



# The Shofar

## השופר

Celebrating our 69th year

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### DECEMBER AT SHAARE TEFILA

#### SERVICES

**Shacharit:** Monday & Thursday: 8:00 am  
Sunday: 8:30 am Federal Holidays: 8:45 am

**Maariv:** Sunday - Thursday: 7:30 pm

#### Shabbat Services

Fri.: 6:00 pm  
Sat.: 9:00 am (see below for occasional changes to the start time)

#### Rabbi Layman's Classes

Torah: Friday at 9:30 am  
Talmud: Sunday at 9:30am  
Intermediate Prayer Book Hebrew: Sunday at 10:30 am



#### Sunday, December 1

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila - **NOT MEETING**

#### Wednesday, December 4

8:00 pm First Wednesday with the Rabbi

#### Friday, December 6

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, December 7 - Celebrate Rabbi Layman's 25 years

9:00 am Torah Study

9:20 am Shabbat Services

#### Sunday, December 8

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila

9:45 am Gan Katan

10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

#### Wednesday, December 11

10:00 am Men's Discussion Group

#### Friday, December 13

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, December 14 - Birthday Shabbat and Challah & Schmeer

9:00 am Torah Study

9:20 am Shabbat Services

6:30 pm Havdalah Experience - Chanukah Celebration

#### Sunday, December 15

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila

10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

#### Thursday, December 19

1:30 pm JCC COA Event

#### Friday, December 20

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, December 21

9:00 am Torah Study

9:20 am Shabbat Services

#### Sunday, December 22 - First Chanukah Candle

Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila - **NOT MEETING**

#### Friday, December 27

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, December 28 - Shabbat Chanukah

9:00 am Torah Study

9:20 am Shabbat Services

#### Sunday, December 29

Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila - **NOT MEETING**

10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group



### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

**RABBI JONAH LAYMAN**

#### TWENTY FIVE YEARS

**It's hard to believe that it has been 25 years** since I became your rabbi. Twenty five years ago, I was 32 years old and had just completed a 5-year tenure as rabbi of Temple Beth El in Lowell, MA. I had two children and Lenore was pregnant with Aliza when we moved to Silver Spring in August of 1994. A lot has happened in our congregation, in the greater Washington community and in the world over that time, and I am grateful that we have been able to celebrate and cry together over those years.

**During our time together we have worked hard to provide for the spiritual, educational and social needs** of our congregation. We have seen our congregation grow and shrink and grow again and we moved from Silver Spring to Olney. These demographic shifts aren't unique to our synagogue; they reflect what is happening in the American Jewish community. As we try to understand the needs of Jews today, we try to provide a home, a Jewish home, where Jews can meet other Jews and grow together.

**Throughout my tenure here I have been blessed** to work with outstanding leadership. Every president and executive committee has been an excellent partner in leading the congregation. All have devoted significant amounts of time to maintain our facility and to create programs and all have been dedicated to Shaare Tefila. For these past 25 years, the synagogue leadership allowed me to create new programs and has been supportive of my work in the congregation and in the Jewish community. I can't thank them enough for their leadership.

**I also can't thank you enough** for supporting our congregation. I have had the privilege of celebrating weddings, bnai mitzvah, brises and baby namings with you. And I've also tried to be as supportive as possible through times of crisis and at funerals. Through it all I have seen how strong and resilient you are. I have seen how our community has come out to support you in your times of need and to dance with you at times of joy. You have made our community strong and I am truly blessed to be your rabbi.

**My wife and family have been amazing.** They have understood the nature of my job and the fact that they are in the public eye and they have done that all with skill and pride. **Lenore** has been at my right hand and has enabled me to be the best rabbi I can be.

**Finally, thanks so much to Stefanie Levy and her Gala committee** for planning such a joyous celebration for Shabbat Dec. 7 and Sunday evening Dec. 8. I look forward to celebrating with you and thanking you in person that weekend. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

*Rabbi Jonah Layman*

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**PRESIDENT**  
**JUDY BRESLER**

In this December communication to the Shaare Tefila community, I have one thought, two factoids and three requests.

**A thought** (though probably not a news flash) – December is the darkest month of the year. What better month could there be for the Festival of Lights?! I often don't get home to light candles on the chanukah until later at night; they are still burning as I turn out the lights and go to bed and I can see the soft glow reflected down the hall from the kitchen window as I fall asleep.

**First factoid** - Many references say the Maccabean Revolt occurred around 167-160 BCE, more than 2,000 years ago, but I wondered if the rededication of the Temple and the miracle at the heart of Chanukah really occurred in December or did it just end up in December because it's the perfect time to appreciate the miracle of lights. Chanukah, of course, begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Kislev and Kislev falls between late November and late December. Oddly enough, the Encyclopedia of Ancient History says that after months of cleaning, the Temple was rededicated on December 25, 165 BCE. (There are charts where you can calculate where a date on the Hebrew calendar, such as the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Kislev, fell on the Julian calendar, but frankly the calculation was beyond me!)

**Second factoid** – I picture the Maccabees with the Star of David on their shields and that led me to wonder when that symbol became a symbol of Judaism. What I found was that the shape is called a hexagram formed by two overlapping triangles, one pointing up and one pointing down, but was not widely used until 17<sup>th</sup> century Europe when it was used to identify synagogues, according to an article in Haaretz. It has been interpreted to represent the elements of fire and water, the feminine and masculine aspects of God, the union of heaven and earth, and creation.



**Finally, I have three requests.** First, as nearly every business and organization says, "Like Us on FaceBook" and help raise our visibility. I recently overheard a friend of mine, who attended an event at Shaare Tefila, say, "Wow, I didn't even know this place was here. What a hidden gem." Second; the end of 2019 is rapidly approaching, consider an additional tax-deductible donations. And last, but not least, remember the theme of the Torah Fund this year and be kind to each other. Happy Chanukah !



**BABETTE COHN,**  
**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION &**  
**PROGRAMMING**

Happy December! It is hard to believe we are reaching the end of the second decade of the 21st Century. As 2019 comes to a close at Shaare Tefila our program year continues to flourish!

**The Mini Minyan Shabbat** on November 8 was a relaxing evening for families with young children, with time spent singing, enjoying a delicious dinner and learning all about the story of Bim & Bom, who were grateful to be friends celebrating Shabbat together each week. Every family also went home with a chart where they could create a 'List of Gratitude' as well as stick puppets to recreate the story at home. On the 16th **the Family & Tot Shabbat Service** was a great way for those who attended to spend their Shabbat morning with the community, plus enjoy the Kiddush that followed services. **Children who attend the next one on January 18 will be in for a special surprise!**

We had a **fabulous Makers & Bakers program** in November, with 30 participants learning about the tradition of **Hiddur Mitzvah/beautifying the commandment**, and creating their own works of glass art in the style of Gary Rosenthal. Our artists' creations were inspired by the choice of a mezuzah, dreidl, menorah or tzedakah box to make as a gift or to keep for themselves. Check out some photos from the event below, and **mark your date for the next Makers & Bakers on January 5 - Challah Bake!**

**Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles - you are invited to bring your preschool age child to the next Gan Katan meeting on December 8.** The theme for the day will be Chanukah and will include the opportunity to sing, dance, hear a great story and create something amazing. **This year's community Chanukah program will be on December 14**, our first Havdalah Experience of the year. The program will be one that is hands on, learning about the tradition of using olive oil and using a press to make oil! Kick off your Chanukah season with us - there will be music, yummy food and time with friends - we promise it will be a great evening!

In addition to the Challah Bake on January 5 you can **begin planning for the following in January & February:** MLK Service Day (1/20), Mini Minyan (1/31), 9th Annual Comedy Night (2/1), TGI Shabbat Dinner (2/7), Havdalah Experience - Shaare Tefila's Got Talent (1/25) & Taste of Chocolate (2/15). More details on all these programs will follow soon!

L'Shalom, Babette



# The Havdalah Experience & Community Chanukah Program



## Come for Havdalah & Get to Use an Olive Press!

Olive pressing is an ancient as Chanukah itself, but it is still a thrilling process! Come discover how we get the oil for the menorah and learn how it was done during the time of the Maccabees, as well as how oil is pressed in Israel today. This will be a hands-on experience for everyone!

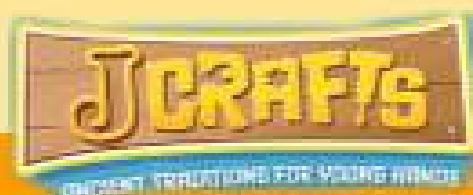
**RSVPs Requested via Chaverweb by December 10th**

**When:** Saturday, December 14th, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Shaare Tefila

**Who:** For families and friends– all are welcome! Lots of yummy food & activities for all ages.

**Cost:** Free of charge!



## LIVE FROM SHAARE TEFILA

### "Night of Sweet Laughter 9"

#### Comedy Night FUNdraiser

Saturday, February 1, 2020 (Erev Super Bowl Sunday)



Doors Open at 7:30 pm, Show at 8:00 pm

Tickets \$36 by January 29, \$42 after and at the door

Must be 21+ to attend

*Reserve now for the most popular event of the year!*

*Reserve a table of 12, get a complimentary bottle of wine for your table!*

**Wine & Beer Cash Bar**

**Refreshments and Desserts served during show!**

**Check out this year's wonderful line up of Comics**

**Headliner Lucas Bohn** The perfect blend of schoolboy charm and bad-boy charisma, his comedy is both smart and audacious. Known as the little guy who generates big laughs, Lucas has shared the stage with Dave Chapelle, Jimmy Fallon, and Pablo Francisco. Lucas has performed for charities and fundraisers such as Childhelp, Habitat for Humanity, and the George Washington Medical Center. Lucas also dedicates time to supporting our troops by working with The Comics on Duty World Tour. Lucas' high-energy shows and hilarious impersonations make him an instant hit. He placed runner-up in the Magners Comedy Festival and was awarded Best of the Fest at the Detroit Comedy Festival. In addition to performing on stage, Lucas does voice-overs and has been featured on PBS, CBS, and Coastal Today. **Website: [Lucasbohn.com](http://Lucasbohn.com)**

**Featured Comic Tracy Locke** Tracy Locke has been performing as a professional comedian for over 12 years, from sold out shows at Radio City Music Hall to comedy clubs across the nation. She has hosted television, live events and award shows as well as corporate team building. She is the all American girl next door, add a pinch of devilish charm, a dash of sports fanatic, some raw charisma, sprinkle in kooky, eclectic characters set on high speed and POW!, the perfect recipe for comedy. Tracy Locke has done it all! Currently you can find Tracy doing the the warm-up comedian on The Harry Connick Jr. Show on FOX! **Website: [lockecomed.com](http://lockecomed.com)**

**Make a reservation on ChaverWeb or**

**Contact Babette at [bcohn@shaaretefila.com](mailto:bcohn@shaaretefila.com) or Call (301)593-3410**

*If you are sitting at a particular table, note that in your seating request.*

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## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

CONTRIBUTOR: LISA HEDGEPEETH

On November 3, the Social Action Committee showed the film "Traces of the Trade, A Story from the Deep North". Following the film screening, there was a compelling question and answer period with the film's producer/director, **Katrina Browne**. This was a powerful program. The 30+ attendees shared their personal reflections and asked several thoughtful questions. (pictures)

Once again, Shaare Tefila will be one of several sites to host a Montgomery County community service program on **MLK Day, January 20, 2020**. Last year, more than 200 volunteers participated in making blankets, soup kits and greeting cards and donating food clothing and books to several local non-profits. Our building was a wonderful hub of activity. We look forward to an even bigger event in 2020. This event is appropriate for all ages. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us. More information will follow regarding registration and participation.



Join us as we celebrate  
**Jonah Layman's**  
25 years as  
our Rabbi of Shaare Tefila

**Saturday, December 7, 9:00 am**

**Shabbat Services**

followed by kiddush lunch

**Celebratory Gala**

**Sunday, December 8, 5:00 pm**

Thank you to all who are attending.

The Gala Weekend Committee looks forward to celebrating together.

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**ROSE AND GEORGE TELLER PRESCHOOL  
GATES OF DISCOVERY**  
BETH ADLER, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

## THE LANGUAGE OF CLAY

Last month we offered a workshop to parents to come have an experience in our atelier (studio). We introduced them to clay much as we would the students. The basis of this workshop is one that I attended in Reggio Emilia on my last trip.

When we, as teachers, prepare to introduce a new language (for we see all materials as a language that the children can use to express themselves once they are fluent in it), there are questions that we have in our minds. The first question would be what is this material? What is clay for me and for us in our cultural context? We know it has been used by humanity since the very dawn of time. It has accompanied us on a long journey. Not only do humans use clay, we now know that some animals use clay in order to form homes and nests.

When we begin to work with a material with children, it is important to have a broad cultural panorama in our minds. We need as many notions about that material as we can have to fill up our imagination and thoughts. What strikes us when we get very familiar with clay is its circular lifecycle. It starts as dust and dirt in the earth and soil, it turns into a soft material that we can mold and shape and press and then it dries and becomes harder, and if we leave it for a long time, it crumbles again and goes back to dust.

When we first introduce any new material, we invite people to use their senses to relate to it. We have hands that can feel and press and mold, eyes that see, we can listen to the material with our ears, close our eyes, feel it, smell, it and be open to where it takes us. Only after a relationship is established do we introduce additional tools.

We asked, "What concepts come to mind as you use the clay?" Some responses:

It is cold, but warms up; The smell is surprising; There are different textures; It creates a physical relationship with you; It is calming.

We find that many adults use it as do kids when first exposed – making snakes, breaking into balls and rolling, flattening, slapping – these are all archetypes kids use as well. We explore these ideas and encourage further research. As work continues, conversation halts as people become involved with the clay, their relationship deepening.

We will continue to offer these experiences. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Beth.



Clay Leaves

Clay Atelier



**CHAVAYA  
BABETTE COHN, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION &  
PROGRAMMING**

Chavaya classes kept humming along in November. Kitah Alef started a multi-week project related to Shabbat; Kitah Dalet took a deep dive into defining what a sacred relationship is as well as what it means to be a mensch; and Kitah Gimel learned about prophets and prophesy, considering the relationship to how we live our lives as ethical Jews today.

We had a blast at the Mini Minyan program focused on gratitude - all the children who attended got to take home stick puppets so they could retell the story of Bim & Bom that they heard that evening. The first Family & Tot Shabbat Services of the year were also a fun way to celebrate Shabbat with friends. Be sure to look for information in the January Shofar related to the next date of January 31. There will be some surprises for everyone who comes!

Back by popular demand - the first Havdalah Experience will be on December 14. The program will have a Chanukah theme, with a presentation and hands-on activity focused on olive oil and how it is made featuring a hand-cranked oil press. Additionally, all Chavaya children who attend will receive an extra holiday surprise. Of course there will be lots of good food and great people there too - bring your friends and family with you!

December will be a short month, with two Sundays in session, the 8th and the 15th, leading to Winter Break. Please be sure to have your children attend as many sessions as possible. They miss so much when they are absent. Thank you for all your support!

L'Shalom,  
Babette



Hazzan Adina's music class with Kitah Bet & Kitah Gimel



## Shaare Tefila's **GAN KATAN!**

**Gan Katan**, our Jewish-themed preschool playgroup for little ones, meets each month for stories, songs, Jewish learning, crafts, games and tons of experiential play.

**WHEN: SUNDAY, 10:30 AM**

**WHO: TODDLERS THROUGH PRESCHOOL AGE**

**WHAT: PLAY, STORY TIME, CRAFTS AND SNACK - \$18 FOR THE YEAR OR \$5 PER SESSION.**

*JOIN US for the play group on December 8*  
RSVP to **Babette Cohn** [BCohn@shaaretefila.org](mailto:BCohn@shaaretefila.org)



**Tot Shabbat** is a joyous, ruach-filled, singing and interactive service, just for our little ones and their families.

**WHEN: SHABBAT, 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM**

**WHO: YOUNG CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH AGE 6**

This past month's Tot Shabbat focused on welcoming guests to our homes.

*JOIN US for our next service on January 18*



**WHEN: FRIDAYS 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM**

**WHO: AGES 0-7 AND THEIR ADULTS**

**WHAT: EARLY SHABBAT DINNER, PRAYERS, SONGS WITH RUACH!**

We had a wonderful Mini Minyan in November focusing on being thankful.

*JOIN US for our next event on January 31*

Click here to register on [Chaverweb](#).

Tot Shabbat, Gan Katan, and Mini Minyan are led by Morah **Mara Lansky**, an educator, parent and member of Shaare Tefila.

## **MAKERS AND BAKERS**

**CONTRIBUTOR: MARA LANSKY**

This month we worked with glass pieces to create unique mosaics that will be fused onto Judaic items, like dreidels, mezuzahs, menorahs and tzedakah boxes from the Gary Rosenthal Collection.

The items are part of the Hiddur Mitzvah Project.

"The Hiddur Mitzvah Project makes it possible for anyone to create his/her own Judaica in the style of **Gary Rosenthal**. The complex process of creating fused glass is simplified so that anyone at all can make his/her own. Using white craft glue, participants create mosaics of tumbled glass pieces on precut glass templates. Those mosaics are sent back to the Gary Rosenthal Collection studio where they are fired and become part of a finished piece of Judaica."

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Makers and Bakers Challah Bake is January 5!

Enjoy these pictures of our creative process.



## **WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH CIRCLE**

**LED BY: SUSAN RUBENSTEIN**



**Saturday mornings: 10:00 am - 11:00 am**

*Rosh Chodesh Kislev - December 21*

*Rosh Chodesh Tevet - January 11*

*Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat - February 8*

*Rosh Chodesh Adar - March 7*

*Rosh Chodesh Nisan - April 18*

*Rosh Chodesh Iyar - May 9*

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## EVENING MINYAN SCHEDULE

**CONTRIBUTOR: SAUL COHEN**

Our Minyan serves the Olney community every day of the year. Communal prayer is held mornings (Shabbat at 9:00 am, Sunday at 8:45 am and Monday and Thursday at 8:00 am) and weekday evenings (Sunday – Thursday 7:30 pm) and Friday at 6:00 pm. We depend on our membership support to deliver these services and people are asked to accept their responsibility to attend in the evening on a rotational basis. All members are encouraged to join in prayer as often as possible. The upcoming schedule is below, with the name of each week's captain in bold. Please fulfil your Shaare Tefila responsibility even if there is a Minyan in a house of mourning. If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend the evening minyan during your assigned week, we ask that you informally switch with another member and inform your Captain. We will also welcome advance information about vacation plans and can adjust your assignment accordingly. Occasionally, we change the time on legal holidays. Your Minyan Captain will contact you if there is any change.

### **DECEMBER 1 -5**

#### **Team #5**

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David & Sharon Appel

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Hyman & Cilla Grosberg

Dara Grosberg

Harold & Reva Norken

Jack & Bess Teller

Sheryl Tilles

Zelick & Carol Waganheim

Joslyn Wolfe

### **DECEMBER 8 – 12**

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Mort & Ina Goldstein

Larry & Carolyn Goldstein

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Jeff Schwartz

Dottie Stecker

### **DECEMBER 15 – 19**

#### **Team #7**

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Hal & Stephanie Epstein

Susan Gershowitz

Myron & Bernice Goldstein

Stan & Fran Kensky

Benson & Ellen King

Anita Okrend

Cathy Plotkin

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Maurie & Charlotte Potosky

### **DECEMBER 22 – 26**

#### **Team #8**

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Tammy Paynter

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Sam & Debbie Yedlin

### **DECEMBER 29 – JAN 2**

#### **Team #9**

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Steve Fink & Elaine Silver

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Bob & Lois Freedman

Sam & Jodi Goldreich

Barry & Sandra Handloff

Iris Hyman

Rita Rubinstein

Bradley & Joy Salzman

Charlotte Shapiro





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

Through January 2, 2020, Winer Family Gallery is pleased to present *Wonderment*, an exhibit of silk paintings created by artist **Nico Gozal**, who recently moved to Maryland from Augusta, Georgia. *Wonderment* is a collection of two- and three-dimensional paintings filled with bold and vibrant tones and hues found in nature. With this body of work, Nico aspires to create a sentiment of whimsy and childlike merriment for all ages.

Nico's cross-cultural art training included the Budihardjo School of Fashion in Jakarta, Indonesia, as well as the International Academy of Merchandising and Design in Tampa, Florida. Toward the end of his undergraduate studies, Nico had an amazing opportunity to work with and be mentored by renowned artist Jane Murray Lewis who introduced him to the world of Gutta/Serti Silk painting. Nico's silk painting uses lush China Silk and the application of vibrant Senellier Fabric Dyes, combined with a French Bas Relief technique to create unique three-dimensional art.

Don't miss the opportunity to own a piece of this unique artwork before the show closes on January 2, 2020. A portion of each sale benefits Shaare Tefila. To see more of Nico's work, please visit [nicosilkart.com](http://nicosilkart.com).



*Deep-Sea Angels*

*Wabi Sabi PT I*



## SOCIAL ACTION

CONTRIBUTOR: ETHEL LEVINE

The Social Action Committee would like to thank Shaare Tefila members for their generosity this year toward the toiletry drive. Seventeen boxes with a total weight of 208 pounds were filled and are now awaiting pick-up by the National Center for Children and Families of Bethesda.

This year, bulkier items were donated - tissues, toilet paper, feminine hygiene and laundry products, as well as random paper goods. These items did not weigh as much as the usual items that we have received, but it seemed to be more than usual. We're thinking that more of your hearts went into this campaign, and that's why it looks like so much more. We are immensely grateful, and are certain that the clients of the Center will be appreciative too, especially during the upcoming colder months.

Shaare Tefila's heart is in the right place and you've once again performed the mitzvah of Chesed!

Many thanks!



## LETTER OF THANKS

FROM DAHLIA LEVIN OF THE  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

I cannot thank you enough! You have to understand how many offers of toiletries we get. While I am always excited and enthusiastic, I always want to make sure that it is something our clients can really use. I am OVERWHELMED by the amount and quality of the donation I picked up this morning at Shaare Tefila. This donation will go to good use and will be very much appreciated. Not only will you be helping our clients directly but we are taking everything left to Homeless Resource Day, a huge Montgomery County event on November 21. They bus in about 400 homeless people to the Center to receive much needed resources. NCCF will set up a table there with your donations. These are my favorite types of donations; we are able to not only meet the needs of our clients but then also serve the broader population because of Shaare Tefila. What a huge mitzvah. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



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## In Recognition of Those who Donated so Generously to the Torah Fund

### Patron:

Marjorie Fuhrmann

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This year's pin, Chesed, "Kindness" in Hebrew

Shaare Tefila's Torah Fund Co-Chairs:  
Charlotte Potosky and Miriam Ito

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### SAVE THE DATE



#### DECEMBER

December 7/8 - Celebrating Rabbi Layman's 25 years at Shaare Tefila  
 December 14 - Havdalah Experience - Chanukah Celebration  
 December 22 - First Chanukah Candle

#### JANUARY

January 5 - Challah Bake  
 January 18 - Family Shabbat Services  
 January 20 - MLK Day of Service  
 January 25 - Havdalah Experience - Shaare Tefila's Got Talent

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY GIFT BASKET PROJECT SISTERHOOD

Donate a basket in support of needy families in Olney. Baskets range from \$25 to \$35 dollars each and should include a grocery store gift card which can be bought through our scrip program.

Baskets must be at the shul no later than **Sunday, December 15, noon.**

Jeff & Fran Weiss will do the shopping for you.

Contact **Fran** for more information at faoweiss@gmail.com.



Olney Help continues to acknowledge donations by Shaare Tefila membership to their organization. They have been able to expand their support in the Olney Community as need of assistance has increased.

#### **KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING!**

Next time you visit the shul please bring food items to donate and place them in the baskets under the bench in the foyer.

### CHESED COMMITTEE

CONTRIBUTOR: ADRIANA SANDLER

#### Need a ride?

Contact  
**Betty Balin** 301-622-4354 or  
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#### Need a meal?

Contact  
**Ethel Levine** 301-593-7041 or  
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#### Need support?

Contact **Rabbi Layman** 301-593-3410 X102



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# The Shofar

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Wednesday, December 11 at 10:00 am

**Ami Frydman**, discussion leader

**Topic:** Solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict



**All Men Are Invited**



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##### In Honor Of:

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###### Joseph's Marriage

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Maurice & Charlotte Potosky

###### Yair Shalem Tilles, Paul & Sheryl

###### Tilles' grandson

Gershon & Diane Kieval

Ira & Ethel Levine

###### Danny & Jackie Benn's

###### Anniversary

Ira & Ethel Levine

###### Manny Ginsburg's Birthday

Maurice & Charlotte Potosky

###### Joe and Amy Federman's

###### Anniversary

Ira & Ethel Levine

###### Vivienne Auerbach, Fran Weiss and Helpers

Saul & Sherry Cohen

##### In Memory Of:

###### Barry Benn

Alan & Adriana Sandler

Ira & Ethel Levine

Gary & Stacy Levine

Julian Leidman

Jack & Bess Teller

###### Ronald Block

Alan & Adriana Sandler

Jay & Joyce Feinstein

Ira & Ethel Levine

Julian Leidman

###### Joe Sumner

Alan & Adriana Sandler

Hal & Stephanie Epstein

Jon and Andie Pfeffer

Julian Leidman

###### Yvonne Edelstein

Alan & Adriana Sandler

Ira & Ethel Levine

Ralph Shapiro

Rita Rubinstein

Julian Leidman

Saul & Sherry Cohen

Elaine Stein

###### Art Podolsky

Alan & Adriana Sandler

Jay & Joyce Feinstein

George & Marilyn Kessler

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Elaine Stein

Lawrence & Ellie Alpert

May Savage

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Julian Leidman

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Elaine Stein

Ira & Ethel Levine

Paul & Sheryl Tilles

Julian Leidman

Jack & Bess Teller

###### Sonia Taylor

Jay & Joyce Feinstein

###### Harold Schlaffer

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Jay & Joyce Feinstein

###### Oscar Schwartz

Judith Beiser

Alan & Adriana Sandler

Jay & Rita Hagler

###### Arthur Kirsch

Elaine Schenberg

#### Building Fund

##### In Honor Of:

###### Benson & Ellen King's

###### Anniversary

Audrey Haber

###### Julian Leidman's grandson's

###### Bar Mitzvah

Yoshihide & Miriam Ito

###### Jay & Joyce Feinstein's

###### grandchildren's Bar Mitzvahs

Yoshihide & Miriam Ito

##### In Memory Of:

###### Ronald Block

Andrew & Marlene Sandberg

Audrey Haber

###### Joe Sumner

Marvin & Diane Schneider

###### Lillian Werlin

Barbara Harkaway

###### Samuel Mellner

Audrey Haber

###### Art Podolsky

Audrey Haber

###### Robert Kornspan

Audrey Haber

##### Speedy Recovery to:

###### Anne Shuman

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##### In Honor Of:

###### Manny Ginsburg's Birthday

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Zelda Rosenthal

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Marty, Larry

Leslie Williamowsky

Martin Williamowsky

##### In Memory Of:

###### Prina, Sister of Dovid Arbor

Daniel & Lisa Akman

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Milton & Susan Goldsamt

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Ira & Valerie Kolmaister

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Shabasson

Philip Goldman

Monica Friedman

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###### Manny Ginsburg's Birthday

Ellie Frishman

Julian Rosenberg & Zella

Shabasson

Leah Weisman

David & Florence Polinsky

###### Yair Shalem Tilles, Paul & Sheryl

###### Tilles' grandson

Saul & Sherry Cohen

###### Evan Rosenberg's Marriage

Julian Rosenberg & Zella

Shabasson

###### Michael Gross' son's Wedding

Yoshihide & Miriam Ito

###### Paul and Sheryl Tilles

Joe & Amy Federman

###### Shana Rosenblatt

Joe & Amy Federman

###### Ellen and Benson King's

###### Anniversary

Melvyn & Sandra Kornspan

###### Sherry Cohen

Theodore & Sandra Shooman

###### Adinah and Hillel Gres

Bill & Farrel Braunstein

Leah Raizel

###### Karen Lefler's Retirement

Jack & Bess Teller

###### Evan Polisar's Marriage

Jack & Bess Teller

###### Alan & Beverly Weinstein's

###### Anniversary

Jack & Bess Teller

###### David & Lee Ronis' new

###### granddaughter

Jack & Bess Teller

###### Luis Arias

Jack & Bess Teller

##### In Memory Of:

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Ady Hillman

###### Eitan Frydman

Ami & Rita Frydman

###### Max Sandberg

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###### Art Podolsky

Donald and Judy Kaye

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Liane Lunden

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Rabbi Robert & Ruth Layman

###### Joseph Sumner

Marvin & Diane Schneider

###### Beatrice Saphier

Stewart & Jane Saphier

###### Albert Reinach

Ellen Reinach

###### Frieda Reinach

Ellen Reinach

###### Nathan Fradin

Eric & Ellen Beebe

###### Ronald Block

Israel and Lucy Krause

Jack & Bess Teller

###### Raphael Hirsch

Jacqueline Samuel

###### Freda Barsky

Jay & Louise Howell

###### Cliff Hagler

Jay & Rita Hagler

###### Norma Federman

Joe & Amy Federman

###### Bernard Federman

Joe & Amy Federman

###### Yvonne Edelstein

Joyce and Melvin Ruthen

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Jack & Bess Teller

###### Lucia Shabasson

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**Flora Goldberg**

Paula Katz

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Robert & Myrna Zimmerman

**Robert Kornspan**

Roy & Michele Peck

**Oscar Schwartz**

Ruth Newhouse

**Miriam Laporte**

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**Irving L. Sragow & Jeannette L. Sragow**

Ruth Newhouse

**Lee Bender**

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**Martin Cohen**

Sumner & Sandra Cohen

**Morton Buckberg**

Yetta Buckberg

**Susan Levin**

Yoshihide & Miriam Ito

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**Gertrude Kaufman**

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**Arthur Podolsky**

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**Ronald Block**

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**Barry Benn**

Barbara Fink

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**In Memory Of:****Bella Goldman**

Philip Goldman

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Philip Goldman

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Philip Goldman

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**Julian Leidman's Grandson's Bar Mitzvah**

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**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund****In Honor Of:****Ellen and Benson King's Anniversary**

Alan & Beverly Weinstein

**Rabbi Layman**

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**Ilan Layman & Gaby Joseph's Marriage**

Rona Eisen

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Julian Rosenberg & Zella Shabasson

Lawrence & Ellie Alpert

Ralph Shapiro

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Steve & Holly Schotz

Jeffrey & Susan Hysen

Jack & Bess Teller

**Cilla & Hy Grosberg**

Gary & Stacy Levine

**Manny Ginsburg's Birthday**

Stanley Ratner

**In Memory Of:****Oscar Schwartz**

Susan Schwartz

**Susan Levin**

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Sandra Stein

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Sigmund & Shirley Liberman

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**Sam Goldman**

Philip Goldman

**Louis Lipsky**

Philip Goldman

**Irving Lipsky**

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**In Memory Of:****Irving Goldsamt**

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Chanukah or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. Although it is a late addition to the Jewish liturgical calendar, the eight-day festival of Chanukah has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

### Historical Origins of Chanukah

Beginning in 167 BCE, the Jews of Judea rose up in revolt against the oppression of King Antiochus IV Epiphanes of the Seleucid Empire. The military leader of the first phase of the revolt was Judah the Maccabee, the eldest son of the priest Mattityahu (Mattathias). In the autumn of 164, Judah and his followers were able to capture the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been turned into a pagan shrine. They cleansed it and rededicated it to Israel's God. This event was observed in an eight-day celebration, which was patterned on Sukkot, the autumn festival of huts. Much later rabbinic tradition ascribes the length of the festival to a miraculous small amount of oil that burned for eight days.

### Potato Pancakes "latkes"

One of the best parts about Chanukah, is arguably the fried food, especially the latkes! Emblematic of the olive oil that miraculously lasted eight days, latkes are a delicious way to tell the story of this eight-night holiday.

### RECIPE

**Ingredients:** salt, 2 large eggs, 2 lbs potatoes, oil for frying,

**Directions:** Peel and finely grate the potatoes. Put them straight into cold water, then drain and squeeze them as dry as you can by pressing them with your hands in a colander. This is to remove the starchy liquid, which could make the latkes soggy. Beat the eggs lightly with salt, add to the potatoes, and stir well. Film the bottom of a frying pan with oil and heat. Take serving-spoonfuls, or as much as 1/4 cup of the mixture and drop into the hot oil. Flatten a little, and lower the heat so that the fritters cook through evenly. When one side is brown, turn over and brown the other.

**ENJOY!**



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