SEPTMBER AT SHAARE TEFILA

Shacharit Services
Monday & Thursday: 8:00 am
Sunday and Labor Day: 8:45 am

Weekday Mincha & Maariv Services
Sunday - Thursday: 7:30 pm

Rabbi Layman’s Classes
Torah: Friday at 9:30 am  Talmud: Sunday at 9:30 am

FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY
RABBI JONAH LAYMAN

IMPRESSIONS FROM MY SUMMER VACATION

Lenore and I had a wonderful vacation in Italy this summer. The country, as you can imagine, is beautiful. We marveled at the historic sites and were enchanted by the splendor of the coast and the lake country. Italy is definitely worth visiting to see the Coliseum in Rome and the canals of Venice. There’s nothing else like them in the world.

When we travel, Lenore and I like to see the Jewish sites of the country. We know that there’s a long history of Jewish presence in Italy – dating back, in fact, to before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in the year 70CE – and we took advantage of Jewish walking tours in Rome, Florence and Venice to learn all about it.

1. My first impression on Italy is how Catholic the country is. Granted it doesn’t take much to understand that, since there’s a church on practically every corner! However it’s the relationship of the Jews to that Church which is sad. As we toured the former Jewish ghetto of Rome we learned, and saw, that there was a church at every entrance to the ghetto. That was purposeful as the Church forced the Jews, on their way to services on Friday night, to go to church first and listen to a sermon by the priest about how they – the Jews – need to convert. In fact one of those churches, which is situated across from the Great Synagogue, has a verse from Isaiah in Hebrew above the front door which states, in effect, “woe to those who have strayed from the true God.”

2. This leads to the next impression of how difficult it is to be Jewish in Italy. Granted Lenore and I were able to arrange Shabbat dinners in Rome, Florence and Venice, but we knew we needed to bring our passports with us and we were subject to questioning and even frisking by security personnel before entering the synagogues. Obviously Jews have been the target of terrorist attacks in France and were in Italy as well 30 years ago, but it only points to the extra effort Jews would have to take in order to practice their Judaism.

3. Finally, it’s obvious how much the Holocaust impacted the community of Italy. Every city has a memorial outside its main synagogue with the names of all its Jews who were killed in the Holocaust. Everyone in Rome knows that Shabbat morning October 16, 1943 was the date the Nazis rounded up the Jews for deportation. The Nazis murdered about 20% of the Jews of Italy. (cont’d. p2)
FROM THE PRESIDENT
STUART CARROLL

I’ve given considerable thought to what it is I’d like to convey to you as incoming president of Shaare Tefila. I realize that I have not met many of our members and owe it to you to let you know what type of person you elected as president and my vision for leading the congregation.

When it comes down to it, it’s pretty simple: “Leadership has to lead.” This starts at the very top of any organization, which in our case for the next two years, is me. We have longstanding traditions and a rich history that shape our identity. My vision is to do whatever I can to enhance our community on all levels - spiritually, educationally, socially and financially. The same holds true for how I see the role of our vice presidents, board of directors and committee chairs. Along these lines, I have asked all of our officers to consider how their functional area can best collaborate with other parts of our synagogue. We will achieve more if we operate cross-functionally and bring together a common vision on how we hope to move forward.

On the face of it, change represents the unknown and can be daunting. But change can also be exhilarating as we take the best that we have to offer as a community and build on it, complementing it with new ideas and perspectives. We should be open to exploring new and different approaches that align with our core values and see what works.

I welcome your thoughts and participation. Come chat with me and the other officers and committee chairs. You can find me after services, leave a note in the President’s mailbox located in the main office or email me at President@shaaretefila.org.

Most importantly, what I am asking is for you to get involved. Take full advantage of your membership through our programs, such as Friday Shabbat dinners. Allow the shul to enrich your life. I am of the mindset that the more involved you give, the more you will get out of our community. I promise that you will reap rewards far beyond your efforts. Join me. Join our leadership team, as we work together to make our wonderful Shaare Tefila community the best that it can be!

“From the Rabbi’s Study...” cont’d from p. 1)

Though it was remarkable to sit in pews in the 450 year old Sephardic synagogue in Venice, it was also troubling to know how few Jews remain. Jews really don’t feel safe in Europe and many young Jews are leaving for Israel and America. The communities of Europe need our support as they continue to strive for the protection and freedom they deserve.

B’vrachcha, with blessings

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TED & ELIZABETH FISCHER

Our family moved to Maryland 3 years ago and chose Shaare Tefila for the warm, small, friendly congregation and religious school. We have two children, Lily age 8 and Elijah age 12. Elijah attends Tilden Middle School and will be in the 7th grade this Fall. Lily attends the French Immersion Program at Maryvale Elementary and is going into the 3rd grade.

Ted works for IBM as a Product Manager and Elizabeth is a Program Coordinator for the Interages Program at the Jewish Council for the Aging. We enjoy hiking, local ropes courses and cooking as a family and playing with our Bernese Mountain Dog, Karman.

MATTHEW HAND & JESSICA COLON

Matthew and Jessica and their children Sebastian and Felix are excited to join Shaare Tefila. Matthew is a lawyer and Jessica is a child and family therapist. The boys love reading books, cars, music, swimming and being outside but not necessarily in that order. As a family they like to explore local creeks and parks and read books together. Both boys will be attending the Gates of Discovery preschool starting in September. They are very excited to be new members of Shaare Tefila and to share a loving Jewish community with their boys.

JARED & DANIELA SMITH

Jared and Daniela Smith are recent members of Shaare Tefila who first moved to Maryland in 2011. Their two-year-old son, Connor, is currently enrolled in preschool where he’s really improved his language and play skills. The Smiths also have a six-month-old daughter named Madeleine who is beginning to learn the joys of solid food. Daniela is a practicing anesthesiologist at Shady Grove hospital and a graduate of the University of Maryland undergraduate and medical school. Jared is an old hand in Democratic politics and currently works for a Congresswoman from Illinois.
GREETINGS FROM MEMBERSHIP VP
STACEY LYNCH

Shalom and welcome back to shul!
I hope you all have enjoyed your summer!

I am thrilled to be your new Membership VP. Let me tell you a bit about myself. I am a third generation member of Shaare Tefila. My grandparents, Sylvia and Stanley Love, were founding members. I enjoy singing and you may have heard me during our Instrumental Shabbat services, or as part of our Purim Shpiels. I even served on the Cantor Search Committee.

I am a first grade teacher. This September, I start my twelfth year of teaching! My husband, Vincent, and I have been married for nearly 6 years. We have a wonderful “fur” baby named TJ.

I have been super busy since taking over!

Three new families have joined since our last edition of the Shofar. Please help me give a warm welcome to Matthew Hand & Jessica Colon, Ted & Elizabeth Fischer, and Jared & Daniela Smith and their family members! We are so happy to have you as part of our family! (see page 2 for pictures and bios.)

Over the summer we had a table at two different community events. We had a booth at the Israel Fest event held at the JCC on Sunday, June 5. Thank you to Deborah Letow, Cathy Plotkin, and Lanny Plotkin for helping out at our table!

We were part of Olney’s National Night Out on August 2. This was Shaare Tefila’s 6th year participating in this wonderful outreach event. Our presence showed our support of community and gave attendees an opportunity to learn about Shaare Tefila, our Preschool and our Religious School. Special thanks to Sherry Cohen, Cilla Grosberg, and Hyman Grosberg for helping out!

And we are starting the year off with a bang!
Our first program of the year is the “Back to Shul” Shabbat Dinner on Friday, September 9. Sign up on ChaverWeb or contact Sara in the office at smiller@shaaretefila.org.

Our special program for New Members, Shaare Tefila 101 will be Sunday, September 25 at 11:00 am. Learn more about Shaare Tefila and the many opportunities to get involved.

The Gift of Membership is back this year!
Help us grow our community. If you are a member in good standing you can offer a one year Gift Membership to a friend or family member. See details in the next column.

Shaare Tefila Website is getting a makeover! Be on the lookout for our updated site!

If you are interested in doing more to help the Shaare Tefila membership process, consider volunteering on the membership committee. We are looking for volunteers to help in recruitment/outreach, retention and welcoming new members. If interested, please contact me, Stacey Lynch at 301-275-0286 or membership@shaaretefila.org

I look forward to seeing you at shul for services and all upcoming events!

SHAARE TEFILA GIFT MEMBERSHIP
THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

Any Shaare Tefila household, whose membership is in good standing, can give a one year Gift Membership to a friend or family. The goal is to have you, our members, help grow the congregation. Look to your friends and neighbors who have shown an interest in their Jewish life and give them a Gift of Membership at Shaare Tefila Congregation.

What is included in this gift?
Almost all rights and privileges of membership extend to the Gift Membership household. This membership group will receive High Holiday seats and be able to purchase dinner tickets and the like at the membership rate. They will be included in all other membership opportunities including Men’s Club, Sisterhood and voting. There are a few important differences outlined below.

How many gifts can I give and what is the time frame?
Each eligible household can give 1 Gift Membership this year. The Gift Membership must be redeemed no later than September 19, 2016.

(Rosh HaShanah starts Sunday night, October 2nd.)

I have someone in mind, what do I do now?
First contact the family to confirm its interest. If they are interested, contact the office, give us all their contact information, a little background on the family, and we will take it from there.

Can I give the gift to any household?
There are some important parameters:

♦ At least one adult in the household must be Jewish.
♦ The household cannot currently be a member at another synagogue in the greater Maryland/ DC metropolitan area.
♦ The household cannot be a former member of Shaare Tefila.
♦ The household cannot be one we have been in touch with regarding membership.
♦ It is not available to a family with a child whose Bar/Bat Mitzvah is in the year of the gift.

Are there any restrictions to the “gifted” family?
The only restriction is Religious School tuition. For the first child in our religious school, (not K-2**) the Gift Membership household will pay the regular tuition rate plus 50% of our subsidy (our subsidy is equal to 100% of tuition). For any other children they enroll in the religious school (not K-2**) they will pay the regular tuition rate plus 100% of our subsidy (effectively paying double the tuition).

**This year, Chavaya Grades K-2 is FREE, FREE, FREE!
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stacey Lynch at membership@shaaretefila.org.
WOW! Has summer ended already? I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer! While many of us have been vacationing, the new Sisterhood Board has been planning what we hope will be a year full of fun new activities as well as the return of some from the past.

New This Year!
• Adult Coloring? According to this article in the Huffington Post, “Coloring Isn’t Just For Kids. It Can Actually Help Adults Combat Stress” and it is a lot of fun! (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/13/coloring-for-stress_n_5975832.html)
• Canvas Painting, I’m not an artist! An artist will guide the group in the painting or collage process while encouraging the blending of colors and the use of brush stroke techniques and acrylic paints or mixed media. Each person will have the opportunity to explore her inner artist and it’s a No Judgment Zone!
• HavDeli, what in the world? On Saturday night, Dec. 24, come to Shaare Tefila and enjoy a spiritual Havdalah service, followed by a Deli dinner and board games. This is something for the entire family!

Oldies But Goodies:
• College Moms - will send your college students holiday packages with letters and treats, keeping them connected to our Shaare Tefila family. This service is free for all Sisterhood members.
• Book Club—will meet on scheduled Sundays during Shaare Tefila Cafe
• Patron Event to the Riversdale House Mansion
• Paid-up Membership Dinner
• Buy one, Take one! — dessert making with Vivienne Auerbach
• Women’s Seder—one of the best events of the year!
• Spring Dinner—formally known as Mother’s Day Dinner

Please see the complete calendar of events on the Shaare Tefila website.

Kitchen Help Needed!
Please keep in mind that we count on you to take a turn in the kitchen to help with the set up and clean up. If we all pitch in, the work is shared by many. Even if it is not your week, feel free to stop by the kitchen any Saturday to lend a hand. It will be much appreciated. Speaking of the kitchen, thanks also to our dedicated kitchen captains without whom none of this could be possible.

New Members
If you are a new member, you deserve an additionally warm welcome with benefits and that means you receive free membership in Sisterhood for the calendar year which ends in June. We are excited and honored to have you on our team.

Buy Scrip
We have a new Scrip Coordinator, Judy Beiser! We would like to thank Barbara Fink for her 20 years of service! As the High Holidays approach, please remember to purchase scrip for your holiday shopping needs. And as the new school year starts Sisterhood wishes you and your family a successful re-entry into the humdrum of the academic life. Buy scrip for all your lunchbox and snack needs!!

Just when you thought you were rid of us . . . We're baaaack!! This time we are wearing different hats. We are now Sisterhood co-VPs of catering. If you are planning to sponsor a Kiddush, first meet with Jill Goldwater to specify the type of Kiddush and to make financial arrangements. We will then work with you to establish the menu.

Members have expressed a desire for an enhanced basic Kiddush and asked us what we can do about that. We put our thinking caps on and here’s what we came up with.

Introducing . . . . CHALLAH AND A SHMEAR GROWS UP!
You may remember, during our years of wandering, we offered members an $18 opportunity to enhance the Kiddush by providing just what it says . . . . challah and a shmear (a.k.a. cream cheese). For Challah And A Shmear Grows Up! we have upped the ante just a little bit. Have a new grandchild? Contribute $18. Have triplets? Consider $54. Reasons to participate . . . . A new job, a promotion, retirement, graduation, engagement, wedding, commemorating a yahrzeit, birthday, anniversary, recuperating from an illness/accident, good weather, vacation, you reached your Weight Watchers goal, your neighbor cuts his lawn, your in-laws left town after visiting for three weeks, you became empty nesters . . . . You get the idea. The more people sponsoring, the more food and fun at the Kiddush table.

Here are the ground rules:
1. Choose the month for which you would like to contribute.
2. Contributions will only be used for the NINE specified dates.
3. You cannot designate the specific food your contribution will be used for.
4. Checks should be sent to Sara Miller in the office along with a note that your check is for the monthly enhanced Kiddush. You cannot be billed for this.
5. You are welcome to make multiple contributions during one month or contributions during any of the other monthly opportunities.
6. Minimum contribution is $18 with no ceiling.
7. The weekly Shabbat Sheet will include your name as well as the reason for your contribution, if so desired.
8. Checks must be received in the office 10 days prior to the Kiddush date.

Dates for Challah And A Shmear Grows Up!:

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Let's make this a little more fun (is that even possible?). Challah and a Shmear Grows Up! could grow old and is not all that catchy. Nor does Challah and a Shmear Part 2 or Son/Daughter of Challah and a Shmear doesn't do it for anybody. We have a naming contest beginning now and ending 9/16 and the winner, chosen by us, will be honored, by us, at the September enhanced Kiddush. Email your clever suggestions to ethel.j.levine@gmail.com

Speaking of clever, we want to thank you for coming up with this idea. We will continue to feed you as you continue to feed us your ideas.
The Shofar

MEN'S CLUB
Michael Binder, President

The Shaare Tefila Men's Club softball team, with its new red and white uniforms, got to the "final four" of the spring Synagogue Men's Club softball league - out of 24 teams! Despite an 8-1 lead, and with only 9 outs away from victory into the championship game, Shaare Tefila was defeated by a tenacious B'nai Tzedeck team. Up coming activities for the Men's Club include the Fall softball season, starting September 11, Discount Night at Olney Theater - in process of being arranged, and the annual construction of the Shaare Tefila Sukkah, for which we will need several engineering oriented volunteers on October 9. We are also looking for volunteers to coordinate several special interest Sunday morning breakfasts during the next several months. Additionally, in the coming months, the Men's Club is again challenging the Sisterhood to the annual "Its Academic" breakfast and competition. Please contact Michael Binder or Joe Kraut to lead or help coordinate Men's club events and activities. We are also recruiting for a President and Treasurer.

CHESED COMMITTEE

The Chesed Committee under the leadership of Joyce Feinstein, Ethel Levine, and Adriana Sandler strives to support congregants facing life’s challenges by providing relief and assistance during difficult times. Some of the ways we can help are:

- Transportation to shul, doctor appointments, pharmacy pick up
- Shopping for home bound congregants
- Cooking Team will prepare and deliver kosher meals to congregants
- Visits and calls to members who are in need of support
- Assistance following a death in the family

To join the Chesed Committee or Chesed Cooking Team, contact Joyce Feinstein at joyce.feinstein@wap.org.

COLLEGE MOMS

“Sisterhood College Moms” is a program sponsored by Shaare Tefila Sisterhood. Our goal is to keep college and graduate students connected to the synagogue and Jewish community. Several times a year, as Jewish holidays approach, we send holiday-themed packages to our college and graduate students. A note from the Rabbi is included in the package and we invite the students to let us know how they enjoyed the package. Sisterhood members who have children away at college are invited to contact us with names and addresses so we can get our roster up and running. This is a free service for Sisterhood members. There is an $18 charge for non-members. For more information contact Amy Schwartz or Stefanie Levy at collegemoms@shaaretefila.org.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

In Pirkei Avot, (The Sayings of the Rabbis) we learn (chapter 1:2), "Simon the Just taught that the world exists because of three foundational human pursuits: Torah, worship and acts of lovingkindness."

As the new year approaches we naturally reflect upon the meaning of our lives and what we can do to find fulfillment and satisfaction. This ancient statement (dating back 2100 years) reminds us that meaning is found right at hand. We should look to our tradition and learn about who we are and what we stand for. We should connect to our spirituality and look for ways to express it. And we should find opportunities to do good for others. May this new year be one of blessing as we study, worship and do good deeds together.

NEED ASSISTANCE?
IF A FAMILY MEMBER OR ANOTHER CONGREGANT IS HOSPITALIZED OR NEEDS HELP FROM THE SHAARE TEFILA COMMUNITY, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OR RABBI LAYMAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Contact the office or Rabbi Layman (301) 593-3410

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SHAARE TEFILA’S MONTHLY SHABBAT DINNER PROGRAM IS BACK!
JOIN FELLOW MEMBERS IN CELEBRATING SHABBAT AT FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
FOLLOWED BY SHABBAT SERVICES
Beginning at 6:00 pm

Friday, September 9: “Back to Shul”
Friday, October 21: “Pizza in the Hut”
Friday, November 11: Instrumental Shabbat
Friday, December 9: Instrumental Shabbat

Friday, January 13: “New Year, New You”
Friday, February 10: Instrumental Shabbat
Friday, March 10: “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner”
Friday, May 12: Yom Haatzmaut Celebration
Friday, June 9: End of Year Bar-B-Q/Board Installation

FIRST SHABBAT DINNER OF THE YEAR
“BACK TO SHUL”
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6 PM - DINNER FOLLOWED BY SERVICES

*Wear your favorite camp or vacation T-shirt*

**Menu: “Southern Savannah Dinner”**
- Oven Fried Chicken
- Challah Rolls
- Roasted Tomatoes & Onions
- Summer Squash
- Green Pea Salad with Herbs
- Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Mixed Green Salad
- Kid’s Dish - Chicken Nuggets
- Vegetarian Option - Oven Fried Tofu
- Dessert

**Adults: $18 (non member: $22)**
**Children 5 - 18: $10 (non member: $12)**
**Max: $54 per family**

Sign up on ChaverWeb by Tuesday, September 6 or contact Sara in the office smiller@shaaretefila.org.

INSTRUMENTAL SHABBAT SERVICES
SALLY HECKELMAN WILL BE LEADING US IN FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday, November 11
Friday, December 9
Friday, February 10
Friday, May 12

ROSH CHODESH WOMEN’S CIRCLE
On a Shabbat at the start of each new month on the Jewish calendar, women of Shaare Tefila gather for a special spiritual time, engaging in learning, questioning, and conversation. Topics relevant to the daily lives of Jewish women are the focus. The **Rosh Chodesh Women’s Circle** is led by **Susan Rubenstein**. Susan weaves her passion for lifelong Jewish learning and study of Kabbalah and Mussar into the discussions.

All women are welcome to join during the Torah reading time when we meet in the Futrovsky Family Library

**Celebrating on these dates:**
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Saturday, September 3

Rosh Chodesh Tishrei
Saturday, October 8

Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Saturday, December 10

For more information contact **Susan** at rubecarl@verizon.net.
DID YOU KNOW... ???
Jack Teller
shaarepubs@verizon.net

Since we had no publication in July/August, some of this is a bit dated, but interesting to read about anyway.

Al Kliman had a wonderful trip to Atlantis in the Bahamas with his son and his family. Then off to St Maarten as a graduation trip for his granddaughter, Shoshy, who graduated from the University of Maryland this year.

Congrats to Beth Adler (Preschool Director) and husband Jeffrey on their son’s wedding May 30.

Congrats to Aviva Janus (Education Director) and husband David on their daughter’s wedding June 3. Talya has worked with many of our religious school students as a Skype tutor.

Ellie & Larry Alpert attended multiple graduations of their grandson Alec Jasen from University of Pittsburgh, at the end of April and on May 1st. Alec graduated with honors from the Dept. of Mathematics, Phi Beta Kappa and the Department of Economics. Alec will be working at the Federal Reserve in DC. Alec is the son of Laura and Mark Jasen. Laura was a Shaare Tefila Bat Mitzvah and confirmation student. The Jasens now come with Ellie and Larry to High Holiday services. On June 10th, granddaughter Erica graduated from UC Davis. Erica played on the Field Hockey Team as its goalie. Of course, grandma and grandpa would not miss this very special occasion. Erica’s mother is Helene Cohen Strong, also a former Shaare Tefila Bat Mitzvah student. The Alperfs also went up to Hofstra University in New York to watch Erica play. Erica is interning in San Francisco then back to San Diego.

Joan & Milton Lichtman celebrated their 61st (!) wedding anniversary on July 2nd, a milestone and a blessing. The year 2016 is also to be celebrated as their 45th year as members of Shaare Tefila! Many wonderful memories linger (since 1971) of the early years at Lockwood Drive in White Oak, including the Bar Mitzvah of their two sons, Bennett and Alan. Joan writes: “In spite of physical limitations, we hope to continue being connected with our Shaare Tefila family in our beautiful new building (5 years and counting) and sharing all the news with our fellow congregants.”

Marjorie Furchman went to Florida to visit a friend while Mark stayed home with the dog.

Wendy & Richard Abraham went to: Des Moines, Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska; Stowe, Vermont; and NYC, NY.

On another topic, the young Grosbergs, Dan & Chloe gave birth to a baby girl! A huge Mazel Tov for Bubble & Zayda Cilla & Hy, and the entire Grosberg clan on Dylan’s birth.

George and Marilyn Kessler in Beersheva, Israel and returned home on July 7. During their recent simchas while there, they announced the marriage of their granddaughter, Avigyle Silverman to Roi Cohen, on the 19th of June. As the wedding was coming to an end, Marilyn’s son, Jeffrey Green, received a phone call from his son that he was now a grandpa with the birth of a baby boy who is named Roi Michael Green to the parents Rafi and Hadas Green. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and looks just like his Abba. A beautiful brit was celebrated on June 27th with over 150 guests present (the baby’s mother is one of 10 children—all of whom but one are married with children of their own). Now the Kesslers are the proud great-grandparents of 10! To them I wish a hearty Mazel Tov!!

Ethel & Ira Levine had a wonderful New England experience. They visited Amherst MA, attended numerous events, and also traveled to Burlington VT. They then went on to West Virginia for a lovely time. [Is there any place they haven’t been?] All-in-all they enjoyed a peaceful and fun filled time.

Marvin Schneider visited family in Israel, and enjoyed his trip.

SHAARE TEFILA’S NEW SIDDUR LEV SHALEM

We have all enjoyed the new High Holiday machzor, Machzor Lev Shalem. Now we can also enjoy the Siddur Lev Shalem, the Shabbat and Festival companion to the machzor. In honor of his 100th birthday, Herb Block has generously donated siddurim for all seats in the Sanctuary and Grosberg Baumgart Chapel. As with the High Holiday machzor the newest Conservative Movement Siddur is packed with transliterations, explanations and additional readings in English in order to enhance our prayers and make them more meaningful. Please join us on Saturday, September 10th when we first use these books and mark Herb’s 100th birthday. The books are available for personal dedications at $36 per book.

THE MONTH OF “ELUL” IN JEWISH HISTORY

Elul 11
In 1950, Operation Magic Carpet, which secretly airlifted 45,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel, was concluded. Jews had lived in Yemen since the 7th century BCE.

Elul 14
In 1729, Congregation Shearith Israel laid a foundation stone in lower Manhattan for the first structure ever designed and built as a synagogue in continental North America. At the time, New York had the only Jewish community in the country.

Elul 25
This is the traditional day of the beginning of Creation, as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis. While other religions ‘start’ their calendar from the founding of the religion, the Jewish calendar begins with Creation.
REMEMBERING BILL HARKAWAY
CONTRIBUTOR: SAUL COHEN

We lost another Patriarch of our Shaare Tefila family in June. On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, Bill Harkaway, a friend, a neighbor and a fellow member died. Many of our newer members didn’t get an opportunity to know Bill. I’d like to tell you a little about this distinguished man. Bill was a mentor for me. We lived next door to each other for over 20 years. He watched, guided, commented on and encouraged my participation in Shaare Tefila. Bill and I did not always agree on everything. Most people do not. But he respected my opinion and encouraged me as a younger member of Shaare Tefila’s leadership. He set an example which I am trying to follow today and hoping to pass some of his wisdom to our younger leaders to guide us on to the next generation and beyond.

Whether we were mowing the grass at the same time, speaking over the fence between our properties or riding to a Shul meeting together, Bill was the consummate good neighbor providing his experienced insight, friendship and encouragement. As a Shaare Tefila leader, he always wanted to do the “right thing,” something I encourage my children and fellow Shul lay leadership.

Besides serving as Shaare Tefila’s President and a long term member of the Board of Directors, Bill was a partner of the law firm McCarthy, Sweeney & Harkaway, President of the Energy Bar Association, President of The Benedictine School, President of Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, President of The Georgetown Village Homeowners Association and a U.S. Army Veteran. He was involved in many more organizations and activities and always wound up taking a leadership role.

Bill was married for 63 years to our own Barbara, who is very dear to my family. He and Barbara were parents to four children, Jayne, Beth, Joe and David; and grandparents to five granddaughters. Besides being a successful attorney, most important to Bill was his family and Tikkun Olam, making the world a better place.

I will always remember Bill as the perfect gentleman and a scholar who dedicated many of his years to guiding others as well as helping those with special needs. Bill challenged us and made us all better. I will miss his intellect, questioning nature and his warm smile. Bill inspired several generations of our Shaare Tefila family. He has left a lasting legacy at Shaare Tefila. May his memory be a blessing for us all.
The Hardest Part

As I am writing this article, our summer camp is ongoing. It is during the most oppressive week of late July. We have had almost 2 weeks of over 90 degree temperatures. The classes go out early, to give the children the outdoor experiences we want them to have, while avoiding the worst of the heat. I look out my window and see that the teachers have spread a tarp over the hill between the slides. From hoses, they are running water down the tarp, creating a giant water slide for the children. I smile as, even from my (wonderfully) climate-controlled office, I hear the shrieks of delight.

As you read this, however, school is just underway. The first few days of school often contain shrieks of a different sort. Tearful faces, just this side of terror, walk down the hallways, met with smiles by our staff. I am, of course, talking about our new parents. When human babies are born they are among the most helpless creatures in the animal kingdom. They could not survive without adults who devote themselves to an amazing extent, and often at great sacrifice, to the newborn’s care. In those early months, every need must be filled by these caregivers. In our world, this caregiver job falls on loving parents, or a carefully chosen surrogate. And it will be years until these children are fully ready to care for themselves.

Slowly though, over the course of months and years, our children grow, and as they grow, as they develop, as they learn about the world, they become increasingly capable of doing more and more for themselves. This process happens so slowly that it can be indiscernible on a day to day basis. And so, caregivers continue to fulfill every need. But it is the job of caregivers to slowly, slowly step back from their children as they become more competent and capable. Ideally then, by the time the child is an adolescent, they are capable of doing most things for themselves, and by the time they are young adults they are no longer reliant on mom and dad at all. We all know that’s pretty much how it ought to work, even if there are ebbs and flows and ups and downs. In the end we all aim for children who can stand on their own two feet. But our minds and our emotions don’t always see eye-to-eye on this.

In our school, we meet most of the kids we teach as young two-year olds. At this age, the kids are all capable of walking and talking, yet it’s quite common for a parent to still be doing their walking and talking for them; carrying them from place to place and answering for them. It’s easy to be critical of these parents who are not “allowing” their children the space to be themselves, to practice walking and talking in the wider world, but I also understand. As we noted, seeing that today is the time to get those feet on the ground and to allow those voices to speak for themselves can be impossible from the inside.

Not all parents are like this, but many are, and it is our job to model for them the importance of beginning to let go. Our school is a safe place to do that – as is their home and even the greater community. One of the toughest lessons for young parents is that holding on too tight can be holding back, not holding up. Over those first few weeks and months of school, that is the main task of these children and their parents, and they all do it at their own pace, experimenting with independence from one another and experiencing all the joys, sadnesses, successes and failures that go with it. But at some point, parents will be dropping off their child and say in amazement, “I didn’t know she could...” or “I’ve been doing... for him, but he told me he does it for himself at school.” And they see their child in a new light and new possibilities begin to emerge.

This is may be the hardest work of parenthood and while it might take everything we’ve got to allow children to fall, we can at least always be there to comfort them when they do. That is something you never outgrow.
PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

TOT SHABBAT
WHO: Young Children & Families
WHAT: Morning Shabbat Program
WHEN: Shabbat, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
    September 24    March 18
    November 5      April 22
    January 21      June 3

MINI MINYAN SHABBAT DINNER
WHO: Young Children & Families
WHAT: Enjoy the spirit of Shabbat with friends & family
WHEN: Fridays, 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM
    January 27    March 24
    February 24    April 28

GAN KATAN PLAYGROUP
WHO: Children preschool age and their parents
WHAT: A fun & engaging program includes play, story time, crafts, and snack - Free
WHEN: From September through May generally on the second Sunday of the month.
    First meeting - Sunday, September 11, 10:00 am

THE HAVDALAH EXPERIENCE
WHO: Families
WHAT: Celebrate the transition from Shabbat to a new week with a spirited family Havdalah Experience
WHEN: At the close of Shabbat
    November 19
    January 7
    March 4

ART IN THE WINER FAMILY GALLERY
“One Artist--Two Paths”
PHOTOGRAPHY AND PAINTINGS BY HEATHER JACKS
On view Wednesday, September 7, 2016 through October 30, 2016
Meet the Artist Reception: Sunday, September 11, 2 - 4 pm
Heather Jacks is a contemporary painter and photographer who lives in Germantown, MD. The Winer Family Gallery will display both her unusual photography that relies on a variety of photographic processes and her exquisite paintings that combine oil paint and wax.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE THE DATE

November
Saturday evening, November 5 - “Vino and Van Gogh” - Art FUNdraiser,

December
Sunday, December 18, 11:00 am - Chanukah Celebration featuring The Robyn Helzner Trio. Light Dairy Lunch to Follow

February
Saturday night, February 4 - 6th Annual “Night of Sweet Laughter”

May
Sunday, May 7, 2017 - Fourth Annual JTS Evening of Learning, “Relating to the Other in Jewish Texts and with Jewish Values”
The Shofar

Andrea Z. Tilles Memorial Chesed Fund
In Honor Of:
Birth of Dylan Grosberg, daughter of Daniel & Chloe, granddaughter of Hy & Cilla
   Ira & Ethel Levine
Incoming Sisterhood Board
   Stan & Fran Kensky
Jaya Joyce Feinstein’s grandson, Justin’s, Bar Mitzvah
   Alan & Adriana Sandler
   Elaine Schenberg
Maury & Charlotte Potosky’s 65th Anniversary
   Alan & Adriana Sandler
   Jay & Joyce Feinstein
Outgoing Sisterhood Board
   Ira & Ethel Levine
The Chesed Committee
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   Steven Eskin & Marian Lorber
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   Judith Beiser
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   Ira & Ethel Levine
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   Ira & Ethel Levine
   Maury & Charlotte Potosky
   Rita Rubinstein
Sara Hartendorp
   Alan & Adriana Sandler
Sheila Grosberg
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Speedy Recovery To:
   Arthur Kirsch
   Maury & Charlotte Potosky
   Dottie Stecker
   Maury & Charlotte Potosky

Building Fund
In Honor Of:
Maury & Charlotte Potosky’s 65th Anniversary
   Lionel & Charlotte Shapiro

Robert & Audrey Haber

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In Honor Of:
Birth of Dylan Grosberg, daughter of Daniel & Chloe, granddaughter of Hy & Cilla
   Charles & Frances Futrovsky
Charles Futrovsky’s complete recovery
   May Savage
In Memory Of:
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   Charles & Frances Futrovsky
   Larry & Susan Davis
Joan Eskin
   Annabelle Barcome
Joe Shuman
   Charles & Frances Futrovsky
Marc A. Feldman
   Charles & Frances Futrovsky
Sheila Grosberg
   Charles & Frances Futrovsky

Chumash Dedication
In Honor Of:
Maury & Charlotte Potosky’s 65th Anniversary and Maury’s 87th Birthday
   Michael & Michelle Weinberg
In Memory Of:
Adam Lilling
   Herbert & Kathleen Lilling
D. Joseph Williamowsky
   Scholar in Residence Fund
In Memory Of:
Ruth Schwartz
   Helen Sandler

Education Fund
In Honor Of:
Andy Sandberg
   Steven Eskin & Marian Lorber
Art Podolsky
   Jack & Bess Teller
Birth of Dan & Wendy Abramson’s grandson, Ari
   Jack & Bess Teller
Birth of Dylan Grosberg, daughter of Daniel & Chloe, granddaughter of Hy & Cilla
   George & Marilyn Kessler
   Jack & Bess Teller
   Larry & Ellie Alpert
   May Savage
   Rita Rubinstein
   Stuart & Judy Carroll
Jack & Bess Teller
   Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene
Marvin Schneider & Diane Gastfreund’s engagement
   Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene
Birth of Selma Rothenberg’s grandson, David, to Janice Rosen
   Rona Rothenberg & Yehuda Ben Israel
Maury & Charlotte Potosky’s 65th Anniversary
   Allan & Ruja Shemer
   Edward & Harriett Neufeld
   George & Marilyn Kessler
   Gilda Kuritzky
   Jack & Bess Teller
   Jerry & Sue Hermes
   Marcia Gould
   Mark & Marjorie Fuhrmann
   Marvin Schneider
   Marvin & Sylvia Levy
   Max & Susan Bronstein
   May Savage
   Ralph Shapiro
   Rita Rubinstein
   Rona Rothenberg
   Scott & Alisa Austin
   Zelick & Carol Waganheim
Maury Potosky’s 87th Birthday
   Marcia Gould
   Marvin Schneider
   Rita Rubinstein
   Scott & Alisa Austin
   Zelick & Carol Waganheim
Our Chavurah
   Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene
Our Dear Friends
   Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene
Perry Sandler & Nomi Long’s Engagement
   Jack & Bess Teller
   Julian Rosenberg & Zella Shabasson
Shaare Tefila
   Anne Shuman
Sisterhood Presidents, Ethel Levine & Fran Kensky

Anonomous

Sid & Sue Schwartz's 50th Anniversary
Don & Gloria Schwartz

Sid Schwartz's 85th Birthday
Don & Gloria Schwartz

Sue Schwartz's 75th Birthday
Don & Gloria Schwartz

Sisterhood

Steven Eskin & Maranor Lorber

Susan Rubenstein

Steven Eskin & Maranor Lorber

The Special Anniversary and Birthdays of
Sid & Sue Schwartz
The Baum & Turban Families

Zelda Rosenthal's 85th Birthday
Ralph Shapero

In Memory Of:

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Al Kliman
Ann Loeb
Dorothy Welan
Gilda Kuritzky
Helen Sandler
Ila Swartz
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Natalie Gitelman
Peggy Slade
Robert & Helen Solomon
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Sylvia Glaser
Zelick & Carol Waganheim
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Ami & Rita Frydman

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Joyce Podolsky
Art Podolsky

Henry Levy
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David Harkaway
Barbara Harkaway

Joe Shuman
Barbara Harkaway
Elaine Schenber
Helen Sandler
Jack & Bess Teller
Manny & Biddie Ginsburg
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Sheila Grosberg
Barbara Harkaway
Betty Ann Lansky
Diane Gastfreund
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Larry & Ellie Alpert
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Jack Rosenthal
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Eric & Marcia Kanner

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Fern Gottheim

Lawrence Sanders
Friends of Stefanie Levy

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Gilda Kuritzky

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Henry Hutter

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Morris Savage
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