



# The BULLETIN

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## Message from Rabbi Gideon Shloush

For the past two years I had the great honor to serve as the sixty-third President of the New York Board of Rabbis. Comprised of nearly 800 Rabbis

across the Tri-State area, the NYBR is the largest interdenominational rabbinic body in the world. NYBR members recognize that Am Yisrael is small in number and we need to work together for the sake of the larger Jewish community.

In addition to providing crucial resources for rabbis, the NYBR is the face of the New York Jewish community to the broader world. Serving in this leadership position has been an extraordinary experience. Here are some highlights: At our annual meeting we were privileged to welcome Professor Alan Dershowitz to Adereth El who gave an impassioned talk on "Confronting BDS Today." The installation ceremony featured a keynote address from Yeshiva University's Senior Scholar Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter, remarks from World Mizrahi Director General Solly Sacks and musical entertainment by the Israel Defense Forces Choral Ensemble.

At our annual Humanitarian Awards Gala Dinner, we honored Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. The following year we honored Cardinal Timothy Dolan. At our Sukkah in

the Sky event we paid tribute to the Commissioner of the NY Police Department and at our Vodka Latke we recognized the Commissioners of the FDNY and the Office of Emergency Management. We held a conference call with Congressman Peter King, Chairman of the House Counter-terrorism and Intelligence subcommittee and senior member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, where he enlightened our members about the temporary immigration ban announced by the Trump administration.

We were deeply privileged to sit down with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer who gave us a window into life on the highest Court. He spoke about "National Security, Terrorism and Human Rights." In my closing remarks, I said, "How humbling it is to be in the presence of such wisdom and brilliance. For me, I turn to the Torah for guidance for what to say in these circumstances. The Talmud teaches us that when one has the rare opportunity to see an extraordinary scholar, there is a special blessing to be said. So I invite you all to answer Amen. I proceeded to recite this rare and unique blessing. *Baruch SheChalak MeChochmato L'Basar V'Dam.* ('Blessed are You G-d, King of the Universe who shares His Wisdom with humanity.')" I was later informed that Justice Breyer was extremely moved by this gesture. He gave me a signed copy of his recently published book.

Another highlight of my presidency was a meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Israel, David Friedman. Ambassador Friedman told us "there is no shortage of organizations that would like to meet with me, but my father was President of the NY Board of Rabbis and this is an organization that is dear to my heart." He discussed his commitment to a "secure Israel with Jerusalem as its undivided capital." How grateful we are to Ambassador Friedman for his role in moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem!

It was similarly exciting to be invited as a special guest to the West Wing. I met with Former Deputy Assistant to the President Sebastian Gorka and another administration official whose name I am not permitted to share. Remarkably, I found out there, that this other gentleman used to daven at Adereth El! I was given a full tour of the West Wing of the White House and was introduced to key members of the administration.

The Board of Rabbis also has an excellent relationship with the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On numerous occasions I spoke alongside Consul General Dani Dayan including at a Yom HaZikaron flag raising ceremony at Bowling Green, a Chanukah Candle Lighting in Midtown and a Tu B'Shvat celebration at JNF headquarters. I was invited to speak at political gatherings (with NY District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr., NYC Council

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## SUPPORTING THE SYNAGOGUE

Preserving the unique atmosphere of Adereth El requires the commitment of our entire community. There are many ways you can express your commitment and support depending on your interest. Dedicate an item in and around the Synagogue to honor family and friends, memorialize a loved one or commemorate a special event. Please see the Rabbi or our Presidents for gift contribution opportunities. Support is especially needed in the following areas:

Air Conditioner Replacement Fund  
Building Beautification Fund  
Children's Programming  
Kiddush Fund  
Adult Education

## Shabbat Morning Children's Services

Join us for the weekly Shabbat Children's Service. The program meets at 10:30am in the Diamond Library. Weekly tasty Parsha Projects at 11:30am. Be sure to spread the word to children in the neighborhood and community!

## Greeting Cards

For your convenience, our Synagogue is selling beautiful "In Honor of" and "In Memory of" cards. This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to friends and family or commemorate loved ones. The cost is \$36 for a pack of five cards.

## High Holiday Shana Tova Cards

This year Adereth El is selling again our unique High holiday Shana Tova cards. The cost is \$36 for a pack of five cards. To order, please call the office.

## ADERETH EL WEBSITE PLEASE SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Adereth El would like to keep in touch with you. This way you can be updated on Shul events, births, Shivas, and much more.

Email us at: [info@aderethel.org](mailto:info@aderethel.org)  
Thank you.

## Lulav & Etrog

This year, take part in this special mitzvah. Reserve a set of your own!

Deluxe Set \$70  
Children's Set \$30

# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Date	Parsha	Candle Lighting	Friday Mincha	Shabbat Shacharit	Shabbat Mincha	Havdalah
Sept. 14-15	Vayelech	6:48pm	6:55pm	9:00am	6:40pm	7:39pm
Sept. 21-22	Ha'azinu	6:36pm	6:45pm	9:00am	6:30pm	7:27pm
Sept. 28-29	Chol Hamoed Sukkot	6:24pm	6:35pm	9:00am	6:15pm	7:15pm
Oct. 5-6	Bereisheet	6:13pm	6:20pm	9:00am	6:05pm	7:03pm
Oct. 12-13	Noach	6:02pm	6:10pm	9:00am	5:55pm	6:52pm
Oct. 19-20	Lech Lecha	5:51pm	6:00pm	9:00am	5:45pm	6:42pm
Oct. 26-27	Vayera	5:41pm	5:50pm	9:00am	5:35pm	6:33pm
Nov. 2-3	Chayei Sarah	5:32pm	5:40pm	9:00am	5:25pm	6:25pm
Nov. 9-10	Toldot	4:25pm	4:30pm	9:00am	4:15pm	5:18pm
Nov. 16-17	Vayeitzei	4:19pm	4:25pm	9:00am	4:10pm	5:12pm
Nov 23-24	Vayishlach	4:14pm	4:20pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:08pm
Nov/Dec. 30-1	Vayeshev	4:11pm	4:20pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:06pm
Dec. 7-8	Miketz	4:10pm	4:15pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:06pm
Dec. 14-15	Vayigash	4:10pm	4:15pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:07pm
Dec. 21-22	Vayechi	4:13pm	4:20pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:10pm
Dec. 28-29	Shemot	4:17pm	4:25pm	9:00am	4:10pm	5:14pm
Jan. 4-5	Va'era	4:23pm	4:30pm	9:00am	4:15pm	5:20pm
Jan. 11-12	Bo	4:30pm	4:35pm	9:00am	4:20pm	5:27pm
Jan. 18-19	Beshalach	4:38pm	4:45pm	9:00am	4:30pm	5:34pm
Jan. 25-26	Yitro	4:46pm	4:55pm	9:00am	4:40pm	5:42pm
Feb. 1-2	Mishpatim	4:55pm	5:00pm	9:00am	4:45pm	5:50pm
Feb. 8-9	Terumah	5:03pm	5:10pm	9:00am	4:55pm	5:58pm
Feb. 15-16	Tetzaveh	5:12pm	5:20pm	9:00am	5:05pm	6:06pm
Feb. 22-23	Ki Tisa	5:20pm	5:25pm	9:00am	5:10pm	6:14pm
Mar. 1-2	Vayakhel	5:28pm	5:35pm	9:00am	5:20pm	6:22pm
Mar. 8-9	Pekudei	5:36pm	5:45pm	9:00am	5:30pm	6:29pm
Mar. 15-16	Vayikra	6:44pm	6:50pm	9:00am	6:35pm	7:37pm
Mar. 22-23	Tzav	6:51pm	7:00pm	9:00am	6:45pm	7:45pm
Mar. 29-30	Vayikra	6:59pm	7:05pm	9:00am	6:50pm	7:52pm

## Schedule of Services — HOLIDAYS

<b>ROSH HASHANA EVE</b> Sunday, September 9	<b>YOM KIPPUR EVE</b> Tuesday, September 18	<b>CHOL HAMOED</b> September 26, 27, 28
Slichot & Moming Service 6:20am	Slichot & Moming Service 6:45am	Moming Service 6:40am
Candles 6:56pm	Mincha 3:00pm	Mincha 6:35pm
Mincha 7:00pm	Candles 6:41pm	
	Kol Nidrei 6:50pm	
<b>ROSH HASHANAH—1st DAY</b> Monday, September 10	<b>YOM KIPPUR DAY</b> Wednesday September 19	<b>SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED</b> Shabbat, September 29
Moming Service 8:30am	Moming Service 8:30am	Moming Service 9:00am
Semnon 10:30am	Semnon 10:45am	Mincha 6:15pm
Shofar 10:45am	Yizkor 11:00am	Havdalah 7:15pm
Tashlich 5:20pm	Mincha 5:00pm	
Mincha 7:00pm	Ne'ela 6:20pm	
Candles 7:47pm	Fast Ends 7:39pm	
<b>ROSH HASHANAH—2nd DAY</b> Tuesday, September 11	<b>SUKKOT EVE</b> Sunday, September 23	<b>HOSHANA RABBAH</b> Sunday, September 30
Moming Service 8:30am	Candles 6:33pm	Moming Service 8:30am
Semnon 10:30am	Mincha 6:40pm	Candles 6:21pm
Shofar 10:45am		Mincha 6:30pm
Mincha 7:00pm	<b>SUKKOT FIRST DAY</b> Monday, September 24	<b>SHEMINIATZERET</b> Monday, October 1
Havdalah 7:50pm	Moming Service 9:00am	Moming Service 9:00am
<b>FAST OF GEDALIA</b> Wednesday, September 12	Mincha 6:40pm	Yizkor 10:45am & 11:45am
Fast Begins 5:11am	Candles 7:25pm	Mincha 6:30pm
Slichot & Moming Service 6:35am		Candle Lighting 7:12pm
Mincha 6:45pm	<b>SUKKOT SECONDDAY</b> Tuesday, September 25	Hakafot/Simchat Torah 7:05pm
Fast Ends 7:44pm	Moming Service 9:00am	
<b>ASERET YEMEI TESHUVA</b> September 13, 14, 17, 18	Mincha 6:40pm	<b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Tuesday, October 2
Moming Services 6:35am	Havdalah 7:25pm	Moming Service 9:00am
		Mincha 6:25pm
		Havdalah 7:10pm

### Morning Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am  
Monday & Thursday: 6:50am  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00am  
Shabbat: 9:00am  
Rosh Chodesh: 6:45am  
National Holiday Schedule 8:30am

### Early Mincha Schedule

Monday-Thursday  
Winter: 1:00pm Summer: 1:40pm

### Weekday Mincha-Maariv Week of:

Sept. 9	5:40pm	Dec. 30	4:25pm
Sept. 16	5:30pm	Jan. 6	4:35pm
Sept. 23	5:20pm	Jan. 13	4:40pm
Sept. 30	5:10pm	Jan. 20	4:50pm
Oct. 7	5:00pm	Jan. 27	4:55pm
Oct. 14	4:55pm	Feb. 3	5:05pm
Oct. 21	4:45pm	Feb. 10	5:15pm
Oct. 28	4:35pm	Feb. 17	5:25pm
Nov. 4	4:35pm	Feb. 24	5:30pm
Nov. 11	4:30pm	Mar. 3	5:40pm
Nov. 18	4:20pm	Mar. 10	5:35pm
Nov. 25	4:20pm	Mar. 17	5:40pm
Dec. 2	4:20pm	Mar. 24	5:45pm
Dec. 9	4:20pm	Mar. 31	5:50pm
Dec. 16	4:20pm	April 7	5:55pm
Dec. 23	4:25pm	April 14	6:00pm



## Meet Our New Rabbinic Intern: Yosef Jacobs

Hello to the Adereth El Community! I am honored to be serving the Shul as the Rabbinic Intern for the coming year. Concurrently, I am in the midst of completing my doctoral training as a clinical psychologist at Adelphi University. Prior to my studies at Yeshiva University/ RIETS, I spent time in Israel, studying in both Yeshivat Torat Shraga and Yeshiva Torah Ore. I live with my family in Kew Gardens Hills. I am very excited to become a part of this historic Shul in Midtown Manhattan, where I will be afforded a unique opportunity to observe just how much influence one Shul can have on its surrounding neighborhood. Additionally, several days a week, as part of my psychology training, I work in a private practice located at 37th St and Lexington Avenue so I might be spotted in Adereth El for an occasional Mincha as well. I look forward to getting to know everyone!

# Have YOU Joined?

## BECOME A MEMBER, MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

If you daven regularly with our community please consider joining as a member! We would love you to become a full fledged partner in our dynamic synagogue, participating in all of our activities, and enjoying all of the benefits of membership. It is only with your personal involvement and financial support that we can continue to provide such a broad range of services, classes, and programs. So please contact the Synagogue office and commit to membership in our remarkable Shul, where your investment generates communal dividends and substantial spiritual gains, all tax-free.

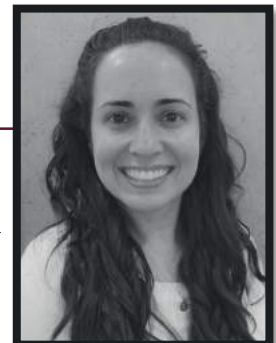
<b>PILLAR MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>\$1800</b>
<b>FAMILY MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>\$1100</b>
<b>SINGLE MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP</b> (For those residing outside the community)	<b>\$500</b>
<b>STUDENT MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>\$350</b>

### MANAGEABLE MEMBERSHIP

For those who find it difficult to pay membership dues all at once, please consider a monthly payment option of \$75/month. The Synagogue office will simply bill your credit card at the beginning of each month. Another way to help the Synagogue is to make a monthly contribution to the Shul. The office could charge your credit card as per your request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Meet Our Office Manager Tami Tropper

Hi. I have been Adereth El's office manager since the Fall of 2017. I attended Queens College and majored in psychology so I enjoy meeting and working with all types of people. I am currently living on the Lower East Side with my 3½ year old son, Eitan, who attended Aleph Bet Preschool at the Shul. I have lived in Orlando, Florida as well as in the Cayman Islands. Working at Adereth El is both interesting and challenging—always keeping me on my toes! I appreciate getting to know the wonderful people who call the Shul and walk through the doors. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the Adereth El family!



## Message from our Co-President Jonathan Grauman



The year 2018 (5778) began for the “First Laine” and myself with a trip to Israel. We celebrated our nephew’s wedding, spent time with relatives in Ra’anana, visited Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Netanya, Modi’in, Ramat Beit Shemesh, Rishon LeZion, Sderot, Moshav Gimzu, and Kibbutz Ein Hamifratz, where I volunteered and learned Hebrew decades ago. We relaxed at the Dead Sea, and most spectacularly, spent several days at Machtesh Ramon—the Ramon Crater in the Negev—where we hiked and witnessed the splendor of nature.


We enjoyed spending time and catching up with Adereth El “alumni,” including Rabbi Sheldon and Zelda Goldsmith, Simcha Leibovitz and Diti Bechor, Aluma Skaat and three sons (Alon was in Asia performing cataract surgery for dozens of local residents), and Rachel Wetstein and Daniel Tunkel. We also had fun seeing David Araten and watching Rebecca and Rachel perform with other Ramaz students in Jerusalem. It was delightful seeing all these Adereth El-niks in the Holy Land.

Now back to Congregation Adereth El here in New York. Every year, I am filled with pride and awe at how much our Shul, situated not in the Middle East, but in the “middle east” side of Manhattan, accomplishes. And what a year this has been!

- We installed our 2018-2019 Board of Directors, with new co-President Michelle Gallay and several new dynamic Board members. I look forward to working with Michelle, former co-President Seth Gillston who transitioned to the role of Treasurer, and the rest of the Board. A hearty *thank you* to Seth for his years of tireless work as President and co-President of Adereth El’s Board of Directors. The congregation has grown and succeeded under his leadership, and we look forward to a productive and successful New Year!
- It is heartwarming to see a surge of new members, including young families.
- Thank you and Kol Hakavod to all who have donated to Adereth El. We have received many generous contributions to the Kiddush fund and air conditioning fund, including from members of the daily and Shabbat minyanim, and the community at large.
- Kol Hakavod to Rabbi Shloush for completing two years as President of the New York Board of Rabbis. He accomplished a great deal within the Jewish community and strengthened relations with the non-Jewish community—one highlight of his tenure was visiting the Pope at the Vatican. Thank you to Rabbi Shloush and Rebbetzin Bonnie for their leadership and guidance throughout the year, including Bonnie’s tireless work with the Hebrew school.
- We welcome our new Rabbinic Intern Yosef Jacobs, and look forward to getting to know him and hearing his words of Torah throughout the upcoming year.
- We welcome our Office Manager Tami Tropper, whose intelligence, enthusiasm and dedication have made a major impact at Adereth El.
- We congratulate Adereth El’s 2018 Person of the Year, Sisterhood co-President and “Great Idea” lady Neera Goitein and thank her for her numerous contributions.
- We appreciate the Adereth El Sisterhood for their continuing contributions to Adereth El. The Mother’s Day Kiddush, Father’s Day Kiddush and Wine Tasting event have become more successful every year. Most recently, the Sisterhood organized a spectacular evening, at the production of *Tevye Served Raw*, starring Adereth El’s very own Allen Lewis Rickman and Yelena Shmulenson. The play also co-starred the “best loved Episcopalian on the Yiddish stage,” Shane Baker. Little did I know, I would be called on-stage for a cameo appearance!
- Finally, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the well-being and continued growth of our congregation, including Mike Gallay for the development of Adereth El’s vastly improved website; Dr. David, Annette, Rebecca and Rachel Araten for leading the Shabbat morning children’s services; Dr. David Montrose, who serves as our indefatigable Gabbai; Laine Grauman, who uses her sharp editing skills to improve the weekly emails and print announcements; our *super* team of Superintendents, Durak and Shpresa Kurti, who perform yeomen’s work maintaining this distinguished old building.

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## Message from our Co-President Michelle Gallay



Ten years ago this summer, my husband, Mike, and I moved into our current apartment two blocks from Adereth El. At the time, I had known about this Shul simply because I had lived in the area prior, while I was still single. Upon browsing the internet one night in search of the closest Orthodox Synagogue so I could catch a reading of Megillat Esther, I found Talmud Torah Adereth El. How could I have not known about this shul? I must have walked by it a number of times and hadn't a clue of its existence. One may say it's a hidden gem while others may claim a lack of publicity. Either way, at that time in my life it had become my "Go-To" Shul predominantly for Yizkor and Megillah readings. I was single, working long hours during the week and to be quite honest come Saturday I just wanted to sleep. And so if I must admit, I did not become a member...yet.

I grew up in Teaneck, attended The Moriah School in Englewood followed by Ramaz High School on the Upper East Side and was an avid shul goer my entire life. From the time I was a young girl, I remember walking to Shul with my father, going to youth groups, socializing outside with my friends while I was being summoned to come inside the sanctuary and daven. I have these vivid memories because it was natural, like clockwork, every week a Shabbat ritual. Saturday was about going to Shul, eating lunch together as a family and relaxing. And while I may have taken a brief hiatus from my Saturday morning Shul appearances as a young adult, I always knew it was something that I would return to once I had a family of my own. I knew that I wanted my children eventually to experience that same sense of community that I felt as a child and that same sense of belonging to a community. Some may call it a tradition but in my older years going to Shul each Shabbat became so much more. It was my time away from the chaotic workweek to really spend a few hours speaking to G-d. It was a time to really focus on the words I read over and over and over again for so many years from a variety of siddurim. It was a time to ask G-d for help or thank G-d for kindness. And as an added bonus it was a time to connect with so many others that share in these same beliefs. The convenience of the proximity of the Shul drew me to Adereth El but it was the community and the feeling I felt inside those walls that have kept me there for so many years. It is indeed a hidden gem.

A non-assuming building, the oldest of its kind in the same location, that so many people do not know exists, has a little bit of magic inside. I realized quickly it was the people that made it special. I felt welcomed and I felt included. I met many people from all walks of life ranging in age and background. It was like no other Shul I had been to before. I immediately felt a connection to Rabbi Shloush—a young Rabbi who again was not like many of the other Rabbis of the larger congregations I had been a part of my entire life. He always took the time to speak to everyone, graciously welcoming strangers, and always eager to show anyone how beautiful it is to be Jewish. His love for this Shul and that of his predecessor Rabbi Kleiman ob"m was and still is evident. There is no denying Rabbi Shloush's passion and commitment to success of Adereth El. Over the years, I also gained insight into how many more individuals were devoted to this Congregation. The amount of work so many of you put into each service, or Kiddush or holiday meal or social activity is commendable. And while there may not be a long roster of attendants each Shabbat, there is exceptional dedication within our community. Over the years, the more involved I had become and the more I got to know so many of you I realized that this Shul inevitably felt like home. I was asked to join the Board two years ago and was excited to be a part of a team that cares about the future of Adereth El.

When I look around at the familiar faces each week, I am overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude. I am able to see the tremendous amount of compassion we have for one another, which I find to be quite rare. It emphasizes that we care about each other. It is important to remember that in any area of life, whether personal, professional or social, it is the people who enhance the experience. It is all of you who bring this little bit of magic to Adereth El. As co-President,

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## Message from the Sisterhood Alice Burstein



The Adereth El Sisterhood supports the Shul and its goals by helping create an inviting atmosphere, fostering a sense of community, and contributing financially. We sponsor security for the Shul to honor every Rosh Chodesh, long considered a special holiday for women; we celebrate births by sending baby gifts to welcome our youngest new members; and we provide *shiva* food baskets to people in mourning. We also step in to help the Shul with special needs, for example, by contributing generously to the recent air conditioning drive.

We completed the annual Book of Remembrance that will be used by the Shul throughout 5779, from Yom Kippur through Shavuot. The booklet contains a section memorializing contributors' departed loved ones as well as the *Yizkor* prayers recited at Adereth El. Many members who have moved away from the area maintain contact with the Shul through the Book of Remembrance, as a reminder of their meaningful time with us.

The Sisterhood's annual wine tasting event was held in late February, early enough to ensure that the wine ordered through the event would be delivered for Pesach. The social hall was set up to create a relaxed, festive atmosphere with flowers, soft lighting, background music, and platters of fruit and cheese. Wine expert Kevin Roche led a discussion about wine before the event and, together with the wine pourers from Royal Wine, answered individuals' questions about the wines throughout the event. This year the wine was provided by Shoppers Vineyard of Clifton, N.J., who provided a large selection of wine to sample. The tables were set up with the wines grouped so that similar varieties of wine could be sampled and compared, from lighter to heavier and from dry to sweet. All of this in addition to enjoying the good company of the many participants led to a wonderful evening.

The Sisterhood sponsored two *Kiddushim* this year. First was the Shabbat Hagadol *Kiddush* in March, providing a break from Passover preparations. The festive June Father's Day *Kiddush*, now in its third year, celebrated the men of Adereth El. The entire social hall was decorated with large, festive Father's Day balloons and colorful tables. People enjoyed the menu of hot dogs, sliders, three-foot hero sandwiches, chicken nuggets, salads, fruit platters, and wonderful deserts. A variety of cool beers was an added treat. In addition to the deserts, Adereth El parents provided a cake to celebrate their childrens' graduations from school.

In July, the Sisterhood organized an evening at the theater for a performance of the highly acclaimed off-Broadway production of *Tevye Served Raw*, consisting of adaptations of several Sholem Aleichem stories. The play was directed by Adereth El's Allen Lewis Rickman, who adapted the stories together with Shane Baker. Mr. Rickman also starred in the show with his wife, Yelena Shmulenson, and Mr. Baker. Most of the show was performed in Yiddish with English supertitles, with the translations provided by Mr. Rickman.

The Sisterhood congratulates our co-President, Neera Goitein, on being chosen as Adereth El's Person of the Year in honor of her many valuable contributions to Adereth El over the years.

We are planning many more exciting events for the coming year and welcome new members. Applications for membership are available at the Shul office or at [www.aderethel.org/whoweare/Sisterhood](http://www.aderethel.org/whoweare/Sisterhood).



# MAZAL TOV

- To **Jonathan Etzion & Laila Masghati** upon their recent engagement.
- To **Yossi & Nicole Farkas** on the birth of a baby girl.
- To **Rabbi Sheldon & Zelda Goldsmith** on the birth of their newest grandson, **Chaim Shimon**, born to **Rabbi Shaya and Laya Goldsmith** of Beitar, Israel.
- To **Jake & Felicia Hershman** upon their recent marriage.
- To **Jack Joseph** on the marriage of his granddaughter, **Natalie Joseph** and **Nadav Gutman**.
- To **Barry & Debi Laufer** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Odelia**. Mazal Tov to the proud parents **Uri & Michelle**.
- To **Dr. Steven & Arianna Ritholtz** on the birth of a baby boy, **Eliyahu Chaim**.
- To **Avigayil Shloush** on her Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to the proud parents, **Rabbi Gideon & Bonnie Shloush**.
- To **Chazan Moshe & Chana Udashkin** on the birth of a baby girl, **Shifra Maya**.
- To **Soliman & Fay Victory** on the birth of their grandson, **Alexander Seth (David) Herman**. Mazal Tov to the proud parents **Wayne & Frances Herman**.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Aharon & Devora Bernstein  
David & Devorah Goldwasser  
Dr. John Golin & Trish Weisman  
David & Barbara Kasell  
Jake & Felicia Hershman  
Edward Mark  
David Newman  
Dr. Aryeh Pollack

Daniel & Margaret Retter  
Benjamin & Alissa Rosenthal  
Steven & Sally Safdieh  
David Meir Sasson  
Jeffrey & Paula Snyder  
Barbara Strudler  
Bruce & Jill Weisfeld  
Norman & Edith Weisfeld

## PILLAR MEMBERS

Daniel & Kelly Horwitz  
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# Congregation Adereth El 160th Anniversary Gala



# Celebrating 160 Years



On Sunday evening, December 3rd, Adereth El celebrated its 160th Anniversary. The event began with a fabulous dinner reception in the Synagogue Social Hall. Guests then headed upstairs to the Sanctuary for the formal commemoration program. In addition to hearing remarks from Rabbi Gideon Shloush as well as from Co-Presidents Seth Gillston and Jonathan Grauman, attendees had the privilege to hear from distinguished guest speaker NY State Comptroller, Thomas DiNapoli and Executive Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis and prominent radio show host, Rabbi Joseph Potasnik. The Comptroller presented a Proclamation from the State of New York in honor of this historic gathering. It is now prominently displayed in the Synagogue lobby. The evening also featured a lively musical tribute featuring jazz sensation, Rabbi Greg Wall & Friends. The evening concluded with a delicious dessert reception.





## Russian-Shabbat

Adereth El participated in NJOP’s annual Shabbat Across America in March with a delightful Russian-themed Shabbat weekend. On Friday night participants were treated to a full Shabbat dinner of Russian cuisine. Featured guest speaker, Dr. Jenny Shliozberg engaged attendees with a presentation about the rich traditions and history of Russian Jewry. On Shabbat morning Avi Zimmerman, executive director of the Ariel Foundation gave a lecture entitled “From Moscow to Ariel: The Genesis of an Israeli Cultural and Academic Start-up City.” The talk was followed by a beautiful Kiddush with Russian themed foods. The Russian Shabbat weekend was generously sponsored by Dr. Howard Menikoff and Dr. Jenny Shliozberg in memory of

their Russian-born parents.

## Clothing Drive

On Sunday, March 25 in partnership with Yad Leah, our community hosted a clothing drive here at Adereth El. Yad Leah’s mission is to alleviate the impact of poverty in Israel by providing high quality, new and lightly used clothes to low income families in a wide range of Jewish communities in a manner that preserves the individual’s self-respect. Collected by volunteers in the United States, the clothing is sold for a fraction of its true value in a store-like environment in Israel. Once gathered, each and every item is sorted for quality and style and packed into boxes. The boxes are then shipped by container to Yad Leah’s growing system of community-based clothing thrift shops in Israel. Kudos to Adereth El congregants who dropped off their high quality clothing to be donated for this worthy cause. Special thank you to the Bnai Zion Foundation for working with our community to coordinate this event.



## Zionism Shabbat

In February, our community hosted a special Shabbat with Rabbi Yisrael and Dr. Esther Serok. Dr. Esther Serok is the North American representative of the World Zionist Organization. Her husband, Rabbi Yisrael Serok served in a special elite commando unit. Dr. Esther Serok gave a fabulous presentation where she discussed the history of modern day Israel emphasizing Herzl and his dream fulfilled. She also shared highlights of the important work that the WZO is involved in. Rabbi Yisrael gave the audience a taste of his dramatic experiences assisting with the rescue of entire Jewish communities from Middle-Eastern countries and beyond.

## Ambassador Dani Dayan

This past May, our congregation had the great honor to host Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York. Proudly, the Ambassador addressed our community on the Shabbat which immediately preceded Yom Yerushalayim. Consul General Dayan lives in the Shomron so it was especially meaningful to hear him speak about the historic connection of the Jewish People to the Land of Israel. It was so inspiring to hear the Consul General begin his talk quoting from the poetry of King David and conclude his presentation with poetic words from Naomi Shemer's Yerushalayim Shel Zahav. The Ambassador shared his powerful memories of living as a Zionist family in Argentina and hearing the news reports leading up to the Six Day War. His heartfelt and poignant words offered a glorious tour down memory lane. It was also enormously uplifting to hear the Ambassador speak about the spectacular Yerushalayim of today. Ambassador Dayan really made our community's Yom Yerushalayim weekend extraordinary.



## New Website Launch

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website! We are confident you will find the new look and feel visually pleasing and easy to navigate. We will continue to add features and helpful information. The new site is available at [www.aderethel.org](http://www.aderethel.org). Our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors an easier way to learn about what is happening at Adereth El. This site is also mobile friendly and easy to access on the go. We will be constantly updating our content with upcoming events, weekly announcements and sponsorships, service schedules and community events. We would like to thank Mike Gally who donated his time and energy to make this site what it is. We sincerely appreciate all the effort he put into making the site modern, beautiful, user friendly, informative and easy to navigate.

## Dr. Tuvia Book

This past year was the 70th anniversary of UN Resolution 181, which partitioned the British Mandate. Guests came to hear internationally acclaimed author and educator Dr. Tuvia Book discuss the current Middle East conflict and the significance of this UN Resolution. This terrific, informative and entertaining event was co-sponsored by the Manhattan Jewish Experience. Many thanks to Rabbi Ezra Cohen for coordinating this presentation.



**Save the date: Shabbat, December 1, 2018**  
**Shabbat Chazzanut at Adereth El with**  
**Chazzan Michael Sobol**  
**Featuring beautiful Nussach and classic Chazzanut pieces with**  
**contemporary congregational singing.**

## Community Shabbat Dinners

Over the course of this past year, Adereth El hosted several Community Shabbat Dinners. Each time, we welcomed Shabbat with a Carlebach styled Kabbalat Shabbat followed by a delicious four-course dinner, in a warm Shabbat atmosphere. From the Kiddush and creative dinners, to the meaningful discussion & inspiring song, this Shabbat experience was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Kenny Canfield for organizing these special dinners.



## Spring BBQ

On Sunday, June 10, we held our annual Spring Barbecue. Congregants enjoyed burgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken, all freshly cooked on our barbecue grills by our very own members Mike Gallay and Michael Weltz, in the Synagogue's backyard. Participants also enjoyed a full buffet of salads and other treats. It was especially wonderful to see the participation of so many families from the Aleph Bet Preschool. Many thanks to

Michael Weltz for the fabulous job he did in organizing the event.

## Tevye Served Raw

What a night! Adereth El congregants Allen Lewis Rickman and Yelena Shmulenson starred in "TEVYE, Served Raw & Garnished with Jews" based on the writings of Sholem Aleichem. Allen, along with costar Shane Baker, adapted and translated this material. Jews love best to laugh and cry, and both were in plentiful supply at this delightful evening outing. Organized by the Adereth El Sisterhood, the full House was packed with Shul members, some of whom can be seen in the photo with the stars of the show, including Sholem Aleichem.

This off-Broadway play gives a window into the experience of Eastern European Jewry in the late part of the nineteenth century showing some of the challenges and realities of Jewish communities during that era. These include: gossip about individuals in other towns, husbands working in America to earn some money and enable them to bring their families over to the New World, children tempted by assimilation and the harsh presence of Church authorities.

Although the play was mostly in Yiddish, the translations were done well. The highlight of the evening was when our co-President Jonathan Grauman was invited by the cast to join them on stage.



## Balfour Panel Display

This past Spring, our congregation was proud to partner with The Israel Forever Foundation to display museum-style panels throughout our social hall explaining the Balfour Initiative.

In 1917, the British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour sent a letter to Lord Rothschild in which he expressed support for a Jewish State in the land of Palestine. This was an iconic letter because it was the first public recognition – by a world power – of both a potential rebirth of the national home for the Jewish People, and their historical link to the land of Israel.

One of many steps toward statehood, the Balfour Initiative aims to highlight the history that led to this monumental international recognition, explore the events leading up to and following the declaration, and emphasize the valuable legacy of commitment, leadership, and activism in our fight against the widespread delegitimization efforts of today.

Attending a “Balfour 70” commemorative ceremony at the Israeli Embassy in Washington DC, Rabbi Shloush heard Ambassador Ron Dermer explain: “The Balfour Declaration shows the absurdity of those who suggest that Israel was created because of the Holocaust. It’s not that there’s an Israel because of the Holocaust. Rather, there was a Holocaust because there was no Israel. Six million Jews were killed in Europe because there was no place of refuge for the Jewish People to go. Israel was NOT created –out of sympathy– because of the Holocaust. The founding of the State of Israel was in the works fifty years earlier starting with Herzl and even thirty years earlier with Lord Balfour and other key players working to make it a reality.”

Ambassador Dermer concluded by saying, “In reality, the big change that happened with the birth of the State of Israel... is that we can finally RESPOND... to the anti-semitism. We now have soldiers, media personalities, lawyers, scholars in universities. We have articulate voices who can speak out forcefully on our behalf. Balfour changed us from being spectators in history to being actors in history. It is much better to be an Actor and a Player in the world arena.”

Through virtual and local programming, The Israel Forever Foundation bridges the geographical gap, engaging you in enlightening, experiential, and apolitical learning and activism to enhance your connection with Israel and to connect you with others who share that connection in a meaningful way.



## My Visit to the Vatican by: Rabbi Gideon Shloush

Serving as the President of the New York Board of Rabbis has been quite an experience. In this capacity, I have had the privilege to visit the West Wing, engage in dialogue with leadership of other faith communities, interact with our Governor, Mayor and Police Commissioner, meet with the State of Israel's top decision makers, sit down with the Secretary General at the United Nations and interact with ambassadors from around the world. But my January visit to the Vatican and meeting with the Pope was certainly a rare and unique opportunity.



To be honest, I dreaded returning to Rome. I remember being there a decade ago and I recall the unsettling feeling. After all, this is the place of our Galut. Rome is the symbol of the crushing of Jerusalem and our People's enslavement. Nevertheless I was there because the leadership of the NYBR was invited to participate in a major international conference focused on anti-Semitism. How ironic. The Romans ransacked Israel, the Catholics were responsible for endless persecutions of our People, and here we were in Rome talking about anti-Semitism.

We were attending the International Conference on the Responsibility of States, Institutions and Individuals in the Fight against anti-Semitism organized by the world's largest regional security organization - the OSCE Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. There are 57 member countries in the OSCE and remarkably, foreign ministers from nearly every one of these countries were in attendance. Last month the Italian government assumed the leadership of the OSCE and their government felt strongly that this year's conference should address the alarming issue of the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe. Fittingly, this conference took place in conjunction with International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The day began with a visit to the Vatican. I prepared extensively for my visit. I have always been cognizant of the Halacha of not entering into a church and I was not going to change that now. There I sat in Consistory Hall of the Apostolic Palace next to Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, the Chief Rabbi of Rome and Daniel Mariaschin, the CEO of Bnai Brith. Of all places, it was in the Vatican where I met the Chief Rabbi! Mr. Mariaschin commented to me how important it is - in this moment - to reflect on the words of Dayeinu as we visit with the Pope in the Vatican. He said: "Look how far we've come. Consider how much anxiety and persecution our People have endured due to edicts that emanated from these very walls. And here we are today, sitting in a meeting with the Pope. We can comfortably wear kippot on our heads. We are welcomed - as dignitaries - by a sitting Pope who discusses the Shoah and responsibility. For this reason alone, we should say Dayeinu. Yes, there is more to be done. But be mindful of how far we've come with this institution."

In his remarks Pope Francis said "the enemy against which we fight is not only hatred in all of its forms, but even more fundamentally, indifference." He spoke about "responsibility" and he said "we are responsible when we are able to respond." He went on to quote text from the Nostra Aetate saying that "the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone." Upon conclusion of his words the Pope greeted each one of us personally.



The main conference took place at the Italian Foreign Ministry and included several hundred participants. The morning presentations focused primarily on the foreign ambassadors of each country sharing aloud - three-minute statements condemning discrimination, intolerance and anti-Semitism. Countries such as Sweden, France, Switzerland, Hungary, Norway, Poland, Belarus, the Netherlands and countless others each declared that



## My Visit to the Vatican



"there is no justification for anti-Semitism." Even the ambassador from the Vatican said "anti-Semitism is completely contrary to Catholic principles."

Upon conclusion of nearly two hours of these prepared statements, Holocaust survivor and former Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau was handed the microphone. He

gave a stinging response that stilled the entire room. Rabbi Lau said: "Two years ago the Holy See came to Yad Vashem and made a comment that I'll never forget. Quoting G-d in the story of Cain and Abel he asked 'Ayeka.' Where are you? Pope Francisco said that this is the question that has to bother us always."

Rabbi Lau went on to say "Where were you during the War? Kristellnacht? Baba Yaar? Look at the newspapers in each of those countries on the day after atrocities took place. Barely a comment let alone a condemnation! Where were you? Why did you keep silent?"

Pope John Paul II told me that he knew my grandfather. During the War John Paul II was a priest and my father was a rabbi in the same town. John Paul II would see my father walking to Shul every Shabbat. Each time, my father took 47 children with him to Shul. How many of those children survived? Just five. Yet time and time again we are told that the church is committed to our 'older brother' the Jewish People. The United States sent back the Saint Louis. Ayeka? Where were you?

When WWII broke out I was just two years old. At the end of the war I was 7½ years old. For those six years, the only language I knew was Polish. And all that time, there was one word which constantly rang in my ears. In the camps, in the ghetto, in the trains, in the snow, all I could think about was this one word. "Lachergo? "Why?" Why is this happening to me? What did I do? What did my People do wrong? Did we threaten them? Did we have pistols?"

Rabbi Lau then said: "I listen to all your speeches, representing your respective countries. You've each delivered passionate speeches about the dangers of anti-Semitism. I lived through it! Tell me, what did we do wrong? What did I do wrong? A 7 ½ year old boy?"

Some told me 'you are foreigners here. If you had a land of your own, you'd be fine and we'd leave you alone. Your contribution to mankind is amazing, but we oppose you because you are a People without a Land.' Today we have a land. Exactly seventy years ago the United Nations decided to finally give us a land. Do you love us now? We are intelligent People. We have much to offer the world. I hear all your speeches and this makes no sense. Europe is burning. Look what's going on in your countries. Jews fear for their safety. European Jewry has decreased by more than 20% in the last ten years.

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## 2018 Person of the Year Neera Goitein

By: Laine Grauman



During the past few years, Neera Goitein, Adereth El's Sisterhood President and "Great Idea" lady, has implemented many original and excellent ideas that have improved our Shul. Last year, Adereth El had an excellent idea of its own: Choosing Neera as 2018 Person of the Year!

Until Neera graced Adereth El with her presence 25 years ago, she had quite a journey. Neera hails from Russia (Chelm, and that is no joke!), grew up in Melbourne, Australia, made Aliya for eleven years, moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan and finally settled in New York, to our Shul's good fortune.

Neera is Adereth El's fourth Person of the Year honoree. On the Shabbat that Neera was honored, the atmosphere was filled with electricity, and her son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters were *shepping nachas* along with all of us. In their speeches, Rabbi Gideon Shloush and Co-President Jonathan Grauman extolled her virtues. They commended her accomplishments as President of the Sisterhood and her love and devotion to Adereth El.

Rabbi Shloush described Neera as an *Isha chachama* (a "wise woman"), who is "fun," "spunky," "loves to have a good laugh, sees the positive in things and always comes up with creative ways to help the Shul." He described her as "welcoming to all and dedicated to community." It was especially heartwarming to learn that Neera did physical therapy with Rabbi Kleiman z"l after his stroke and helped him regain mobility in his arm.

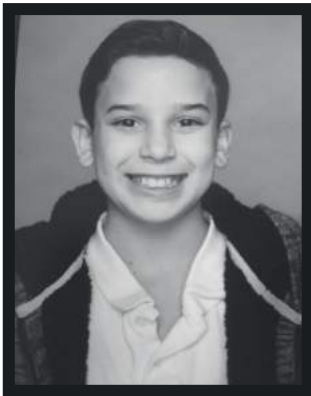
Jonathan praised Neera's "friendliness and friendship," saying she has "gone above and beyond to help ensure the success of our congregation." He commended her "tireless work as President of the Sisterhood, helping to run and organize the office, training our office managers, contributing to the Shul's financial well-being, planning events and initiatives and welcoming newcomers." Jonathan described Neera as the epitome of what a synagogue member should be.

I echo Rabbi Shloush's and Jonathan's sentiments. We all know Neera to be kind and caring, always willing to jump in and lend a hand. (She did miracles with the Shul office!) Neera is refreshingly open and honest, one who has a zest for all aspects of life, including ice cream! May Hashem grant Neera good health and happiness until 120!

### The Greatest Great Idea By: Neera Goitein

Four years ago, the Adereth El Board of Trustees brilliantly instituted the Person of the Year Program. The first honoree was the late Jack Lazarus, dear friend of Rabbi Kleiman z"tl and great asset to the Shul for many, many years. Brynna Treiber was the next fantastic Person of the Year: generous, sweet, modest and always helpful. We wish her good health and much happiness. Last year, we honored our wonderful Gabbai, Dr. David Montrose. And then there was me! Thank you for this singular honor which I will cherish for the rest of my life.

# Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

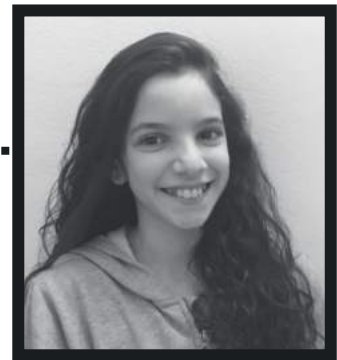


## Oren Leitner

Oren attends Manhattan Day School and will be entering the seventh grade. He excels in all of his subjects, especially math. Oren's favorite Hebrew subjects are Jewish Law and the weekly Parsha. He enjoys playing soccer, football, dodgeball and kickball. Oren will have his Bar Mitzvah next July.

## Rosa Marks

Rosa currently attends Hunter College High School where she is greatly admired for her wonderful midot tovot. From a very early age, Rosa has understood what it means to live a Torah life and that everything around her is connected to Hashem. Rosa learns Chumash and Halacha with her Abba and Ima. Outside of her studies, she takes Karate classes and earned a purple belt last year. She also loves art and music and, true to her Sephardic heritage, she is passionate about cooking and baking. Rosa has three older brothers and is a proud aunt to her adorable nieces, Eden (3) and Maya (1).



## Tot Shabbat

Over the course of this year, Adereth El proudly hosted numerous themed Tot Shabbat Programs. Tot Shabbat is a joyful and engaging program geared toward families with young children, ages 5 and under. It is a great way for our youngest community members to enjoy Shabbat together. Through songs, stories, crafts and fun activities, the children learn the joy of Shabbat. Tot Shabbats were held on the weekends leading up to Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Purim, Pesach, Mother's Day and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

**Thank you to the Araten family for generously volunteering their time to lead our weekly Children's Service!**

## Model Matzah Bakery

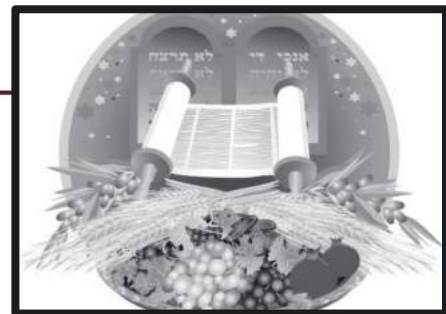


On Sunday, March 25, our Hebrew School students enjoyed a visit from the “Traveling Model Matzah Bakery.” Rabbi Yisroel Fried from the Model Matzah Bakery came and showed the students how matzah is made. He started with a piece of wheat and explained to the children how the wheat kernels are removed and taken out of their shell. Then the children had a chance to grind the wheat into flour. Afterwards, the flour was mixed with water and the students had to work very quickly, rolling out their dough to make their matzah within 18 minutes! Each of the children were able to take home the matzah they made. Thank you, Rabbi Yisroel Fried for enlightening our children and bringing this beautiful mitzvah to life.



## Shavuot At Adereth El

Shavuot at Adereth El was action packed this year. We had an exciting evening of all night learning featuring classes by Rabbi Gideon Shloush, Rabbi Jack Cohen, Dr. David Araten and Alexander Sperber. Attendee’s heard engaging classes on a variety of topics and delicious desserts were served. Special thanks to Alexander Sperber for sponsoring the Kiddush at the Vatikin Minyan. On the first day of Shavuot, kids gathered in the Diamond Library for a fun-filled morning that included Shavuot themed games such as Torah Challenge, Ten Commandments Game, Holiday Quiz and Hebrew Challenge. The entire community was then treated to a mouth-watering Ice Cream Party sponsored by **Max and Mina’s Ice Cream**. On the second day of Shavuot, the community enjoyed a special Shavuot Luncheon. We were honored to welcome special guest-speaker Rabbi Mayer Friedman, who delivered a lecture on the topic of “The Secret to our Success.”



# Purim Carnival



# Aleph Bet Preschool



This past school year was an amazing one for Aleph Bet NY. We had a fantastic 2's and 3's program. It was wonderful to see so many friendships formed and learning experiences shared. We started out the year with a hands-on project of learning all about the Shofar and where it comes from. We enjoyed making Sukkah decorations to hang in the Shul's Sukkah and had a blast making flags for Simchat Torah. Everyone enjoyed creating personal placemats to use for Thanksgiving dinner and who could forget all the beautiful Chanukah songs that we sang at our Chanukah plays!

The second half of the school year was super busy as we learned all about Tu B'shvat, Purim and of course the Ma Nishtana for the Seder. As a close to the year we had a "trip to Israel" as the children went to different cities and learned about Israeli culture. The last week of school we said goodbye not only to our friends but also to five beautiful butterflies which we saw grow from their start as caterpillars. The year ended with a magnificent Family Friday night dinner where we had a great turnout. We began the evening with a spectacular Tot Shabbat sing along and then parents were invited to light Shabbat candles with their children.

At Aleph Bet Preschool children learn through play in our center based program. We seek to promote the social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of each child in an atmosphere that is caring and compassionate. Children come joyfully skipping to school and they are greeted warmly by their teachers. We look forward to another great school year ahead.

If you know of families looking for a fantastic Jewish educational preschool, please have them contact Aleph Bet NY! Shanah Tova!

Director: Bonnie Shloush (917) 750-8720 or email [alephbetny@gmail.com](mailto:alephbetny@gmail.com)



# Congregation Adereth El Sunday School

AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHILD'S JEWISH FUTURE



## Objective:

The mission of the Adereth El Sunday School is to educate and inspire our students by bringing their Jewish heritage to life. Through our dynamic educational program, students will gain a strong sense of Jewish identity and Jewish values. Our curriculum is designed to make learning fun. Through music, art, baking, storytelling, and other interactive activities, students will explore their Jewish heritage in a warm and nurturing environment. Our curriculum will emphasize Jewish texts and prayers, Jewish history, and the Jewish calendar. The Sunday School has been enjoying record growth & success. Please spread the word to families in the neighborhood.

Now offering Pre-Bar/Bat Mitvah classes



## Schedule:

**Pre K-Seventh Grade**  
Sundays 9:30am-11:30am (Jewish Heritage & Life)

**First Grade-Seventh Grade**  
Tuesdays 4:00pm-5:30pm (Hebrew Reading and Writing)

**Sunday Mornings Pre-K-7th Grade:**  
\$975

**Sunday and Tuesday**  
**First Grade-Seventh Grade:**  
\$1,550

To register your child, contact  
Rebbetzin Bonnie Shloush  
917-750-8720  
aderethelsundayschool@gmail.com



## Message from the Rabbi (*continued*)

Speaker Corey Johnson and NYPD Deputy Commissioner John Miller) at the Consul General's personal residence and Ambassador Dayan kindly graced us with his presence at Adereth El as an honored guest speaker on Yom Yerushalayim.

Interfaith Relations is of great importance to the NYBR. Being invited to the Vatican for a meeting with the Pope was certainly extraordinary. (See accompanying article.) I participated in a meeting with Elder James Hamula of the Latter Day Saints and received a personal invitation to Salt Lake City to see the charity work of the Mormon community. I participated in a Jewish-Evangelical Roundtable. Our leadership hosted Sheikh Moafaq Tarif, the spiritual leader of the Druze community in Israel at our NYBR office. I also had the unique opportunity to represent the NY rabbinic community at an interfaith breakfast organized by Mayor DeBlasio which was held at the NY Public Library.

It was an honor to participate in a roundtable discussion focused on "Anti-Semitism" with Governor Cuomo at the Museum for Jewish Heritage. I attended a meeting with Mayor DeBlasio and the Police Commissioner at the JCC in Staten Island to discuss the escalation in anti-Semitic crimes in NY. Several colleagues joined me at Sutton Place Synagogue upon the news of a swastika that appeared on their Synagogue's front door. On a different occasion, NYBR leadership met with the leaders of the Black Jews of America upon the tragic fire which burned down their congregation in Bedford Stuyvesant. On Jewish Heritage Day I attended a private gathering with the Mayor at Gracie Mansion. And our congregation was most honored to host NY State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli as our keynote speaker at Adereth El's 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

We visited the French and Belgium consulates to express condolences after terrorist attacks in Nice and Brussels. Following the murder of more than three hundred people in the Sinai Desert, I was joined by Cardinal Dolan, Rabbi Joe Potasnik and the leader of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of New York for a visit to the Egyptian Consulate. My colleagues and I had several meetings at the Turkish Consulate with the Turkish Consul General to seek his assistance in advocating for the freeing of Jewish hostages from Gaza.

A standout moment for me in my Presidency was to have our leadership invited to meet with UN Secretary-General António Guterres on the top floor of the United Nations. This was an opportunity to have an open conversation with the Secretary General about anti-Semitism, discrimination against Israel at the UN and the hostile behavior of UN agencies such as UNESCO and UNRWA toward the Jewish People and the State of Israel. (See article in last year's Bulletin.)

On several occasions I was invited to share remarks on WABC Radio and as a member of the Board of the UJA-Federation of NY, I was invited to share a d'var Torah at one of the UJA's membership meetings. It was also deeply inspiring to attend a Passover Seder in Brooklyn for 400 developmentally disabled individuals that was entirely funded by the NY Board of Rabbis.

I have been so blessed to be given the opportunity to serve as the Rabbi of one of NY's oldest synagogues and now I had the rare opportunity to serve the broader Jewish community of New York as well. How meaningful it has been to follow in the footsteps of some of my most revered teachers and role models. What a privilege it has been to work closely with NYBR Executive VP Rabbi Joseph Potasnik. He is a shining example in his ability to build bridges both within the Jewish community and with other faith communities. I thank G-d—every day—for giving me the opportunity to be of service to Am Yisrael, Medinat Yisrael and Torat Yisrael.

May the year 5779 be filled with blessing, safety, good health and happiness for you and your families. With best wishes for a Shana Tova and a K'tiva V'Chatima Tova!

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Rabbi Shloush meeting Pope Francis at the Vatican



Rabbi Shloush & Rebbetzin Bonnie Shloush with Mayor Michael Bloomberg



Rabbi Shloush & Rabbi Joseph Potasnik with Sheikh Moafaq Tarif of the Druze community & assistant



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## My Visit to the Vatican (*continued*)

Anti-Semitism is illogical. It's irrational. It's madness.

You didn't like the Jews in Poland because they had beards and black coats. Some told me, 'if you'd be like us and look like us, we'd appreciate you.' Yet, look at Germany. We didn't have beards. We spoke a beautiful German. Many of us were actually completely assimilated. Did you embrace us there? I ask you. Please. Decide. What do you want from us? Lachergo? Why? What did we do to you? Ask the people in your countries. Share the question with the Pope. Ayeka? Where are you? We Jews love everyone. We appreciate everyone. Please just let us live. See the fruits that we can contribute to society."

Rabbi Lau's words were so intense and the moment was so powerful that it took several minutes for the complexion in everyone's faces to be restored. And while it was wonderful to hear countries like Austria, Hungary, France and Jordan articulate their opposition to any form of anti-Semitism in their countries one couldn't help but feel shaken by Rabbi Lau's riveting words.

The next day featured a tour of the Jewish Museum of Rome and a visit inside the magnificent Great Synagogue of Rome. We also had an opportunity to meet with Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, the Chief Rabbi of Rome in his office. There we learned about the Jewish community of Rome and discussed a range of issues such as the bans on circumcision and Shechita that are currently in place in four countries in Europe.

In reflecting on this visit some will say, why bother? Of what use are these conferences? Personally, I feel that thank G-d at least the Europeans are having these conversations. The issue is being addressed. Furthermore, when European anti-Semitism is being discussed, it is critical for the American Jewish community to be at the table. We need to stand with our brothers. And we need to be ready. Because, America could very well be next.

There is no question that anti-Semitism is completely irrational. And the Torah tells us this outright! *Hen Am Levadad Yishkon*. "You are a nation that dwells alone." Nevertheless, Yaakov prepared for his meeting with his brother Esav in three ways: with gifts, prayers to G-d and readiness for battle. Thus, clearly gifts and words of friendship should not be ignored. In Yaakov's case, gifts and prayer were enough for that particular moment.

Throughout Jewish history we have seen rabbinic leadership meeting with authorities to build healthy relationships on behalf of the Jewish community. Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi would visit in Rome. Abarbanel was close to the King of Spain. Maimonides was a physician to the Sultan in Egypt. Jewish leaders throughout history have been advocating for the Jewish People. We look back at the painful history of hatred and we pray that through commitment and collaboration that a new chapter of inclusion and understanding will be written.

**Thank you to our office manager Tami Tropper, Rabbi Gideon Shloush and Jonathan & Laine Grauman for their contributions to this Bulletin.**

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## Kiddush Fund

The Kiddush Fund is a reserve of funds donated by various congregants to ensure that the Shul can provide quality Kiddushes even when there is no specific sponsor. We have all benefitted over the past few months from their generous contributions. If you are interested in contributing to the fund, please contact the Shul office or donate through our website.

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# Torah Classes at Adereth El

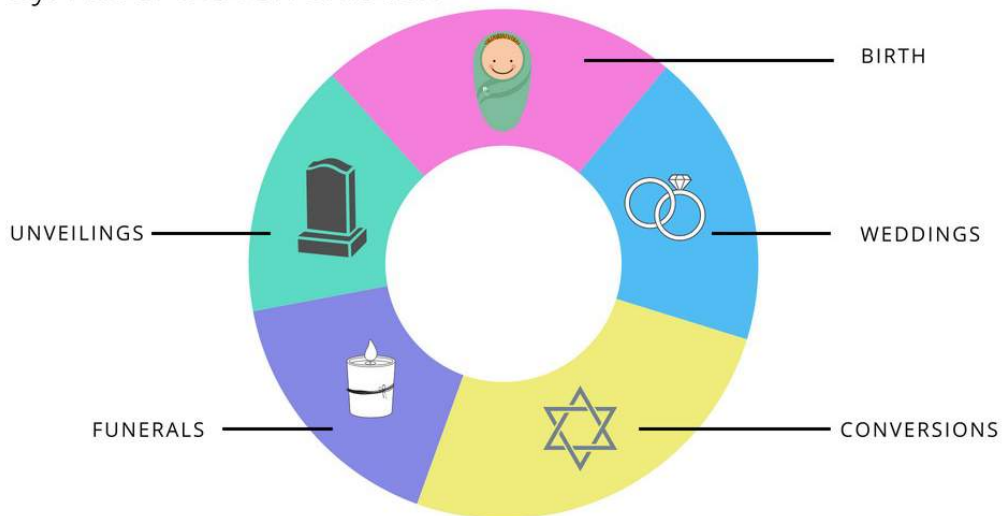
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## Upcoming Life Cycles Torah Lecture Series

by: Rabbi Gideon Shloush



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25 minutes before Mincha**

## CONDOLENCES

To **Gabrielle Brownstein** on the passing of her father, **David Schorer**.

To **Andrew & Basya Lowinger** on the passing of Andrew's mother, **Minka Lowinger**.

To **Mark & Sandy Mayo** on the passing of Sandy's father, **Leonard Sherman**.

To **Norman & Stefanie Milner** on the passing of Norman's mother, **Thelma Milner**.

To **Isaac Milstein & Sheara Braun** on the passing of Isaac's paternal grandmother, **Ida Milshtein**.

To **Dr. Aryeh Pollack** on the passing of his father, **Dr. Marvin Pollack**.

To **Rabbi Gideon & Rebbetzin Bonnie Shloush** on the passing of Bonnie's grandmother, **Anne Nussbaum**.

To **Einat Pinsker** on the passing of her husband, **Darren Pinsker**.

To **Benjamin & Alissa Rosenthal** on the passing of Benjamin's mother, **Yocheved Leah Rosenthal**.

### CEMETERY PLOTS

There are cemetery plots for sale in the **Adereth El** section of **Montefiore Cemetery** in **Queens, New York**.

For further information, including costs, registration, and other arrangements, please contact the **Shul office**. These plots are available to **Adereth El** members only.

### MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Honor your loved ones in this long-standing Jewish tradition. Having a plaque for a loved one on the Synagogue's memorial wall is a most fitting way to recognize the lives of our dear departed. During **Yizkor** and **Yahrzeit**, the lights next to the plaque are lit in their memory. Please call the office to purchase a bronze plaque at (212) 685-0241.

### BEQUESTS

**Is Adereth El in your will?**

An important part of **Adereth El's** finances is represented by bequests, gifts after death, by friends and members of the **Synagogue**. Thoughtful bequests have helped **Adereth El** continue to serve the membership, the community and in maintaining the physical facilities. Your gift insures the future of Jewish life. A will should be prepared with the help of professional advice.

### Book of Remembrance

The 5779 (2018-2019) **Book of Remembrance** is an annual project of the **Adereth El Sisterhood** containing the names of our congregants' beloved departed ones as well as the **Yizkor** prayers.

### Yahrzeits

Are you receiving **Yahrzeit** reminders from the **synagogue**?

If you would like to be reminded about the **Yahrzeit** (anniversary of the passing) of a loved one, please contact the **Adereth El** office.

## Message from our Co-President Jonathan Grauman (continued)

We are proud of Adereth El's full roster of 2017-2018 events and programs. There are too many to list, but here are a few highlights:

- We celebrated the 160th anniversary of the founding of our Shul, with a tremendous gala celebration. Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, Executive Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis, moderated the event. Thomas DiNapoli, NY State Comptroller was our guest speaker, and the evening included great music and a bountiful buffet.
- We held several community and family Shabbat dinners throughout the year, including a very special Russian Shabbat, where member Dr. Jenny Shlitzberg shared memories of her life growing up in Russia. Thank you to Kenny Canfield for planning these dinners.
- Our annual Spring BBQ was a hit, in no small part due to Michael Weltz's and Mike Gallay's hard work.
- We were fortunate to host several guest speakers throughout the year, including Rabbi Yisrael and Dr. Esther Serok who spoke at our Zionism Shabbat celebration, Scholar in Residence Steven Savitsky, guest speaker Dr. Tuvia Book, and Consul General of Israel in New York, Ambassador Dani Dayan, who spoke at our morning Yom Yerushalayim Shabbat service.
- We held events celebrating the Jewish holidays, including the annual Chanukah party, Purim carnival, a special Model Matzah Bakery, and the wonderful catered meals provided in our two sukkahs.
- We held several Tot Shabbats, where the children of our Adereth El community joined the congregation in singing Jewish and Israeli songs.
- We were inspired by the davening of our High Holidays chazzan, Cantor Moshe Udashkin, and we welcome him and his family back to Adereth El for the New Year 5779.

We wish *nesiyah tova*—safe travels—to Yair Shloush, who will be spending the upcoming year learning in yeshiva in Israel.

I would also like to give thanks to Hakadosh Baruch Hu, for enabling us to reach this new season. May we all be granted a year of health, prosperity, peace and blessings. On behalf of co-President Michelle Gallay and the Board of Directors, I wish each of you a Shana Tova.

## Message from our Co-President Michelle Gallay (continued)

I want to share this with others. I want more people to experience what I do each week. I want to grow the community and help build the future. Adereth El is truly a Special Synagogue tucked away in the heart of midtown.

It is said that happiness is one of the most sought-after and elusive goals. Everyone wants to have it, but not everyone knows how to find it easily. Why is it so difficult to find at times? Perhaps, because we may be looking in the wrong place. Fortunately for me and I hope for many of you, Adereth El brings you some happiness. There is a sense of comfort and peace that I find within me as I sit each week in my seat at Adereth El and pray. And for that I am fortunate. As we approach the High Holidays, a time of true introspection, I think it is also important to recognize the necessity of the community. I will leave you with this small excerpt I found in a Dvar Torah from a few years back called Rosh Hashanah and Deepening Relationships.

“All the Rosh Hashana prayers are designed to glorify the Kingdom of Heaven; with what shall we crown Him? With love for others and charitable acts.” In other words, only if we are united and act out of a sense of unity and brotherly love will we be worthy of crowning the King. Harmony between Jews, is a precondition for true love of G-d.’

I want to extend a tremendous thank you to the Board and the Sisterhood, past Co-President Seth Gillston who made it easy for my transition into the new role, to my current co-president Jonathan Grauman for your partnership and to the Rabbi who shows all of us each day how much he loves this Shul. Finally, thank you all for your friendship, your support and the honor of allowing me to assume the position of co-President.

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members” – Coretta Scott King

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**Congregation Adereth El**



**Shabbat, October 27**

**Weatherman  
David Price  
at Adereth El**

**Lecture at 11:30 AM  
following morning services**