



# The Shofar

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## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY...



The month before Rosh Hashana, the month of Elul, has always meant to be a time of introspection and preparation. It is a time to get things in order in our lives so that we can enter the new year with a clean slate. It's a time to pick up the loose ends, think about goals, and reorient ourselves to our values.

A website was created called **jew-elsefelul.com** which provides a provocative or inspirational thought for each day of the month. Here is what Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles wrote for the second day of Elul.

"As someone who fell in love with God and Torah as a collegian, I dreamed I would have a child with whom I would share my newfound passion. At my rabbinical school, I would see professors and their children swaying together in prayer or over a text, and I would imagine the thrill of sharing that piety with my (as yet unborn) child.

"When my wife, Elana, and I were told she was expecting twins, my heart and my fantasies soared. Yet, my beloved daughter, Shira, is not drawn to religious services. My son, Jacob, diagnosed with autism at age three, has difficulty speaking or turning the pages of a book. I had dreamed of a child who would love the Torah as I do, and who could share that love with me. God, it seemed, had denied my dream.

"As Jacob prepared for his bar mitzvah, he mastered Facilitated Communication, an assisted typing technique that proved he had taught himself to read! Able to hear through walls, Jacob had achieved remarkable sophistication and depth by ruminating on the conversations of others.

"Jacob and I began to learn together. We studied the weekly Torah portion and the prophetic readings. We studied the prayer book, and Jacob composed a soulful commentary. After his bar mitzvah, I committed to learn how to facilitate Jacob's typing, which meant we could embark on further learning and have real conversations, too. Every Sabbath, Jacob and I sit in my study, and we discuss, and we learn - Torah, Heschel, Jewish history or philosophy. His comments continually lure me, and with the purity I see sparkling in his eyes, he reminds me to love God and Torah.

"It turns out that it was not God who said "no" to my dreams. It was my rigid sense of what "yes" was supposed to look like that blinded me to God's great, big, wonderful "YES" and almost blinded me to the miracle that is my son." for the High Holiday season may this be one of the many lessons.

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Last month I discussed faith and health, based on a *Washington Post* article on the subject. The conclusion of multiple studies, if you recall, was that the more spiritual folk were the healthier folk. I quoted David Myers, author of "A Friendly Letter to Skeptics and Atheists," who says "Actively religious people are considerably more likely to report that they're more happy than not-religious people." This month, I'd like to revisit that thought - that the more faithful, or religious, are the happier people.

In a September 24, 2007, *Wall Street Journal* op-ed by Prof. Arthur Brooks, he divides Americans into 3 groups vis-a-vis religious practice. According to surveys, 30% attend houses of worship at least once a week (the "religious" or regulars), 20% do not attend at all (the "seculars"), and 50% are irregular attendees. (Perhaps another time I will discuss whether attending services at least once a week makes one "religious." I don't call myself "religious," but I do attend regularly.) These figures, Prof. Brooks reports, have remained fairly consistent in over 35 years, varying by perhaps 2- 3%.

In 2004, the General Social Survey (an independent corp.) sampled Americans asking if they were very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy. Drum roll, please. Religious people (that's you, minnyonaires and regular Shabbos attendees) were more than TWICE as likely as the non-attendees, or secular Americans, to be very happy! And the pitiable seculars said they were not too happy almost 3 to 1 versus the regulars or religious Americans. Faith was measured by other than attendance, as well, and those who pray every day are 1/3 likelier to be very happy than those who do not pray daily.

The survey also questioned whether the participants were optimistic about the future, and, guess what, the religious people were more than a third more likely than the secular to be optimistic. As to those in the middle - those who identify with a faith but are inconsistent in their practice - they are "generally" happier than the seculars but not as happy as the regulars. The article reported that results were similar in other countries, that wide spectrums of faiths were covered. But, interestingly, as to fear of death, in a recent study of Americans in their 70s, religious and seculars are less afraid of dying than those in the middle - does this mean that one suffers (I don't now what other word to use) when one's practice is inconsistent with one's faith?

So I need to segue with Shaare Tefila. Or do I? Isn't the above an obvious commercial for attending services with your community? Worst case (?), you'll be happy - and healthy.

Jack joins me in extending to you our best wishes for a Good and Healthy New Year. Call me, write me, give me your ideas, your suggestions and of course your compliments, **Bess Teller**

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**FROM CANTOR WENDI:**



My dear Shaare Tefila family,  
This time of year is usually set aside for time to dwell on ourselves and the things we need to work on to make us better versions of ourselves in the year to come. We make New Year's resolutions every year in the hopes that THIS year we will fulfill our goals. Our resolutions usually fit into two categories, those that are between you and your inner self and those that involve others.

In my research, I have found that most of our New Year's resolutions lists look the same. Some of the most popular personal things included are:

- Get fit and healthy
- Get more organized
- Get out of debt
- Enjoy life more!
- Learn something new.

The communal ones include:

- Keep in touch/ spend time with family and friends on a more regular basis
- Pay more attention to my spouse /find someone special
- Be more active in my community
- Do more to help others in need.

The numbers say that approximately 40-45% of adults manage to fulfill one of their resolutions per year. This year, it is one of my resolutions to help you achieve a few more goals from both categories! This month I will be concentrating on how we can do more to achieve our goals on the communal list.

Obviously the list above is not a comprehensive one, but what we realize when studying this list is how important others are in our lives. Rabbi Brad Artson once said, "We were placed on this earth to be eruptions of goodness!" In Judaism, we have certain basic principles that apply in any situation no matter what! Two of these concepts found in our texts are 1) from Pirke Avot: You are not obliged to finish the task, neither are you free to neglect it. 2) V'ahavta, Ler-ey'echa Kamocha, love your neighbor as yourself.

There are many organizations that get these messages across through the wonderful work that they do both locally and globally. There is one in particular that I think does incredible work! It is called Heifer International. This organization has programs that help with everything from Agroecology (teaching people who live on land that has been overused environmentally sound agricultural techniques to protect and rejuvenate their land, water and other natural resources), Gender Equity (which focuses on social justice and human rights issues that are proven to lead directly to ending hunger

and poverty), to AIDS education.

One of their main projects that I would like to focus on is Micro-enterprise. With this project, Heifer provides both "no-interest living loans" in the form of livestock, as well as small monetary loans to [help people start and expand businesses](#) that yield big benefits for families. Within this project is a program called "Passing on the Gift." People from all different regions of the world are given livestock that are indigenous to their area. They learn how to care for these animals and are then able to make a living and feed their family. When the animals have offspring, the owners are then required to share the offspring— along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – with other neighbors in the community.

Through this program, Heifer is demonstrating the highest act of tzedakah possible...teaching people a skill so they can care for their own. By allowing "project partners", or recipients, to be donors, they become an intrinsic part of helping to expand the network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance. In this way, Heifer International "creates a living cycle of sustainability that develops community and enhances self-esteem."

How can we be part of this project, you might ask? There are different levels of giving that can be done. You can pick, purchase, and donate any animal individually by going to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). Or, you can be part of a team. It is my dream to see our fabulous Shaare Tefila community form such a team.

About this, I have wanted to be a part of a group that would be willing to do this together! The best part is, there is no time limit and EVERYONE big or small can help! The first weekend in November, we will read Parshat Noah where two by two, the animals of the world are saved by Noah's ark. Well, within the Heifer organization, one of the levels of giving you can strive for is to give an ark full of 15 pairs of animals that would be sent to locations across the world! Ever since hearing whether we are in our darkest hour or our most crowning moment, we are required to think of others and care for those around us. We might not be able to solve all the world's problems, but we must realize that each of us can and are expected to be part of the solution! So let's gather our pennies and see what wondrous things we can do together this year!

Shanah Tovah umetukah!  
B'tzedakah b'chavura,  
**Cantor Wendi Fried**

**Sukkot Kiddush at the Layman's**

Lenore and I invite the congregation to our home for kiddush on the first 2 days of Sukkot

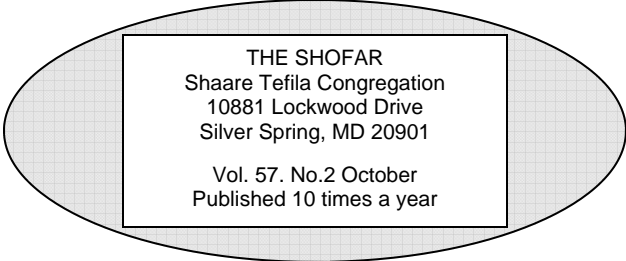
**Tuesday, October 14 & Wednesday, October 15**

*(From the Rabbi's Study, continued from Page 1)*

So as we begin our own personal exploration and preparation for the High Holiday season may this be one of the many lessons. Sometimes our reality doesn't match our dream. Our goal is to make the best of what life presents us, or in the words of the cliché, to make lemonade from lemons.

My family and I wish you a very sweet and spiritual new year!

**Rabbi Jonah Layman**



## MEMBERSHIP MENSCHENINGS

I bring warm High Holiday greetings to you from the Membership Committee, a group dedicated to making connections with new members to Shaare Tefila and between our current congregants. I'd like to introduce you to members of this group which has already been at work planning for the upcoming year. They are: **Marilyn Pontell**, Co-Chair for membership retention programs; and committee members **Ellie Alpert**, **Kitty Atkins**, **Audrey Haber**, **Stephanie Krantz**, **Deborah Letow**, **Karen Radnor**, **Meryl Schaffer**, and **Joni Sommer**. We are quite fortunate to have former committee chair **Cilla Grosberg** sitting in and assisting us in her new role as Administrative Vice President.

Speaking of connections, I have a few to announce! We gladly welcome the **Krell** family as new members. **Dan** is in real estate, **Lisa** is with the Montgomery County Infant and Toddler Program and **Ivy** is going to be in the second grade of Religious School. I know you join me in giving the family a warm welcome.

Calling all dog owners and dog lovers! Based on the success of the approximately one dozen Chavurot groups, coordinated by Ellie Alpert and Joni Sommer, we're launching a new program, **The Kelev Connection**, a group self-guided by those participating who will decide how frequently, where and when to get themselves and their dogs together. **The KC** is open to all members, including those currently participating in a Chavurah. Interested in taking bark, I mean part? Contact me by email at [ssmdlevy@comcast.net](mailto:ssmdlevy@comcast.net) or by phone at 301-681-3388.

What's connecting at Shaare Tefila without food? Get ready for the first **Stay for Shabbat Lunch** of the year on October 25. **SFSL** participants will share Shabbat morning services at Olney Elementary School and then enjoy a family-style Shabbat lunch at the home of an Olney/Rockville area member. Hosts will provide bagels, cheese, tuna or egg salad. Guests will bring desserts or drinks. This program is being coordinated by **Meryl Schaffer**. To host or attend,

## FROM OUR SISTERHOOD



I hope everyone is ready to enjoy the busy Yom Tov month. I am looking forward to the special foods and Yom Tov services. As we hear the shofar, may we be reminded to wake up and get involved. There are many ways to get involved-the first being to join.

Thank you to **Florence Lipsky** for hosting the Sept 10, book club meeting. If you are interested in joining and want more information, please call **Peggy Slade**.

We all had a great time at Chico's. I can not wait to see the fashion show of 5769 at services. Thank you to **Sharon Kaye** for arranging this event.

Do not forget to get in your reservations for our Membership Dinner on October 27. We have a wonderful speaker who will talk about twelve Jewish Women who changed the world. Join us on Shabbat Oct 25 for our first Rosh Chodesh meeting.

Thank you to **Charlotte Potosky** for her generous donation to our Kitchen Cabinet and to **Alice Lazar** for her donation in memory of **Ethel Levine's** mother **Jenny Jacobs**.

Thank you to everyone who helps with Kiddush set up and cleanup. Thank you to **Lisa Hedgepeth** who has volunteered to be a shopper.

And as always **buy Scrip**, it is our biggest fund raiser and allows us to give between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year to the synagogue.

L'shana Tova Tikatevu,

**Deborah Letow**, Sisterhood President

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please contact Meryl by email at [merylivy@comcast.net](mailto:merylivy@comcast.net) or by phone at 301-260-7428 **between the hours of 6pm and 10pm**.

**Stefanie Levy**, Membership Co-Chair



## TASHLICH ON THE LAKE

### *A Shaare Tefila Tradition*

Sunday Morning, October 5, 2008

Lake Needwood

- 9:30 Service in the woods
- 10:00 Program in the woods
- 10:45 Walk to edge of lake and Tashlich services
- 11:30 Lunch: Bagels and Nosh

COST: \$6 to cover lunch

On Rosh Hashanah, Jews observe this custom of Tashlich (casting off) in which they walk to flowing water, say a prayer, and symbolically throw their sins into the water. Tashlich is usually done on the first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah. If Tashlich was not done on Rosh Hashanah, it may be said anytime during the Ten Days of Repentance.

The practice of Tashlich is not discussed in the Bible, but it is a longstanding custom. Our tradition these past few years has been to hold our Tashlich on a Sunday morning during the Ten Days of Repentance at Lake Needwood. We hope you will join us for a very special morning.

Please RSVP by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need an accurate count so that we can order appropriately. If you have not paid in advance, we will not be able to accommodate you at Lunch.



**Zachary Green Plotkin** will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at Shaare Tefila Congregation ( Olney Elementary School ) on October 18, 2008. He is an eighth grade student at Rosa Parks Middle School in Olney.

Zachary is an avid reader, plays on lacrosse and swim teams, likes to act, and loves spending some of his summer vacation at Capital Camps and Bethany Beach.

Celebrating with Zac are his parents, Cathy and Lanny Plotkin of Olney, his older sisters, Elana and Talia, and his grandmothers Rosalyn Plotkin of Rockville and Raema Green of Louisville, KY. Friends and family will be attending from Switzerland, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Texas, Maine, Minnesota, and California.

**Happy Birthday to our Youth!**

- Evan Benesch**
- Samuel Feldman**
- Marc Katz**
- Dennis Kelner**
- Ilan Layman**
- Emily Suddelson**
- Nathan Suddelson**
- Shira Torchinsky**
- Connor Wallace**



**LET BESS KNOW!**

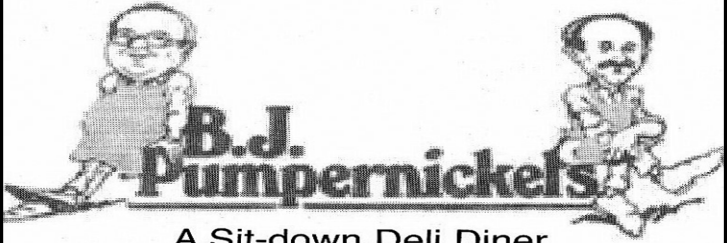
**We continue to solicit input** from our meeting held at Tikvat Israel. If you have any comments, ideas, questions, or concerns please contact Bess Teller at: 240-342-2352 or [president@shaaretefila.org](mailto:president@shaaretefila.org). Your input is important & will help guide us towards the future. Todah Rabah!  
**Were you unable to attend the meeting?**  
 Contact Bess Teller for more information.

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**Friday, November 14, 2008**

6:00 pm Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Shabbat Dinner

Cost: \$18Member/\$22NonMember (ages 13+/adult) \$10Member/\$12NonMember (ages 5-12) Under age 5 (free)  
 [Children attending Youth Shabbaton- cost included in Shabbaton fee—see Page 10]

RSVP no later than Friday, November 7, 2008

Send this registration form and check directly to the office to hold your spot!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adults (13+) attending: \_\_\_\_ Children (5-12): \_\_\_\_ Children attending Youth Shabbaton: \_\_\_\_ Children < age 5: \_\_\_\_  
 Total # attending: \_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_  
 Please volunteer to help out with: \_\_\_\_\_ set-up; \_\_\_\_\_ serving; \_\_\_\_\_ clean-up

Questions? Call the Mary-Margaret at the office: 301-593-3410 x104

**Karen's Korner ....**



**Charlotte** and **Maury Potosky** are kvelling over their grandson, **Scott Weiner**, who graduated from the University of Arizona this past spring and will be starting his job as an accountant for the city of Scottsdale, Arizona. His sister, **Rebecca**, has been working as a forensic chemist for the Tucson Police Department. **Rebecca** just completed a Birthright tour of Israel with a young professionals group. **Daniel** and **Rebecca** are the children of **Charlotte** and **Maury's** daughter **Ann**, who grew up at Shaare Tefila. I was delighted to hear that **Charlotte** is making a great recovery from her knee replacement surgery, as congregants coming to services on Shabbat can attest. She has even resumed her rotation helping to prepare Kiddish. **Charlotte** is truly the energizer bunny!

**Rachel Borczuch**, ten year old daughter of Karen and Neil **Bozievich**, swam for Calverton Swim Club this past summer, along with her seven year old sister **Alexis**. **Rachel** received an award for Most Improved Swimmer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row—quite an accomplishment! Way to go, **Rachel**! I'll bet she and her sister, **Alexis**, were glued to the television this past August, as were we all, watching Maryland's own Michael Phelps win a record 8 gold medals. Oldest daughter **Chelsea** graduated from Walter Johnson High School last June and began her freshman year at Montgomery College last month.

A hearty Mazel Tov to **Hyman** and **Cilla Grosberg**, who celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Just 5 days later, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, **Hyman** celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday... you do the math to figure out his young age.

Anniversary wishes also go out to almost half of my mah jongg group three of whom have anniversaries on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. **Ruth** and **Phil Shapiro**, 33 years; **Marlene** and **Andy Sandburg**, 28 years; and **Shelley** and **myself**, 28 years. Shelley and I also share our anniversary with our daughter, **Stacey**, who will be 25 that day.

This summer was a particularly busy one for the **Carroll** household. **Zachary** completed his six month co-op work assignment through Northeastern University in Boston, where he is now entering his 3<sup>rd</sup> year. He worked at Vinfen, a non-profit organization, where his main responsibility was to provide support to individuals with various psychiatric disabilities in a residential program. Following his co-op, he traveled to music festivals in Michigan, West Virginia and Chicago.

Son **Max** spent two weeks in Hawaii with Adventures Cross Country, a teen travel company. While there **Max** obtained his PADI scuba dive certification, learned to surf, sailed on a catamaran, hiked, and paddled an outrigger canoe. After that, **Max** participated in the JCC Maccabi Games in Akron, Ohio where he won the gold medal for individual bowling.

**Judy** was promoted at Wilmer Hale and in her new capacity is heading up the firm's Project Management office. She still found time to take a quick trip to the British Virgin Islands with her sister.

While **Stuart** held down the home front, he did go to the Grand Cayman Islands with **Judy** and **Max** where he spent his time diving with **Max**.

**Rita Aronson Lehr** and **Richard Lehr** (formerly of Rockville) are the proud Great Grandparents of **Chaim Yosef**

**Friedman**, son of **Pinchas** and **Yael Friedman**. **Chaim** made his entry into the world on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and his Bris was celebrated at the Southeast Hebrew Congregation on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. **Pinchas Friedman** is the son of **Lisa Aronson Friedman**, formerly of Shaare Tefila, and **Murray Freidman**. **Chaim Yosef** was named after his great grandfather, **Hyman Friedman**, of Baltimore.

**Pinchas** was named after his grandfather, **Dr. Philip M. Aronson** of Silver Spring. **Yael Friedman**, **Chaim's** proud ima, is the former **Yael Sussman** of Silver Spring, and the daughter of **Shoshanna** and **Aharon Sussman**.

**Audrey Haber** was on a business trip to Bremerton, Washington in mid August and fell after leaving a restaurant in Silverdale, Washington with two co-workers. The heel of her shoe got caught in some gravel on the street, and she fell on her left knee, and twisted her right foot, causing a fracture of that foot, and contusions and abrasions on her left knee. We extend **Audrey** Get Well Wishes, and by the time you are reading this, hope she has thrown away her large boot cast and is up and running.

On the lighter and brighter side, **Audrey** refused to allow her unfortunate accident to slow her down! She and husband **Bob** traveled to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania Labor Day Weekend for her high school get together (49 years) and celebrated a simcha, a surprise 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for **Bob's** aunt, **Edna Greenspan**, in Basking Ridge, NJ on September 19, 2008.

Heard through the grapevine that **Mark** and **Karen Kaufman** have a new home in Ellicott City, Maryland. I know they will be happy in their new surroundings.

**Bill Sumner** is delighted to announce that his son **Daniel** recently became engaged to **Amy Segall**. The happy couple currently resides in San Diego, but plan to return to the east coast (and at least the same time zone!) with a move to Boston within the next several months. Wedding plans are aiming for the fall of 2009 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Just in from May Savage:

"On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 57 adults and 4 children celebrated Norton's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. None of the above occurred on the 29<sup>th</sup> but it was the first time all of our children could get together. **Jeff** and **Maxine**, **Cynthia** and **Steve** and **David** and **Marly** joined us from various parts of the country. Norton's sister, **Mimi** and her husband **Bob** along with our granddaughter, Sonya and our niece from NY. The decorations were lovely and a good time was had by all."

*L'Shana Tova* to each and every one of you, and may this year be blessed with good health, happiness, and friendship. As you reflect on the New Year, might I remind everyone of a favorite saying prominently displayed in our home: "When you can't have what you want, be thankful that you *don't have* what you don't want!" Pretty good words to live by, don't you agree?!

Don't forget to buy scrip and Israeli products at least once a week. Please email me at [krrrad@aol.com](mailto:krrrad@aol.com) or call, and share your news. Love to all, and see you in shul!

L'Chayim,  
**Karen Radnor**

# SHAARE TEFILA ADULT EDUCATION

CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

WITH RABBI JONAH LAYMAN

NEW PARTICIPANTS ALWAYS WELCOME

**WEEKLY TORAH STUDY:** 9:30 AM FRIDAYS AT THE  
BRESLER HOUSE

**WEEKLY TALMUD STUDY:** 10:30 AM SUNDAYS,  
WHEN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MEETS, AT STONEGATE ELE-  
MENTARY SCHOOL

CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

WITH CANTOR WENDI FRIED

**ADULT CHOIR:** 8:00 PM MONDAY NIGHTS AT THE  
BRESLER HOUSE

**YOUTH CHOIR:** 11:45 AM SUNDAYS DURING RELI-  
GIOUS SCHOOL; 3RD—7TH GRADERS.

**Tuesday, October 28 at 8:00 pm at Tikvat Israel**

**From the Bible to Broadway: Three Thousand Years of Jewish Music**

**Presented by Barry Serota**

Barry Serota is internationally known for his work in Jewish music, as a producer and impresario. He has worked closely with many of the Jewish musical greats of the last century. This multimedia presentation studies the growth and development of Jewish music, as our People confront the modern age, utilizing audio and visual material as well as a wealth of personal anecdotes, gleaned by Serota through the course of his work over the last thirty five years. This event is presented in consortium with Tikvat Israel and B'nai Shalom of Olney. Free.

**Sundays, October 26, November 9, 16, 23, December 7, 14 at Stonegate Elementary School**

**Torah, Torah, Torah...Take3!**

**Cantor Wendi Fried**

Covering basic Torah trope and...Ideal for newcomers or as a refresher course. Perfect for parents who want to read Torah at their child's b'nai mitzvah!

**Shabbat, November 1, During Kiddush [Future dates TBA]**

**BIG READ: The Question: *If kosher meat is made in an unkosher atmosphere, is it kosher?***

**Discussion facilitated by Rabbi Jonah Layman**

Background articles about the topic will be posted on the Website and available at Services.

**Time and Place TBA**

**Jewish Music Lovers Association (JMLA)**

**Cantor Wendi Fried**

This year's theme will be the world of Yiddish theater and folk tunes. Listen to Yiddish radio, watch some Yiddish movies, and explore the Yiddish culture.

**Time and Place TBA before Holidays**

**Shira, Tefillah, v'Neshama: Enhancing your Holiday Experience**

**Cantor Wendi Fried**

Held throughout the year as different holidays approach with the goal of getting into the holiday spirit through songs and tunes specific for each holiday.

**10:00 am Wednesday mornings 10/29, 11/25, 12/24, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/26 Place TBA**

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**Cantor Wendi Fried**

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**SCRIP PURCHASING FORM**

Please make checks payable to Shaare Tefila Sisterhood

Buyer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Seller's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

-----Example Giant \$100 \$200 \$50 \$100 \$25 \$50 Total Amount \$350

Giant Card \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hanahreum \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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5:30 pm Friday, November 14  
to 6 pm Saturday, November 15  
Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Center,  
5110 Meadowside Lane, Rockville, MD 20855  
Cost: \$65

*Includes: Lodging, all Meals and Activities*

Open to all Shaare Tefila youth, from grades K-8.  
Want to bring a non-Shaare Tefila friend? No problem! Their cost is \$75.

RSVP by Friday, November 7! (Check & permission form due)  
RSVP to Mary-Margaret in the Main Office, [mmbayo@shaaretefila.org](mailto:mmbayo@shaaretefila.org)

More information can be found in the Parent Handbook

Questions? Please Contact:

Rabbi Tirza Schmelzer-Covel at [rtschmelzercovel@shaaretefila.org](mailto:rtschmelzercovel@shaaretefila.org)

## Youth Department Activities

### **Sukkah-Corps '08!**

USY/Kadima Joint Sukkah building project

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to do a mitzvah by building sukkot for our congregants! On Sunday, October 12, from 1-4 pm, all teens (in groups of 3-4) will be assigned a home where assistance is needed to build (and decorate) a sukkah! No cost for participation; bring a decoration or two to donate to your "host" – streamers or paper chains, gourds or Indian corn are always popular!

Following the building assignments, teens will gather at one sukkah for a pizza party! Come sign up to participate! Call: **USY** – Talia Plotkin, President, 301 570-1776, or Judah Gross, Advisor, 215 519-3380; **Kadima** – Sharon Goldrich, Advisor, 240 667-3703.

### **Machar Sukkah Supreme!**

Movie & Dinner under the stars!

Sunday, October 19, 5-7 pm, Home TBA

\$2 – Machar member; \$4 non-Machar member

Bring 1 movie from home (with name on it!) to be voted on to watch!

### **See *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley* with Bonim!**

Strathmore Music Center, 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 19.

RSVPs are closed for group sales; if you'd still like to join us, purchase tickets directly from [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org). Bonimers also in Religious School will be dismissed at 12 noon for this show!

### ***Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!***

The first meeting was very successful. Nineteen girls from three local synagogues attended: Shaare Tefila had the largest number of participants! These young ladies in 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade got to know each other and began their Jewish exploration of self in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Cantor Wendi is leading the group, which meets once a month to celebrate the new month. Kol Shalom, Tikvat Israel and Shaare Tefila have joined together to bring this innovative program to our community. *Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing* is generously sponsored by a grant from the Initiatives in Congregational Education, through the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.



### **Calling All Congregants: Do you need assistance putting up a sukkah this year?**

Sunday, October 12, 1-4 pm

Call upon our Kadimaniks and USYers for help!! Our teens are getting together a "Sukkah-Corps" to build *sukkot* for our members! Hosts must have materials for sukkah and provide adult instruction/supervision; decorations may be put up, too!

Priority will be given to folks who need assistance or who are putting up a sukkah for the very first time! Donations appreciated for a mitzvah well done: All monies collected will go to Tikkun Olam, USY's tzedakah organization.

# October 2008

2 Tishre 5769 - 2 Cheshvan 5769

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2 TISHRE יום ב' ראש השנה מוצאי יו"ט 7:31 Rosh Hoshanah 2 @ Temple Emanuel 10:30 am Children Services NO RS Office Closed	2 3 TISHRE יום גדליה צום גדליה	3 4 TISHRE 6:27 9:30 am Torah w/Rabbi Layman, Bresler 6:00 pm Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary	4 5 TISHRE וילך מוצאי שבת 7:27 9:00 am Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary Shalhevet, Tot Shabbat, Jr. Congr.
5 6 TISHRE Religious School - Lake Needwood Tashlich, Bagel Brunch	6 7 TISHRE 8 pm Choir Practice  Board Meeting	7 8 TISHRE	8 9 TISHRE ערב יום כפור 6:20  NO RS Kol Nidre @ Einstein HS Office Closed @ 1 pm	9 10 TISHRE יום כפור מוצאי יו"כ 7:19 Yom Kippur @ Einstein HS Office Closed	10 11 TISHRE 6:17 9:30 am Torah w/Rabbi Layman, Bresler 6 pm Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary	11 12 TISHRE האזינו מוצאי שבת 7:16 9:00 am Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary Family Shabbat Anniversary Shabbat
12 13 TISHRE Religious School Men's Club Schach Delivery 10:30am Talmud w/Rabbi Layman	13 14 TISHRE Columbus Day 6:13 Sukkot Office Closed @ 1 pm	14 15 TISHRE יום א' סוכות מוצאי יו"ט א' 7:12 Sukkot Services @ Olney Theatre Kiddush @ Rabbi Layman's Office Closed	15 16 TISHRE יום ב' סוכות מוצאי יו"ט ב' 7:11 NO RS Sukkot Services @ Olney Theatre Kiddush @ Rabbi Layman's Office Closed	16 17 TISHRE יום א' חוה"מ סוכות Finance Committee Meeting	17 18 TISHRE יום ב' חוה"מ סוכות 6:07 9:30 am Torah w/Rabbi Layman, Bresler 6 pm Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary B'Mazel Dinner	18 19 TISHRE יום ג' חוה"מ סוכות מוצאי שבת 7:07 9:00 am Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary Plotkin-Bar Mitzvah Mini Minyan
19 20 TISHRE יום ד' חוה"מ סוכות Religious School and Pre- School/Bonim @ Strathmore "Flat Stanley" 10:30am Talmud w/Rabbi Layman 5 pm Rosh Hodesh: Girl Thing	20 21 TISHRE יום ה' חוה"מ סוכות הושענא רבה 6:03 Office Closed @ 1 pm	21 22 TISHRE שמיני עצרת מוצאי יו"ט א' 7:03 Shemini @ Olney Theatre Simchat Torah @ Olney Theatre Office Closed	22 23 TISHRE שמחת תורה מוצאי יו"ט ב' 7:01 Simchat Torah @ Olney Theatre NO RS Office Closed	23 24 TISHRE Religious School Committee Meeting	24 25 TISHRE 5:58 9:30 am Torah w/Rabbi Layman, Bresler 6 pm Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary	25 26 TISHRE בראשית מוצאי שבת 6:58 9:00 am Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Stay for Shabbat Lunch Mini Minyan
26 27 TISHRE Religious School 10:30am Talmud w/Rabbi Layman	27 28 TISHRE 8 pm Choir Practice Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner	28 29 TISHRE Membership Committee Meeting	29 30 TISHRE יום א' ראש חודש חשוון 4:30 pm RS	30 1 CHESHVAN יום ב' ראש חודש חשוון	31 2 CHESHVAN 4:50 9:30 am Torah w/Rabbi Layman, Bresler 6 pm Shabbat Svc. Olney Elementary	



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