

12TH ANNUAL **VOLUNTEER DAY**

Sunday, January 18 - 10:30am to 12pm

Helping
organizations
throughout
Metro Detroit
and Israel

**Hands-on volunteer
projects for all ages**

Music provided by
Motown Mlshpucha
Klezmer Band

adatshalom.org/volunteerday



A PLACE TO BE SPIRITUAL



FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOE WENER

At Adat Shalom, community is the heartbeat of everything we do. Whether through worship, learning, volunteerism, social action or simple moments of connection, our synagogue stands as a gathering place where relationships are nurtured, traditions are both observed and celebrated, and no one has to be alone.

Jewish life has always been rooted in community. Just as prayer requires a minyan, our faith was not meant to be practiced in isolation. Celebration is richer when shared and mourning is lighter when others help carry the weight. Adat Shalom is here to make this a reality in the lives of our members.

Our community includes diverse generations and backgrounds. We are blessed with a congregation that includes young families, seniors, lifelong members, and newcomers exploring Jewish life for the first time. Each person brings a unique story and together those stories create a vibrant and deeply meaningful tapestries. Our diversity strengthens and reminds us that there are many ways to engage, learn, and grow within a shared spiritual home.

Community means more than just showing up for one another. In moments of joy and in moments of vulnerability. It is smiling faces that greet us on Shabbat morning, melodies that lift our spirits, and quiet acts of kindness that may go unseen. It is hospital visits, meals delivered, hands held during Shiva, and the collective pride we feel when our children and grandchildren mark Jewish milestones. These connections transform a synagogue from a building into a home...Our Place To Be.

A divisive and fragmented world often reminds us how essential community truly is for Jews. Times of uncertainty and challenge both at home and abroad have tested our ability to stay connected. This has revealed and demonstrated our strength and resilience. We adapted and supported one another and emerged with a deeper appreciation for the bonds we share. Community is not only what sustains us in difficult moments, it is what gives us hope and purpose to move forward in the face of loss and adversity.

On a personal note, I am continually humbled by the generosity of spirit within our congregation. The willingness of our members to join, contribute, and lead with compassion is what makes Adat Shalom extraordinary. Together, we are more than individuals who share a synagogue, we are a community bound by shared values, mutual responsibility, and a profound sense of belonging.

Adat Shalom's commitment to community remains central to our vision and we will continue to strive to create spaces where every member feels valued and is inspired to participate. May we continue to strengthen and be strengthened by one another. If you want to become more involved in any part of synagogue life, our doors are always open and I'd love to hear from you: jwener@adatshalom.org.



FROM RABBI AARON BERGMAN

I loved listening to Ernie Harwell on the first day of spring training when he would quote Shir Hashirim, the Song of Songs. "For, lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; The time of the singing of birds is come, And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land". Very few turtles, except

perhaps for Yertle, have voices. The word is actually Turtle Dove, not Turtle. In fairness to Ernie, he was quoting the the King James version, which is poetic, but not always accurate.

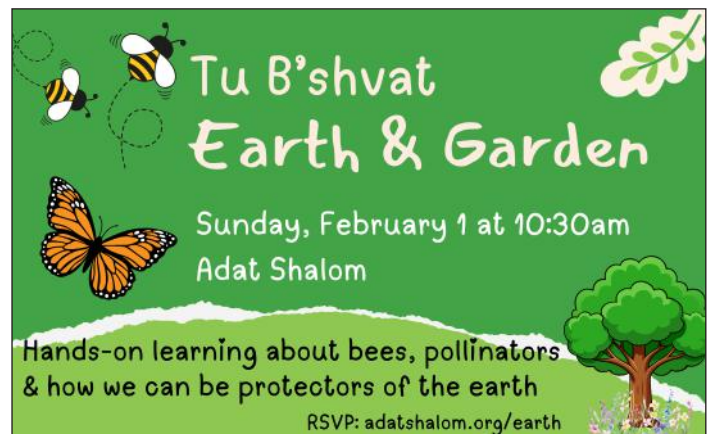
It feels like spring is still a long way away. Winter is still here and in full force. Underneath the ground, a great deal is happening. It is not just animals that go into hibernation, but plants and seeds are dormant, waiting for their chance to bloom.

Now might be a good time to ask yourself what seeds are lying dormant within you that will need nurturing to bloom. Are there things you want to learn? Are there causes you want to support? Are there activities that you want to do?

What seeds should you stop nurturing because they no longer serve your needs. Are there relationships that need to come to an end. Are there activities that no longer bring you joy?

What could you nurture in others? Can you help your loved ones and community think of ways to find joy and meaning?

Instead of thinking about this time as just cold and bleak, embrace it as a moment of contemplation and renewal. It will make a beautiful spring, and it will be your voice that is heard in our land.



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FROM HAZZAN DANIEL GROSS **OUR CONGREGATIONAL JOURNEY TO ISRAEL**

From October 20 to 29 of last year, I had the privilege of leading Adat Shalom's adult mission to Israel, a journey that combined history, spirituality, culture, and a deeply human encounter with Israel as it is today.

Our journey began in Jaffa, where we explored the ancient port city, wandered through the artist colony, and took in the vibrant alleys of the flea market overlooking Israel's "First Hebrew City," Tel Aviv, the first city in centuries that was established with Hebrew as its working language. In Tel Aviv, we experienced Israel's innovative spirit at the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation, then immersed ourselves in the city's energy with a post-October 7 graffiti tour, a stroll through the colorful and fragrant Carmel Market, and a tour and tasting at Israel's first distillery, Milk and Honey.

From there, we traveled south to the Gaza border region, including the site of the Nova Music Festival, and continued to Rahat, where we heard deeply personal stories from those affected by the events of October 7. The most powerful moment of the trip for me came at the Nova site, where we heard the unbelievable and terrifying firsthand account of Noam, a survivor of the massacre. Listening to him share his story brought the terrifying events into sharp, human focus and left an indelible impression on my understanding of the resilience, courage, and ongoing trauma experienced by so many.

We then arrived in Jerusalem, marking our entrance with a beautiful *Shehecheyanu* ceremony on the Tayelet at Armon HaNatziv. Our time in the city included walking through the "City of David," exploring the Jewish Quarter and the Western Wall, and later reflecting at Yad Vashem. We also visited Masada and enjoyed an unforgettable boat ride on the Dead Sea, adding historical depth and natural wonder to our experience. Shabbat in Jerusalem offered sacred moments of prayer and learning, culminating in a beautiful Havdalah ceremony at the Israeli home of our member, Jeff Devries.

Further north, we explored Detroit's Partnership Region, meeting with local communities and sharing in home-hosted dinners. In the Golan Heights, we visited a Druze village, toured military overlooks, and learned about the complex geopolitical history of the region. We also toured the mystical city of Tzfat, where we met with a Kabbalah artist, explored the historic synagogue, and had time to browse the city's galleries and local artisan shops.

Our journey concluded in Haifa, where a breathtaking vista revealed the Bahá'í Gardens cascading toward the Mediterranean, with the city unfolding below us, offering a moment of beauty and reflection as we prepared to depart.

I am deeply grateful to our Adat Shalom families who participated on this trip. You can find their reflections here.

Looking ahead, we are excited to offer our *Generations Israel Trip* in August 2026 with the Nosanwisch family. The itinerary promises to be just as exciting and robust, and, of course, fully family-friendly!



Experiencing Israel with Hazzan Gross

We began our journey together in Tel Aviv, this past October. I'm grateful that you chose to travel with Adat Shalom to Israel, and it was truly meaningful for me to share the experience with all of you.

Thank you so much, Dan

2025 Adat Shalom Israel Trip Reflections

This being my first trip to Israel, I was very excited and had high expectations. I had no clue how much better this experience would be. As soon as we landed I felt like I had returned home (to a place I had never been!) The tour provided all of the historical and cultural highlights I had hoped to see. The people were amazing and added so much more to my experience. Overall, it was the best trip I have ever had. The cherry on top was provided by Hazzan Gross – the songfest at Masada, the poignant moments when he led us in prayer made the trip so much more significant. – Phil Epstein

The tour of Israel hosted by Adat Shalom was long overdue for me as the last time I visited Israel was in 1976. Along with the tour, I visited many family members, which made the trip especially meaningful. The trip started with a heartbreaking story of a Nova festival survivor sharing his experience. We had a mystical experience of Hazzan Gross' duet with the Masada rabbi who was inscribing a new Torah. We visited historical, religious, and beautiful sites throughout the land. The tour included many sites, but it was also individual moments like walking on the marshmallow soft sand on a Tel Aviv beach or just overlooking the miracles and beautiful sites of Jerusalem from Mount of Olives. One of the best features of our tour, which I didn't expect, was the people of Israel; everyone was so nice and gracious, even complete strangers. They were happy to see us and thanked us profusely. If anyone asks me if they should go to Israel, I would say, "Yes GO TO ISRAEL, especially if you are spiritual, a Zionist, a historian, or even a foodie you will not be disappointed." Next year in Jerusalem and Am Yisrael Chai. – Steve Flam

A big thank you to Hazzan Gross and Ofer for leading us in this wonderful trip to Israel! The biggest impact it made on us was the resilience of the Israeli people... the emotions run deep but the spirit is high. The food is amazing, the streets are vibrant with singing, and dancing and everyone was welcoming and friendly. We are grateful to everyone who made this trip possible and are so glad that we went. – The Flanders Family

Howard and I enjoyed the whole trip from the Western wall to Tel Aviv to the Golan to being with everybody to Hazzan Gross' great leadership on the tour, showing us all the wonderful places and the historical significance of each. Everybody in the group was wonderful as well. It was a beautiful trip. – Janet Halberg

This was my first time ever visiting Israel, so everything was special. The visit to the Nova Festival site was definitely the most impactful part of the trip for me. Celebrating Shabbat at the Kotel was incredibly powerful and something I'll never forget. I loved spending time with Israelis—they were so friendly and genuinely happy to see Americans visiting. My parents always talked about how meaningful their trips to Israel were, so it meant a lot that I finally got to go, and that I could share this experience with my wife, sister and brother-in-law. Such a memorable experience! – Steve Woronoff



FROM RABBI BLAIR NOSANWISCH

In the Mishnah and the Talmud we learn of Honi the Wise One, who was also known as Honi the Circle Maker (Ta'anit 23a). Honi would draw a circle and step inside of it to recite special prayers for rain, sometimes even arguing with God during a drought, and the rains would

come.

One day, Honi the Circle Maker was walking on the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked the man, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?"

The man replied, "Seventy years."

Honi then asked the man, "And do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?"

The man answered, "Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees."

Honi's story is often connected to the season of Tu B'Shvat. In exactly the dead of winter, Tu B'Shvat invites us to imagine ourselves in a radically different climate. The 15th of Shvat is the New Year's Day for tithing the fruit of trees. In Pri Ets Hadar, the original seder for Tu B'Shvat from the school of Rabbi Yitshak Luria, circa 17th century, the season is described as follows: "For most of the year's rain has already fallen. The sap has begun to ascend through the trees, and fruit begins to take form on the trees from this time." This may be true in the land of Israel, but for us here in Michigan the ground is frozen solid. But we recall the Honi story as it connects us simultaneously to our homeland, and to our responsibility to steward the land where we are.

The story also draws a compelling conclusion about the connections we have from generation to generation.

For me, the Honi story transports me back to the land of Israel where my son Honi was born. When he was just 4 weeks old, we found an Israeli who was willing to drive us with our newborn son to the burial site of Honi the Circle Maker, known as "Kever Honi HaMe'agal," in Hatzor HaGlilit. For Phreddy and me, it was a moment of continuity. Knowing that Honi was born in Israel but would be returning with us to America in a few short weeks, we wanted to connect him meaningfully and profoundly with the Jewish past and present.



We haven't been back to Israel since Honi was born there in 2018. But I am so overjoyed to be taking an intergenerational trip to the land this August. I have heard from so many that to bring their children and grandchildren to Israel at this time feels all the more precious and important. My hope is that we can find ourselves, like Honi, living the maxim of planting the world today that we hope will be there for our children and grandchildren tomorrow.

Join me and my family this August for an unforgettable trip.

Experience Israel with Rabbi Nosanwisch



**Join the Nosanwisch Family for
Adat Shalom's
Generations Trip to Israel**

August 16 to 26, 2026



**Tel Aviv
shopping and eating in
the Carmel Market and
surfing in the Mediterranean**

**Jerusalem
B'nai Mitzvah Ceremony
at the Davidson Center
and tour the City of David**



**Negev
float in the Dead Sea
and explore Masada**

**Northern Israel
discover Tzfat and
visit Kibbutz Hanaton**



**- Early bird discount until January 15, 2026 -
A savings of \$150 per participant for land expenses**



Info: levintravel.wixsite.com/website-8

Mazal Tov!



January 10

Levi Young, son of Marla & Brian Young, grandson of Susan & Howard Tapper, Charles Young & Debra Carson, the late Ava Young



January 17

Madeline Weiss, daughter of Shana & Allen Weiss, granddaughter of Debbie & Jeff Supowit, Beth & Steven Weiss



January 24

Olivia Paige Cutter, daughter of Shayna & Brian Cutter, granddaughter of Luann & Jerome Feldman, Patti & Andy Cutter, Cheri & John Krolewski



February 28

Aiden Jacob Hunegs, son of Emily & Josh Hunegs, grandson of Sue & Alan Kaufman, Ann Hunegs & Rob Hunegs

Synagogue Thrival Kit

Whether you're a newcomer to adult Jewish study, a seasoned veteran, or someone in between, you're certain to find something meaningful during the Synagogue Thrival Kit with the clergy starting in January 2026.

Jewish literacy and learning as a community can be an impactful journey. A beautiful part of attending the journey through the Synagogue Thrival Kit is that there are many opportunities to make connections with others and Jewish wisdom.

Reflections from past STK learners illustrate the values of six months of weekly learning with the clergy.

I enjoyed...

- The camaraderie of learning.
- The different teaching styles of each teacher.
- The gravity of not just learning the Torah, but the application of it in our everyday lives!
- The community, knowledge and hands on learning opportunities
- Learning with each other and our outstanding clergy team!
- Listening to everyone's questions and answers.
- Multiple topics and opportunities to learn with different people. I found each topic very interesting and now I am curious to learn in more detail.
- The opportunity to meet other people passionate about Judaism at Adat Shalom.

Synagogue Thrival Kit is amazing! Join the clergy for this meaningful journey of Jewish and self exploration.

Synagogue Thrival Kit

A clergy-guided journey teaching how to thrive Jewishly!



Wednesdays, January 14 to May 20

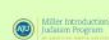
7 pm | Zoom | plus monthly in-person gatherings

- Do you want to explore a wide variety of Jewish topics?
- Are you excited to build community with a group of other learners and clergy?
- Are you Jewish, Jew-ish, or Jew-curious?



\$118 Adat Shalom member | \$200 non-member
adatshalom.org/stk

Questions: Jodi Gross,
jgross@adatshalom.org



Shabbat Rocks

Join us for our uplifting musical Kabbalat Shabbat services

Friday, February 6 | 5 pm

Services followed by a catered dinner

adatshalom.org/shabbatrock



Future date:
Friday, March 6

Meditation & Mindfulness with Rabbi Bergman

Find your inner spirituality and realize how Judaism can make you feel more whole and spiritually connected.

Sundays, 9:30am

- January 18
- February 1 and 22

Future dates: March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26

Questions: Jodi Gross, jgross@adatshalom.org



No meditation experience is necessary.

Get ready to learn, watch, and discover

ISRAELI FILMS

Thursday, February 5, 7:30pm | Zoom

We will begin with a short learning session, setting the stage for the film. We'll then watch a short movie and dive into a meaningful discussion exploring Israeli society, culture, identity, and current issues.

with Yifat Golan

Yifat Golan has over 20 years of experience teaching for schools, universities and community programs.

RSVP to receive the Zoom link | Jodi Gross - jgross@adatshalom.org

The Strangest Books in Jewish History

monthly **with Rabbi Bergman**

Judaism has many familiar books, like the Torah and Talmud, but it is also filled with many weird, wonderful, and little known books.

Monday, February 9 7pm | Zoom

Future sessions: March 9, April 20, May 11, June 8

We will look at a different one each month.

Register to receive the Zoom link - Kellie Yost kyost@adatshalom.org

Soulful Yoga

Life is precious.
Revitalize, Renew, and Restore with Torah and Yoga

Whether you are new to yoga, or are an experienced practitioner, you will find Soulful Yoga a meaningful and joyful practice.

Saturdays | 9:45am

January 24 Rabbi Bergman Mindy Eisenberg, yoga instructor	February 28 (new date) Rabbi Nosanwisch Julie Levinson, yoga instructor
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Questions: Jodi Gross, jgross@adatshalom.org
Future dates: March 28, April 18, May 16, June 20

No experience necessary. Dress comfortably. Bring a mat if you have one or borrow one of ours.

Beit Midrash

A shared space for adults to grapple with complex issues facing American Jewry through Jewish texts and ideas.

Justice:

What does justice mean?
How does economic inequality affect justice?
Is our justice system fair and impartial?
And what is our stake in these questions as Jews?

with Rabbi Nosanwisch and Rabbi Michael Langer

Tuesdays, February 24 7pm at Adat Shalom
adatshalom.org/beitmidrash

Rabbi Langer teaches Judaism at the Frankel Jewish Academy

Future dates: April 28 & June 16

Bereavement Circles

at Adat Shalom

Gather with others to process and move through your grief in whatever form it takes. Sessions will include a mix of sharing and learning.

Growing Through Grief (for 20s, 30s, and 40s)

co-facilitated by Rabbi Nosanwisch and Dr. Jackie Issner

Wednesdays - 7 to 8:30pm
January 14* and February 11
*Dr. Issner is facilitating January 14

Free for members of Adat Shalom.
Suggested donation of \$10 or \$18/session for non-members | adatshalom.org/bc

RSVP by the Monday before each session, shirsch@adatshalom.org, 248.851.5100, ext. 233

Grieving With Grace (50+)

co-facilitated by Rabbi Nosanwisch and Cici Syms, LMSW, Jewish Family Service

Tuesdays - 4:30 to 6pm
January 27 and February 24

Creating an Ethical Will So Your Values Live On

Join Rabbi Bergman

Thursday, February 26 & March 5 7pm | Zoom

A regular will ensure that your possessions and assets get into the right hands, which is undeniably important.

Judaism, though, adds an extra dimension through the writing of an ethical will, which is a summary that we write about all of the ideas and concepts that we valued in life and want to make sure that our loved ones understand.

This might seem scary, and it can be hard to face our own mortality, but this is really an opportunity for us to focus on what really matters in our lives and how we share that with others.

Register to receive the Zoom link - Kellie Yost kyost@adatshalom.org

My Jewish Day

with Rabbi Blair Nosanwisch

An introduction to Jewish daily rituals taught in bite-sized pieces!

in 30 mins.

Wednesdays - 12 to 12:30pm
January 21 to February 25
Zoom

RSVP to receive the link
Sarah Hirsch shirsch@adatshalom.org

No class on Feb. 16

Want to learn to speak Hebrew?

Perfect for learners who want to learn and/or speak Hebrew more fluidly in a welcoming and encouraging environment.

Café B'lvrit Conversational Hebrew
with Yifat Golan

Mondays, 9:00 - 10:00am
January 19, and 26 | Zoom
February 2, 9, 16, 23 | In-person

- Basic greetings
- Real-life topics - food, travel, holidays, and current events
- No experience is necessary

\$20 a session | adatshalom.org/speakhebrew

Yifat Golan has over 20 years of experience teaching Hebrew at all levels in schools, universities, and community programs.

Questions: Jodi Gross, jgross@adatshalom.org

OUR PLACE TO BE ENRICHED




**NEW MOON
CIRCLE**

You are invited to a sacred space to welcome
the New Moon of Shevat and come together as
a community for support, healing, and connection.

Friday, January 23, 11am
Adat Shalom

Hosted by Rabbi Nisanwisch and Mallory Shiffman
Please contact shirsch@adatshalom.org with questions.



Torah & Tarot
The Surprising Jewish History of Tarot
with Rabbi Bergman
Thursday, January 29
7pm | Zoom

Tarot reading is a wonderful tool of insight and self discovery. The cards themselves are colorful and intriguing, something Sigmund Freud would have collected instead of baseball cards.

Though there is a debate whether Tarot was developed originally by crypto-Jews, there is no doubt that Tarot has been influenced by Kabbalah and Jewish symbolism.

Among the greatest teachers of Tarot of the last century have been Jewish scholars. We will look at this history and maybe even do a reading or two.

RSVP to receive to Zoom link: kyost@adatshalom.org



TORAH CAFE

with Rabbi Nisanwisch

A MONTHLY MORNING TORAH PORTION

Fridays @ 8:15-9:15am
Adat Shalom's Library

Dec. 19 | Feb. 27 | Mar. 27 | Apr. 24 | May 15
Sign-up: adatshalom.org/torahcafe



TOF ME'OD DRUM CIRCLE
WITH HAZZAN GROSS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
7:00PM**

No charge for members
\$20 for nonmembers

No experience necessary
Drums provided

Space is limited
adatshalom.org/drum

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kyost@adatshalom.org

SAMMI SHAPIRO
DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT
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Have you come to check out MiniMinyan yet? It's a delightful way to spend your Shabbat morning with lots of fun, food, and friends!

There are some great changes coming to MiniMinyan! Drop-off childcare will continue to be offered from 9:30-10:30 with our Shabbat Madrichot: Millie, Katie, Eliana, Leah, Nora, and Talia! At about 10:20 our clergy and educators will take the older kids (grades K and up) for **Taste of Tefillah**. Taste of Tefillah puts prayers together for an authentic service while providing explanations and exposure to melodies used in the sanctuary.

At about 10:45 the Shabbat Madrichim will join the kids in the Israel Room for some community building and other activities.

At 10:50 **Miniest Minyan** will begin for kids Kindergarten and younger with a grown-up. In this program we'll go through our *matbeah* (structure, order) in a fun and engaging way and there will be a Torah activity connected to the week's parashah.

Everyone will join together on the bimah for a sweet treat and the singing of Adon Olam!



MiniMinyan
Shabbat Mornings
@Adat

Mini-est Minyan
Clergy & Guests
10:45-11:15am
K and under

Taste of Tefillah
with clergy
10:30-11:15am
K and up

Supervised play available
9:30 to 10:30am

No rsvp needed!



MiniMinyan
Shabbat Lunch

Saturday, February 7
after Shabbat morning family activities

Enjoy a home-made vegetarian lunch.
Organized by parent volunteers:
Peter Blair, Jesse Bartol,
and Maria Levitin

adatshalom.org/lunch

sshapiro@adatshalom.org

DR. MELISSA SER

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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On Sunday night, February 1, we will begin our celebration of an agricultural holiday of sorts - Tu B'Shvat. If you went to Hebrew school as a child, you probably have memories of eating bokser - dried carob - along with dried figs, dried dates, and some grape juice. But there's so much more to this day on the calendar. Learn a bit more in these excerpts from My Jewish Learning:

The name of this festival is actually its date: "Tu" is a pronunciation of the Hebrew letters for the number 15 (it's actually 9+6 to avoid using one of God's names), and it falls in the Hebrew month of Shevat.

Traditionally, Tu B'Shvat marked an important date for Jewish farmers in ancient times. The Torah states, "When you enter the land [of Israel] and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten" (Leviticus 19:23). Only the fruit of older trees could be eaten. This law raised the question of how farmers were to mark the "birthday" of a tree. The rabbis therefore established the 15th of the month of Shevat as a general "birthday" for all trees, regardless of when they were actually planted.

Fruit trees were awarded special status in the Torah because of their importance in sustaining life and as a symbol of God's divine favor. Even during times of war, God warns the Israelites, "When in your war against a city you have to besiege it a long time in order to capture it, you must not destroy its trees... Are trees of the field human to withdraw before you into the besieged city? Only trees that you know do not yield food may be destroyed" (Deuteronomy 20:19-20).

At a later time, the rabbis of the Talmud established four "new years" throughout the Jewish calendar - Rosh Hashanah, or the Jewish new year for the calendar date; a new year for establishing the reign of kings; a new year for tithing animals of Jewish farmers to be given to the Temple; and finally, Tu B'Shvat, the new year for the trees (Mishnah, Rosh Hashanah 1:1). The rabbis discussed why this date was chosen; saying that Tu B'Shvat falls after mid-winter (usually in February), they concluded that the majority of the annual rainfall has usually already fallen by this time in the land of Israel, thus yielding a healthy, water-logged soil in which to plant new trees (Talmud, Rosh Hashanah 14a).

Here's another interesting fact: During the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, terumah, a tithe on agricultural produce, was designated for the *kohanim* (priests), their families, and their animals. After the destruction of the Temple, the rabbis decreed that the tithed produce could not be used and had to be destroyed. Hundreds of years later, there was a huge problem. The animals at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo were hungry. The director, Professor Aharon Shulov, worked out a solution that is still in use today. The zoo's animals have been symbolically sold to a Kohen through the religious council. Then, since the kohen's animals can eat tithed produce, the zoo acquires (free of charge) nearly a ton of the choicest fruits and vegetables every day.

If your family is headed to Israel this summer with Rabbi Nosanwisch, you'll also get to check out the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo and see for yourself!

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The Tradition Continues...

12th Annual Congregation-Wide Volunteer Day for All Ages

Together we will spread kindness on Sunday, January 18 from 10:30am to 12pm during this annual day of helping others. Volunteering together has a lasting impact on our Adat Shalom community, the organizations we will be helping, and of course you!

Shimon Hatzadik (the righteous) taught, "By three things the world exists: on the Torah (study), on Avodah (worship) and on Gemilut Hasidim (acts of loving kindness)." (Mishna, Pirkei Avot 1:2). Even the smallest acts of generosity can have a big impact.

Thanks to a dedicated planning committee, we will continue the tradition of having several meaningful volunteer project stations that will benefit organizations improving lives throughout Metro Detroit and Israel. We are helping (list not limited to) Song and Spirit Institute of Peace, Jewish Senior Life, CARES in Farmington Hills, Hope Warming Center, Metro Food Rescue, and Friends of Pasteur School. A few new additional projects this year include building wooden bed kits with Sleep in Heavenly Peace and making Purim and Passover cards for soldiers in partnership with Friends of the IDF and Jewish Soldiers Project (US service personnel). Plus, Adat Shalom's Klezmer band, Motown Mlshpacha will perform!!!

Perhaps one of the most beautiful aspects of volunteer day is that it is truly a *L'Dor VaDor* (from generation to generation) experience seeing adults and kids volunteering together. We hope you will join us! More information - adatshalom.org/volunteerday



K to 4th graders will have fun playing a variety of games.

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, February 7
5:30 to 7:30 pm
Adat Shalom

KIDS NIGHT OUT

RSVP deadline: February 4 | adatshalom.org/kno

Questions:

- Elena Hirsch, Youth Leader, 248.722.3686, youthleader@adatshalom.org
- Jodi Gross, Director of Adult Learning & Youth Engagement, 248.626.2153, jgross@adatshalom.org

\$15 member
\$20 guest
dinner & activities

5" and older welcome to volunteer to help at the event



Adat Shalom

FAMILY CAMP

MARCH 20-22
2026

BUTZEL RETREAT CENTER

S'MORES SHABBAT FAMILY FRIENDS

Questions:
Sammi Shapiro
sshapiro@adatshalom.org

adatshalom.org/familycamp

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood takes great pride in the many events held over the past several months. The number of women who participated on the Bimah during Sisterhood Shabbat was remarkable. We were honored to have members open and close the ark, receive Torah aliyot, read Torah, carry, lift, and dress the Torah, lead special sections of the service, recite meaningful prayers, offer a Torah explanation, deliver a sermon, and join together in a communal closing. It was a morning of significance and gratitude.

Shortly after Sisterhood Shabbat, we celebrated Chanukah with our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. It was, as always, a fun and lively evening filled with good food, the lighting of the Chanukah menorah, and plenty of exchanging and even some stealing of gifts.

Our second annual Shabbaton brought together women of all ages from across the community. Although sponsored by Sisterhood, it is designed not only for our members, but as a meaningful opportunity for all women to come together for an entire afternoon. The day was filled with learning, singing, and the sharing of ideas. This special event highlights the wonderful clergy of Adat Shalom, along with Ruth Bergman, Amira Soleimani, and Mindy Eisenberg.

The winter brings the Celia Schwartz Scholarship Award for three accomplished students. Please look for details about this award in this issue of the Voice.

Open your calendars and mark down May 7! Women's Day @ Adat Shalom will once again be an exciting celebration, featuring a fabulous speaker, wonderful boutiques, a delicious lunch, and the honoring of two Women of Distinction. We are thrilled to announce that this year's award will be presented to our dedicated Gift Shop volunteers, Lillian Schostak and Carol Vieder. Both women have generously given their time and expertise to make our gift shop a true treasure in the community.

Please join us for all upcoming sisterhood events.

Adat Shalom is your place to be!

Sharon Kaplan and Sandi Matz
sisterhoodadatshalom@gmail.com



Are you celebrating a special event?
 a birthday – an anniversary – an engagement – a wedding

**Celebrate your occasion
 by sponsoring
 a Shabbat Kiddush on Saturday morning**

For more information,
 Sandi Matz, 248.425.2233



**Sisterhood
 Knitting Circle**

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

Sunday, February 1 | 9:30am
 Future dates: March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7

For more information:
 Debby Portney, debbyportney@gmail.com, 248-788-9488
 Beverly Yost, bevveyby@gmail.com, 248-302-8022



With the new moon comes an opportunity for renewal

Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

You're invited to a Rosh Chodesh study session
 for women to welcome the new months of...

Shevat - Monday, January 19
 with Rabbi Nosanwisch

Adar - Wednesday, February 18

10 to 11am
 Adat Shalom
 and
 on Zoom

RSVP and questions - Rochelle Lieberman
rochelle.r.lieberman@gmail.com | 248.553.2498



**WOMEN'S DAY
 @ADAT SHALOM
 SYNAGOGUE**

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026
 9:30AM - 3:00PM

In recognition of their years of dedication and service
 to our gift shop and congregation, we honor

LILLIAN SCHOSTAK and CAROL VIEDER

Sisterhood of Adat Shalom 2026 Women of Distinction

BOUTIQUE SHOPPING | SPEAKER | LUNCH | RAFFLE



**Celia Schwartz
 Sisterhood
 Award**

**WRITING & ART
 CONTEST**
 3rd to 12th graders

This award was established to provide funds for use toward any Jewish
 experience that will enhance a child's or teen's Jewish identity.

What do you consider to be a Jewish value?
 Using examples, please tell us about how you bring that value into your life.

CATEGORIES
 3rd to 5th grades
 6th to 8th grades
 9th to 12th grades
 Award ranges from
 \$500 - \$750

More information
adatshalom.org/sisterhoodaward

Deadline
 February
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Application

MEN'S SHABBAT RETREAT

Saturday, January 31

Men's Club leads Shabbat services at 9am followed by the retreat (12 to 2:30pm)

Guest Speakers:



Steve Brusk
Emmy Award Winning Journalist
 Assignments Manager for Lead Stories:
 Politics in Antisemitic America



Gary Graff
Award Winning Music Journalist
 Antisemitism in The Music Industry

The speakers' bios are available in the registration.

Volunteer to participate in leading services, contact Alan Gallatin amg@pobox.com

Retreat co-chairs: Jeff Cymerint, Rick Goren, and Larry Kirshner

\$10 (includes lunch)
 Registration deadline: January 27
adatshalom.org/mensretreat



The son of two former attorneys from Detroit, **Steve Brusk** is the Assignments Manager for writers at Lead Stories and coordinates fact checking research done on their behalf. He worked on the CNN National Desk as the White House Supervising producer and was part of the Emmy Award winning team for their coverage of the 2012 presidential election. Steve was part of the network coverage of five presidential campaigns, the White House, 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. He has been based in Washington D.C. for over twenty years. Prior to that, he was an assignment editor in Cleveland, Houston, and Columbus, and covered politics and the police beat as a radio reporter in Columbus. Steve is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University in Columbus.



Gary Graff is an award-winning music journalist based in metro Detroit. In addition to Loudwire, he contributes regularly to Billboard, Ultimate Classic Rock, Media News Group, the Cleveland Plain-Dealer/Cleveland.com, Consequence, Music Connection, VenuesNow, United Stations Radio Networks and others. He reports every Friday on music news with Bob & Brian in the Morning on WHQG-FM in Milwaukee and periodically with the Drew & Mike podcast out of Detroit. He is the co-founder and co-producer of the Emmy Award-winning Detroit Music Awards. He was the founding editor of the MusicHound Essential Album Guide series and has co-written and edited books about Neil Young, Bob Seger, Bruce Springsteen, Rock & Roll Myths and, forthcoming, Alice Cooper.

MEN'S CLUB

Shalom,

As our secular calendar turns to a new year of 2026, and we leave behind the memories of 2025, it is a great time to think about the impact that we want to leave on the community in 2026. That impact may include volunteering, going to services more, helping out the elderly, learning a new skill, or taking on a new hobby.

One that is easy for us all and will be fulfilling to yourself as well as the rest of Adat Shalom is participation with the Men's Club. Through so many ways, we give of each other at our events, give to the shul through donations and participation in opportunities like Ne'ilah snack distribution, Yom Hashoah candle distribution, as well as scholarships to Hebrew School and bar/bat mitzvah contributions.

We need you! To make this truly fulfilling for all, your participation, membership, and attendance at our events truly do make *your* Men's Club as special as it is. It is all of our hopes that we will see you at one of our upcoming events.

November and December were busy as we hosted Thoughtful Thursdays, Hebrew Literacy, and our first "Health" Awareness Breakfast around finances! Special Thank you to our guest speakers at this great event!

Looking to the next few months, we would love for you to join us at **Men's Club Shabbat and the Retreat on January 31**. Take on a part – reach out to Alan Gallatin at amg@pobox.com with questions.

We will be **Wrappin' with the Hazzan on February 8**. This special event during minyan on Sunday morning will help carry on the tradition of laying Tefillin, and we promise a great breakfast afterwards with lox!

And, as always, its never to early to look forward to our **22nd Daddy Daughter Dance!** On March 8, the tradition continues. You won't want to miss this year!

Whether it is joining and participating in all of our events, some of our events, or finding your own way to partake in our community, we hope that you will do just that. Dues can always be renewed at <https://jlive.app/events/11919>.

Let's make 2026 special by being together and a part of the Men's Club at Adat Shalom!

Jaron Friedman
 Men's Club President

Everyone is invited...

Wrappin' with the Hazz'n

Sunday, February 8
9am breakfast | 9:30am service & program

Join us for morning minyan with 6th & 7th graders and an exploration of the hows and whys of T'fillin.



Complimentary breakfast for Men's Club members at 9am

- RSVP required by February 3 - adatshalom.org/mcwrap
- Questions - Rick Goren, rick.goren@gmail.com

Co-sponsored by the Adat Shalom - Beth Achim Learning Community

The Men's Club's 22nd Annual

DADDY daughter DANCE

Dancing | Food | Photo Booth

Sunday, March 8 | 5 to 7pm
 Adat Shalom

\$13 - Men's Club members
 \$16 - guests

Registration deadline:
 Tuesday, March 3
adatshalom.org/mcdance

Questions: Jaron Friedman
friedmja@hotmail.com

OUR PLACE TO BE IMPACTFUL

SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE, Sunday, April 26, 2026 4pm-7pm

We will be preparing and serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit this April. The Ronald McDonald House is a residential facility that provides a home-away-from-home for families while their children are hospitalized. This is an especially challenging time for these families, who often spend long days at the hospital with their children. Returning to the comfort of a hot, home-cooked meal is deeply appreciated. Please note that the facility requires all food to be prepared on-site in their kitchen or purchased from a restaurant. Participation is limited to 10 volunteers. If you can help, please contact Deb Lapin: lapes321@sbcglobal.net

Evva Hepner

248.798.7673

Evva.hepner@gmail.com

SERVE AND BE SERVED

Serve and Be Served – Making a Difference Together

What a great experience SABS had at Lighthouse in Pontiac in November! Lighthouse works to alleviate poverty by providing a range of services including emergency shelter, food assistance, and workforce development. They are expanding their campus which means they really need helping hands. While we have volunteered here previously and worked in their warehouse by filling client food requests, this time they put us to work dismantling and reassembling shelving for their new facility, organizing boxes full of donated household items and clothing to create a “store” where clients will “shop,” and organizing boxes of donated food so the client requests can be filled quickly and efficiently. While a few of us walked away with our bodies longing for a hot bath, we all came away feeling that our efforts were deeply appreciated. And as is our way, following our morning shift at Lighthouse, most of us ate lunch together at 5th Tavern.

We hope you will join us on our potential future projects like making beds for children who do not have one during our shul's Volunteer Day on Sunday, January 18, and/or perhaps when we connect with Meer residents before a Klezmer concert by Adat Shalom's own Klezmer band, “Motown Mlshpacha” in February. Watch for more details!

Ken and Rena Kirshenbaum

krkirsh@sbcglobal.net



GREEN TEAM

We are working to establish sustainable practices throughout our shul -- water, energy, education, and food.

There is so much more to do! We need your help!

Planning meeting: Monday, January 26, 7:30pm | Zoom

Future dates: March 16, April 27, May 18, June 15

On **Friday, January 30**, 10am to 11am

Join Rabbi Nosanwisch and the Green Team during *Walking Toward Shabbat* with Adamah Detroit ahead of Tu B'Shvat for an enriching guided nature walk through Woodland Hills Nature Park in Farmington Hills.

Questions: Joyce Berlin Weingarten,
jabw57@icloud.com

Adamah Detroit
PEOPLE. PLANET. PURPOSE.

Walk
registration



CHESED COMMITTEE

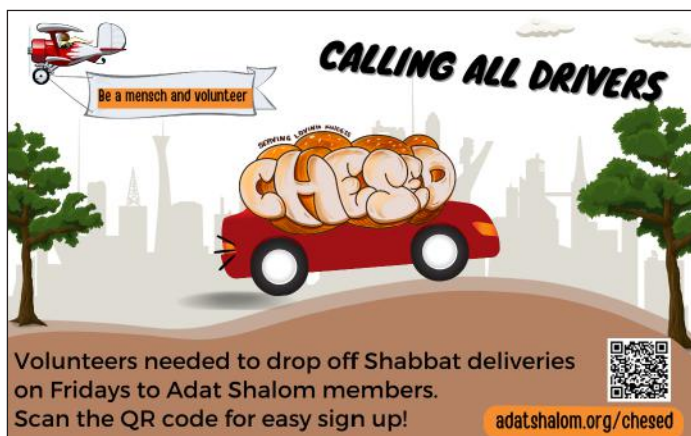
Happy 2026! In November and December we welcomed our K/1 and 2nd grade classes for Chesed Fest! We baked over 72 loaves of challah and multiple gallons of soup! Deliveries are limited to 5 per week, and we are always in need of delivery drivers. It is so simple, you sign up using the QR code, show up at the synagogue on the Friday morning you picked, your bags and the address/phone number of your delivery will be waiting for you thanks to Sarah Hirsch! You drop off before Shabbat at your convenience and poof, you've done a good deed! If you have children, you are welcome to bring them along for the delivery!

On a personal note, in December I received a Chesed package and as the Chair of Chesed for Adat Shalom, this small act of kindness really made me feel part of this community and cared for a time when we really needed it most! If you know someone who is in need of a chesed delivery, please let Rabbi Nosanwisch know.

In January, the Chesed Committee will have a table at volunteer day, please come by, say hi and participate in our hands-on project! We will also have baby bags to deliver to welcome the new babies to our congregation! In February, we are taking a break from Chesed Fests, but we will be back in March!

If you would like to help out with Chesed Fests or want more information, please email me at chesed@adatshalom.org

Audrey



WE ARE PLEASED TO LET YOU KNOW...

BIRTHS

Elsa Ruth Cavaturo, daughter of Erin and Benjamin Cavaturo, sister of Charles, granddaughter of Kristina & Robert Dunne, and Carin Cavaturo.

MAZAL TOVI

BBYO Michigan Region will honor **Gail and Steve Elkus and family** with the Arnold J. Weiner Distinguished Alumni Award on Thursday, April 16, 2025.

Marcy Feldman, co-founder of the Friends of Pasteur, and the entire board have received Spirit of Detroit Awards from the Detroit City Council.

Bruchim haba'im! Welcome to Adat Shalom

Erin and Benjamin Cavaturo
Dmitry Shamis and Hilda Sosnovskaya

Your place to Be.

CLERGY IN THE COMMUNITY



Hazzan Gross with **Lily Novetsky** after the Bloomfield Hills High School production of *Hello Girls* in November. Lily was the lead, **Grace Banker**, and **Max Ganezer**, and **Lexi Goodman** were in the ensemble. They all did an amazing job! **Please let us know if you are performing in any events around town so we can do our best to support you!**

Coalition for Black and Jewish Unity
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
"When Dreams become A Reality"

With a performance by Hazzan Gross!
Sunday, January 18
2pm Celebration
First Baptist Church
Watch live: YouTube
Info: fbicdetroit.org

Walking Toward Shabbat with Adamah Detroit | Jan. 30, 10am
Join in for a joyful January jaunt through the woods to gather ahead of **Tu B'Shvat** for an enriching guided nature walk through Woodland Hills Nature Park. You will see friends old and new and feel the calming and restorative impacts of time outside together.

The walk will include opening and closing circles and a **Jewish environmental teaching from Rabbi Nosanwisch.**

College Connections (undergraduate and graduate students)
Throughout the school year our rabbis visit students from Adat Shalom at Michigan universities. You can assist us in helping your child stay connected to Adat Shalom by completing a short informal form at adatshalom.org/college or email the information on it to me at jgross@adatshalom.org. If your student/young adult has not moved, please let me know. Thanks! - Jodi



Memory Training Reaction Time Problem Solving Visual Spatial Skills Concentration

Mind Aerobics Class @ Adat Shalom

Keeping your cognition strong as you get older!

Sunday, January 25 | 9:30-10:30am | Adat Shalom
Put Your Best Brain Forward: The Critical Role of Mental Stimulation in Preserving Brain Health
Lynn Breuer LMSW, CDP and Mackenzie Steele, LMSW, CHC will share how to strengthen our overall cognition as we age.

Mind Aerobics classes* will give your **brain a workout** based on over a decade of research from the New England Cognitive Center (NECC), including challenging six critical cognitive functions with increasing speed and difficulty as the sessions progress, and slowing down cognitive decline in order to maintain or even improve your cognition.

*Classes start March 10 - 2x a week for 12 weeks
Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2pm at Adat Shalom
Fee: \$180 (25% discount for members) \$240 non-members

Questions: Jodi Gross Class RSVP for January 25 - adatshalom.org/mindclass

JOIN US FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

SUE & ALAN KAUFMAN & FAMILY
JEWISH FEDERATION OF DETROIT

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TEEN MISSION TO ISRAEL
WITH COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONS AND TAMARACK CAMPS

JUNE 15 to JULY 10

Fee: \$5,295
Actual Cost: \$9,295 - \$3,000 RootOne voucher for eligible teens
\$1,000 subsidy from Jewish Federation of Detroit and Community Partners for all participants
Additional scholarships available

Learn more at teenmissiondetroit.org
Questions? Contact Zack Goldman at (248) 647-1100 or teenmission@jfmtd.org

Eligibility:
Current 9-12 Graders
21 or older?
Apply to staff!

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Warren Robinson
Lexie Vineburg
Danny Weberman | 17 – Bill Graham
Steven Schwartzenfeld
Michael Zerín |
| 3 – Tobí Fox
Joel Levi
Daniel Levine
Shelly Perlman | 19 – Robert Elkus
Eric Goodman
Elaine Rosenblatt |
| 4 – Whitnee Jackson
Loren Sherman | 20 – Aviva Fridman
Nancy Goldfaden
Nancy Handelman |
| 5 – Benjamin Hager
Dawn Joshowitz
Marsha Wein
Michael Schulman | 21 – Elaine Aidem
22 – Jacob Cohen
Jesse Sacks |
| 6 – Larry Kaplan
Lila Zorn | 23 – Daniel Rosenblum
Larry Weiss |
| 7 – Mandy Franco
Judy Goldis
Bill Handelman
Tzvi Moskowitz
Susan Shlom | 24 – Elena Frank
Ken Kirshenbaum
Wendy Strip |
| 8 – Barbara Jonas
Brooke Leiberman
Randi Stein | 25 – Anita Pensler
Alan Starr |
| 9 – Donna Belen | 26 – Hadas Bernard
Lisa Brown
Amy Mendel |
| 10 – Esther Bornstein | 27 – Ellen Betel
Naomi Kowalsky
Donald Rochlen |
| 11 – Julie Cohen
Faye Kanter
Beverly Liss | 28 – Joan Fischer
Alexa Lepsetz
Alecía Mathog Rice
Benjamin Stein |
| 12 – Kenneth Been
Gert Matz
Stuart Stone
Julie Wiener | 29 – Gail Elkus |
| 13 – Myra Jane Lawson
Lee Schostak | 30 – Karen Benjamin
Bryan Franco
Sue Vosko |
| 14 – Stephen Feldman | |
| 15 – Roberta Pinsky | |
| 16 – Mel Raznick
Sue Vosko | |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Sandford Ashman
Natalie Friedman
Alex Goldis
Michael Oppenheim
Phyllis Schwartz
Valerie Hayman Sklar | 14 – Craig Bradford
Sara Lipson
Steven Rotenberg
Heather Sherman
Buddy Sollish |
| 2 – Jackie Coleman
Sarah Kirsch | 15 – Larry Elkus
Marcy Feldman
Bruce Plisner |
| 3 – Hila Levy
Benjamin Shayne
David Somers | 16 – Shayna Cutter
Jim Issner |
| 4 – Rena Kirshenbaum | 17 – David Baum
Beverly Wine |
| 5 – Lisa Betman
Rochelle Markle | 18 – Stephen Korn |
| 6 – Jeffrey Levin
Emma Morris
Diane Voight | 19 – Miriam Medow
Randy Phillips
Robert Schostak |
| 7 – Sara Tigay | 20 – Howard Serlin
Ellen Silberman |
| 8 – Anna Levi
Susan Rollinger
Joyce B. Weingarten | 21 – Phillip Greenblatt
Steven Kaufman
Deborah Williams |
| 9 – Eli Grier | 22 – Michael Anstandig
Terry Nosan |
| 10 – Donald Aaron
Lori Issner
Lisa Kaplan
Nancy Liefer
Brian Young
Diane Zameck | 23 – Craig Singer |
| 11 – Kyle Correll | 24 – Nakisha Carson
Rebecca Hayman
Aaron Herskovic
Maureen Kornwise
Renee Schoicht |
| 12 – Alan Gallatin
Daniel Medow
Marcia Tanzman | 26 – Ruby Kushner |
| 13 – Harvey Aidem
Stuart Katz
Alice Klegon
Amy Olender
Danielle Randel
Rita Sitron | 28 – Rodney Broder
Jad Nabbouh |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Beverly & Randy Phillips
6 – Michele & Louis Elkus
8 – Nancy & Michael Cutler
10 – Lisa & Gary Shiffman
15 – Barbara & Larry Weiss
16 – Beverly & Arthur Liss
20 – Sharon & Lawrence Berry
Simone Chess & Maximillian Matthies
29 – Linda & Michael Schulman
30 – Geula & Stanford Rapp
31 – Sharon & Tom Lebovic

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Julie & Marty Wiener
6 – Judy & Ike Engelbaum
7 – Julie & Edward Hersch
10 – Lauren & Jeffrey Levin
11 – Rachel & Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz
15 – Rebecca & Andrew Hayman
Ruby & Richard Kushner
19 – Adele & Gerald Kalman

We love to celebrate with our Adat Shalom family.

Let us know about your simchah - birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, weddings, or special honors.

Email sssteinberg@adatshalom.org to share your good news.

Please continue to check the Adat Shalom website for:

Weekly sermons | Service times | Upcoming programs & events
Resources in support of Israel | Resources for emotional support

adatshalom.org

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by Melissa Spiesman
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by Liz & Eliot Bank
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by Janis Braun-Levine; Linda Feinfeld
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Men's Club EXECUTIVE BOARD Meeting 9am Sisterhood KNITTING CIRCLE 9:30am PURIM CARNIVAL at Adat Shalom 10:30am 12	EREV PURIM 2 No evening services at Adat Shalom Family Purim Shpiel & Megillah Reading at B'nai Moshe 6:15pm 13	PURIM 3 Morning service at B'nai Israel 7:30am 14	SHUSAHN PURIM 4 SYNAGOGUE THRIVAL KIT with clergy 7pm Zoom 15	5 HOW TO WRITE AN ETHICAL WILL (Part2) with Rabbi Bergman 7pm Zoom 16	6 SHABBAT ROCKS 5pm 🕒 6:11pm 17	Shabbat Parah Ki Tisa 7 SHABBAT TORAH STUDY 9:45am MiniMinyan 10:30am MINCHAH-MAARIV 6:30pm 18
8 MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS with Rabbi Bergman 9:30am BE A MENSCH (BAM) 12pm Men's Club ANNUAL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE 5pm 19	9 Rabbi Bergman's monthly class 7pm Zoom 20	10 SYNAGOGUE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meeting 6pm SISTERHOOD SEDER 6:30pm 21	11 Sisterhood FEMINIST TORAH STUDY with Rabbi Nosanwisch 10am SYNAGOGUE THRIVAL KIT with clergy 7pm Zoom GROWING THROUGH GRIEF: Bereavement Circle for 20s, 30s, and 40s with Rabbi Nosanwisch, Dr. Jackie Issner 7pm 22	12 23	13 🕒 7:19pm 24	Shabbat HaChodesh Vayakhel-Pekudei Mevarchim CHodesh Nisan 4th Grade Family Shabbat Bat Mitzvah of Arielle Meir 14 SHABBAT TORAH STUDY 9:45am MiniMinyan 10:30am MINCHAH-MAARIV 7:30pm 25
15 CHESED FEST 10:30am KIDS' AFTERNOON OF FUN 12pm 26	16 GREEN TEAM meeting 7:30pm Zoom 27	17 SYNAGOGUE BOARD OF TRUSTEES meeting 7pm 28	18 Men's Club Seder with clergy 6pm SYNAGOGUE THRIVAL KIT with clergy 7pm Zoom 29	ROSH CHODESH NISAN 19 SISTERHOOD ROSH CHODESH STUDY SESSION 10am Zoom 1	20 NEW MOON CIRCLE with Rabbi Nosanwisch and Mallory Shiffman 11am FAMILY CAMP through March 22 🕒 7:27pm 2	Vayikra 21 SHABBAT TORAH STUDY 9:45am MiniMinyan 10:30am MINCHAH-MAARIV 7:45pm 3
22 PRE-PRESACH MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS with Rabbi Bergman 9:30am 4	23 5	24 GRIEVING WITH GRACE: Bereavement Circle for 50+ with Rabbi Nosanwisch, Cici Syms, LMSW 4:30pm 6	25 SYNAGOGUE THRIVAL KIT and How to Seder with clergy 7pm In-person and Zoom 7	26 8	27 🕒 7:35pm 9	Shabbat HaGadol Yom HaAliyah Tzav 28 MiniMinyan 10:30am Pre-Pesach SOULFUL YOGA with Rabbi Bergman 9:45am MINCHAH-MAARIV 7:45pm 10
29 SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 11	30 12	31 13				SERVICE SCHEDULE MORNING SERVICES Shabbat & Festivals 9am Sunday - Friday 8am WEEKDAY EVENING SERVICES 6pm Shabbat Minchah/Maariv times vary. See each date. Supervised play available on Shabbat 9:30-10:30am

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mornings:

Sunday - Friday8:00am
Shabbat9:00am

Evenings (Minchah-Maariv):

Sunday - Friday (ending February 20)5:00pm
Sunday - Friday (beginning February 22)6:00pm

Saturdays:

January 3, 10, 175:15pm
January 245:30pm
January 315:45pm
February 75:45pm
February 146:00pm
February 21, 286:15pm

Shabbat morning services in the sanctuary will be in-person and live-streamed on the Adat Shalom website.

adatshalom.org/livestream

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SHABBAT

January 2-3

VAYHI
4:54pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 5:54pm

January 9-10

SHEMOT
5:00pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 6:00pm

January 16-17

VAERA
5:08pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 6:08pm

January 23-24

BO
5:17pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 6:17pm

January 30-31

BESHALAH
SHABBAT SHIFAH
5:26pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 6:26pm

February 6-7

YITRO
5:35pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 6:35pm

February 13-14

MISHPATIM
SHABBAT SHEKALIM
MEVARCHIM CHODESH ADAR
5:45pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 6:45pm

February 20-21

TERUMAH
Rosh Chodesh Tevet
5:54pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 6:54pm

February 27-28

TETZAVEH
SHABBAT ZACHOR
6:02pm CANDLE LIGHTING
Shabbat ends 7:02pm

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

The cycle of Torah is unending and can be entered at any point in the year or in one's life.



9:45am | Finishing in time for the rabbi's sermon

January 3: Phreddy Nosanwisch

January 10: Jodi Gross

January 17: Rabbi Nosanwisch

January 24: Ruth Bergman

January 31: Rabbi Nosanwisch

February 7: Ruth Bergman

February 14: Rabbi Bergman

February 21: Rabbi Nosanwisch

February 28: Sam Arnold

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