



The Shofar

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Staying Focused



While plans are underway to build our building, it's easy to get caught up in the details. Going to design meetings, figuring out the financing, putting lots of logistics in place, all can take a tremendous amount of time. Volunteers are attending lots of meetings and our whole shul is waiting anxiously for that first machine to arrive on the site!

Though it is tempting to focus on the building, we have to realize that our Jewish lives move on. We need to remember that we are first and foremost a shul - a shul with services, programs and activities. A shul that encourages its members to become active and to find ways to grow in Jewish identity.

To that end, Adriana Sandler and the Adult Education committee have planned a serious and varied adult education schedule. You saw the flier over the High Holidays, but I want to remind you of the different classes that are available to you. There are ongoing, once a week classes - Friday morning Torah class and Sunday morning Talmud class. There are short term 4 or 5 week long classes - Health Issues, Zionist Thinkers, and the 10 Commandments. There are also longer term classes - an Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. There will be a scholar in residence in December and Shabbat mornings will occasionally be the host of the popular Big Read and the new Mitzvah Initiative.

Learning is one of the most important Jewish values because study leads to action. We don't know how to be Jewish unless we learn. We don't know what Jewish values to incorporate into our lives unless we study. We don't know what to transmit to our children unless we examine our tradition.

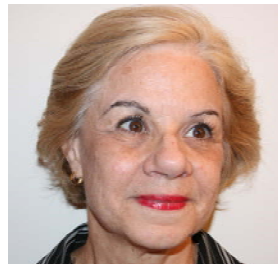
I urge you to take a look at our class schedule and try one or more of them. Newcomers are always welcome and no prior knowledge is required. I encourage discussions in my classes and any question is a good question!

I look forward to seeing you in class!

B'vracha,

Rabbi Jonah Layman

FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's the beginning of September, I've just finished writing my speech that I, by now, gave at Kol Nidre. I had to leave out two perfectly good pithy stories, laced with humor. The first one (I know you didn't ask, but) relates of a teacher at Religious School who asks his class "Is there anything God can't do?" One child raises his hand, "Yes, He can't please everyone." Sure, we laugh, or rather

snickers. But is it true? I suppose if two people pray for opposing requests, they both can't be thrilled with the result. But hasn't God given us just what we need - the ability to be pleased by so much. There is so much out there, there is enough for everyone to be satisfied with something.

The other "joke" points out to us that while we don't necessarily appreciate what God has given us, we certainly do take it for granted. See if you come to the same conclusion: Moishe is driving in Jerusalem. He's late for a meeting, he's looking for a parking place and can't find one. In desperation, he turns towards heaven and says "Lord, if you find me a parking spot, I promise that I'll eat only kosher, respect Shabbos and all the holidays." Miraculously, immediately a place opens up just in front of him. He turns his face up to heaven and says, "Never mind, I just found one!"

This dichotomy is perhaps unique to America. Americans are particularly religious in their practice: over half attend services at least once a month. And yet Americans are the most religiously tolerant, believing, according to polls, that religious diversity is good for America and that there are basic truths in many religions. More than half of all Americans are actually married to someone of a faith different from the one in which they were raised. (Does this mean people are more inclined to marry someone of another faith because they are more tolerant, or do they become more tolerant when they marry someone of a different faith?) This is not true of countries such as France or Saudi Arabia. According to a recent survey, Americans asked to identify their five closest friends report that between two and three of them are of other faiths. Would you say that is true of your experience? While I think Jews are tolerant and aren't fanatic in their belief that Judaism is the only path to heaven, I do think that most Jews have Jewish friends. Or am I being parochial?

In any case, Shaare Tefila can certainly provide you with friends. There are the chavurot, services at which to get chummy, committees to kvetch at together, plenty of programming to share and lots and lots of nice people, I say the nicest.

Again, Jack joins me in wishing everyone a Good New Year and looking forward to more Hags together.

Call me, write me, give me your ideas, your suggestions, and of course your compliments,

Bess Teller, President, President@shaaretefila.org;
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FROM THE SISTERHOOD

I hope everyone is enjoying the Holidays.

Do not forget to get in your reservations for our Membership Dinner on November 9, at Tikvat Israel. We look forward to having the Tikvat Israel Sisterhood join us. We have as our speaker, Paul Kelner, Shul member, who will talk about "Adoption and the Jewish Family."

Please remember to send in your dues even if you can not attend the dinner. Our first board meeting is Monday, October 12, 7:00 pm at **Adriana Sandler's** home.

Join us on Shabbat, October 17. Instead of our monthly Rosh Chodesh, meeting we will be participating in a special Shabbat Service. If you are interested in facilitating an upcoming Rosh Chodesh meeting, please call me.

Thank you to everyone who helps with Kiddush set up and cleanup.

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.

Chag Sameach, *Deborah Letow, President*

SUKKOT AND SHEMINI ATZERET

6:00 pm October 2: 1st night Sukkot – Olney Elementary School (OES)

9:00 am October 3: 1st day Sukkot – OES— Kiddush in the Laymans' Sukkah

6:00 pm October 3: 2nd night Sukkot – Cantor Fried's House

9:00 am October 4: 2nd day Sukkot – OES— Kiddush in the Laymans' Sukkah

6:00 pm October 9: Shemini Atzeret – OES

9:00 am October 10: Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor – OES

SIMCHAT TORAH

6:00 pm October 10 – Simchat Torah – OES

9:00 am October 11 – Simchat Torah – OES

END OF HOLIDAYS

7:45 pm – October 4 Bresler House

7:45 pm - October 11 Bresler House

COLLEGE MOMS STARTING UP AGAIN!,

Please remember to send me new or updated information on your college students, undergrad or grad.

In order to participate in the College Moms Packages Program you must be a member of the Sisterhood and your student must be living away from home. Those students who are living at home can still participate in the College Moms email program.

Please send the information to zella@joethecat.com

Name * Address * College * Birthdate * Email

All students will be listed in The Shofar for our "Annual College Students Quiz."

I hope everyone has a successful year!

Zella Shabasson

COMING SOON TO OUR TRAVELING SHUL

Innovative, Revolutionary, Creative, Fresh Services!

When: October 17th - Shabbat morning

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Place: Olney Elementary School

Mah nishtanah hat'filah hazeh m'kol hat'filot? What makes these prayer experiences different from all others? Because this year we are breaking the mold! We are thinking outside the box like never before! This year we will be bringing you a plethora of different prayer experiences that will allow us to enrich our minds, our spirits, our hearts, and souls.

How will we do that, you ask? Well, one of the programs that we will be starting will happen once a month on Shabbat morning. On this day, we will offer two different services. The first will be a traditional minyan which will go from 8:30 am- 10:00 am after which there will be a little Kiddush.

Then from 10:00 am-12:00 pm we will have the opportunity to experience a different kind of prayer service. No two services will be alike and each will be about an hour and a half.

The first one that we are doing is a drum circle service where the drum will be incorporated throughout. For this unique experience, we have hired **Mark Schlanger**, a local drum circle leader. He has agreed to help guide us through this ancient art form as we pray our morning service.

Every month we will unveil the next revolutionary service in the Shofar. If you have any ideas for a creative service that you would like to see done, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, **Cantor Wendi**, at cwfried@shaaretefila.org or **Rabbi Layman** rjlayman@shaaretefila.org and we would be happy to hear your suggestions.

We look forward to seeing you on October 17th!!!

B'shira ut'filah!

Cantor Wendi

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Sansanowicz, Zisel: 818-578-8167 (home phone)

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE OF VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD A SHUL

As we start the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to the Congregation for hanging in there with us and to all of the people who are working tirelessly to help us achieve our "dream" of a new synagogue in Olney. Since the Congregation voted in May to continue our quest, not a day has gone by where something isn't being done by one or more of our many volunteers, so they definitely deserve to be recognized.

Many thanks to:

- Our Project Manager, **Judy Carroll** for her leadership in this process.
- The Design Committee: **Judy Carroll, Richard Abraham, Wendy Abraham, Rhona Byer, Jay Feinstein, Joe Kraut, Max Kantzer, Roy Peck, Lanny Plotkin, Lee Ronis and Allen Wright**. Advisors: Financial VP **Michael Auerbach**, Rabbi **Jonah Layman**, Cantor **Wendi Fried**, Rabbi **Tirza Schmelzer Covell**, Education VP **Amy Schwartz** and our Executive Director **Jill Goldwater**.
- The Arts Subcommittee: **Lee Ronis, Patricia Greene, Susan Goldsamit, Joni Sommer, Zella Shabbason Rosenberg and Betsy Wolk**.
- The Finishes Subcommittee: **Judy Carroll, Wendy Abraham, Stuart Carroll, Cilla Grosberg and Shelley Rochester**.
- The Fixtures, Furnishing and Equipment (FF&E) Subcommittee: **Susan Katz, Barry Katz and Jill Goldwater**.
- The Kitchen Subcommittee: **Rhona Byer, Jill Goldwater, Fran Kensky, Lenore Layman, Ethel Levine and Debbie Yedlin**.
- The Security Subcommittee: **Debbie Yedlin, Michael Binder and Jill Goldwater**.
- The Finance/Loan Subcommittee: **Mike Auerbach, Stuart Carroll, Saul Cohen and Ron Miller**.
- Legal: **Ron Miller**.
- The Capital Campaign Committee: **David Ronis, David Byer, Rhona Byer, Stuart Carroll, Deborah Letow, Meryl Schaeffer, Gerry Sommer and Bess Teller**.
- DCA/BGW: **Don Mahoney**, our architect, and **Bob Hammen and Mike Singleton**, the construction team.

If I omitted anyone from this "thank you" list, please accept my apologies; it was not intentional.

Toda Rabah,
Wendy Goldberg Abraham
VP Relocation

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO OUR YOUTH!



Samuel Feldman
Marc Katz
Ilan Layman
Shira Torchinsky

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The term Legacy is defined as "what someone is remembered for or what he or she has left behind that is remembered, revered or has impacted current events and the present day." It is with this in mind that Shaare Tefila has formed the Planned Giving Fund. As part of the establishment of this Fund, the synagogue is willing to offer guidance and assistance in your estate planning efforts. Under the current tax code, charitable donations make up an important part of most estate plans.

What better way to accomplish your estate planning objectives than to also create a legacy at the synagogue that has played an important part in your family's life? More information will follow in the near future. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested in more details.

Hal Epstein, Esq.
Planned Giving Fund Chairman

THEY'RE SAYING

Florence Gersuk Lipsky

You've missed me, from what I hear. Thanks, but it's very difficult to write a column when you don't give us your news. I want to write about you. I'll write it my way unless you want it as you give it to me. All you must do is state facts, I'll take it from there. Try to get the news to me before the end of each month.

I wish you all L'Shana Tova Tikotevu.

Peggy Slade is recovering so well we expect her back shortly.

Ask to see her scar. It's the right knee only, but she feels like a new woman. **Al Kliman** has been to Spain – ask him about it. The **Pecks** are back from Texas. The **Goldsamts** were at a genealogy convention in Philadelphia; grand stories to tell. **Kitty Atkins** is off to Israel with Hazak.

Bret Cohen, son of **Saul & Sherry Cohen**, had an aufruf that was so moving. Both **Bret & Rebecca** read Torah and Haftorah. Hopefully, both will read again in the future. **Saul** made a D'var Torah which touched us all. The wedding was September 6th and the newlyweds reside in Silver Spring. More next month.

Harry & Jeanette Zubkoff celebrated 66 years of marriage with a lovely Kiddush. All the family was present. **Larry & Ellie Alpert** have 49 years together. Next year is the big one! **Herb Block**, at 93, had his 80th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah by reciting his Haftorah again on August 28th. His D'var Torah was at least 30 minutes and not a note in his hand. He is so very special and sharp. Same time next year, we hope. God bless.

Rosalie Goldman was hospitalized with pneumonia and is now in rehab. Prior to this, son **Philip**, (my nephew) had 50 of us to a Nationals ball game for his 60th birthday. We were treated royally in the Presidential seats behind home base to anything we wanted in the dining room. What a lavish birthday! All I wanted was a Ball Park hotdog. What a beautiful stadium. Just ask me. We had attendants and got anything we asked for.

Mark & Karen Kaufman celebrated their 34th anniversary. **Cathy Plotkin** got **Talia** off to Israel for 9 months; celebrated **Elana's** 21st birthday and took good care of **Lanny** whose mobility is improving after having ACL surgery.

The **Tellers** grandchildren were very much a part of our playground at services in the Olney Theatre. **Ezra, Abraham, Anthem & Aris** make us smile as we pass them. Others join them and it's wonderful to behold. These are our future members.

Sarah Nachlas' haircut (over a foot) looks terrific. More importantly, it was donated to "Locks For Love." Don't we have the best people? **Lionel Weinstock** had cataract surgery in the beginning of September. That should bring out the best. **Eileen** is careful to make him laugh without shaking. (continues on Page 4)

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SHAARE TEFILA ADULT EDUCATION 2009 – 2010

Weekly Torah Class with Rabbi Layman - Fridays 9:30 am-10:30 am - Bresler House

Weekly Talmud Class with Rabbi Layman - Sundays 11:00 am-Noon - home of Barbara Fink

NEW!! Mitzvah Initiative—The Mitzvah Initiative is a facilitated dialogue, reflection, and study about the concept and practice of mitzvah in the lives of Conservative Jews today. On selected Shabbatot during the year, Rabbi Layman will discuss a Mitzvah--the unique Jewish expression of daily responsibility, obligation and inspiration which connects people to their families and communities--as well as the dynamic process of Mitzvot, a way for Jews to infuse their lives with ongoing energy, creativity and holiness.

Shaare Tefila Congregation is one of over forty Conservative congregations participating in the Mitzvah Initiative, which is a project of Dr. Arnold Eisen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary in partnership with the Rabbinical Assembly.

Wednesday Night: Adult Ed Night!

7:30 pm - Home of Adriana & Alan Sandler

Registration for the Wednesday classes requested. Please email Adriana Sandler Sandleraa@gmail.com or call the office (301-593-3410 x104).

Jewish Health Issues, October 21-November 18

With health care reform all the buzz prompts us to consider some medical and health issues from a Jewish perspective. This will not be a class about proposed health care legislation but rather an examination of such bio-medical issues as Stem Cell Research; Living Wills, etc.

An Encounter with Zionism, December 2-23

How do we feel about the State of Israel? What is the level of our connection to our Jewish homeland? Over the course of these 4 weeks, we will explore the thought of 4 major Zionist thinkers and understand what Zionism is. Through their words we can develop (or not!) our own Zionist identity.

The Ten Commandments, February 24 - March 24

Many see the 10 Commandments as the basis for Jewish legal practice. Is that so? How have the commandments been interpreted and how many of the 613 are based on them? We'll look at two a week and see how they have been interpreted and expanded over the centuries.

An Adult Bar & Bat Mitzvah class is forming this fall

Contact Rabbi Layman (rjlayman@shaaretefila.org) or Cantor Fried (cwfried@shaaretefila.org) for more information about this exciting opportunity!

The Big Read

Discussions about a pre-selected topic during Shabbat Services. **Facilitated by Rabbi Layman.** Background articles about the topic will be posted on the Shaare Tefila website, Listserv and will be available at Shabbat Services three weeks before the Big Read date.

Shabbat, September 26 – *Collective Sin; Teshuva*; **Shabbat, January 23** - *"I am Jewish" Personal Reflections*, based on the book: "I am Jewish, Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl"

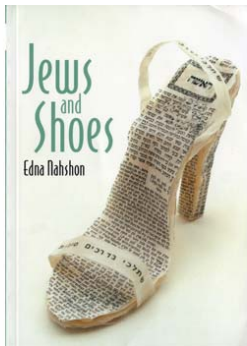
2009 Scholar in Residence

Dr. Edna Nahshon

Associate Professor of Hebrew at the Jewish Theological Seminary

Shabbat, December 5

Although shoes appear in some of the most foundational biblical stories, they are generally regarded as only lowly accessories. With contributions from disciplines as diverse as fashion, visual culture, history, anthropology, theology, and even performance, *Jews and Shoes* urges a fresh look at the makings and meanings of shoes in Jewish experience. Join editor and contributor **Edna Nahshon** for her revelations about why shoes are worthy of serious inquiry.



Cantor Wendi Fried's classes – Stay tuned!

(continued from Page 3) **Sylvia Potash** is on her way to California for her grandchild's wedding. So glad she was well enough to go. **Ami & Rita Fydman** are grandparents again. Please give us the name. **Sue Schwartz** had minor surgery in September but gave the family a scare by flatlining on the table towards the end of the surgery. She bounced right back and is on the road to recovery.

Alexander Flom, Annette Torchinsky's son, grandson of **Janet & Irving**, became a Bar Mitzvah on September 12th. **Cantor Gershon Levin** taught him his Haftorah. **Alex** was self confident and did it all. His speech was perfect and we were all very proud.

Charlotte & Maury Potosky joined their entire family on Shabbat, September 12, to celebrate their grandson, **David Thibeau**, becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Proud parents are daughter **Elisa** and son-in-law **Dana**. In addition, **David** has joined the Olney Panthers baseball team and will be playing in the Olney area. Mazel Tov! **Maury & Charlotte** are also preparing for their annual Autism Speaks walk for autism at the end of October. Each year the **Potoskys** raise significant monies to further research in the causes, treatments and cures for autism, a disease that affects 1 in 150 children and has afflicted their grandsons, **Ben and Sam Potosky**. Thanks to the generosity of friends and family, they raised over \$9000 last year, in support of their walk team "Ben's Brigade and Sam's Club." In addition to the walk and fundraising, **Maury** is in charge of the Resource Fair at the Walk, providing information on services and organizations supporting autism research and treatment. The Walk, which drew over 5000 people last year, is held on the National Mall in DC.

The Luau Dinner was fine; during our 6:00 pm service, prayers were said for 9/11 memorializing those killed.

The Selichot Services were outstanding. Both Rabbis took part as did the Cantors. It was a well planned program.

Please send me your news. Since I'm just getting back, forgive any mistakes.

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HONOREES TO BE FETED AT SIMCHAT TORAH

JUDY CARROLL



Born in northeast Philadelphia, **Judy** attended The American University where she earned her bachelors and masters degrees while graduating with honors.

Judy heads up the Project Management Office at the law firm of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr where she has been employed since 2003. **Judy** and her husband of twenty five years, **Stuart**, have been members of Shaare Tefila since 1991. Their two boys,

Zach and **Max**, both now in college, attended Shaare Tefila nursery and religious schools. They celebrated their bar mitzvahs at Shaare Tefila and continued on through Confirmation. **Judy** herself attended adult education classes at Shaare Tefila and in 1996 became a bat mitzvah.

She is currently actively involved with the project to build our new synagogue in Olney, serving as the project manager for the Design Committee as well as the owner's representative during the design phase of the project.

Judy enjoys fashion, design, outdoor activities and attending the National Symphony Orchestra and Baltimore Ravens football games.

The **Carrolls** reside in Potomac, Maryland with their dog **Jake** and their cat **Spike**.

MAX KANTZER



Max Kantzer and his wife, **Patricia Greene**, daughter **Madison** and son **Michael** have been members of Shaare Tefila Congregation since 1996. Since joining the congregation, **Max** and his family have been actively involved in the Shaare Tefila community, serving on committees and participating in congregation activities.

Max is currently serving his third term as a member of the Shaare Tefila Board of Directors. He served as both a member and chair of the Capital Improvements Committee at our building on Lockwood Drive.

Max has been involved in the Relocation Committee since its inception, served for several years as chair of the Design Committee for the new building in Olney and continues to serve on the Relocation Committee.

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YOUTH CORNER

Lynn Berk, Youth Director

Have you had a chance to look over the Fall and Winter Youth & Family programming calendar? The calendars are being mailed out with each of the youth group mailings and are available from the synagogue office or by calling **Lynn Berk** (301-762-7338). The calendar features everything from a Family Israeli Dance Night to Shabbat Family Game Afternoons, programming for all of the various youth groups and so much more. We hope that we have included something for everyone. If you don't see what you want, feel free to call **Lynn Berk** and offer ideas, suggestions, etc.

Time is running out to take advantage of the early bird dues discount. Anyone registering for one of our youth groups by October 31 will receive a discount on his/her dues. Join early and save. Dues are:

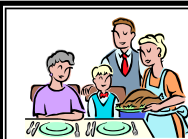
| | Early Bird | Regular |
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| | By 10/31/09 | After 10/31/09 |
| Bonim | \$40.00 | \$50.00 |
| Machar | \$40.00 | \$50.00 |
| Kadima | \$50.00 | \$60.00 |
| USY | \$55.00 | \$65.00 |

Bonim will be celebrating Fall on **Sunday, Oct 18** by going to **Butler's Orchards** in Gaithersburg for a hayride and apple picking. We will leave right after religious school and eat our dairy bag lunches out at the farm. We will visit the farm animals before our hayride and finish the afternoon with a snack from the farm. Email **Shana** for more information (sweiner@umd.edu). Parent drivers needed.

Movie Mania is descending upon **Machar**. Macharniks are invited to bring their favorite G rated CD movies to the youth lounge on **Sunday, October 18th** and as a group we will vote on what to watch on our big screen TV. Movie theater snacks will be served. Email **Leslie** (lkatz@umd.edu) to make your reservation.

If you loved Kamp Kadima (and 11 of our Kadimaniks attended Kamp Kadima), get ready for **Seaboard Region Fall Kadima Kallah, October 23 – 25**. Kadima takes over the Smith Center, for a fast paced, fun filled Kadima weekend. The program begins on Friday, after school, and runs through noon on Sunday. Those attending Kallah are excused from religious school. **Dana**, our advisor, and **Lynn**, our Youth Director are attending the Kallah. Contact **Dana** (danarothstein@hotmail.com) for applications and scholarship information.

Join **USY for Pizza in the Hut in the TI Sukkah on Wednesday evening, October 7th from 5:30 to 7:30**. Come and socialize with your USY friends, shake the luluv and etrog and enjoy a slice or two. Contact **Amalia** (amaliac627@gmsail.com) or **Eric** (trekcheese@yahoo.com) for details. USY will also hold a **CAR WASH on Sunday, October 25**, at the Shell Station on Georgia Ave right before Rt. 108. Get an exterior car wash and help USY raise money for Tikun Olam, the International USY charity.



SAVE THE DATE
Next Congregation Dinner
Friday, November 13

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ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

It is disconcerting to note that, in conversations with young college-age Jews, as well as in discussions with adult Jews, how little they know about the basic history of the Jewish people. They are all vaguely aware of the story of Abraham, who gave the world the concept of one God, who promised Abraham the sliver of land that would become Israel as a homeland for his descendants. They know, too, that Moses led the Israelites to that land and that the Jews established a national government there. That nation grew and prospered with Kings such as David and Solomon, and, though it split into two distinct entities known as Israel and Judah, it lasted for several hundred years. Both were conquered and the Jews were exiled, scattered to other lands where their existence as a people with a national culture would normally disappear, as it has with countless other peoples throughout history. That's what happened with the "Ten Lost Tribes." But unexpectedly, uniquely in history, the Jews of the kingdom of Judah, who went to Babylonia stayed united as a people though without a national home. That national home was restored by the Maccabees in 142 B.C.E., but then came the Romans whose brutal reign resulted in the deaths of more than a million Jews and the complete destruction of their capital city of Jerusalem and the Holy Temple.

All of the peoples of the ancient world have long since disappeared, including the Romans, except for the Jews. The children of Abraham, and the Arabs, also the children of Abraham. The Jews continued as a presence in that land, which the Romans had renamed Palestine, as well as in the dozens of other places they reached in exile. Beyond these basic truths, most Jews today know little of the Jewish history of these past two thousand years. Toward the end of the 19th century, political Zionism emerged in the secular Jewish community of eastern Europe under the leadership of Theodore Herzl, who advocated the restoration of the Jewish historical homeland. These unceasing efforts culminated in the establishment of the state of Israel by the United Nations in 1948. From the day Israel was declared a state and recognized by the nations of the world, the Arab countries surrounding it have never ceased in their efforts to destroy it. In three large scale military wars, and in countless smaller military actions and relentless barrages of rockets against civilian targets, they have continued to seek its destruction. When military efforts failed, they have pursued their destructive goal by other means--by spreading the most vicious lies about the Jews and in the political arena by trying to delegitimize the very existence of the state.

In order to counter the myths and the lies of Arab propagandists, we must know the truths that refute those lies. In future issues of the *Shofar* we will discuss specific issues, the distortions, the half truths and misrepresentations that permeate the news media around the world. There are so many of them, too many to cover in any one issue: issues such as the settlements, an obstacle to peace? If that's the case, why was there no peace agreement before the settlements? We will get to all of the issues during the coming year. And, if you want to concentrate or comment on specific issues, get in touch with **Al Kliman** or **Harry Zubkoff**.

Al Kliman

Israel Affairs Committee Chairperson

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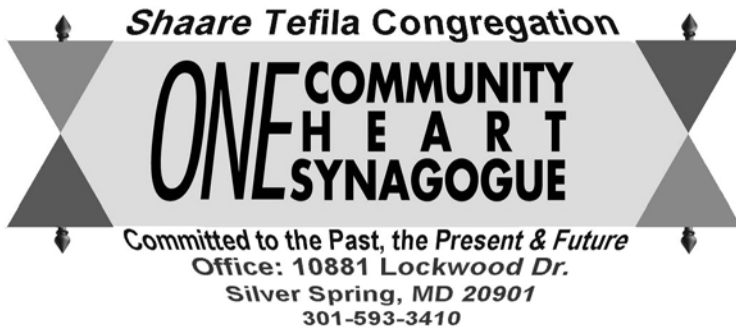
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 13 TISHREI | 2 14 TISHREI | 3 15 TISHREI |
| | | | | Religious Committee | 6:29 9:30 am Torah w/ Rabbi Layman, Bresler House 6 pm Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary School | יום א' סוכות 7:38 מוצאי שבת 9 am Shabbat and Succot Service, Olney Elementary School, Kiddush in Rabbi Layman's Sukkah 6:00pm Succot Service @ Cantor Fried's House |
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| יום ב' סוכות 7:36 מוצאי י"ט 9:00am Succot Services Olney Elementary School, Kiddush followed in Rabbi Layman's Sukkah | יום א' חוה"מ סוכות Choir practice Board Meeting | יום ב' חוה"מ סוכות | יום ג' חוה"מ סוכות | יום ד' חוה"מ סוכות | יום ה' חוה"מ סוכות הושענא רבה 6:19 9:30 am Torah w/ Rabbi Layman, Bresler House 6:00pm Shemini Atzeret and Shabbat, Olney Elementary School | שמיני עצרת 7:27 מוצאי שבת 9:00am Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary School 9:00am Shemini Atzeret - Olney Elementary School 6:00pm Simchat Torah Service at Olney Elementary School |
| 11 23 TISHREI | 12 24 TISHREI | 13 25 TISHREI | 14 26 TISHREI | 15 27 TISHREI | 16 28 TISHREI | 17 29 TISHREI |
| שמחת תורה 7:26 מוצאי י"ט Simchat Torah 9:00am - Olney Elementary School | Columbus Day Sisterhood Meeting | | | | 6:09 9:30 am Torah w/ Rabbi Layman, Bresler House 6 pm Extreme Shabbat Makeover, Olney Elementary School | בראשית 7:17 מוצאי שבת 8:30-10am Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary School 10:15-11:45am - "Alternative Service Shabbat" Sisterhood RH |
| 18 30 TISHREI | 19 1 CHESHVAN | 20 2 CHESHVAN | 21 3 CHESHVAN | 22 4 CHESHVAN | 23 5 CHESHVAN | 24 6 CHESHVAN |
| יום א' ראש חודש חשוון RS 10:30 am Talmud Class w/Rabbi Layman | יום ב' ראש חודש חשוון Choir practice | | | | 5:59 9:30 am Torah w/ Rabbi Layman, Bresler House 6 pm Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary School Regional Fall Kadima Kallah | נח 7:08 מוצאי שבת 9 am Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary School Regional Fall Kadima Kallah |
| 25 7 CHESHVAN | 26 8 CHESHVAN | 27 9 CHESHVAN | 28 10 CHESHVAN | 29 11 CHESHVAN | 30 12 CHESHVAN | 31 13 CHESHVAN |
| RS 10:30 am Talmud Class w/Rabbi Layman USY Car Wash Regional Fall Kadima Kallah | Choir practice | | | | 5:51 9:30 am Torah w/ Rabbi Layman, Bresler House 6 pm Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary School | ליל 6:00 מוצאי שבת 9 am Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary School Membership Shabbat Machar Overnight |



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