stories.

The program is open to the community and is no charge.

We Are a Caring Community



Tikkun Adat



Sharing more than bricks & mortar

Friends

Bet you thought you knew everybody at Adat Shalom.

Well, we have a surprise for you:

There are lots of folks who enjoy the same things you do, and you've never met them!

Find out what you've been missing by joining a small group of like-minded



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- (1) You pick one or two options that interest you.
- (2) We help you match some folks who have likes similar to yours.
- (3) You and your new Adat Shalom friends take over, planning and enjoying each other's company.

You can begin by filling out this form and returning it to Adat Shalom Synagogue Attn: Tikkun Adat, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I'm interested in:

Movies ___ Concerts ___ Music making ___ Theater ___
 Food (Dining out ___ Cooking in ___) Detroit discovery ___ Art ___
 Sports ___ Forming a Volunteer Mitzvah Group ___

Our first get-together at the Detroit Institute of Arts is on December 14. Questions?

Contact Jeannie Weiner (weiner.jeannie@gmail.com)

Charlotte Dubin (cmd67@mi.rr.com), or Jodi Gross,

Director of Adult Learning & Youth Engagement (jgross@adatshalom.org)

— SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION —

HOPE HOSPITALITY & WARMING CENTER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25- DECEMBER 28, 7-10 PM

Hope Hospitality and Warming Center is a safe overnight center for the homeless in Pontiac. Without this center, many of the guests would be staying on the streets and at great risk. Our volunteers serve a warm and filling meal in a caring atmosphere. We are almost always at maximum capacity of 60 men and women on our evenings during the Christmas week. Many individuals have spent the day on the streets, and this is a safe haven for a few hours. We are very fortunate to have Daniel Dunsky, owner of O'Brien's Seafood restaurant, who will once again do the cooking for three nights. Dan makes a "soup to nuts" gourmet dinner for the guests. He brings it prepared and ready to serve. The Hope Hospitality guests are always sad to see us go!

Adat Shalom needs six to eight volunteers, over the age of 18, on each of the four nights. Volunteers will carpool to the center. We definitely need your help, and you will find the guests very appreciative. Please call Evva Hepner, 248-798-7673, if you are able to assist with this important project.

In addition to providing dinner we are collecting men's white athletic socks to donate to the center. Elizabeth Kelly, executive director of Hope, emphasizes the importance of socks to the homeless population. Most individuals are forced to sleep with their shoes on to prevent them from being stolen. This need is especially critical during the winter months when wet feet can lead to frostbite. Changing socks, something we take for granted, can save lives. A box will be set up the main office area to collect your sock donation.



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 5-7 PM

We will be preparing a meal for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in the Detroit Medical Center. This project is an outreach to families that have children hospitalized at Children's Hospital. A warm meal and friendly faces are so appreciated by these families.



We serve lasagna and salmon, with all the fixings. If you can make something, and/or go down to serve, please contact Deb Lapin, lapes321@sbcglobal.net or 248-763-2616. Deb and her family have been serving dinner for many years. Can you help? It's a great opportunity for the whole family.

If you believe breaking is possible, believe fixing is possible – Rabbi Nachman of Breslav

Evva Hepner, Chairperson, Social Action
248-798-7673 or evva.hepner@gmail.com

Sisterhood & More...

Sisterhood Gift Shop



*Sparkling dreidels
and more for your
Chanukah
shopping!*

SUNDAYS 10:30 A.M. TO NOON
or call for a shopping appointment:
Carol Vieder, 248-661-9008,
or Lillian Schostak, 248-310-2018

The Adat Shalom Knitting Circle

Sundays, December 18 & January 22, 9:30 - 11 am

The knitting group is enjoying a warm and wonderful season. We continue to gather once a month at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to knit and chat. We are still making scarves and hats for charity, as well as afghans for families at the Bennett Elementary in Detroit as holiday gifts.



We received a wonderful "Thank You" letter from NCJW for the children's winter hats we donated....*Our Back 2 School Store was a huge success! 330 Detroit children shopped for clothing, backpacks, shoes, jackets and hats, hand-knit by your group. They loved the selection and enjoyed matching their hats with their jackets and gloves...On behalf of the NCJW, thank you for your efforts, your generosity and your kindness,*

— Judy Robinson

Stop by the knitting cubicle to see the letter and a picture, and feel free to take some yarn if you would like to join us.

Debby Portney, debbyportney@gmail.com, 248-899-9488

MATTHEW SCOTT DOREN ל"ר CAMP RAMAH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Synagogue is pleased to offer once again the Matthew Scott Doren Memorial Camp Ramah Scholarship, established by Naomi & Martin Doren in memory of their beloved son Matthew.

This annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is open to current 6th graders prior to the start of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation and to 7th graders. The scholarship can be used for attendance this summer at either Camp Ramah Wisconsin or Camp Ramah Canada.

The scholarship will be awarded based on financial need. Applicants must submit essays on "Why a Summer Camping Experience at Camp Ramah Would be Personally Meaningful to Me." The winner of the scholarship will be determined by a committee consisting of Naomi & Martin Doren, their daughter, Cheryl Copley, and members of the Adat Shalom clergy. Interested applicants should forward their essays for consideration to Executive Director Alan Yost. Essays are due by April 14.

Sisterhood's Fall Harvest Dinner

*Forty-three women
enjoyed gracious
hospitality at the
home of Trudy Weiss,*



*along with a
wine tasting, a
sumptuous fall
buffet supper
from Quality
Kosher Catering,*



*the opportunity to enjoy
a beautiful sukkah,*



*and a Sukkot
presentation by
Rabbi Shere.*



Sisterhood Announces 2017 Summer Youth Scholarships

Sisterhood will once again offer scholarships to our students for the upcoming summer's camping season.

The Celia Schwartz Scholarship Fund was established to provide funds for use towards an accredited Jewish summer camp or travel program that would enhance a child's or teen's Jewish educational experience.

Students must be currently enrolled in a Jewish education program, such as our religious school, a day school, or ATID. Parents must be members in good standing of Adat Shalom Synagogue.

There will be three age divisions: 3rd-5th graders, 6th - 8th graders, and 9th-11th graders.

Entry forms will be available soon.

Deadline for submitting forms: March 1, 2017. Watch the next Voice and "Happenings" for applications.



Groups Galore



On The Empty Nesters Calendar:

Saturday night, December 17... 5th annual Chanukah Pot Luck and Grab Bag

at the home of Ruth & Michael Zerin
Loads of latkes & lots of laughs!

Please bring a delicious dairy dish to share and a grab bag gift (not to exceed \$15) per person. Space is limited to the first 40 latke lovers who respond. Cost: \$5 per Empty Nester and a dish to share.

All Adat Shalom Empty Nesters are welcome. Please respond by December 9th to Alex Wener, awener@comcast.net or 248-738-9912.



Sunday morning, January 8...

Brunch with Imam Mardini and some of his congregants from the American Muslim Center in Dearborn. Watch your mail for more information, or contact Julie Teicher, jteicher@ermanteicher.com or Mark Teicher, marklteicher@aol.com.

Saturday night, January 14...

Bowling Party with the Men's Club

It promises to be right up your alley!

Watch your mail and email for information and details.



Adaptive Yoga for Any Body

Noon - 2 p.m. on most Thursdays
at Adat Shalom

This is a small group class with experienced instructors and lots of attention for students who may have MS, Parkinsons, arthritis or any neuromuscular condition.

\$20 charge per class. (Scholarships available)

Contact Mindy Eisenberg with inquiries or to register: 248-417-5985 or mindy@yogamovesms.org

MEN'S CLUB MUSINGS

Shalom, and Happy Chanukah! As we move into winter, I'd like to thank all of the volunteers, synagogue leadership, and clergy who have contributed to our successful fall season. The **Deli Man** event was a huge success, with over 100 people in attendance enjoying a deli dinner and a lighthearted, entertaining movie. As our first dual-shul event, partnering with Temple Israel, I'm proud that our club and Adat Shalom were able to welcome our cross-town Brotherhood congregants for a wonderful *heimisch* evening with warmth and friendship. Many people have commented that we should look to do more of these partnership events in the future, and I agree. If you have a suggestion for another Men's Club/Brotherhood program, please let me know!

- On the Road Again -

On December 3rd, we'll be buckling up for another outstanding Road Rally! Come drive with us at 6:30 p.m. for a very clever treasure hunt. We'll be in vehicles with teams of two to six people. Sign up alone and we'll find a team for you, or bring your own team. Dinner, prizes, and lots of fun are all included. Contact George Dickstein at gddoec@gmail.com if you're interested. Please register in advance so that we can have a race packet available for you!



- Be a Men's Club Volunteer -

We have some volunteer opportunities coming up this month. December 18 is a very busy day. Please join Hazzan Gross, our 5th graders, and members of the Men's Club for a joyous Chanukah sing-along at the Sunrise Residence in the morning. Later that day, the Men's Club will once again assist with the annual Adat Shalom Volunteer Day. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact me at achandross@gmail.com or Programming Chair Larry Kaplan chirokap@aol.com if you can join us.

- Take Note -

Finally, our yearly "Christmas Eve Dinner & Movie" event has been canceled this year, due to calendar timing, so that we can allow our families to spend the all important first and last nights of Chanukah together. Look for this event to return in the future, when we are not challenged with a Christmas and Chanukah Coincidence!

B'shalom,
Alan Chandross, Men's Club President,
achandross@gmail.com

Happenings

Our Clergy Out & About



Rabbi Bergman introduced award-winning author Jonathan Safran Foer at the JCC Book Fair in November. Foer spoke about his new book *Here I Am*.



Rabbi Shere took part in a clergy panel discussion on mental health awareness, as part of an Interfaith Health & Hope Coalition event in October.



A WEEKEND WITH JACKIE

Last month, Adat Shalom partnered with Temple Israel for a weekend with master Cantor Jack Mendelson. Our congregations celebrated Shabbat services together and the weekend culminated with Cantor Mendelson's performance of *The Cantor's Couch*. (See photo page 15) Here Hazzan Gross is backstage with Cantors Mendelson and Michaels prior to Jackie's performance.

FAREWELL TO NANCY WILHELM AFTER 37 YEARS AT ADAT SHALOM

CLERGY, STAFF AND LAY LEADERS paid tribute to Nancy Wilhelm at a retirement luncheon at the synagogue on October 28. As Office Manager and Administrative Assistant to Executive Director Alan Yost, Nancy served Adat Shalom longer than anyone in our history, with the exception of Larry Vieder ל"ו, our beloved Cantor for 40 years.

During Nancy's 37 years at Adat Shalom, she worked with twenty synagogue presidents, beginning with Norman Leemon in 1978. Six rabbis and seven cantors have been our spiritual leaders since Nancy arrived.

Nancy spoke to family and Adat Shalom friends, following an outpouring of fond memories and words of appreciation for her kindness, her concern for others, and her dedication to her job and the Synagogue. "I will not be in the office every day from now on," Nancy says, "but my heart will always be there."



SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP

The Social Justice Book Group will meet again at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 26, facilitated by Oakland University Professor Tara Hayes. The group will discuss *Redefining Realness* by Janet Mock, an exploration of transgender issues.

This group meets monthly and is open to anyone who has an interest in reading about and discussing social justice issues. There is no charge.

To attend and/or be added to the mailing list, please email Patti Aaron at pkaaron@gmail.com.

Sunday, December 25

Together we will celebrate the strength of our community. Volunteer in a service project at one of many locations.

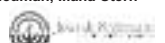
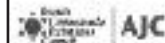
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Education & Youth



JEWISH FAMILY EDUCATION

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Thank you to all our friends and families for celebrating Simchat Torah with us. I want to congratulate all of our raffle winners and remind you to contact the Religious School Office if you have not yet collected your prize.

We were able to offer such wonderful prizes this year because we live in such a generous community. We received donations from: Yoga Shelter, Sample Warehouse, The Jewish Community Center, The Jewish Book Fair, Toyology, Kravings, The Bubble Club and Adat Shalom Synagogue.

The month of Kislev begins December 1 and ends on the 5th day of Chanukah. Winter is a great time to curl up with a great book, and here are some ideas for all ages.

- For preschool age children -

- Biscuit's Hanukkah** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Sharing fun, food and festivity with family and friends.
- Antlers with Candles** by Chris Barash
Perspective is different from adults and children but family togetherness everyone understands.

- For elementary age children -

- The Eighth Menorah** by Lauren Wohl
Sam makes a menorah in school and already has many at home. He has a plan.
- Chanukah Lights Everywhere** by Michael J. Rosen
A little boy counts the Chanukah lights and considers all the other lights.
- A Horn for Louis** by Eric Kimmel
Louis Armstrong learns about Chanukah and more when helped by a Jewish family in his quest to own a real horn.
- Hanukkah at Valley Forge** by Stephen Krensky
A factual story based on the Revolutionary War. A Jewish soldier shares the Maccabee story with his superior, General George Washington.

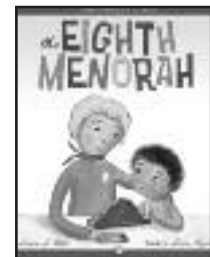
- Chapter Books -

- Penina Levine is a Potato Pancake** by Rebecca O'Connell
Penina is not looking forward to Chanukah break. Her sister drives her crazy, her favorite teacher is leaving and her best friend is going out of town. What next?
- Dreidels on the Brain** by Joel ben Izzy
A funny, touching novel of growing up Jewish.

- Mature Readers -

- How to Spell Chanukah and Other Holiday Dilemmas: Eighteen Writers Celebrate Eight Nights of Lights** by Emily Franklin
Stories and opinion pieces about Chanukah and American Jewish Life
- Playing Dreidel With Judah Maccabee** by Edward Einhorn
A play told in eight scenes, corresponding to the eight days of Chanukah. The play examines the concepts of ancient and modern perspectives on war and religion, at the same time celebrates the Jewish ability to persevere during difficult times.

- L'shalom, Debi Banooni, Jewish Family Educator



UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

SHAKE, RATTLE & TWIST – Fridays, December 2 & January 6. Braid challah and sing songs with Rabbi Rachel and/or Hazz'n Dan on the first Friday of every month. Programs are free for members, \$3/non-member family. Geared to children three and younger and a parent, grandparent, or caregiver. Older siblings are always welcome.

PRESCHOOL PARENT BOOK CLUB – begins Wednesday, December 7, 9:15 a.m.

PLAN - Play, Learn and Network – Sunday, December 11. 11 a.m. Come play with your little one and learn about development, feeding, car seats and more. Birth - 2 years with Sara Wasser.

4TH GRADE FAMILY PROGRAM – Sunday, December 11

TUESDAYS WITH TOTS – December 13, 27 and January 10 & 24. Join us in our indoor playroom for music with Hazz'n Dan, activities, snacks and playtime. Open to the community and free of charge. Doors open at 10 a.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS – December 17, 6:30 p.m. Families with children in kindergarten and younger (older siblings welcome) are invited to join others for Havdalah, an ice cream bar and playtime. No charge. *Please note: This program does not include dinner.*

BABY & ME – 12 sessions beginning January 8. Applications have been mailed out for Family Camp, and rooms are filling up fast. Register now for an amazing weekend with Rabbi Rachel Shere and Debi Banooni and their families.

FAMILY CAMP – January 27-29. Applications have been mailed out for Family Camp, and rooms are filling up fast. Register now for an amazing weekend with Rabbi Rachel Shere and Debi Banooni and their families.

For more information or to reserve your place, call Debi Banooni, Jewish Family Educator, at 248-626-2153.



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Education & Youth

FROM JODI GROSS Director of Youth Engagement

- One Great Day -

Sunday, December 18 is going to be an amazing day at Adat Shalom. Our 5th graders will begin their morning by joining Hazzan Gross and members of the Men's Club for a Chanukah Sing-Along at the Sunrise Residence.

Volunteer Day is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. There will be hands-on projects for all ages followed by lunch.

If your children are enrolled in our religious school program, classes will be in session. Parents, grandparents, or a special grownup are invited to join their students at 11 a.m. to volunteer. And, of course, younger siblings are welcome too. Consider joining us for lunch.

Research suggests that when families engage in community service together, there is an important positive outcome for everyone involved. It benefits:

- **Children** by cultivating positive values, such as Judaism's emphasis on helping others
- **Parents** by giving them more quality time with their children
- **Families** by increasing a sense of cohesion and connections to the broader community
- **Adat Shalom** by bringing new energy to traditional volunteer opportunities

A pizza & salad lunch will be available for \$6 per person with advance registration at www.adatshalom.org/volunteer16.

Questions? Contact Jodi Gross at 248-851-5100 or jgross@adatshalom.org.

Check out our Volunteer Day donation request list on page 5.

DECEMBER YOUTH EVENTS:

- DECEMBER 1-4** 8th to 12th grade Paper Clips Trip with Rabbi Shere and Jodi Gross
- DECEMBER 10** Kids' Night Out for K - 5th graders
- DECEMBER 11** Teen Volunteer Corps project at the Haven
- DECEMBER 18** Congregation-wide Volunteer Day

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READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 10

A Message from Melissa Ser
Director of Education

A YEAR OF LIVING JEWISH VALUES... HAKARAT HATOV - GRATITUDE

As we continue in our monthly program of connecting Jewish values and Jewish holidays, this month, as we approach Chanukah, we look at the value of Gratitude, or "Hakarat Hatov." The suggestions below are adapted from *Living Jewish Values* (Behrman House). At Chanukah, we spread light into the darkness, and one way to do this is by recognizing the good things surrounding us.

Each night of Chanukah, take a few moments to express gratitude and appreciation for something you have experienced. Family members can write down their answers, or the activity can be an opportunity for each person present at the candle lighting to share something connected to the topic.

- 1st night – something your grandparents have done for you
- 2nd night – something your parents have done for you
- 3rd night – something a stranger has done for you
- 4th night – something your siblings (or cousins) have done for you
- 5th night – something a friend has done for you
- 6th night – something the community has done for you
- 7th night – something God has done for the Jewish community
- 8th night – something God has done for the world as a whole

You may also want to sing this traditional Chanukah song with your family, which focuses on the idea of spreading light in the darkness.

BANU CHOSHECH LEGARESH

Banu choshech legaresh,
beyadeinu or va'esh.
Kol echad hu or katan,
vechulanu or eitan.



בָּאֵנוּ חוֹשֶׁךְ לְגַרְשׁ
בְּיָדֵינוּ אוֹר נְאֻשׁ
כָּל אֶחָד הוּא אוֹר קָטָן
וְכָלֵנוּ אוֹר אֵיטָן
סוּכָה חוֹשֶׁךְ הַלְאָה שְׁחוֹר
סוּכָה מִפְּנֵי הָאוֹר

Surah choshech, hal'ah sh'chor!
Surah mipnei ha'or!

We come to chase the dark away.
In our hands are light and fire.
Each individual light is small.
But together the light is mighty.

Flee, darkness and night.
Flee from before the light.



There are plenty of versions of this song available on YouTube. Listen to a modern version by Israeli artist Subliminal at: <http://goo.gl/yzInTd>

Chanukah Sameach!

COLLEGE



CONNECTION

Special thanks to the parents who volunteered to assemble Chanukah packages for our college students. Volunteers will be needed to assemble the Pesach packages on Sunday, March 26.

Celebrate

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Lillian Efros Kaufman	8 - Elysa Weil	13 - Kenneth Stein	20 - Nina Lopatin	29 - Howard Babcock
3 - Gary Karp	10 - Michael Feldman	14 - Bryan Anstandig	21 - Eugene Perlman	Stacey Columbus
Jackie Perlman	11 - Larisa Belski	Kari Richmond	24 - Gerald Gershune	Robert Shapiro
6 - Beth Berk	Sherwin Newiman	16 - Karen Crane	Rochelle Lieberman	Eugene Smoler
Myles Hoffert	Sharon Rocklin	Sheldon Wolberg	26 - Shelli Dorfman	Marc Wasser
Andrea Rogoff	12 - Shirley Carp	17 - Carmen Biederman	Jeffrey Kraft	30 - Marshall Lett
Carol Vieder	13 - Karen Goss	Eliana Loomer	27 - Fred Brown	Hannan Lis
7 - Helene Little	Israel Grinwald	Elissa Miller	Sonja Kass	Marilyn Logan
8 - Cliff Dubowski	Barry Rosen	18 - Ronald Lorfel	28 - Semonna Matz	31 - Dina Ashmann
		20 - Edward Hersch	Steve Schanes	

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Marlene & Gary Kraft	19 - Ellen & Edward Betel	21 - Carrie & Roger Kushner	23 - Beverly & Alan Yost
7 - Iryna & Sheldon Wolberg	Marcia & Donald Boxman	Jackie & Aaron Perlman	24 - Carol & Sidney Lifton
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18 - Sonja & Robert Kass	21 - Harriet & Michael Kovacs	Fay & Larry Kritzer	31 - Sarah & Joel Kirsch

EACH MONTH WE LIST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE ADULT CONGREGANTS WHO HAVE REQUESTED THAT WE PRINT THEIR "SPECIAL OCCASIONS" IN THE VOICE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE LISTED IN THIS COLUMN, PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION TO CHRIS BOLSTRUM AT ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE, 29901 MIDDLEBELT RD., FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334, OR CONTACT HER AT 248-851-5100 OR CBOLSTRUM@ADATSHALOM.ORG.

FROM RABBI BERGMAN

(continued from page 3)

Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered. That of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes. 'Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh.' If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which, having continued through His appointed time, He now wills to remove, and that He gives to both North and South this terrible war as the woe due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a living God always ascribe to Him? Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."



Mazal Tov!



Marriage of Carly Grafstein, daughter of Shelley & Warren Grafstein and **Andrew Stern**, son of Joan & Kenneth Stern

Marriage of Rachel Kraft, daughter of Karen & Jeffrey Kraft, and **Scott Robbins**, son of Ronna & Dennis Robbins

Marriage of Mallory Walter, daughter of Deborah & Paul Walter, and **Matthew Shiffman**, son of Lisa & Gary Shiffman.

Birth of Alex Benjamin and Ivy Harper Evans, children of Elissa & Chet Evans, grandchildren of Karen & Jeffrey Kraft and Susie & Art Evans, great-grandchildren of the late Ella & Alex Kraft and the late Helen & Earle Kanners

Birth of Madison Ann Bernfeld, daughter of Lisa Yoskowitz & Michael Bernfeld, granddaughter of Rabbi Herbert & Rachel Yoskowitz and Julie & Shimon Bernfeld

Birth of Ian Matthew Herc, son of Erica & David Herc, grandson of Karen & Scott Lewis and Sharon & Robert Herc, great-grandson of Elaine Frazis and Marcia & Charles Lewis

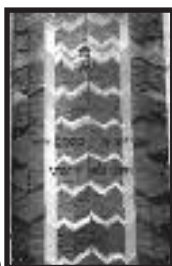
Birth of Eden Rose Owen, daughter of Stefanie & Matthew Owen, granddaughter of Rochelle & Bill Elson and Janice & Neil Alexander

WE'RE HAPPY TO TELL THE CONGREGATION ABOUT MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF ADULT MEMBERS OF ADAT SHALOM. PLEASE EMAIL JUDY MARX AT: JMARX@ADATSHALOM.ORG.

Tributes

Adat Shalom Synagogue Tribute Contributions

ADAT SHALOM'S tribute funds provide support for our many important synagogue programs and services, which help to define us as an outstanding congregation.



We have set a \$10 minimum price for tribute cards, on par with other area congregations.

We are very grateful to members and friends who have consistently purchased tributes, marking lifecycle events and other significant occasions, and we encourage your continued support. Each greeting is individually prepared on a handsome card.

To arrange for a tribute, please send the following information to the Synagogue office:

1. **Name of Fund**
2. **Occasion:** (In memory of ... In honor of ... Speedy recovery to ...)
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3. **Name(s) (first & last) and address of person(s) to be notified**
4. **Your name(s) & address**
5. **Check for \$10 per tribute**

We will process your tribute and mail it promptly.

To make a tribute online, go to: www.adatshalom.org/donate.php

Tributes received by the 1st of the month will appear in the following month's VOICE.

If you would like information about how to establish a fund, please contact Executive Director Alan Yost.



We record with sincere appreciation the following generous contributions designed to maintain the programs of Adat Shalom:

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Marriage of Laura & Josh Lebovic
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Sharon & Tom Lebovic becoming
grandparents *by Carol & Sandy Vieder
and family*

Birth of Theodore Avi Zeidman
by Wendy Winkler

Birth of Lincoln Schostak
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SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

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October

In memory of Leslie Davidson and
Arthur Lipsitt *by Nancy Handelman*
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November

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Memoriams



RABBI YOSKOWITZ (continued from page 3)

West is in decline?

My message is not one of gloom and doom but rather one of suggesting that we of the Jewish community ask ourselves "What are we now being summoned to do?"

We continue to be called upon to discover a future which we can shape even as we refuse to give way to despair. One suggestion that we can consider is to continue fruitful avenues of interfaith dialogue.

Here is one such contribution of our congregation.

Every month from September through June, our clergy has actively participated in the Farmington Area Interfaith Association – FAIA. In fact, we at Adat Shalom have hosted some of these meetings and a few of the pre-Thanksgiving Interfaith services. One FAIA colleague e-mailed to me on November 4 (the day after our November 3 monthly meeting) that members of his church "feel a close kinship with Israel – both the nation and the people." I have the impression that our members of the FAIA who are associated with other church denominations are more favorably disposed to the Jewish People and to Israel as a result of our Adat Shalom active participation in this interfaith association.

Even as we at Adat Shalom encourage you to study Judaism and to engage in mitzvot – an individual responsibility – we encourage you to interface with the non-Jewish community – a collective responsibility. Whether you interface with one person as I did with an Arab- Christian child in Nazareth, Israel in 1963 or as I have interfaced with Christian colleagues of the FAIA for the past 18-1/2 years, I feel that I am fulfilling part of Hillel's aphorism "If I am only for myself, what am I?" Even as we fulfill that part of Hillel's aphorism let us not forget the part of the aphorism which precedes it: "If I am not for myself, who will be?" – a statement of individual responsibility.



A social order which honors the individual even as we seek the common good is one of the special gifts which we as Jews offer to the world. A second gift to the world is Judaism which teaches its adherents to refuse to give way to despair.

Perhaps in 2017, we will meet in Jerusalem to reflect on Judaism's and on the Jewish People's contributions to a world that needs to regain its soul. We are called upon not only to discover the future but to shape it.

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we perceive what is otherwise beyond perceiving. Song, and particularly liturgical song, is not only an act of expression but also a way of bringing down the spirit from heaven to earth. The numerical value of the letters which constitute the word *shirah*, or song, is equal to the numerical value of the word *tefillah*, or prayer. Prayer is song.”

“The only language that seems to be compatible with the wonder and mystery of being is the language of music. Music is more than just expressive-ness. It is rather a reaching out toward a realm that lies beyond the reach of verbal propositions.”

“Cantorial music is, first of all, music in the service of the liturgical word. Its core is nusach, and its integrity depends upon the cultivation of nusach. Elsewhere I have suggested that one of the main causes of the decay of prayer in the synagogue is the loss of nusach, the loss of chant; and surely the disengagement of cantorial music from the nusach has been most harmful. To pray without nusach is to forfeit the active participation of the community. People may not be able to pray; they are all able to chant. And chant leads to prayer.”

“Religious music is an attempt to convey that which is within our reach but beyond our grasp.”

“Music is the soul of language. A good sentence is more than a series of words grouped together. A sentence without a tone, without a musical quality is like a body without a soul. The secret of a good sentence lies in the creation of a tonal quality to correspond to the meaning of the words.”


“I should like to conceive hazzanut as the art of siddur exegesis, the art of interpreting the words of the liturgy. Words die of routine. The Cantor’s task is to bring them to life. A Cantor is a person who knows the secret of the resurrection of the words. The art of giving

life to the words of our liturgy requires not only the personal involvement of the Cantor but also the power contained in the piety of the ages. Our liturgy contains incomparably more than what our hearts are ready to feel. Jewish liturgy in text and in song is a spiritual summary of our history.”

“Song is the most intimate expression of man. In no other way does man reveal himself so completely as in the way he sings. For the voice of a person, particularly when in song, is the soul in its full nakedness. When we sing, we utter and confess all our thoughts. In every sense hazzanut is *hishtapchut hanefesh* (outpouring of the soul).”

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