



The Shofar

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY...

The Mitzvah Initiative



The holiday of Shavu'ot (Weeks) is observed later this month (May 28-30). It's a holiday that not only celebrates the first fruits of the harvest, but historically commemorates the revelation of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. It is the holiday where we focus on what the Torah means to us and we think about how we incorporate its teachings and commandments into our lives every day.

As members of a Conservative synagogue, it is important to understand what Conservative Judaism stands for and teaches. Maybe we joined Shaare Tefila because we are committed to Conservative Movement ideology or maybe we are members of Shaare Tefila because it's convenient to our home or maybe we are affiliated because our friends are here. No matter the motivation for joining, we need to know what the synagogue stands for. But even more importantly we need to grow spiritually and religiously. Our lives aren't meant to be lived going from one appointment to another. We need to have meaning and purpose.

Conservative Judaism teaches that the Torah, and the commandments it contains (as interpreted by the rabbis centuries ago), provides us with spiritual opportunities every day. No matter what we do, we know that there is a Jewish way to do it. That shouldn't feel constricting on our lives. It shouldn't cause us to think "oh no am I doing this correctly." It should make us feel empowered and enlightened. Doing the commandments should help us connect with God and help us understand that our lives are part of a broader continuum of lives that preceded us and will follow us.

The *mitzvot* – commandments – are central to Jewish identity and because of that the Jewish Theological Seminary (my alma mater) has created the Mitzvah Initiative. Their goal is to have every Conservative Synagogue teach mitzvot and highlight their significance in our Jewish lives. It's not just an adult education program, it's something that should be incorporated in other shul programming too. We are in the process of applying and learning more, and I look forward to bringing this initiative to our congregation in the Fall.

In the meantime I hope you have a joyous Shavu'ot holiday!

B'vracha,
Rabbi Jonah Layman

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Assuming we are proceeding to build our very own building on our very own fully-paid-for site, we have to start asking ourselves "What will our congregation look like when we get there? What programs will we have? How will our culture be reflected?"

If we wait until we move in to ask and answer these questions, it will be too late. Too late to market ourselves to potential members with a vision of our congregation and a set of programs to implement that vision. Too late to tell the Jewish community what sets us off and why our members have been so determined that we thrive in our new location. Too late to best express what makes us unique and how can we convey that.

To that end, I asked Mark Kaufman (can you think of anyone more qualified!?) to head up a Strategic Planning group with the mission, if he should accept it, to determine our short-range goals and our long-range goals and to determine how best to achieve those goals. And he accepted this almost-impossible mission, and the rest is history, as is said. He appointed a diverse and strong group: Rabbi Jonah Layman, Cantor Wendi Fried, Executive Director Jill Goldwater, President Bess Teller, Chairman of the Board David Ronis, Administrative Vice President Cilla Grosberg, Karen Becker, David Byer, Steve Ellis, Amy Federman, Mike Froehlich, Betsy Morgenstern, Albert Schmelzer and Bob Zimmerman (you will note there are new and long-standing members, representatives of the education, religious, financial, administrative and governance spheres as well as the auxiliaries). Mark's take on the Committee is "...to assess our status and develop a plan to realize a congregation vision. The Committee has been looking at each membership category and identifying what is important to those groups. In the next phase we will examine key areas in which the congregation needs to excel and then develop plans for Shaare Tefila to continue to be the best."

This process will probably take in excess of five or six months. So there's lots of time for you to think along these lines too and to communicate to Mark, or to any one on the Committee, your thoughts.

See you at services and at our congregation meeting – it'll be one not to miss.

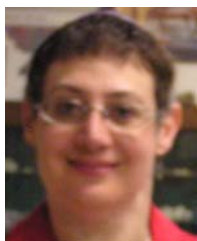
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FROM THE SISTERHOOD



Please join us May 14, at 6:00, for a Fabulous Ladies Night Out at our annual Mother's Day Dinner. Dinner is \$15 or you may be a sponsor for \$36, includes dinner and your name in our program. Please send your reservation and payment to **Ethel Levine**. If you need a ride, please call **Florence Lipsky**.

Sisterhood Shabbat is May 23. Please come and support Sisterhood. Thank you to

Betty Balin for arranging the honors.

The book club will meet on May 6, 8pm at the home of **Roz Goldberg** in Leisure World. The book we will be reading is *The Tenth Gift* by Jane Johnson.

Thank you to everyone who helps with Kiddush shopping, set-up and clean-up.

And as always **buy Scrip**, it is our biggest fund raiser. Sisterhood has already given \$8,000 to the synagogue this year. Please help us raise more-you have to buy food anyway!!

B'Shalom,

Deborah Letow

BAT MITZVAH OF EMILY TEMPLE

Emily Temple is a 7th grader at Farquhar Middle School. She will be 13 on May 8th and her Bat Mitzvah is on May 16th. **Emily** went to Shaare Tefila from nursery school through kindergarten.

She likes soccer, being with her friends, and the outdoors. She is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends.

Emily will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Olney Theatre.



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MEMBERSHIP MENSCHENINGS

STEFANIE LEVY

Welcome Spring and welcome to new member **Seth Cohen**. Seth is the son of very committed members **Sherry and Saul Cohen**. After growing up at Shaare Tefila, **Seth** is proud to be a member in his own right. As an accountant with a large firm in Bethesda, **Seth** works with real estate and construction companies. In his free time, he referees at soccer matches throughout the State of Maryland, including Montgomery County, and he is the Treasurer of the Referees' Association. **Seth**, we wish you a wonderful affiliation with Shaare Tefila as another next generation member!

I hope that many of you were able to take part in at least one of the wonderful activities sponsored by the Membership Committee in March and April, be it the Chavurah Brunch, New Member Shabbat, Pesach Partners, Anniversary Shabbat or Stay for Shabbat Lunch.

If you've taken part in these activities and want to give back or if Membership is the place that you want to be, we need you to join the Committee. Give me a call at 301-681-3388, or shoot me an email at ssmdlevy@comcast.net, and let's talk about what role you can play in the coming year. Here's a recap of what the Membership Committee currently offers, and is hoping to offer, to you:

Chavurot Groups, Activities & Newsletter, the Share & Care Line, Outreach Events, New Member Welcome Baskets & Visits, New Member Shabbat, the Stay for Shabbat Lunch Program, the Committee Recognition Shabbat Program (NEW), High Holiday Meal Matches (NEW), Pesach Partners, the Holiday Phone Call Program

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?

I look forward to hearing from you!

SHAARE TEFILO CONGREGATION

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

7:00 pm @ Tikvat Israel

2200 Baltimore Road—Rockville, MD 20851

Agenda:

Election of Board members
Dues approval
Review of Schematic Design and Vote to proceed with the building

Board Nominations:

The following are nominated for a two year term on the Board:

Judy Bresler	Ethel Levine
Stephanie Buckberg	Joy Levin
Steve Ellis	Michael Levy
Bryan Goodman	Marilyn Pontell
Max Kantzer	Adriana Sandler

The following is nominated for a one year term on the Board:

Debbie Yedlin

From our Constitution: "Additional nominations for each office and for the elected members of the Board of Directors may be received, in writing, by the Chairman* of the Nominating Committee no later than five (5) days prior to the election meeting. Nominations for Directors and officers, may be made from the floor, but members nominated-from-the-floor must be present." *Chairman: Mark Kaufman

Karen's Korner



Ask, and you shall receive! It was nice to hear great news to share with all of you.

Stefanie Sanders Levy, wife of **Michael** and mom of **Emily** and **Alicia**, was recently appointed to the National Women's Philanthropy Board of United Jewish Communities. Members are nominated by their local communities and invited by the Board to serve a three year

term. **Stefanie's** first role will be to serve as the Women's Philanthropy Board liaison to UJC's 2009 General Assembly, to be held in Washington from November 8 through 11. A hearty Mazal Tov to **Stefanie** for this well deserved honor!

Rita and Ami Frydman are thrilled to report that son Dan Frydman and his pregnant wife are leaving LA and moving to NYC. The headhunters found and offered him a job he couldn't refuse - a new division of Sony, digital music. His sisters and niece and nephew are all very sad that he is leaving California. Mom and dad, on the other hand, have been waiting a loooong time for an east coast kid—and a grandkid as an added bonus-wow! Anyone want to rent a great house in Venice Beach for a year?

Lisa Frydman, pro bono immigration attorney, specializes in asylum and FGM cases for women at the law school at Hastings in San Francisco. Dahlia Frydman, has 4 kids (2 step teenagers) and 2 biological teenagers and several jobs leaving her amazed parents to often wonder how she does it. This year **Rita** is in training to be a docent at the Corcoran Museum of Art and volunteers one morning per week at the Children's Inn at NIH. Otherwise she tries to get into as much trouble as she can.

Shirley Politzer, daughter of **Marilyn and Howard**, granddaughter of **Irving and Janet Torchinsky**, niece of **Linda and Chet Katz, Susan and Elliott Prissman, and David and Laura Torchinsky**, etc., has made *aliyah*. She is now living in Tel Aviv, and is looking for a job. She'd been "threatening" to move to Israel since she was a teenager, and has now "realized her dream."

Marilyn and Howard went to Israel on the Shul Trip in 1999. They will be making plans to go again to visit Shirley.

The Grosberg Family (congregants **Hyman, Cilla, Daniel and Dara**) have wonderful news to share....their niece and nephew Drs. Toni and Aaron Rogat of NJ are now the proud parents of a new baby girl. Sara Alyssa Rogat was born Tuesday March 24th at 11:08 pm, 7lbs 9 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. Toni, Aaron and baby are doing great....Great Zaide Jonas Baumgart, Safta Diane Kempler, and

Uncle Avi Kempler of Baltimore (**Cilla's** dad, sister and nephew) are also beaming with pride. The baby was named after the late Sara Baumgart, of blessed memory, (beloved mother of **Cilla** and Diane) and the late Aaron Kempler, of blessed memory, (beloved father of Toni, and husband of Diane.) May Sara Alyssa and her parents grow in good health and have the love and support of their family and friends.

In addition to that great news, the Grosberg family was also able to share in the wonderful simcha of Zaida Jonas Baumgart's 80th anniversary of him putting on tefflin on March 15th (his 93rd birthday!) Family and friends came from near and far to help celebrate this lovely occasion. Zaida Jonas is a wonderful example of a Jew who truly loves to embrace his faith, family and community!

Hyman, Cilla and Dara are so proud of the news that son and brother **Daniel Grosberg** will be graduating with a masters degree in physiology from Virginia Commonwealth Medical School in Richmond and attending the University of Maryland Dental School in August 2009. A very hearty Mazal Tov to **Daniel** and all his hard work to accomplish his goal of becoming a dentist!

Here's some great news about the **Lipsky** family. Robert & Susan Lipsky are very proud of their two children. Son Zachary Lipsky is engaged to Katie Bluebaugh, who has a beautiful daughter Madison. A wedding is planned for May of 2009.

Meanwhile daughter Rebekah Lipsky is currently attending the University of Maryland, working towards her second bachelor's degree. She will soon enter a special program which will allow her to achieve both her masters & doctorate degrees.

Bobbi is also proud of her two sons **Adam & Jared Lipsky**. **Adam Lipsky** is engaged to Lisa Fowler, a wedding is planned for early May or June 2010. They both are currently employed at the Bottom Dollar Store in Laurel, Maryland. **Adam** is a part-time assistant manager there . He is also working at the Emergency Response Center for 911 calls. **Jared Lipsky** is currently attending Montgomery College, part-time, and taking a course in Computer Technology. He turned 19 yrs old on February 20 and just received his learners permit. He's working towards getting his drivers license soon, so be on the look out! **Jared** is now employed with Giant Food Store in Burtonsville, Maryland. He is working as a cashier. Mom is saying her sons are growing up too fast.

Of course **Bubbie (Florence)** couldn't be more proud of all her grandchildren.

Mazel tov to **Donald Helfer** who is being honored by Holy Cross Hospital for his tireless efforts and 4000 hours of volunteer work through 2008!

By the time you are reading this, everyone should be enjoying the beautiful spring weather. Time to get outside and get some fresh air and exercise the body as well as the mind!

L'chaim, **Karen Radnor**

**HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS
TO OUR YOUTH!**

Jacob Akman
Alexis Borczuch
Joshua Kahn
Ian Kolmaister
Eric Schwartz
Emily Temple
Stephanie Zimmerman

SPECIAL MAY SERVICE LOCATIONS

Sat., May 9, 9 am Olney Theatre - Madeline Jones' Bat Mitzvah
Tues., May 12, 7:00 pm evening service at Tikvat Israel/Ann. Mtg.
Sat., May 16, 9 am Olney Theatre - Emily Temple's Bat Mitzvah
Thurs., May 28, (see pg 5) Buffington Bldg - Shavuot dinner & service
Fri., May 29, 9:00 am - Olney Theatre - Shavuot service
Fri., May 29, 6:00 pm - Olney Elementary School - Shavuot/Shabbat Service
Sat., May 30, 9:00 am - Olney Elementary School - Shavuot/Shabbat/Yizkor Service

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MAY TRIBUTES

BUILDING FUND

In Honor Of

Rabbi Tirza & Albert's son, Ariyeh Albert Kliman
Rabbi Tirza & Albert's son, Ariyeh Michael & Stefanie Levy
Rabbi Tirza & Albert's son, Ariyeh Shaare Tefila Choir Family
Bess & Jack Teller's new grandson Hyman & Cilla Grosberg
Lisa Arber Jay & Joyce Feinstein
The Goldstein-Kopolowitz Memorial Foundation May Savage

A Speedy Recovery To

Ed Neufeld Milton & Susan Goldsamt

In Memory Of

Edith Phillips Joan Gould
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Rabbi Tirza & Albert's son, Ariyeh Rabbi Robert &
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My Aliyah George & Marilyn Kessler
The engagement of Marc Joan Gould
Lessons & Bonnie Kushner Roy & Michele Peck
Bess & Jack Teller's new grandson Roy & Michele Peck
David & Peggy Slade's new grandsons

In Memory Of

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Sarah Ginsburg Manny & Biddie Ginsburg
Phyllis Byer David & Rhona Byer
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Sophie Shulman Irvin Bregman
Helen Block Herbert Block
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Aaron Wax Judith Wax
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Robert & Libby Kaufman
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Winifred & Lilian Siegel

MARTIN S. HALPERN ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In Memory Of

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Rita Halpern Frank & Noreen Halpern
Hal Perkins Rose Halpern
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NATHAN RUBINSTEIN YOUTH FUND

In Memory Of

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In Honor Of

Al Kliman's 75th Birthday Sonja Schwartzman

In Memory Of

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Irv Lipsky Michael & Stefanie Levy

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor Of

Cantor Wendi Fried Michael & Stefanie Levy
Gigi and Wendi Fried Florence Lipsky

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor Of

Mildred and Harold Radish Seth Zarny & Ellen Radish

A Speedy Recovery To

Sara Zarny Seth Zarny & Ellen Radish

In Memory Of

Joseph David Newhouse Ruth Newhouse



The Gift of Torah

An Erev Shavuot Celebration at Shaare Tefila

Thursday, May 28th, 2009

Beginning at 5:00 pm

Buffington/RE/MAX Building Community Room

3300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road

Olney, Maryland

Between Riccuti's restaurant and the strip mall with Blockbuster and CVS on 108.
The entrance to the room is on the side of the building facing the Bank of America.

5:00 pm

"It's Your Torah" Game Show for Families with Children

(and those who are young at heart)

You won't want to miss it... we will have a lot of fun at this crazy event which combines many familiar games and game shows!!!

Which team's Moses will reach the top of Mt. Sinai first????

6:00 pm

Dairy Shavuot holiday dinner for the whole community



7:00 pm

Services



8:00 pm

Study Session with Rabbi Jonah Layman

Cost (for dinner only)

\$16 Adults (13+); \$10 for children 6-12; \$4 for children 3-5

RSVP by May 21, 2009.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Due to space, we are limited to 80 people for dinner.

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**Reservations**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\$16 Adults (13 + yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Child (6-12 yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_

\$4 Child (3-5 yrs.) \_\_\_\_\_

I/We can help with set up \_\_\_\_\_

serve \_\_\_\_\_

clean up \_\_\_\_\_

Please send payment & forms in to the Shaare Tefila Congregation, 10881 Lockwood Drive, Silver Spring, MD, 20901 by May 21, 2009.

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**Meet Shaare Tefila's Synagogue Design Team**, as they take a break from their meeting (one of many planned for the future) to develop a conceptual plan, and produce floor plans, ground elevations, and 3-D views of Shaare Tefila's future building on our Olney site. Design Team members include (from left to right): **Judy Carroll** (Project Manager), **Lanny Plotkin**, **Rhona Byer**, **Jay Feinstein**, **Wendy Abraham**, **Jill Goldwater** (an Advisor to the Team), **Richard Abraham**, **Max Kantzer**, **Jake** (an "observer" and a Chow mix breed, by the way), **Joe Kraut**, **Lee Ronis**, **Stuart Carroll** (an observer), and **Don Mahoney**, architect for the firm Building God's Way (BGW). One of the planned design views of our future building appears in the foreground.

Design Team members not shown are: **Michael Auerbach**, **Joe Manchester**, **Roy Peck**, and **Allen Wright**. Also not shown are other Design Team Advisors, including: **Cantor Fried**, **Mark Kaufman**, **Rabbi Schmelzer-Covel**, **Rabbi Layman**, **Stuart Rochester**, **David Ronis**, **Amy Schwartz**, and **Bess Teller**. [Photo taken by **Michael Singleton** of BGW]



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## HUMOR COLUMN Susan Goldsamt

### GETTING TO KNOW GRANDMA & GRANDPA:

Sylvia was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, Rachel, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"

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Danny, my young grandson, called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, '62.' He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, 'Did you start at 1?'

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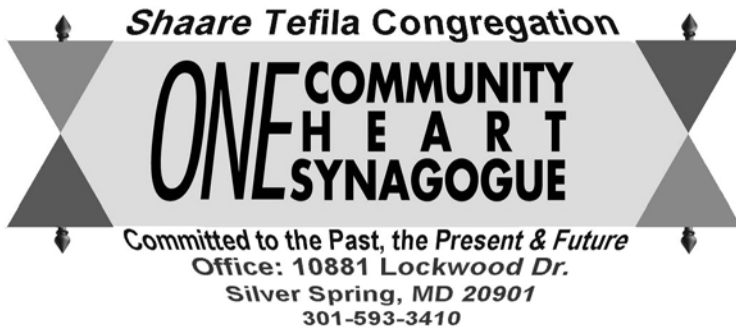
When my grandson Michael and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Michael whispered, "It's no use, Zeyde. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

*Thanks to Susan Goldsamt's friend, Verna*

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## May 2009 7 Iyar 5769 - 8 Sivan 5769

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                             | Friday                                                                                                                                           | Saturday                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 3 <sup>9 IYAR</sup><br>Religious School<br>8:45 am Service<br>Yiddish/Holocaust Poetry Program<br>Sisterhood Seaboard Conf.<br>NO Talmud w/Rabbi Layman | 4 <sup>10 IYAR</sup><br>Choir Practice<br>Board of Dir. Meeting     | 5 <sup>11 IYAR</sup>                                                                      | 6 <sup>12 IYAR</sup><br>4:30 pm Religious School<br>Sisterhood Book Group -Tenth Gift (Jane Johnson) | 7 <sup>13 IYAR</sup>                                                                                                 | 8 <sup>14 IYAR</sup><br>פסח שני<br>7:46<br>9:30 am Torah w/Rabbi Layman, Bresler House<br>6 pm Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary                 | 9 <sup>15 IYAR</sup><br>אמור<br>מוצאי שבת 8:57<br>9 am Shabbat Service, Olney Theatre<br>Jones Bat Mitzvah                                                    |
| 10 <sup>16 IYAR</sup><br>Religious School<br>10:30 am Talmud w/Rabbi Layman                                                                             | 11 <sup>17 IYAR</sup><br>Choir Practice<br>B'Mazel (7-8:30/Bresler) | 12 <sup>18 IYAR</sup><br>ל"ג בעומר<br>7:00 pm Annual Congregation Meeting @ Tikvat Israel | 13 <sup>19 IYAR</sup><br>4:30 pm Religious School                                                    | 14 <sup>20 IYAR</sup><br>6 pm Sisterhood Mother's Day Dinner                                                         | 15 <sup>21 IYAR</sup><br>7:52<br>9:30 am Torah w/Rabbi Layman, Bresler House<br>6 pm Extreme Makeover Shabbat, Olney Elementary                  | 16 <sup>22 IYAR</sup><br>בהר - בחקותי<br>מוצאי שבת 9:03<br>9 am Shabbat Service, Olney Theatre<br>Temple Bat Mitzvah                                          |
| 17 <sup>23 IYAR</sup><br>Religious School<br>Pre School<br>Girls Rosh Hodesh 5-7 pm<br>10:30 am Talmud w/Rabbi Layman                                   | 18 <sup>24 IYAR</sup><br>Choir Practice                             | 19 <sup>25 IYAR</sup>                                                                     | 20 <sup>26 IYAR</sup><br>4:30 pm Religious School                                                    | 21 <sup>27 IYAR</sup><br>7 pm Finance Committee Meeting<br>7 pm Education Committee Meeting                          | 22 <sup>28 IYAR</sup><br>יום ירושלים<br>7:58<br>9:30 am Torah w/Rabbi Layman, Bresler House<br>6 pm Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary            | 23 <sup>29 IYAR</sup><br>במדבר<br>מוצאי שבת 9:09<br>9 am Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary<br>Sisterhood Shabbat                                              |
| 24 <sup>1 SIVAN</sup><br>ראש חודש סיון<br>NO Talmud w/Rabbi Layman                                                                                      | 25 <sup>2 SIVAN</sup><br>Memorial Day<br>Office Closed              | 26 <sup>3 SIVAN</sup><br>Membership Committee Meeting                                     | 27 <sup>4 SIVAN</sup><br>4:30 pm Religious School                                                    | 28 <sup>5 SIVAN</sup><br>8:03<br>Office Closed @ 1pm<br>Shavuot Program, Dinner Service 5-10 pm, Buffington Building | 29 <sup>6 SIVAN</sup><br>יום א' שבעות<br>8:03<br>Office Closed<br>9 am Shavuot Service @ Olney Theatre<br>6 pm Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary | 30 <sup>7 SIVAN</sup><br>יום ב' שבעות<br>מוצאי שבת 9:14<br>9 am Shabbat Service, Olney Elementary<br>Family Service                                           |
| 31 <sup>8 SIVAN</sup><br>Religious School Last Day<br>10:30 am Talmud w/Rabbi Layman<br>Men's Club BBQ                                                  |                                                                     |                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |



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**Shaare Tefila Congregation**  
**Annual Meeting Announcement**  
 Tuesday, May 12, 2009  
 7:00 pm  
 At Tikvat Israel  
 See Page 2 for more information  
 (Please observe Tikvat Israel's parking signs and rules at ALL times.)