

ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mornings:

Sundays	8:30 A.M.
Monday - Friday	7:30 A.M.
Shabbat	9:00 A.M.

Evenings (Minchah-Maariv)

Sunday - Friday	5:00 P.M.
Saturdays	
December 2	5:00 P.M.
December 9	5:00 P.M.
December 16	5:00 P.M.
December 23	5:00 P.M.
December 30	5:00 P.M.

SHABBAT TORAH PORTIONS

December 2

Vayishlach

December 23

Vayigash

December 9

Vayeishev

December 30

Vayeichi

December 16

Miketz

We wish you a bright, joyous holiday.

MISSEBABA THE PURIM GALA

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Seven-thirty in the evening

*Save the date for
our annual fundraiser*

*Chanukah begins
Tuesday evening, December 12*





Meditation

AND MINDFULNESS

with Rabbi Bergman
Sundays, December 3 and 17 at 9:30 A.M.

Find your internal spirituality and realize that Judaism can make you happier. A refreshing hour for all ages.

Sessions will continue throughout the year. There is no charge.



Soulful Yoga with Rabbi Shere

December 16, 10:00 A.M.
with skilled yoga instructor
Mindy Eisenberg

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.

For additional information contact Jodi Gross at
248.851.5100 or jgross@adatshalom.org



Strengthen Your Core Through Jewish Values
Rabbi Shere will share spiritual insights following a floor Pilates class led by Sheila Tyner

Monday, December 11 at 11:00 A.M.

No Pilates experience necessary
Bring your own mat
Mats are available to borrow

Cost: \$5/member, \$8/non-member
Pay online at www.adatshalom.org/pilates

For additional information, contact Jodi Gross
248.851.5100 or jgross@adatshalom.org

Chairs: Lori Issner, Sheila Tyner and Julie Wiener

Mazal Tov to our December Bar Mitzvah



AJ Goodman

December 9

AJ Goodman is the son of Jolie & Ryan Goodman, grandson of Denny & Herb Agin, Margo & Steve Goodman, great-grandson of Ann Goodman

DECEMBER SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

LEARN ABOUT THE WEEKLY PARASHA
AND ENHANCE YOUR SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

December 2
with **Ruth Bergman**

December 9
with **Rabbi Shere**

December 16
with **Jodi Gross**

December 23
No Shabbat Torah Study

December 30
No Shabbat Torah Study

9:45 A.M.

FINISHING IN TIME FOR THE RABBI'S SERMON

Pre-Chanukah Healing Service

led by Rabbi Shere and Hazzan Gross
7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 11

There are powerful and beautiful prayers that we recite silently and many that we sing out together. This is an opportunity to share our own personal prayers with others in a safe and loving environment. There is no obligation to speak; simply being present can bring comfort and healing to others as well as yourself.



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Messages



FROM THE PRESIDENT, KEN GOSS **A TIME TO GROW AND CELEBRATE**

We find a discussion in our holy text the Mishnah, which creates the foundation for Jewish law and how we practice our religion. In Shabbat (chapter 2) there is mention of what types of wicks and oils are suitable for the lights of Shabbat. Some materials are not allowed because they cause "the flame to sputter." In ancient times, these lights were the primary source of light in homes on Shabbat. However in the Talmud (Shabbat 21b), which is the elaboration and explanation of the Mishnah, we find that these restrictions do not apply to Chanukah lights.

When studying this text, thinking how it related to our modern celebration of Chanukah, I suggest one could make a case that since these lights are not allowed to be used for illumination, rather Chanukah lights which grow in number each day can be part of our religious growth. Hopefully we continue to grow each day by doing good deeds, learning about our tradition and history. During this holiday, an important way to grow is to celebrate and enjoy Chanukah with family, friends and our community.

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FROM HAZZAN GROSS **AND: A MIRACULOUS WORD**

As we light the Chanukah candles later this month, we will recite two b'rachot (blessings) each night (plus the Shehecheyanu blessing on the first night). We say the first b'rachah over the mitzvah of lighting the Chanukah candle. I want to shed some light on the second b'rachah which we say over the miracle of Chanukah. There are actually two versions of this b'rachah which exist today, and the only difference between them is one letter, shuruk. Now you might be thinking to yourself, "I've never heard of a Hebrew letter called *shuruk*!" *Shuruk* is a specific type of the letter vav, which has a dot in the middle and is pronounced "oo." It looks like this: ם

When the *shuruk* is used as a prefix, it simply means "and" (like the more common ן pronounced "ve").

Most of us may be familiar with the way older siddurim have this b'rachah written, without the *shuruk*:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו
בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

This would be translated as:

Praised are You, Adonai, our God, sovereign of time and space, who has performed miracles for our ancestors *in those days at this time* – bayamim haheim bazman hazeh.

More modern siddurim contain the *shuruk* in the last line as follows:

and the translation is change :
ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו
בימים ההם ובזמן הזה.
Praised are You, Adonai, our God, sovereign of time and space, who has performed miracles for our ancestors *in those days and at this time* – bayamim haheim uvazman hazeh.

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FROM RABBI BERGMAN **WHY GOD CELEBRATES CHANUKAH**

Passover is the first major holiday of the Torah and has so many miracles that we devote part of the seder to just counting them. These miracles are spectacular, including the splitting of the sea and the falling of fire-filled hail on Egypt. Passover is about freedom from slavery and liberation from

Egypt.

Chanukah is not found in the Torah at all. It has one less than impressive miracle. Lights lasted longer than anyone thought. A miracle to be sure, but one that pales in comparison to the Passover ones. Chanukah is about how the Maccabees retook the Holy Temple, but does not celebrate the full liberation of the Jews from the Syrians. It only has one commandment, to light lights in honor of the miracle.

We might think that the holiday that we would most publicly celebrate would be Passover. Passover, though, is celebrated completely indoors. In fact, the origin of opening the door for Elijah began when we were concerned that people might be listening in to the seder from the outside and report us to the authorities for treason.

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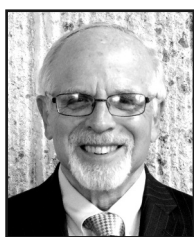


FROM RABBI SHERE **DO JEWS BELIEVE IN ANGELS?**

Do Jews believe in angels? In short, yes. The angels we believe in are not the type with wings and halos, but a different variety altogether. In Hebrew, the word for angel is *malach* and it is in the book of Bereshit that we gain a deeper understanding of what a malach truly is. Sarah

becomes very jealous of her handmaid Hagar and banishes Hagar and her young son, Ishmael, from the family home. Out in the desert, desperate, thirsty and out of water, Hagar places Ishmael under a bush, saying "I can't bear to watch him die." Sobbing and alone, Hagar suddenly encounters a malach (angel) who asks her, "*ma lach Hagar?*" This is a difficult phrase to translate, but means something close to, "Hagar, what is hurting in you?" In this eponymous moment for the malach, we discover a few important ideas about the Jewish

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FROM RABBI YOSKOWITZ **THE CONSECRATION OF ADAS SHALOM SYNAGOGUE**

In the first half of the twentieth century, Rabbi Abraham M. Hershman was well known in Detroit and in the North American Conservative Judaism community. On October 14, 2003, as a friend of a member of Rabbi Hershman's family, I officiated at the funeral of an adult daughter of Rabbi Abraham and Miriam Hershman z"l. To help me to prepare an appropriate eulogy, the family shared hundreds of pages about her life and especially her father's extensive correspondence with her. Rabbi Hershman was both a loving parent and an excellent Jewish scholar.

Among his writings is a book, *Religion In the Age and of the Ages*, published in 1913 -1953 by New York's Bloch Publishing Company. A copy of the book was in our Adat Shalom Library. A section of the book

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Shabbat-Appella

Friday, December 15, 5:00 P.M.

If you are looking for an uplifting synagogue service experience, then look no further!

Shabbat-Appella is unique to Adat Shalom.

The beautiful melodies of Kabbalat Shabbat are presented in intricate a cappella harmony, allowing you to participate in the spirituality of this special service to welcome Shabbat.

FROM RABBI BERGMAN

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The miracle of Chanukah is celebrated by placing the lights outdoors, or at least at a window that opens to the public areas, whether a street or courtyard. I think the reason for this is that the miracle of Chanukah occurred after the Maccabees had the courage to fight against those who tried to destroy Judaism. God did not tell them to fight, nor does it seem that God gave any direct assistance. Only after the battle was won does the miracle of lights occur.

I think the miracle of the lights was to show God's admiration for those who stood up for what they believed in, despite the odds against them. It was to show that we must never be afraid to be Jewish in public.

God is acknowledging the miracle of our courage to be a source of light in the world, even when the world feels dark. Every day that we live our lives as Jews publicly and proudly is one worth celebrating.

FROM HAZZAN GROSS

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The addition of the simple little word "and" completely changes the blessing's meaning! Our gratitude to God can be expressed by recognizing the miracle at that time, that is, the miracle of the oil lamp and the defeat of the Syrian-Greeks by the underdog Maccabees, **or** it can be expressed by thanking God for the miracles that happened both then and now. Whether you choose to conclude the b'rachah by saying *bazman hazeh* or *u-vazman hazeh*, I pray that you are able to be grateful for both the Chanukah miracles and the everyday miracles. *Chag Urim Sameach!*

FROM KEN GOSS

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Use this Festival of Lights to grow and celebrate, either at Adat Shalom or home; better yet, enjoy the lights in both places. Hopefully the lights of Chanukah inspire us all to grow and enjoy the light of freedom that we remember during this Festival of Lights.

From Michael Wolf

Director of Spirituality and Outreach

In the Torah portion of Vayeishev, Jacob sends Joseph to check on his brothers (Genesis 37:14-16). When Joseph reaches Shechem, a man came upon him wandering in the fields. The man asked him, "What are you looking for?" He answered, "I am looking for my brothers. Could you tell me where they are pasturing?" The man said, "They have gone from here, for I heard them say: 'Let us go to Dothan.' So Joseph followed his brothers and found them at Dothan."

My first reaction – I remembered Jacob sending Joseph out to check on his brothers but I didn't remember that they weren't there (it's not in the play) ...My next reaction – wow – a proof text that it's all right for a man to ask for help and directions!

The Torah only gives a brief outline of the conversation between Joseph and the man. The Rabbis assume there was more to the conversation (the man had to have at least asked the identity of the brothers), but regardless, if Joseph hadn't met the man he might never have found his brothers (and the rest, as they say, is history).

One never knows the impact they may have on another – even in a brief encounter! My segue to our daily minyan: your attendance during this brief encounter (service) will not only have a tremendous effect in helping to make sure there is a minyan – but my hope is that YOU will be impacted and find meaning.

We had a great visit with Hillel students!



Next visit - December 13



Adult Learning at Adat Shalom

Offering you nourishment for your mind, body & spirit

Jodi Gross, Director of Adult Learning

Join Adat Shalom's Lunchtime Learning
Thursdays, December 7, 14 & 21 at 11:45 A.M.

as Rabbi Bergman presents

The 10 LOST TRIBES of ISRAEL

WHY THEY MATTER

and other BIBLICAL MYSTERIES

You are invited to bring your own dairy / parve lunch.
Drinks and dessert are complimentary.

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

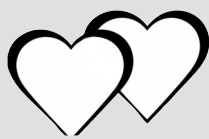
Women's Spirituality Retreat: March 9 - 11

Torah Study~Spirituality~Yoga~Shabbat

Back by popular demand, our 3rd annual
Women's Spirituality Retreat, led by Rabbi Shere
and yoga instructor, Mindy Eisenberg.

Registration will open soon.
For information contact Jodi Gross or Rabbi Shere

Relationships



Connection
Health
Growth
Joy

**Maintaining Healthy
Relationships &
Staying Connected**

Led by Terri Orbuch, Ph.D.,
aka The Love Doctor
with Rabbi Shere

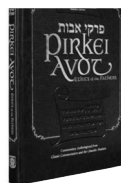
Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 P.M., Adat Shalom Synagogue

**Dr. Terri Orbuch will share her secrets to healthy
relationships in this engaging and interactive program.
With her more than three decades of experience as a
world-renowned relationship expert, author and speaker,
she will help us learn what works and what doesn't for
creating healthy enduring relationships of all kinds.**

Wine and light appetizers served
\$15 in advance; \$18 at door / RSVP requested
Online registration: www.adatshalom.org/relationships

RSVP: Beth Hirsch 248.763.8080, modcomp@msn.com
or Jodi Gross 248.851.5100, jgross@adatshalom.org

In partnership with
The Sisterhood and Adult Learning at Adat Shalom Synagogue



A Monday evening series continuing
December 4 and 18, 7 P.M.

PIRKEI AVOT:

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

with **RABBI 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 classes. No
previous knowledge necessary. All texts will be provided.

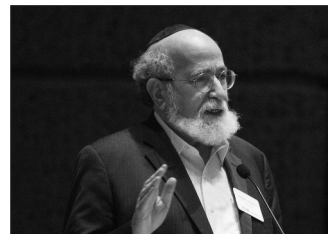
Sessions are planned for 7 p.m. January 15, February 5,
March 19, and April 9. There is no charge.

Please RSVP to Sheila Lederman, 248-851-5100, ext. 246 or
slederman@adatshalom.org.

Lunchtime Learning
series,
"Jewish Folk Songs of
Love and Protest"
with Rabbi Bergman



Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, lecturer and bestselling author spoke
at Adat Shalom Synagogue to a captivated crowd. The event was
sponsored by JNF.



Photos courtesy of Ron Lieberman

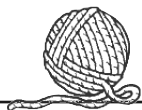
Our Active Affiliates

Adat Shalom Knitting Circle

December 10 at 9:30 A.M.

Join us as we make scarves, hats and afghans for charity. Feel free to get started at any time with yarn from the knitting cubicle in the office.

For more information: Debby Portney,
debbyportney@gmail.com, 248.899.9488



Chag Sameach from the Sisterhood



New merchandise
arriving daily
for **Chanukah**

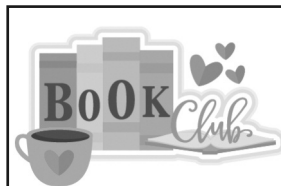
Join us with your kids
December 3, for our
Chanukah Bazaar
(merchandise specifically
geared for kids' purchases)

SUNDAYS 10:30 A.M. - NOON
WEEKDAYS 10 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., ask for Denise
or call for a shopping appointment:

Carol Vieder, 248.661.9008 / Lillian Schostak, 248.310.2018



Sisterhood hosted a dinner for their members featuring a presentation by Ellen Yashinsky Chute, LMSW, ACSW.



The Sisterhood of Adat Shalom Book Club

The Sisterhood of Adat Shalom Book Club meets next Thursday, December 7, to discuss *Stolen Legacy* by Dina Gold.

Future book club dates are February 1, March 22, April 26. Books include: *Here I Am* by Jonathon Safran Foer, *The Baroness* by Hannah Rothschild, and *Killing a King* by Dan Ephron.

The group will meet in members' homes at 7:15 P.M. for coffee preceding the 7:30 discussion.

There is a \$25 annual Book Club fee for Sisterhood members and a \$36 fee for non-members. For more information please contact Book Club chairpersons Sue Lutz, 248.877.7253, slutz@gmail.com or Marianne Pesick, 248.909.5512, mchp55@aol.com.

Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh with Rabbi Rachel Shere

With the new moon comes an
opportunity for self-renewal
New Moon ☼ New Start

You're invited to
a study session for women
in honor of the new month of Tevet

Tuesday, December 19
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Open to the community. No charge.

Please respond by December 12 to Rochelle Lieberman
248.553.2498 or rochelle.r.lieberman@gmail.com



The Rosh Chodesh kickoff event in honor of the new month of Cheshvan was inspirational, beautiful and delicious!

Our Active Affiliates

MEN'S CLUB MUSINGS... BY ALAN CHANDROSS

Shalom! The fall is behind us, and Chanukah is fast approaching. The season has been a tremendous success, with a variety of engaging events of all kinds. I want to especially thank our chairmen and volunteers: In October, our new MITT leader, Jaron Friedman, along with our programming co-chair, Larry Kaplan, arranged an educational and engaging discussion with Rabbi Bergman on the history and meaning of Brit Milah. Yasher koach for running this successful event, Jaron and Larry! In November, our own network maven extraordinaire, Ike Engelbaum, led an insightful and informative seminar and workshop on professional networking. Ike is looking to continue the learning and networking in the near future, so if you're interested in being part of a new cohort, reach out to him at ikeengelbaum@comcast.net, or to his partner in this new Networking group, Jeff Cymerint, at cymerint@gmail.com.

Coming up in December we have a couple of perennially favorite events. The Road Rally is back on December 2nd-if you haven't signed up yet, grab a couple of friends and join us for a fast and fantastic evening filled with food and fun! And on December 24th, our famous Chinese Dinner & A Movie is back with something for everyone! Bring your kids for *Zootopia*, and stick around for *The Zookeeper's Wife*. We look forward to seeing you, your friends, and your families for this "wild" evening!

Finally, a friendly reminder: The Men's Club Membership Drive is our key fundraiser for the year. Your \$36 supports these programs, and many others. If you haven't made your commitment yet, we'd greatly appreciate your support. You can do it online at www.adatshalom.org/mens-club-dues, or via check to the synagogue office. Our club and the shul greatly appreciate your ongoing commitment!

As always, I look forward to your ideas, support, praises and pans. Send your comments to me at achandross@gmail.com, or call or text me at 248-761-1734.

B'shalom,
Alan



A Modern Jewish Tradition...

Chinese food and movies

on Christmas Eve!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. - Movie "Zootopia"

Movie(s) only - \$3/person (RSVP requested - not required)

6:00 p.m. - Optional Dinner

Pre-registration REQUIRED by December 20

Chinese food/movie(s) - \$10/person

Vegetarian & gluten-free available

Hot Dog/movie(s) - \$5/person

7:00 p.m. - Movie "The Zookeeper's Wife"

Movie(s) only - \$3/person (RSVP requested)

Pay online at www.adatshalom.org

Questions? Contact David Shevrin, (248) 788-9511 or davidshevrin@yahoo.com



The Men's Club
Chanukah Sing-Along
at Sunrise Senior Living
featuring

Adat Shalom 5th Grade Students
Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 A.M.

Adat Shalom Men's Club
and The Sisterhood of Adat Shalom
Proudly sponsor

The Coffee Connection
Adat Shalom Networking Group
Tuesday, December 5 at 8:30 a.m.

No charge to attend. Light refreshments. RSVP appreciated.
For information and to RSVP:

Ike Engelbaum, 313.929.6105 or ikeengelbaum@comcast.net
Jeff Cymerint, 248.672.4159 or cymerint@gmail.com

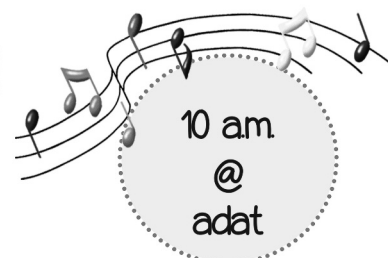


**DOOR
PRIZE**

TOT SHABBAT
with Hazz'n Dan



For Kids Birth-5 years old
and an adult
Open to the community
No charge to attend



More info: 248.626.2153
sshapiro@adatshalom.org

December 16 - January 13 - February 10
March 10 - April 14 - May 12



Our Active Affiliates



Tikkun Adat: Sharing more than bricks & mortar

FRIENDS INDEED

Spring is on its way – just as soon as we can get rid of winter. For starters:

MUSIC GROUP: Adat Shalom has some very talented members, and we're going to show them off at a home-grown concert. Are you a pianist, a singer, a guitarist and – who knows – maybe a gifted kazoo-er? Want to join them? Email liaison rubykushner2126@gmail.com or call her at 248-342-5621.

MOVIE GROUP: This group, led by liaisons Diane Lebovic and Jan Goldfarb, is always on the lookout for good – make that great – films. The last choice was November 19 and the next will be Sunday, January 21. To join them, email Diane at dlebovic@ameritech.net.

DINING GROUP: Liaisons Linda Levy and Paul Goldsmith are planning for January – “after everyone has digested Thanksgiving and Chanukah (and winter vacation) dining.” They've taken their group to restaurants in Northville and Detroit and now want to choose “something fun/new in another city.” To get in touch, contact Linda at likol@aol.com or 248-420-2924.

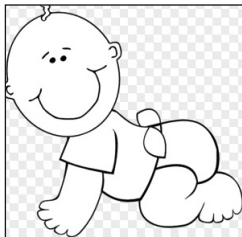
COOKING GROUP: Since the group met in October for a cooking lesson with Ruth Bergman, liaisons Charm Levine and Shelly Perlman have been considering some good ideas for the next get-together. If you have one you'd like to share, contact them at charmley1@hotmail.com.

DETROIT DAY TRIPS GROUP: Music, good food and shopping – the stuff of a great afternoon – were enjoyed recently by Adat Shalom **FRIENDS** (photo at right) on a visit to Motown and Eastern Market.

Margery Jablin and Jeannie Weiner, who captained the excursion, are already planning for the next Tikkun Adat outing in January – someplace warm and inviting (but not Florida). For information,

Newcomer to Your Family?

Welcome him, her, or them with a baby basket from Tikkun Adat on Family Volunteer Day, January 14.



We promise such goodies as a meal for parents and a bib (or bibs, if the little one comes in plural) and oh so much more good stuff.

Interested?
Contact Charm Levine,
charmley1@hotmail.com

Charlotte Dubin
cmd67@mi.rr.com



FRIENDS



The **Detroit Day Trip Group** had a great time at the Motown Museum, Eastern Market and Russell Street Deli.



On The Empty Nesters' Calendar:

Saturday night, December 16 at 6:30 P.M.
Annual Chanukah Pot Luck and Grab Bag
at the home of Ruth & Michael Zerlin

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 8th to Alex Wener, awener@comcast.net or 248-738-9912.



Saturday night, January 20
Bowling Party
with the Men's Club

It promises to be right up your alley!

Watch your mail and email for information and details.

We are a Caring Community

SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

HOPE HOSPITALITY AND WARMING CENTER

DECEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 28, 2017, 7–10 P.M.

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. They are always at their maximum capacity of 60 men and women who stay at the warming center. Many of them have spent the day on the streets and this is a safe haven for a few hours. We are fortunate to have Daniel Dunsky, owner of O'Brien's Crabhouse, doing the cooking for us for three nights. He makes a "soup to nuts" gourmet dinner for the guests. Dan brings it prepared and ready to serve. The guests are always sad to see us go! We need 6-8 volunteers over the age of 18, each night. The guests are very appreciative of our kindness. Volunteers will carpool to the center. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please call Evva Hepner, 248-798-7673, if you are able to help.

In addition to providing dinner we would like to collect men's white athletic socks to donate to the center. Elizabeth Kelly, executive director of HOPE, emphasized the importance of socks to the homeless population. Most 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 in the main office area to collect your sock donation.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Thanks to all who participated in helping to provide the meal for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit – The Betman, Colton, Strauss, Slovis, Weiss and Randel/Lapin families. A special thank you to Linda Warner and her friend Carol, who baked desserts at the Ronald McDonald House. You can imagine how warming it was for these families to have the smells of freshly baked desserts wafting through the halls! Deb Lapin and her family make this look so easy and we are grateful for their continued commitment to this mitzvah. Watch for 2018 dates.

AND WE CONTINUE TO.....

It's not too late to tutor at Bennett Elementary in Detroit. If you are interested contact Sandy Lippitt, 248-642-2649 or slippitt@jfmnd.org

YAD EZRA

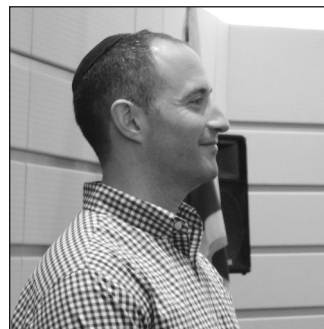
Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to the Yad Ezra Yom Kippur Food Drive. We collected 3,235 pounds of food surpassing our total of last year. In addition we collected \$1,893.78. Without Yad Ezra and its many dedicated volunteers, many in our community would be without adequate food supplies.

"FROM EVERY HUMAN BEING THERE RISES A LIGHT"
-BAAL SHEM TOV

Evva Hepner
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Religious Diversity Journeys

On the first day of November, we welcomed 130 7th grade students of different faiths from school districts across Oakland County as part of the Religious Diversity Journeys program sponsored by the Interfaith Leadership Council. Our clergy taught them about Judaism, they participated in a mock wedding, took part in a service project, and were also served a delicious lunch. Thank you to the following volunteers who came with smiles, rolled up their sleeves, and pitched in to bake latkes and serve lunch: Charlotte Dubin, Kelly Goldberg, Carol Greenfield, Evva Hepner, Gail Langer, Charm Levine, Lynn Lipman, Sharon Rocklin, and Trudy Weiss.



Adat Shalom is dedicating
January 14, 2018
as Volunteer Day

A day for us to give back to our community.
There will be hands-on projects for all ages.

For information contact Jodi Gross,
248.626.2153, jgross@adatshalom.org

The *Learning Community* at Adat Shalom



**JEWISH
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As we enter the month of December, the days are getting shorter and we are physically spending more time in the dark. When we wake up in the morning, it is dark; when we get home from work or school, it is getting dark. During this physical time of darkness, we also acknowledge a dark time in our history, which we now celebrate as a holiday of light and freedom, Chanukah. For more information on the history and meaning of Chanukah, see Dr. Melissa Ser's article on page 11.

This Chanukah, I hope that you celebrate Freedom and Light. Here are a few suggestions to add to your celebration.

1. Light the menorah each night, beginning with the *shamash* (helper) and one candle, and increasingly toward eight candles for eight nights. Say the blessings each night as you light (three the first night, two for the rest).
2. Light the chanukiah and watch as the light increases. Each night, acknowledge a person or event that has brought light into your life.
3. There is sweetness in celebrating a holiday. Make edible treats with your children or grandchildren. For ideas, see the dailymeal.com/edible-hanukkah-activities-kids.
4. There are many who are not free to live their lives the way they choose to due to persecution or circumstance. Take time this holiday to help others. Provide gifts so others can celebrate, make donations to a shelter so a family can have a warm meal, and/or choose your own way to help.
5. The Talmud teaches us that one small amount of olive oil lasted for eight nights in the Temple. Resources are so important. Take your little ones through the house and collect everything that can be recycled or reused, include them in the sorting process.
6. Celebrate freedom. Pick something that you've always wanted to do as a family but haven't gotten around to doing. Celebrate the freedom that you are blessed with and make it happen.
7. Learn about Chanukah around the world. Start here: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/jewish-and/beyond-latkes-hanukkah-around-the-world>. You can also read a Chanukah story together. You can find books for children of all ages on the PJ library website. If you are not already receiving free Jewish books for each of your children, you can register at pjlibrary.org
8. Celebrate olives and olive oil! Learn about the traditional fried foods eaten on Chanukah throughout the Jewish world, including Moroccan *sfinje*, Israeli *sufganiot*, Colombian *patacones*, or fried plantains, or plain old potato *latkes*, and there are many more. Or taste test different varieties of olives!

What did you do that was new this year at Chanukah? Did this experience add joy to your holiday? Are you looking to make it an annual tradition? Send me an email and let me know what you did, at dbanooni@adatshalom.org

L'Shalom,
Debi

Upcoming Family Events at Adat Shalom

Shake, Rattle & Twist – December 1 & January 5

Braid challah and sing songs at 11:15 a.m. Free for members, \$3/non-member family; Geared to children three and younger and a parent, grandparent, or caregiver. Older siblings are always welcome. Usually on the first Friday of the month.

Sunday edition – January 28. 10:30 a.m.

Baby & Me – Sunday mornings

An interactive program for parents and their babies from birth to 12 months. Room is still available.

Toddler & Me – Sunday mornings

An interactive program for parents and their toddlers from 12 months to 3 years. Room is still available.

Parent Toddler – Friday & Monday class

Register now; spaces are limited.

Tot Shabbat – Saturday, December 16 & January 13

Children 5 and younger are invited to our musical, interactive, family Shabbat experience with Hazzan Dan Gross, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Kids' Camp-Style Shabbat – Saturday, December 16 & January 13

Children ages 6-11 are invited to join Dr. Melissa Ser, Director of Education, for a camp-style Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m.

1st Grade Family Program (The Crown of My Name, Keter Hashem Sheli) – December 17

Parents and first graders come together to celebrate their first graders' Hebrew names and their origins. Parents will learn with Rabbi Shere at 10:15 a.m., then join their children to create a special keepsake.

Family Camp – January 19-21

Applications are out for Family Camp and rooms are filling up fast. Register now for an amazing weekend with Rabbi Aaron Bergman and Debi Banooni and their families.

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



3 year-old Liora Salter and her mom Amanda, in Parent Toddler

From Dr. Melissa Ser
Director of Education

From Jodi Gross
Director of Adult Learning
and Youth Engagement



**Highlights from "The Astonishing Real Story of Hanukkah"
by Elon Gilad (Haaretz, December 1 2013)**

The Talmud asks: What is Hanukkah?

Our earliest source on the celebration of Hanukkah is the Book of Maccabees I, written at the end of the 2nd Century BCE. It tells us: "And Judah and his brothers commanded that all the people of Israel shall celebrate the holiday of the dedication of the Temple on the 25th day of the month of Kislev, every year in praise and thanks to God."

The later Book of Maccabees II - written in Alexandria, in Greek, in 124 BCE - tells us the holiday was celebrated as a second Sukkot. That may explain why the holiday lasts eight days. That is, simply, the length of Sukkot, which is a harvest festival, and possibly Hanukkah began as one as well. Some researchers suggested that the holiday coincides with the end of the olive oil making season, which could explain the oil-centeredness of the holiday.

The Talmud - compiled around 500 CE but containing writings spanning centuries - [does not] have a separate tractate on Hanukkah, but it does provide more information on the holiday. This is where we first learn that candles were lit for eight days. But why? Today only one explanation is offered: the miracle of the oil, enough for one day but lasting for eight. The Talmud, however, offers other possibilities: that it took eight days to get oil in from the countryside, or that there were eight spikes found in the Temple which were converted into a menorah.

Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel

The dreidel was simply a gambling game, with the letters on the dreidel not denoting "nes gadol haya sham" ("A great miracle happened there") as we say today. Rather, each letter stood for a Yiddish word having to do with the game: nun was for nicht (nothing), gimel was for gantz (all), shin was for shtetl (put in), and hei was for halb (half) - which indicated what one must do after each turn. The rules are those of an earlier non-Jewish gambling game called teetotum.

Latkes and sour cream

Sometime during the Middle Ages, it became a tradition for Jewish women to eat dairy products on the holiday in recognition of the heroism of Judith, the Jewish heroine of the Book of Judith. In Eastern Europe, the dairy diet took the shape of eating latkes, which were cheesy pancakes. Only later in the mid-19th Century, when Russian farmers began growing potatoes, did latkes take the form of the potato pancakes that we know today.

The tradition of eating fried doughnuts, or sufganiyot as they are called in Israel, is an even later addition to the holiday. It is believed to have first appeared in Morocco in the end of the 18th Century, though it is widely attributed to the father of the Rambam, Rabbi Maymon, who lived in Iberia hundreds of years earlier.

<https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/features/.premium-1.561119>

CALENDAR:

December 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Kids' Night Out for K to 5th graders

December 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Kids' Camp-Style Shabbat

December 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Teen Volunteer Corps project at the Haven

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

After months of preparations, Rabbi Shere and I look forward to leading an Adat Shalom teen trip to Philadelphia in December along with team members, Sammi Shapiro, Nate Strauss and Noah Betman. Thanks to a generous donor family who financially made the trip possible, our team has the pleasure of guiding twenty-seven students on an adventure to explore "Jewish American History: Freedom, Liberty and Justice" in the city of brotherly love.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS:

To stay connected with your young adults throughout the school year, our Rabbis visit Michigan universities to treat undergraduate and graduate students from Adat Shalom to coffee or dinner. Thanks to parent volunteers, Adat Shalom also sends care packages before Chanukah and Pesach. Help us help your child stay connected to Adat Shalom. Each fall I update our database and kindly request your assistance.

Please complete the tear off below or email the information on it to me at jgross@adatshalom.org. If your student/young adult has not moved, please let me know. THANKS!



COLLEGE, GRAD STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH

*Please help us by returning the form below to Jodi Gross,
29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, MI 48334
or email jgross@adatshalom.org.*

Name of student or young adult _____

Parent(s) name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell phone _____ Home phone _____

Email _____

College _____

Graduation date _____

First day of school 2017-2018



Celebrate!

December Birthdays

1 – Lillian Efros Kaufman	10 – Michael Feldman	14 – Bryan Anstandig	24 – Gerald Gershune	Eugene Smoler
2 – Yana Krefman	Stephanie Owen	Kari Richmond	Rochelle Lieberman	Marc Wasser
Sari Zimberg	11 – Larisa Belski	16 – Karen Crane	26 – Shelli Dorfman	30 – Marshall Lett
3 – Gary Karp	Sherwin Newman	Sheldon Wolberg	Jeffrey Kraft	Marilyn Logan
Jackie Perlman	Sharon Rocklin	17 – Carmen Biederman	27 – Sonja Kass	31 – Dina Ashmann
6 – Beth Berk	12 – Shirley Carp	Elissa Miller	Harriet Lisnov	Hannan Lis
Myles Hoffert	Margery Schroeder	18 – Ronald Lorfel	28 – Semonna Matz	
Andrea Rogoff	13 – Karen Goss	20 – Edward Hersch	Steve Schanes	
Carol Vieder	Israel Grinwald	20 – Nina Lopatin	29 – Howard Babcock	
7 – Helene Little	Barry Rosen	21 – Eugene Perlman	Stacey Columbus	
8 – Cliff Dubowski	13 – Kenneth Stein	23 – Erin Chupack	Robert Shapiro	
Elysa Weil				

December Anniversaries

5 – Marlene & Gary Kraft	19 – Ellen & Edward Betel	Jackie & Aaron Perlman	24 – Carol & Sidney Lifton
7 – Iryna & Sheldon Wolberg	Margery & David Schroeder	22 – Dina & Sandford Ashmann	25 – Sheila & Ronald Schechter
14 – Melissa & Laurence	20 – Rochelle & Allen Klegon	Maureen & Sandford	26 – Claire & Eugene Richmond
Kirshner	Lauren & Mark Rosenberg	Kornwise	31 – Sarah & Joel Kirsch
16 – Deborah & Stuart Logan	21 – Harriet & Michael Kovacs	Fay & Larry Kritzer	
18 – Sonja & Robert Kass	21 – Carrie & Roger Kushner	23 – Beverly & Alan Yost	

We are pleased to let you know...

Alan Jay Kaufman was recognized as one of the leading professionals in the US insurance industry by being listed in the 2017 edition of Insurance Business America's Hall of Fame report.

Zachary Liss, MD has been recognized in Hour Magazine as a "Top Doc" for 2017. Dr. Liss is a Pediatric Urologist at William Beaumont Hospital and Michigan Institute of Urology.

In response to their receiving the honors of *Kallah Breishit* and *Chatan Torah* on Simchat Torah, we received the following:

"Dear Rabbi Bergman, Rabbi Shere, Rabbi Yoskowitz, Hazzan Gross, Ken, and Alan,

Just wanted to thank you with all of our hearts for the very special honor that you extended to us on Simchat Torah! I think that neither of us anticipated that the experience would be as overwhelming and moving as it was.

We are deeply appreciative and so grateful to have been honored in this way. It meant more than you know. Thank you so much for your kind words to us and for making it such a beautiful experience.

We feel so fortunate to be a part of Adat Shalom, and we are so appreciative of all that you do to make Adat Shalom the wonderful place that it is.

Many, many thanks!!!!!!

Joel and Rochelle"



YAD EZRA
Feeding the Jewish Hungry

Yad Ezra sent their "heartfelt thanks" to Adat Shalom Synagogue, for contributing to the annual Yom Kippur Food Drive. The community-wide effort collectively provided 24,968 pounds of food and \$8,939.78 that helps them serve 1,300 vulnerable families monthly.

Mazal Tov!

Marriage of Ashley Schwartz, daughter of Kathie & Jeffrey Schwartz, to **Lev Rubel**, son of Bronya & Gregory Rubel

Birth of Jacob Frederick Franklin, son of Erica Guyer & Danny Franklin, grandson of Cheryl & Dan Guyer

Birth of Sidney Jolie Gordon, daughter of Danielle & Bradley Gordon, granddaughter of Barbara Gordon-Scharf & Martin Scharf, Susan & Holland Wilson, the late Michael Gordon and the late Jerome Superstine, great-granddaughter of Darlene Longo, Dorothy & Hershel Sandberg

Birth of Olivia Rose Greenstein, daughter of Melanie & Alexander Greenstein, granddaughter of Annette & Herman Greenstein, Susan & Steven Dovitz, great-granddaughter of Adina & Joseph Tzeel, Pauline Markman

Birth of Stella Pearl Tepper, daughter of Meredith & Oren Tepper, granddaughter of Joan & Bob Epstein, Dorit & Jacob Tepper, great-granddaughter of Betty & Louis Chernoff, Joyce & Abram Epstein

Birth of Talia Dorothy Tigay, daughter of Sara & Joseph Tigay, granddaughter of Judy Tigay and Barry Tigay, Don & Mindy Hedges, great-granddaughter of Barbara & Marvin Schwartz

Each month we list birthdays and anniversaries of those congregants who have given us the dates of their "special occasions." If you would like to be listed in this column, please notify Susie Steinberg at sssteinberg@adatshalom.org. If your family has celebrated a birth or a wedding, or if you have received a special honor, please let us know that as well.

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.

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 ... *(Please print names.)*)
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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IN HONOR OF:

Thank you to the Adat Shalom clergy, staff & executive committee *by Anaruth & Henri Bernard; Jeannie Weiner*
 Adat Shalom Clergy for their guidance with Noah's Bar Mitzvah *by the Lovy family*
 Wedding of Nina & David Devries
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 Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Fox
by Jodi & Danny Gross
 Aliyah honors *by Scott Hamburger*
 90th birthday of Max Lapides
by Joyce & Herb Forman; Esther Mintz
 Aliyah honors *by Karen & Scott Lewis*
 Aliyah honors *by Mickey Levin*
 Allan Nachman receiving the Butzel Award
by Doris & Jim August; Jeannie Weiner
 David Schostak *by Ron Charfoos*
 60th birthday of David Schostak
by David Handleman
 Betsy & Mike Winkelman
by Julie & Mark Teicher

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 Yahrzeit of Mary Weizen
by Rochelle & Joel Lieberman

IN HONOR OF:

Marriage of Riki & Brian Indianer
by Debby & Steve Portney
 Debbie Cohen & Evva Hepner receiving The South Oakland Shelter Award
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 Marriage of Nina & David Devries
by Fran & Phil Wolok
 Special birthdays for Betsy & Mike Winkelman *by Barbara & Jerry Cook*

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Jack Whiteman *by Lou Berlin*

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by Joyce & Jeffrey Weingarten

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THE BREAKFAST FUND

October

In memory of Hannah Schostak
by Lee Schostak

In memory of Meyer King

by Ellen & David Bushman

In memory of Salomon Fox

by Judith & Thomas Fox

In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Elina & Ethan

Rosender *by Amy & Robert Rosender*

November

In memory of Seymour Subar

by Phyllis Subar and Jeffrey Subar

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Richmond

by Kari & Sandy Richmond

In memory of Ira Kaplan

by Dennis Phillips and children

In memory of Shirley & Samuel Taub

by Francine Berman

In honor of Laurie Rapoport

by Charlotte Dubin

In honor of the Aufruf of Arica Leff

& Jason Goldis *by Sue & Gordy Leff*

In memory of Edith & Larry Kowalsky and

Joan & Norman Shapiro *by the Kowalsky
& Shapiro families*

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Shoshana

Sprecher *by Danielle & John Sprecher*

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In memory of Esther & Sam Dock

by Robert Dock

December

In memory of Beatrice Garland Kaplan,

Norman Garland and Jane Weiner

by Marcia Garland

Minyan Breakfast Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Yahrzeits of:

Esther Domnitch; Tillie Kay

by Sue & Dennis Kay

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Memoriams

CHAYA EPSTEIN, mother of Greg (Judy) Epstein and Michael (Hayuta) Epstein, grandmother of Alana (Max) Suchov, Megan Epstein, Liron (Moran) Epstein, Tomar Epstein and Daniel Epstein, great grandmother of Itay Epstein, sister of Abel Friedman and the late Eliya (Lila) Friedman.

HELENE ROBBINS, wife of Merton Robbins, mother of Amy (George Dickstein) Robbins-Dickstein, Linda (Brad) Hammer and Greg (Michelle) Robbins, grandmother of Brian Dickstein, Margo Dickstein, Laura Hammer, Jon Hammer, Cara Robbins.

ROBERT SOVEL, husband of Susan Kahn Sovel, father of Richard (Laura Powers) Sovel, Jeffrey (Joann) Sovel, and Karen Sovel (Christian Dellavecchia), grandfather of Jasmine (Eric) Charnesky, Janelle (Ryan) Polasek, Adam Dellavecchia, Amy Dellavecchia, and the late Allison Dellavecchia, great-grandfather of Joy, Jebriel, Jubilee, Jackson, Jenavive, and Journey Charnesky, and Zoey and Skylar Polasek, brother-in-law of Alyssa and Richard Mertz, son of the late Charles and the late Rose Sovel, brother of the late Donald Sovel, son-in-law of the late Kopel and the late Estelle Kahn.

LESTER WEINBERG, brother of Adele Staller, uncle of Mara (Alan) Starr, Cheryl (Dan) Guyer, and Elise (Marty) Levinson.

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FROM RABBI SHERE (continued from page 3)

understanding of angels. In calling out to Hagar by name, we see that angels help others to feel seen and known in their uniqueness. Angels show up and are present with another's suffering. It is worth noting that the angel doesn't solve Hagar's problem; the angel simply acknowledges her pain and, in so doing, alleviates enough of Hagar's hopelessness that she is able to feel God's presence guiding her toward a well of water which she had previously been unable to see.

If I've learned anything in my thirteen years as a rabbi, it's that nearly everyone we encounter is carrying something profoundly difficult. I've also learned that sometimes, when we are open to it, God puts us in the right place at the right time to act as angels to each other.

No wings or halo required.



Women from Jewish Women's International came to learn from Rabbi Yuskowitz. He spoke about the history of The Northwest Hebrew Congregation - Adas Shalom - Adat Shalom, with an emphasis on what was brought here from our first building.

FROM RABBI YOSKOWITZ

(continued from page 3)

includes a chapter entitled, "The Synagogue - A Community Institution." The text of this chapter was first shared at the consecration of Adas Shalom Synagogue on March 30, 1952. His words then are applicable to us now as we prepare to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Northwest Hebrew Congregation - the name of the Congregation at its founding - as it was when Rabbi Hershman spoke these words in 1952.

At the consecration service, Rabbi Hershman said that "this edifice is of deep and vital importance to all the Jews of Detroit...They all stand to benefit by what will be done here. They are all therefore your debtors and have ample cause for rejoicing with you. For rightly understood, a synagogue is a community institution. It creates a religious climate, a spiritual atmosphere - our given and desideratum today" (page 115).

In his remarks, the scholarly Rabbi deals with questions being asked today e.g. "Is Judaism worthwhile?" Am I worthy of Judaism" and "Why remain a Jew, loyal to the calling which the name implies?" In our age we are experiencing a loss of religion and a corresponding loss of the bonds of community and of the sanctity of marriage. In a secular, individualist culture, we find that living by sacrifice is much more difficult. Rabbi Hershman's questions can help us to focus on how we can reinvigorate community, marriage and a spirit of sacrifice.

The Adat Shalom Synagogue is indebted to Rabbi Hershman for the guidance he gave us in 1952 when we consecrated our second building and for what he gives us as food for thought in 2017 as prepare to celebrate our 75th anniversary in our current building.

May it be God's will that the Lord's presence will inspire us to greater Kedushah - holiness.

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– 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.



Plan to join Hazzan Gross and the Adat Shalom Choir
at the Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church















Sunday 3:00 PM January 14, 2018

Celebrating the Legacy
of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

DECEMBER 2017

KISLEV - TEVET 5778

Adat Shalom Synagogue

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<p>Chanukah Sameach!</p> 		<p>SERVICE SCHEDULE MORNING SERVICES <i>Shabbat & Festivals 9:00 A.M.</i> <i>Monday - Friday 7:30 A.M.</i> <i>Sun. & Nat'l Holidays 8:30 A.M.</i></p> <p>WEEKDAY EVENING SERVICES through Feb. 2, 2018 5:00 P.M.</p> <p>Shabbat Minchah/Ma'ariv times vary. See each date.</p>	<p>JANUARY</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>Th</td><td>F</td><td>Sa</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr> <td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr> <td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr> <td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					<p>PARENT TODDLER 9:45 AM 1</p> <p>SHAKE, RATTLE & TWIST 11:15 AM</p> <p>TEEN TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA THROUGH SUNDAY, DEC.3</p> <p>KISLEV  4:43 PM 13</p>	<p>Vayishlach 2</p> <p>SHABBAT TORAH STUDY with Ruth Bergman 9:45 AM</p> <p>MEN'S CLUB ROAD RALLY 6:30 PM</p> <p>MINCHAH-MAARIV 5:00 PM 14</p>
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<p>TODDLER & ME- 9:40 AM 10 BABY & ME 11:00 AM</p> <p>KNITTING CIRCLE 9:30 AM</p> <p>MEN'S CLUB BOARD MTG. 9:30 AM</p> <p>22</p>	<p>PARENT TODDLER 9:45 AM 11</p> <p>PRAYERFUL PILATES with Rabbi Shere 11:00 AM</p> <p>HEALING SERVICE with Rabbi Shere and Hazzan Gross 7:00 PM</p> <p>23</p>	<p>12</p> <p> 1st Candle 24</p>	<p>CHANUKAH 1st Day 13</p> <p> 2nd Candle 25</p>	<p>CHANUKAH 2nd Day 14</p> <p>LUNCHTIME LEARNING with Rabbi Bergman 11:45 AM</p> <p> 3rd Candle 26</p>	<p>CHANUKAH 3rd Day 15</p> <p>PARENT TODDLER 9:45 AM</p> <p>SHABBAT-APPELLA</p> <p>  4:43 PM 27</p>	<p>CHANUKAH 4th Day 16</p> <p>Miketz</p> <p>SHABBAT TORAH STUDY with Jodi Gross 9:45 AM</p> <p>TOT SHABBAT with Hazzan Gross 10 AM</p> <p>KIDS' SHABBAT 10:00 AM</p> <p>SOULFUL YOGA 10:00 AM with Rabbi Shere</p> <p>MINCHAH-MAARIV 5:00 PM 28</p> <p> 5th Candle</p>																																										
<p>CHANUKAH 5th Day 17</p> <p>TODDLER & ME- 9:40 AM BABY & ME 11:00 AM</p> <p>MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS with Rabbi Bergman 9:30 AM</p> <p>1st GRADE FAMILY PROGRAM</p> <p>MEN'S CLUB CHANUKAH SING-ALONG with 5th Grade at Sunrise 10:00 AM</p> <p>TVC PROJECT 12:30 PM</p> <p> 6th Candle 29</p>	<p>CHANUKAH 6th Day 18</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH TEVET</p> <p>PARENT TODDLER 9:45 AM</p> <p>PIRKEI AVOT SERIES 7:00 PM with Rabbi Bergman</p> <p> 7th Candle 30</p>	<p>CHANUKAH 7th Day 19</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH TEVET</p> <p>SISTERHOOD ROSH CHODESH STUDY GROUP with Rabbi Shere 10:00-11:00 AM</p> <p> TEVET 8th Candle 1</p>	<p>CHANUKAH 8th Day 20</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>CLASSES RESUME JAN. 7, 2018</p> <p>MEN'S CLUB HEBREW LITERACY LAST CLASS 2</p>	<p>21</p> <p>LUNCHTIME LEARNING with Rabbi Bergman 11:45 AM</p> <p>3</p>	<p>22</p> <p>PARENT TODDLER 9:45 AM</p> <p> 4:46 PM 4</p>	<p>Vayigash 23</p> <p>NO SHABBAT TORAH STUDY</p> <p>MINCHAH-MAARIV 5:00 PM 5</p>																																										
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TODDLER & ME 9:40 AM BABY & ME 11:00 AM B'NAI MITZVAH CONNECTIONS: Thinking Jewishly with Rabbi Bergman 10:45 AM SCHOOL RESUMES 20	8 PARENT TODDLER 9:45 AM MEN'S CLUB MONDAYS with Rabbi Bergman 7 PM "What It Means to Be a Jewish Man" 					

Teen Volunteer Corp Projects



After a TVC project last fall, 10th grader, Alyssa Diskin, had the idea to make an original piece of art with the theme "It takes a village to create a community." At Volunteer Day, everyone painted little sheets of paper. Art teacher, Marla Schram Wolfe designed and created this painting with help from teens.

Volunteer teens personalized notebooks and created bookmarks for kids receiving care at Children's Hospital.



Teen volunteers worked on the Bookstock project.

PERIODICALS POSTAGE PAID AT FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday:

Dec. 1	4:43 p.m.
8	4:42 p.m.
15	4:43 p.m.
22	4:46 p.m.
29	4:51 p.m.

SHABBAT ENDS

Saturday:

Dec. 2	5:43 p.m.
9	5:42 p.m.
16	5:43 p.m.
23	5:46 p.m.
30	5:51 p.m.

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