

January 2019 Newsletter

24th of Tevet 5779 - 25th of Shevat 5779



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 24 th of Tevet 5779 New Year's Day HCPS/ELC/Office Closed	2 25 th of Tevet 5779 Midweek Rel. School Closed
6 29 th of Tevet 5779 9:00 am - Sunday Rel. School 9:00-12:30 pm - Gift Shop Open	7 1 st of Shevat 5779 7:00-8:00 pm - Al-Anon Mtg (Social Hall)	8 2 nd of Shevat 5779	9 3 rd of Shevat 5779 4:45 pm - Midweek Rel. School 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Mike's House)
13 7 th of Shevat 5779 9:00 am - Sunday Rel. School 9:00-12:30 pm - Gift Shop Open	14 8 th of Shevat 5779 7:00-8:00 pm - Al-Anon Mtg (Social Hall)	15 9 th of Shevat 5779	16 10 th of Shevat 5779 4:45 pm - Midweek Rel. School 4:45-6:00 pm - Gift Shop Open
20 14 th of Shevat 5779 Erev Tu BiSh'vat Sunday Rel. School Closed 3:00 pm - Harford County Alliance of Abrahamic Faith's MLK Event at St James AME Church 617 Green Street Havre de Grace, MD 21078	21 15 th of Shevat 5779 Tu BiSh'vat Martin Luther King Day HCPS/ELC/Office Closed 7:00-8:00 pm - Al-Anon Mtg (Social Hall)	22 16 th of Shevat 5779 7:00 pm - RPC Meeting	23 17 th of Shevat 5779 4:45 pm - Midweek Rel. School 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Mike's House)
27 21 st of Shevat 5779 9:00 am - Sunday Rel. School Tu BiSh'vat Event 9:00-12:30 pm - Gift Shop Open	28 22 nd of Shevat 5779 7:00-8:00 pm - Al-Anon Mtg (Social Hall)	29 23 rd of Shevat 5779	30 24 th of Shevat 5779 4:00 pm - HJC Early Learning Center Noodle Night Fundraiser (Social Hall) 4:45 pm - Midweek Rel. School 4:45-6:00 pm - Gift Shop Open

Temple Adas Shalom's January Calendar of Events

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">3 <i>26th of Tevet 5779</i></p> <p>7:00 pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4 <i>27th of Tevet 5779</i></p> <p>4:36 pm - Candle Lighting 7:30 pm - Torah Service Melissa Brown & Linda Needel ONEG - B. Folus, N. Natkin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 <i>28th of Tevet 5779</i></p> <p>Parashat Vaera</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10 <i>4th of Shevat 5779</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11 <i>5th of Shevat 5779</i></p> <p>4:43 pm - Candle Lighting 6:00 pm - <i>What's Plaguuing You? themed Daven & Dine Shabbat with the TAS Choir</i> Mark Wolkow <i>Join us for a short 45 minute service and then dine out with Temple friends.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 <i>6th of Shevat 5779</i></p> <p>Parashat Bo</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">17 <i>11th of Shevat 5779</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18 <i>12th of Shevat 5779</i> <i>HCPS Early Dismissal</i></p> <p>4:50 pm - Candle Lighting 7:30 pm - <i>Shabbat Shira & Torah Service with the TAS Choir singing</i> Rabbi Gila Ruskin ONEG - B. Hoffman, R. Spergel, L. Topol</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19 <i>13th of Shevat 5779</i></p> <p>Parashat Beshalach 10:00 am - <i>10 Commandments in the Courthouse Torah Study with Rabbi Gila Ruskin</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">24 <i>18th of Shevat 5779</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25 <i>19th of Shevat 5779</i></p> <p>4:58 pm - Candle Lighting 7:30 pm - <i>Eye Level Torah Service with Sig Gast chanting the 10 Commandments</i> Sammy, Lever, Jonah Lever & Sig Gast ONEG - B. Davis, L. Phillips, J. Rudisaile</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26 <i>20th of Shevat 5779</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">31 <i>25th of Shevat 5779</i></p>		

Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Gila Ruskin

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to let you know that I will be retiring from Temple Adas Shalom within the next year. Because of the distance and traffic, it has become too exhausting at my age of 65 to make this commute not only on a regular basis, but also for the inevitable, unpredictable pastoral and life cycle situations. Regretfully, since moving to Philadelphia, I feel that I have not been able to provide the congregation with everything that is needed and expected from a rabbi, particularly in the area of pastoral care.

From the moment Paul and I came to Adas Shalom over 10 years ago, you have been so incredibly warm and welcoming to us. I have been a rabbi since 1983, and the years I have spent with you here are without a doubt the highlight of my rabbinate. What an honor to work with a group of people who are so dedicated, so caring, so open to innovation, while respectful of tradition and heritage. Temple Adas Shalom has been everything I could have dreamt of as a spiritual leader.

It's my intent for the transition to be as smooth as possible. During the next months, I am committed to fulfilling the usual duties, and to work actively with you to continue our outstanding programming. I would like to leave the congregation prior to the High Holidays; however, I will remain for the holiday period if necessary. I will definitely leave by December 31, 2019. I expect to find some part-time rabbinic work in Philadelphia at some point and of course, I will inform you as things develop.

I especially would like to help you, to the extent you wish, to find a new rabbi who will carry on the mission we have pursued together. Of course, I know that you will form a rabbinic search committee and coordinate with the Central Conference of American Rabbis Placement Commission.

Let me express my tremendous gratitude to you, and to our Creator, for having given me the opportunity to be your spiritual leader during these past years. What a blessing it has been for me, and hopefully for you as well. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at rabbi@templeadasshalom.org.

Shalom,



Rabbi Gila

Co-Presidents' Message
Linda Needel & Wendy Drabinski

We just finished up the holiday season. Now we begin the season of change. We hope everyone had a chance to relax and reflect with family and friends. Now it's time to look within ourselves and ask what we want from our temple membership and what we are looking for in a rabbi. We received a lot of news in December. The URJ shared their analysis of feedback from the benchmarking project from our congregation and congregations in our cohort. Rabbi shared the news with our congregation that she is retiring in the coming year.

As much as we sometimes don't want change, change is inevitable, and we can look at this as an opportunity to reevaluate what we would like to improve when it comes to our temple community. This is your time to speak up and let yourselves be heard. What would engage you? What programs, social events, and adult education opportunities interest you? What social action issues do you think we should be involved in? What elements are you looking for in a religious worship service? What personality traits and skills are you looking for in a rabbi?

The Religious Practices Committee is leading the Rabbi Search Committee and will be looking for interested congregants to represent our various demographics. RPC will also be sending out a survey asking you questions about what things you think are important in our next rabbi. Please respond when you receive this survey. We are listening, but you need to speak up to be heard.

L'Shalom,
Linda and Wendy

Religious Practices Message

Mark Wolkow & Melissa Brown

Although it will be some time before we see any signs of spring, we can take comfort in knowing the days will slowly get longer and there is plenty to do at Shul!

You won't want to miss this month's '*Daven & Dine*', on **January 11** at 6:00 PM, as Mark Wolkow leads us in a 45 minute Kabbalat service projected on the screen. The theme: What's Plaguing You? After the service, everyone is encouraged to dine out with fellow worshippers. Venues will be named later.

On **January 18**, we celebrate a very special moment in Torah and Jewish history with a *Shabbat Shira Service*. Also known as The Sabbath of Singing, we commemorate Moses and Miriam leading the Israelites across the Sea of Reeds (The Red Sea) and out of Egypt. Please join us as Rabbi Gila leads a joyful Shabbat evening Service featuring music by the TAS Choir.

January 19 Rabbi Gila leads us in a provocative Shabbat morning discussion on the 10 Commandments in the Courthouse, at 10:00 AM.

January 25 will be an *Eye Level Torah Service*, where congregants have the opportunity to experience a close-up view of the Torah Scroll. Sammy Lever and Jonah Lever will lead us in service while our beloved Ba'al Korei, Sig Gast, chants the Ten Commandments.

Hope to see you soon!

Melissa Brown and Mark Wolkow
RPC Co-Chairs

Mazel Tov!

Welcome to the world, Zander Ray Quabili, son of Ashira and Ashiq Quabili, brother of Jaxon. Born on December 16, 2018. We send blessings to the expanded family and we look forward to seeing the new little one at temple!

Hello from the HJC ELC!

Dreidels, snowmen and Stonehenge, oh my! The children are so excited to share their projects. We hope that you've had a chance to look at their art in the hallway; otherwise, take a minute to follow our Facebook page.

At the end of January, the hallways will smell of warm bread and pasta sauce as we prepare to hold our annual Noodle Night for over 200 of our current and former ELC families. It's our largest fundraiser for our scholarship fund. We ask the community for supply donations to help us maximize the amount raised. If interested please email us at hjcelc@templeadasshalom.org to see how you can help.

What plans does the ELC have for 2019? I am so proud of the ELC team and our support network for the reputation that the HJC Early Learning Center, formerly HJC Preschool, has built over the last forty years. Families are sharing information about us from coast to coast. In the last month or so, I have had the opportunity to speak with fellow congregants in reference to our license change and the possibility of growth. I wish I had a dollar for each time I'm asked if we are updating our hours to be a daycare or offer before and after school care. For this year and next year, the answer is no, we will not be offering these options. Even though our licensing has been updated to allow us to offer them, there are quite a few things that will need to happen behind the scenes. Will we offer these programs in the future? It will be dependent on the community's needs at that time. Currently, we are focusing on what has made us successful and looking for ways to enhance our current programs as we work towards phasing in other programs.

By-Laws Committee Message

Jonas Vogelhut

Fellow Congregants,

Every few years, it becomes time to review our guiding principles and by-laws to make sure we continually meet the needs of our community and to help us better lead this congregation. We aim to look at our governance structure in a proactive manner and change with the evolving world around us. Our by-laws were last changed in May 2014. Who would have thought back then that the Cubs would win a World Series, iPhone would be with us to version X, and Toys “R” Us would disappear?

During our November 2018 congregational meeting, I introduced five major ideas that the board will bring for an official vote during the May 2019 congregational meeting. These are all based on changes we see in the larger Reform (and Conservative) Jewish movements and society as a whole. These include

- *Opening Temple Adas Shalom official member status to non-Jewish individuals*
- *Changing voting rights from one per family (to something else)*
- *Allowing non-Jewish members to be Trustees on our Board of Directors*
- *Re-establishing a separate Social Committee from the Fund Raising Committee*
- *Reallocating board positions to account for the revised Social Committee*

These are a starting point for discussions – we need a committee of volunteers to help refine the ideas, craft the official language for dialogue, seek input from congregants not on the committee, and eventually present the ideas for a vote.

We will likely meet two or three times in person, and work the remainder of the time over email and shared documents.

My goal is to present a final proposal to the Board in April 2019 and have it in the May 2019 newsletter.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please email me at boardsecretary@templeadasshalom.org.

Jonas Vogelhut
Board Secretary



خَلَقَ اللهُ آدَمَ عَلَى صُورَتِهِ

"Allah created Adam in Allah's image" Bukhari

בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֱתוֹ

"And God made humankind in God's image" Genesis 1:27

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Henri Diamant	Jan. 03	Karen Parrish	Jan. 20
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Herbert Shapiro	Jan. 09	Myra Duchin	Jan. 26
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Coleman Hamburger	Jan. 14	Millie Haas Sang	Jan. 27
Chester S. Friedman	Jan. 15	Hyman Reamer	Jan. 28
Ida Samuels	Jan. 15	Raynard Frank Ruskin	Jan. 28
Bob Bornstein	Jan. 16	Claire Geller	Jan. 30
Rose Colman	Jan. 16	Elaine Graff	Jan. 30
David Lipnick	Jan. 16	Ralph Karlin	Jan. 30
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