By the time you read this article my son will be married! I can’t believe that I actually wrote that sentence and it’s true. Lenore and I are thrilled that our son, Ilan and his fiancée Gabrielle (Gaby) Joseph have married. They’ve been together for 6 years and of course are a wonderful couple!

**Weddings, like all lifecycle events, cause us to wax nostalgic.** We think about our own mortality and I ask how I could be old enough to have a child old enough to be married. Time flies by and we wonder where those years have gone. Where is the son who toddled off to preschool? Where is the son who was so proud when he became a Bar Mitzvah? Where is the son who went off to college? Like all milestone events we also look ahead to the future as well. What kind of home will Ilan and Gaby make together? What values, that Lenore and I instilled in Ilan and Gaby’s parents in her, will be incorporated in their life together? How will we navigate this wonderful new extension to our family?

And since he grew up in shul, this wedding was also an opportunity to celebrate with our Shaare Tefila family. We are grateful that so many could celebrate with us at the Shabbat ufruf on October 26. So many of you remember when he was little and you watched him grow into the mature and compassionate adult that he is. You made him feel comfortable in shul and you played a role in shaping his positive Jewish identity. Lenore and I are grateful for your love and support.

As Ilan and Gaby begin their life together may they always be a source of blessing and joy. May we look upon them and see the promise that love holds for all of us. May we see their joy and may we be happy. May we see their love and may our relationships be renewed. May we see their strong relationship and may we be strengthened.

Mazal Tov, Ilan & Gaby!
There is something to be said for having concluded the High Holiday season with Yom Kippur when the entire Jewish community asked forgiveness for our collective, communal transgressions, whether for bribery, perjury, stealing, lying, cheating, etc., etc., etc. In a sermon that could be entitled “Words Matter,” Rabbi Layman noted that “2/3 of the list involves some aspect of speech” or speech-related activity. That got me thinking . . . .

Then, among the poignant stories and articles he sprinkled throughout our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, was what could be called the “Kindness Matters” anti-confessional; that is, all the times we chose kindness in word and deed. And that got me thinking . . . .

And in a shameless grab of material from Rabbi Layman’s High Holiday remarks from the bimah, it occurred to me that the theme of “gratitude” seemed particularly appropriate for November, the month, of course, when Americans celebrate the aptly-named Thanksgiving. And that, too, got me thinking . . . .

Imagine a world where we, individually, commit to perform acts of kindness and increase their number and where we, as a community, take responsibility for lauding acts of kindness with intentionality and for denouncing lies, bullying, intolerance, hatred and the myriad of other words and deeds that degrade our very existence.

It seems to me that, to quote Mahatma Gandhi, “You must be the change you want to see in the world.” November is an optimal time to operationalize the themes of the High Holidays, begin to create the world we want to live in, express gratitude for all the things we have been given, and strive to notice and multiply the good in this existence.

I’ll start. In the fall of the year in the Washington, D.C. area, you cannot help but be grateful for deciduous trees and the antics of squirrels; warm, furry animals; the shape of clouds; a warm place to live on chilly evenings; hot cocoa; Irish coffees; the smile of strangers; crunchy leaves; the full moon; and the sunrises and sunsets that begin and end everyday of our lives.

Reminder: Turn your clocks back on November 3
HONEY CAKE BAKE

TASHLICH AT LAKE NEEDWOOD

MAKING SUKKAH DECORATIONS
Shaare Tefila's
GAN KATAN!

What’s New With Gan Katan?
Sukkot was on our minds as we visited the sukkah, made sukkah crafts, read Sukkot books, created edible sukkahs and danced to a Sukkot song!

Did you know that you can bring your child, grand-child, niece or nephew to 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.

WHO: TODDLERS THROUGH PRESCHOOL AGE
WHAT: PLAY, STORY TIME, CRAFTS AND SNACK - $18 FOR THE YEAR OR $5 PER SESSION.
WHEN: SUNDAY, 10:30 AM

JOIN US for the play group on December 8
RSVP to Babette Cohn BCOhn@shaaretefila.org

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

WHO: YOUNG CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH AGE 6
WHEN: SHABBAT, 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

JOIN US for our first service on November 16

Our first Mini Minyan this year was a delight! We focused on making fall decor for the sukkah but each item that we beaded was a promise for our new year. We ended with a wonderful service with Sally Heckelman.

See you on November 8 for our next Mini Minyan. The theme will be “gratitude.” Registration deadline is November 6. Click here to register on Chaverweb.
Remember that all families with a little one under 7 are invited for a Mini service and dinner.

Tot Shabbat, Gan Katan, and Mini Minyan are led by Morah Mara Lansky, an educator, parent and member of Shaare Tefila.
Beginning October 28, the Winer Family Gallery was 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.

The show extends through January 2, 2020. A portion of each sale benefits Shaare Tefila. To see more of Nico’s work, please visit nicogsilkart.com.

YASHER KOACH! WAY TO GO!

George Kessler, a member of Shaare Tefila, was featured in the October 3 edition of the Washington Jewish Week under the heading, “Having a Bowling Ball With George Kessler.”

SISTERHOOD PAID UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER

When: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019, 6:00 pm
Free with paid up Sisterhood membership
$25 If not a Sisterhood Member and paid before Nov. 10
$25 for dinner and $45 Membership dues if paying at the door
Make checks payable to: Shaare Tefila Sisterhood
RSVP to Audrey Haber - ahaber@verizon.net by Nov. 10

Menu: Appetizer, Soup, Bread, Salad, Salmon, Roasted Tomatoes& Onions, Vegetarian entree upon request

For More Information click here

UPDATE NEWS FLASH

REGARDING SHABBAT SERVICES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:00 PM

Please join us for a wonderful evening on Friday, November 1, 6:00 pm at our Shabbat Alive Service. Experience the joys of Shabbat with Rabbi Layman, Hazzan Adina, Stacy Lynch, and accompaniment by Josh Levin and Stuart Zitomer.

The evening will be full of ruach/spirit, and you are invited to stay and enjoy a delicious Oneg Shabbat immediately following the service. If you have already registered for the Shabbat dinner which was to have followed services, please contact Shana Rosenblatt at srosenblatt@shaaretefila.org and let her know which future dinner you would like to attend. Your payment will go toward that dinner.
The Shofar

Shaare Tefila’s Makers and Bakers invite you to make...

The BEST Handmade Chanukah Gift Ever!

November 17, 2019
Shaare Tefila of Olney
10:00am Join us to personalize a Gary Rosenthal Judaic item.

Here’s how it works:

1. Choose one of the four Judaic items
   - Small menorah $48
   - Small dreidel top $28
   - Small tzedakah box $48
   - Folded mezuzah $48

2. On 11/17 come create and glue your own glass mosaic.

3. The mosaic is fired and attached to a metal base at The Gary Rosenthal Collection studio

4. The finished artwork is sent back to you!

Sign Up on Chaverweb
By November 5th
HOLD THE DATE

December 7 & 8, 2019

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

Sunday, December 8, 5:00 pm
Celebratory Gala
delicious dining and dancing

To reserve a table of 10-12
Contact Bess Teller, bessteller@verizon.net
with names of all to be seated.

To be a Sponsor of the Gala, with benefits,
Contact Stefanie Levy, ssmdlevy@comcast.net

*****RSVP to Rabbi25th@shaaretfila.org*****
Children are powerful from the moment of birth by being open to the world and capable of constructing knowledge. They are not just future citizens but citizens in the here and now, with the right to express their opinions and participate in civic and cultural life. The role of school can be defined as a fundamental place for the formation of the citizen. School is not a place only to transmit culture but to create it, to encourage critical thinking, creativity and relationship. Schools should not simply be reproducers of knowledge. They are places where children and adults construct knowledge and their understanding of the world together. A community that not only educates citizens but also can be educated and changed by any of its members.

The last decade has seen a global push for children to be treated as active participants in society rather than as the passive recipients of adult decisions and interventions. Early childhood settings are among the first places for children to encounter democratic processes and to explore the concept of citizenship. Young children are often fiercely curious about power and how it works: who makes the rules, and why. There is an obligation to question what you are taught and what you think you know. To question adults and even supposed experts. To know that it’s not only ok, but that it’s expected. Children should grow to be citizens who recognize that people who tell you to obey are almost certainly asking you to act against your best wishes.

In a democratic society, authority is not imposed, but rather granted by the consent of the governed. Citizens should behave in a certain way because they choose to, because they understand what they are doing and WHY they are doing it. This option of how to act is the space that’s there to contain conscience. Developing conscience is the goal. We want our students to be courageous, passionate, and authentic. We want their actions to inspire other people to be their best.

Classrooms can serve as laboratories for life in a democratic community—places where knowledge and culture are both created and transmitted. When children engage in dialogue, disagreement, and discussion, they learn how to listen to each other. Democratic classrooms encourage children to have a voice in matters of consequence and to engage in a process in which they consider one another’s perspective in order to reach solutions. Every moment of every day is grounded in citizenship.

We had so much happening in our classrooms in October, spending time learning about the multiple elements of our fall holidays! From noshing on apples & honey to reflecting on our behaviors, from creating sukkah decorations to competing for the best edible sukkah model, the children shared many happy moments.

On October 6, Tashlich and the activities that followed was a great morning for everyone there. We started with a spirited ceremony at the Olney Manor Recreational Park Pond and then went to Shaare Tefila for a delicious lunch, activities creating sukkah decorations and sukkah building.

If you are a family with young children ranging in age from 0-7 join me for the next Mini Minyan on November 8 at 5:45 pm. Mara Lansky will lead this month’s program with a focus on gratitude. As usual, dinner will be served too! Register on Chaverweb by November 6.

Be sure to come for our next Mini Minyan on November 8, 5:45 pm. Families with older children may want to come the same evening at 6:00 pm for the evening Shabbat service.

Remember - there is no Chavaya on November 10. Our teaching staff will be participating in the Maryland area synagogue Kallah/Professional Development program - the focused topic for our group this year is 'Encountering the Child in Front of You'.

Be sure to join me, Rabbi Layman and Mara Lansky on Shabbat morning, November 16 for our first Family & Tot Shabbat Service of the year! The tradition of your children helping to lead the service continues with Hazzan Adina's support in prepping them ahead of time. Consider coming if
The Shofar

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS PREPARE FOR SUKKOT

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Sponsored by Sandy Spring Museum

When: Tuesday, Nov 26
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: The Theater at Sandy Spring Friends School
16923 Norwood Rd.
Sandy Spring

THANKSGIVING 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 November 24, noon.

Jeff & Fran Weiss will do the shopping for you.

Contact Fran for more information at faoweiss@gmail.com.
Donation for El Salvador

CONTRIBUTORS: CATHY PLOTKIN AND ETHEL LEVINE

In August we sent out an email about our wonderful custodian, Luis, who was going back home to El Salvador to visit. In a conversation with one of our members we learned that he cooks food for those less fortunate when he is there. He mentioned that people in the community were so grateful and "just" being served tacos was so appreciated. Luis works with a church in his hometown. We quickly worked on collecting money to help support his efforts. It turned out that he was unable to go home because there was no one who could substitute for him at work (this decision came from his workplace, not us). We are proud that we collected just about $500 for this mitzvah project, which is an amazing, heartfelt response. Luis was very surprised and we believe he decided to send the money to the church so that they could cook the meals for the community. We were so lucky to learn of Luis's good deeds, and we are so grateful that our community responded quickly and added to this effort. We want to thank everyone who donated and did so in a timely manner.
October 20, the Social Action Committee hosted a presentation by Congregation Action Network (CAN), part of Faith In Action. CAN was launched in March 2017 in response to many of the harmful immigration policies of our current government. Faith communities wanted to get involved and now there are more than 60 churches and synagogue “members.” Shaare Tefila has committed to becoming a member of the network.

Recently, there was an attempt to add new detention facilities for adults and children in the DMV. Those efforts have been at least temporarily halted due to the resistance efforts of Congregation Action Network and many other groups. There are so many ways for us to get involved individually and as a community. Members can receive training for the Rapid Response Team or for Deportation Defense Campaigns. We can attend vigils and ICE hearings. We can accompany neighbors to ICE appointments and court hearings. As faith communities, we must resist the narrative of hate that is currently so pervasive in our nation. The Social Action Committee will continue to provide information on our efforts as a new member of this important network.

POWERFUL PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 3

Please join us on Sunday November 3 at 2:30 pm.

Shaare Tefila’s Social Action Committee will be hosting Katrina Browne for a film screening and discussion. In her feature documentary, Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North, Ms. Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine cousins retrace the Triangle Trade and gain powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide.

Traces of the Trade was created to act as a catalyst for heart-to-heart dialogue, education and action. This type of dialogue can be difficult. Discussions about racism can be provocative since they challenge us to think about who we are, what we’ve been taught, how we see the world and how we participate in inequality. We can gain greater empathy, authenticity, courage and commitment. Not only do we become more effective allies, we heal ourselves.

We feel very fortunate to have this opportunity and hope to provide a meaningful experience for all participants.

SAVE THE DATE

Shaare Tefila’s Night of Sweet Laughter 9
Comedy Night FUNdraiser
Saturday night, February 1, 2020 (Erev Super Bowl Sunday)
Look for Lineup of Comics and Ticket Details in the December Shofar
DONATE A BOOK FOR USE AT SERVICES
Please consider donating a book in memory of or in honor of a loved one or in recognition of a special life event. Contact Shana in the office.

Siddur $54
Machzor $36
Large Type Machzor $54

SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING
JCC COMING OF AGE EVENT

The Evolution of Jewish Comedy: From the Yiddish Theatre to Jerry Seinfeld
Special Guest: Professor Steven Gimbel
When: Thursday, November 7, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
RSVP to JCC 301-348-3809
Cost $8, $10 at door
Light refreshments will be offered 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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WHERE ARE ALL THE GIFT CARD CUSTOMERS?????
When you purchase scrp you are supporting Shaare Tefila. With every scrp purchase the shul receives a rebate that is used to fund various shul activities.

Last year this project raised ***$6000***. Let’s beat that amount for the coming year!!

Purchase scrp for local groceries as well as a large variety of shops and department stores.

Contact Fran Weiss for more information:
faoweiss@gmail.com
301-598-2082.

Active vendors:
Giant Food - $100, $50, $25, $10
H Mart - $20
Moti’s Market - $50
Shalom Kosher Market - $100, $50
Shopper’s Food Warehouse - $100, $50, $10
ShopRite - $100, $50
Starbucks - $25, $10, $5
Safeway - $100, $25

To buy scrp, contact the office or call:
Barbara Fink 301-438-3149
Rita Rubinstein 301-816-9686
Ethel Levine 301-593-7041
Fran Weiss 301-570-4347

WE CONTINUE TO CARRY:
Bed Bath & Beyond, TJ Maxx, Home Goods, Marshalls, CVS, L.L. Bean and hundreds more...

COME CELEBRATE YOUR SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY
AT SHABBAT KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES
NOVEMBER 16
Recognize a person or event in your life or remember a loved one.
Donate to the Enhanced Kiddush, “CHALLAH & SCHMEAR” TODAY
Contact Shana in the office srosenblatt@shaaretefila.org

MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesday, November 13 at 10:00 am
MEL KORNSPAN will lead a discussion on “We Were the Lucky Ones”
All Men Are Invited

NEED ASSISTANCE?
If a family member or another congregant is hospitalized or needs help from the Shaare Tefila Community, please notify the office or Rabbi Layman as soon as possible.

Contact the office or Rabbi Layman (301) 593-3410

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Thanksgiving Crossword

Across
1. First village established by the Pilgrims
4. Symbol of abundance and nourishment
8. An essential grain in the New World diet
10. Literally, travelers going to a holy place
11. The Pilgrims’ boat
13. 16th and 17th century English Protestants
14. The traditional holiday bird
15. Indian who taught the Pilgrims many things

Down
2. 4th Thursday of November
3. A traditional Indian dwelling
5. Gathering of crops
6. Season for harvesting
7. Country the Pilgrims left behind
9. Indian tribe that was present at the first Thanksgiving
12. Bright orange squash used to make pie

Solution