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Message from Rabbi Shua Mermelstein

Dear Adereth El
Family,

As I write at the
threshold of the
Jewish year of

5785, it is impossible to ignore the profound heartache that has marked 5784. The terror unleashed on our brothers and sisters in Israel last Simchat Torah has changed our lives and the entire world. From the tunnels under Gaza, to the streets of NYC, we have engaged in a war for our survival, confronting a shape-shifting yet age-old hatred. The pain of this year, the losses we have experienced, and the heaviness of what is to come all impacts us deeply, and there are moments when the grief feels almost unbearable. How do we, as a community, confront such darkness?

Perhaps, in whatever solace it can bring, we turn to the ancient concept of Kiddush Hashem—sanctifying God's name—especially in the face of suffering. For centuries, the idea of dying *Al Kiddush Hashem*” has been used to describe the

immense sacrifice of those martyred due to their

Jewishness. The victims of October 7th and our hostages, brutally murdered for being Jewish, clearly deserve this holy title.

The idea of Kiddush Hashem teaches us that while we may not have control over the events around us, we do have control over our response. S. Y. Agnon, in reflecting on the mourner's kaddish, noted that the text of the prayer focuses entirely on magnifying and sanctifying G-d's name. Every loss of Jewish life causes a diminution of Hashem's name, the loss of one Jew means there is a little less godliness in the world. And so despite, or perhaps especially, when we are confronted by the spectre of a Jewish loss, we raise our voices to declare the greatness of God's name. We recite kaddish as a call to redouble our efforts, to make sure we never stop working to make up for what's been lost. Our responses to death and to war must be to exalt Hashem, to labor tirelessly on his behalf, to make sure that the loss and the suffering and the diminution of

G-d's name are never, ever, in vain.

So, practically, what can we do? We are also a shul, situated in midtown Manhattan, in some manner in the center of the world. Our opportunities to sanctify G-d's name abound, through our work at the hospitals, our Chesed to guests at our shul and in our community, and in how we choose to represent Torah Judaism to the world around us. Every time we choose to continue living with faith, with purpose, with compassion, we are sanctifying God's name. Every act of kindness, every prayer, every mitzvah performed in the memory of those who are no longer with us is a declaration that evil cannot and will not have the final word.

Here at Adereth El, we recognize this calling of Kiddush Hashem. We are a shul replete with memories of the Holocaust, not only due to our German roots. This past year we lost Mrs. Olga Garay Z'L, a matriarch of our

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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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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 President for gift contribution opportunities. At this time support is especially needed in the following areas:

Building beautification fund
Children's classroom dedication
Kiddush Fund
Adult Education

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Thank you.

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

Date	Parsha	Candle Lighting	Friday Mincha	Shabbat Shacharit	Shabbat Mincha	Havdalah
Oct 4-5	Ha'azinu	6:14pm	6:15pm	9:00am	6:05pm	7:04pm
Oct. 18-19	Chol Hamoed	5:52pm	5:55pm	9:00am	5:45pm	6:43pm
Oct 25-26	Vezot Hab' rachah	5:42pm	5:45pm	9:00am	5:35pm	6:34pm
Nov. 1-2	Noach	5:33pm	5:35pm	9:00am	5:25pm	6:26pm
Nov.8-9	Lech-Lecha	4:25pm	4:30pm	9:00am	4:15pm	5:18pm
Nov. 15-16	Vayera	4:19pm	4:20pm	9:00am	4:10pm	5:13pm
Nov. 22-23	Chayera Sara	4:14pm	4:15pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:09pm
Nov. 29-30	Toldot	4:11pm	4:15pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:06pm
Dec. 6-7	Vayeitzei	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	Vayetishev	4:13pm	4:15pm	9:00am	4:05pm	5:10pm
Dec.27-28	Chanukah	4:17pm	4:20pm	9:00am	4:10pm	5:14pm
Jan. 3-4	Vayigash	4:23pm	4:25pm	9:00am	4:15pm	5:20pm
Jan. 10-11	Vayechi	4:30pm	4:35pm	9:00am	4:20pm	5:26pm
Jan. 17-18	Shemot	4:37pm	4:40pm	9:00am	4:20pm	5:34pm
Jan. 24-25	Va'era	4:46pm	4:50pm	9:00am	4:40pm	5:41pm
Jan. 31 Feb. 1	Bo	4:54pm	4:55pm	9:00am	4:45pm	5:49pm
Feb. 7-8	Beshalach	5:03pm	5:05pm	9:00am	4:55pm	5:57pm
Feb. 14-15	Yitro	5:11pm	5:15pm	9:00am	5:00pm	6:05pm
Feb. 21-22	Mishpatim	5:20pm	5:25pm	9:00am	5:10pm	6:13pm
Feb. 28 Mar. 1	Terumah	5:28pm	5:30pm	9:00am	5:20pm	6:21pm
Mar. 7-8	Tetzavah	5:36pm	5:40pm	9:00am	5:25pm	6:29pm
Mar. 14-15	Purim	6:43pm	6:45pm	9:00am	6:35pm	7:37pm
Mar. 21-22	Vayakhel	6:51pm	6:55pm	9:00am	6:40pm	7:44pm
Mar. 28-29	Pekudei	6:58pm	7:00pm	9:00am	6:50pm	7:52pm
Apr. 4-5	Vayikra	7:06pm	7:10pm	9:00am	6:55pm	8:00pm
Apr. 11-12	Tzav	7:13pm	7:15pm	9:00am	7:05pm	8:07pm

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES — HOLIDAYS

ROSH HASHANA EVE

Wednesday, October 2

Candles 6:17pm
Mincha 6:20pm

ROSH HASHANAH—1st DAY

Thursday, October 3

Morning Service 9:00am
Semmon 10:45am
Shofar 11:00am
Tashlich 5:00pm
Mincha 6:20pm
Candles 7:07pm

ROSH HASHANAH—2nd DAY

Friday, October 4

Morning Service 9:00am
Semmon 10:45am
Shofar 11:00am
Mincha 6:20pm

FAST OF GEDALIA

Sunday, Oct. 6

Fast Begins 5:37am
Slichot & Morning Service 8:00am
Mincha: 6:00pm
Fast Ends 7:02pm

YOM KIPPUR EVE

Friday, October 11

Slichot & Morning Service 6:45am
Mincha 6:05pm
Candles 6:02pm
Kol Nidrei 6:15pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Saturday, October 12

Morning Service 9:00am
Semmon 10:45am
Yizkor 11:00am
Mincha 4:20pm
Ne'ela 5:30pm
Havdalah 6:53pm
Fast Ends 6:53pm

SUKKOT EVE

Wednesday, October 16

Candles 5:55pm
Mincha 6:00pm

SUKKOT FIRST DAY

Thursday, October 17

Morning Service 9:00am
Mincha 5:55pm
Candles 6:46pm

SUKKOT SECOND DAY

Friday, October 18

Morning Service 9:00am
Mincha 5:55pm
Candles 5:52pm

HASHANA RABBA

Wednesday, October 23

Morning Service 6:20am
Candles 5:42pm
Mincha 5:45pm

SHEMINIATZERET

Thursday, October 24

Morning Service 9:00am
Yizkor 10:30am
Mincha 5:35pm
Candle Lighting 6:35pm
Hakafot/Simchat Torah 6:45pm

SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 25

Morning Service 9:00am
Mincha 5:45pm
Havdalah 6:32pm

Morning Schedule

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

Early Mincha Schedule

Monday-Thursday

Winter: 1:00pm Summer: 1:40pm

Weekday Mincha-Maariv

Week of:

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

Message from our Rabbi Emeritus Rabbi Gideon Shloush



Greetings from the beautiful Land of Israel. Here we have the privilege to traverse the gardens of the palace of the King. One drives across this country and is taken aback by its stunning beauty. So many breathtaking vistas and panoramic views. The Midrash tells us that Israel is a microcosm of the world. And how true this is. Drive along the back roads of Nes HaRim (on the outskirts of Jerusalem) and you are in the Swiss Alps. The coastline of Netanya reminds of the beaches of south Florida. The desert of the Negev offers a taste of the mighty Sahara. Explore the coral reefs of Eilat and reminisce about Australia's Gold Coast.

And then there is Jerusalem. There is no place on this earth that can come close to the City of David's level of grandeur, majesty and beauty. Jerusalem is a beacon of light. It is the heart and soul of every Jew. What an honor to be living in the homeland of the Jewish People. To reside in the place that G-d bequeathed to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joshua, David, Solomon, Elijah, Hezekiah, Isaiah and countless others dating back nearly 4,000 years ago. What an honor to breathe this air every single day.

On October 7th, nearly a year ago, Israel was severely attacked. Since then, our country has been at war. How remarkable that the Jewish people – across Israel and around the world – rose to the occasion to defend the Jewish homeland. Reserve soldiers from across the globe rushed home to serve and protect. Schools, synagogues, JCC's and communities arranged for equipment for the IDF and first responders. Here in Israel teens organized babysitting services to assist mom's whose husbands are on the front lines. Using sophisticated algorithms, with the click of a button, a teenager could locate families closest to their homes, ensuring that families throughout the country were covered. And then there were the endless lines of volunteers preparing sandwiches and gear and clothing for soldiers. And there were WhatsApp groups arranging for volunteers in the fields to help desperate farmers manage their harvest. And of course, there continues to be non-stop visits to hospitals, meal deliveries, and creative chesed activities for families of evacuees relocated to hotels and guest houses.

But the war is not over, and the needs have by no means concluded. There are nearly 100,000 people who are not able to return to their homes due to the onslaught of attacks on Israel's borders. How important it is for Jewry in the Diaspora to make Israel's case to their political representatives. Both online and at public gatherings. Talk about Israel. Half the Jews in the world live here. Lobby on behalf of Israel. Support Israel institutions. Ensure that Israel's defense forces have the weapons they need to protect the homeland. Study Torah daily and when you do this, say that "my learning should be a source of merit for the Jewish People who are under attack in Israel." With anti-Semitism on the rise around the world, do your part to ensure that should you ever decide to come here, that Israel will be strong and there for you, when you need it. In an interview this week, Gal Gadot told the President of Israel, Isaac Herzog: "Israel is the insurance policy of the Jewish People around the world."

There is no question that *here* in Israel one feels the truth of the words of our sacred Torah: *Hineh Lo Yanum V'Lo Yishan Shomer Yisrael*. (The Guardian of Israel neither sleeps nor slumbers.) I often like to say that one might suggest that the existence of the State of Israel is a *greater* miracle than the experience of the Splitting of the Red Sea 3,300 years ago. After all, at the time Exodus from Egypt,

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Message from our President Michelle Gallay



A few years ago, I remember trying to pen my thoughts about Adereth El and the word “community” kept coming to mind. I recall searching for the best definition that befit our tight knit small community in midtown Manhattan at that time. My focus was on the scientific term which defined community as “a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.” I wanted to emphasize the commonalities of the Adereth El members. I find that it is typical as a Jew for one to define their community by the town they live in or the shul they attend. And while this is very normal, I think that October 7th, 2023, has changed the way we define community more than ever before. Rather than the simple scientific term described above, I believe that like me, other Jews around the world

have started to understand the deeper definition of community as “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals”; the sense of community that organized religion can provide. The strength in numbers and unity that has come from the atrocities of October 7th is something I have not ever seen in my lifetime. Just like any religion, we as Jews have seen our share of division on numerous topics and while we still may, I can optimistically say that for the most part, Jews around the world have come together, supporting each other, supporting Israel, sharing a united front as a much larger community- The Jewish Community. We share the common goal of ensuring the existence and longevity of our homeland – Eretz Yisrael. We share the common interests to bring our hostages home and the safe return of the Chayalim. This is not just the mentality of our insular small midtown Adereth El community but rather the mentality of most Jews worldwide. It is so unfortunate that it takes such horrific tragedies to bring us together and strengthen the shared bond we have as Jews.

Over the last few years, the world we live in at times doesn't seem real or even make sense. And over the last year, Antisemitism has grown to an all-time high. Yet we do not stand down or cower. We show pride in who we are. We remind the world that we are a small but mighty nation. We remind the world that throughout history our nation has faced persecution to pogroms to the absolute devastation of the Holocaust, but we are still here. We are not victims, rather we are warriors. We continue to wear our Judaism like a badge of honor because we know deep in our hearts as do so many others that we are the “chosen people”. As it says in Deuteronomy 7:6-9 “For you are a people consecrated to your God: of all the peoples on earth your God chose you to be God's treasured people. God did not choose the Israelites because of their numbers; rather, God chose the Israelites and freed them from slavery because God loved them and because God had made promises to their ancestors, the biblical patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” In fact, we were the fewest of people. We still are the fewest of people and we must remember our covenant with Hashem and remind ourselves every day to appreciate all that has been given to us, the Torah, the traditions, the divine protection. We must continue to nurture our love for Hashem and impart our learnings and the importance of our Jewish history to the next generations.

October 7th broke me. It brought me to the reality that the evils perpetrated against innocent people is not a thing of the past. That single day and the months that have followed generated intense feelings of uncertainty. Was this a feeling that B'nai Ysrael felt wondering in the desert – waiting to

Message from the Sisterhood Alice Burstein



The Adereth El Sisterhood is an arm of Adereth El that supports the Shul and its goals. We help create an inviting atmosphere, fostering a sense of community and contributing financially to the Shul. We contribute to the sponsorship of a Security Guard for the Shul every month to honor Rosh Chodesh, long considered a special holiday for women; we also do this on some holidays. We celebrate births by sending baby gifts to welcome our newest members; we send letters of condolence and sponsor Eruvim for people in mourning. We welcome our new Rebbetzen Deborah Watman to Adereth El and the Sisterhood. She is bringing her creative ideas, including a first ever Senior Event this fall. It will be a pleasure to have her in Adereth El and the Sisterhood. This year we sponsored a Fourth of July kiddush - a first for the Sisterhood. The tables were decorated to fit the holiday theme - red, white and blue plates and table cloths. We had food appropriate for the Fourth of July with chicken nuggets, baked beans, multiple salads, meatballs, rolls, fish, and others. This summer was the third year for the Sisterhood's Torah in the Park, led by Rabbi Shua Mermelstein and held in Madison Square Park - a lovely small park close to Adereth El. The group drawn to this event has been growing year by year. This year's subject was a meaningful discussion on Pesach and Sfirat HaOmer. Plans are in the works for another Let's Talk Torah event later this year. Past Sisterhood events included an origami class, led by shul member Rachel Ross; wine tastings, a game night, jewelry making classes, a theater party, art appreciation lectures, challah baking and cholent classes among others. The Sisterhood continues to produce the Adereth El Book of Remembrance, a booklet that contains the Yizkor prayers recited at Adereth El as well as a section memorializing contributors' departed loved ones. The booklets are produced for the High Holidays every year and are used every time that Yizkor is recited. In addition to the hard copies in the shul, we also post a link to a web version for those who cannot attend in person so they, too, can access the prayers and memorials wherever they are. The Sisterhood is open to suggestions for future events. We welcome new members — applications for membership are available at the Shul office or at www.aderethel.org/sisterhood. We look forward to your participation and meeting you at our next event.



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.

PLATINUM DUES	\$3600
GOLD DUES	\$2500
PILLAR DUES	\$1800
FAMILY DUES	\$1100
SINGLE DUES	\$800
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (For commuter and those residing outside the community)	\$500
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP	\$350

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 this to make a monthly contribution to the Shul. The office could charge your credit card as per your request. Your support is greatly ap-



Message from our Gabbai John Golin

Shana Tova to all.



In August, I began my fifth year as gabbai rishon of our historic 170-year-old shul. I am honored to serve and to work with our other excellent gabbaim for Shabbat and weekdays: Rabbi Andrew Sichel, Mr. Brett Firfer, Dr. Jonathan Gersch, and Mr. Matthew Bobman. I am particularly excited about three recent developments:

1. The daily minyanim are stronger I believe that an Orthodox shul is only as strong as its daily minyanim and that we should make every effort to ensure their success. The weekday shacharit minyan and the Sunday shacharit and mincha/maariv minyanim are particularly strong. Our neighborhood demographics have changed, and we now have local residents, including many young men, who are committed to regular davening. We have a full minyan of local people nearly every day. Rabbi Mermelstein instituted a WhatsApp after the pandemic and that has proved helpful in keeping everyone informed. Mincha/maariv davening, which is still heavily dependent on commuters during the week, also rarely falls short of a minyan. Minyanim, though, are fragile entities in an area where people are transient. You count on us to be there for the occasional yartzeit, but why not also join us when you can to support our weekday and Sunday minyanim? The Sunday shacharit minyan is later (8:30), and we enjoy a free light breakfast afterward. Women are welcome at our minyanim and may say kaddish. During the school year, several Stern students regularly attend and are very welcome.

2. We have a Sefer Minhagim The Orthodox Union's gabbai forum has championed the idea of a Sefer Minhagim for its member congregations. Rabbi Mermelstein and I have therefore codified our shul's minhagim. This is critical to ensure continuity in our religious practice. The Sefer is at this writing in its final stages of editing, and I already consult it. We are also guided by the Ezras Torah Luach (calendar and guide) which is used by many Orthodox Ashkenazi congregations.

3. We are using new machzorim for the high holidays It would not be an exaggeration to say that I am ecstatic that we are switching from the Birnbaum machzor to the two-volume R' Joseph Soloveitchik set. The generosity of several donors made this possible. The benefits of this switch are numerous. The print in the Soloveitchik machzorim is much easier to read, and the English translation is less archaic. The Torah aliyot are clearly demarcated, and the Neilah service is much easier to follow. The entire Yom Kippur musaf service is translated into English. I am sure that this major change will enhance our high holiday davening.

I wish you and your family and klal Yisrael a prosperous, healthy, and safe New Year. Please feel free to contact me (john.golin@gmail.com) throughout the coming year with any questions or concerns about davening.

Mazal Tov

7/20/2024 The entire Congregation Adereth El community extends heartfelt Mazal Tov to Rabbi Shua Mermelstein and Deb Watman and their families on their upcoming wedding. We celebrate this joyous occasion with you and wish you a lifetime filled with love, happiness, and countless blessings. May your union be a source of inspiration and joy to all who know you. Mazal Tov!

7/20/2024 Mazal Tov to Rabbi Jeremy and Marci Teichman on the birth of a healthy baby boy. "It is a true joy sharing our simcha with Adereth El. Thank you all for welcoming us to the community over these years. Coming for Shabbatot and learning weekly with you has been a true privilege. Both Marci and I hope to celebrate more communal Smachot, like Rabbi Shua's upcoming wedding to Deb! Mazal tov!"

Message from Rabbi Shua Mermelstein

shul. Our beloved Olga, who survived Auschwitz, dedicated her life to this idea of Kiddush Hashem. She educated the world about the Holocaust, and was committed to the idea of "Never Forget." At the same time, Olga's life was spent furthering the Jewish project. Together with her husband Joe, *yibadeh l'chaim tovim*, she built shuls (including our own) and supported the State of Israel. Most significantly, she built an incredible Jewish family, through whom her legacy lives on. Her hope in the face of suffering, and her commitment to rebuild while continuing to serve G-d, serves as a prototypical *Kiddush Hashem* and an inspiration to us all.

It is also incumbent on us to recognize that, although we confront darkness, we do not do it alone. Our community continues to come together, to support each other, and to show up as only a family could. I feel so grateful to have celebrated my marriage to Deborah Watman with so many of you. Deb and I feel incredibly loved by you all, and are prepared to rededicate ourselves to building this beautiful community.

Jared Scharf has also joined us as rabbinic intern, and has provided an incredible amount of passion and intelligence in his new role. We are lucky to have him.

In both joy and sorrow, we remain steadfast in our commitment to lifting each other up and continuing the sacred work of making God's name known through our deeds. As we prepare for the High Holidays and reflect on the year ahead, let us focus on the sanctification of God's name. Let us cry over what we have lost, but let us never lose sight of the hope and mission that defines us as a people. We commit to building a future that never forgets those we've lost, uplifts those in need, and reflects the values that make Adereth El the incredible community that it is. We will exalt and sanctify Hashem's name in this world. *Yisgadel v'Yiskadash Shemei Rabba*.

Wishing you all High Holidays that serve as an atonement for us all, and to a year filled with the sweetness only Hashem can provide. May G-d erase tears from all faces.



Message from Rabbi Mermelstein

Rabbi Shua's Shiur and Beer Chabura for young professionals will continue through the Fall, please see him for more info.

Interested in One-on-One Learning Opportunities?

Yeshiva University and Stern College students would love to study Torah with you! Please reach out to the Rabbi or Rabbinic Intern if interested.

SAFETY AND SECURITY ARE A COMMUNAL AFFAIR by *Neera Goitein*



The "spontaneous" outpourings of antisemitism and anti-Zionism on the streets of New York and in some campuses in the wake of Hamas's barbaric October 7th attacks on Israel were horrifying and shocking. Suddenly our bedrock certainty that "it couldn't happen here" became "maybe it could happen here".

To help ensure that our community remains safe and strong, we need to stay ahead of those who wish us harm. At Adereth El we have already taken actions to strengthen our community, including conducting a self-defense workshop and demonstration; increasing security at the shul; and producing a series of Safety Tip sheets (which can be seen in the shul's weekly email and this Bulletin).

Our next step is to convene a group of concerned members on Sunday December 8th, to plan and prepare for the future. I urge each of you to bring your ideas and resolve to this effort. We are living in uncertain and even frightening times. With the example of heroic and successful actions of the IDF and citizens of Israel, and with vigilance and faith in God, we can and will continue to protect our beloved Adereth El community.



Eruv Sponsors

- 3/30/2024 Eruv is sponsored by the Adereth El Sisterhood who mourns the passing of Olga Garay, z"l, Rachel bat Yehoshua, wife of Joe Garay, mother of Stuart, Kenneth and Andrew Garay; a long time faithful member of Adereth El. Baruch Dayan Emet.
- 4/6/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Jackie Slawsky in memory of Olga Garay: May the memory of this special lady be a Blessing.
- 4/13/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Michelle Gallay in honor of the yahrzeit of her grandmother Anne Jaffe, Chana bat Yosef's, z"l.
- 4/20/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Mike Gallay in memory of his father Ralph Gallay, Rafael ben Zev z"l on the second anniversary of his yahrzeit.
- 4/27/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Philip Lask in honor of his grandmother, Bea Jakobowitsch, who is currently recovering from an illness.
- 5/4/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Natan Peri and Dr. Michelle Levite in memory for Natan's father Ephraim ben Israel.
- 5/4/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Philip Lask in honor of his grandmother, Bea Jakobowitsch, who is currently recovering from an illness.
- 5/11/2024 Eruv this Shabbat is sponsored by Avi jaffe, Beth Jaffe, Josh and Gila Jaffe and Mike and Michelle Gallay in memory of Sandi Jaffe, Sara Leah bat Yonah Leib, z"l.
- 5/11/2024 Eruv sponsored by David and Annette Araten. Congratulations to Avraham Kavian on his upcoming graduation from Medical School.
- 5/18/2024 Eruv sponsored by Barbara and David Kasell for Barbara's sister Carol Glickman Shoening's yahrzeit.
- 5/25/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Beth Jaffe in honor and recognition of my sister and brother-in law, Michelle and Mike Gallay, for their immeasurable dedication and service to our shul and our community.
- 5/25/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Rabbi Shua Mermelstein in honor of Tirtzah and the whole Hilchos Shabbos Shiur Crew.
- 6/1/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Beth Jaffe in honor of our holy, brave chayalim. Hashem should bless, guide, and protect them and return them safely to their families.
- 6/8/2024 Eruv is sponsored by the Adereth El Minyan in honor of our committed members who make it possible everyday.
- 6/15/2024 Eruv is proudly sponsored by the parents of Sydney Gallay, Emma Levy, and Ben Altman in recognition and celebration of their graduation.
- 6/22/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Shpresa and Durak Kurti congratulating Teresa (Tirza) Ulrich and Michael J. Moffatt on their marriage.
- 6/29/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Natan & Dr. Michelle Levite in memory of Natan's mother, Janette bat David.
- 7/6/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Beth Jaffe in honor of Michelle Gallay's birthday.
- 7/13/2024 Eruv sponsored by Beth Jaffe for a Refuah Shlema for her cousin, Chaya Gila bat Sara Hersha.
- 7/27/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Neera Goitein and Beth Zisman in honor of Rabbi Shua and Deb's marriage. Mazel Tov to the bride and groom!
- 8/3/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Maxine Ross in memory of her beloved father, Irving H. Ross on his yahrzeit.
- 8/10/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Beth Jaffe for a refuah shlema for Gershon ben Leah.

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SAFETY TIP #1

SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Trust your instincts:

If you feel something is wrong or dangerous, tell someone in authority.
If you are right, your heads-up may be the difference between a good or terrible outcome.

WHO TO SAY SOMETHING TO?

ON SHABBAT MORNING: Clyde the Security Guard
In the main sanctuary: The Rabbi or the Gabbai
In the upstairs women's section: Neera

AT ALL OTHER SHUL EVENTS & ALL WEEKLY MINYANIM:
The gabbai, the rabbi, Durak & Shpresa, Clyde

REMEMBER: PREVENTION IS KEY – BETTER A FALSE ALARM AND A LITTLE EMBARRASSMENT THAN A CATASTROPHE

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SAFETY TIP #2

INS AND OUTS OF THE SHUL

THERE ARE TWO MAIN ENTRANCES TO THE SHUL:

The **Office entrance** is at 133 East 29th Street
The **Synagogue entrance** is at 135 East 29th Street

THERE ARE SEVEN EXITS FROM THE SHUL:

In addition to the **two Main Entrances** listed above, inside the shul there are exits on **each side of the Balcony** and one on the **left side of the Men's Section**.

There is also one exit from the **left side of the Social Hall** and one in the **back of the Classroom/Playroom** located on the ground floor.

(See red arrows below)



Shul



Social Hall



Classroom/Playroom

The **two Balcony exits**, the **Sanctuary exit**, and the **Social Hall exit** all lead down to the **Classroom/Playroom** on the ground floor, which takes you to the **Office entrance** of the **Synagogue**.

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SAFETY TIP #3

LIFE SAVERS

First Aid Kit * Fire Extinguishers * Defibrillator

Locations

The **FIRST AID KIT** is in the playroom closet on the ground floor of the west wing

The **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** locations are:

- (1) In the lobby next to the balcony staircase
- (2) In the lobby staircase
- (3) In the kitchen and social hall on the lower level

The **DEFIBRILLATOR** is located in the kitchen



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SAFETY TIP #4

GETTING HELP - THE 911 WAY

The fastest and best way to get help is the 911 Call.
It is important to provide the 911 Operator with the necessary information quickly.
Speak loudly and try not to shout.

SITUATIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE AN EMERGENCY 911 CALL



MEDICAL EMERGENCY



FIRE



BREAK IN / ROBBERY IN PROGRESS



SHOOTER / HOSTAGE

Be aware of your own safety while you make the call.
Include the essentials in the call.

These are the things the Operator must know:

YOUR LOCATION: Provide the exact address where help is needed.

THE PROBLEM: Clearly indicate the situation at hand (as precisely as possible including exact location of the incident).

Sample Call:

I am calling from 135 East 29th Street, Adereth El Synagogue.
There is a medical emergency - a congregant has collapsed.

The 911 Operator may then ask you for additional information or may provide initial guidance. If you are calling from a cell phone, they will already have your number.

Resist the urge to supply additional unsolicited information.

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Catch up with Rabbi Shloush's classes on Torahanytime.com!

Some featured classes include:

- How Well Do You Know Your Jewish History? A Series to Fill In The Gaps: Part 1: Creation - Destruction of The First Temple
 - Meaningful Lessons From The Mishkan
- 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.
 - Tehillim For Difficult Times
 - Psalm 30 - The Magical Psalm of Chanukah
 - The Nine Days

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 To Be Announced 6:30-8:30pm



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

Adult \$18, Child \$5 (Under 12 Years Old)

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

We hope to see you there!
Volunteers needed!

Online Donations

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

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.

introducing:

Weekly Haftarah Class

with Rhiannon Chajmovicz

Monday nights, 6:30 PM

All are welcome!

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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.



CONDOLENCES

- 3/26/2024 It is with great sadness we inform you of the passing of Olga Garay, Rachel bat Yehoshua z"l, wife of Joseph Garay, mother of Stuart, Kenneth, and Andrew Garay.
- 6/18/2024 It is with great sadness we inform you of the passing of Judge Herbert Altman, z"l, Father of Michael (Batsheva) Altman, Daniel (Gabrielle) Altman and Sarah (Yehuda) Stark.

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 5784 (2023) 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.

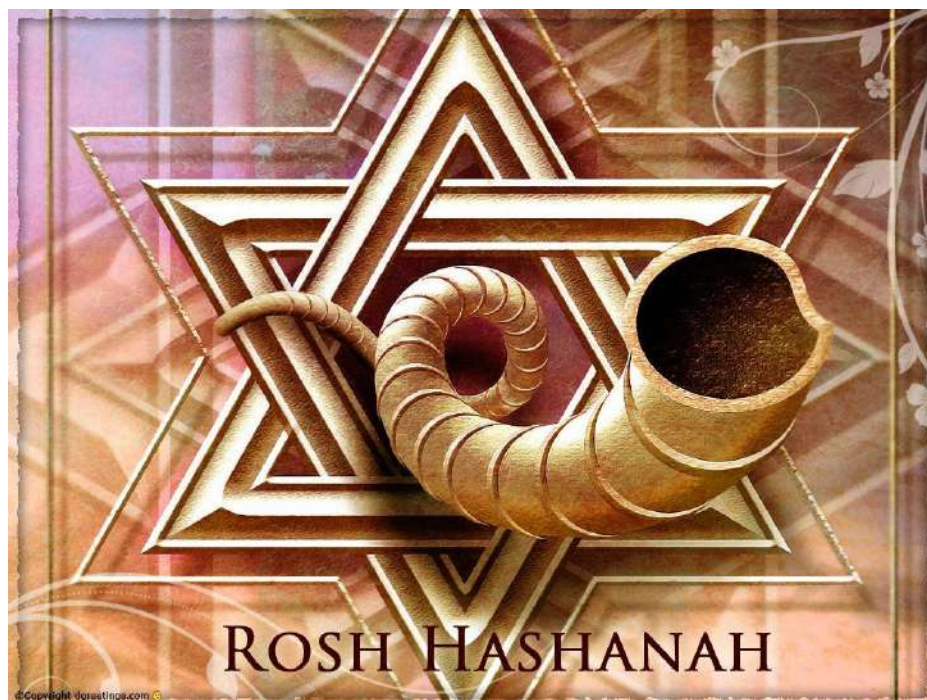
Want to share a Yahrzeit, birthday, or Simcha with family and friends?

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

Message from our President
Michelle Gallay

get to a promised land- scared of what they did not know? Uncertainty can certainly lead to fear – fear of the unknown, but if we remember our past, that nothing is ever perfect, yet all that we have overcome as a Jewish people, we will uncover the strength to continue onward. The journey may be difficult, but we too will reach our “promised land” and each generation to come will make things better. I have deep faith as so many have had before me that we will endure. There is one phrase that is repeated in the Torah 365 times; “Do not be afraid”. The only way to get through the journey is by joining together and marching forward as a united force – as the larger Jewish community. Adereth El has been my sanctuary for many years. Its my place of refuge and my place of joy. It’s a place of healing, a place of celebration. It’s a place that I hope offers the same for many of you. In these trying times and all times for that matter, I encourage you all to support our Shul, to partake in our community, to play a part in our story and contribute to the longevity of this very special place.

I will close by sharing a notable message that I happened upon one day while taking the bus to work. I found myself getting emotional as I watched a short video on Simcha Post as I was struggling to cope with the challenges we are facing today. Berel Solomon so beautifully noted that you should know – “Nothing happens to you, it’s happening for you” and he continued to share his favorite quote that he tries to live by which has really changed my outlook on challenges; “There are times when you might find yourself buried in a very deep and dark place but just know that maybe you have not have been buried at all, maybe you’ve just been planted”. Am Ysrael Chai. May we continue to grow each day.



Security Sponsorship

- 3/30/2024 Security is sponsored by Michael and Janine Weltz in honor of the IDF.
- 4/6/2024 Security is co-sponsored by Josh and Jackie Wicentowsky in honor of Jackie's birthday as well for the safety of the IDF and the Jewish people worldwide.
- 4/6/2024 Security is also co-sponsored by the Adereth El Sisterhood in honor of Rosh Chodesh Nissan.
- 4/19/2024 Security is sponsored by Beth Jaffe with abundant gratitude to Hashem for miraculously protecting Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael.
- 5/4/2024 Security is fully sponsored by Adam and Rachel Levy in honor of the 7th and 8th days of Pesach and in memory of Adam's grandmother, Miriam bat Yael on her yahrzeit.
- 5/11/2024 Security is co-sponsored this Shabbat by the Sisterhood of Adereth El, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Iyyar.
- 5/11/2024 Security co-sponsored by Sofie, Daniel, and Rachel Jaffe and Sydney and Hannah Gallay in memory of their grandmother, Sandi Jaffe, Sarah Leah bat Yonah Leib, z"l on her yahrtzeit.
- 5/11/2024 Security is co-sponsored by Neera Goitein and Alice Burstein.
- 6/1/2024 Security is sponsored by Karen and Rueven Shein and family in loving memory of Philip Weitman.
- 6/8/2024 Security is co-sponsored this Shabbat by the Sisterhood of Adereth El in honor of Rosh Chodesh Sivan.
- 6/15/2024 Security is sponsored by James Hellring in honor of the men and woman of the Israeli Defense Forces in their continuing efforts to defend the land and protect the people of Israel.
- 6/22/2024 Security is co-sponsored by Neera Goitein in honor of the marriage of Teresa (Tirza) and Michael Moffatt. May your lives together be filled with happiness and blessings from above, and we thank you for being such an asset to our community.
- 6/22/2024 Security is co-sponsored by John Golin & Trish Weisman in honor of the marriage of Teresa (Tirza) and Michael Moffatt. May your lives together be filled with happiness and blessings from above, and we thank you for being such an asset to our community.
- 6/29/2024 Security is co-sponsored by Alan Rickman in memory of his mother Chaya Neche bas Reb Aron.
- 7/6/2024 Security is co-sponsored this Shabbat by the Sisterhood of Adereth El in honor of Rosh Chodesh Tamuz.
- 7/20/2024 Security is sponsored in loving memory of Joshua Isaac Shein, with love by Karen, Ruvan, Arianna, Rebekah and Mariessa Shein.
- 8/3/2024 Security is co-sponsored by Andrew Sichel in honor of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Mermelstein's wedding!
- 8/3/2024 Security is co-sponsored by the Sisterhood of Adereth El in honor of Rosh Chodesh Av.
- 8/10/2024 Security is sponsored by Michael and Teresa Moffat this shabbos, in honour of Zwi Ben Zipporah, wishing him a refua shlema.
- 8/24/2024 Security is co-sponsored by Philip Lask, in memory of Aron Lask.

Thank You

- 4/13/2024 Thank you to Rabbi Shua Mermelstein for his generous donation in honor of the wedding of Dan Talmasov and Kate Pawloski.
- 4/27/2024 Thank you to Dr. David and Annette Araten for sponsoring dessert on Shabbat Pesach.
- 5/4/2024 Thank you to Jordan Garay for his donation in honor of my parents and grandfather and in memory of my grandmother.
- 5/4/2024 Thank you to Ben Ozur for his generous donation to the Shul.
- 6/8/2024 Thank you to Michael Moffat for his generous donation to the kiddish fund in memory of the yahrzeit of Opi, grandfather of Tirzah (Teresa), Johannan ben Pnina. May his neshama have an aliyah.
- 6/8/2024 Thank you to Paul and Mark Pocress for sponsoring Shavout desserts in memory of their parents Sarah Leah bat Harav Schneer Zalman & Yoel Yehushua Ben Areyh Lieb.
- 6/22/2024 Thank you to Michelle Gallay for her generous donation to the shul in honor of Mike Gallay her- other, sometimes better half and their wedding anniversary today.
- 7/13/2024 Thank you to Marc and Eliana Leve for donating to the kiddush fund in honor of, and for ilui nishmato of, Marc's father Kenneth Leve (Yechiel Moshe Ben Gedalia Baruch Halevy) whose 24th yahrzeit we will be commemorating on Friday, 13th of Tamuz. We still miss him and cherish his memory.
- 8/10/2024 Thank you to Steve Rosenthal for his generous donation in honor of Rabbi Shloush.

Message from Rabbi Gideon Shloush con't

it took one day for the Jewish People to miraculously walk across dry land in the midst of the sea. And yet, here in the modern State of Israel, G-d ensures that the "sea" continues to "remain split" for more than 76 years. October 7th has shown the world that Israel is surrounded by enemies on all sides. Yet we see Hashem's miracles every single day.

I once heard Senator Joe Lieberman OB" M say: "G-d was the first Zionist. Our job is to continue His work." Let us all rise to the occasion. Don't just sit back and read the news. Ask yourselves every day, "what did I do today to strengthen the Jewish People and the Jewish homeland?" In the book of Exodus, Moses is standing on the shores of the Red Sea and praying to G-d. Hashem's reply to Moses is "*Mah Tiza'k Elay? Daber El Bnai Yisrael V'Yisa'u.*" Enough with the praying to Me. Now is not the time. Rather. Do. Act. Move forward!

This Rosh Hashana let us pray for peace in Israel and blessing for all of Am Yisrael. May G-d bring an end to this war. May our captives finally be returned home. And may G-d bring safety and security to the residents of Israel and the Jewish People around the world.

With best wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy, safe and blessed new year. Shana Tova.

Eruv Sponsors Con't

- 8/17/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Beth Jaffe in honor of my amazing father, Larry Jaffe. May Hashem continue to bless him abundantly, ad me'ah v'esrim shana.
- 8/24/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Beth Jaffe in honor of our holy, courageous chayalim. May Hashem continue to bless, guide, and protect them.
- 8/31/2024 Eruv is sponsored by Maxine Ross, in memory of her beloved mother, Muriel Ross on her yahrzeit.

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**First Day of Rosh Hashanah -
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Thursday, October 3, 2024

