

# THE BULLETIN

January/February 2026

Tevet/Shvat/Adar 5786

## Friday January 2

7:30 pm - Family Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday, Anniversary, & Blessings

## Saturday January 3

10:00 am - Simply Shabbat Service

## Friday January 9

7:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday January 10

10:00 am - Jake Krafchin Bar Mitzvah MAZAL TOV!!

## Friday January 16

7:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday January 17

10:00 am - Simply Shabbat Service

## Friday January 23

5:30 pm - K-2 Religious School Shabbat Dinner  
7:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday January 24

10:00 am - Simply Shabbat Service

## Friday January 30

7:30 pm - Erev Mindfulness & Meditation Shabbat

## Saturday January 31

10:00 am - Simply Shabbat Service

## Friday February 6

7:30 pm - Family Shabbat Evening Service with Birthday, Anniversary, & Blessings, Tu B'shvat Seder, & Red shabbat

## Saturday February 7

10:00 am - Inclusion Shabbat Service

## Friday February 13

7:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday February 14

10:00 am - Simply Shabbat Service

## Friday February 20

7:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday February 21

10:00 am - Simply Shabbat Service

## Friday February 27

5:30 pm - Purim Tot Shabbat  
7:30 pm - Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday February 28

10:00 am - Simply Shabbat Service



Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler | [rabbi@adathemanuel.com](mailto:rabbi@adathemanuel.com)

Having recently turned the page on the calendar from December to January, I'm thinking of a Jewish family that did not exchange gifts at *Chanukah*, but rather on *Purim*. *Purim*, traditionally, teaches us about giving gifts—to each other and to the poor. In the Book of Esther, we read, "The Jews are to observe them as days of feasting and merrymaking and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor" (Esther 9:22). These two practices are known as: *mishloach manot* and *matanot la'evyonim*.

*Mishloach manot* involves sending gifts in the form of food to a friend. Jewish tradition teaches that one needs to give at least two different kinds of ready-to-eat food. It doesn't have to be fancy—a plastic zipper bag with hamantaschen and an apple is fine, though some choose to send elaborate fruit baskets. At Adath Emanu-El we have our *mishloach manot* fundraiser for our Religious School. Keep a lookout in the coming weeks for the emails and flyers as to how you can participate.

Another thought behind *mishloach manot* is to send these gifts to fellow Jews regardless of our religious or social differences. Haman, like similar enemies that came after him, did not differentiate between Jews of varying observances. When Jews unite, it makes us stronger.

The other gift giving *mitzvah*, *matanot la'evyonim*, teaches us to give *tzedakah* to the poor. In the Jewish tradition, we give money to enable others to enjoy the holiday. Jewish organizations such as the Jewish Federation of Southern NJ, the Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS), and the like can make this happen. And, in the tradition of Rabbi Hillel who taught, "If I am not for myself who will be for me? But if I am only for myself what am I?" we can also give *tzedakah* to any other people in need.

In addition to doing these above *mitzvot*, I hope you will also join in the *mitzvah* of hearing the story of Esther and *Purim* as we read from the *megillah*. This year we observe **Purim 5786 on Monday, March 2, 2026**. Please come at **7:00 pm** for our service and *megillah* reading with satirical songs led by our Habonim Youth Choir. Come in costume—there will be prizes! A fun time will be had by all ages. In addition, we are bringing back the Adult Purim Shpiel on March 7, sharing the gift of humor.

It may feel early to think about Purim, but by the time the March/April bulletin arrives, the holiday will already be upon us. How might you offer gifts—of food, support, and kindness—to others this year?

*L'shalom,*

Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler

# NEW Adath policy

## Misheberach List Policy Update Effective January 1, 2026

Dear Friends,

One of the most sacred responsibilities we hold as a community is to pray for the healing of those who are ill. Our Misheberach list allows us to lift up the names of loved ones in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing. It is an honor to do so together every Shabbat.

In recent years, our list has grown very long and we have found that many names remain even after the need for healing has passed; sometimes because people simply forgot to notify us. In order to make sure that our prayers are focused and timely as possible, we will be updating our policy beginning January 1, 2026.

### New Misheberach List Policy

**1. Names will remain on the Misheberach list for one month at a time.**

*When you add a loved one to the Misheberach list, their name will automatically stay on for **one month** unless you request the name to be removed sooner.*

**2. To keep a name on the list longer, please contact the office.**

*If continued prayers are needed, we kindly ask that you **call or email the office** before the end of the month to keep your loved one on the list for the following month. (If special circumstances apply, please let us know as we are here to support you)*

**3. If we do not hear from you, we understand that the name no longer needs to be on the list.**

*This helps us to ensure that the list reflects those currently in need of prayer. You are always welcome to come to any service and say your loved one's name aloud.*

We make this change with care, respect, and with the goal of honoring each name we recite. Thank you for helping us to keep our community's prayers meaningful and up to date.

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# President's Message

Dear Adath Emanu-El Family,



As we step into the heart of winter, I want to be the first to wish you a “Happy New Year” and may 2026 be your best year yet! As we enter this new season together, I find myself thinking about what I appreciate most about this time of year. The honest answer is that winter teaches me the power of appreciation. Do I like the cold? No. Do I enjoy snow? Only when I can admire its beauty from the window of a warm room. Yet, I still love winter because it reminds me of the gift of seasons and the unique purpose each one brings to our lives.

When I lived in San Diego, the weather was beautiful 90% of the time. It sounds ideal, and at first, it was. Those first few weeks felt like heaven and those first few months felt like an extended vacation. But eventually, each day began to feel like the movie *Groundhog Day*, the same weather, the same rhythm, the same sky. I found myself longing for change, for variety, for a drizzle of rain just to break the monotony. It was then I realized that every season has a purpose.

Let me start with my favorite: summer. I love and appreciate almost everything about it. The beach, the boardwalk, the festivities, the barbeques, ice cream, the warm sun; I can go on and on. Eventually, the heat becomes overwhelming, temperatures climb into triple digits, humidity makes it worse, the grass begins to crisp, and suddenly the air conditioner is my closest friend.

Then comes fall like a breath of fresh, cool air. I appreciate the vibrant colors of the trees, the relief from the heat, hayrides, pumpkin-flavored treats (yes, I said it), apple picking, harvest festivals, and so much more. It is wonderful while it lasts but then the days get shorter, leaves start falling, the temperatures dip, and we move into sweater weather.

And so we arrive at winter. What I appreciate most about winter is how everything slows down. The rest of the year, I am constantly in motion. I have family events, kids’ activities, work commitments, appointments, errands, and endless to-dos. But winter has a way of stopping the world, even if just for a day. It is like nature’s way of forcing me to pause. All it takes is one big snowstorm and everything shuts down. I turn the fireplace on, drink coffee, curl up with a book, watch a movie with my family, bake something yummy, and maybe even take a nap. I cherish those moments! Of course, as with all seasons, winter has its limits. The snow turns slushy, the cold overstates its welcome, and I am now vitamin D deficient.

Then, just when we need it most, spring arrives; “*Here comes the Sun, doo-d-doo-doo.*” In the first few days of spring, my favorite feeling is when I am sitting in my car and I feel the sun’s rays through my window. New buds appear, animals grow active, days become longer, and life moves back outside. Spring reminds us of new beginnings and that renewal always follows rest.

To me, this is the power of winter. It reminds us that life isn’t meant to move at full speed all the time. There are moments of growth, moments for celebration, and moments of rest. Winter invites us to slow down long enough to notice the beauty we often push past. As we welcome a new year, may we trust that the quiet work happening beneath the surface is leading us toward new beginnings, new opportunities, and a season of growth that will unfold in its own perfect time.

B'Shalom,

Shira Y. Keet

President, Adath Emanu-El

# Religious School



It has become a tradition for me to use the first bulletin of the year to brag about the amazing teens at Adath Emanu-El. This year, we have 18 classroom madrichim (several of whom have taken on extra teaching responsibilities) and 4 office helpers who help our school run smoothly.

These teens wake up early on Sunday mornings and volunteer their time to support the teachers and the students. They do small group instruction, comfort children who are upset, make copies, troubleshoot with teachers, get band-aids, take kids to the bathroom, decorate bulletin boards, support complicated craft projects, provide individual support, and so much more. Not only do they complete these tasks, but they do so with a smile, manners, and confidence.

Three teens are serving as our Hebrew tutors. They never hesitate to ask questions and make suggestions to provide their students with the best possible educational experience. They also work well together, strategizing and implementing those strategies with their students.

Our office helpers are so enthusiastic this year! They do attendance, get kids for early dismissal, organize our snack baskets, distribute snacks to the students, set up toys for them to play with during break, and then clean it all up. It is a lot of work! Sometimes they even have extra tasks like stuffing Hanukkah goody bags. They recently discovered the joys of the coin counter machine! They love to be kept busy and to help out. Occasionally, teachers need to be absent. I have realized that many madrichim feel comfortable taking control of their classrooms. They always accept this challenge with little hesitation and serve a very valuable role as substitutes in our school.

I know that the teens often do not want to help with menial tasks, but those menial tasks need to get done, and they do them willingly. I am the mother of two teens, so I know that there is something very special happening here at Adath Emanu-El that encourages our teens to behave this way here, when I am very confident that they do not ALWAYS act that way at home! But they ALWAYS act that way here.

I should also note that the groups of teens that we have at Teen Night on Wednesdays is also phenomenal. They are enthusiastic, pleasant, kind to one another, and happy to participate in the games and activities that make up our post B'nai Mitzvah program.

After all that we as a Jewish (and global) community have been through, it is easy to sometimes feel hopeless. When I look at our teens bustling around, looking for opportunities to serve as role models and make our school the absolute best it can be, it fills me with great hope for the future.

L'Shalom,  
Abby Wolf

## UPCOMING FAMILY SHABBAT DINNERS:

**K-2 Religious School Shabbat dinner:  
Friday January 23, 5:30PM**

**3-6th Grade Religious School Shabbat dinner:  
Friday March 6, 6PM**



# Religious School Teens Spotlight



**OUR INCREDIBLE  
TEENS!**



# 3rd Grade Family Education





# Religious School pictures

The 6 - 7 craze in Hebrew 🤪



It's not 6-7 it's  
**SHESH –SHEVA!**



# Early Childhood Center



These past two months the ECC has been full of celebrations and RUACH! Between Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and multiple Shabbat birthdays it feels like each week we were looking forward to a party. Rabbi Memis-Foler and I were overjoyed to welcome our families to our Family Thanksgiving Celebration. Our families were greeted with a story and song about gratitude and the things that we are most grateful for this year. Our festivities continued as we rotated through classrooms playing games, singing songs, creating turkey art, and reading Thanksgiving stories.

Teachers and students began December preparing for Hanukkah! Each classroom made unique Chanukiyot to take home to begin their family observance. Our Hanukkah festivities included a visit from Rabbi Kahan and his Olive Oil Workshop, Hanukkah Yoga with Morah Deana, and Hanukkah Pajamaka Shabbat. The rooms and halls were filled with laughter as we practiced dreidel spinning, Hanukkah inspired games were played, interactive Hanukkah story and songs were also part of our celebration. I think though that the kids really enjoyed the yummy sufganiyot, latkes, and applesauce. This was a wonderful way to end 2025.

The ECC is growing, and I am delighted to announce that we now have a dedicated infant room beginning at 3 months of age and a dedicated toddler room. Our ECC grows as our families and congregants continue to spread the word about our safe and loving school. I am overjoyed that all five rooms in our ECC are now filled!

The new year will have the classrooms learning about winter, hibernation, social justice, and our beautiful trees. Each year our little learners get excited to celebrate the birthday of the trees and learn about the trees through the seasons, parts of a plant and what plants/trees need to live and grow. Our highlight is participating in our annual Tu Bi Sh'vat Seder. We will be trying new foods, singing songs, and celebrating trees. We will also plant parsley and watch it grow so that it can be used for the Passover Seder. The month of February also has us celebrating Purim Tot Shabbat on February 27<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you can join Rabbi Memis-Foler and me as we celebrate our third Tot Shabbat of the school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my PTA and our many ECC family volunteers for organizing and assisting with our Tabletop Scholastic Book Fair in November. Our book fair allows our families to grow their home libraries as we grow our classroom libraries.

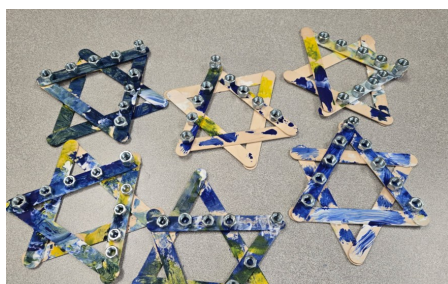
The ECC is always looking for substitute teachers! If you are interested, please contact me at [ecc@adathemanuel.com](mailto:ecc@adathemanuel.com).

Lisa Greenberg  
ECC Director, Adath Emanu-El





# Early Childhood Center



## THANKSGIVING



## HANUKKAH



# Cradle Roll

## CRADLE ROLL

Cradle Roll is a series of holiday programs for pre-school children ages 2-1/2 to 5. The programs include crafts (sometimes food related edible crafts), stories, games, songs and a snack at the end of the program! Cradle Roll is sponsored by the Sisterhood of Adath Emanu-El. There is no cost to participants and the programs are open to the community.

Cradle Roll invitations/notices of programs are sent via email to families with children 2&1/2 to 5 years of age. If you are not receiving emails, please let me know. You do not need to register for cradle roll; however, you **MUST** be sure to RSVP before each program.

We had a great time at our Hannukah cradle roll making a craft stick hanukkiah, dreidel decorations, edible Hannukiah, spinning the dreidel and singing songs! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our next cradle roll program for Tu B'Shevat on January 25!

B'Shalom,  
Karen Federman-Ellner  
Sisterhood Cradle Roll Chairperson

Cradle Roll Programs 2026  
Tu B'Shevat Cradle Roll – January 25, 2026  
Purim Cradle Roll – February 22, 2026  
Passover Cradle Roll – March 22, 2026

# GIVING DREIDEL

## Giving Dreidel 2025

This year, partnering with JFCS, the Giving Dreidel again benefited clients of JFCS, including families, individuals with special needs and Holocaust Survivors. We generously donated 100 gift cards, providing gifts for 4 families (15 individuals); 10 individuals with special needs and 25 Holocaust survivors.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this exciting and rewarding program. Your generosity and enthusiasm were amazing and helped make Hanukkah a little brighter for individuals served by the JFCS programs. Also thank you to Heidi Kramer and Jessica Chasen for helping to coordinate the purchasing of gift cards through the Adath scrip program. With 95 of the gift cards purchased through scrip, we were able to give back to Adath while helping the community!

Thank you for helping us fulfill this mitzvah!

Karen Federman-Ellner  
Sisterhood Social Action VP



# AEFTY - Adath Emanu-El Federation of Temple Youth



Hope you had a wonderful Hanukkah! Our AEFTY Board and Youth Activities Committee continue to work hard planning exciting events and activities geared to all our Adath students and parents too! We want you to think of AEFTY as the extra-curricular activities of our religious school where we can create meaningful experiences outside of the classroom and can foster lasting friendships! We hope that you will participate in our activities, meet one another and help us continue to create a wonderful caring community!

AEFTY Teens had so much fun at our Hibachi lunch event! Great friends, great food and a super fun show! Our first Baking for a Cause was great! We baked for the Providence House women's shelter and made corn casserole, crescent rolls, brownies and cupcakes with chocolate turkey decorations! Baking for a Cause will resume in January – stay tuned for dates. We are looking forward to our Teen Hanukkah celebration and our Hanukkah Teen service topped off with decorating cookie houses for our oneg!

Our AEFTY/YAC Hanukkah party was amazing! So many fun crafts, games and snacks! Everyone had a great time! Thank you to everyone who participated and to all the volunteers that helped make the morning so successful!

There are so many awesome events planned in the coming months. Be sure to check out the flyers in this bulletin and in our monthly Youth Activities Newsletter. If you are a parent of a student in religious school and are not receiving the Newsletter (via regular mail) – please let us know so we can add you to the mailing list. The newsletter highlights our events.

AEFTY and the Youth activities committee continue to have their monthly bagel sales partially as a fundraiser, and mostly to build community. So come out and have breakfast with your child/children before religious school, meet Super Bagel and then attend t'filah. Afterwards, come back and hang out with us. We will be planning some programs or we can just talk, another great way to meet people and connect!

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with any of our youth programs, including our bagel sales. Getting involved is another great way to connect!

We look forward to meeting you and seeing you and your students at our upcoming events!

B'shalom

Karen Federman-Ellner

AEFTY Advisor ([youth@adathemanuel.com](mailto:youth@adathemanuel.com))



# AEFTY EVENTS

## AEFTY 1-2

### THE BIG GAME DAY

**FEBRUARY 8**

**11:00 - 12:30 PM**

**At Adath Emanu-El**

**Cost \$5**

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES INCLUDING  
TWISTER, GIANT JENGA, SHOOTS AND LADDERS AND  
SO MUCH MORE!

**YOUR FAVORITE GAME DAY SNACKS WILL BE SERVED!**

RSVP USING THE QR CODE  
BY FEBRUARY 1



## AEFTY 3-4

### Indoor rock climbing

**Elite Climbing, Maple Shade, NJ**

**February 1, 2026**

**12:00-2:30 PM**

**Cost \$35**

**Drop off at Adath Emanu-El  
Pickup at Elite Climbing**

RSVP Using the QR Code  
by January 25

**Questions? Contact Lee at  
pinchberg@gmail.com**



## AEFTY 5-6

### ESCAPE ROOM

**Amazing Escape Room, Cherry Hill, NJ**

**Sunday February 1, 2026**

**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

**Cost \$40**

Drop off at Adath Emanu-El  
Pickup at Amazing Escape Room

RSVP Using the QR Code  
by January 28

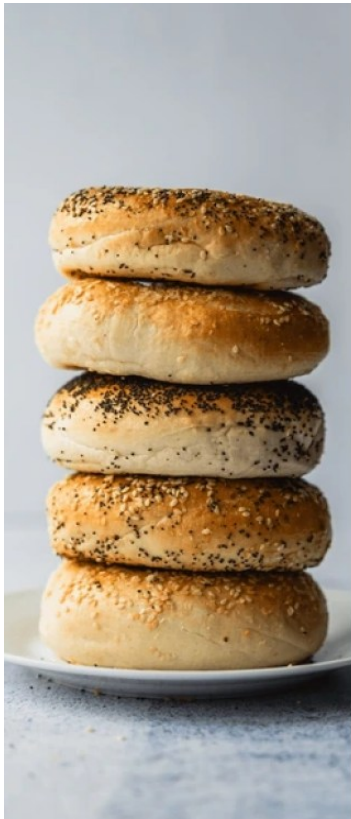


**Questions? Contact Sara at  
sarajilly@gmail.com**





# BAGEL SALES



## **Schmooze and Schmear Cafe Emanu-El Bagel Sale & Breakfast**

Sponsored by the Adath Emanu-El  
Youth Activities Committee

January 11

8:30 - 11:15 AM | Social Hall

ASSORTED BAGELS AND CREAM CHEESES,  
HOT CHOCOLATE, COFFEE, TEA, ORANGE  
JUICE, APPLE JUICE

### **COME MEET SUPER BAGEL AND MS. FRAPPE!**

ARRIVE EARLY TO EAT WITH YOUR KIDS  
BEFORE SCHOOL, ATTEND T'FILAH IF  
YOU ARE SO INCLINED, AND THEN  
RETURN TO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS  
OLD AND NEW!

\* RELIGIOUS SCHOOL POLICY  
NO OUTSIDE FOOD PERMITTED IN THE  
SCHOOL WING; PLEASE ALLOW  
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# AEFTY FUN: Hibachi





# AEFTY FUN: Baking for a cause





# SUPERBAGEL and our bagel sales





# SUPERBAGEL and our bagel sales



**SUPER BAGEL IS HERE AT  
EVERY BAGEL SALE. GRAB  
A BAGEL & GET A PHOTO  
OP!**

**NEXT BAGEL SALES:  
JANUARY 11 & FEBRUARY 1**

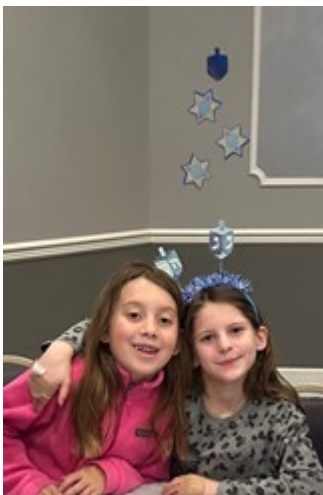


# AEFTY FUN: Hanukkah Party





# AEFTY FUN: Hanukkah Party





# Sisterhood



Happy New Year and welcome 2026! Many, many years ago, in a land far, far away, Robin Krassan was finishing up her final semester of college and was preparing for a Wicked awesome graduation. She had no idea that XX years later she would be Robin Shaffer, Sisterhood President and how her life would be changed for the better because of it! No doubt, Sisterhood is a great group and I hope you will give us a try! We have a great winter planned: we have MLK Day of Service to serve our community and Red Shabbat to educate our Congregation about Women's Heart Health.

Comedy Night will certainly help brighten our spirits and a Charcuterie demo will provide *super* Super Bowl Snacks! After a demo on baking Hamantaschen we will have a Hamantaschen sale with the proceeds going to gift cards to be included in the birthday bags we will assemble for the food bank. Yes Sisterhood, you've got it all and because I joined you, I have been changed for good!

Robin Shaffer

Sisterhood President, Adath Emanu-El





**SISTERHOOD OF  
ADATH EMANU-EL**  
invites you to a night of  
socializing and social action!



## Birthday Bag Preparation & Hamantaschen Sale

**Tuesday, February 24 | 7:30-9:00PM**  
Adath Emanu-El 205 Elbo Lane Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS  
AND DOING AN ACT OF KINDNESS BY HELPING TO PREPARE  
AND ASSEMBLE OUR BIRTHDAY BAGS WHICH WILL BE  
DONATED TO THE JFCS FOOD PANTRY.

WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING HAMANTASCHEN MADE BY  
MEMBERS OF OUR SISTERHOOD, RAISING FUNDS FOR THE \$10  
SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS NEEDED FOR THE BIRTHDAY BAGS.

**We are requesting the donation of  
items needed for our birthday bags:**  
[tinyurl.com/birthdaybags26](https://tinyurl.com/birthdaybags26)



**COST: FREE ADMISSION! HAMANTASCHEN SALE  
DONATION OF \$5 INCLUDES 6 OF YOUR CHOICE  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**  
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**For more information, to RSVP, or to volunteer  
your hamantaschen-baking skills, please contact  
Karen at [kfedrph@msn.com](mailto:kfedrph@msn.com) or (609) 577-0935**

**Volunteer and/or RSVP by 2/18/26**



# Sisterhood



## MLK Day of Tikkun Olam



MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

10:00 AM - NOON

ADATH EMANU-EL SOCIAL HALL



JOIN IN-PERSON FOR THIS  
WONDERFUL MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY!



WE HAVE MANY HANDS-ON PROJECTS,  
WHICH WILL BENEFIT SEVERAL LOCAL  
CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.



PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOODS  
FOR THE JFCS FOOD PANTRY AND ANY  
**USED/OLD** CRAYONS TO BE RECYCLED BY  
THE CRAYON INITIATIVE.



CLICK HERE TO  
REGISTER:



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# Sisterhood

BROUGHT TO YOU BY ADATH  
EMANU-EL SISTERHOOD

## COMEDY NIGHT

JANUARY 24, 2026




\$40 IN ADVANCE      DOORS @ 7:00PM  
\$45 AT THE DOOR      SHOW @ 7:30PM

BYOB - LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

Contact Stacie for more information  
sdlpenguin@gmail.com      (856) 340-8826

Register here: <https://bit.ly/2026ComedyNight>



American Heart Association  
*Learn and Live*

FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 6, 2026  
7:30 PM

JOIN SISTERHOOD ON  
NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY,  
BY WEARING RED TO FRIDAY  
NIGHT SERVICES AND  
HELPING RAISE AWARENESS  
FOR WOMEN'S HEART  
HEALTH.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE  
ONEG.

JOIN YOUR ADATH EMANU-EL SISTERHOOD  
FOR A PRE-SUPER BOWL EVENT!

## Charcuterie Board Demo

with Mindy Miller of "Boards by Mindy"

SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 8  
1:00PM

ADATH EMANU-EL SOCIAL HALL  
205 ELBO LANE MOUNT LAUREL, NJ

Create your own dairy charcuterie board &  
bring home your creation for the Super Bowl!

There will be a \$35 charge for this event.  
Please bring your own cutting board  
and knife; ingredients will be provided.  
Light refreshments will be served.

Register at:  
[tinyurl.com/CharcuterieDemo2026](https://tinyurl.com/CharcuterieDemo2026)



Please join us for our  
Annual Sisterhood Spiritual &  
Fun at the Shore Retreat  
Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 3  
At the  
Marquis De Lafayette Hotel  
501 Beach Ave.,  
Cape May, NJ

Your Sisterhood Retreat package includes...  
3 days & 2 nights lodging  
2 double beds, queen sleeper sofa, kitchenette, balcony

24-hour access to an indoor Fitness Center  
On-site parking & Free WIFI  
Meals are not included; however,  
Breakfast is available at the hotel from 8:00 to 10:00 am

**Cost: \$275 pp based on a double and \$185 pp based on a triple**  
(For Sisterhood members only)

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Your registration and \$100 deposit are due by March 1.  
To register online go to: <https://bit.ly/SisterhoodRetreat2026>  
Or return the form below

To Diane Singer, c/o Adath Emanu-El Sisterhood, 205 Elbo Lane, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054  
Please make checks payable to Sisterhood of Adath Emanu-El

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roommate(s) Request: \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, please feel free to contact Diane at 856-266-0187



# Sisterhood Membership Appreciation



# Sisterhood Mahjong Tournament





# World Zionist Congress-Results

## WHAT DID MY “VOTE FOR REFORM” DO FOR THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS?



*The following excerpt is written by Rabbi Lindsey Danziger, Director of Campaigns at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. It comes from her article that helps us better understand what our vote for Reform in the World Zionist Congress elections achieved. -Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler*

(November 7, 2025) Last week in Jerusalem, the Reform Movement made history. We arrived at the World Zionist Congress (WZC) – a global gathering held every five years where Jewish communities from around the world come together to shape priorities and funding for the future of Israel and the Jewish people – and we made our presence known.

Thanks to the fearless leadership of ARZENU Co-Chairs Shoshana Dweck and Harry Levy, and ARZA Chair, Daryl Messinger, our Reform delegation was the largest at the Congress – and quickly became known as the most prepared. Throughout the week, Shoshana offered an image that became our motto: “When you come upon a bear in the wilderness, you don’t run. You take a deep breath, make yourself as big and confident as possible, and convince the bear that you, too, are a bear.”

And that’s exactly what we did. We stood tall for our values – democracy, pluralism, inclusivity, and hope. We didn’t back down. We built bridges across differences and proudly claimed our rightful place in the Zionist story. We came to win – and we did. This is what you worked and voted for!



# World Zionist Congress-Results

## Our Wins: Advancing Reform Jewish Values

The Congress was evenly split between right- and left-leaning parties — meaning nothing was guaranteed. But through smart organizing and coalition-building, our Reform Movement won the vast majority of votes, and not by small margins.

Here are just a few highlights:

- ✓ Stopped funding for new settlements in Gaza
- ✓ Won equal government protection for Reform and liberal synagogues in Israel
- ✓ Established a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the events of October 7
- ✓ Created a national mental health taskforce for victims of terror and soldiers
- ✓ Expanded youth movements and Israel education in the Diaspora
- ✓ Halted settlement expansion in E1, keeping open the path to a two-state solution
- ✓ Supported an equitable military draft for all Israelis
- ✓ Increased access to the egalitarian section of the Western Wall
- ✓ Strengthened civil society, pluralism, and support for Holocaust survivors

And we blocked proposals to:

- Extend Israeli control over the Temple Mount and West Bank
- Use communal funds to support Christian Zionist groups

These victories show that our vision — a Jewish homeland rooted in peace, justice, and inclusion — speaks to the heart of global Jewry.

## Our Delegation: Large, Diverse, and United

Our US delegation of 66 people (including a record number of observers and alternates) reflected the true diversity of our Movement and came together in unity with the World Union for Progressive Judaism and the Reform Delegates from around the world - over 150 people in total. ... We supported each other in long debates, stood up for our younger voices, and built real relationships — even with those who disagreed with us.

## With Deep Gratitude

None of this could have happened without the heart of our Movement — YOU. Thank you for showing up, speaking out, organizing, and believing in our shared vision of a Jewish and democratic Israel. Your energy powered this success.

# Social Action: Ways to Contribute in our Community

I do not routinely make New Year's resolutions. But 2026 feels anything but routine. There is an intensity in the air that makes me feel obligated to make some sort of resolution to be a better citizen. As Reform Jews, we practice Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. When we perform acts of Tikkun Olam, we exemplify our Jewish commitment to a better world and it gives power to our community. How can we better practice Tikkun Olam? \* Start with inner work. Reflect on your personal beliefs and behaviors. Practice kindness and compassion every day. Practice courage. \* Education yourself-Learn about the issues like climate change, economic inequality, voting rights, and antisemitism that impact us. \* Show up for others. Join Social Action at St.Paul's Episcopal Church on the 4th Sunday each month to help feed the homeless. \* Speak up in support of others. Join Religious Action Center (RAC-NJ) and the campaign for Immigrant Justice, Climate Justice and Voting rights. \* Engage in civic responsibility. Support [interfaithrise.org](http://interfaithrise.org) (IRISE) and [Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.org](http://HebrewImmigrantAidSociety.org) (HIAS.org) in the campaign to help our immigrant neighbors. Support the Jewish Federation's commitment to our community. \* Volunteer or contribute to a cause. Participate in our monthly food collection for Jewish Family & Children's Services. (JFCS). Contribute to our various donation drives through out the year. Volunteer for IRISE. \* Strengthen community- Join groups in our Adath community-whether its Social Action/Social Justice, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Life Long Learning, programs, AEFTY.

WE ALL do activities involving the community. \* Live more sustainably-care about the planet. Join our Green Team at Adath. \* Choose one habit to carry through 2026. "I will speak up", "I will volunteer monthly", "I will reduce my plastic use by 50%", "I will be a better citizen in my community".

However you define your own acts of kindness, you must continue to build on that momentum, whether we give our voice, our time, talents or monetary contributions **a gift from our heart** makes the world a better place. May you have a happy and healthy New Year 2026.

Fran Green Social Action/Social Justice  
Chairperson

## WHAT IS THE TORAH TRYING SO HARD TO GET THROUGH TO US?

In a heartfelt episode of his podcast *Ten Minutes of Torah*, URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs delves into the profound question of why the Torah repeatedly commands us to love the stranger; 36 to be precise. Why more than any other commandment? He theorizes God knew we would need this constant reminder because loving someone different from you simply is not intuitive. It is far easier to love someone who looks like you, prays like you, speaks your language. Yet there remains an inherent challenge in extending your love to someone with whom you have nothing in common. Someone you cannot relate to. The podcast goes on to highlight embracing local immigrants and refugees - the strangers, "the other" - amongst us.

In these times, when so many in our community are in dire need of support, it's natural to feel overwhelmed. However, instead of a financial contribution, consider offering an hour of your time each week to make a significant impact on the daily lives of local refugee and immigrant families. Interfaith RISE is a New Jersey organization "facilitating the self-sufficiency and community integration of refugees and asylees from across the world." The IR staff indicated four critical current volunteer needs:

- Tutors (online or in person) for an adult to improve their English.
- Tutors- (online or in person) for a child in various subject matters.
- Mentors for a young adult to navigate a college/career plan.

Interested?! Please contact Forest Kairos at (856) 656-3275 or [forest-kairos@gmail.com](mailto:forest-kairos@gmail.com). Together our Adath Emanu-El family can honor our sacred obligation to welcome the stranger and transform our love of "the other" through meaningful action.





# SOCIAL ACTION ON THE MOVE



Rabbi Memis-Foler and Fran Green lobbying with RAC-NJ at the Capitol in Trenton

Social Action lobbying with RAC-NJ at the Capitol in Trenton



Social Action at Trenton Rally to support the Immigrant Trust Act and the People's Agenda



Social Action Committee cooking Thanksgiving dinner for Providence House

# Life & Legacy



**You Can Help to  
Assure Jewish  
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Your legacy commitment  
will sustain valued  
Jewish organizations  
such as Adath Emanu-El  
for generations to come.



**Life & Legacy**  
ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS

**Be remembered forever with a gift to Adath Emanu-El in your will,  
trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.**

**Thank you to the following individuals who have made a  
commitment to Adath Emanu-El through the Life & Legacy Program.**

Janice & Chris Bate  
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Andi & Abe Morris

Marc E. Rosenberg  
Ruth (z"l) & Ivan Rudolph  
Julie & Brian Sattinger  
Helen Weinheimer  
Anonymous (5)

**To learn more about leaving a legacy, contact Jessica Chasen,  
Fundraising Coordinator at [fundraising@adathemanuel.com](mailto:fundraising@adathemanuel.com)**



# NEW Benefactor Membership Level

## Introducing our NEW Benefactor Membership Level

For Donations of \$50,000 or more to the Adath Emanu-El Endowment Fund for our future

### Benefactor Membership Level

Established in December 2025, this Adath Emanu-El benefactor membership level is for members making a significant donation (\$50,000 or more as single donation) to our future through a donation to our Rudolph Endowment Fund or through the creation of a new Adath Emanu-El Endowment Fund maintained for us through our Life & Legacy program with the Jewish Community Foundation.

This is a COMPLIMENTARY (FREE) membership for the lifetime of the member unit (individual or couple, including family levels for member units with children below the age of 26). This membership is not transferable and applies only to the individual/couple at the time of original donation.

### Criteria for Benefactor Membership

To qualify as a benefactor member, donors need to:

- **Donate \$50,000 or more** to Adath Emanu-El's Endowment Fund as a single donation (within a limited time-frame over no more than 6 months)
- **Maintain Membership** in good standing at Adath Emanu-El through continued financial payment of any additional fees outside of standard dues (such as security fees, educational fees, etc).

### How To Get Started and More Information

- **Contributing to our endowment fund through JCF (Jewish Community Fund)**
  - The JCF accepts appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, as well as cash and a variety of other giving options.
  - All contributions are tax deductible and can be added at any time and by any donor to our Adath Emanu-El Rudolph Endowment Fund.
  - The JCF can help you to create your own Adath Emanu-El Endowment Fund if desired. Benefactor Membership Level is for current donations, and does not apply to future donations through commitment in a will or trust.
  - The JCF can work with you and your trusted advisor to determine how you may maximize your tax benefits through your donation. (Note: The JCF does not provide estate, financial, or tax advice.)

To make a donation or to discuss other options for giving through our Life & Legacy program, please contact:

- Jessica Chasen, Fundraising Chairperson at [fundraising@adathemanuel.com](mailto:fundraising@adathemanuel.com)
- Jennifer Gotliv, Executive Director at [execdirector@adathemanuel.com](mailto:execdirector@adathemanuel.com)

Through the addition of this complimentary Benefactor Membership Level, Adath Emanu-El wishes to show our appreciation to those who have made a commitment to our future financial stability. We commit to periodically review this program's success and make adjustments as necessary to continue to meet the synagogue's needs while honoring our benefactors appropriately.

**SAVE THE DATE: Rabbi Levine Gala**

**Save the Date for our  
8th Annual  
Rabbi Richard A. Levine**

# **GALA DINNER FUNDRAISER**

Join us for an unforgettable evening  
of celebration and tzedakah.

**SATURDAY NIGHT  
APRIL 25, 2026**

**EVENING AT  
ADATH EMANU-EL**



This gala dinner will be a night to remember,  
and you won't want to miss it!

Save the date now and plan to join us.

Watch for details in the early spring of 2026.



# Circle of Giving & Gift CARD PROGRAM

## Thank you to our 2025-2026 Circle of Giving Donors

YOUR DONATION  
MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



Every donation helps  
Adath Emanu-El to  
remain open and  
available for all of us.  
Please consider adding  
your name to our circles.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026  
Donors as of 12/11/2025

For more information, please see our brochure or  
contact Jessica Chasen, Fundraising Chairperson  
at [fundraising@adathemanuel.com](mailto:fundraising@adathemanuel.com)



### Circle of Leadership

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Adath Emanu-El  
Gift Card Program  
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**WINNERS**

**October 2025**

Jewish Federation of South Jersey

**November 2025**

Julie & Brian Sattinger

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# EVENTS AT ADATH



**Give blood.**  
*Help save lives.*



## **Blood Drive** **Adath Emanu-El**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9:00am to 2:00pm**

**Social Hall**  
205 Elbo Lane  
Mount Laurel, NJ. 08054

Come to give Jan. 1-25 for chance to win trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX in Calif  
[rcblood.org/SuperBowl](http://rcblood.org/SuperBowl)

For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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## **What Does Judaism Say About... ?**

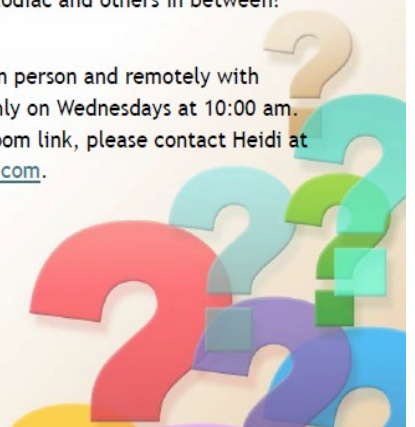
**Adath Emanu-El Lifelong Learning Class**  
**taught by Rabbi Memis-Foler**

**Wednesdays at 10:00 am**

**January 7 and February 4, 2026**

Are you interested in knowing what Judaism has to say about topics from Abortion to Zodiac and others in between?

Come learn and discuss in person and remotely with Rabbi Memis-Foler monthly on Wednesdays at 10:00 am.  
To receive the remote Zoom link, please contact Heidi at [hkramer@adathemanuel.com](mailto:hkramer@adathemanuel.com).



**JDAIM**  
**FEBRUARY**  
Jewish Disability Awareness,  
Acceptance & Inclusion Month



## **Inclusion Shabbat Morning Service**

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**

**at 10:00 am**

**at Adath Emanu-El**

**205 Elbo Lane, Mt. Laurel**

*"It's better to be inclusive than exclusive." —Rabbi Peter Knobel, זצ"ל*

This Shabbat is for everyone, and we especially welcome people with special needs. When one speaks of special needs, this can include a broad array of people with all types of abilities and disabilities. Not all disabilities are visible. Individuals with special needs might need accommodation for their various physical, cognitive, emotional, and/or behavioral abilities.

**Kiddush luncheon to follow**

If you'd like to participate, please contact  
Rabbi Amy Memis-Foler at [rabbi@adathemanuel.com](mailto:rabbi@adathemanuel.com)



# GREEN TEAM

## News From the Green Team

With electricity charges soaring, here's somethings you can do to help lower your electric bill. "Energy vampires," or plugged-in items that aren't currently being used, make up about 23% of a home's electricity use, according to the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#). Pressing the off button isn't always enough.

1. **SPACE HEATERS** - You probably understand exactly why space heaters top the list of things to unplug when they're not in use—as space heaters are responsible for about 10,000 house fires per year, according to the [National Fire Protection Association](#). Space heaters draw a *lot* of power when they are running, so plugging them on a power strip or extension cord increases the fire risk—and is a definite no-no. Space heaters may use more energy than the wattage recommended for that power strip, causing it to melt or short.
2. **TV's** - TVs need to draw power so that they can be ready to go the second you click your remote. But the amount of energy that TVs use to be binge-watch-ready depends on the brand, with some using just 2 watts up to 54 watts, according to the NRDC. It may be worth pulling the plug—especially on TVs that aren't used on a daily basis.
3. **Video Game Consoles and Set-Top Boxes** - Set-top boxes were one of the biggest energy vampires in an [NRDC study](#), and video game consoles also draw wattage when they're in sleep mode. If you have a smart TV, you may be able to bypass the set-top box altogether and connect to your streaming services and channels via the TV itself.
4. **Home Office Equipment** - That printer left on standby mode for those occasional printing jobs? It's using way more energy than is necessary—and that goes for the shredder, too. Unplug these items until you're ready to use them.
5. **Computers** - Putting computers into sleep mode helps with energy usage, but your laptops and desktops are still drawing energy when they're plugged in and turned on. While you may not have to go through the trouble of unplugging it completely, shutting it down overnight or when you'll be away for an extended period of time can help you reduce your energy usage. A desktop computer, for example, can use between 1 to 49 watts of power when idle over a 24-hour period—which can add up to \$50 to your electric bill, [according to the NRDC](#).

Bonus: Turning your computer completely off when you're not using it enables the RAM to clear, improving your computer's performance—and helps protect the delicate electronics from electrical surges.

**Want to save even more money, if you're a PSE&G customer call them at 1-855-846-2895 and have them come out for a FREE home energy assessment**



# Kehillot at Adath

**DINNER KEHILLA**  
*The Farm & Fisherman Tavern*



**Saturday,  
 February 21, 2026  
 5:30pm**





RSVP: Mindy Miller by February 13, 2026  
 creationsbymindy@aol.com

**DINNER KEHILLA**

**PEKING WOK**  
 • 127 Ark Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

**SATURDAY,  
 JANUARY 17, 2026  
 600 PM**

**RSVP BY JAN 8 2026**


- Mindy Miller
- Creationsbymindy@aol.com





Adath Emanu-El

**Book Club**




**BUCKEYE**  
 a novel

**PATRICK**

**RYAN**

**February 1, 2026  
 9:30 am  
 classroom 5**

Register by  
 texting Marlene  
 at (856)905-3975





# ADATH WEEKLY

## Torah Talk & Bagels



Every Saturday morning at 8:45 am.  
(in the multi-purpose room)

Miracles, Dysfunctional families,  
Rivalries & more.....

It's all in the Torah.

**NO previous experience with  
Torah or Hebrew necessary.**



**10:00 am in the Sanctuary**

**Every Shabbat morning**

**when there is no Bar or Bat Mitzvah.**

Simply Shabbat services are a time for participation in both English and Hebrew reading, singing and a touch of learning. We always discuss the week's Torah portion and we have the open opportunity to tell our friends about our week and its ups and downs. It is great way to start the Sabbath with prayer, an oneg, and friends.

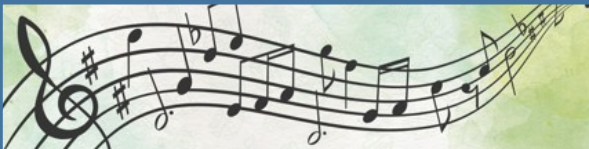
## *Adath Emanu-El* **HABONIM YOUTH CHOIR 2025-2026**

*Make Friends ♦ Learn Hebrew ♦ Bring Joy*




**GRADES 2 - 6**  
**WEDNESDAYS DURING TEEN NIGHT**  
**REHEARSAL 5:30-6:30PM**  
**PIZZA 6:30-7:00PM**

Contact Cantor Sandi for more information  
(856) 577-3313 | [cantorsandi@gmail.com](mailto:cantorsandi@gmail.com)



We welcome singers of all levels!

## **Adath Emanu-El CHOIR**




**WEDNESDAYS  
6:30PM-8:30PM**

REHEARSALS BEGIN March 11

***Add your voice to our High Holy Days this year.  
If you love singing, we'd love for you to join us!***

QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
CANTOR SANDRA MESSINGER-AGUILAR  
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856-608-1200



**ADATH EMANU-EL  
205 ELBO LANE  
MOUNT LAUREL NJ**

# Life Long Learning

## Life Long Learning invites you to

Join us for an afternoon as we tour the Sarnoff Museum!

**February 15 | 2:00 PM**

**The Sarnoff Collection at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)**

**2000 Pennington Rd., Ewing, NJ 08628**

The Sarnoff Collection is named in honor of David Sarnoff, longtime chairman of the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) and internationally renowned pioneer in radio and television. The Collection comprises over 6,000 artifacts that document major developments in communication and electronics in the 20th century

**We will meet at Adath Emanu-El at 1 PM and carpool to the museum**

Must RSVP to Stacie by February 11  
To RSVP call or text 856-340-8826



Coming soon in 2026, Life Long Learning presents:

## Understanding the Prayers We Pray

Join us for a 5-part series taught by Edmond Weiss. This series will explore the meanings and context of five key prayers in the Erev Shabbat service. Our hope is this knowledge will intensify and enrich your Shabbat experience, while also providing insights into the history of Jewish theology.

The prayers are:

- L'Cha Dodi
- Sh'ma/V'ahavta
- Tefilah/Amidah
- Aleinu
- Kaddish Yatom

In each session we shall read the prayer in Hebrew (Aramaic for the Kaddish), review multiple translations, discuss the history of the prayer, and explore its meaning and relevance for contemporary Jews.



**Dates: TBD | Time: TBD**  
**Where: Adath Emanu-El**



# Men's Club



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Men's Club Catering Chair

Larry Foster

[keyboardplayer63@verizon.net](mailto:keyboardplayer63@verizon.net)



# NEW YOUNG ADULT

New Year, New Beginnings

## Adath now has YOUNG ADULT MEMBERSHIPS

### WHY JOIN

- Full access to Shabbat and holiday services.
- Tickets for High Holidays
- Invitations to exclusive Young Adult events (Shabbat dinners, social gatherings, volunteer opportunities, learning sessions)
- Opportunities for leadership roles (serving on committees, event planning, or mentorship)
- Lifecycle support – Clergy access for life events (marriage prep, counseling, etc.)
- Priority access for future membership as you move into family life.
- Networking & professional connections within the synagogue community.

**Ages 24-28**

**\$18 per month**

**Ages 29-32**

**\$36 per month**

Questions: [membership@adathemanuel.com](mailto:membership@adathemanuel.com)  
Or call/text Only (609)213-3969





## **NEW** YOUNG ADULT

ADATH YOUNG ADULT GROUP  
INVITES YOU TO A

# MEET & GREET



Monday February 2  
6:30-8:00 pm  
ADATH EMANU-EL



**LET'S GET TOGETHER AND MINGLE!**

PIZZA, SALAD, VEGGIES/DIP, AND DRINKS WILL  
BE SERVED

**NO COST FOR EVENT, RSVP USING THE QR CODE BY January 26**  
**QUESTIONS? CONTACT [membership@adathemanuel.com](mailto:membership@adathemanuel.com)**

# TU BISH'VAT



## **TU BISH'VAT SEDER AND FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICE FEBRUARY 6, 2026 7:30 PM**

Join with us to celebrate this “birthday of the trees”  
and enjoy a “feast of fruits” at our Tu BiSh’vat Seder  
and Shabbat worship service.

*All Ages  
Welcome*



*No Cost  
To Attend*

**The best Tu BiSh’vat experience comes from being here to  
taste the samples of fruits provided. This is not a full meal.  
This event will be livestreamed for those unable to attend.**

For more information, contact Larry Marcus  
at [larrysmarcus@comcast.net](mailto:larrysmarcus@comcast.net)



**Adath Emanu-El. 205 Elbo Lane, Mt. Laurel 856-608-1200**



# PURIM

## Adath Emanu-El Purim Carnival

Save the date!

**March 1, 2026**

11:00am to 12:45pm

(Religious school will dismiss early)

GAMES, FOOD, AND FUN!!  
PRIZE TABLE!

Tot Room—for children 6 yrs and under

Details to follow



# PURIM



## The Adult Purim Shpiel Is Back!



And Better Than Ever

Saturday, March 7th at 7:30 pm

Ticket Price:

Synagogue Members \$5.00

Guests: \$10.00

Ticket price includes The Shpiel and a lavish  
reception following the performance  
(Lavish may be an overstatement depending on who you talk to.)

Tickets are available at the temple office or at the door.



### This Time We Do It Karaoke Style

- The real songs -
- The real words -
- Screen projection for sing along -
- Mamma Mia meets Mordachai -
- The most fun you'll have\* -
- \*that night



Sing along to

- Summer Lovin - Celebration - I Will Survive - Dancing Queen -
- Sweet Caroline - Friends in Low Places - Livin On A Prayer -
- Margaritaville - Build Me Up Buttercup - Joy to the World -
- And Many More\*

\*Not the name of a song

These songs may be substituted for other songs or not. You'll have to be there to find out.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR

### A Sing A-Long Purim Shpiel - March 7, 2026

If you like to sing these songs:

Summer Lovin  
Celebration  
I Will Survive  
Dancing Queen  
Sweet Caroline  
Friends in Low Places  
Livin On A Prayer  
Margaritaville  
Build Me A Buttercup  
Joy to the World

Then you've got to see how  
they fit in to our  
Purim Shpiel!

If you would like to help participate  
in our Karaoke Style  
Full Audience Participation  
Sing A-Long Purim Shpiel,  
Contact: [Cantorsandi@gmail.com](mailto:Cantorsandi@gmail.com)  
or [ken.ellner@comcast.net](mailto:ken.ellner@comcast.net)





# PASSOVER

Plan to Join Adath Emanu-El  
for our 2nd Night Seder  
led by  
Rabbi Amy Memis-Foler and  
Cantorial Soloist  
Sandi Messenger-Aguilar

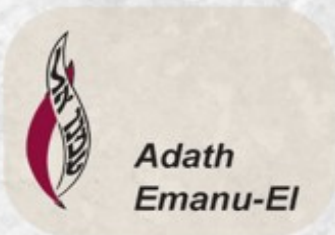


## Save The Date

### Community Passover Seder

Thursday, April 2, 2026

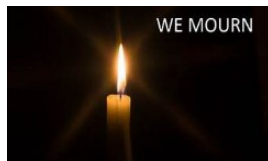
6:00pm



Scholarships are available if needed - please contact  
Rabbi Memis-Foler for information.

**Adath Emanu-El, 205 Elbo Lane, Mt. Laurel NJ 856-608-1200**

# In the Mishpacha



## *CURRENT KADDISH LIST*

Stanley S. Fischman	Former longtime congregant
Albert Rivera	Friend of Goldie Schultz
Brenda Goldstein	Friend of Goldie Schultz
Linda Gail Sauro	Relative of Laura & Shayna Goldberg
Meryl Green	Cousin of Alice Oppenheimer
Aaron Snyder	Uncle of David Foler
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# In the Mishpacha



*Mazal tov*

*To Jamie Okin & Joe Lessman on the birth  
of their granddaughter Emelia Helen*



*Mazal tov*

*To Zachary Klein and Amelia Martin  
on their wedding*



*Mazal tov*

*To Forest Kairos on her  
recognition at an I-RISE  
fundraiser*

*Mazal tov*

*To Gladys Schultz on her  
nephew's son in law going  
into outer space!*



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# Spotlight: Congregant Jessica Chasen



December 12-15, 2025  
Washington DC



The Religious Action Center (RAC) of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) has been the hub of Jewish social justice work for more than 60 years. The work of the RAC is nonpartisan, focusing on working with elected officials from all parties to help shape our country by promoting and advocating for laws which reflect our Jewish morals and ethics, and striving to help our lawmakers to work together for the common good of everyone in our country.

The Consultation on Conscience is the RAC's flagship social justice gathering, convening activists, social justice leaders, clergy, and people who want to make a difference from across North America. Over four days in Washington, DC, those who attend learn, lead, and act together, culminating in a day of lobbying on Capital Hill with over 100 senators and congresspeople on behalf of the RAC's primary topics of the day.



This past December, our own congregant Jessica Chasen had the honor of attending this conference, representing both our Adath Emanu-El congregation as well as her hometown of Voorhees. The conference began with a Shabbat dinner and Friday evening service filled with 400+ Reform Jews from all over our country singing and praying together, highlighted by a d'var torah from Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the URJ, whose words and wisdom set the tone for the weekend as well as for the next year ahead. The weekend continued with organized activities, lectures, workshops, and more that were designed to inspire and engage them with the social justice work they were there to learn about and to give them the tools to bring these important topics back to their congregations.

On Monday December 15, 2025, over 200 attendees remained in DC to meet with over 110 different legislative offices of the Senate and House of Representatives to discuss and advocate on specific issues related to Israel, Immigration, Voting Rights and Healthcare acts that are currently being considered and which the RAC has put their support behind. Jessica had the honor of meeting with representatives of Senator Cory Booker and Congressman Donald Norcross. For Senator Booker's office there was a large group of RAC members from New Jersey, and Jessica was pleased to be asked to speak on the Jewish values related to immigration in their conversation that day. For Congressman Norcross, Jessica was surprised to find out that she would be the **only one** available to meet with his legislative assistant, and she was so proud to be trusted to speak one-on-one for 30 minutes on behalf of the RAC to encourage Congressman Norcross to consider co-sponsoring specific acts supported by the RAC in relation to Israel (West Bank Violence Prevention Act) and Immigration (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act), and to thank him for already co-sponsoring and showing his support for the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2025.

Jessica has had the pleasure of attending many RAC, URJ and WRJ conferences and events over the years, but this is the first year she has expanded her experience to include lobbying on Capitol Hill. For those who may be interested, Jessica encourages you to save the date to join her at the next URJ Biennial Conference (a huge gathering of Reform Jews from all over the US held every 2 years) to be held LOCALLY in PHILADELPHIA, PA from December 10 to 13, 2026.





# Spotlight: Bar Mitzvah

Jake Krafchin

January 10, 2026

Jake attends Medford Memorial Middle School. He loves watching and playing SPORTS. Jake plays Travel Soccer, Flag Football, and Basketball. He also loves hanging out with friends and family and playing video games

Jake knows a ton of sports statistics for all different sports and would be a great partner for a Sports Trivia Game.

Liza and Gabby are his special dogs. But, in Jake's younger years, he was also a wonderful brother to MANY hermit crabs and fish

Jake's mitzvah project is very near and dear to him. When the Krafchins closed Jake's Pop-pop's shoe store, Jake donated about 2 dozen pairs of shoes to a local organization called Shoes for Your Soul. They are a wonderful group in South Jersey that collects brand-new shoes and socks for kids in need. He continued working with them by creating a successful shoe/sock collection at Adath, as well as collecting monetary donations that came in around \$2000. Shoes for Your Soul is having a gala in January to raise money toward opening a flagship store, and Jake will be honored at the gala. It was a very meaningful mitzvah project, especially because his grandfather owned a shoe store and recently passed away.



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*Ellen Bertuglia*

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Provides scholarships for Camp Harlam.

## **Adult Leadership Fund:**

Scholarships for Temple Board members attending leadership training seminars.

## **Congregational Good Works Fund:**

To provide financial assistance to members of our congregation during their time of need.

## **Early Childhood Center Fund:**

Provides equipment and programming for the ECC.

## **Errol & Jill Schlesinger Religious School Fund:**

Supports funding for supplementary items for Religious School.

## **General Fund:**

Helps to cover any unrestricted Adath Emanu-El costs and needs.

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Provides funding for Lifelong Learning programs.

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## **Jerry Ellner Winter Warmth Fund:**

Provides financial assistance for Temple members who are experienc-

ing difficulty paying their heating bill.

## **Julius & Teresa Levine Torah Maintenance Fund:**

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Provides funding for programs that promote the study, appreciation and creation of Jewish art.

## **Marcy Pomerantz Memorial Choir & Music Fund:**

Provides funding for supplementary items for our Temple choir.

## **Melvin & Arlene Morris Youth Leadership Fund:**

Provides scholarships for youth group members (of Temple families) attending Youth Leadership events.

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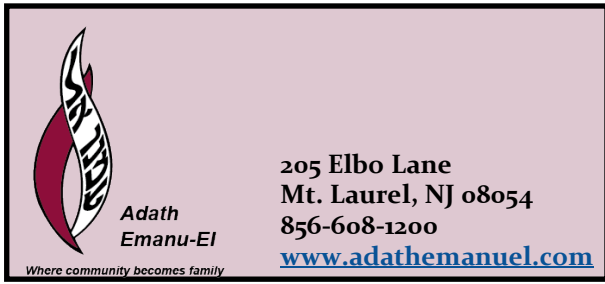
# JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <sup>2</sup> Erev Family Shabbat with Birthdays & life cycle Blessings, 7:30PM	<sup>3</sup> Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Simply Shabbat, 10AM
<b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> <sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup> Mahjong Mondays, 1PM  Finance Meeting, 7PM Executive Meeting, 8PM	<sup>6</sup> Sisterhood Board Meeting, 7:30PM	<sup>7</sup> What does Judaism say <u>about</u> , with Rabbi Memis-Foler, 10AM  Teen night, 5:30PM Youth Choir, 5:30PM Adult Choir, 6:30PM  L'dor V'dor seminar, 6:45PM	<sup>8</sup> Mahjong Thursdays, 6PM	<sup>9</sup> <b>RAC TRIP</b>  Erev Shabbat, 7:30PM	<sup>10</sup> <b>RAC TRIP</b>  Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Bar Mitzvah of Jake Krafchin, 10AM <b>MAZAL TOV!</b>
<sup>11</sup> <b>RAC TRIP</b>  Religious School, 9AM <b>Blood Drive, 8AM</b> <b>AEFTY Bagel Sale, 8:30AM</b>  <b>Staff Professional Dev's 12:15PM</b>	<sup>12</sup> Mahjong Mondays, 1PM  Men's Club Board Meeting, 7PM	<sup>13</sup> Congregational Board Meeting, 7:30PM	<sup>14</sup> Youth Choir, 6:30PM Teen Night, 5:30PM	<sup>15</sup> Mahjong Thursdays, 6PM	<sup>16</sup> Erev Shabbat, 7:30PM	<sup>17</sup> Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Simply Shabbat, 10AM  Dinner Kehillah, 6PM
<sup>18</sup> Religious School, 9AM  <b>Men's Cub Brunch, 9AM</b>	<sup>19</sup> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>MLK DAY EVENT, 10AM</b>  Mahjong Mondays, 1PM  Social Action Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)	<sup>20</sup> Membership meeting, 7PM (Zoom)  Rabbi's Mussar Class, 7PM	<sup>21</sup> Teen Night, 5:30PM Youth Choir, 5:30PM	<sup>22</sup> Mahjong Thursdays, 6PM	<sup>23</sup> K-2 RS Shabbat Dinner, 5:30PM  Erev Shabbat, 7:30PM	<sup>24</sup> Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Simply Shabbat, 10AM  <b>Sisterhood's Comedy Night, 7PM</b>
<sup>25</sup> Religious School, 9AM  <b>Tu B'Shvat Cradle Roll, 11AM</b>  <b>Pop up Choir, 12:30PM</b>	<sup>26</sup> Mahjong Mondays, 1PM  Canasta, 5:30PM  Green Team meeting, 7PM (Zoom)	<sup>27</sup> Ritual Committee Mtg, 7PM (Zoom)  YAC meeting, 7PM  Men's Club Corn Hole, 7:30PM	<sup>28</sup> Teen Night, 5:30PM Youth Choir, 5:30PM  Life Long Learning Meeting, 7PM	<sup>29</sup> Mahjong Thursdays, 6PM	<sup>30</sup> Erev Mindfulness & Meditative Shabbat, 7:30PM	<sup>31</sup> Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Simply Shabbat, 10AM



# FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  AEFTY Bagel Sale, 8:30AM  Religious School, 9AM  Book Club, 9:30AM	2  Mahjong Mondays, 1PM  Canaasta, 5:30PM  Meet & Greet, Young Adult, 6:30PM  Finance, 7PM Executive, 8PM	3  Sisterhood Board Meeting, 7:30PM	4  What does Judaism say <del>about</del> with Rabbi Memis-Folier, 10AM  Teen Night, 5:30PM Youth Choir, 5:30PM  L'Dor V'Dor session Genealogy, 6:45PM	5  Mahjong Thursdays, 6PM	6  Erev Family Shabbat with Birthdays & life cycle Blessings, Red Shabbat, Tu B'Shvat seder, 7:30PM	7  Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Inclusion Shabbat, 10AM
8  Religious School, 9AM + Superbowl Celebration  Sisterhood's Charcuterie Demo, 1PM	9  Mahjong Mondays, 1PM  Canaasta, 5:30PM  Men's Club Board Meeting, 7PM  Rabbi's Mussar Class, 7:30PM	10  Congregational Board Meeting, 7:30PM	11  Teen Night, 5:30PM Youth Choir, 5:30PM	12  Mahjong Thursdays, 6PM  Tu B'shvat Program, 7PM	13  Erev Shabbat, 7:30PM	14  Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Simply Shabbat, 10AM
15  Life Long Learning Visit to Sarnoff Museum, 2PM	16  <b>NO SCHOOL/ OFFICE CLOSED- PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>  Mahjong Mondays, 1PM  Canaasta, 5:30PM  Social Action Committee meeting, 7PM (Zoom)	17  Membership Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)	18  <b>NO TEEN NIGHT</b>	19  Mahjong Thursdays, 6PM	20  Erev Shabbat, 7:30PM	21  Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Simply Shabbat, 10AM  Dinner Kehillah, 6PM
22  Religious School, 9AM  Men's Club brunch, 9AM  Purim Cradle Roll, 11AM  Pop Up Choir, 12:30PM  Sisterhood Hamentaschen Demo, 1:30PM	23  Mahjong Mondays, 1PM  Canaasta, 5:30PM  Green team Mtg, 7PM (Zoom)	24  Ritual Committee Mtg, 7PM (Zoom)  Men's Club Corn Hole, 7:30PM  YAC Mtg, 7:30PM  Sisterhood Hamentaschen Birthday bags, 7:30PM	25  Teen Night, 5:30PM Youth Choir, 5:30PM  Life Long Learning Meeting, 7PM	26  Mahjong Thursdays, 6PM  Finance, 7PM Executive, 8PM	27  Purim Tot Shabbat, 5:30PM  Erev Shabbat, 7:30PM	28  Torah, Talk & Bagels, 8:45AM  Simply Shabbat, 10AM
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