The Shofar

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FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY

The Rise of Anti-Semitism

There is a tragic common thread to the holidays of Purim and Passover – notably the vile, anti-Semitic comments of Haman and Pharaoh. In the book of Exodus, Pharaoh and his advisers comment on the rapid and exponential growth of the Hebrew populations and they do so in terms similar to those used for animals. In the Book of Esther, Haman complains to King Ahashverosh that the Jews are spread out throughout the empire yet maintain their own laws and refuse to follow the laws of the kingdom. Both the Torah and the Book of Esther highlight aspects of hatred that we as Jews have had to fight against for millennia.

Though we are extremely fortunate to be living in America, the ADL has reported a drastic rise in the number of anti-Semitic acts of graffiti and violence here, the worse of which was the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue at the end of this past October. Anti-Semitism is even more prevalent in Europe. Jews are leaving France (the third largest Jewish community in the world) in great numbers. What can we do?

Unlike the Torah and biblical Book of Esther, we can’t rely on a miracle from God. We have to protest and advocate for ourselves. Though we have historically tried to stay in the background and not raise a fuss, we must be more proactive and we must not allow anti-Semitism to spread. As we recite the phrase in the Haggadah, “in every generation we must see ourselves as if we left Egypt,” we must today understand that as a call to triumph over the powers of hatred and evil.

May this upcoming holiday be one of peace and love, and may we see the day soon when people in the world can learn to see the spark of God in every human being.

Rabbi Jonah Layman

(anti-Semitic graffiti on a memorial in a Jewish cemetery in France Feb 20, 2019)
Many of you will recognize this famous slogan of the *New York Times*. It is likely that fewer of you will know that the slogan was adopted by *Times* owner Adolph Simon Ochs, the son of Jewish immigrants, who began his career as a boy in Knoxville, Tennessee delivering newspapers. He became a “printer’s devil” (an apprentice) in 1872 and in 1878, at age 20, he borrowed $250 to buy controlling interest in the *Chattanooga Times*. In 1896, Ochs borrowed $75,000 and acquired control of the financially faltering *New York Times*. He adopted the famous slogan that same year.

In the spirit of that famous slogan, I want to be sure that everyone is up-to-date with synagogue news.

**Jill Goldwater**, executive director *par excellence* for the past 14 years, has retired.

A farewell luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 31, at 11:30 am. Donations in her honor, of course, can be made through Chaverweb.

**Shana Rosenblatt** is our new executive director.

Shana has been a synagogue administrator (Bethesda Jewish Congregation), an events manager (B’nai Israel Congregation), a religious school teacher (Temple Beth Ami), a contract administrator, a business owner (MacArthur Pet Shop), and, last but definitely not least, she is an attorney! Stop by the office and say hello.

**Roberta Katz**

Roberta has taken over as our Office Administrator following Sara Miller’s retirement. Stop in and say hello.

**Annual Congregation Meeting**

Our annual meeting will be held, as usual, in May. Watch for more information on date and time as plans firm up and we get closer to May.

**The Future of Shaare Tefila**

The strategic planning committee has been hard at work. Ideas about how to build on our strengths, grow our membership and continue to serve our existing members in new and innovative ways are being generated by committee members. Additional ideas may come from brainstorming with representatives from B’nai Shalom of Olney and Tikvat Israel on the future of the Jewish community in our area. BUT I am asking for your ideas as well. Please email any ideas/thoughts you have to president@shaaretefila.org.

*Definition: being the best of a kind: PREEMINENT.*
Each year we choose an intention for our school. An intention is a sort of theme that binds together the work of the different classrooms. This year we decided to explore the concept of group. Early childhood settings are complex spaces populated by broadly diverse groups of people including teachers, children and their families. Relationships among these people play a key role in building a child’s identity. Children’s sense of who they are is shaped by their understanding of themselves within their family unit and the other groups to which they belong. Since our world is composed of individuals and an array of social groupings, the concept of “group” is significant to children because it is through the group they understand who they are and where they fit.

In the Spiders class, the teachers focused on the way children, with still-emerging verbal skills, communicate both verbally and non-verbally with their peers. It’s fascinating how young children can come to an agreement without exchanging a word. In the Bumblebees, they are exploring what it means to be good citizens. Leadership skills, negotiation skills, critical thinking skills and responsibility are some aspects to citizenship being explored. The Grasshoppers are exploring point of view. How can we respect each other’s viewpoints and come to a consensus. How can we be open to not only listen to others, but to be changed by the interaction? And the Dragonflies are exploring group dynamics through the venue of music, as well as how groups influence their classroom environment. And how do you both become part of the group, while keeping your own identity.

We were curious how children defined groups. Their initial response was that groups are things or people that are together. When we questioned whether other criteria (common beliefs, family groups, class groups) were important, all were considered secondary to physical proximity. And this theory was unanimous, a rare condition among our opinionated students.

As we continued our explorations, we wanted to elevate the concept of group with the children. So we revisited the question with a little twist. "What other things make us a group other than being together?" By hearing the children's theories, we will be able to deepen our explorations further. It is through revisiting we can give visibility to our memory. This will create a context for our further discussion.

Please follow us and like us on Facebook. Our page is Gates of Discovery.

March at Chavaya, and in the greater Shaare Tefila community, was filled with lots of learning about and celebrating Purim! From the annual Carnival to the chanting of the Megillat Esther/Book of Esther on Erev Purim, a great time was had by all. The children chanting the Megillah were fantastic - Yasher Koach to all of them!

The weeks leading up to Pesach/Passover are always a busy time for families, between spring activities and preparing for the holiday itself, whether you will be spending it at home or traveling to see extended family. I hope that these words of wisdom from Holy Sparks (a site where you can find Jewish art, books & inspirational quotes) are helpful for keeping it all in perspective during this time.

We may be getting closer to the end of the year in Chavaya, but students will continue to learn and have fun with their friends in April:

- On April 4-5 students in our teen class will come together for a Shabbat Shul-In. Morah Maddie and I are building a program that will have them dive deeper into the meaning of the weekly Shabbat observance. During the shul the teens will participate in the regular Shabbat services.
- The sessions on April 7 & 14 will be focused on learning about Pesach/Passover.
- Join your friends at Shaare Tefila for a TGI Shabbat Dinner on April 12th, the last Shabbat before Pesach/Passover. Register on ChaverWeb by April 9th.
- Gan Katan, our Sunday morning learning experience for preschool children and a parent or grandparent, will gather for the last time this school year on April 14th. Once again, Morah Mara Lansky will lead everyone through a fun, hands-on learning experience. RSVPs are appreciated for planning purposes by April 10th to Cilla Grosberg or me.
- If you have friends who are looking for an engaging, liberal Jewish education for their child(ren) for the 2019-2020 school year, please have them contact me, either by phone, 301-593-3410 x106 or by email as soon as possible. I would be happy to share information with them about our free K-2nd grade tuition, unique two-day-a-week program for 3rd-7th grade students incorporating in person and online learning, and other detailed information about our program.
Noah Becker was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, March 23, 2019, Parshat Tzav

Noah is a 7th grader at Rosa Parks Middle School. He enjoys spending time on the PS4 playing Fortnite with his friends. Noah has been climbing at Earthtreks for a few years. He likes picking climbs that challenge his skills and often won’t give up even when they take a long time to complete. Noah also loves to read and will often stay up late to finish whatever he is reading. For Noah’s Bar Mitzvah project he is collecting items for Johns Hopkins Hospital patients to use to play video games while at the hospital.

Samuel & Elan Joseph will be called to the Torah as B’nai Mitzvah on May 11, 2019, Parshat Kedoshim.

A MESSAGE FROM SHANA ROSENBLATT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Shalom Shaare Tefila!

My name is Shana Rosenblatt and I am the new Executive Director. I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you, but I look forward to having the opportunity to meet everyone over the next few months. Stop in and say hi when you are in the building.

I was born and raised in Montgomery County. I grew up at Temple Beth Ami in Rockville, where my mom has been the Executive Director for over twenty years. I went to the University of Rochester and then to George Washington University Law School. After recovering from the practice of law, I owned a small pet store in Bethesda for about ten years. Animals are my passion and I have three dogs, two birds and multiple fish tanks at home.

I am an endurance runner and have completed multiple half marathons and two Marine Corps Marathons. I am a slow runner, but I love the camaraderie of my running group; I am a volunteer pacer for the back of the packers. I also love the bling that I earn for each race.

I am so excited to be at Shaare Tefila. It is an amazing community filled with wonderful people. My goals include increasing our membership so that more and more people will become a part of this special place. I care a great deal about social justice and action and look forward to working with our committees to make the congregation a leader in social justice in Montgomery County. I would love to hear your thoughts or suggestions for how to move the synagogue forward and build on the wonderful foundation we have. Please feel free to email me (srosenblatt@shaaretefila.org) or stop in for a chat. This is your congregation and I look to you as we move towards our goals.

FRI, APRIL 12, 6:00 PM
SHABBAT SERVICES
FOLLOWED BY
SHABBAT DINNER

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

Sign up on ChaverWeb by Tuesday, April 9
or contact Roberta in the office
rkatz@shaaretefila.org
THANK YOU!
CONTRIBUTORS: STEPHANIE BUCKBERG, LOIS FREEDMAN AND ETHEL LEVINE

Our committee wishes to thank Amy Fetterman, Betty Freedman, and Karen Lefler for their time and energy as they helped prepare the Mischloach Manot packages this year. Without them, we wouldn’t have been able to complete the task of filling the 200 bags in preparation for Megillat Esther and the Purim Carnival. We even had helpers from outside the shul come to help us. Thanks to non-shul friends Alice Gantz and Dora Yockelson for their help this year as well. It takes a village...

WOMEN’S ROSH CHODESH CIRCLE
LED BY: SUSAN RUBENSTEIN

Saturday mornings: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Rosh Chodesh Nisan - Shabbat, April 13
Rosh Chodesh Iyyar - Shabbat, May 11
Rosh Chodesh Sivan - Shabbat, June 22

Shaare Tefila's
GAN KATAN!

CONTRIBUTOR: MARA LANSKY

The Gan Katan kids are getting ready for Purim!

Our pre-Purim class was filled with singing (Lakova Sheli), dancing, reading books, making groggers, play-doh hamantaschen and dressing up, of course!

Do you have a young one who may like to join our next Gan Katan on April 14? Just let Cilla know drgmrs@aol.com.

Thank you!
Contributors: Stephanie Buckberg, Lois Freedman and Ethel Levine

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THE SALE OF CHAMETZ
DON'T FORGET TO SELL YOUR CHAMETZ!

See p. 7 for the form. Return the form to Rabbi Layman by Friday morning, April 19. It is customary to make a donation - ma’ot chitim - to enable those who are poor to celebrate Passover. If you are sending in a check, please make your check payable to MAZON (The Jewish Response to Hunger).

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES

Friday, April 19
8:00 am service and study session for first born followed by burning of the chametz.
Evening: first Seder (NO Evening Service)

Saturday, April 20
9:00 am service includes Hallel, prayer for dew
Evening: second Seder (NO Evening Service)

Sunday, April 21
9:00 am service includes Hallel and the blessing of the Kohanim (NO Evening Service)

Thursday, April 25
6:00 pm evening service

Friday, April 26
9:00 am service includes Hallel/Blessing of the Kohanim
6:00 pm evening service

Saturday, April 27
9:00 am Service includes Hallel and Yizkor (NO Evening Service)
8:39 pm Passover Holiday Concludes

A Musical Women’s Seder
Celebrating Passover through Song, Dance, and Dinner

Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 5:00 PM
Featuring Sally Heckelman and Lisa Baydush

Sisterhood Members $30 per adult * Non-Sisterhood Members $35 per adult
$10 per child (ages 16 and under)

Contact Fran Weiss for more information faoweiss@gmail.com

PASSOVER INFORMATION
SELL YOUR CHAMETZ

The main ritual of Passover preparation is ridding our homes of all grain and leavened products (chametz). To actually throw out our food would be wasteful. The rabbis 1500 years ago devised a legal fiction which would permit us to leave the food in our homes. By selling the chametz to someone not obligated to observe the holiday, we fulfill the commandment “do not have chametz in your possession.”

In order to “sell” your chametz, complete the form below and return it to Rabbi Jonah Layman by Friday morning April 19, 2019. When “selling” our chametz, it is customary to make a donation called ma’ot chitim to enable those who are poor to celebrate Passover. All monies will be donated to MAZON: The Jewish Response to Hunger

I (we) hereby authorize Rabbi Jonah Layman to serve as my (our) agent to sell my (our) chametz. I (we) understand that I (we) cannot touch the chametz in my (our) home from 10:00 am Friday April 19, 2019, to 8:39 pm, Saturday, April 27, 2019.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________

SIGNATURE: ______________________________________________________

HEBREW NAME: ___________________________ son/daughter of__________________________

Enclosed is a donation of $ _____________ to MAZON. Checks must be made payable to “MAZON”

Enclosure Image: SELL YOUR CHAMETZ
Shaare Tefila Men’s Club
16620 Georgia Ave. Olney, MD 20832
2019 Passover Wine Sale

[All wines Kosher for Passover]
Please order by email, phone or regular mail beginning MARCH 17 – APRIL 7
Pickup and / or home delivery beginning MARCH 17

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### Wine Sale Order Form

[Please make checks payable to Shaare Tefila Men’s Club]
Email: saleavey@gmail.com, or call 301-384-8928 or 301-325-4859
Or, mail to Stephen Leavey, 13704 Castle Cliff Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904

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NEWS FROM THE WINER FAMILY GALLERY
FRAN ABRAMS, FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

Through Sunday, April 28, the Winer Family Gallery presents Local Color, an exhibit of oil paintings by Patrick Sieg. Patrick, a resident of Derwood, MD, displays paintings that portray a variety of interesting structures in Montgomery County’s countryside. His paintings feature bright daylight, crisp natural color and strong linear elements that draw attention to the beautiful architecture in our locale. His focus is on the traditional and the colorful. The images evoke emotion and a sense of nostalgia that make our county unique as well as picturesque.

Patrick Sieg’s studio practice is focused on representational portrait and landscape paintings. A consistent theme in his work is a focus on sources of light. While his art is clearly “realistic,” he strives to incorporate abstract compositional elements in his work. He finds inspiration in the work of artists John Singer Sargent, Joaquin Sorolla, Edward Hopper, Wayne Thiebaud and Richard Schmid.

After a long career in finance with Marriott Corporation, he focuses now on his love of art and oil painting and continues his studies and creative growth through classes at the National Gallery of Art, The Compass Atelier in Rockville, the Yellow Barn Studio at Glen Echo and the Art League of Alexandria.

Patrick has exhibited his artwork throughout the Washington, DC area and is an award winner in many juried shows. He is President of the Rockville Art League, a Studio 209 Resident Artist at Artists and Makers in Rockville, a Resident Artist in Artists on Market Gallery in the Kentlands and a Board Member of the Friends of the Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery in Glen Echo.

For more information about the artist, and to see more of his work, please visit www.patricksieg.com.

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

THE SPARK OF THE MONTH
CONTRIBUTOR: SUSAN J. RUBENSTEIN
SPARKS IN NISAN

Last Nisan I counted the Omer for the very first time. Until recently the Omer was but a dusty memory of a prayer from my dismal Hebrew School education – and a vague recollection involving measures (omer) of gluten-filled grain offerings brought to the Temple. Later I learned that days were being counted starting on Nisan 16, for 49 days until Shavout. Timing is everything, in our Jewish calendar and in our lives. It is not for naught that this ritual of counting culminates with Shavout, when we celebrate receiving the Torah, seven weeks after the exodus from Egypt. From Mitzrayim, (literally - The Narrow Place) of slavery’s disconnection, to the place of spiritual liberation, the Torah.

A slave mentality of years cannot be rapidly changed, and certainly not without some intentional ‘inner work,’ as we moderns call it. Torah could not be a quick fix if our ancestors were not spiritually prepared to receive it (Golden Calf episode, anyone?) Our Rabbis knew that counting the days was insufficient. A measure of our inner character, the ways we do or do not behave as being created in Hashem’s Image, was also in order to grow us into being worthy of receiving Torah. That is why this period of time, the 49 days was and is viewed as a time for inner growth work.

It was through the two doorways of Kabbalah and Mussar study that brought me to the awareness of counting the Omer being an ancient Jewish practice of mindfulness. Who knew?! I understand ‘mindfulness’ and also ‘practice’ in this way: mindfulness is a way of living with nuanced attention to the actual moment we are living, here and now. A practice is any action we consistently choose to do for reasons as varied as we are, while sharing an inevitable outcome: growth. A yoga practice can grow a mind-body connection, as an art practice can grow creative energy. I happen to have and to do these practices: Both have ‘grown me,’ so I was excited to take on a Jewish one for my spiritual development. Kabbalah and Mussar traditions have practices for each day of the seven weeks. I chose a Kabbalistic practice last year; this year I will work within the Mussar tradition. I hope to write more about the ‘hows’ of each next year. We will discuss these practices on April 13th during Rosh Chodesh Women’s Circle. Chag Pesach Sameach!
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GATES OF DISCOVERY: THE ROSE AND GEORGE TELLER PRESCHOOL HAS OPENED REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2019!!

To register and for more information contact the Office or Beth Adler, Director, at badler@shaaretefila.org or 301-593-3410 ext. 105.

Encountering God:
Jewish Conceptions of the Divine

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019, 5:00–9:00 P.M.
B’nai Israel Congregation, 6301 Montrose Rd, Rockville, Maryland

Join JTS scholars to explore what Jewish texts and thought can teach us about how we might understand and experience God, God’s role in Jewish history, and what it means to be in relationship with the divine.

Our discussions will include:
“Did God Write the Torah—and If Not, Does Torah Still Matter?”
“Conceptions of God in Jewish Mysticism: From Kabbalah to Hasidism”
“God of the Faithful, God of the Faithless: Belief and Doubt in Prayer”

Learn more and register »

PROGRAM PARTNERS
Adas Israel Congregation
Agudas Achim Congregation
B’nai Israel Congregation
B’nai Shalom of Olney
Beth Sholom Congregation
Congregation Beth Emeth
Congregation B’nai Tzedek
Congregation Beth El
Congregation Har Shalom
Congregation Olam Tikvah
Congregation Sha’are Shalom
Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies
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Kol Shalom
Ohr Kodesh Congregation
Shaare Tefila Congregation
Shaare Torah
Tifereth Israel Congregation
Tikvat Israel Congregation

Passover Maze

Can you help the boy through the maze to find the afikoman?
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4TH ANNUAL SERIES
Multicultural Dialogues on Racism & Bias

SEEING THE DIVINE IN THE OTHER

Sunday, April 7
7 - 9 PM
Islamic Community Center
of Potomac
10601 River Road
Potomac, MD

Tuesday, May 21
7 - 9 PM
Shaare Tefila Congregation
16620 Georgia Ave
Olney, MD

Thursday, June 13
7 - 9 PM
Christ Episcopal Church
4001 Franklin Street
Kensington, MD

Participants meet in small groups with a trained facilitator using exercises that raise our awareness of unconscious or learned biases, including racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, sexism, etc.

Each dialogue begins with light, vegetarian refreshments at 6:30 PM
Program starts promptly at 7 PM

Offered to anyone, of any faith tradition or ethnic background, living in Montgomery County. Teens are welcome. A $5 donation is requested at the door to cover the cost of materials.

Due to religious dietary restrictions, please do not bring food donations to any dialogue. Participants may attend one or all of the dialogues, but must register separately for each dialogue, a week before each dialogue. All attendees MUST register in advance!

REGISTER HERE | bit.ly/SpringMCD2019
The Assembly of Past Shaare Tefila Men's Club Blue Yarmulke Men of the Year has the pleasure of announcing that Michael Auerbach has been selected as this year's Shaare Tefila Men's Club Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year.

Please help honor Michael at the Seabord Region Annual Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year Awards Brunch on April 7, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Chizuk Amuno Congregation, 8100 Stevenson Road, Baltimore MD

Mazel Tov to Michael and his family!!

Register to attend by noon April 1, 2019.
To register, please visit https://www.wizardjournal.com/fjmceseaboard2019/?id=3243
Shaaare Tefila has always had a strong representation at the Blue Yarmulke Awards event in support of our awardee. Please register and let’s continue that great tradition!
To arrange a carpool, contact Mike Binder.

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Congratulations to the Shaare Tefila Men's Club Basketball Team, which under the leadership of Aaron Kraut finished the regular season in second place for the first time, and made it to the championship game for the first time on March 4, before losing to the team from Young Israel-Shomrei Emunah. This follows on the heels of the Shaare Tefila Men's Club Softball Team, under the leadership of Stan Kensky and Brian Saphier which also made it to the Fallball championship game in November (with only 8 players available), before losing to the BSO Blue team.

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Men’ Club Wine Sale is underway.
Everyone needs wine for Passover - either hosting or being a guest at a Seder - RIGHT! Get your Passover wine from the Men's Club. For those who cannot pick it up at Shul, we will deliver it to you. Please see the Wine Sale Flyer on page 8 to make your order.

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Israeli Dance with Ken Avner
every Thursday evening at 8:00 pm

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**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  

**May 18**

**GAN KATAN PLAYGROUP**
**Led by: Mara Lansky**

**Who:** Children preschool age and their parents  
**What:** Play, story time, crafts and snack - Free  
**When:** Sundays, 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM  
RSVP to Cilla Grosberg: drgmrs@aol.com

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**SPECIAL SHABBAT PROGRAMS**

Questions? Contact Babette Cohn bcohn@shaaretefila.org - 301-593-3410 X 103

**SHABBAT SHIRA** with Hazzan Adina  
**Regular Service** with Rabbi Jonah

*****A SINGING MINYAN*****  
**June 1**

**FAMILY SERVICE** with Rabbi Layman, Hazzan Adina and Chavaya Students  

May 18

*****Tot Shabbat will meet on each of these dates *****

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

April - May

**SAVE THE DATE**

**APRIL**

April 7 - Blue Yarmulke Award Luncheon  
April 7 - Sisterhood Musical Seder

**MAY**

May 5 - Event Commemorating Yom Hashoa  
May 10 - Shabbat Dinner  
May 19 - JTS Evening of Learning  
May 20 - Sisterhood Spring Dinner  
May 21 - Muslims Christians and Jews: A Dialogue
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SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING
JCC COMING OF AGE EVENT

“Djangolaya”
Beautiful Music, Dangerous Rhythm
When: Thursday, April 4, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
RSVP to JCC 301-348-3809
Cost $8, $10 at door
Light refreshments will be served following the program.

For information about many other COA activities that take place at Leisure World and at the Bender JCC call 301-348-3832 to sign up for the mailing list. Enjoy movies, excursions and more.

THE ROSE AND GEORGE TELLER PRESCHOOL
ZUMBA CLASS
Mondays, 6-6:45 pm
In the Shaare Tefila Social Hall
Fee: $15 per class or $80 for session

Benefits the preschool!

COME CELEBRATE YOUR APRIL BIRTHDAY
AT SHABBAT KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
APRIL 6
Recognize a person or event in your life or remember a loved one.

Donate to the Enhanced Kiddush,
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CONTACT THE OFFICE   RKATZ@SHAARETEFILA.ORG

DONATE A BOOK FOR USE AT SERVICES
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Siddur $54    Machzor $36    Large Type Machzor $54

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Contact the office or Rabbi Layman
301-593-3410

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To buy scrip, contact the office or call:
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MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesday, April 10 at 10:00 am
A continuation of the discussion with Ralph Shapiro
Bring your questions on Jewish History.

LOOKING TO JOIN SHAARE TEFILA?
Contact:
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