

The Rabbinic Search committee is bringing Lily Solochek to Adas Yoshuron from Thursday, January 24 through Sunday, January 27 and we hope everyone will take the opportunity to meet Lily. Here's the current schedule; everyone is welcome at all these events:

Thursday January 24

5:00 Lily works with the Hebrew School

Friday January 25

6:30 Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service
followed by pot-luck dessert oneg

Saturday January 26

9:00 Torah study
10:00 Shabbat service
12:00 Lunch oneg

Sunday January 27

10:00 Adult ed with pot-luck brunch

Lily Solochek will graduate and receive ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in June 2020, and would like to begin acting as our clergy during the final year at the seminary. Lily is currently a rabbinic fellow at Colbys Center for Small Town Jewish Life, working with Beth Israel Congregation in Bath, and has interned with congregations in Woodstock and White Plains in New York. Lily holds an MA in Jewish Studies from the Conservative movements Jewish Theological Seminary and BAs in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and in Theatre Arts from Brandeis University.

The congregation is welcome to participate in Sacred Fidgeting with Lily and the Hebrew School on Thursday. Lily writes: Our prayerbook is full of beautiful poetry and images, but sometimes it's hard to find meaning in the words alone. We will explore some of the Shabbat prayers through embodied experience. Students will create their own dances and movements that speak to the meaning of the prayers, and we'll learn how the traditional choreography of our rituals helps us connect more deeply.

Sundays adult ed session is titled Pursuing Justice: Labor and Dignity. Lily's introduction: Jewish tradition teaches us to care for the vulnerable in our communities and repair the world. Our own Jewish story of slavery to freedom deeply informs our values of social justice and working to create change. In this session we will explore Jewish texts, both ancient and modern, that focus on workers' rights, fair labor laws, and the power we have to create positive change through the lens of Jewish text and tradition. Bring a brunch dish to share; bagels will be provided.

So far we have had conversations with Lily and we've spoken to several references. After this visit our committee will decide if we wish to continue to pursue Lily's candidacy, and if so, whether another visit is needed. We hope for your input to help us make that decision. When and if we decide to recommend Lily Solochek to the board, the board will vote, and if it is in favor, there will be a congregational vote at a meeting called for that purpose.

We encourage everyone to meet Lily and to share your thoughts and opinions with the committee. Please feel free to contact any one of us, or to send an email to comments@adasyoshuron.org

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P.S. The committee would like to thank everyone who participated in last weekends candidate visit with Rabbi Benjamin Gorelick. Attendance was great and we look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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