Many of you reading this article may remember that miraculous day in May 1948 when David Ben Gurion proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel followed shortly thereafter by President Harry Truman officially recognizing Israel’s independence. What a remarkable time that was in Jewish history. Just 3 years after the end of the most devastating and tragic event in all of Jewish history – the annihilation of 6 million Jews in the Holocaust – the United Nations voted to allow the establishment of the Jewish State. It was a time of great promise. For the first time in nearly 2,000 years we Jews had an autonomous homeland. Never again would we be subjected to persecution and oppression by the authorities of the countries in which we lived. Now we had a place where we could be free. Within a decade Israel’s population would at least triple in size and now 70 years later Israel is home to over 7 million people – 80% of whom are Jewish.

Though Israel still finds itself politically isolated and subject to the harsh and often anti-Semitic BDS (boycott, divestment, sanction) movement, it still manages to be a world leader in medical, agricultural and water technology. It also sends search and rescue teams and mobile hospitals to emergency situations around the world. There is much to be proud of for Israel’s short 70 years of existence and much to celebrate. Might I suggest three ways that you can join me in celebrating this magnificent milestone:

1. It’s not too late to sign up for the trip I’m leading to Israel July 2-12! What better way to celebrate Israel’s birthday then traveling around the country and experiencing its beauty and history for yourself! Contact me for more information.

2. Join the Washington Jewish community on Sunday June 3 from Noon-4. The celebration that day will be held at The Plaza in Tyson’s Corner, VA and more info will follow.

3. Learn about Israel over the decades through its poetry. I’ll be teaching a three-part class on Wednesday evenings May 9, 16 and 23 in which we’ll explore aspects of Israeli society through the eyes of Israel’s most well regarded poets.

With wishes for Israel’s continued well being…
Now that I am nearing the end of my term as president, I wanted to use the next few articles to acknowledge some of the people who have been of great assistance to me. This month, I want to write about some of our professional staff. While we have great people working on all levels at Shaare Tefila, as president, most of my interactions have been with our administrative staff and Rabbi Layman.

Sara Miller is our Office Administrator. Sara regularly sends the Shabbat announcements to me – like clockwork every Friday morning. Most importantly, Sara edits this newsletter. As such she is responsible for herding all of her cats — the contributors — to ensure that their articles are submitted in a timely fashion. Having a lot to do, and not much of any import to say, I typically treated the deadline as the starting gun. Sara patiently sent reminders to me asking, cajoling, pleading that I submit my article lest it not be included in the next month’s Shofar. She probably puts up with a lot and, having to deal with me dragging my feet shouldn’t have added to her list, but it did. On a regular basis.

Jill Goldwater is our Executive Director. She’s dealt with a lot of different presidents over her tenure and had the “pleasure” of working with me these past two years. This may come as a surprise to some of you, but – at my worst moments – I’m not always the most correct or patient of people with whom to work. I run a very small business and for good or ill, things go the way I say they should. No matter what I throw at or near Jill she always handles any situation with tact and grace. Being a small shul with limited staffing, the Executive Director often wears many hats. Jill wears them all well. While I would joke that it would be great to work for a Jewish organization, given all the extra holidays off, Jill’s job is not a 9 – 5 one. She attends many meetings in the evenings and on Sundays. Even when on vacation, she monitors her e-mail and responds if really needed. Most importantly to me, Jill was not afraid to point out to me when I was wrong on an issue — or at least not a right as I could be! She sees things through the lens of institutional experience and is familiar with our interpersonal dynamics. Sometimes I needed to reflect more than I initially had and Jill served as a mirror for me to take a step back and think an issue through.

Rabbi Layman. Dear Rabbi Layman. We’ve had an interesting, and I think fruitful, complementary relationship. He takes his role in our community very seriously, and, in my mind, no one could fit in with our community better than he does. Not pretentious or showy, Rabbi Layman is approachable and down to earth. He’s taken my “get’er done” style in stride and when concerns have arisen, has not been afraid to approach me with them. While our differences have been few and not terribly significant, he has had to put up with a lot by putting up with me and some of my suggestions that seemingly come from left field. During the past two years, Rabbi Layman has really come into his own, not just as our religious leader, but as the conscience of Shaare Tefila, as witnessed by his speaking out on issues of social injustice and raising our awareness of how we can repair the world in our own ways. I’m confident that he will continue to be the leader that we need for years to come. We have other wonderful people on staff: Beth Adler, Pre school Director, Aviva Janus, Education Director and Missy Mandell, Youth & Family Programs Coordinator. Each has done a wonderful job on behalf of our community and should be acknowledged for her hard work.

To everyone who works so hard on behalf of Shaare Tefila, thank you for striving to make us the best that we can be. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to work with you.
Purim @ Shaare Tefila (Recap)

Guess Who…
Answer on P. 9

Perry Sandler, our “joyful sponsor”
The Shofar

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
LESSONS IN VALUES FROM THE “EXODUS STORY”

From: Rabbi Layman

The Exodus of the Israelite slaves from Egyptian bondage is one of the key elements of our Jewish heritage. Much of our ritual is based on remembering that we were slaves in Egypt. As we say in the kiddush on Friday night “in remembrance of the Exodus.” Scholars over the centuries have tried to prove that the Exodus was actually a historic event but so far to no avail. Does it matter whether we can prove the events as described in the Torah? Would it make our Jewish practice more legitimate if we knew that the Israelites actually were slaves and that they fled? Or is it enough to know that the “story” of the Exodus is important for teaching us the values that we hold dear today.

Due to the Exodus we need to be hospitable to the stranger, we need to treat all people with respect and dignity, and we need to fight for the rights of all people to be free. Whether or not the Exodus happened doesn’t matter - what matters is how we behave as Jews today.

PASSOVER INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES

Friday, March 30
8:00 am service and study session for first born followed by burning of the chametz.

Evening: first Seder (NO Evening Service)

Saturday, March 31
9:00 am service includes Hallel, prayer for dew

Evening: second Seder (NO Evening Service)

Sunday, April 1
9:00 am service includes Hallel and the blessing of the Kohanim. (NO Evening Service)

Thursday, April 5
6:00 pm evening service

Friday, April 6
9:00 am service (NO Torah Study) includes Hallel, and the blessing of the Kohanim

6:00 pm evening service

Saturday, April 7
9:00 am Service includes Hallel and Yizkor (NO Evening Service)

Passover Holiday Concludes at 8:20 pm

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT
FRAN WEISS

Women’s Seder

A wonderful yearly tradition at Shaare Tefila occurred on Sunday, March 18th. The Women’s Seder was filled with traditional Passover songs, new versions of old tunes, audience participation and tons of dancing and shaking of timbrels! Sally Heickleman and Audrey Katz led the seder with ruach and joy.

What a glorious evening, as close to 100 of our sisters came together to celebrate the contribution that women have made, not only to the Passover story but every facet of our lives.

If you could not make it this year, we look forward to seeing you at next year’s seder!

We would like to thank Lenore Layman who coordinated the event this year and Vivienne Auerbach for being the chef extraordinaire.

Sisterhood Happenings!

April
• 9th Board Meeting
• 22nd Women’s Rosh Chodesh Circle

This special Sunday edition is from 10 am to 12 noon.

Topic: “Making it Count: Counting the Omer”

Buy Scrip

Please remember to purchase scrip!
TOT SHABBAT: OUR SHABBAT SERVICE FOR OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS

April 21, 2018, 10:45 am

Bring your little ones and join us!

Did you know that our February Tot Shabbat had about a dozen kids with their parents? They dressed in costumes for Purim and made awesome grogers that they brought to the Megila reading!

In March they made festive matzoh plates and discussed Passover as well as Shabbat. What a ruach-filled group!

Our next class is April 22
We’ll be celebrating Earth Day.
Bring your preschoolers and come join us.
RSVP to drgmrs@aol.com

The March Gan Katan class was focused on Passover with seder plates, songs, crafts and tons of playtime!
All young ones with a grown up are welcome to attend both Gan Katan Playgroup and Tot Shabbat.
Questions? Contact Morah Mara at MaraMaraKay@aol.com

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at Shaare Tefila
Sunday, April 8th- 10:00AM

Service led by Rabbi Layman

Join the Shaare Tefila community to view “The Lady in Number 6”, a documentary about Alice Sommer, the oldest known Holocaust survivor when the documentary was released in 2013.

The documentary highlights how Sommer used music to survive the Holocaust. Guest speaker Ilan Glazer will speak about the movie.

Light refreshments will be served.
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SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING
JCC COMING OF AGE EVENT

Seth Kibel & Daryl Davis in Concert
Jazz, Blues & Popular Song

When: Thursday, April 12, 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm
RSVP by April 9 to JCC 301-348-3809
Cost $7, $8 at door

MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesday, April 11 at 10:00 am

Jewish Life in Hawaii
Al Kliman

All Men Are Invited
In the last two editions of the Shofar, I discussed how one of our classes decided to focus their attention on hugs. After exploring the hugs for a while, the children decided to represent the hugs in clay and sewn sculptures. The group working with sewn materials reached an impasse when the materials were too soft to allow for the mom’s knee to stay bent, as in the photograph. This month’s article continues that story.

Often when children encounter a problem, adults find a “workaround” for the children, so that the process can continue at a good pace. But these “cognitive knots” as we call them, are where we believe the real learning takes place. So when the children could not create a bent knee from the fabric they had sewn together, we did not move on to a different solution, solve the problem or even suggest possible solutions. We sat in the knot with the children.

Meanwhile, the group that had chosen to represent the hug in clay began to shape the clay into sculptural form. Through previous exploration with clay, children have developed a sense of the fluidity that clay offers. Children were invited to use this knowledge in their efforts to represent the hug.

With the picture of the hug in hand, the children started to manipulate the clay. They had a very specific goal in mind. They wanted to create the head first. The faces they had created prior to this were two-dimensional, but the picture of the hug clearly illustrated three dimensions. Once this challenge was mastered, the children needed to create a body. This introduced the concept of scale to their sculpture.

Next came legs. Two children each began to roll out a leg. But when they went to attach them, they realized they were not at all similarly sized. Back to rolling.

Once both bodies were assembled, the children needed to pose the sculpture. As the father in this hug was leaning over quite far to hug his daughter, this proved to be another logistical challenge. The first few efforts to bring stability to the sculpture were not successful, resulting in the sculpture toppling over and parts cracking. Eventually the children decided to use wire to stabilize the piece.

Meanwhile, back at the sewing table, the children noticed the rigidity that the wire gave to the clay sculpture. They realized that wire could be their solution as well! They opened up the hem on one of the legs and sewed a piece of wire into the leg. Success!

During the month of March, Chavaya prepared for Passover. Each class focused on a different aspect of the holiday and produced an art project to support their theme. Our works were displayed in the Weiner Family Gallery for the community to view.

**Kitah Alef** students worked diligently under the guidance of Morah Emily to decorate seder plates meant to grace the tables of our families. They wrote, in Hebrew, the letters for Passover – *pay, samech, chet,* and decorated cups for the seder-plate-foods such as charoset, zeraah and karpas.

**Kitah Bet** focused on the portion of the Hagadah that discusses the four children - the simple child, the wise child, the bad child and the child that doesn’t know which questions to ask. Each student made a centerpiece for the seder table with these children in mind. They wrote in Hebrew the names of the four children and a little bit about their relation to the experience. The Hagadah instructs us to tailor each child’s Passover experience to his/her particular needs.

**Kitah Gimel** sewed afikomen bags. Some of our Kitah Gimel students already knew how to sew and others attempted this skill for the first time in class under the guidance of Morah Rebecca. They learned the meaning of the afikomen and focused on the end portions of the Hagadah.

**Kitah Daled** created pillowcases for pillows they will be leaning against at the seder to show that the Jewish people are a free people. The pillowcases had footprints printed on them to represent the journey the Israelites took on foot from Egypt across the desert to the Land of Israel. This class also made freedom booklets in which students chose selections from the Hagadah that they found personally intriguing. We commented on these sections, added photos and reflections. We also connected the issue of freedom to the modern struggle of some groups for freedom today.

**Hazzan Rebecca,** who meets with us every Sunday, played an integral role in our preparations for Passover by reminding us of the popular Passover songs and introducing us to some new ones. The Skype Hebrew tutors made sure that the 3rd through 6th grade students were conversant in many sections of the Hagadah.

We look ahead to April when one of the highlights is a trip for Kitah Daled and Teen Chavaya to the Pentagon 911 Memorial.

Chavaya staff wishes all our families a Chag Sameach.
Our discourse around Israel—especially in this historic year—tends to focus on the modern state and contemporary questions of sovereignty and coexistence. But why is Israel so important to us to begin with? At this year’s JTS Evening of Learning, we will explore the role that the Land of Israel has played in the Jewish imagination over the course of millennia and consider how this resonates with us today. The evening will conclude with a festive leh-shirah (communal singing) led by local cantors and open to the community at no charge.

A celebration of Jewish learning featuring JTS’s renowned faculty and fellows:

- **DR. ELISSA BEMPORAD**, JTS Fellow and Associate Professor of East European Jewish History and the Holocaust at Queens College and the CUNY Graduate Center
- **DR. HILLEL BEN-SASSON**, Assistant Professor of Israel Studies, JTS
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The Social Action Committee is proud and honored to have participated in the *March For Our Lives* on March 24 in Washington, D.C. More than 30 Shaare Tefila members, marched together from Sixth and I Historic Synagogue to the rally on Pennsylvania Avenue. Many other congregants participated in the march with other groups, friends and family. Several of our congregants attended sister marches, including one at Leisure World. Shaare Tefila was well represented at this historic, inspiring event.

Before the group left from Sixth and I, they shared this poignant prayer:

“A prayer before March for Our Lives” by Rabbi Naomi Levy:

We will march
For our children’s sake
We will march
Because standing still is not an option
We will march
Because a new day is coming
We will march
Young and old, hand in hand
We will march
Like the Children of Israel at the foot of the sea
We will march

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**THE SHOFAR**

**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**

| 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**
**RSVP to CILLA GROSBERG: drgmrs@aol.com**

| April 22 | May 6 |

**FAMILY SHABBAT**
**INCLUDES:**
HAZZAN REBECCA, SHABBAT DINNER, FAMILY SERVICE, TOT SHABBAT

**PROGRAMS FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH SATURDAY**
**JOIN IN AT ANY POINT**
**FRIDAY EVENING: 6:00 PM SERVICES FOLLOWED BY SHABBAT DINNER**
**SATURDAY MORNING: 10:15 AM**
**APRIL 20-21**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**
**April - May**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April**
Sunday, April 1 - Second Day of Passover
Sunday, April 8 - Yom Hashoah Program - “The Lady in Number 6”
Sunday, April 29 - JTS Evening of Learning (Shaare Tefila is a cosponsor)

**May**
Sunday, May 6 - Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year Event
Tuesday, May 15 - Sisterhood Spring Dinner
Wednesday, May 9, 16 - Israel over the decades through its poetry, with Rabbi Layman
Wednesday, May 23 - Annual Meeting

**“Guess Who” answers**

Rabbi Jonah Layman
Stuart Carroll, President

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MORNING MINYAN
SPECIAL NOTE
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Contact the office or Rabbi Layman
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APRIL 14
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Donate to the Enhanced Kiddush, “CHALLAH & SCHMEAR” TODAY
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NEWS FROM THE WINER FAMILY GALLERY
FRAN ABRAMS, FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

The Winer Family Gallery presents Pastel Landscapes, an exhibit of original, one-of-a-kind pastel paintings, created by artist Jean Hirons. Jean lives in Rockville and paints in her studio at Artists and Makers in Rockville and plein air, that is, at the site of what she is depicting.

Jean has been painting exclusively in pastel since the mid-1990s and has taught classes in the medium since 2004. A native of the Massachusetts coast near Cape Cod, Jean has lived in the Washington, D.C. area since 1976. Her paintings frequently include the domestic architecture of New England or the farms of the Mid-Atlantic. More recently, she has been painting scenes from Washington, D.C.

Jean retired from an award-winning career at the Library of Congress in 2003 in order to devote her attention to pastel painting. In 2012, she published her highly-acclaimed book, Finding Your Style in Pastel, based on her teaching at Montgomery College in Rockville. She now teaches classes at Artists and Makers. Her efforts have garnered signature membership in the Pastel Society of America and Master Circle Membership in the International Association of Pastel Societies.

Jean says that, as artists, we bring our own individual “eye” and sensitivity to our work, which makes it recognizable, regardless of the circumstances under which it was painted whether in the studio or outdoors. One of her favorite subjects is buildings in the landscape, which is evident from the many houses and barns in these pastel paintings.

For more information about the artist, and to see more of her work, visit www.jeanhirons.com

All artwork is for sale and a portion of the proceeds benefits Shaare Tefila.

Pastel Landscapes continues through April 30, 2018.

Shakshuka

(Celebrate Yom Haatzmaut, April 19, with this dish)

Shakshuka is a much beloved Israeli egg dish. It origin is North Africa but is now considered an Israeli iconic dish. It can be prepared in many ways - with fresh tomatoes and peppers, chunks of eggplant, tahini, lamb meatballs or feta cheese.

Ingredients

- 2-3 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 Tbsp paprika
- 1 tsp cumin
- pinch caraway seeds
- 1 28 oz can diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 3-4 large eggs
- fresh parsley
- feta (optional)

Directions

Add oil to a large sauté pan (pan should be a little on the deeper side) over medium heat. Add garlic and cook 1 minute. Add tomato paste and spices and continue to cook for 3-4 minutes until fragrant.

Add can of diced tomatoes and simmer over medium heat for 15-20 minutes.

When sauce has thickened slightly, crack eggs into small glass bowls and then gently add to tomato sauce. Cover and cook 3-5 minutes, until whites have set and yolk is to your liking (I like it on the runnier side, so I cook it slightly less time).

When eggs are done, sprinkle with fresh parsley (or cilantro or mint) and scatter feta over the top if desired. Serve with fresh pita or other fresh crusty bread.

https://70facesmedia.org/how-to-make-shakshuka/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI5ZSF99zf2QIVIUoNCh3uLg6nEAAYASACEgLYiVD_BwE
March For Our Lives (Cont’d from page 8)

Until the raging waters part before us
We will march
Until our leaders act
We will march
In honor of the innocent souls we have lost
We will march
Turning the prayers of our hearts into action
We will march
“Praying with our feet”
We will march

To the beat of a mournful lament
We will march
With our heads held high
We will march
To finally end the madness
We will march
Rejoicing in triumph
We will march
And we will win, by God,
We will win.
Amen.

The following words are from Rabbi Layman’s blogspot, written after the march:
The rally itself was incredible. First, people of all ages, races, ethnicities and ages gathered in unity and harmony for the same reason - to advocate for sensible gun legislation. All in one voice repeated, “Enough is Enough” and other similar rallying cries. Being with 800,000 people fighting for the same cause inspired me to still have hope in our country and in our youth.

Also it was remarkable to see and hear how poised and passionate the students were. One after the other from age 10 through 18 students stood without fear and with tremendous courage in front of the crowd and spoke eloquently. Through personal experience and with powerful statements the students were able to silence the huge crowd and leave us all motivated and inspired.

I thank the shul for agreeing that the message was important and for joining me. I pray that we can continue to "pray with our feet" as Abraham Joshua Heschel taught and continue to fulfill our religious destiny of fighting for social justice.

A Passover Treat

The Maven by Anonymous

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered weak and weary,
Wondering if the Afikoman could be hidden on the floor,
As I sat there shoulders hunching, suddenly I heard some crunching.
Sounding just like someone munching, munching matzah at my door.
“Tis some visitor,” I muttered, “munching matzah at my door:
Only this and nothing more.”

Ah, distinctly I remember - Pesach seder meal so tender,
So completely full were we - we could not eat not any more.
Now that we finished eating, t’was the time to begin reading
Birchat Ha’Mazon and singing first Hallel, then songs galore.
But first we had to have dessert - Afikoman was in store.
Only this and nothing more.

But first I had to find this matzah, it was hidden among lots’a
Hard to find and obscure places - this was going to be a chore!
Then suddenly I heard that crunching, sounding just like someone munching,
Hopefully he wasn’t lunching on my shmurah matzah---or...
Maybe he was being helpful, saying this and nothing more -
“How about looking in that drawer?”
Carefully I walked up to it, slid it open, peeked into it,
There it was, that tasty piece of Afikoman, hidden no more.
Now I can’t for certainty, name the one who had helped me,
But Eliyahu Ha’Navi...had helped us Jews before.
So may be it, for evermore.

(Based on The Raven by Edgar Alan Poe)
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