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Message from Rabbi Gideon Shloush

This was an experience that no doubt will go down as a highlight moment in my professional life. An invitation by

the Ambassador of the State of Israel to meet with a group of more than fifty Israeli military personnel above the rank of colonel and other high ranking officers in the Israeli military, intelligence, energy, and other key agencies.

In the Ambassador’s letter to me he wrote “the mission of the delegation is to expose them to key people, ideas, and communities in the US that will give them perspective as they take on further leadership roles in the Israeli government which strengthens the US – Israel partnership. We would like to host an hour-and-a-half panel discussion having three leading Rabbis from the three streams. We would like to have you as a panelist, representing the Orthodox Rabbinic leadership. The goal is to expose the participants to the discussions taking place in the US between the streams, show how they actually respect one another, and how each stream is relating to Israel these days.”

The night before the symposium I could barely fall asleep. I was so

excited and a tad bit nervous. The next morning I found myself at a discreet location seated alongside dear and respected colleagues. One was the rabbi of the most affluent Conservative congregation in the United States. The other was the rabbi of the largest Reform synagogue in the world. And then there was me. Well, I guess I was the rabbi of the oldest Synagogue in New York with continuing services in the same location.

In my introductory remarks I spoke about our Shul and its history. I explained that although I lead an Ashkenazic Synagogue I am personally half Sephardic. I mentioned that I am the eldest grandson of HaRav David Shloush z”l— longtime Chief Rabbi of Netanya and that I am the immediate past President of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Getting down to business, we were asked: “How do you define your Judaism?”

The Reform Rabbi emphasized that in his movement they do not see themselves as bound by Halacha. Instead he analyzes Torah commentaries and then determines what he feels is best. The Conservative Rabbi spoke about *Bein Adam L’Makom* and *Bein Adam L’Chaveiro*. And that his movement tries to focus on

interpersonal relationships. And in doing so this naturally strengthens relations between man and G-d.

The Orthodox Rabbi spoke about Religious Zionism. A commitment to the study and observance of the Torah all while sharing it’s teachings with others. This coupled with a proud love for and engagement with the State of Israel being very much at his core. Serving as an advocate for Israel; a defender of Israel; extolling the mantra ‘*Am Yisrael B’Eretz Yisrael Al Pi Torat Yisrael.*’

He shared that every Shabbat in his synagogue they sing the Prayer for the State of Israel and passionately recite the prayer for Chayalei Tzahal (IDF soldiers). He informed that in his synagogue, on any given Shabbat one can find people in jeans sitting next to Chasidim in streimelech. Tourists from around the world. Students from Stern College and Roshei Yeshiva visiting loved ones in the hospital. Lubavitchers coming in to dance on the holidays and rabbis of other denominations stopping in to say kaddish. So much diversity and yet, all sit side by side. What a magnificent model that could be replicated in Medinat Yisrael.

Next we were asked: “What are your common goals? And where are there diverging opinions?”

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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. At this time support is especially needed in the following areas:

Air Conditioner Repair Fund
Building beautification fund
Children's classroom dedication
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.

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Date	Parsha	Candle Lighting	Friday Mincha	Shabbat Shacharit	Shabbat Mincha	Havdalah
Sept. 13-14	Ki Teitzei	6:50pm	6:55pm	9:00am	6:40pm	7:41pm
Sept. 20-21	Ki Tavo	6:38pm	6:45pm	9:00am	6:30pm	7:29pm
Sept. 27-28	Nitzavim	6:27pm	6:35pm	9:00am	6:20pm	7:17pm
Oct. 4-5	Vayeilech	6:15pm	6:20pm	9:00am	6:05pm	7:05pm
Oct. 11-12	Ha'Azinu	6:04pm	6:10pm	9:00am	5:55pm	6:54pm
Oct. 18-19	Chol Hamoed Sukkot	5:53pm	6:00pm	9:00am	5:45pm	6:44pm
Oct. 25-26	Bereshit	5:43pm	5:50pm	9:00am	5:35pm	6:35pm
Nov. 1-2	Noach	5:34pm	5:40pm	9:00am	5:25pm	6:26pm
Nov. 8-9	Lech-Lecha	4:26pm	4:35pm	9:00am	4:15pm	5:19pm
Nov. 15-16	Vayera	4:20pm	4:25pm	9:00am	4:10pm	5:13pm
Nov. 22-23	Chayei Sara	4:15pm	4:20pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:09pm
Nov. 29-30	Toldot	4:11pm	4:20pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:06pm
Dec. 6-7	Vayetzei	4:10pm	4:15pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:06pm
Dec. 13-14	Vayishlach	4:10pm	4:15pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:07pm
Dec. 20-21	Vayeshev	4:13pm	4:20pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:09pm
Dec. 27-28	Miketz	4:17pm	4:25pm	9:00am	4:10pm	5:13pm
Jan. 3-4	Vayigash	4:22pm	4:30pm	9:00am	4:15pm	5:19pm
Jan. 10-11	Vayechi	4:29pm	4:35pm	9:00am	4:20pm	5:25pm
Jan. 17-18	Shemot	4:36pm	4:45pm	9:00am	4:30pm	5:33pm
Jan. 24-25	Va'era	4:45pm	4:50pm	9:00am	4:40pm	5:40pm
Jan. 31/Feb. 1	Bo	4:53pm	5:00pm	9:00am	4:45pm	5:48pm
Feb. 7-8	Beshalach	5:02pm	5:10pm	9:00am	4:55pm	5:57pm
Feb. 14-15	Yitro	5:10pm	5:15pm	9:00am	5:05pm	6:05pm
Feb. 21-22	Mishpatim	5:19pm	5:25pm	9:00am	5:10pm	6:13pm
Feb. 28-29	Terumah	5:27pm	5:35pm	9:00am	5:20pm	6:20pm
Mar. 6-7	Tetzavah	5:35pm	5:40pm	9:00am	5:30pm	6:28pm
Mar. 13-14	Ki Tisa	6:43pm	6:50pm	9:00am	6:35pm	7:36pm
Mar. 20-21	Vayakhel/Pekudei	6:50pm	6:55pm	9:00am	6:45pm	7:43pm
Mar. 27-28	Vayikra	6:58pm	7:05pm	9:00am	6:50pm	7:51pm

Schedule of Services — HOLIDAYS

ROSH HASHANA EVE Sunday, September 29	YOM KIPPUR EVE Tuesday, October 8	CHOL HAMOED October 16, 17, 18
Slichot & Morning Service 8:30am	Slichot & Morning Service 6:45am	Morning Service 6:40am
Candles 6:23pm	Mincha 3:00pm	
Mincha 6:30pm	Candles 6:08pm	
	Kol Nidrei 6:20pm	SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED Saturday, October 19
ROSH HASHANAH—1st DAY Monday, September 30	YOM KIPPUR DAY Wednesday, October 9	Morning Service 9:00am
Morning Service 8:30am	Morning Service 8:30am	Mincha 5:45pm
Semnon 10:30am	Semnon 11:00am	Havdalah 6:44pm
Shofar 10:45am	Yizkor 11:15am	
Tashlich 5:00pm	Mincha 4:30pm	HOSHANA RABBAH Sunday, October 20
Mincha 6:30pm	Ne'ela 5:45pm	Morning Service 8:30am
Candles 7:13pm	Fast Ends 7:01pm	Candles 5:50pm
ROSH HASHANAH—2nd DAY Tuesday, October 1	SUKKOT EVE Sunday, October 13	Mincha 6:00pm
Morning Service 8:30am	Candles 6:01pm	
Semnon 10:30am	Mincha 6:10pm	SHEMINIATZERET Monday, October 21
Shofar 10:45am		Morning Service 9:00am
Mincha 6:30pm	SUKKOT FIRST DAY Monday, October 14	Yizkor 10:45am & 11:45am
Havdalah 7:12pm	Morning Service 9:00am	Mincha 5:55pm
FAST OF GEDALIA Wednesday, October 2	Mincha 6:05pm	Candle Lighting 6:41pm
Fast Begins 5:41am	Candles 6:51pm	Hakafot/Simchat Torah 7:00pm
Slichot & Morning Service 6:35am	SUKKOT SECONDDAY Tuesday, October 15	SIMCHAT TORAH Tuesday, October 22
Mincha 6:15pm	Morning Service 9:00am	Morning Service 9:00am
Fast Ends 7:10pm	Mincha 6:05pm	Mincha 5:55pm
ASERET YEMEI TESHUVA October 3, 4, 7, 8	Havdalah 6:50pm	Havdalah 6:40pm
Morning Services 6:35am		

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. 8	5:40pm	Dec. 29	4:25pm
Sept. 15	5:35pm	Jan. 5	4:30pm
Sept. 22	5:25pm	Jan. 12	4:40pm
Sept. 29	5:15pm	Jan. 19	4:45pm
Oct. 6	5:05pm	Jan. 26	4:55pm
Oct. 13	4:55pm	Feb. 2	5:05pm
Oct. 20	4:45pm	Feb. 9	5:10pm
Oct. 27	4:40pm	Feb. 16	5:20pm
Nov. 3	4:35pm	Feb. 23	5:30pm
Nov. 10	4:30pm	Mar. 1	5:40pm
Nov. 17	4:25pm	Mar. 8	5:35pm
Nov. 24	4:20pm	Mar. 15	5:40pm
Dec. 1	4:15pm	Mar. 22	5:45pm
Dec. 8	4:15pm	Mar. 29	5:50pm
Dec. 15	4:20pm	April 5	5:55pm
Dec. 22	4:20pm	April 12	6:00pm

Message from our Co-President Michelle Gallay



It was just over a year ago that I was asked to become Co- President of Adereth El. While honored to have been considered, I remember thinking, “Can a woman be president of an Orthodox Synagogue?” While I firmly believe that regardless of gender, the responsibilities of this role can be managed by either a man or a woman, I couldn’t think back to time in my personal life when a woman held such a high honor in a modern Orthodox community. But then again, I strongly believe that the role of women in Judaism has been largely misrepresented and misunderstood. For example, just because we sit separately during services does not mean we are not equal. In fact, according to traditional Judaism, women are gifted with a greater

degree of "binah" (intuition, understanding, intelligence). The rabbis inferred this from the fact that woman was "built" (Gen. 2:22) rather than "formed" (Gen. 2:7), and the Hebrew root of "build" is the same as the root for “binah”. There have been various instances of women who held well respected positions in Jewish History and had important roles in Jewish life. Of course, there was Miriam who is considered one of the liberators of the Children of Israel, along with her brothers Moshe and Aaron. There was Devorah who was one of the Judges, and seven of the 55 prophets of the Bible were women. I find it interesting that the Talmud states that when a pious man marries a wicked woman, the man becomes wicked, but when a wicked man marries a pious woman, the man becomes pious. It is remarkable how powerful the influence of a woman is when you dive deep into Jewish history and dissect the differences between the genders. Ultimately what must be remembered is that both man and woman were created in the image of G-d. Separate but equal. Both empowered with different sets of rules but none less important than the other. Instead of viewing any limitations to the woman within religion as negative, I have chosen to embrace my position and find ways in which it will positively impact the greater community.

However, it goes without saying that in traditional Judaism, the primary role of a woman is as a wife and mother, and keeper of the household. If you were to mention this to many women today, they would certainly find this to be an antiquated concept or even offensive. On the contrary, I believe it is a beautiful statement. It does not mean that the woman should only be a mother or homemaker but rather if you look a little closer it can be interpreted positively. While it is the primary role for a Jewish woman it is not the only role. Many Jewish women today juggle full time careers, families, volunteer work and more. It simply shows the capacity of a woman. Judaism has great respect for the importance of the spiritual influence that the woman has over her family. Future Jewish generations will certainly learn from teachers in school as well as their father’s but in my opinion the true mentor is the mother. As a wife and mother of two girls myself, I understand how important my role is in nurturing their love for Jewish life whether it be lighting Shabbat Candles with them each Friday night or bringing them to Shul each Saturday. What they see in the home will have an ever-lasting impression far greater than what they learn in school. And while I do work full time, I realize that my most important job is being a mother.

It seemed that many may have thought that as the first female president of Adereth El I may have initiated change in the way things are done but I had no intentions of doing so. I always wanted to stay true to my modern orthodox roots but still find a way that I could serve the community effectively. And so, while I may sit upstairs away from the men and while I choose not to make the weekly announcements after services, I am happy to find myself quietly managing the “household” of the Shul. The Adereth El congregation is like my second family and so what better position for me as a woman to fulfill my primary role as mother and keeper of household, just on a larger scale. Of course, I will continue to participate in important discussions and assist in making necessary executive decisions related to the Shul in conjunction with the Board of Directors, but it is empowering to also have the ability to tap into my maternal instinct and contribute to Adereth El on another level.

Over the last year I have had the privilege to meet new members, become closer to existing members and sadly had to say farewell to some incredible members. I am amazed at and grateful for what each person has contributed and continues to contribute to make our “House of Worship” a “Home”. As a mother, I would simply say I’m proud.

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Message from our Co-President Jonathan Grauman



As in the past several years during which I have been honored to be co-President, this year at Congregation Adereth El has been one of growth, energy and dynamism. Please read through this year's *Bulletin* to get a taste of all we have accomplished. From creative and comprehensive programming to enhancing our building and sanctuary, this has been one busy year!

There are so many people to thank for their contributions – too many to list here – but I would like to mention several who have stood out. First, a Thank You to all who donated toward replacing our old and barely-functioning air conditioners with new units.

A special Thank You to the folks at the Nuthouse Hardware Store, whose assistance was invaluable. Thank you to Uri Zilkha for donating a new Sefer Torah and for all of his many contributions to our Shul. Thank you to Dr. George Miller and Annie Gallay for the new Parochet (Ark Curtain) and Table Covers. Thank you to all who donated toward our new High Holiday Torah Covers. Thank you to Dr. Edward Ostad for enabling us to install beautiful new flooring in the lower level lobby.

I would also like to extend thanks to co-President Michelle Gallay for taking on a responsibility others tend to shun, and for finishing her first year as a Shul leader in a stellar manner; to Mike Gallay for modernizing our web site; to members of the Sisterhood for volunteering their time in the office and helping the Shul in so many ways; to the Araten family for continuing to lead our children's Shabbat morning services; and to Rebbetzin Bonnie for enabling our Aleph Bet Pre-School and Sunday school to prosper. Finally, I would like to thank Rabbi Gideon Shloush for his religious and spiritual leadership, his outreach to those in times of need, his tremendous work in enabling stimulating, interesting and enjoyable programming throughout the year, and his overall friendship with those in our community.

I would like to extend a Baruchim Ha'baim – Welcome Back – to Dr. Simcha Leibovitz and Diti Bechor. Their presence here has enriched our congregation in so many ways, and we look forward to a productive and meaningful year together.

Finally, Welcome to all our new members. May you find in your spiritual home here at Adereth El, a warm and inviting place, and consider our Shul to be your Home away from Home.

Every weekday morning before davening Shacharit, I put on my tallit and tefillin like all observant Jewish men. At the time of the Shema, however, when I wrap the Tallit tzitzit around my fingers, there is one relatively minor, irksome detail that causes me to think about something I normally would not consider. One or two strands of the tzitzit are shorter than all the others, and they fall away instead of wrapping around my fingers. No matter how hard I try, I cannot get them to fully wrap around my hand. As unimportant as this may sound, every morning it brings to my mind thoughts about who we are as the Jewish People. For, as I take the tzitzit from the four corners of my tallit, I think about how Jews around the world – from the four corners of the earth – also wrap their tzitzit around their hands as I do. And when we recite the first phrase of the Shema – HaShem Elokeinu HaShem Echad – HaShem is One – I look at my tzitzit and see that not all strands are included, and that not all Jews are considered or consider themselves, part of the Jewish people.

We believe in Am Echad, Lev Echad – One People, One Heart – and when we recite the Shema, we express our faith in Hashem and our dedication to His commandments. By uniting the tzitzit from the four corners of the tallit, we express the unity of Hashem as well as the unity of the Jewish people, and for several brief moments, we are One.

However, reality is different. We have our differences – religious observance, political, social, etc. – and they are significant. But when we daven, we have one thing in common – we strive for the unity of the Jewish people and we come together daily, on Shabbat and on the Chagim to express our faith in Hashem, the unity of Am Yisrael, and our love for Eretz Yisrael.

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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 to the Shul. 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 help with the routine needs of running a shul office, such as mailings,

The Sisterhood started 2019 with its first-ever Game Night in January. The tables that were set up in the social hall were filled with participants playing mah jong, Scrabble, Monopoly (the Jerusalem version!), and card games, enjoying each other's company and pizza and other snacks. This time the event was for adults only; we are considering a similar event for all ages in the future.

Another first-time venture was organizing a Sisterhood theater event in August to Folksbiene's play, Hannah Senesh, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Hannah Senesh is a one-woman show in English that tells the story of Hannah Senesh, based on her diaries and poems. Hannah Senesh was a young Jewish woman who escaped from Axis-allied Hungary to Israel (then British Mandate Palestine) in 1939, where she joined the Haganah. She parachuted back into Europe to help rescue Hungarian Jews about to be deported to Auschwitz. She was arrested at the Hungarian border, imprisoned, tortured, and executed. She is considered a national hero in Israel.

Our ever-popular annual wine tasting event was held early in March so that the wine ordered that night would be delivered before Purim. The attendees enjoyed a relaxed, festive atmosphere with good company, flowers, soft lighting, background music, and platters of fruit and cheese. A wine expert from Shoppers Vineyard of Clifton, N.J. began the event by leading a discussion about wine. Together with the wine pourers from Royal Wine, he answered questions about the wines throughout the event. Shoppers Vineyard provided a large selection of wine to sample, for the first time also providing whiskey to taste. 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. In addition to regular-size bottles of wine and whisky, half-bottles of wine were also available to order.

The Sisterhood provided a break from Passover preparations by sponsoring a Shabbat Hagadol Kiddush in April. We also sponsored a Father's Day kiddush in June. The event, now in its fourth year, honors the men of Adereth El. The entire social hall was decorated with large, festive Father's Day balloons and colorful tables; children (and adults) got to extend the festivities by taking the balloons home after the kiddush. People enjoyed hot dogs, sliders, three-foot hero sandwiches, chicken nuggets, salads, fruit platters, wonderful deserts and a variety of beers.

We recently completed the twelfth annual Book of Remembrance. This booklet will be used by the Shul throughout 5780, from Yom Kippur through Shavuot. It contains the Yizkor prayers recited at Adereth El as well as a section memorializing contributors' departed loved ones.

We are planning many more exciting activities for the coming year, such as projects to enhance the beauty of our historic shul, hosting a book event, pairing with charities, and our annual wine event as well as others. We welcome new members - applications for membership are available at the Shul office or at www.aderethel.org/whoware/Sisterhood.



Message from our Rabbinic Intern Simon Italiaander

My name is Simon Italiaander, and I'm excited to join your community this fall as a rabbinic intern! I was born and bred in Atlanta, and have spent the last few years bouncing between New York and Israel. Some of the institutions that I've been involved with are Bar-Ilan University, Yeshivat Lev HaTorah, Yeshiva University, YU Israel Gruss Kollel, West Coast NCSY, and Camp Lavi. This year, in addition to my involvement with Aderet El, I will be pursuing a Master's in Jewish Education at YU's Azrieli School and student teaching in New Jersey, as well as continuing my rabbinic studies. I've only heard great things about your community, and I'm looking forward to experiencing it for myself. Hope you have a great rest of the summer, see you soon!



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.

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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.

Message from our Office Manager Rachel Miller



Hi! My name is Rachel and I live in Riverdale in the Bronx with my husband and our two cats. I really enjoy interacting with the community and it is wonderful to be a part of the Adereth El family. This is a beautiful congregation because I see that while people are of different religious backgrounds there is a wonderful cohesiveness and sense of welcome to all. I am currently pursuing my Bachelors in Accounting at Touro College and studying for my CPA. I cannot wait to see what this next year brings for us as a congregation.

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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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7/6/19 The Forum for Jewish Leadership
7/20/19 Dr. David & Annette Araten
8/3/19 Max & Mina's Ice Cream
8/10/19 Seth & Amy Gillston
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6/15/19 Mike & Michelle Gallay
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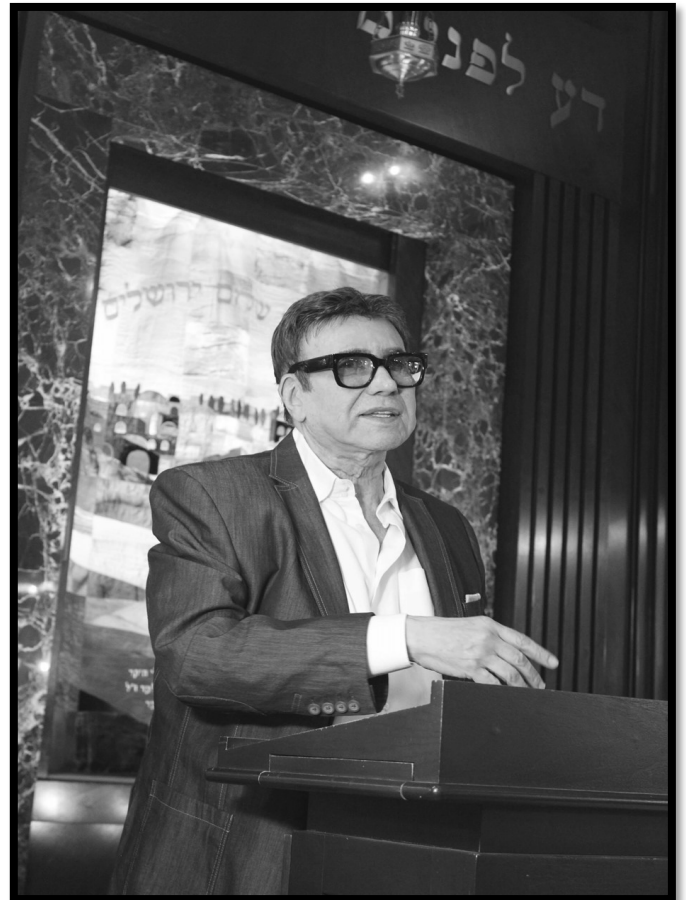
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Torah Dedication Ceremony

Sunday, June 23rd was a monumental day for the Adereth El community. A Sefer Torah was dedicated to the Synagogue for the first time in more than twenty-five years. Our heartfelt thanks to Uri for this beautiful gift. The event began with the completion of the writing of the Torah. Rabbi Gideon Shloush then addressed the community and Uri Zilkha shared personal thoughts as well. The Torah, which was written in Israel, was then danced out of the Sanctuary under a beautiful Chupah. Arrangements were made for 29th Street to be closed to traffic to enable music, band and lengthy dancing to take place outside on the street. Many thanks to Rabbi Golan Benlulu who served as the scribe to complete the Torah and to Yair Chamra for his magnificent vocals. A sumptuous meal was served. May this gift be a source of blessing to Uri Zilkha and the entire congregation.





RIETS Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Michael Rosenweig



This past winter we were honored to welcome RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Michael Rosenzweig** who delivered the sermon on Parshat Mishpatim. Rabbi Rosenzweig is a highly respected Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University's rabbinical school, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He is also the Rosh Kollel of the Beren Kollel Elyon. Rabbi Rosenzweig's sermon was entitled: "Naaseh V'Nishma: A Timeless Approach to Jewish Commitment, Continuity, and Halakhic Idealism."

RAJE at Adereth El

Russian American Jewish Experience (RAJE) is an under-the-radar Brooklyn-based educational program which draws several hundred Russian Jews to study Torah at their center in Brighton Beach. The crown jewel of RAJE's range of programming is its ten-week fellowship program which culminates in a free trip to Israel. In the past decade RAJE has over 5,000 graduates and they now have branches in nearly a dozen cities across North America as well as an online academy.

Rabbi Gideon Shloush was very taken by the success of RAJE and proudly there is now a RAJE branch at our Shul in Midtown Manhattan. Congregation Adereth El sits in the heart of Murray Hill, a key market where countless post-college young professionals are living.

During the past year RAJE-Manhattan has offered a range of programming including weekly fellowship classes, leadership training seminars, lunch & learns, challah bakes and a Baruch College, Hunter College and John Jay College Shabbaton that attracted more than seventy students to engage with the local Jewish community. A mega-event with Jerusalem sensation Rabbi Daniel Katz was attended by more than 350 people.

One RAJE student, Sarah Bialkin recently shared, "RAJE has been one of the highlights of my post-graduate life. I really enjoy the classes led by all the Rabbis and staff. The environment welcomes questions and even encourages you to challenge everything to ultimately discover what is 'true'. Most of all, RAJE has introduced me to a new community of young Jews. The trips and Shabbatons have cultivated the most amazing friendships! I'm so grateful!"



RAJE is committed to inspiring the next generation of Russian Jews and ensuring that these young men and women are informed about their Jewish heritage. With an in-marriage rate of 94% RAJE is an organization that is truly effective in fighting assimilation. The goal is to establish Jewish families and build a connection to the State of Israel.

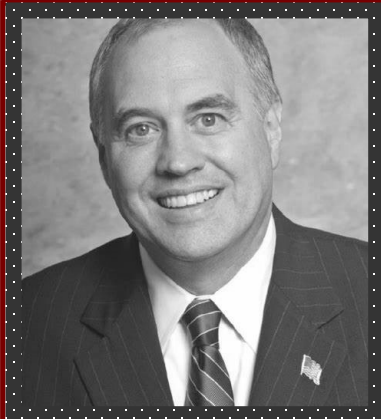


Chief Rabbi David Lau of Israel visits Adereth El

This past Winter, Adereth El had the great honor and privilege of hosting Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi David Lau. Rabbi Lau prayed at Adereth El for several mornings during the week and he delivered words of Torah and inspiration after the T'fillah. Rabbi Lau was in town for meetings with the Beth Din of America. Rabbi Shloush coordinated the visit and commented on how much Rabbi Lau enjoyed praying in our historic Synagogue.



New York State Comptroller - Thomas DiNapoli visits with Adereth El



Upon the news of the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Rabbi Shloush received a phone call. New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli wanted to attend Synagogue services at Adereth El. Although he is not Jewish, he feels deeply connected to our community and he felt that it was of utmost importance to him to join with his Jewish brothers and sisters in their time of need. With great sensitivity he addressed the congregation at Friday night services offering words of support and comfort. We are deeply indebted to the honorable Mr. DiNapoli for his deep friendship and concern. He is an extraordinary individual; a genuine role model and we are forever indebted to him for his care and kindness. Our heartfelt appreciation to Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, the Executive Vice President of the NY Board of Rabbis for joining for services as well.

WEATHERMAN DAVE PRICE

This year we were honored to welcome Dave Price the weather anchor for NBC's News4NY. His presentation was nothing short of electric! Prior to joining NBC, Price co-anchored Good Day New York at WNYW FOX5. Before FOX5, Price was the weather anchor for CBS's The Early Show for eight years and covered major weather events for the CBS Evening News.



In addition to forecasting and reporting on-site from natural disasters, Price traveled throughout the country and around the globe bringing amazing feature stories to millions of viewers. Price has had a first-person view of some of the most momentous events of our time. Price spoke about these experiences. Price was in New York City, on-air, as the tragic events of September 11 unfolded and was one of the few reporters who spent the night enduring Hurricane Katrina inside the Superdome in New Orleans with the people he was covering. Price has reported from Presidential inaugurations, sports championships, Thanksgiving Day parades, the earthquake in Haiti, the Amazon in Ecuador and the Outback in Australia. Dave Price has seen it all. Price has won four Emmy awards and a Gracie award for his work on-air.

At the conclusion of his talk, our immediate past President, Seth Gillston presented Mr. Price with a plaque: Presented to New York City's Favorite TV Personality Dave Price whose warmth, charisma, good humor and exceptional character serve as an endeared role model for the Jewish People. With heartfelt appreciation from your dear friends on East 29th Street in Manhattan. Congregation Adereth El, New York, NY.

GUEST SPEAKER JUSTICE SHLOMO HAGLER



This past winter we were so honored to welcome Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Shlomo Hagler. Justice Hagler spoke on the timely topic of "Perspectives on the Kavanaugh Hearings", referring to the recently completed Senate hearings for the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Hagler spoke about Halachic, Emotional, Legal and Political (HELP) Perspectives. A Yeshiva University and C.U.N.Y. Law School graduate, Justice Hagler serves on the Civil Branch of the prestigious Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County. This is the highest trial-level court for civil cases in Manhattan, and it is one of the oldest continuously-serving courts of general juristic in the United States.

Advocating for Israel on the College Campus

This past February we were honored to host Ofir Dayan, President of “Students Supporting Israel” at Columbia University. Ofir just completed her sophomore year where she is studying Political Science. Ofir gave an engaging presentation entitled: “Advocating for Israel on the College Campus.” In her talk, Ofir painted a picture of the situation “on the ground” at Columbia and at so many other college campuses. She shared numerous stories and examples explaining how she personally has confronted anti-Israel speakers on her campus. She gave specific suggestions for how people should respond to situations of anti-Semitism. Ofir grew up in Maale Shomron, in central Israel. Ofir served as an officer in field positions in the IDF spokesperson unit for three and a half years, including in operation Protective Edge.



“Chelsea & Chill” Hillel Shabbaton



This past Winter, our Synagogue teamed up with the Hillel at Baruch, City, and John Jay Colleges to host a Chelsea & Chill Shabbaton. More than seventy students joined the congregation for services and a weekend filled with extensive programming. On Friday night the students had Shabbat dinner at the Synagogue. The students joined for Kiddush on Shabbat morning where they enjoyed meeting and schmoozing with our congregants. Shabbat afternoon was also filled with enriching learning and community building including an interactive text study exploring the parasha - accessible to the diverse group of students present. Later in the afternoon, students participated in a competitive riddle and puzzle activity which bonded the community closer together. The Shabbaton concluded with an inspiring guitar Havdalah - a Hillel tradition and always a highlight. For many students, the Chelsea & Chill Shabbaton was their first Shabbat experience. For others, it was their first Shabbat outside of the community they grew up in. Hillel's vision is for every Jewish student to make an enduring commitment to Jewish life, learning, and Israel.



“Barriers” Film Event

By Josh Flug

On the last Wednesday evening of July, the short film “Barriers” was screened at Congregation Adereth El by a representative of the WZO’s Department of Diaspora Affairs. The short film, about 22 minutes long, captures the charged dynamics and complex realities which converge at military checkpoints in the *shtachim* (*West Bank*). We also had the good fortune of sharing a post-screening conversation about the film with a small group of Jewish citizens living in Santiago, Chile via video conferencing.



“Barriers” is a very well-produced film which successfully conveys the pressures with which Israeli soldiers are confronted daily. The provocative film serves as a strong springboard for viewers to attempt to see themselves in the shoes of these young men and the critical responsibilities they bear. In our post-screening conversation, many viewers offered various ideas and thoughts about the movie and in particular how to solve a specific, emotionally charged dilemma the protagonist, a young Israeli officer, faced during his command of a military checkpoint.

With the World Zionist Organization acting as a liaison, the evening gave us a chance to connect with Israel and share experiences about our respective communities with fellow Jews living in Santiago. It is always wonderful and interesting to engage with fellow Jews in different parts of the world. I believe one of the takeaways from the session was the recognition of how important Israel is to both our communities and how this value helps to strengthen the bond of world Jewry.

Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away

By: Barbra Kassell

On Tisha B'Av, Sunday August 11th, a group from Adereth El met at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Place to tour the acclaimed Holocaust exhibit. Upon approaching the museum, placed outside on view in front, is a freight train car used by the Deutsche Reichsbahn (German National Railway). This is an actual car that was used to transport food, goods and livestock and is similar to those freight cars used to transport all people targeted by the Nazis.

On three floors of the museum, we viewed hundreds of original objects, photographs and personal items of victims and survivors of the Holocaust. "The exhibition explores the dual identity of the camp as a physical location - the largest documented mass murder site in human history - and as a symbol of the borderless manifestation of hatred and human barbarity." Observing our fellow congregant, Mr. Jack Joseph of Adereth El, view the artifacts and photos, as a survivor, he appeared to me to have amazing strength and good nature. He spoke of his book, "An Unbelievable Thing: Jack Joseph's Dark Journey" by Daniel Evan Weiss. The book is described as an unlikely tale, like all tales of survival of the Holocaust.



It is an important and riveting experience to view a Holocaust memorial exhibit, whether in NY, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC, Yad Vashem in Israel or an actual Concentration Camp site, so that Jews and all people, NEVER FORGET the atrocities, and for these artifacts and photographs to be seen by all, not once, but numerous times.

Terror Victims Visit Adereth El

This past summer Adereth El in conjunction with the NY Board of Rabbis and an organization called "Strength to Strength" hosted thirty college-age students who they or their family members were victims of terror. The group was made up of young men and women from around the world. Madrid. Nice. London. Caracas. Buenos Aires. Jerusalem. Cairo. Dublin. New York. The students spent a week together here in NYC bonding and addressing their difficult experiences. Before making their way over to Adereth El the students spent the first half of their day at the United Nations with the Under-Secretary General. There the conversation centered around global support for victims of terrorism and prevention.

At Adereth El the students had dinner with leaders of the Christian, Jewish & Muslim faiths to discuss how we can all work together to make the world better. The program began with each of the



students introducing themselves and sharing their personal experience. One young woman from Beit Chagai, Israel shared how she survived a drive by shooting. She was in her car near her home (south of Chevron) with her sister and her parents. Suddenly her automobile was struck by bullets. Remarkably, her father was able to keep driving and they survived the attack. A year earlier, her brother and his friend were both killed in a shooting.

There to address the students were Rabbi

Gideon Shloush (immediate past President of the NY Board of Rabbis), Rabbi Joseph Potasnik (Executive VP of the NY Board of Rabbis), Deacon Kevin McCormack & Muslim Cleric Mohammad Ravzi. Deacon McCormack commended the students in their ability to carry on. He said "Many would just hide in a bed and hope that people bring them food. But you are an inspiration in your perseverance." Mr. Ravzi spoke about his experiences. He said "My daughters have had their scarves pulled off. They've been kicked and called terrorists. 9/11 changed our lives. I focus on getting Muslims into the FBI and NYPD and working with law enforcement and being productive in society."

Rabbi Shloush quoted a verse for that week's Torah portion: "Se'u it Rosh Kol Adat Bnai Yisrael." He asked: "Why does the Torah use a term of "Se'u" for counting? Because it teaches us that we must not only *count* survivors but we must raise them up. Elevate them." He went on to say "There are no words to express how our hearts are with you. We cannot even imagine what you and your loved ones have been through. How you must know that your life has meaning. That you make a difference."

An Evening of Laughter



This year's Chanukah party was memorable as we enjoyed an evening filled with laughter and fun featuring our very own Allen Lewis Rickman & Yelena Shmulenson. (Known for their appearances in A Serious

Man, Boardwalk Empire, Tevye Served Raw, and the dessert table at our Shabbos Kiddush!!!) Everyone benefited as we go to see Allen & Yelena performing some of their favorite comedy material in miscellaneous languages. The festive evening also included a sumptuous dinner and our traditional annual Chanukah Raffle. Congratulations to all the prize winners. The Synagogue is so appreciative of all those who donated prizes for the raffle as well as the countless individuals who purchased raffle tickets. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser for the Shul.



Message from our Co-President Jonathan Grauman (cont.)

At Adereth El we are so fortunate to have this beautiful building, and most important, our wonderful congregation, made up of people from *all* walks of life. Even though some of the strands of the tzitzit fall off to the side, even though the ideal of Am Echad, Lev Echad is not always achieved, our unity of purpose brings us together in our Shul, Congregation Adereth El.

May this New Year be a year of peace, unity, health and happiness for us and for all of Klal Yisrael.

Our Newest Members



Avigail Tikvah Bernstein

Alexander Philippe Bluetrich

Eliana Farkas

Eden Batya Horwitz



Adir Zev Jesselson



Gabriel Montrose



Sarah Naftali



Carmel Packin



David Chaim Shloush



Joseph James Siev

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.



PERSONS OF THE YEAR 5779

Joseph & Olga Garay

This past Fall Congregation Adereth El paid tribute to Joseph & Olga Garay for their years of dedication and support of our beloved synagogue. Together they have given so much to make Adereth El beautiful. An elaborate Kiddush was given in their honor.



In his sermon Rabbi Shloush said: “One can literally go from room to room in our building and see the work of their hands. I remember in 2001 when this sanctuary was completely gutted. Mr. Garay was standing in the middle of it all. He brought in a renowned artist to design the painting of the pillars, a master craftsman to build the magnificent new Aron Kodesh, a seasoned carpenter to refinish the century-old benches and an upholsterer to design new cushions. It didn’t just happen. Joe Garay took the lead and saw to it that this renovation would take place. With great wisdom and sensitivity his team incorporated old and new; carefully maintaining and preserving the sense of history that is the hallmark of this Shul.”

The Garays are Holocaust survivors whose vision has always been to rebuild the Jewish People. Congregation Talmud Torah Adereth El is forever indebted to Olga & Joseph Garay for their care, commitment and support.

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Bnai Zion Foundation

We are very excited to once again partner with the Bnai Zion Foundation for a community clothing drive benefiting Yad Leah.

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.

Please join us on **Sunday October 27** to collect clothes once again for this incredible cause.

CEO of B'nai Brith International Dan Mariaschin Delivers Lecture: "Response to the Pittsburg Tragedy"

By Dr. Gilead Kedem & Shira Felberbaum



Congregation Adereth El had the privilege of hearing Dan Mariaschin, CEO of B'nai Brith International, speak at the conclusion of Shabbat morning services on March 30th. His talk, "Community Response to Tragedy in Pittsburgh" reviewed the history of anti-Semitism in America, highlighting significant incidents and the Jewish response to it.

From current members of Congress openly espousing anti-Semitic tropes, to the prominence of the BDS movement on college campuses and white nationalism in public life, these are certainly fraught times for American Jews. In this milieu, Mr. Mariaschin's deep insights particularly resonated with the audience.

In illustrating the anti-Semitism of post-war America, Mr. Mariaschin read letters from the B'nai Brith archives. In 1947, a Minnesota hotel representative asked a prospective client whether he was Jewish, "as Jewish people are not allowed." Similarly, a headmistress of a girl's school in Charleston, South Carolina, denied admission to a Jewish applicant in 1959, citing the "wise policy not to accept students of religious faiths different from the majority of the girls here."

Precisely because contemporary times have been so good to American Jews, the recent spike in anti-Semitic acts is such a blow to the Jewish community. Mr. Mariaschin emphasized the importance of confronting anti-Semitism wherever it arises, exposing it and speaking out against it.

Numerous people expressed how appreciative they are to know that there are people of Mr. Mariaschin's stature and capability representing Am Yisrael in the highest offices both in the USA and around the world.

Upon receiving a thank you note from the Rabbi, Mr. Mariaschin wrote: "I felt very much at home at Adereth-El yesterday, both in the morning service and during and after my presentation. I could feel a connection to the issues presented, and that speaks volumes about your congregants and their devotion to Israel and the Jewish people. And they are supremely well led by you. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be with all of you on Shabbat."



Distinguished Residents: Dr. Simcha Leibovich & Diti Bechor

Dr. Simcha Leibovich serves as the Special Representative of the WZO Executive in North America. We are so delighted that Simcha and his wife Diti will be returning to our community here in Murray Hill. Dr. Leibovich will resume in the post where he served from 2012-2016 with a stated objective to create compelling and meaningful programs about Zionism and Israel. Simcha & Diti are a dynamic duo. Some of their accomplishments during their last stint in NY include: Organizing the first ever Chidon HaTanach for adults in North America. These annual events attracted more than 400 people. Arranging conferences focused on raising the profile of Ivrit (Hebrew Language) and Jewish Culture in North America. Running conventions and seminars for Israeli teachers and shlichim. Developing creative programs for Israelis living in North America so that their bonds with the Jewish State remain strong and enduring. Our community benefited by their presence as well. Whether they were initiating trivia contests, slide presentations, Tanach shiurim, Israeli food events or spirited singing, ultimately they instilled within each of us a profound love and connection to Medinat Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael.



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opportunity to learn how Matzah is made and bake their very own Matzahs. Many participated in our Family Shabbat Dinner which included delicious food, edible arts & crafts, singing and story-time with the children. Yet another highlight for children is our bi-monthly Tot Shabbat programming. It is here that the children learn about the beauty of Shabbat and the upcoming holidays.



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- * To **Tzvi Cohen** on his marriage to **Abbie Solomon**.
- * To **Jonathan Etzion** on his marriage to **Laila Masghati**.
- * To **Ari Hirt** on his marriage to **Karen Blatt**.
- * To **Rabbi Gideon & Bonnie Shloush** on the birth of their son, **David Chaim**.
- * To **Stuart Krause & Renee Moskowitz** on the birth of their grandson, **Avraham David**.
- * To **Tamir & Dr. Nizan Packin** on the birth of their daughter, **Carmel Hasia**.
- * To **Morris & Carol Shoretz** on the engagement of their daughter **Lily to Joel Goldschlag**.
- * To **Morris & Carol Shoretz** on the marriage of their grandson **Shlomo Mirsky to Rachel Loffman**.
- * To **Kenny Canfield** on his marriage to **Dina Benzaquen**.
- * To **Ryan Miller** on his marriage to **Rachel Kravatsky**.
- * To **Prof. Michael Lewyn** on his marriage to **Helen Teitelbaum**.
- * To **David & Barabra Kasell** on the birth of their granddaughter **Ruby Sara** (Shira Michal).
- * To **Jacob & Penina Bernstein** on the birth of their daughter **Avigail Tikvah**.
- * To **Samuel & Arezoo Jesselson** on the birth of their son **Adir Zev**.
- * To **David & Sabrina Montrose** on the birth of their son **Gabriel**.
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- * To **Tamir & Dr. Nitzan Packin** on the birth of their daughter **Carmel**.
- * To **Dr. Mordechai & Rebecca Siev** on the birth of their son **Joseph James**.
- * to **Ben & Devorah Naftali** on the birth of a their daughter **Sarah**.
- * To **Rabbi Moshe & Ruth Rosenberg** on the birth of their granddaughter **Sarah**.

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Thank you to Dr. Edward & Natalie Ostad for installing the beautiful new flooring in our lower lobby.

Thank you to Dr. David & Annette Araten for generously volunteering their time to lead our weekly Children's Service!

jBox Challah Bake



This past June, jBOX hosted a challah bake event at our Shul! jBOX delivers fresh homemade challah dough to your door so you can forget shopping, kneading and cleaning and go straight to braiding and baking! The dough comes with instructions, toppings and different braiding styles! For questions, please email info@inajbox.com or visit www.inajbox.com.

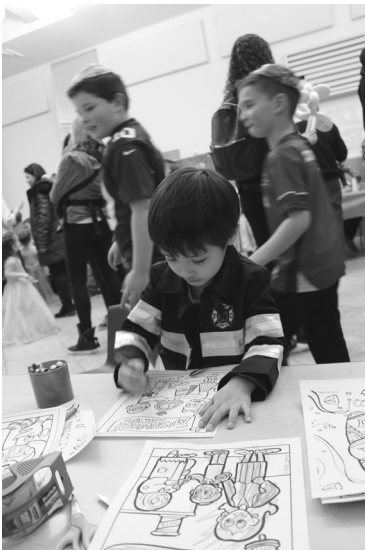


The Big Israeli Trivia Game

In celebration of the 71st Anniversary of the State of Israel – Congregation Adereth El invited shlichot (representatives) from the World Zionist Organization to run “The Big Israeli Trivia Game.” The program took place this past May at Shabbat Kiddush and was an overwhelming success. Members of the congregation of all ages participated in the beautifully run Jeopardy-style program. The trivia questions were engaging and it was especially wonderful to see the range of categories (food, accomplishments, history, Judaism etc.) This enabled people of various backgrounds to connect with their areas of personal interest. With deep gratitude to WZO representatives Hilla Drechler and Or Adi for running the event. Special thanks to Dr. Esther Serok and the World Zionist Organization for providing such innovative and educational programming.



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!



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.

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- How Well Do You Know Your Jewish History? A Series to Fill In The Gaps: Part 1: Creation - Destruction of The First Temple
 - Yom Ha'atzmaut: Is Israel Important to You?
 - Erev Shabbat Jews: Are You Lucky Enough To Be Counted Among Them?
 - Parshat Shemot: Great Names & Great Leaders - Your Name Is Your Essence
- Psalm 146: Where Should I Place My Hopes? Beautiful Insights Into This Psalm We Recite Every Morning.
 - Chanukah Insights You May Not Have Heard Before
- Practical Tips On How To Be A Good Guest And How To Be A Good Host (Hachnasat Orchim)
 - Practical Guidance when faced with Death and Mourning

RENT

Are you planning to celebrate a Simcha with your family?

Organizing a birthday party for your child?

Looking to entertain a large group of friends outside your home?

Don't overlook the benefits of renting a room in the Shul. The cost is economical compared to other Kosher facilities. The convenient location, close to home, is another plus. And of course, your rental helps to support the Shul.

**For more information, call the Adereth El office
(212) 685-0241.**

Don't miss the
Adereth El Annual

Sukkot Barbecue
Thursday, October 17th
6:30-8:30pm



SAVE THE DATE!

R.S.V.P. to the Shul Office at
(212) 685-0241

Adult \$18, Child \$5

Join us in our Sukkah as we
welcome new members
in our community.

We hope to see you there!

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Thank You!

- **To Alice Burstein, Neera Goitein and Maxine Ross for assisting with the High Holiday Mailings**
- **To Mike Gallay for all his assistance with the Adereth El website**

Online Donations

Visit aderethel.org to securely donate online with your, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card.

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.

Rabbi's Tzedakah Fund

Distributes money to people in need both here and in Israel.

Simply Scrumptious Cookbook

Old and new recipes from the kitchens of people you know and pray with and the people they know and love. Includes a foreword from Rabbi Sidney Kleiman z"tl. \$10 per book, available at the Shul office, or contact the Shul office to order.

Torah Classes at Adereth El

Thursday

- **7:00pm—Rabbi Bob Garber's Parsha Class**

Shabbat

- **Rabbi Gideon Shloush's Parsha class, 25 minutes before Mincha**

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Intended for special projects and initiatives.

HACHNASAT ORCHIM

In an effort to continue to make our Shul a warm and welcoming environment, we ask that all our congregants introduce themselves to at least one new person every Shabbat.

NJOP One Day Review

Hebrew Reading Crash Course
One Day Review
Tuesday Sept 10th
7:00-8:30pm



CONDOLENCES

To **Dr. David & Sabrina Montrose** on the passing of David's father **Dr. Stuart Montrose**

To **Dr. Edward & Natalie Ostad and Steven Ostad** on the passing of Edward and Steven's mother **Soraya Ostad**

To **Dr. Abraham Ostad** on the passing of his wife **Soraya Ostad**

To **Marvin Levine** on the passing of his sister **Roberta Levine**

To **Dr. George Miller & Annie Gallay** on the passing of George's sister **Lea Kronenberg**

To **Dr. David & Annette Araten** on the passing of Annette's father **Melvin Duglov**

To **Daniel Tunkel & Rachel Wetstein** on the passing of Daniel's father **Victor Tunkel**

To **Claire Chico & Rabbi Michael Marks** on the passing of Claire's mother **Charlotte Chico**

To **Stuart Krause & Renee Moskowitz** on the passing of Stuart's mother **Frances Krause**

To **Uri Zilkha** on the passing of his mother **Sabicha Nisan**

To **Janet Fried** on the passing of her husband **J. Michael Fried**.

To **Rachel & Dr. Nimrod Dayan** on the passing of their father **J. Michael Fried**.

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 book of Remembrance that we are using for the 5780 (2019) High Holy Days is an annual project of the Adereth El sisterhood.

Memorialized therein are the names of our congregants beloved departed of blessed memory, as well as the Yizkor prayers.

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.

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.

Want to share a Yahrzeit, birthday, or

Simcha with family and friends?

Sponsor a Kiddush, Security or the Eruv on the Shabbat of your choice!

Message from the Rabbi (cont.)

The Reform rabbi informed that we collaborate where there is common ground: anti-Semitism, support for Israel, interfaith activities. The Orthodox rabbi echoed his words and reminded that 'Am Yisrael is so small in number that it is imperative that we work together for the sake of the larger Jewish community.'

But then addressing the challenges and differing opinions that we have here in the United States, the Orthodox representative said: "while we find areas to collaborate we are not prepared to compromise on our core values. Halacha would be an important example. And I say this with deep respect... because I really adore the fellows who I'm sitting next too. They are my friends. We are seeing other denominations give a lot of attention to "Mipnei Darkei Shalom" being accommodating for peaceful purposes. Sadly this has resulted in 80% assimilation rate for Jews in this country "Mipnei Darkei Shalom" for peaceful purposes.

What concerns us is sustainability. We want to ensure that our essentials get passed down from generation to generation. It is our feeling that if every generation picks and chooses what they want to keep and what they want to discard then what ultimately is getting passed down to our children? Rather, it's not about me and what I want. It's about something much bigger than me! We are committed to tradition. Of course, I want to sit next to my wife in Shul. But certain structures need to remain in place."

He went on to share a story about a girl who runs into the kitchen and tells her mother: "Mom, you know that vase in the living room that has been passed down from generation to generation? Well, this generation just dropped it." As a rabbi, he feels challenged to make sure that this generation does not "drop it."

Now the questions started flying. Several hands went up in the air.

"Rabbi Shloush. I am with the Israeli Navy. I like your analogy with the vase. In my family we also have a vase that got passed down from generation to generation. But it just doesn't look good in our living room anymore. So we put it into the basement."

((GULP)) I replied: "you just gave these two rabbis a perfect sermon for Shabbat!"

Joking aside, I went on to speak about the importance of Mesorah (tradition). "You are sitting here today... as a Jew... because your Sabba (grandfather) was a Jew and he accepted the vase from his Sabba who got it from his Sabba. (I sang "Tradition Tradition!")"

Another hand went up. I'm with the Israel Border Police. (The Conservative Rabbi – immediately said – 'I paid all my traffic tickets!!!') "We can't handle the Rabbis in Israel. They are too strict."

I replied: "Ultimately, in your kishkas who do you look up to? No doubt Torah scholars. Talmidei Chachamim. Genuinely righteous individuals. Rav Ovadia Yosef. Rav Shlomo Amar. HaRav Yisrael Meir Lau. Individuals of stature who preserve our tradition and help us apply it to our modern lives. They share with us a tradition that was given to them going back to Maimonides and Rashi and Rabbi Akiva and Ezra & Nechemia and King David. Even if we struggle to keep everything, we respect the tradition. We don't want to be the ones to put the vase into the basement. Rather, take the vase out of the basement. Decorate the vase."

The Reform Rabbi turned to me and said: "I really like your analogy of the vase and I really like your suggestion to decorate the vase."

Then we were asked "What is an example of where you deal with the struggle of Halacha and modernity?"

The Reform rabbi said "our challenge is how to interpret the law." The Conservative rabbi said "a challenge for us would be when faced simultaneously with a funeral and the need to daven Mincha. Which to choose? I have to think about it." The Orthodox rabbi gave an example of the challenge of Bat Mitzvah. His daughter had her Bat Mitzvah last year. He related that halachically, she cannot read from the Torah. She cannot lead the services. But yet he wants her Bat Mitzvah experience to be meaningful for her. So he explained that in his synagogue, after Adon Olam, the bat mitzvah ascends to the pulpit to give a drasha; an insightful analysis of the Parsha. He opined: "ultimately, we find a way to bridge the worlds."

At the conclusion of the presentation we were each presented with a silver medal of Jerusalem. It was such an awesome experience. But there's more. As people were saying their goodbyes, (Continued on Pg. 35)

Message from the Rabbi (cont.)

the commandant of the Israel Military Academy walked over to me and shook my hand. As I pulled away from his clasp, I found there in the palm of my hand a gift of distinction, an IDF military challenge coin. I asked myself: "Why to me?" perhaps the answer was, it's not to me, but to what I represent. The concept of Tradition, Masoret, was validated.

It was great to discuss theology among friends. And as for our distinguished guests from Israel – in the spirit of the exalted battle-cry of the Israeli paratroopers who lead their soldiers into battle – to them I say: "Acharai" (follow me)!

With best wishes to you and your families for a year of blessing, safety, good health and happiness. Shana Tova and K'tiva V'Chatima Tova.

Message from our Co-President Michelle Gallay (cont.)

As we enter a new year, I find that it is always important to reflect upon the past and think about our future. Adereth El has been a home to me for many years as a visitor, a congregant, a board member and now as Co-President. We have opened our doors to so many people and will continue to do so. I hope that each of you finds this same sense of home on 29th street and continues to help build its future. At 162 years old there is certainly a strong foundation both physically and spiritually. My hope is that Adereth El and the community continues to thrive for many more years to come.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year!

"What a Great Idea Year Update" by: Neera Goitein



From earliest childhood, this prayer is said by Jews first thing every morning: *"I am grateful to you, Existing and Living King for having generously returned my soul to me. Great is your faithfulness!**

What's a quick and easy way to improve somebody's day and make a good impression? Say "THANK YOU". What's a quick and easy way to have the opposite effect? Fail to say "THANK YOU"!

The rabbinic intern has given his first sermon and it has you re-examining your relations with your Holocaust grandparents. The newest member of the community has sponsored a delicious kiddish. Being thanked by people they don't know validates their actions and increases their feeling of belongingness to the community. Being verbally appreciative is a good idea in ordinary circumstances. In difficult circumstances, it can make all the difference in the world.

You are in a very very crowded subway car. More people are piling in. The air conditioning isn't working and now the train is stopped between stations. The atmosphere is getting toxic, in more ways than one. The person being pushed onto you moves slightly and gives you a fraction more space. You say, loudly and sincerely, "Thank you so much. I can breathe better now." The person who has moved for you laughs and says, "I know just how you feel," and the whole toxic atmosphere in that carriage starts to dissipate as people smile, shuffle, and make similar remarks. You are standing at a traffic light and see someone start crossing against the light and a car approaching. You shout, "Hey, look out!" That person looks up and stops. He turns to you and says, "Hey, thanks! You saved my life." How good do you feel?

Because while the deed is very important, so is the acknowledgement. And not at all complicated. Thank you to G-d, and to all who read this Bulletin for being my fellow congregants in the best religion and the best house of worship in time and space.

**(Modeh ani lefaneicha Melech Chai veKayam, Sh'Chezarta bi neshmati ba'chemla. Raba Emunateicha)*

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