OCTOBER 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

Saturday, October 1
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman

Sunday, October 2
First night of Rosh Hashanah\See p. 5 for Rosh Hashanah schedule

Wednesday, October 5
8:00 pm “Contemporary Jewish Issues” w/Rabbi Layman

Saturday, October 8
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman

Sunday, October 9
9:30 am Chavaya and Café Shaare Tefila
10:00 am Gan Katan

Tuesday, October 11
6:00 pm Kol Nidrei
Yom Kippur schedule on p. 5

Saturday, October 15
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman

Sunday, October 16
9:30 am Chavaya and Café Shaare Tefila
First night of Sukkot\See p. 5 for Sukkot Schedule

Wednesday, October 19
Preschool Sukkot dinner
8:00 pm “Contemporary Jewish Issues” w/Rabbi Layman

Friday, October 21
6:00 pm “Sicily in the Sukkah” followed by Shabbat Family Service

Saturday, October 22
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman

Sunday, October 23
9:30 am Chavaya and Café Shaare Tefila
11:30 am Chavaya Lunch in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 27
1:30 pm JCC COA Program

Saturday, October 29
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman
Aufruf of Paul Tilles & Sheryl Sternberg

Sunday, October 30
9:30 am Chavaya and Café Shaare Tefila
10:00 am Sisterhood Book Club
10:00 am Tree Planting w/ Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY

RABBI JONAH LAYMAN
THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

This has arguably been one of the nastiest and most dis-tasteful presidential election campaigns in our lifetime. Though I am restricted in what I can say or write about it [our non-profit 501(c)3 tax exempt status precludes me from speaking for or against any political candidate], I can say that both candidates raise questions about whether either one is the kind of candidate for whom we would vote. With talk of racism, past fund raising and business tactics, email secrets and many other issues, we wonder what kind of president we will be electing in November.

Though I will have more to say about this in one of my sermons on Rosh Hashanah, I do want to raise a few points to consider here in this article. Here are a few qualities I think we should look for in a president:

1. Experience – In my mind the president of the United States should be someone who has had experience dealing with domestic and foreign policy issues as well as economic and social justice issues. A good president is one who grasps the complexities of every policy matter and has a vision for moving forward in a positive direction.

2. Integrity – We should elect someone to office whom we trust; someone who seems to understand that he/she represents all Americans and that he/she wants to fight for justice and equality for all. Though this is a tall order and most politicians don’t seem fit this bill, we still expect the president to rise above the fray and be someone of whom we can be proud.

3. Intelligence – The president has to be smart enough to understand all matters of policy from complex economic theory to details of domestic social policy issues, again it’s a tall order but our country is the best on Earth. It’s the one that represents democracy and fights for justice throughout the world. The president has to understand all world issues in order to ensure America’s trusted place as leader of the free world.

I can’t tell you for whom to vote, but I can encourage you to study the platforms of both candidates. Try to dig deeper than the mud that has already been slung and get to the heart of who these candidates really are. Though we may have to compromise on some of these guiding principles and others that we might consider, there should be a candidate who has earned your vote.

We hope and pray that the next four years will be filled with progress toward resolving the issues of racism and big-otry in our country. May the new president encourage all of us to see the beauty inside each of us so that we can proudly pledge allegiance to a country that stands for “liberty and justice for all.”

B’vracha – with blessing
As a synagogue, we are a religious organization committed to the vision, values and practices of Conservative Judaism. This part of our identity is paramount. Without our Jewish identity, we are not truly a synagogue community. All of us are part of a tradition that is over 3,600 years old. Our connection to our past helps us know who we are today. Stronger and wealthier civilizations have come and gone, but the Jewish people have preserved through unimaginable difficulties due to a continuity and steadfastness of beliefs. We owe something to this past. My feeling is that many of our traditions are what bind us as a people to God and to each other.

But the reality is that the world has undergone enormous change over the millennia. Where we live today and how we live our lives was unimaginable a century ago, much less in biblical times. Organized religion in general, and Conservative Judaism in particular, are stressed and seen as losing their relevancy. Our challenge is to develop practices that honor the past yet allow for the realities of contemporary times. As Jews, we have come too far, having experienced miracles and hardships, to not find ways to make ourselves relevant while maintaining ties to our past.

How that translates into practice, via religious services, education, social and other programs will define how successful we are now and into the future.

While our religious services are core, they are not all that we do as a community. Social action and social activities can, and must, be part of the mix. But when we come together to plant trees or support an immigrant family or bake challah or enjoy a night of comedy, we do so as a community. Individually, and as a group, much of our identity lies outside of our religious affiliation. That’s just the way it is in contemporary America. We can support and celebrate one another in other activities as well as during Shabbat services.

We are in the midst of the holiest time of the year. It is a time of reflection, a time to take stock of our lives and seek ways to be the best that we can be. Take the time to consider your place in our community and where you want us to go. Make the commitment to work with our Shaare Tefila leadership team now and throughout the year.

As we move forward, Judy and I wish for you, and all those that you love, a year of health, happiness and fulfillment.

L’SHANAH TOVA! WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

We have several new families to welcome to Shaare Tefila! Please help me give a warm welcome to Gabriel & Stephanie Eber, Eric & Kathleen Greenberg, Wendee Garcia-White, Stephen Jascourt & Anna Ketterman, Miriam Peska, Steven & Shoshana Tessler, Paul & Lenore Kelner, and Aaron & Jessica Moss, and all of their family members! We are so happy to have you as part of our family. (See p. 3 for some pictures and bios.)

Here are some highlights from the past month:

On August 28th, more than 40 members from Shaare Tefila participated in “Grand Slam Sunday,” at Nats Park! Thank you Lanny Plotkin for organizing this evening!

September 9th, we had our “Back to Shul” Shabbat Dinner with over 100 people in attendance! It was wonderful to see everyone – especially all of the new faces. Thank you to Fran Weiss, Vivienne Auerbach, and all of the volunteers for your hard work in the kitchen. Everything was DELICIOUS!

Our special program for new members, Shaare Tefila 101 will take place on Sunday, November 6. There will be an opportunity to learn more about Shaare Tefila and the many opportunities to get involved.

Shaare Tefila will be participating at Olney Community Night on Monday, October 10th! Thanks Sherry Cohen for volunteering for this event!

Our new and improved Shaare Tefila Website is up and running! Make sure you check out the website!

I look forward to seeing you at shul for the High Holidays, Shabbat and all up-coming events!
NEW MEMBERS

MIRIAM PESKA

Thanks for welcoming us to Shaare Tefila. I’m Miriam Peska, a Kindergarten teacher with MCPS, joining with my daughter Julianne, a seventh grader at Rosa Parks, and my son Elliott, a third grader at Belmont. We are a family of sports fanatics (Redskins, Caps, and Orioles) but soccer is by far our favorite. We are pleased to have found a welcoming place to join.

WENDEE GARCIA-WHITE

I chose Share Tefila because I have some close friends who already belong to the congregation. People have been very warm and welcoming to me. I grew up in the Reform movement but am now Conservative. I have 2 grown daughters living in Northern VA and 2 grandchildren who are 11 and 9 years old - the loves of my life! I am a retired Montgomery Co. Special Ed teacher. My interests include card making, drawing, listening to all kinds of music, photography and hiking. I am thrilled to be a part of your congregation.

KATHLEEN AND ERIC GREENBERG

We are long-time residents of Montgomery County, having lived in Silver Spring for the past 18 years before moving to Rockville in March. We were members of Ohr Kodesh Congregation. Our children, Richard (“Remy”) and Hayley (“Judah”) (now 21 and 17), attended the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation’s Capital. Eric is a partner at Paul Hastings LLC specializing in Media and Telecom Mergers and Acquisitions. Kathleen (who has MS) is a member of the Board of Ambassadors of the Johns Hopkins Neurology department’s Project RESTORE. We attended High Holiday services at Shaare Tefila last year as we were considering our move to Rockville and found the community welcoming and heimische – perfectly suited to our family.

PAUL AND LENORE KELNER

We are glad to have rejoined Shaare Tefila. We have been unaffiliated for a few years, but came back because we missed you! Our son, Dennis, now 27, resides in Edina, Minnesota. Dennis attended Shaare Tefila’s nursery school and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Shaare Tefila. Paul is a psychotherapist in private practice in Rockville. Lenore is a national educational consultant who specializes in training teachers in how to incorporate drama in the classroom.

MISSY MANDELL

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

I am excited to be joining Shaare Tefila as its Youth and Family Programs Coordinator this year! After studying Education and Hebrew at Brandeis University, I moved to Maryland to pursue a Master’s degree in GW’s new Experiential Education and Jewish Cultural Arts Program.

Being a Jewish Educator and living a Jewish life are two things that I am very passionate about. Many of my experiences throughout the last decade have been inspired by how I can share those passions.

I have been a staff member for United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Summer Programs, group leader on USY on Wheels East, Classic and Mission Mitzvah, and a Regional Youth group (USY and Kadima) staff member and educator. More recently, I was the Assistant Youth Director at Tifereth Israel in DC, worked at the Jewish Food Experience at the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, spent the last two summers as a Rosh Edah at the Ramah Day Camp of Greater Washington, and I teach Israeli dance at JDS, Temple Shalom and to all ages across the greater DC area.

I am looking forward to sharing my experiences with Shaare Tefila for a wonderful year of Youth and Family Programs.

You can reach me at mmandell@shaaretefila.org or 301-593-3410 X 103

ART IN THE WINER FAMILY GALLERY

“ONE ARTIST--TWO PATHS”

Photography and Paintings by Heather Jacks

On view Wednesday, September 7 - October 30

Heather Jacks is a contemporary painter and photographer who lives in Germantown, MD. The Winer Family Gallery will display both her unusual photography which relies on a variety of photographic processes and her exquisite paintings which combine oil paint and wax.
A large part of what we plan for these first several weeks of school is developing a positive, strong classroom culture. The most effective way for this to happen is organically or naturally, without the adults imposing rules or giving instructions without meaning.

A perfect example of this occurred in one of our classes. It started with a disagreement. Two children wanted the same toy and were both clearly upset.

We asked, "When two people want to use the same object what can we do?"

"Trade," said Sally.

"Can you tell us how that would work?" asked the teacher

"Share," she answered again.

"How can we share?"
The children were silently thinking this over as Tommy joined us.

"Take turns!" answered Sally.

Some of the children have experience using timers for this purpose. Tommy gets a timer off the shelf.

With a little mediation, the children were able to draw on their experiences with timers and knowledge about fairness to find a solution that worked for them.

But the learning didn’t stop there!

The toy was set aside and they began to play with the four large sand timers. "Mine's faster!" "I'm winning!" "I won!"

One student noticed the number "1" on his timer. The other children notice different numbers on the other timers. "I have 3." "I have 10." "I have 5."

"Which number do you think is the most?" asked a teacher. They all had difficulty answering the question. We then brought over some small glass oval shapes to represent numbers. Together we counted out the correct number of beads for each number and lined them up next to each other.

"One is not the most. Three is not the most. Five is almost the most."

"I thought the most was one."

"10 is longer than the others."

"10 will run out last because it's longer than the others."

We test it out, flipping the timers over at the same time.

"Mine won!" – Child with the one minute timer

"Mine is second." – Child with the three minute timer

"Mine is going to be third because third goes after second and before last." – Child with the five minute timer

Several minutes later, the 10 minute timer ran out. The children had already transitioned to another activity. When shown that the timer had run out, we observed that 10 minutes is a long time!
**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS TISHREI 5777**

**ROSH HASHANAH SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

First Night of Rosh Hashanah Services  
Sunday, October 2: 6:00 pm

First Day of Rosh Hashanah Services  
Monday, October 3: 8:30 am  
Monday, October 3: 5:00 pm *Tashlich Service*  
(rain date 10/4)

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Services  
Monday, October 3: 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 4: 8:30 am  
Tuesday, October 4: 6:30 pm

**YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Tuesday, October 11: 6:00 pm - *Kol Nidre*

Wednesday, October 12:  
9:00 am: Shacharit  
3:30 pm: Study Session  
4:45 pm: Mincha  
7:15 pm: Shofar

**SUKKOT SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

First night of Sukkot Services  
Sunday, October 16: 6:00 pm

First Day of Sukkot Services  
Monday, October 17: 9:00 am

Second Day Sukkot Services  
Monday, October 17: 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 18: 9:00 am  
No Evening Service

Shabbat Sukkot Services  
Friday, October 21: 6:00 pm dinner-  
“Sicily in the Sukkah”

Shabbat Services  
Saturday, October 22: 9:00 am  
No Torah Study  
Kiddush at Rabbi Jonah & Lenore Layman’s sukkah

Hoshana Rabba Services  
Sunday, October 23: 8:00 am

Shemini Atzeret Services  
Sunday, October 23: 6:00 pm  
Monday, October 24: 8:30 am  
Monday, October 24: 5:00 pm  
*Tashlich Service*  
(rain date 10/4)

Simchat Torah Services  
Monday, October 24: 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 25: 9:00 am  
No Evening Service

**REMEMBERING LIONEL WEINSTOCK**

**CONTRIBUTOR, SAUL COHEN**

Shaare Tefila has many people who work quietly behind the scenes and who neither seek nor receive recognition for the tasks they complete to make our community a better place. Lionel Weinstock, who died on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, was one of those members who helped our synagogue run. Lionel and his wife Eileen could be found every Shabbat and holiday at religious services. I got to know him on a more personal level in 1990 when we were both saying Kaddish for a parent. We would frequently speak with each other at evening minyan. Lionel was a down to earth guy with whom you could have an easy conversation. Lionel and Eileen lived close to Shaare Tefila’s Lockwood Drive location and we could always count on him when we needed a minyan.

Lionel volunteered for many behind the scenes jobs at our shul. For example, Lionel and Sid Schwartz repaired sanctuary chairs by stuffing and mending torn or worn out seats. Lionel also helped unclog building drains on Shaare Tefila’s roof. I’m sure there were many more jobs he quietly completed that most of us were not aware of.

Lionel had wonderful stories to tell. One of his favorite stories was how he ended up in England during World War II after being selected for the Infantry. As luck would have it, Lionel needed to take an elective course during the summer while in high school. He decided to learn to type. When he was training for the infantry, an officer asked for men who knew how to type. Lionel raised his hand and ended up in the intelligence branch typing secret plans. He would say that typing most likely saved his life.

Lionel’s career was as a textile engineer for the Navy. After retiring from his government job, Lionel worked at a woodworking furniture repair shop and did some outstanding restorations. He also was an artist and a devoted fisherman. He always said he had a wonderful life growing up in Rockaway Beach. He could walk to the beach and fish whenever he wanted. He was married for 63 years to Eileen, who for many years met our pre-school families when they arrived in school early in the morning. At High Holiday services, many of those returning students greeted Eileen warmly when they came to services. Lionel and Eileen raised two sons, Matthew and Jordan, and have doted on their two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Whether we were discussing synagogue politics, our families, sports or furniture restoration, Lionel was friendly, encouraging and funny. He always had Shaare Tefila on his mind and how to make the community better. I will always remember Lionel as the friendly person who worked behind the scenes without asking for any recognition. He always had the best interest of Shaare Tefila on his mind and in his heart. I will miss seeing him at services and hearing his stories. May his memory be a blessing for us all.
Jewish tradition teaches us that the new year is a time of spiritual reflection. It’s an opportunity to understand who we are, what values we hold dear, and what we hope to accomplish in the new year. It’s also a time to consider our relationship with God and hope that we can find God’s blessing in our life. In the words of the evening service for Rosh Hashanah: “One hint of Your eternal presence and I am refreshed with the dew of youth. For You create everything anew. God, please create me, Your child, anew. Breathe into me of Your spirit that I may begin a new life.”

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year
TRADITIONS AND RITUALS FOR THE FALL JEWISH HOLIDAYS

The month of Tishrei (this year in October) is filled with holidays that span the spectrum of solemn to joyous. We begin the Jewish New Year with spiritual introspection and repentance and end the season with joy and raucous dancing with the Torah. The best resource for explanations, resources, recipes and rituals are these on myjewishlearning.com Please check them out and I'm sure you'll find lots of useful information!

Link for Rosh Hashanah:
http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/rosh-hashanah/

Link for Yom Kippur:
http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/yom-kippur/

Link for Sukkot:
http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/sukkot/

Link for Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:
http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/simchat-torah/

Please join us on the first day of Rosh Hashanah (weather permitting) October 3, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm for a creative Tashlich (casting away of sins) program and service. The Dance Exchange will join us and lead us in some easy and meaningful movement exercises (perfect for all ages) to help us get in the proper frame of mind as we walk to the pond at Olney Manor Park.

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.

Siddur $54
Machzor $36
Large Type Machzor $54

CHILDREN’S BOOK READING AND SIGNING BY AUTHOR

PJ Library and Shaare Tefila are presenting author Rachel Packer who will read her book “Sky- High Sukkah.”

Children in grades K-3 are invited with their families to the Shaare Tefila Sukkah.
October 16, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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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
**SHABBAT DINNER**

**“SICILY IN THE SUKKAH”**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6 PM - DINNER FOLLOWED BY SERVICES**

**Menu:**
Pasta Bar, Eggplant Parmesan, Vegetable Lasagna, Salad, Pizza

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

*Ruach* with Cantor Zoosman

Photos of Rabbi & Lenore Layman’s summer trip to Italy

Sign up on ChaverWeb by Tuesday, October 18 or contact Sara in the office smiller@shaaretefila.org.

**Chesed Opportunity for October:** Bring your donations to the dinner

Sukkot signals the start of the fall season and cooler weather. During the week of Sukkot, October 16-24, we will be collecting gently used coats, gloves, hats, and mittens to donate to those in need. Shelters in Olney and the C-4 Clothes Closet will receive our donations. In addition, bring non perishable food items to donate to Olney Help.

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**SHAARE TEFILA’S MONTHLY SHABBAT DINNER PROGRAM**

**JOIN FELLOW MEMBERS IN CELEBRATING SHABBAT AT FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AND SHABBAT SERVICES**

The evening starts at 6:00 pm

- **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

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**ROSH CHODESH WOMEN’S CIRCLE**

**LED BY SUSAN RUBENSTEIN**

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

- **Rosh Chodesh Tishrei**
  Saturday, October 8
- **Rosh Chodesh Kislev**
  Saturday, December 10

For more information contact Susan at rubecarl@verizon.net.
Shaare Tefila cordially invites you to

Vino and Van Gogh Fundraiser

A very special auction of fine art, sculpture, sports and music memorabilia

Saturday, November 5, 2016
Preview & light refreshments: 7:00 pm    Auction: 7:45 pm

Sample a wide palette of delectable delights while viewing magnificent artistic creations at affordable prices including Judaic collections. All hung artwork is matted, framed and includes hardware.

GENERAL ADMISSION: $20.00 per person
Enhance our fundraiser add a donation level

Pop Artist
$54
2 Raffle Tickets for Art Drawing

Impressionist
$90
2 Raffle Tickets for Art Drawing &
1 Ticket to Robyn Helzner Trio
Chanukah Concert

Surrealist
$180
2 Raffle Tickets for Art Drawing &
2 Tickets to Robyn Helzner Trio
Chanukah Concert

Support this wonderful event and fundraiser for our Shaare Tefila community
Invite your friends, family, co-workers and acquaintances.

*Shaare Tefila receives a base of $2,000 if 150 attendees stay for 90 min of our auction. We also receive a percentage of sales*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

RSVP via Chaver'Web or send your check made out to Shaare Tefila to the office.
Need additional information? Contact Cilla Grosberg at drgmrs@aol.com

Visa, Master Card, Discover Card & AMEX will be accepted at the auction for art purchases.

Auction conducted by:
Marlin Art Studio (Deer Park, Long Island; www.marlinart.com)
Shaare Tefila Congregation; 16620 Georgia Avenue; Olney, MD 20832
(301)593-3410; www.shaaretefila.org; /www.facebook.com/ShaareTefila
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Did you know...?

Wendy & Richard Abraham went to Cincinnati for a wedding.

Holly & Steve Schotz helped move daughter Rachel to William and Mary for graduate school and then they spent a lovely time at Myrtle Beach this summer – as usual.

Al Kliman informs me that he will be celebrating his second bar mitzvah on February 18 and that everyone is invited.

Marilyn & Howard Politzer took a river boat cruising tour of Europe and loved it.

Bess & I attended Shabbat service a few weeks ago [August] and were especially delighted. The congregation enjoyed experiencing a double simcha for Bernice & Myron Goldstein. We enjoyed seeing their son Howie Goldstein and fiancée Nicole Schechter have an Aufruf and watched as their daughter Heather and husband Mark Kaufman [no, not that Mark Kaufman!!] named their granddaughter Avery Rose Kaufman. Then as an added bonus we listened as Nicole read the haftarah portion beautifully, and what a pleasure that was!

Judy & Stuart Carroll and family spent a week during late July in beautiful Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire. It was the last time together as a family before youngest son, Max, started a new position as Campus Sales Representative for the southeast region for Kollegetown Sports and relocated – again – to Tampa Florida. Stuart, Judy, Zach and Judy’s sister Linda spent the week hanging out on the lake relaxing, canoeing, kayaking and hiking. And of course, Stuart made his daily runs to his favorite ice cream parlor, Dewey’s, in Central Harbor! Stuart & Judy also travelled to New York to celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary. They lodged at the wonderful St. Regis hotel and took in Jazz at Dizzy’s Coca-Cola Club in Columbus Circle and the show Beautiful. They visited the 9/11 museum for a powerful and moving tour and spent a day walking the lower east side. And, ..., they ate – visiting the 2nd Avenue Deli for pastrami sandwiches and Junior’s for its world’s best cheesecake!

Michele & Roy Peck went tripping to Alaska and through Canada and ended by taking a train through the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver.

By a weird coincidence, Diane and Gershon Kieval also travelled in Canada and Alaska.

Charlotte & Maury Potosky had a fine time in Florida.

Hoping you all enjoy a wonderful experience in the New Year!

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**TREE PLANTING DAY**

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2016**

Shaare Tefila is set to participate with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake in a grant program that will allow us to plant 50 trees on our shul property. Our “planting day” is Sunday, October 30, beginning at 10:00 am. Chavaya students are already committed, and we invite their families, all the families from pre-school, our Chavurot, members of various committees, and all our members to participate in this fun event.

The trees are free, as are all the tools and supplies we need for planting and for protecting the trees from critters. Our responsibility is to plant the trees, with experts, and then water them when there is a dry spell. We will need some volunteers!!!

Planting day will start with a workshop to explain the importance of trees to the environment and how to plant and maintain them. We will also have a session explaining the spiritual foundation regarding “taking care of Mother Earth.”

We invite you to be involved. Even if you cannot join us on planting day, you could offer a day when you, and/or your family could come by the shul and water our new trees. They need to be watered once a week for the first year when it doesn’t rain.


Contact Lanny Plotkin 301-785-2322 for further details and to offer your participation.

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

**JODI GOLDBEICH**

Taking to heart the biblical exhortation to remember that we were strangers in a strange land, Shaare Tefila has signed on to join the Jewish response to the global refugee crisis organized by HIAS (originally the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, now known as the global Jewish nonprofit that protects and resettles refugees).

The Shaare Tefila Social Action Committee is exploring the possibility of helping sponsor a Syrian refugee family fleeing the years of civil war and terrorism in their country. A number of other local synagogues already have made this commitment. To read more about this effort, visit the

HIAS website:
http://www.hias.org/ask-your-congregation-join-hias-welcome-campaign

Stay tuned for additional information!
As we approach the High Holidays, my mind goes to food! We symbolically dip apples in honey to have a sweet new year, we fast on Yom Kippur but at the same time we donate food so others will have something to eat. If your thoughts also go to food, then you will have purchased some homemade honey cakes for the upcoming holiday. A big shout out goes to Adriana Sandler for coordinating this Sisterhood fundraiser.

Happenings in October

- **Kol Nidre - If we Can’t Eat it Then we Should Donate it!**
  This is not a Sisterhood event but an event for the entire congregation. This is the biggest food drive we do for the year!

- **Rosh Chodesh Women’s Circle** led by Susan Rubenstein is meeting on **Saturday, October 8. New Year, New Intentions**. Please join us for a conversation about paving the way to set intentions as we enter the New Year and about making the everyday moments sacred.

- **Sisterhood Book Club** returns. We are reading Devil in Jerusalem: A Novel, Inspired by True Events by Naomi Ragen. Our informal discussion will be on **Sunday October 30** during the Café Shaare Tefila at 10:00 am. I hope to see you there.

- **Almost in October! The Paid-up Membership Dinner is November 1.** Be prepared to eat some comfort food as we head into the fall – cozy, warm and yummy! For more information, contact Marjorie Furhman at mariocat@gmail.com

**Buy Scrip**

As the High Holidays approach, please remember to purchase scrip for your Holiday shopping needs.

*I wish you are your family a Sweet New Year and an easy fast.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

With our move to siddur, *Lev Shalem*, the old siddurim, *Sim Shalom*, are now available for you to take home for your library. Stop by the cart outside the office to look for the copy you donated.

**LOOKING TO JOIN SHAARE TEFILA?**

Contact:
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**KIDDUSH: CHALLAH AND A SCHMEAR GROWS UP**
Join us so we can have an enhanced Kiddush on the dates below

**How to get involved:**
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!:

- November 19
- December 10
- January 21
- February 11
- March 18
- April 22
- May 6
- June 17

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AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
On Friday, September 11 we gathered for the first TGI Shabbat dinner of the year. One hundred ten people enjoyed a southern cooked meal. The Shabbat dinner chairs were Fran Weiss and Vivianne Auerbach. Rabbi Layman, Cantor Zoosman and Cilla Grosberg welcomed congregants and their families to the dinner. Congregants wore a favorite T-shirt from their summer vacations. Rabbi Layman lit Shabbat candles and said a special blessing wishing students a safe and successful school year. It was a wonderful moment for all who attended. Cantor Zoosman led some beautiful songs after dinner and led Shabbat services.

Our next TGI Shabbat dinner will be on Friday, October 21 in the Shaare Tefila Sukkah. The theme will be “Sicily in the Sukkah”. For details see p. 8. Looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying an evening of friendship, holiday cheer, and rauc! RSVP on ChaverWeb or contact Sara in the office smiller@shaaretefila.org.

Shaare Tefila Gan Katan playgroup had its kick off on Sunday Sept 11. Seven preschool age children and their families joined Morah Mara Lansky for story time, a craft project on the theme Tikun Olam, playtime and snack. Children and families enjoyed all the fun activities. Rabbi Layman, President Stuart Carroll, Aviva Janus and Cilla Grosberg greeted the families, four of which are new members.

Café Shaare Tefila has started up again this year. Special thank you to Jodi and Sara Goldreich for helping to set up the Café. Chavaya families and shul members enjoy a light breakfast and the opportunity to schmooze. Please join us on Sunday morning for this free program. Volunteers for setting up are always welcome too. Please contact Cilla Grosberg at drgmrs@aol.com.

Mark your calendar for two upcoming programs:

“Vino and Van Gogh” Art Auction Fundraiser, Saturday, November 5. Sample a wide palette of delectable delights while viewing magnificent artistic creations at affordable prices. Judaic collections will be included. Plan to join us at this event in support of the first fundraiser of the year. See details on p. 9.

Shaare Tefila Chanukah Celebration featuring the Robyn Helzner Trio. Sunday, December 18. Chavaya Hebrew School students will participate with Robyn Helzner and her trio! Please save the date, and be sure to attend this wonderful concert for children, families and adults of all ages. Bring friends and families (aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins) for an enjoyable Chanukah concert and celebration. Continue the fun at the lunch which will follow.

SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING JCC COMING OF AGE EVENT

“LADINO LOVE SONGS”
Susan Gaeta, in concert
Thursday, October 27th, 1:30 – 3 PM
RSVP to JCC 301-348-3809
Cost $6
PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

**TOT SHABBAT**
**WHO:** Young Children & Families  
**WHAT:** Enjoy the spirit of Shabbat with friends & family  
** WHEN:** Shabbat, 10:30 am - 11:15 am  
- November 5  
- January 21  
- March 18  
- April 22  
- 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  
- 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.  
Next meeting is Sunday, October 9, 10:00 am  
RSVP to CILLA GROSBERG DRGMRS@AOL.COM

**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

**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**  
** WHEN:** November 5 - January 21 - March 18 - April 22 - June 3
  
Questions? Contact Missy Mandell mmandell@shaaretefila.org

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”
Shaare Tefila’s Chavurah Program is very popular, with new chavurot always being started. The Membership Committee is ready to organize new groups at your request. Each chavurah is different and each determines its own direction and focus. A chavurah consists of people with similar interests who gather to share experiences. For more information and to join in, contact Stacey Lynch at membership@shaaretfila.org.

FREE BOOKS FOR JEWISH CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

Shaare Tefila has recently signed up with PJ Library, through the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. We have a book shelf at the back of the sanctuary filled with books for our young members. Some of the titles we have received are: “Shabbat Hiccups,” “Meg Goldberg on Parade,” “Once Upon a Shabbos,” “The Chameleon That Saved Noah’s Ark.” We will be rotating the books throughout the year. Please take a look at this recent addition to our shul and encourage your children to as well.

A program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the PJ Library is made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. Families with kids ages 6 months through 8 years old with Judaism as part of their lives are welcome to sign up, regardless of their Jewish background, knowledge, or observance. PJ Library sends free Jewish children’s books to families across the world every month.

If you would like to sign your family up for the PJ Library, please visit the link https://pjlibrary.org/Enroll-in-a-Community.

CHALLAH CLUB

Shaare Tefila Challah Club meets twice a month to bake Challah and other traditional Jewish foods for our Chavaya students. We meet during Chavaya hours on Sundays from 9:30 to noon. We often bake traditional foods to help celebrate upcoming holidays. This club is for adults. We have a great time chatting and laughing in the mornings. For more information contact Lori Marshall at lor@charltonconsulting.com or at home at 301-216-2944.

MEN’S MONTHLY DISCUSSION GROUP

Looking for an opportunity to meet with fellow congregants to discuss and share your views on current events, books, topics close to your heart e.g. Israel, politics, aspects of government?

Join the men’s discussion group which meets at Shaare Tefila generally on the second Wednesday of the month. Topics are chosen by the group as a whole and a Discussion Leader is appointed at the meeting. New members are welcome. Contact Ellie Alpert ellie.alpert@comcast.net for details.

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

Giant Food - $100, $50, $25, $10
H Mart - $20
Lotte Plaza - $10
Motti’s Market - $50
Shalom Kosher Market - $100, $50
Shopper’s Food Warehouse - $100, $50, $10
ShopRite - $100, $50

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

The Chug Ivrit, Hebrew Conversation Group, at Shaare Tefila meets every other Sunday morning at Shaare Tefila, from 10:30 am to noon. The level of Hebrew knowledge is varied. The group is led by two native Hebrew speakers, members of our shul, Ami Frydman and David Zeheb. Using the easy version of the Jerusalem Post for background material, we discuss current events as well as experiences of the attendees and their families from the past week. For a fun easy going opportunity to practice and improve your spoken Hebrew skills, come join us. Beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Adriana Sandler sandleraa@gmail.com.
Andrea Z. Tilles Memorial
Chesed Fund

In Honor Of:
Paul Tilles
Alan & Adriana Sandler
David & Florence Polinsky
Alex & Carol Waganheim's 65th Anniversary
Alan & Adriana Sandler
Elaine Schenberg
Diane Gastfreund & Marvin Schneider
Wedding
Ira & Ethel Levine

In Memory Of:
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Elaine Ross
Hal & Elaine Stein
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Florence Feinstein
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Maury & Charlotte Potosky

Speedy Recovery To:
Susan Levin
Jack & Bess Teller

Building Fund

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Philip, Susan & Elaine Goldman
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Maury & Charlotte Potosky
Herb Block's 100th Birthday
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Marvin Schneider
Jack & Bess Teller
Susan Levin
Ruth Newhouse

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In Memory Of:
Lionel Weinstock
Barbara Fink

Machzor Dedication

In Honor Of:
Rose Halpern's move to New York
Friends of Rose Halpern
Alex & Carol Waganheim's 65th Anniversary
Maury & Charlotte Potosky
May Savage
Marriage of David Ben Israel to Janice Rosen
Maury & Charlotte Potosky

In Memory Of:
Rose, Rifka, and Joseph Axelrod
Barbara Axelrod
Joseph Shuman
Edward & Harriett Neufeld
William Harkaway
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Nathan & Lilyon Fradin
Eric, Ellen, Joshua & Ilyssa Beebe
Lionel Weinstock
Maury & Charlotte Potosky
May Savage
Ralph Shapiro
Saul & Sherry Cohen
Abraham Shulman
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Martin S. Halpern Adult Education Fund

In Honor Of:
Rose Halpern's move to New York
Friends of Rose Halpern
Alex & Carol Waganheim's 65th Anniversary
Rita Rubinstein

In Memory Of:
Lionel Weinstock
Judith Beiser

Nathan Rubinstein Youth Fund

In Memory Of:
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Rita Rubinstein

Brick Paver Program

In Memory Of:
Dr. Arthur S. Bresler
Judith Bresler

Preschool Fundraising

In Memory Of:
Lionel Weinstock
Elaine Schenberg

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Honor Of:
Rabbi Layman
Bernice and Myron Goldstein

In Memory Of:
Lionel Weinstock
Anne Shuman
Liane Lunden
Selma Rothenberg
Rona Rothenberg & Yehuda Ben Israel

Siddur Dedication

In Honor Of:
Herb Block's 100th Birthday
Herbert Block
Saul & Sherry Cohen
Seth Cohen

In Memory Of:
Jerome Greenberg
Eric & Kathleen Greenberg
Irving & Florence Lipsky
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Philip, Susan & Elaine Goldman
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Sigmund & Shirley Liberman
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