**FEBRUARY AT SHAARE TEFILA**

**Shacharit Services**
Monday & Thursday: 8:00 am  
Sunday and Federal Holidays: 8:45 am

**Weekday Maariv Services**
Sunday - Thursday: 7:30 pm

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

**Shabbat Services**
Friday: 6:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:20 am

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**Wednesday, February 1**
7:45 pm “Contemporary Jewish Issues with Rabbi Layman”

**Saturday, February 4**
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman  
8:00 pm Comedy Night

**Sunday, February 5**
9:30 am Chavaya and Café Shaare Tefila  
9:30 am Challah Club

**Wednesday, February 8**
10:00 am Men’s Discussion Group

**Saturday, February 11, Tu B’Shevat - Graduation Shabbat**
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman

**Sunday, February 12**
9:30 am Chavaya and Café Shaare Tefila  
10:00 am Gan Katan Playgroup  
10:00 am Sisterhood Book Club Meeting  
12:00 pm Bake it Off! For Teens

**Wednesday, February 15**
7:45 pm “Contemporary Jewish Issues with Rabbi Layman”

**Saturday, February 18**
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman

**Saturday, February 25 - Birthday Shabbat**
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman  
10:30 am Rosh Chodesh Women’s Circle  
12:00 pm Birthday Kiddush - Challah & Schmear Grows Up

**Sunday, February 26**
9:30 am Chavaya and Café Shaare Tefila  
9:30 am Challah Club  
9:30 am Sisterhood Canvas Painting

**Monday, February 27**
New art exhibit in Winer Family Gallery

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**FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY**

**RABBI JONAH LAYMAN**

**NEW YEAR FOR THE TREES?!**

On Shabbat February 11 we celebrate Tu B’Shevat. The rabbis designated the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat as the New Year for trees. Though in Rabbinic times the date had implications for when the fruit appeared on the tree and how it would be counted toward the tithe contribution to the Temple and the poor, it later became associated with a celebration of nature. We might remember eating dates and carob in religious school as we celebrated with the fruits of Israel. We might also remember collecting money for JNF to plant trees in Israel.

In Maryland, with a climate that is mostly colder than that of Israel this time of year, it’s challenging to connect with this Israeli spring time holiday. How can we celebrate the first fruits on the trees when often there is snow on the ground? Even more so why do we even need to have a holiday for trees? Sure, we should celebrate nature as part of God’s creation and praise God for the wonders of the world around us. We do so, in fact, twice a day in the morning and evening services! So why do we need a holiday for the trees?

One possible answer is the fact that how we treat nature says a lot about how we should treat our fellow human beings. If we are supposed to extol and care for trees that are devoid of heart and soul, how much more so should we care for our fellow human beings. The rabbis were quite intentional in developing the system of religious practice that came to be the Judaism we know today. One core principle of our heritage is to “love your neighbor as you would be loved.”

The fruit of the trees is a source of nourishment for humanity. We are commanded to take a tenth of our produce every year and set it aside for the priests in the Temple and some years we take another tenth to support the poor, widows and orphans. Nature and community work together to make the world a better place. By celebrating trees in this way on Tu B’Shevat, we are highlighting once again how we can praise God’s presence in the world around us.

*Brachot*
Life is a series of opportunities and choices. Whether or not we take advantage of our opportunities and which choices we make impact the good which we do in the world.

In my past two articles, I’ve written about building a connection with God and our community and how vital it is to the Jewish community to maintain strong institutions, with the synagogue being at the forefront. In December I wrote “Life can be very beautiful, but not always is it easy.” Achieving important things rarely is easy.

What are “important things?” Are they our jobs, our families, our politics, our sports teams, shuttling the kids to activities? They are. These are all important. And they all demand our time and attention. And in some cases, there isn’t any room for anything more. But an opportunity to be involved in something larger than ourselves presents itself as well.

So where does commitment to our shul fit in? How do we find the time to squeeze in one more obligation to our already over-scheduled lives? What choices do we make in regard to honoring our past and building toward our future? Easy to ask, hard to answer. It takes reflection to make the commitment to volunteer; reflection about the type of world in which we want to live and the type of person that we want to be.

Pause and reflect. Think about what is important not only to you in the here and now, but in a larger, more eternal sense. How can we make a contribution where it is most important? Somehow, someway, find the time to do one more thing. Whatever you do at, with, and for Shaare Tefila, try to find the wherewithal to add just one more thing. If you rarely attend Shabbat services, come once every few months. If you haven’t participated in one of our programs, find a way to attend one.

I’m asking you to choose to do one more thing.
If you don’t serve on any of our committees, please consider adding your input.

If you are a parent, your children are watching you. One day they will be modeling the behavior that they see at home. I can’t say where and I can’t say when, but it will happen. If you want them to give back, to be part of an eternal community – to be a part of something bigger than one’s self - you have to model that behavior yourself. No one can do it for you. Be more involved for yourself and others, but also for your children. I promise the work that you do today will reap benefits in the future.

We all have value and can contribute in some way. Contact any of our vice presidents or contact me to see how your interests and skills can be put to their best use. Don’t sell yourself short. Don’t wait. Do it today. We have wonderful volunteers who do tremendously selfless work. But we can always use more.

Consider the opportunities that Shaare Tefila can afford you to make an impact, build your connection to your community and maybe even have some fun in the process. Choose to make a difference.

The Torah teaches us, V’ahavta L’reacha Kamocha, to “love your neighbor as yourself.” It might be easy to “love your neighbor” and be respectful or “friendly” toward a friend, but how do we love others or treat others with respect in more difficult situations?

How can we respond with an attitude of “loving our neighbors” when:
-You are waiting to purchase items in a store. The cashier has a cast on his arm and is ringing items up slowly and the customer in front of you is being rude. What do you do?
-There’s a new student who is shy and is sitting alone at recess. What could you do?
-You see an acquaintance being bullied on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/another social media platform. What should you do?

In all of these situations, we may react involuntarily, but if we can stop and think, “How would I want someone to treat me in this situation?” then we are being respectful, and doing our best to avoid hurting another’s feelings.

In the Youth and Programming Department, we are taking V’ahavta L’reacha Kamocha to the next level- we included a food collection for Olney Help at the Havdalah Experience. Not only did our Shaare Tefila community come together to learn about Israeli culture, music, and dance, but we gathered many cans/boxes of foodstuffs for the needy.

In January, our youth was active in our community and beyond! We had our Chavaya Shabbat and Family service. Additionally our middle school youth represented Shaare Tefila at Kadima Saturday Night Live, a regional youth event with over 250 Jewish middle school students.

Looking forward, we will have more opportunities to act as a dugma ishit, or role model, in terms of loving our neighbors and enjoying the Shaare Tefila community!

On February 12, all 6th-12th graders are invited to Bake it off! We will be baking muffins to donate to a food pantry. Earn two SSL hours at this event.

On February 26, all K-5th graders are invited to Tu B’Shevat Katan! We will be doing tree-inspired crafts, going on a scavenger hunt, and other activities in honor of Tu B’Shevat.

On March 12, all congregants are invited to participate in the Purim Shpiel! Email mmandell@shaaretefila.org if you are interested in participating.

Feel free to contact me mmandell@shaaretefila.org or 301-593-3410 ext 103 with any questions.
“Night of Sweet Laughter 6”
Shaare Tefila’s Comedy Night
Saturday, February 4, 8:00 PM

Doors Open at 7:15 pm, Show at 8:00 pm
Tickets $30 per person, $35 at door

Reserve a table of 12, get 2 free bottles of wine for your table!

RSVP now for our most popular event of the year!

Wine & Beer Cash Bar and Dairy Refreshments after Show

Reserve your seats on ChaverWeb, call Sara in the office at 301-593-3410 x 104, or send a check to Shaare Tefila with the names of people included in your party.

If you are sitting at a particular table, note that in your seating request.

Max Dolcelli
Headline Comic
Max Dolcelli has performed in comedy clubs and comedy festivals in the U.S. and Canada, casino comedy clubs in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and the Bahamas, at corporate events and on cruise ships, on television and radio.

Jeff Hysen
Featured Comic & Shaare Tefila member
Jeff has appeared at the Gotham Comedy Club, The Comic Strip and seen on RLTV.

Mike Aronin
Featured Comedian
Mike Aronin is nationally acclaimed. His outstanding efforts have been recognized by such prominent media as ABC, NBC, and CBS & FOX TV.

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Upcoming Shaare Tefila Youth Events

**Bake it off!**
*When:* Sunday, February 12; 12:00-2:30 PM  
*Where:* Shaare Tefila  
*Cost:* $5 covers program supplies/snack  
*Who:* 6-12th grades  
Bring your own parve or dairy lunch and meet in the social hall. We will hang out for a bit before moving to the kitchen. We will be baking muffins to be donated to a food pantry. *Earn two SSL hours at this event. RSVP to Mmandell@shaaretefila.org by 2/6 to ensure enough supplies.*

**Seaboard Winter Kadima Kallah**  
*When:* Friday, February 17– Sunday, February 19  
*Where:* Capital Camps and Retreat Center  
*Cost:* $310 for transportation, program, food, room  
*Who:* 6-8th grades  
Join Jewish middle schoolers from all over MD, DC, VA, and NC to spend Shabbat together, using the camp facilities with time to relax, play sports and games, and enjoy lots of amazing programs, including snow tubing on Sunday morning! Contact Missy with questions or for scholarship information. Register at http://tinyurl.com/Seaboard16-17/ by 2/1.

**Tu B’Shevat Katan**  
*When:* Sunday, February 26; 12:00-2:30 PM  
*Where:* Shaare Tefila  
*Cost:* $5 covers program supplies/snack  
*Who:* K-5th grades  
Bring your own parve or dairy lunch and meet in the Winer Family Gallery. We will be doing tree-inspired crafts, going on a scavenger hunt, and doing other activities in honor of Tu B’Shevat! Some activities will be outside, weather permitting – please send your child with a coat. RSVP to Mmandell@shaaretefila.org by 2/22 to guarantee supplies.

**Purim Shpiel**  
*When:* Sunday, March 12; during Megilla reading, 9:30-11:30 AM  
*Where:* Shaare Tefila  
*Cost:* No cost  
*Who:* Families and Friends – all are welcome!  
Purim is just about a month away! Do you want to make Purim morning silly? Exciting? More fun? Contact Missy about how to be more involved with the Purim festivities and stick around after for the carnival!

For more information or questions, email Missy Mandell, Youth and Family Programs Coordinator, at Mmandell@shaaretefila.org.
The Shofar

SISTERHOOD
FRAN WEISS
PRESIDENT

Big news for February
Canvas Painting comes to Shaare Tefila! Each Person will have the opportunity to explore her inner artist! Enjoy with No Experience Necessary! The 2 hour session includes a 16"x 20" or 12"x12" canvas for each participant. This will be a No Judgment Zone! A wonderful atmosphere where Creativity Happens!

Scrip
We are looking into new scrip offerings which will earn Shaare Tefila more income. We have a supply of Starbucks gift cards in addition to our standard grocery store offerings. We earned an 11% discount on the Starbucks cards we purchased in December. Judy Beiser has a list of hundreds of companies that will offer us discounts, some very large. To purchase these cards please ask to see Judy’s list. With about one week notice Judy can order gift cards to a variety of stores, for example, CVS, HomeGoods, Gap and Dressbarn.

Kiddushes
We can only provide the wonderful kiddushes because of our volunteer staff. Please click on the link below to see when you are scheduled to volunteer in the kitchen.
https://sites.google.com/site/shaarekitchen/home/schedule-for-kitchen-volunteers

Sisterhood Happenings
February
• 12th Book Club
• 13th Board Meeting
• 26th Canvas Painting!

Mark Your Calendars
Sunday, March 26th at 5:30 pm—Women’s Seder. Celebrating Pesach through Song and Dance

Buy Scrip
Please remember to purchase scrip.

CATERING
FRAN KENSKY & ETHEL LEVINE

People have been "eating up" our enhanced kiddushes. Many thanks to all the congregants who have participated. Our next enhanced kiddush will be on February 25 which is also the next Birthday Shabbat. Share your simchas with fellow congregants, send Sara Miller, in the office, your checks and dedications. It is just a minimum of $18 to be included.

Upcoming Dates for Challah & Schmear Grows Up:
February 25
March 18
April 22

Kitchen Captains & Volunteers:
There is a poster in the synagogue lobby listing kitchen captains and the volunteers through June 2017. There is nothing more disappointing than showing up for a simcha morning only to find that none of the volunteers have shown up. Check the poster, respond to phone calls from Barbara Harkaway, emails from Sara Miller and the notices in the Shofar and Shabbat Sheet. In addition, if you click the link at the bottom of each Listserv email, the entire schedule is there for your instant review. Given all of these reminders, no one should be surprised when his/her turn comes up to help. If you are not able to participate with your team, please arrange to switch with someone else and let your captain and Sara know.

It’s a great bonding experience and plenty of laughs. These are all haymisha touches which help make our congregation a welcoming and engaging place.

I CAN’T KEEP CALM BECAUSE PURIM IS COMING!

Mark your calendars for our wonderful Mishloach Manot fundraiser. The site, HappyPurim.com, will go live February 1 for your donations. This year’s theme will be based on the “Rainbow” - God’s covenant to never again destroy the world with a flood.

Our Purim fundraiser will be colorful, bountiful, and thoughtfully prepared for you by the committee. We are hoping for 100% participation in this important shul fundraiser.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
RABBI LAYMAN

JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS
AND INCLUSION MONTH

For the past several years, February has been known as Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month. It’s an opportunity to highlight the needs of those with intellectual, emotional, and physical disabilities and to understand how we can be as inclusive a community as possible. Though our congregation has made great strides in this area, there is always more that we can do and more that we can learn how to do, in this regard. Thanks to Rebecca Fero, our Inclusion Committee has begun to think about how we can best continue to make our members aware of the important value of inclusion and how we can implement inclusive policies in our shul.

Look for more information and updates in the months ahead about this important work.
TU B’SHEVAT AT GAN KATAN

MARA LANSKY, CONTRIBUTOR

After a welcome song, tzedakah, and a Tu B’Shevat story, the Gan Kataners had a great time exploring. There was an art station to create decorations for Tu Bi’Shevat seders, an Alef Bet puzzle, some play doh, a pretend tzedakah box, Jewish stacking blocks and tons of books celebrating the trees.
Shaare Tefila Sisterhood proudly presents

A Musical Women’s Seder

Celebrating Pesach through Song and Dance
Sunday, March 26 at 5:30 PM
At Shaare Tefila
Featuring Sally Heckelman and Lisa Baydush

$28 per adult/$10 per child (ages 16 and under)
Register by Sunday, March 19
Contact Lenore Layman (llayman@cesjds.org) for more information and registration form
**ART IN THE WINER FAMILY GALLERY**

"The Computer as the Artist's Tool"

Art by Allen Hirsh

On view until February 27, 2017

Hirsh photographs flowers and everyday scenes and then transforms them on his computer using mathematical formulas he has devised. Hirsh’s philosophy of digital art is that it represents another form of painting. Usually, instead of using brush and paint and canvas, the digital artist uses the virtual easel of the screen and the tools available to manipulate bitmap files such as Adobe Photoshop, to construct the image he or she is imagining. What Hirsh does is partially within that mold, but with a fundamental difference. All actual manipulation of images is done exclusively with a large software engine that he has written and continues to expand.

**Shaare Tefila** has installed a wireless listening system designed for the hearing impaired. The units are on a table located on the left side of the sanctuary by the main door. There are two types of units. Instructions on the proper use of the devices are also on the table. Select the type you require and enjoy a more meaningful spiritual experience. After services please turn off the unit and return it to the table.

**LOOKING TO JOIN SHAARE TEFILA?**

Contact:
**Stacey Lynch**, Membership VP
membership@shaaretefila.org

**Jill Goldwater**, Executive Director
jgoldwater@shaaretefila.org
301-593-3410 X101

**MEN’S CLUB**

**Save the Date**

May 21: Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year Dinner at Har Shalom.

For more information contact **Mike Binder**
mjbinder@comcast.net

**SEEKING WEBSITE HELP!**

Looking for a webmaster to maintain the Shaare Tefila website.

For more information contact Stacey Lynch at membership@shaaretefila.org

**THE MONTH OF SHEVAT IN JEWISH HISTORY**

9 Shevat - Yahrzeit of Rabbi Eliezer Silver (1882-1968). Rabbi Silver is best known for spearheading efforts to rescue Jews from the Holocaust. As head of the ”Agudas HaRabbanim,” he tirelessly raised millions of dollars. He used the funds to produce counterfeit documents and pay off smugglers thus directly saving at least 10,000 Jewish lives.

In October 1943, Silver organized a rally of 200 rabbis in Washington; the effort prompted President Roosevelt to form the War Refugee Board, which rescued tens of thousands more from Hitler’s “Final Solution.”

After the war, Rabbi Silver traveled to DP camps to help Holocaust survivors start a new life. He also sought out hundreds of Jewish children who had been placed by their parents in Catholic orphanages to spare them the horrors of the concentration camps. Often, the parents were killed during the war and there was no one to claim the children. Rabbi Silver discovered that the priests operating the orphanages were often unable (or refused) to identify which children came from Jewish families. So Rabbi Silver had a solution: He strode into the lunchroom, stood on a chair, and proclaimed in his loudest voice: ”Shema Yisrael, the Lord our God, the Lord is One!” Suddenly, the orphanage was filled with children’s cries for their mother. Rabbi Silver looked at the priest, and said, ”These children are mine.”

29 Shevat - the Space Shuttle Columbia broke up during reentry, killing all seven crew members aboard, including Israel’s first astronaut, **Ilan Ramon**.

Ramon’s space luggage included a small Torah scroll that had survived Bergen-Belsen. He also brought along a mezuzah adorned with barbed wire - symbolizing the Nazi concentration camps - in tribute to his mother who survived Auschwitz and his grandfather who was murdered there. On the Shuttle, Ramon ate kosher food and welcomed Shabbat with the first intergalactic Kiddush. And as he passed over Jerusalem, he recited ”Shema Yisrael.”

**FM WIRELESS HEARING SYSTEM**
MINDFULNESS

"The awareness that emerges through paying attention on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally to the unfolding of experience moment by moment." - Jon Kabat Zinn

We are always looking for tools that will serve the children for their years beyond the time they spend with us. Examples of this include teaching them to question, to be independent, and to be curious.

Recently we added another facet to our program that we believe falls into this category: a practice of mindfulness. The purpose of teaching mindfulness to our children is to give them skills to develop their awareness of their inner and outer experiences, to recognize their thoughts as "just thoughts," to understand how emotions manifest in their bodies, to recognize when their attention has wandered, and to provide tools for impulse control.

One of the wonderful aspects of mindfulness is that it helps with emotional regulation. Emotional regulation can be defined as identifying what you feel, internally processing it and finding a socially acceptable, internally tolerable way to release it. Emotional regulation impacts both your self-awareness and your social awareness. Giving children the tools to be aware of and control of their own emotional regulation is an important skill. Often when adults solve a child's problems, the child has no opportunity to practice problem solving, which causes a delay in the development of problem solving skills, which makes the child hesitant to solve problems, which often encourage adults to solve their problems and round we go. Teaching children to learn to monitor and control themselves is a wonderful gift.

So how do we learn to self-regulate our emotions? Neuroscience tells us that if we want to calm the brain, calm the body! Research shows that a 3-5 minute daily practice of breathing and yoga can re-wire the circuitry in the brain in less than five weeks, actually changing one's response to stressful situations. In response to this information, we have implemented breathing exercises and yoga poses into our daily classroom routines. According to Daniel Goleman, the famous psychologist and journalist, breathing is training of the attentional circuitry of the brain. It doesn't only help develop focus on what is being said, but helps to manage emotions. Breathing exercises help us to slow down, increase awareness and make non-reactive choices. Something as basic as realizing when one's mind wanders and bringing it back quickly is exercising one's focus muscles.

Taking these resources to kindergarten and beyond equips our students with skills that will help them lead happier, healthier lives.

In February two Chavaya classes will be hosting parent participation programs. Parents with children in K/1 and 2/3 are invited to visit their children’s class and experience our school directly.

K/1 Class: On February 5, Morah Ilana invites parents to join their children for a tzedakah project. The K/1 Class is working on a tzedakah curriculum. The students will decorate and personalize tzedakah jars for their homes. The parents can continue the learning at home about tzedakah and choose a tzedakah project for the family. This is a meaningful way to bridge home and synagogue.

2/3 Class: On February 12, in celebration of the New Year for trees (see the Rabbi’s article on page 1), Morah Rebecca welcomes parents for a Tu B’Shevat Seder. This Tu B’Shevat seder was originally written by Morah Rebecca’s grandfather, Seymour Hefter. Morah Rebecca brings great warmth and creativity to this project as she teaches her students their participation in the seder. We look forward to Chavaya parents getting to know her.

For our older classes we are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a program sponsored by Stand With Us, an organization that supports, trains, and provides resources to college students across North America as they promote and defend Israel amid the virulent anti-Israel movement on college campuses. The Israeli Soldiers’ Tour, sponsored by this organization, will be visiting our school on February 12. We will be hosting two former Israeli soldiers: Shai is a 24 year old communications student at Sapir Academic College. She served as a commander in the Israeli Air Force’s Pilot Cadet Course. Nir served in the IDF elite Paratroopers Brigade as an officer and deputy company commander. He has experience as an instructor and educator.

Their stories are inspirational, human, personal, and demonstrate how the IDF employs the strictest moral standards while protecting the State of Israel. Bringing in two young Israelis to meet with our students and parents is another way for us to connect to the people and the events in Israel.

Purim is Saturday night, March 11 and Sunday, March 12. The Religious school is preparing for both the Megilla reading and the Purim Carnival. Thank you to this year’s Purim Carnival chair people: The Porter, Berman and Fero families.
PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

TOT SHABBAT
WHO: Young Children & Families  
WHAT: Morning Shabbat Program  
WHEN: Shabbat, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

March 18  
April 22  
June 3

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.

Next meeting is Sunday, February 12, 10:00 am  
RSVP to Cilla Grosberg at drgmrs@aol.com

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE
An alternative lively Shabbat Service especially for families. Co-led by the kids. Everyone is welcome - people with or without children will enjoy this service.

10:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY  
March 18 - April 22 - June 3  
Questions? Contact Missy Mandell mmandell@shaaretefila.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE THE DATE

March  
Saturday night, March 11 - Purim Megillah Reading  
Sunday, March 12 - Megillah Reading, Purim Shpiel, Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 26, 5:30 pm - A Musical Women’s Seder  
Celebrating Pesach through song and dance. Featuring Sally Heckelman & Lisa Baydush

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

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

DONATIONS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT SERVICES

Please consider donating a book in memory of or in honor of a loved one or in recognition of a special life event. Contact Sara in the office.

Siddur $54  
Machzor $36  
Large Type Machzor $54
Did you know…?

We’re on the road again!

Stefanie Levy took Emily and Alycia to Hershey Park. Then she snuck off with two girl friends to the Dominican Republic.

Juby Beiser went to the Berkshires; Lenox, Massachusetts.

Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene went to Florida for a getaway weekend.

Jay & Joyce Feinstein went to New Zealand and Australia, (a big trip.)

Ethel Levine, along with the four Auerbachs, Vivienne, Michael, Aaron & Heather went to South Africa, (another big trip.) They were joined by Heather’s boyfriend. While there, Heather completed a one month requirement for her medical studies.

Jeff & Fran Weiss are back from Aruba.

Saul & Sherry Cohen went to Florida and then on to a Caribbean cruise.

Mark & Marjorie Fuhrmann are back from a visit to New Mexico.

Maurice & Charlotte Potosky’s grandson, Scott, is engaged!

Shelly & Karen Radnor are going to be grandparents Thanks to their daughter Stacey.

Ian Kolmaister has graduated from Towson with a B.S. in community medicine. Now it’s back to work for Ian. Seth graduates this month, then off to Israel for him. Val is back from Florida.

Mike Binder is also back from Florida.

Jesse Stiller has finally joined the ranks of the retired. Bravo, Jesse.

Did you know…?

Scrip cards make a great gift. Starbucks gift cards have been added to our inventory in recent weeks. You can purchase Starbucks cards in $5, $10 or $25 increments.

We are looking into expanding, the Shaare Tefila Scrip Program further and need to determine if there is interest in our doing so. There are over 800 businesses that offer scrip cards. We need to hear from you, our members. Call Judy Beiser, Barbara Fink, Ethel Levine, or Rita Rubinstein to express your interest and for further information.

Buying a gift card once a month, even every other month, to any of the following stores will greatly benefit Shaare Tefila:

- Giant Food - $100, $50, $25, $10
- H Mart - $20
- Lotte Plaza - $10
- Moti’s Market - $50
- Shalom Kosher Market - $100, $50
- ShopRite - $100, $50
- Starbucks - $25, $10, $5

To buy scrip, contact the office or call:

Judy Beiser 301-598-2082
Barbara Fink 301-438-3149
Rita Rubinstein 301-816-9686
Ethel Levine 301-593-7041

Soprano Karin Paludan is a singer with an “outstanding voice.” She performs regularly in the DC area and throughout the country in recitals, operas and operettas, and is a winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Regional Award.

SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING
JCC COMING OF AGE EVENT

Presenting, Karin Paludan in concert

When: Wednesday, February 8, 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm
RSVP to JCC 301-348-3809 by February 1
Cost $7

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YOM KIPPUR APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all our donors who participated in this year’s Yom Kippur Appeal. Through your generosity, we have received pledges totaling over $51,000 – an increase of over 30% from last year’s appeal!

Since we published the list in the December Shofar, we received additional donations from:

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