FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY
Rabbi Jonah Layman

ISRAEL AT 70 – WHY IT SHOULD MATTER

2018 marks a milestone in the history of the State of Israel. In May 1948, British government personnel left Israel – per UN mandate – and Israel immediately declared itself a state. The United States, under President Harry Truman, was among the first to recognize Israel’s legitimacy. It was a remarkable achievement that reflected the passion, energy and true grit of the political leaders (e.g. Theodor Herzl and Chaim Weizmann) and the farmers who established the kibbutzim.

Since its establishment, Israel has grown from a population of 600,000 to nearly nine million today. It is in the forefront of agricultural, biomedical and technical innovations. It sells its products around the world and it sends medical teams to earthquake zones to provide healing and relief.

Though Israel has accomplished much in its brief modern history, most of the attention Israel gets focuses on the political situation – specifically the peace process with the Palestinians. It is Israel’s role in that process that has garnered much attention by Jews and non-Jews around the world.

Many people have an opinion and tragically many people – including a large number of American Jews – are exasperated with Israel’s government and feel they can’t support Israel any longer.

No matter our political position, I feel we must always support the State of Israel. Though there are Israeli government policies that I disagree with and adamantly oppose (e.g. ultra-Orthodox control of Jewish historical sites), I still consider Israel my second home. When I visit Israel and walk down streets that my ancestors walked 2,000 years ago, I feel connected and at home. It is a feeling that I don’t feel anywhere else. Though we are fortunate to live in America where we as Jews have been free to be Jewish for nearly 250 years, we know that Jews in France, in Arab countries and many other places are persecuted or attacked. It is only in Israel where we as Jews know we are truly safe and free. For that reason alone, the State of Israel deserves our support.

As Israel’s 70th birthday approaches in May, I’ll be talking and teaching more about the American-Israeli connection and ways in which we can feel more connected. In July I’ll be leading a trip to Israel during which we not only will visit multiple sites but we’ll also be celebrating two of our students who are becoming b’nai mitzvah, at the egalitarian Kotel. (There’s still time to register for this trip!) Whether we travel to Israel or we read about Israel or contribute to Israeli charitable causes, we must continue to evaluate our connection to Israel and strengthen it.

With Blessings
January 31 was Tu B’Shevat, the New Year for trees. “Happy New Year, trees. Good luck. You’re going to need it.”

It’s considered a “minor” holiday, not in the pantheon of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur or Passover. I’d say even a notch below Hanukkah.

I remember as a kid, I’d “plant” trees in Israel and wonder which was my tree.

Upon reflection, however, this holiday is not so minor after all. In fact, Tu B’Shevat may be the most important day of the year. What the day has morphed into is a call to be aware of the earth’s ecology and the environment in which every being God has created, lives. It can be a time to take care of the only home we have.

As is human nature, because the degradation of the environment is not in front of us and on fire, it just doesn’t seem to get the attention that it deserves. But this degradation, which in terms that we can understand, is essentially permanent and should be the A-Number 1 issue to which we demand attention – and immediate change in our nation’s policies.

It is human nature to give our attention to the immediate and transitory. We focus on health care, the economy, poverty, jobs, wars, immigration, equality, discrimination and so many other issues. These are all important. They deserve our attention and actions. But no matter how bad things are, any of these issues can be fixed over time. It might be a long time, perhaps a generation or two, but they are all fixable. But – the environment, once broken is broken for millennia. When you think that Abraham smashed his father’s idols 3600 years ago, that is forever as we can understand it.

But yet, the irreparable damage that we have done, are doing and will continue to do to the one and only home we have, gets scant acknowledgement and does not hold our attention for too long. As Jews, we cannot allow this.

And we, in the United States of America, have just walked away from this issue. On the entire planet, there is only one country that is NOT a signatory to the Paris Climate Accords: the U.S.A. It’s impossible to get all the countries to agree on anything – even that the sun rises in the east – and yet, all but one have at least signed on to Paris. We have totally messed up and for what? For the material well-being and conveniences that we all have.

Is it too late? In my view, just about. Should we give up? No. Where we live, our elected officials are supportive of initiatives to try to mitigate the eternal damage we are inflicting, so what can we do? We can, and should, remind our local officials of the importance of this but also we can support national organizations, such as the Sierra Club, Earthjustice, League of Conservation Voters or Natural Resources Defense Council, to name a few.

History will look back on our generations and judge us. I’m afraid that this judgment will not be too kind. In my view, God must be saddened and frustrated with his creation. Let’s resolve ourselves to be amongst the righteous and to fight to save the planet.
**GREAT BIG Challah Bake-off**

Sunday, February 11, 2018  
12:30 to 3:00 pm

Come together with your Shaare Tefila community and learn the special mitzvah of baking Challah!  
Featuring guest baker Rabbi Jonah Layman

Rabbi Layman will share his delicious Challah recipe (which he bakes from scratch for every Shabbat!)

You will make challah from scratch and experience the special link to our heritage in the making of challah.

Participants will receive a free “Challah Bake” apron!

This is an event for All ages and Stages of life! (Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

Light dairy will be available at our extended Café Shaare Tefila prior to the event

Come out for this great afternoon of baking, unity, and fun as we braid challah together!

**“WE KNEAD YOU!”**

Register via Chaverweb, via email to Missy at mmandell@shaaretefila.org or call Sara at 301-593-3410, ext 104 by February 6th

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**SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT**  
FRAN WEISS

For many years now, Shaare Tefila Sisterhood has offered scholarships of $300 to teens and young adults planning a visit to Israel through an organization. This year is no different. If there is a trip to Israel in your future through USY, B’nai B’rith, Habonim, Young Judea, High School in Israel, a good-will mission or volunteer project, consider applying for this one-time scholarship. Unfortunately, trips through Birthright or other fully-funded trips do not qualify. The young adult’s parent must be a Shaare Tefila member and the mother must be a current paid-up member of the Sisterhood as of the date of the Paid-Up Membership Dinner.

Please submit the scholarship application (in writing or by email) by March 12, 2018 to ensure that the sponsoring organization will receive Sisterhood’s check in a timely manner. [Click here](#) for the application form.

Because the Shaare Tefila community is eager to hear about the trip taken by the scholarship recipient, we ask that that person present a talk about his/her experience to the congregation within three months of his/her return.

Please contact me for more information about this offer: faoweiss@gmail.com.

We look forward to continuing to provide this service to families, as we have done for several decades.
Upcoming Shaare Tefila Youth & Family Events

Tu B’Shevat Katan
When: Sunday, February 4; 12:30-2:00 PM
Where: Shaare Tefila
Cost: $5 covers program supplies Who: K-5th grades
Bring a parve or dairy lunch & meet in the Winer Family Gallery; activity will start at 12:30pm. Enjoy an afternoon of crafting & learning about nature to celebrate Tu B’Shevat. Make your own terrarium to bring home! RSVP via Chaverweb by 1/31 to guarantee supplies.

Tech Cafe
When: Sunday, February 4; 10:30-12:30 PM
Where: Shaare Tefila
Who: Adults looking for Tech tutoring and 8th-12th graders
Free one-on-one Technology Tutoring by Teens. Bring your charged device and your questions to Shaare Tefila.
Light refreshments will be provided.
Teens: Want an easy and fun way to earn SSL hours? Help adults with their tech devices and questions.

Havdalah and Hang out
When: Saturday, February 10; 7:00-8:30pm
Where: Shaare Tefila Cost: Free Who: 6th-12th graders
Start the week right with food, friends, and fun in the Schneider Family Youth Lounge. Have an idea about redecorating your space? Just want a place to hang out that’s all yours with music or a movie? Get together with your Shaare Tefila friends and make the lounge the place to be.
RSVPs requested by 2/7 so we can order pizza.

Winter Kadima Kallah
When: February 16th-18th Where: Capital Camps
Cost: $315 for transportation, program, food, room Who: 6-8th grades
Join Jewish middle schoolers from MD, DC, VA, & NC to spend Shabbat together, using the camp facilities to relax, play sports & games, & enjoy lots of amazing programs, including snowtubing on Sunday morning! Contact Missy with questions or for scholarship information. Register at https://www.regpacks.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100215220

For more information or questions, email Missy Mandell, Youth and Family Programs Coordinator, at Mmandell@Shaaretefila.org.
Shaare Tefila’s Annual
Purim Carnival
Sunday, February 25
10:45-11:30am
Funny stories and Purim songs with
Barry Polisar and Hazan Rebecca
No Charge

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Purim Carnival
Play-All-Day bracelet for $15

Featuring....
Moon Bounce! Queen Esther’s Nail Salon!
Face Painting! Lollipop Tree! Awesome Prizes!

Food available for purchase
Hot Dogs! Popcorn!
Hamentashen!

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
FROM: RABBI LAYMAN

MI SHE-NICHCAS ADAR MARBIM BE-SIMCHA
When the Month of Adar Begins We Increase Our Joy

As a child I always loved the holiday of Purim - which falls in the middle of the month of Adar, beginning on the evening of February 28 - March 1 this year. I loved dressing up and in my Jewish Day School we always had a carnival and a Purim play. It was a lot of fun to dress up as Haman or Mordecai and it still is fun for me to dress up as a superhero or some other celebrity. But if we pause a moment we should ask ourselves about that rabbinic statement. How can we be commanded to be happy? How are we supposed to be happy on order? Imagine the historical context in which our ancestors lived.

From Rabbinic Times, 2,000 years ago, until the turn of the 20th century, most Jews lived under harsh, oppressive and often dangerous conditions. Pogroms were frequent and it was difficult if not impossible to fully observe and celebrate the holidays. In that context the rabbis wanted us nonetheless to be happy!

Purim is a holiday that expresses our fantasy of what it would be like if we could be in charge, what it would be like to be free from oppression.

May the command to be happy inspire us to work to ensure that all people in the world can be safe and free and happy.

Be happy, it’s ADAR

MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesday, February 14 at 10:00 am

Howard Politzer will speak about his 40 years of experiences as the owner of a hardware store in D.C. including some very interesting stories.

All men are invited

MORNING MINYAN

SPECIAL NOTE
Saying Kaddish?
Please inform Rabbi Layman a week prior to be assured a morning minyan.

Become a regular at minyan. You will be warmly welcomed.

TOT SHABBAT: OUR SHABBAT SERVICE FOR OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS
Upcoming Dates: February 24, 2018 and March 10, 2018

Bring your little ones and join us!

Wine Tasting at Shaare Tefila
with
Steve Kerbel

Sunday, March 4
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
$18 per person

Steve Kerbel has conducted wine tasting events throughout the U.S. and in Israel.

Steve has visited over 100 Israeli wineries and he brings wines from Israel and shares stories and anecdotes about them and their history. Learn about the geography of Israel through its wine and wine makers.

RSVP on ChaverWeb, or contact Sara in the office.
**Family SHABBAT DINNER**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6:00 PM**

**SHABBAT SERVICES**

**FOLLOWED BY SHABBAT DINNER**

Menu
- Chili
- Veggie black bean chili with butternut squash
- Rice
- Salad
- Dessert

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

Sign up on ChaverWeb by Tuesday, February 20 or contact Sara in the office smiller@shaaretefila.org.

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**NEWS FROM THE WINER FAMILY GALLERY**

**FRAN ABRAMS, FINE ARTS COMMITTEE**

The Winer Family Gallery is now showing *Singular Expressions*, an exhibit of monotype prints — original, one-of-a-kind pieces, created by artist Patricia Affens who lives in Olney. All artwork is for sale and a portion of the proceeds benefits Shaare Tefila.

Affens began her art career after working as an Information Technology Specialist for 31 years with Montgomery County Government. Her artistic journey started with silversmithing, jewelry making and fused glass art. She then discovered abstract painting and monotype printmaking, art forms that allow her to express herself without restrictions. A blank canvas or piece of paper begins an exploration.

A monotype print is made by drawing, painting and/or rolling oil-based etching ink or watercolor onto an acrylic, glass or smooth metal plate. The application of the ink creates a design that is then transferred onto paper using a printing press. This produces a one-of-a-kind print. Often this results in a surprise because the design is altered when the paper is pressed into the ink. A print with multiple layers can be created by adding or subtracting from the original plate and rerunning the print. Or a single-layer “ghost” can be created by taking the leftover ink from the plate and running it through the press again resulting in a completely different piece than the original print.

Patricia exhibits locally and has been juried into shows at the Mansion at Strathmore in North Bethesda, Glen Echo’s Yellow Barn, and Capital Arts Network (now Artists and Makers) in Rockville. She has shown her work at The Writer’s Center and Gallery B in Bethesda, and Congregation Har Shalom, Potomac; Regina Palace, Maiori, Italy; Pyramid Atlantic, Silver Spring; and Oasis Organization, Bethesda.

For more information about the artist, visit www.patriciaaffens.com.

*Singular Expressions* continues through February 26, 2018.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Please join us for the fifth annual **JTS EVENING OF LEARNING**

**The Land of Israel:**
Land of Longing, Land of Promise

Commemorate Israel’s 70th birthday with a celebration of Jewish learning featuring JTS’s renowned faculty.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018**

**5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.**

Congregation B’naï Tzedek
10621 S. Glen Road, Potomac, Maryland
This year at Gates of Discovery: The Rose and George Teller Preschool of Shaare Tefila, we have an intention of *Masa ben Sipurim*, or *Journeying through Stories*. This concept is enlivening our classes and learning throughout the year. As the holiday of Chanukah approached, we considered how to apply this intention to our Chanukah discussions. Storytelling is a powerful device through which to convey culture, identity and values. We focused on the concept of *Pirsumei Nisa*, the laws of publicizing the (Chanukah) miracle. This requirement to share the story of Chanukah with others served the storytelling practices we have incorporated into our year.

When asked how to best publicize the miracle, the children immediately remembered the custom of placing the chanukiyah in a window. “If we put it in the window, people will see it,” said one 3-year-old, “They will know it’s Chanukah!” Some of our classes designed chanukiyot specifically to be seen from afar, through the windows. Others thought that sharing the changing look of the candles as they burned would spread the word in a more dynamic way.

Once they started building their chanukiyah, challenges arose. “How do we keep the candles in, so they don’t fall when they are burning?” the children wondered. On their first attempt, they stuck the candles in so tightly, that it was not possible to get them out and the next day’s candles in. Figuring out how to surmount these difficulties is a large part of our learning philosophy. Another hotly debated topic was how to represent the shamash. Some children thought that, as the helper candle, it should be higher than the others. Other children thought its holder should be at the same level, but it should have some sort of designation, such as a special symbol. In the end, both of these strategies were employed – the shamash was placed at a higher level, but also decorated more elaborately.

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Then the question of to whom we should publicize the miracle was discussed. “To the Synagogue!” the children agreed. So over the holiday, we placed our chanukiyot, and video of the candles burning, in the social hall for everyone who entered the synagogue to see.

Our holiday celebration and understanding was enriched through the stories we told to ourselves and each other.
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Order and receive your gift cards in less than a week. Support Shaare Tefila!

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A Purim Dessert from Joan Nathan

Every year at Purim we look forward to eating hamantaschen, but the first recipe I could find for cookies we might recognize as hamantaschen—filled with poppy seeds—appeared in Aunt Babette’s Cookbook of 1889. So what did American Jews eat on Purim before then? Purim fritters, also known as Queen Esther’s toast.

A recipe for Purim fritters appears in Jennie June’s Cookbook of 1866, and it was copied as Queen Esther’s toast in the National Cookery Book 10 years later, celebrating the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. It was made from the inside of a stale roll or loaf of bread, with the crust removed, soaked in eggs and milk; it was then fried in butter and served with cinnamon, a sugar syrup, honey, or “hundreds and thousands”—essentially, jimmies or sprinkles.

Queen Esther’s Toast

| 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter |
| 3/4 cup dark brown sugar |
| 2 tablespoons maple or corn syrup |
| 4 bananas |
| 1 1/2-inch-thick even-size slices of bread, like challah or brioché |
| 1 1/2 cups half-and-half |
| 6 large eggs |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 1 tablespoon orange zest |
| 4 teaspoons confectioners’ sugar, for garnish |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon, to garnish |

1. Melt the butter, brown sugar, and maple or corn syrup in a saucepan, stirring to break up the brown sugar. Bring to a boil and continue to cook for 2 minutes without stirring. Then coat the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan with this syrup and cool.

2. Cut the bananas in half-inch-thick circles. Scatter the fruit over the syrup in the pan.

3. Trim the crust from the bread if you wish to make the slices uniform (I don’t usually bother) and arrange the bread over the fruit.

4. Blend together the half-and-half, eggs, vanilla, and orange zest in a large mixing bowl and carefully pour the mixture over the bread in the pan, making sure that all the bread is well soaked. You might have to use a spatula to pat the bread down or spoon some of the egg mixture over the pieces. Refrigerate overnight.

5. When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 degrees and remove the casserole from the refrigerator. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until golden brown on top. Let cool 10 minutes before serving. Run a knife around the inside of the pan. Invert a platter over the baking dish and carefully flip the pan over onto it. There will be a lovely fruit pattern on top. Sprinkle with confectioners’ sugar, cut into portions, and serve immediately.

Yield: 8-10 servings

### PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

#### TOT SHABBAT
**LED BY: MARA LANSKY**

**WHO:** Young Children & Families  
**WHAT:** Morning Shabbat Program  
**WHEN:** Shabbat, 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

- February 24  
- March 10  
- April 21  
- June 2

#### GAN KATAN PLAYGROUP
**LED BY: MARA LANSKY**

**WHO:** Children preschool age and their parents  
**WHAT:** Play, story time, crafts and snack - Free  
**WHEN:** Sundays, 10:00 AM

- March 18  
- April 22  
- May 6

#### FAMILY SHABBAT
**INCLUDES:**
Hazzan Rebecca, Shabbat Dinner, Family Service, TOT Shabbat, Birthday Shabbat

**PROGRAMS FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH SATURDAY**
**JOIN IN AT ANY POINT**

**FRIDAY EVENING:** 6:00 PM  
**SATURDAY MORNING:** 10:15 AM

- February 23-24  
- April 20-21

Questions? Contact **Missy Mandell**  
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#### WOMEN’S ROSH CHODESH CIRCLE
**LED BY: SUSAN RUBENSTEIN**

Starting time: 10:15 am or when the Torah service begins

- **Rosh Chodesh Adar - Shabbat, February 17**  
- **Rosh Chodesh Nissan - Shabbat, March 17**  
- **Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Sunday, April 22**  
- **Rosh Chodesh Sivan - Shabbat, May 12**

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**February - March**

#### SAVE THE DATE

**February**
- Saturday, February 3 - Comedy Night  
- Sunday, February 4 - Sisterhood Adult Coloring  
- Saturday, February 10 - High School Graduation Service  
- Sunday, February 11 - The Great Challah Bake-Off w/ Rabbi Layman

**March**
- Sunday, March 4 - Wine Tasting  
- Sunday, March 18 - Women’s Seder
Shaare Tefila Men’s Club
16620 Georgia Ave. Olney, MD 20832
2018 Passover Wine Sale
[All wines Kosher for Passover]
Please order by email, phone or regular mail beginning MARCH 4 - MARCH 25
Pickup and/or home delivery beginning MARCH 4

ISRAELI WHITE WINES

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WINES FROM CALIFORNIA, NY OR OTHER COUNTRIES THAN ISRAEL

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Email: saleavey@gmail.com, or call 301-384-8928 or 301-325-4859
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member price until March 1.
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