JUNE AT SHAARE TEFILA

SERVICES
Shacharit: Monday & Thursday: 8:00 am
Sunday and Federal Holidays: 8:45 am
Maariv: 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

Thursday, June 1
9:00 am Shavuot Services includes Hallel, Yizkor, the Blessing of the Kohanim, Selections from the Book of Ruth (NO Evening Service)
Office is closed

Saturday, June 3
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman
10:00 am Family Shabbat Service
10:30 am Tot Shabbat

Sunday, June 4
10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

Wednesday, June 7
10:00 am Men’s Discussion Group

Thursday, June 8
1:30 pm COA Lecture & Song

Friday, June 9
6:00 pm Shabbat Services
7:00 pm Shabbat Dinner: BBQ and Board Installation

Saturday, June 10
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman
9:20 am Shabbat Services

Sunday, June 11
10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

Wednesday, June 14
10:00 am Men’s Discussion Group

Last day of Rose & George Teller Gates of Discovery Preschool

Saturday, June 17 - Birthday Kiddush/ Enhanced Kiddush
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman
9:20 am Shabbat Services

Monday, June 19
First day of Preschool Camp

Saturday, June 24
9:00 am Torah study w/Rabbi Layman
9:20 am Shabbat Services

Sunday, June 25
10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY

RABBI JONAH LAYMAN

TRANSITIONS: TWO RABBIS AND A TASK FORCE

This June marks the end of one rabbinic career, the start of the next phase in another rabbinic career and the next phase in our shul’s strategic planning process with the work of several task forces. Rabbi Jonathan Schnitzer of B’nai Israel in Rockville is retiring after a long and illustrious tenure. During his time at B’nai Israel, Rabbi Schnitzer served on the board of several Jewish community agencies, oversaw the expansion of the B’nai Israel facility and guided the religious life of the congregation. I’ve had the pleasure of working with Rabbi Schnitzer in various capacities in the Washington Jewish community and he will be missed. But there’s also a small world connection I have with him. His first rabbinic position was at a small congregation in Easton, PA. At the time I was a 7th grade student in next-door Allentown. My father invited area colleagues to my Bar Mitzvah celebration and Rabbi Schnitzer was one of those who attended! I wish him well in his next phase of life.

Our neighbors, B’nai Shalom of Olney, will be bidding Rabbi Ari Sunshine farewell at the end of June as he and his family move to Dallas, TX. There, Rabbi Sunshine will become the senior rabbi of a large Conservative synagogue. In his eleven years with his congregation I’ve had the opportunity to work with him on a variety of community endeavors, i.e. our joint Selichot Service and our various interfaith community programs. Rabbi Sunshine founded our community Interfaith Clergy Association that is best known for sponsoring the annual Thanksgiving Service. Thanks to Rabbi Sunshine for increasing the level of interfaith dialogue and cooperation and we wish him well in the next phase of his career.

When we gather together next September for the High Holidays, it will be the 24th time that we will observe the Jewish New Year together! I am blessed to have such a long and fruitful tenure as your rabbi. We have done wonderful things together as a community and there is more to do. We’ve recently been involved with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism’s SULAM program for strategic planning. In that process we have identified areas that we want to focus on over the next few years that will hopefully increase membership in our congregation and enhance the level of involvement of members in our congregation. These task forces, on education, finances, ritual, communication and membership/outreach, will be actively meeting over the summer and into the fall and will report their findings to the Board and the congregation.

Transitions are fraught with anxiety as to what the future will hold but they also potentially are times of blessing. Let us hope that our strategic planning process will be a harbinger of future blessings for our congregation.

Wishes to all for a relaxing summer.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT
STUART CARROLL

HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE MY FLIP PHONE

Well maybe not “love,” but at least to the point where I’m not embarrassed to use it in public. Everyone – and I mean everyone – new immigrants, the elderly, I’ve even seen homeless folk, has a smart phone. They’re great for e-mails, texting, getting directions and having apps for frequent tasks and getting news, weather and sports updates. Many times when I’m out with Judy, I’ll ask her to check something or post a photo to Facebook or some other task that I can’t do.

You see, I’m using the Samsung Gusto flip phone that my youngest son – now 25 years of age – had in high school.

I went through the period of being too busy to go to the smart phone store, being nervous about typing with my fat fingers and concerned about the cost. Actually, these all still apply.

I want to be clear: I don’t reject technology. I’m on-line all day at work. But for me, technology exists to enhance my life – and in a way which to me is meaningful.

But as the years have gone by, I’ve come to an even greater reason for keeping my Gusto: It does what I need it to do and doesn’t do what I’m afraid a smart phone will do. I can make and receive telephone calls with my Gusto. If I break down on the road or need to be contacted about a family – or shul - emergency, those I can do. But it keeps me from turning in to what I don’t want to become.

What I don’t want to become is exactly that. What I don’t want to become is not a judgment on you or a statement on what you should be. That’s for you to decide. Instead it is a personal decision that I’d like to share and perhaps upon which you will reflect.

What I don’t want to become is someone who is constantly checking e-mails. In fact, I enjoy being out of touch now and then. E-mails are never “thinking of you” or “hoping you have a great day,” but rather “I need something from you.” I give a lot, but need some “me” time now and then.

What I don’t want to become is someone who walks down the street – too slowly – checking my phone and texting rather than being in the world. I don’t want to become someone too distracted by my phone that I miss God’s beauty that is around me.

What I don’t want to become is someone who has a conversation via text messaging rather than talking. Someone who limits interaction rather than tries to expand it.

What I don’t want to become is someone who is checking Facebook for validation because my post has a lot of “likes.” And then checking back again and again. And again.

For me, being truly alive is about maintaining and enhancing my humanity. For me, maintaining and enhancing my humanity means finding the connection with the divine – with God. The road to being connected with God lies in my interactions with others on a personal basis. The road is in nature and the world around me. I need to find the quiet rather than always being “connected.” God lives in the quiet. And I know myself well enough to know that having a smart phone would take me away from the connection I want rather than to it.

So, I’m not judging anyone. I’m not entitled to do that nor would I want to. I wish you and your smart phone nothing but the best in your relationship. But if you find that you are losing yourself, the pleasure of the company of someone you are with or missing out on the beauty of the world around because of your phone, maybe, just maybe, consider putting down your phone – if even for an hour or a day. And please don’t judge me.

Me and my Gusto have a good thing going on.
The Shofar

VP MEMBERSHIP
Stacey Lynch

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 8, 2017. (Rosh HaShanah starts Wednesday night, September 20th.)

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 working 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. All K-2 pay $250. For 3-8, for the first child in our religious school, 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 3-8 in the religious school, they will pay the regular tuition rate plus 100% of our subsidy (effectively paying double the tuition).

This year, Chavaya Grades K-2 is $250 per child.

Any questions? Contact Stacey Lynch, membership VP: Membership@shaaretefila.org or Jill Goldwater, jgoldwater@shaaretefila.org

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In Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of our Fathers, Ben Zoma said, “Who is wise? One who learns from everyone.” (Pirkei Avot, 4:1)

This past year has been an amazing year of learning, growing, and wonderful experiences in the Youth and Family Programs Departments. June has arrived and the excitement over the approaching summer vacation has set in. While we may have vacation from formal school, there is still plenty to learn and do with Shaare Tefila!

We are looking forward to Shavuot, the celebration of receiving the Torah. Soon after, Machar (K-2nd grades) and Bonim (3rd-5th grades) will be having their last event of the year- a trip to Mudhut on Sunday, June 4th.

We want to wish a nisiyah tovah, a safe trip, to all our youth who are attending Jewish summer camps!

We are looking forward to the final programs of the year for Youth and Families. See below for details.

Family Shabbat Service
All Chavaya Families are invited to the final Family Shabbat service of the year on Shabbat morning, June 3rd from 10:00 am-11:30 am. Watch your Chavaya student(s) chant prayers, sing songs and strut their stuff! Enjoy Kiddush together after.

Crafting and Custard
On June 4th, all K-5th graders are invited to Crafting and Custard! We will meet at Mudhut (3231 Spartan Rd, Olney, MD) at 12 PM. Participants will choose their own piece(s) of pottery to paint.* Pieces start at $3 and up. Pick up will be next door at Rita’s at 1:30 PM. Smallest custard and frozen ice sizes range from $3-$4. Please send your child with money for both activities. RSVP to Missy at Mmandell@shaaretifila.org by Friday, June 2nd. At least one chaperone needed, contact Missy to volunteer.

*Completed pieces will be ready for pick up at Shaare Tefila about a week after the event.

Some activities as Chavaya celebrated Yom Ha’Atzmaut
Making Israeli salad....Hearing from Ethel Levine about volunteering on an Israeli army base
Come to Crafting and Custard!
with Machar (K-2nd grades) and Bonim (3rd-5th grades)

Who: K-5th
When: June 4th, 12-1:30 PM
Where: Mudhut
3231 Spartan Rd, Olney, MD

Machar and Bonim are going to Mudhut to paint pottery!
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At least one chaperone needed, contact Mmandell@shaaretefila.org
The end of the Chavaya year is an opportunity to thank our dedicated team.

Here are some of the accomplishments this year:

**Skype tutors** Reyna, Aliza, Ilana and Tamar worked with students learning prayers in the Siddur. They also prepared students to read from the Megillah at Purim. Mastering prayers takes effort and careful training, and with the teachers’ guidance, students improved their competency and fluency. Which prayers does your child know that he/she didn’t at the beginning of the year? If there is a particular prayer your child would like to learn in the coming year, be sure to tell the Skype tutor at the start of the school year in September.

Morah Yardley, Chavaya’s music teacher, brought her beautiful voice and guitar to us as often as she could. We enjoyed singing with her and learning new songs.

Sincere Todah Rabba to Sunday teachers: Ilana, Rebecca H, Rebecca E, Ben, Liran and Abby. This team of teachers planned hands-on lessons, art projects and positive Jewish experiences for the students. Teachers shared their classroom successes and concerns during our monthly meetings. We looked at what was going well in each class and how to build on those successes.

**Teachers worked at encouraging new friendships**, supporting students who needed extra support and teaching Hebrew games during hafsakah (break). Our teachers appreciated being a part of your child’s Jewish learning and development. They feel deep pride in being Jewish role models for your children.

**One of my favorite things to do** on a Sunday morning is to stand outside the classrooms listening to the young voices praying so beautifully. Early in the year, the dominant voice was that of the Morah/Moreh but as the year progressed, children’s voices became more confident and strong.

**Together we built a community of “Jewish friends.”**

A big hakarat hatov, gratitude, to all Chavaya parents for being true partners in the effort to teach our children to be knowledgeable, practicing Jewish young adults.

School registration for the coming school year will be online late June.

**Best wishes for a relaxing summer.**
At Gates of Discovery; The Rose and George Teller Pre-
school of Shaare Tefila, we believe that meaningful learn-
ing happens in a place where cognition meets the imagina-
tion, emotion, creativity and aesthetics. When we looked 
for our intent for the school year we realized that as we
see nature as representing all of the above, it would be the 
right choice for our year.

Children interact with nature in an unswerving way, and 
their encounters with nature are characterized by dia-
logues, critique, comparison, negotiating, hypothesizing 
and problem solving.

As we believe that in any learning moment both the teach-
ers and the children are researchers, and each of them is a 
learner and a teacher, we started our learning with us, as 
adults, posing and debating different research possibilities 
like:

- What does Judaism teach us about our relationship with 
nature? How can we incorporate these concepts into our 
daily routines?
- What kind of empathy do children develop for inanimate 
objects?
- How do the senses become part of the way for children 
to understand their environment?
- What inspiration do different arts take from natural 
 sources and materials?
- How do expressive languages support the research chil-
dren will experience with nature?

With the above ideas, we offered our children different 
learning opportunities.

- How do natural resources influence the architecture of a 
society?
- How is learning impacted by its surroundings?
- How does the presence or absence of light impact our 
emotions?
- How can scents be used to enhance memory?
- How do we use plants in our daily lives?

Then teachers compared, discussed and interpreted their 
observations. Based on these reflections, teachers offered 
further provocations to extend children’s inquiry through 
long-term explorations. Children worked together to test 
thories as active seekers of knowledge, blazing paths nev-
er before trod.

In the Winer Family Gallery this summer, you will see and 
hear the voices of our children and the different venues 
each class has taken in its nature research. We invite you 
to visit and see our work. Then let us know what you think!

Before Pesach, donations were made by congregants to Mazon, an organization 
that strives to end hunger in the USA and Israel. A total of $1,109.18 was collect-
ed and sent on to the organization. Mazon has gratefully acknowledged this dona-
tion.
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

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, June 9: End of Year Bar-B-Q/Board Installation

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

Sign up on ChaverWeb or contact Sara in the office smiller@shaaretefila.org.

SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING
JCC COMING OF AGE EVENT
Back by Popular Demand: A Mixture of Lecture and Song
Steve Friedman
The Broadway Musical: A Mixture of Lecture and Song
When: Thursday, June 8, 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm
RSVP to JCC 301-348-3809

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SHABBAT KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
JUNE 17
WITH CAKE & ICE CREAM
TO ALL JUNE, JULY, AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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DID YOU KNOW...???

JACK TELLER

So long, farewell, goodbye.

Folks it’s time for me to move on. I’ve been involved with this publication since 2003, and have written this column since 2006. That’s a long time. It has been a wonderful 10 years, but now I think it’s appropriate for someone else to provide a new perspective and some fresh ideas. With that in mind, I asked our president, Stuart Carroll, to find a replacement reporter for the Shofar. I want to thank all of those volunteer “stringers” who have submitted newsworthy pieces to help create this column, and I hope that as readers, you had as much joy and curiosity in reading about the antics of our fellow congregants as I did in writing about them. Best wishes to you all, and to whoever takes up the pencil after me.

Andy & Marlene Sandberg went on their very first cruise... to Alaska.

Paul & Sheryl Tilles went to ... Chicago.

Stan & Fran Kensky went to ... Colorado. This is before they went to the Dominican Republic for Jason & Tyler’s wedding.

Ira & Ethel Levine spent a- month in Israel, working for SAELE, the volunteer group that supports the IDF, and then visiting relatives there.

Jeff & Fran Weiss went to Jamaica for the first time. Not their first beach get-away by far.

Karen & Michael Gross joined family members in Kansas City.

Roy & Michelle Peck are back from a wonderful experience in Iceland.

Emily Levy is on Birthright. She’ll miss the finishing touches that Michael & Stefanie (let’s face it, mostly Stefanie) are putting on their gorgeous new home.

Seth Kolmaister is on the CESJDS senior year trip, along with Eytan Layman, Eli Winkler and Maya Arber - Seth just happened to come home for Pesach, and went back after the holiday.

Jason Ellis, son of Steve & Janene Ellis, is our own very own Pilot in Residence. Jason has 7 different pilot licenses that allow him to fly single & multi-engine propeller planes and to teach other people to do so. To become an airline pilot (which is his goal) you need to start at a regional airline after you have earned close to 1,500 flying hours in the propeller planes and then they usually pay for the last license you need to earn (ATP) and the regional airline teaches you to fly jets. Jason currently has around 700 hours and continues to earn hours and get paid for it by being a flight instructor at Montgomery Airpark in Gaithersburg and at Martin Aviation up in Essex. He has already had two students pass their first license exams to become private pilots. Jason earned his private pilot license when he was 17, then instrument license, commercial license (allows you to get paid for flying - still not a jet), Certified Flight Instructor I & II, Multi-Engine, Multi-Engine Instructor, all by last summer when he was 19. He started teaching after he got his Certified Flight Instructor license while he was earning the other licenses.

Shelley Rochester will be appearing as Nana in “Nana’s Naughty Knickers.” Shelley plays the grandmother with an authentic New Jersey accent. Ask her about the details.

Michael Holmes Goldsamt, professional actor and graphic designer son of Milt & Susan, has just been selected for the Albert Einstein High School Arts Hall of Fame in their Theater category.

REMEMBERING HERB BLOCK

CONTRIBUTOR: SAUL COHEN

Herb Block, who passed away on April 15, 2017 was a kind, knowledgeable and generous member of Shaare Tefila. Many of you know about his distinguished federal government career at the U.S. Postal Service, retiring as Deputy Assistant Postmaster General. At 100 years old, Herb had a full, rich life. He was married to the late Helen Block for nearly 50 years. Herb and Helen had three children, Stewart (Sondra) Block, Eleanor (Lawrence) Johnson, and Martin (Vickie) Block, six grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren. You may also know that Herb recently donated funds for our Lev Shalom siddurim, but I want to tell you about my personnel experience with Herb. In one word, Herb was a Mensch.

I first met Herb in the 1990s after Helen passed away. Helen had been a member of the choir. Our choir performed during the High Holidays as they sat on folding chairs adjacent to the bima facing the congregation. In memory of Helen, Herb wanted us to build a permanent choir area that was more comfortable for its members .I was the Administrative VP and was responsible for hiring a contractor to design and build the area. Herb was hands-off. We consulted with the choir members and Herb, but we appreciated that he let us build it without constant intervention. When we finished, there was some money left over. Herb was kind enough to have us set up a fund in memory of Helen.

As far as I can remember, Herb chanted his Haftorah every year on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah, when he also sponsored a Kiddush for the congregation. But my real treat was listening to his D’var Torah. He did not necessarily address the Torah or Haftorah reading, but some aspect of Jewish history or ritual. Many times Herb’s presentations were unconventional and scholarly. His Dvrei Torah were always erudite, well referenced and detailed. I always learned something and complimented him afterwards.

Herb was also a member of the Religious Committee, where he spoke eloquently about the need for more English in the service. Herb always spoke with me about how to make the Shaare Tefila community better. I will always remember Herb as the friendly person who contributed to the betterment of our community. He always had the best interest of Shaare Tefila on his mind and in his heart. I will miss seeing him at services and listening to his Divrei Torah. May his memory be a blessing for us all.

DID YOU KNOW...??? (CONT’D)

Larry & Ellie Alpert shared this with me. “This is a picture of Rabbi Layman naming our twin granddaughters Oct. 31, 1999; now they are both getting ready for college. Emily who wants to study medicine will be off to Washington University in St. Louis, and Abbie, who will be learning about the business arena will be going to George Washington University, which is Grandpa’s alma mater.”
THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
Rabbi Layman

THOUGHTS ON THE SUMMER FAST DAYS

Though summer time might be a time of vacations and relaxation, in the Jewish calendar it is centered around the historic anniversary of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in the year 70CE. Three weeks before, on the 17th of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, this year July 11, the Romans broke through their siege of the city of Jerusalem and on the 9th of Av, this year August 1, they destroyed the Temple, looted the vessels and carried those objects back to Rome as depicted on the Arch of Titus outside the Coliseum in Rome.

The 17th of Tammuz is observed as a minor fast day, sunrise to sunset, and the 9th of Av is observed as a major fast day - like Yom Kippur, sunset to the following day’s nightfall.

The rabbis set those days as fast days because they felt that the people of Israel were to blame for the destruction and the resultant exile from Israel. Had the people only been more religious and committed to the covenant with God, then God would have protected the people. By fasting, the rabbis say, we acknowledge our role in historic events and motivate ourselves to do all we can to be involved in social justice issues so that such atrocities never occur again.

With wishes for meaningful and motivational fasts.
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Sam Sandler's Bar Mitzvah
Hyman & Cilla Grosberg
Helena Sandler's Bat Mitzvah
Hyman & Cilla Grosberg
Julianne Goldstein's Bat Mitzvah
Hyman & Cilla Grosberg
Sarah Nachlas and Michael Cohen's Engagement
Hyman & Cilla Grosberg
Jack & Bess Teller
Sylvia Potash's 95th Birthday
Hyman & Cilla Grosberg
Bettyann Lansky
Stephen & Rae Silver
Peggy Slade
Jack & Bess Teller
Jason Kensky & Tyler Reed's Aufruf
Hyman & Cilla Grosberg
Jack & Bess Teller
Marilyn Pontell's big move
Jack & Bess Teller
Shelley Rochester's special Birthday
Jack & Bess Teller
Michael & Stefanie Levy's new house
Jack & Bess Teller
50th Anniversary of Jay Hagler's Bar Mitzvah
Hyman & Cilla Grosberg
Peggy Slade
Madison Kantzer and Adam Hoffman's Marriage
Marvin & Diane Schneider
Jason Kensky & Tyler Reed's Wedding
Peggy Slade
Ethan James’ Bar Mitzvah
Saul & Sherry Cohen
In Memory Of:
Herbert Block
George & Marilyn Kessler
Albert Kliman
Judy Bresler
Jules & Zelma Fink
Marty & Ruth Gutstein
Ruth Newhouse
Saul & Sherry Cohen
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Israel Frydman
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Sophie Shuman
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Louis Winer
Anne Shuman
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Bernice Kisliuk
Oscar Schapiro
Beth Schapiro
Florence Chait
Betty Ann Lansky
Jack Rosenthal
Betty Rosenthal
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Bruce Goldberg
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David & Rhona Byer
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Donald & Carol Helfer
Bernard Helfer
Donald & Carol Helfer
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Henry Hutter
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Patricia Eisen
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Frances Hagler
Jay & Rita Hagler
Arnold Hagler
Jay & Rita Hagler
Gloria Bauman
Jerome Bauman
Rose Kurland
Jules & Zelma Fink
Esther Schwartz
Ken & Lois Zajic
Paul Katz
Larry & Ellie Alpert
Rose Winrow
Lee Lunden
Sarah Ginsburg
Manny & Biddie Ginsburg
Joseph Waganheim
Morton & Ina Goldstein
Roberta Freeman
Morty & Ina Goldstein
Philip & Bess Gerzog
Peggy Slade
Marvin Gerzog
Peggy Slade
Anna Pierce
Ralph Shapiro
Samuel Leidman
Roanne Leidman
Mary Haber
Robert & Audrey Haber
THE MONTH OF “SIVAN” IN JEWISH HISTORY

SIVAN 10

Yahrtzeit of Kalonymus Z. Wissotzky, a famous Russian Jewish philanthropist who died in 1904. Wissotzky once owned the tea concession for the Czar’s entire military operation. Since the Czar’s soldiers numbered in the millions and tea drinking was a daily Russian custom, this concession made Wissotzky very rich. One day, Wissotzky was approached by the World Zionist Organization to begin a tea business in Israel. He laughed at this preposterous idea: the market was small, the Turkish bureaucracy was strict, and tea leaves from India were too costly to import. Jewish leaders persisted, and Wissotzky started a small tea company in Israel. After his death, the tea company passed to his heirs. Then in 1917, the communists swept to power in Russia, seizing all of the Wissotzky company’s assets. The only business left in their possession was the small tea company in Israel. The family fled Russia, built the Israeli business, and today Wissotzky is a leading brand of tea in Israel, with exports to countries worldwide -- including Russia.

THE MONTH OF “TAMMUZ” IN JEWISH HISTORY

TAMMUZ 6

On July 4, 1976, as America was celebrating its bicentennial, Israeli commandos performed a spectacular raid to rescue 100 Jews held hostage at Entebbe airport in Uganda. One week earlier, an Air France flight was hijacked by Palestinian terrorists, who landed the plane in Uganda with the support of dictator Idi Amin. The terrorists threatened to kill the Jewish hostages if the Israeli government did not release convicted Palestinian terrorists. The government of Israel refused to negotiate with the terrorists, and quickly planned a rescue mission. Conveniently, Israel had the blueprints for the building in which the hostages were held -- it was built by an Israeli construction firm. Two hundred Israeli soldiers were flown to Entebbe; they brought along a black Mercedes disguised to look like Idi Amin’s personal car. The raid took a total of 58 minutes, in which all the terrorists were killed, and all but three of the hostages were safely rescued. The raid, dubbed Operation Thunderbolt, was subsequently renamed Operation Yonatan -- after Col. Yonatan Netanyahu (brother of Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu), the leader of the raid, and the only Israeli soldier killed.
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